



# PIKE NU NEWS

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## Gamma Rho Formalizes Alumni Association

Twenty-eight alumni brothers met on October 30, 2004, to lay the groundwork needed to officially launch the Gamma Rho Alumni Association (GPAA). After months of work and planning, this group of men, led by **Bob Else '86**, created the new organization tailored specifically toward reaching and reconnecting Gamma Rho alumni with Pi Kappa Alpha, while supporting the undergraduate chapter.

Prior to formalizing the GPAA, alumni had been involved and supportive of the Chapter, but not in a cohesive manner. On an individual or small group basis, alumni have contributed money to the chapter

directly or via the International Fraternity's Educational Foundation. Other alumni, many of whom live in the Evanston area, have helped support the chapter by serving as advisors. These efforts are appreciated and do not go unrecognized. However, the new Association allows for a more strategic approach to working with the chapter and staying in touch with fellow alumni.

In addition to supporting the Chapter, GPAA is committed to consistently communicating with alumni. An emphasis will be placed on chapter happenings, alumni events, as well as "brother updates." Through annual newsletters,

### 2006 GPAA OFFICERS

Andrew Welz '03, President  
Bo Blackburn '86, Vice President  
Rafi Wilkinson '88, Secretary  
Russell Riggins '03, Treasurer  
Bob Else '86, President Emeritus

an up-to-date and maintained website, ([www.nupikes.com](http://www.nupikes.com)), and annual events and gatherings, the GPAA hopes to reach out to many brothers and get them connected to the Fraternity and each other.

## GPAA Events

**Founders' Day 2005** was held at Prairie Moon in Evanston, Illinois. Over 50 alumni and undergraduates were in attendance to celebrate the founding of Pi Kappa Alpha.

**Homecoming 2005** took place over the weekend of October 29th. More than forty alumni and actives were on hand to celebrate Pike's success at NU. A social event was held on Friday night at John Barleycorn's in Chicago. Saturday consisted of a tailgate party at Ryan Field. Hours of fun, fellowship and celebration were had by all.

**First Friday Luncheons**, a monthly gathering held every first Friday over

lunch, was originally hosted by a group of distinguished alumni from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. This tradition is now being continued by the GPAA and is held monthly in Chicago. It is a great time to meet fellow alumni and build or rebuild relationships.

**Pike Poker Night** was organized twice in 2005. Because of its popularity, the GPAA plans to host several more Poker Nights in 2006.

For more information on upcoming alumni events, please visit [www.nupikes.com](http://www.nupikes.com) or contact Andrew Welz at [ajwelz@yahoo.com](mailto:ajwelz@yahoo.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Friday Luncheons** – First or second Friday every month at noon  
**Founders' Day** - Feb. 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m.  
Location in Evanston TBD  
**Poker Night** - April 29, 2006, 8:00 p.m.  
1475 W. Farragut, Chicago  
**Golf Outing** – June 10, 2006.  
Please visit the website for more information.  
**Homecoming 2006** – Oct. 20-21, 2006.  
Please visit the website for more information.



More than 40 alumni and actives celebrated Homecoming 2005.



First Friday Luncheons offer an opportunity for Pikes of all ages to get together.

# Gamma Rho of Pi Kappa Alpha Housing Corporation

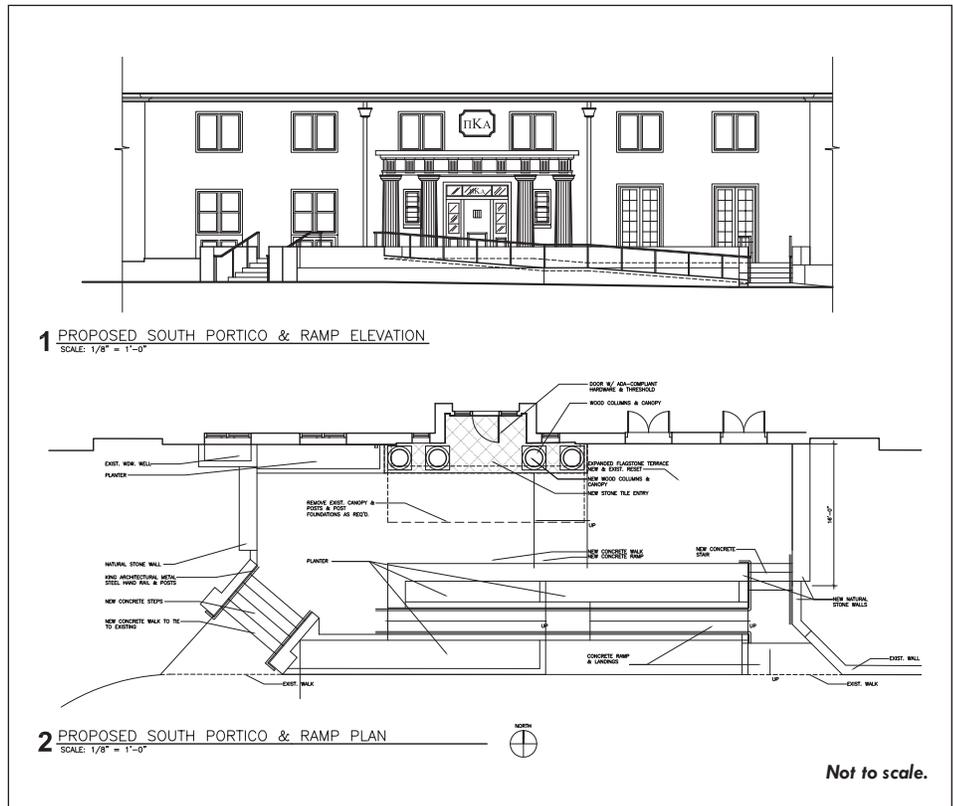
Since Gamma Rho's recolonization in 2002 and rechartering in April 2003, the restoration of 566 Lincoln has been an ongoing effort. Beginning December 2004, an initial maintenance project was conducted to prepare the property for a major restoration. The maintenance project entailed removing all hazardous materials, garbage, and cleaning the facility. In addition, a new asphalt shingle roof was installed.

