

# PIKE NU NEWS

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## Meet the new House Dog: Sophie



Gamma Rho's first female resident, Sophie, is a yellow lab and hound mix. She's been with the chapter since late January. Brothers Mike Roche '08 and Zak Bergman '08 have primary responsibility for taking care of Sophie.



## New, On-Campus House Unites Chapter

By Dan Schufreider '08  
2009-2010 Gamma Rho Housing Manager

For the first time since the Chapter's re-chartering, the Brothers of the Gamma Rho chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha now have a house on campus! The new house at 2316 Sheridan Road will allow Pike at Northwestern to reach a new level of excellence.

Having a central meeting place for the Chapter has allowed the Brothers to form a deeper connection to the fraternity, and they have truly come together this year as a result of the on-campus house. Many current members and alumni probably remember conducting Chapter meetings at Tech Institute, or planning all of the fraternity's events off-campus or in dorms. Being able to host events in a central location, on-campus has made a staggering difference for the chapter.

The on-campus residence has also helped the fraternity with visibility and boosted its image around Northwestern's campus. With the house, Pike welcomed 28 fantastic pledges into the brotherhood. The Chapter has taken advantage of its central location for planning

philanthropy events, community service trips and social and brotherhood events.

Having a house is one thing that almost immediately comes to mind when one thinks of fraternity life. Securing a house for Pike at Northwestern has helped immeasurably with Pike's stature on Northwestern's campus. The house has truly given Pike a new, stronger identity. With this new asset, the Gamma Rho chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha most certainly has a bright future ahead of it.

### Homecoming '09: Oct 23-25, 2009

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Reception at Tommy Nevin's Pub (back room)  
1454 Sherman, Evanston 8:00 pm.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Pre-game tailgate starts two hours before the game and will run through the game. Lime Credo to perform.

Right: Twenty-four alumni and actives participated in the Pike Golf Outing on May 23, 2009. Justin O'Hare '09 won the Longest Drive Competition and David Cooperberg '08 won the Closest to the Pin Competition. The individuals attending the Pike Golf Outing and pictured at right are (from left to right): John Etmekjian '03, Andrew Dorn '03, Mike Cooperberg '09, Scott Harold '09, Chris Mioton '03, David Cooperberg '08, Andrew Moldenhauer '05, Bill Pulte '07, Zach Bergman '08, Billy Seyfarth '08, Sam Wheeler '09, David Weinberg '08, Will Keesee '08, Trent Stafford '08 and John Powell '08. Not pictured: Pat Garvin '08, Mike Glowacki '06, Kevin Kane '06, Matt Kennedy '06, Alex Kiaie '08, Bryan Krueger '08, Alessio Manti '09, Ryan Morrisroe '06 and Justin O'Hare '09. Lowest scores: John Etmekjian '03 - 75, Bill Seyfarth '08 - 76, Chris Mioton '03 - 79.



## Chapter Officers

### President

Patrick Garvin

### Internal Vice President

Shane O'Connor

### External Vice President

John Bryant

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## Bill Pulte '07 Runs for Student Body President

After a successful term as the President of the Gamma Rho Chapter, **Bill Pulte '07** decided to extend his skills to the Associated Student Government, a body he identified as "ineffective" and "in need of a results-oriented perspective."

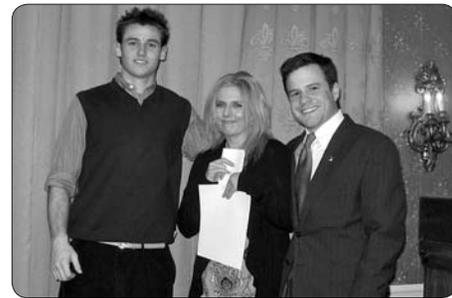
While Pulte and his running mate, Patrick Dawson (a Senator in the Associated Student Government), were unsuccessful in their bid, the fraternity worked hard to mobilize support for the ticket all over campus. In a matter of only days, Pikes helped plaster the campus with slogans like "Pulte-Dawson Means Results." They also handed out over 700 stickers and flyers and knocked on countless doors with reminders to vote.

