



# PIKE NU NEWS

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We are interested in meeting anyone who is recommended by a Gamma Rho alumnus. Please send recruitment recommendations to:

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## 566 Lincoln Street

*An update on the housing future of Gamma Rho*

The Gamma Rho of Pi Kappa Alpha Housing Corporation is making steady progress with Northwestern to get 566 Lincoln Street opened and occupied. As you may know, the House Corporation has lease rights to operate 566 Lincoln Street for another 127 years. Over the last several years, the House Corporation has been working with Northwestern to clarify specific lease items that provide recognition of invested capital of the House Corporation. Simply stated, dollars that the House Corporation invests into this facility should be credited back, or a comparable facility should be provided if the University cancels the lease.

On another note, another fraternity's alumni house corporation called "The Wranglers" has filed a law suit against Northwestern. The suit they have filed is in reference to life safety and ADA compliance improvements that are being mandated by the Evanston authorities. It's the Wranglers interpretation of their lease that these costs are to be paid for by Northwestern. The reason this is being brought to your attention is that it's also Pike's interpretation of the lease that these costs, which constitute over 25% of the cost to open the facility, are the responsibility

of Northwestern as well. Whether the Wranglers win their suit or not, Pike believes this is confirmation that others are dealing with the same issues and together hopefully there will be a larger impact and progress.

Additionally, the Gamma Rho of Pi Kappa Alpha Housing Corporation is seeking candidates to serve on the House Corporation Board of Directors. This Board governs the Corporation's operations and will continue to work on the issues at hand. To answer some common questions, as a Director, you are covered under the International Fraternity's liability insurance and the time commitment is approximately a few hours a month. Your professional background is important (real estate attorney, developer, real estate manager, architect, etc.) but not fundamental for your involvement on the Corporation. If you are interested and would like to put your name in the hat to be elected as a Director on the Corporation please email your contact information and a short message as to why you would like to be involved to the Senior Director of Real Estate Clint Bartman at [cbartman@pikes.org](mailto:cbartman@pikes.org).



**Alumni gathered to make Homecoming 2007 a great success!**

**Please plan to join us again in Evanston the weekend of October 18th as the Wildcats take on the Purdue Boilermakers!  
More Homecoming pictures can be found throughout the newsletter.**

# Gamma Rho Chapter Update



New members J.D. Bryant and Trent Stafford celebrate dropping their bids with brothers Jeff Cohen '07 and Mike Weinberg '07.

Gamma Rho is capping off another successful year at Northwestern. In addition to striving to be the top chapter on campus and one of the top Pike chapters nationally, Gamma Rho seeks to give back to the Evanston community while maintaining a high standard of excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field.

## Recruiting the Top Men on Campus

Our chapter has continued its tradition of recruiting the best men on campus. Sixteen out of the 23 men that made up the winter (Iota) pledge class

dropped their bids on the first night of rush, demonstrating their eagerness and dedication to becoming great Pikes. Thanks to a strong rush push already this spring, Gamma Rho is looking to break the triple digit mark for the first time since rechartering in the fall. There are currently 97 active brothers.

## Scholars and Athletes

Recruiting the most men doesn't yield the strongest chapter, but recruiting "the best men" does. Over one-fourth of the chapter's membership has above a 3.60 grade point average. Gamma



Brothers Mark Englert '05, Bill Pulte '07, Mike Glowacki '06 and Andy Seay '05 enjoy high performance go-karting at our Winter brotherhood event.

Rho also represents a wide variety of academic pursuits at Northwestern, ranging from engineering and economics to journalism and film. Athletically the chapter continues to participate in every intramural sport that Northwestern offers, and just won 2007-2008 intramural "Team of the Year" for being the best IM athletes on campus!

## Brotherhood

Pike is always looking for new events over which to bond and have great times. This year has included trips to Bulls games, paintball, and high-performance go-karting. However, everyone's favorite event is the bi-weekly gastronomical tradition of wings at Dixie Kitchen in Evanston. In addition to brotherhood events, Pike continues to be the top social fraternity on campus. Pike



Chapter members take a break from shooting at each other during paintball Fall 2007.

teamed up with Pi Beta Phi to build a homecoming float, and this year's Gone Greek Night festivities took place with Gamma Phi Beta.