Final restoration plans have been developed to reopen Gamma Rho's home. These plans have been approved by the City of Evanston, and a meeting with Northwestern University officials took place in November 2005 to discuss the approval needed to move this project forward.

A safe, accessible, and secure building is the main focus of the restoration. A few of the many items that will be part of the project include installing a full fire suppression system throughout the house, including the attic. Installing new metal clad double hung windows and doors. Adding a handicap access ramp at the south entrance of the building.

The Housing Corporation, Gamma Rho Alumni Association, and the members of the Gamma Rho Chapter greatly appreciate the International Fraternity's support and assistance with this effort.

For the long term success of the Corporation, it must continue to have active alumni involvement and a solid plan for financial stability. Be sure to watch for



Corporation updates on the website and in future correspondence.



If you have questions about the Corporation or the restoration project, please contact the International Fraternity's Senior Director of Real Estate Clint Bartman at (901) 748-1868 ext. 138.

## Brother to Brother

**David Wary Schroder '61** has retired from teaching chemistry and microbiology at Lincoln College. He is the treasurer and "step-and-fetch-it" at a day care center, an Illinois Master Gardener, Docent at the Illinois State Museum, volunteer research assistant at ISM Research & Collection Center, babysitter, teacher's aide for Pre-K at a local parochial school and a tree farmer! His wife, Barbara, also recently retired from teaching / administration in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

**Robert David Schooler '67** has been living in Austin, Texas since 1984, where he is involved in Northwestern football recruiting and local NU alumni activities. Schooler helped found the Austin Alumni Club and is now involved with the Austin Alumni Admissions Council.

**Dan Schwarz '75** practices law in Exeter, New Hampshire, and lives in Portsmouth,

NH with his wife, Lisa. The couple have two daughters in college (Brown & Colorado College).

**Mark Joseph Megal '83** is living in his hometown of Milwaukee with his wife, Carrie, a NU Chi Omega alumna. The couple has two children, Emma and Anthony. Brother Megal is the marketing/customer service director for Guhring, Inc., the U.S. arm of Guehring ohG, a manufacturer of high performance drills, taps and mills. He is also vice president of a family-owned real estate holding company. Mark is looking forward to getting reconnected with Pike alumni and assisting Gamma Rho "physically and financially."

**Lee Samuel Cohen '85** is working on the Hill for U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL). Cohen lives in Washington, DC and invites brothers to contact him if in the area.

**Sebastian John Monastero '85** lives in Glenview, Illinois with his wife, daughter

and son. After working for Ford Motor Company and DDB Chicago, Brother Monastero started his own real estate development and management company, which is now five years old.

**Daniel Paul Dean '86** has been married to his wife, Deb, for five years. The couple has two-year-old twins, Alex and Jessica. The family lives 20 miles east of Sacramento in the Sierra foothills.

**Michael David Hillman '86** is working for Apple Computer as Chief Architect for Desktop Product Design (Mac mini, iMac, PowerMac, Cinema Display, etc.). He lives in the Silicon Valley with his wife, Sandra, and two children, Michael Louis (7) and Jacqueline (4).

**Kevin Edward Miller '86** moved to California after graduation and never left. For the last eleven years Miller has been in the Bay area with his wife, Christine, and

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# Gamma Rho Takes Campus by Storm

*Scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen – these are the cornerstones of Pi Kappa Alpha at Northwestern University.* The undergraduate chapter has excelled in every aspect of campus life at NU. Over the past year they have been recognized for their accomplishments by the University, International Fraternity, and their peers in the Interfraternity Council.