**Alessio Manti '09**, a freshman member of the Gamma Rho Chapter and Pulte's Ground Game Manager, noted, "The campaign was an exciting and invigorating experience that showed what people could do when they put their minds to it."

## Founders' Day Held February 28, 2009



Left to right: **Bob Else '86**, **Fiona Murphy**, **Mike Coop '87**, **Mark Paulus '87**, **David Leavitt**, **Scot Berkey '86**, **Brian Swift '88**, **James Erdmann '87**, **Libby Lester**.



Current President **Patrick Garvin '08** and Past President **William Pulte '07** present **Fiona Murphy** with the Best Friend of Pike award.

This year, Gamma Rho celebrated Pi Kappa Alpha's founding at Monastero's Ristorante and Banquets with an evening of dinner, dancing, awards and fun on February 28, 2009. Many generations of Pikes and their guests had a great time celebrating 141 years of Pike history.

At this year's Pike Founders' Day, Brother **Richard C. Moenning '56** was recognized with the Else Alumni of the Year Award for all of his hard work on the Garnet and Gold Scholarship Foundation. Also honored was Fiona Murphy for making it her mission to get Gamma Rho Pikes reconnected using Facebook. She was given the Best Friend of Pike Award.

"This year's Founders' Day was a great event and was enjoyed by both alumni and undergraduates. Pi Kappa Alpha has a rich and interesting history, and celebrating our Fraternity's 141 years with many generations of Gamma Rho is always special," remarked Chapter President **Patrick Garvin '08**.

## Gamma Rho Goes Green

Gamma Rho is pleased to announce the creation of the first-ever Pike Green Initiative and Environmental Chair. The chapter created the new position to ensure sustainable practices throughout the Chapter, and to help make sure that Pike at Northwestern makes the transition into the 21st century.

To begin the effort, **Sam Wheeler '09**, the 2009-2010 Green Initiative and Environmental Chair, has already started switching a number of household products to more 'green' counterparts. He's also implemented a recycling system and a system of collecting old electronics and ink cartridges.

To help get as many Brothers as possible involved in the process, Wheeler is also forming a new Green Committee. This committee has the potential to further expand the Pike Green Initiative through research and the creation of new energy strategies for the executive board. In the future, the Initiative will aim to move the fraternity toward more long-term energy related goals.

In the coming fall, Pike hopes to reduce waste by using washable utensils

and cups rather than disposable products, establish a system of monitoring the various energy usages throughout the house and provide the chapter with multiple 'green' lectures by prominent members of the Evanston environmental community. By keeping Gamma Rho informed and active on the green issue, Pike Gamma Rho aims to lead Northwestern's campus in green initiatives.

## Alumni Association Officers

### President

Drew Moldenhauer '05

### President Emeritus

Bob Else '86

### Vice President

Chris Wake '03

### Treasurer

Russ Riggins '03

# Renewing the Bonds 2008-2009 Campaign Raised \$7,300

Thanks to the generosity of 27 brothers, just over \$7,300 has been pledged to the 2008-2009 Gamma Rho Renewing the Bonds Campaign. Reaching this milestone will ensure that the approximately \$6,000 in annual alumni relations costs for Gamma Rho will be covered.

"Thank you to the 27 brothers, [listed on the right,] that have helped to make sure all alumni will continue to receive the Pike Nu News annually, the website is up and running and alumni programming continues," said Alumni Association President **Drew Moldenhauer '05**.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$10,000 - leaving Gamma Rho approximately \$3,700 short of its goal. All monies received above \$6,000 are going directly toward scholarships

to the chapter to offset the expenses of leadership training and attending national conferences.

"If you have not yet done so, please consider making your gift for the 2008-2009 Campaign," said Moldenhauer.