## Giving Back

As responsible members of the Northwestern and Evanston communities, chapter members seek to use their time and energy to give back to those less fortunate. 2008's Relay for Life philanthropy again raised \$3,000 for cancer research. Additionally, Pike teams up weekly with Kappa Alpha Theta to tutor underprivileged elementary school children at the Jonquil Hotel transitional home in neighboring Rogers Park. Pike members are also involved in every aspect of the community here at Northwestern, including the Interfraternity Council, Dance Marathon, reporting for the Daily Northwestern, as well as numerous club and varsity sports.

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# Alumni Association Update

First and foremost, the Gamma Rho Alumni Association would like to thank you for your support and participation over the course of the last year. By all measures, it's been an incredibly successful year – we've been able to hold new and improved events and, most importantly, we've had record turnout at each and every event, both of which further our mission of bringing alumni and actives closer together. As always, your support is critical to our continued success, and we are extremely grateful for it.

For those who have been out of the loop, here's a quick recap of the alumni association events held in the past year. Last October, the association held our annual homecoming reception at Tommy Nevin's Pub in Evanston, giving alumni and actives old and new a chance to meet and reconnect. The following day, we hosted a tailgate at Ryan Field as the Wildcats took on the Minnesota Gophers, culminating in a thrilling 49-48

double overtime win. This March, the chapter and alumni association hosted our inaugural Founders' Day banquet at Monastero's Ristorante in Chicago. It was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy both great food and great company as well as to recognize the efforts of many people who have made the chapter, alumni association, and housing corporation what they are today. Finally, this May the association hosted our third annual alumni golf tournament at the Chick Evans golf course in Morton Grove. Among the many highlights of the event were a gorgeous Chicago spring day, a record turnout, and an astounding score of 66 by active brother John Powell '08.

Looking forward to the coming year, we have a full slate of events planned. This year, Northwestern's homecoming is October 18th, and we will be hosting our annual reception at Tommy Nevin's the evening of October 17th. We will also be hosting a tailgate at Ryan Field the following morning as the Wildcats take

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on the Purdue Boilermakers. Of course, significant others and family members are welcome at both events. The Founders' Day Banquet and the Alumni Gold Tournament will be held in March and May respectively; we will send out further information about those events as they draw closer.

## Founders' Day 2008

On Saturday Evening, March 1, 2008, Gamma Rho had its Founders Day celebration at Monastero's Restaurant. The event was well attended by both alumni and actives, as well as their dates. More than 100 people celebrated the 140th anniversary of Pike with dancing and a delicious dinner hand picked by **Iano Monastero '85** himself.

In addition to catching up on each others lives and celebrating the legacy of Pike, several active and alumni brothers were recognized for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. To start things off, **Dillon Cook '92** (Ohio State) was recognized for his hard work as chapter advisor. Dillion will be stepping down from his position this summer, and the chapter wanted to be sure to recognize his great efforts.

"As this may be Dillon's last Founder's Day as Gamma Rho Chapter Advisor,

we would like to wish him well wherever his travels take him. He has served as an outstanding advisor and we wish him the very best," commented **Chapter President, Bill Pulte '07**.

Additional Alumni recognition went to **Bob Else '86** for his work with the Alumni Association and **Iano Monastero '85, Chris Coleman '87, and John Jones '47** for their work on the Gamma Rho Housing Corporation. On the chapter front, **John Franklin '07** was recognized for outstanding athletic achievements and **Bill Pulte '07** for work done as Housing Manager.



Above, from left: Chris Coleman GP '86, Bob Else GP '86, Bill Pulte GP '07, Iano Monastero GP '85.



# Pike Spotlight

Gamma Rho Chapter President, **Bill Pulte '07**, sat down with **John Jones '47** to talk about his experience with Pike and his hopes for the chapter's future.

## **What are you up to these days?**

I retired when I turned 80 in March 2007. I am the Chairman of Cummins-American Corporation, which is the holding company for the Glenview State Bank. My son is the President and CEO of Cummins-American Corp. and Chairman and CEO of the Glenview State Bank. I am a board member of the bank and a member of the Loan, Audit, Compensation and Trust Committees. I am also involved with the Society for the Propagation of the Reformed Evangelical Anglican Doctrine. In short, we believe the Bible is the word of God and True. I spend a lot of my time with my family and attending my grandchildren's athletic and school events.