Alumni can make a pledge and pay it as a one-time gift, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. To make a contribution, alumni should visit [www.nupikes.com](http://www.nupikes.com) and click on the "Alumni" tab.

"Your support of the 2008-2009 campaign will make a huge difference for Gamma Rho," explained Moldenhauer. "By making your pledge, you are ensuring that the chapter's leaders will continue to receive the important leadership training that has helped to make Gamma Rho so great!"

## Garnet and Gold Scholarship Foundation Returns

The Garnet and Gold Scholarship Foundation is proudly returning to Gamma Rho! For years, the Foundation, led by President **Richard Moening '56**, had been in charge of a sizeable fund that dates back to World War II. Over the years, the Foundation has encountered difficulty in best using the funds to benefit the chapter while maintaining tax-exempt status and ensuring that funds benefits the chapter rather than the university or Pike's national organization.

After an initial meeting in February, the board of directors decided that the best way to disperse the funds for maximum benefit to the chapter, while keeping in mind the original spirit of the organization, would be to award annual scholarships to descendants of Gamma

Rho alumni attending college, as well as to undergraduate chapter members.

Details on the number and size of scholarships available, as well as the application process, timetable, and appropriate destination of funds are still being worked out. A tentative goal is to have the Foundation fully functioning and awarding scholarships before the end of the year. If you are interested in learning more about the scholarship opportunity, especially if you have college-age children, please contact Executive Secretary **Kevin Kane '06** at [kevinkane2008@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:kevinkane2008@u.northwestern.edu). This is an excellent opportunity for Pike to benefit the chapter as well as to reward those who, through the years, have given their time and energies in building Gamma Rho.

## Donor List as of 7/24/09

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Charles Edward Weillepp '38



## 40 Alumni Attend Homecoming 2008

During the weekend of October 17-18, 2008, approximately 40 alumni gathered in Evanston to celebrate Northwestern Homecoming with their Pike brothers. Alumni enjoyed a reception on Friday at Nevin's Pub after the Homecoming parade. On Saturday, Pikes celebrated in true Pike fashion with a tailgate before the Wildcats' great win over the Purdue Boilermakers.

Plans are underway for Homecoming 2009 - October 23-25. Make plans to join your Pike brothers for the fun! Friday, October 23, alumni will gather for a reception at Tommy Nevin's Pub in the back room (1454 Sherman, Evanston) at 8:00 pm. On Saturday, October 24, the pre-game tailgate will start two hours before the game and will run through

the end of the game. Lime Credo will perform.

"Thank you to the alumni that made it back for Homecoming 2008. We all had a great time and the chapter is looking forward to hosting everyone again in the fall," commented **Bill Pulte '07**, Past President.



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- ◆ Support the Fraternity's annual campaign

**Pike's Own Lime Credo Reunites to Rock Evanston**

By Susan Elliott Blashka

Almost 20 years after its debut, a little band called Lime Credo will once again rock the city of Evanston. The four original members - three Pikes and one Theta Chi - are reuniting for one show to celebrate the 2009 Homecoming weekend.

When they came together in 1989, lead singer and guitarist **Geoff Melkonian '89**, guitarist and backup vocalist **Marc Drenning '90**, drummer **Jim Erdmann '87** and bass guitarist and backup vocalist Craig Matarrese had no idea they would become one of the most sought-after bands both on campus and in clubs around Evanston and Chicago. Playing a mixture of original compositions and cover songs by bands



**LIME CREDO**

including REM and The Replacements, Lime Credo drew a loyal audience that followed the group from performance to performance. The band also released two albums.

Graduation and subsequent location changes ultimately brought about the end of the band. Although only Melkonian and Matarrese have pursued post-Lime Credo careers in music, all four band members were eager to pick up their instruments for this reunion.

Lime Credo will perform Saturday, October 24, at Bill's Blues Bar in Evanston. Old fans as well as new are invited to join the party; send e-mail to **Bob Else '86** at [bobelse@aol.com](mailto:bobelse@aol.com) for invitation information.