## **How have you remained involved in Pike?**

**Chris Rones '46** and I started the First Friday Luncheon meetings of Pike about 20 years ago. Many that came when we started have passed away, but Chris and I still meet with **Q. Brown '39**, **Russ Wende '46**, and **Bob Krumwiede '47** who have been coming from the beginning. **Dick Moenning '56**, **Bob Else '86**, **Chris Coleman '87** and **Iano Monastero '85** have been coming for years and my



**John Jones '47**

cousin **Bill Jones '47**, who lives in Texas, and **Bruce Blietz '48**, who retired to Door County, Wisconsin join us when they visit Chicago.

## **Who do you keep in touch with in Pike and why?**

I keep in touch with Pike because of the brotherhood. The same people who were my friends back then are still my friends today. Pi Kappa Alpha Gamma Rho is a special chapter, and I, at 80 years of age, still enjoy seeing it thrive and grow.

## **How has Pike influenced your life?**

There is no friend like a friend that is also a fraternity brother. There is something very special in the common experience together.



## **What is your favorite (non-incriminating) Pike memory?**

My favorite memory was the night of our walkout as a new member before we were initiated. All the doors were locked to keep us out. We took a 10 foot long log from the parking lot and broke the door down to re-enter. I never got a paddling more intense than the one I received upon entering the house.

## **Why do you find it important to continue supporting Gamma Rho?**

It is important to bring the benefits of the brotherhood relationship to as many young men as possible. It is important for the development of their character and the good works that they will do as a result. I enjoy Gamma Rho and I hope more alumni of this Chapter see its success and seek to be more involved. It's a great Chapter and it is strengthening every time I encounter the actives.

## **What advice do you have for the current undergraduate Gamma Rho Chapter?**

I think it is important to support one another as Brothers and to bring the best men into the fraternity to join and grow.

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*The Pike Spotlight is a new addition to the Pike NU News. In each newsletter, an alumnus will be highlighted for his contributions to Gamma Rho. If you have someone in mind that you would like to see in the Pike Spotlight, please e-mail Bob Else '86 at [BobElse@aol.com](mailto:BobElse@aol.com).*



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# Renewing the Bonds Campaign Sets a New Standard

It's not too late to support the 2007-2008 Renewing the Bonds Campaign for Gamma Rho. 38 generous donors have pledged \$8700 toward the alumni relations programming of Gamma Rho, including the production of this newsletter and maintaining our website at [www.nupikes.com](http://www.nupikes.com). Our campaign goal of \$6,000 has been shattered, but every donation counts!

Additional donations to the campaign will allow the Alumni Association to expand its programming and to host more alumni events or add communication pieces. Gamma Rho's annual alumni-related expenses total more than \$5,000 for website

maintenance, newsletter production and postage, liability insurance, operating expenses and event programming throughout the year. With your help and that of other alumni brothers, these initiatives will be continued and expanded. Broad-based alumni support and involvement will be the key to continued success.

Giving to the campaign is simple. Visit [www.nupikes.com](http://www.nupikes.com) and click on the "alumni" tab. From there, you can make your pledge. It's that easy. Your contribution will ensure that the communication activities of the Association will continue. Your participation and membership signifies

an endorsement of all that they are trying to accomplish. Annual donations range from \$1,000 to \$50 per year, giving each brother several giving levels to consider. So far, alumni have pledged an average of over \$225. Consider matching your brothers and giving at that level or higher. All pledges may be spread over a multi-month period, which may help you maximize the level of support you can give our chapter and alumni association.

Choose the giving level that most appeals to you, whatever that might be, and visit the website today - while you're thinking about it.

## The 2006-2007 Renewing the Bonds Donors

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# Brother to Brother

Ian "Scotty" Beaton, '47 wrote in to say, "I married Carol Lindner, Gamma Phi Beta, in 1950 and we are still going strong. After I retired from the advertising business at 62, Carol and I were hired by a large travel agency as cruise hosts. We had a 10 year run with that assignment, visiting over

40 countries world wide. Now, we are 'retired' and I am working on my 2nd book. My first book, 'They Also Serve', is my story of my WW2 US Army service in the Aleutian Islands. I am glad you got the Pike house back and I am happy that you guys are continuing on the great tradition. I like your emphasis on scholarship. Those of us who were Pikes in the late '40s were mostly Vets, many of whom were lucky to have survived

the war, and spent a great deal of time chasing the residents of the south quads while 'minoring' in actual studies."

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*Do you have news you would like to share with other alumni? Did you recently get married? Have a child? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know what is happening in your life by posting noteworthy information at <http://www.nupikes.com>.*

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