## Scholars

Gamma Rho has been able to maintain an all-chapter grade-point-average of 3.34, above the Greek men's average. Several of the active members have been personally recognized and rewarded for their work in the classroom by receiving highly sought internships, and research projects in fields as diverse as neurobiology, drug chemistry, physiology, and computer science.

## Leaders

The Chapter has done remarkably well in their ability to recruit the top students on campus. Currently the chapter is 93 members strong. This winter, Gamma Rho had the largest rush class of all fraternities on Northwestern's campus, recruiting 33 new members. This was also the largest rush class since the chapter recolonized in 2002. These accomplishments are even more remarkable considering Pi Kappa Alpha is the only fraternity on campus without the use of a house.

On campus, Gamma Rho is involved in every Greek event and participates in many campus-wide events every year. In the first quarter of this school year, the Chapter has raised \$1,500 for Evanston's Relay-for-Life and \$1,500 via Dance Marathon, which benefits juvenile cancer research. Additionally, almost 100% of the membership is involved in a student organization outside of Pike, with many members serving as officers of their respective club or organization.



## Athletes

Gamma Rho participates in every NU intramural event held throughout the year. In 2004-05 the chapter was awarded "Team of Year" having beaten every fraternity and independent intramural team. This was the second year Gamma Rho has been the top fraternity in intramural competition. The Chapter is currently ahead in the point standings again this year.

## Gentlemen

Pikes are recognized as true gentlemen on the NU campus and in the Evanston community. The Fraternity is socially involved with all sororities and many other



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Daniel Solera '03, President  
Jay Zeschin '04, Internal Vice President  
Cory Kaufman '04, External Vice President  
Pat Ahearn '04, Secretary  
Mitch Neubert '04, Treasurer  
Mark Englert '05, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Aleksas Barauskas '04, Rush Chairman  
Tyler Miller '04, House Manager  
Jason Velkavrh '04, Alumni Relations

campus organizations. Additionally, over the past quarter, Gamma Rho brothers have contributed over 300 hours of community service. University officials and community leaders consistently recognize Gamma Rho as a vital constituent and asset for the students of Northwestern.

## Brother to Brother

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three children, Megan, Claire and Kyle. Brother Miller worked as vice president of applications development for Oracle for 16 years, and has recently departed to found a software start-up company.

**Alessandro Ulderigo Pachetti '86** is still living in New York, NY with his wife, Laurie, and daughter, Isabella. Brother Pachetti is currently employed by Accenture, where he has worked for the last five years.

**Brentley John Radeloff '86** recently moved from St. Louis to Winston-Salem, NC. He completed an Executive MBA at Kellogg in December 2004.

**Anthony Craig Zummer '86** has recently moved to Wilmette, Illinois with his wife, Christine, and two children, Michael (6) and Alice (4).

**Christopher F. Coleman '87** and his wife, Suzie, are living in Chicagoland. They have two children, 5-year-old girl and 1-year-old boy.

**Joel Charles Papa '87** has been in Minneapolis since 1996. After fourteen (14) years with Accenture, Papa is now with Allianz Life in IT project management. He and his wife, Christy, have an 18 month old girl named Karina.

**Joseph Steinberg '87** lives in New Jersey with his wife, Christel and two children, Jake and Samantha. Steinberg visits Chicagoland often to visit with his in-laws. Joseph's urology practice is thriving, and he continues to enjoy it.

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**Gregory D. Graves '88** lives in Milan, Ohio with his wife, Sandy, and two children, David and Jessica. He thanks the Chapter and alumni for the communication, website and hard work.

**Joshua J. Sacks '88** is an attorney in Temperance, Michigan, where he has had his own practice for two years. Joshua, with his family, Beth, and two sons, Aki and Zachary, live in Monroe.

**Bo Blackburn '86** and his wife, Tracy, moved back to Chicago from Los Angeles in 2003. They have recently purchased a condo on the North Side, and they had their first child in November 2005.

**Rush Recommendations**

**Legacies, Neighbors, Son(s):  
Do you know someone attending  
Northwestern that you would like to  
recommend for Pike membership?  
We are interested in meeting anyone  
who is recommended by a Gamma Rho  
alumnus. Please forward  
recruitment recommendations to:**

**Aleksas Barauskas, Rush Chairman  
(727) 688-4049  
a-barauskas@northwestern.edu**

**Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen**

**Andrew J. Welz '03** is working at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, a law firm in downtown Chicago.

**Pike Loyal Order**

The International Fraternity instituted the *Pike Loyal Order* in the fall of 2004, and since that time more than 880 alumni and undergraduates have become charter members of the program. All new members receive a lifetime subscription to the *Shield & Diamond* magazine, a wallet card, a certificate and the Pike Loyal Order Lapel Pin, in addition to numerous cost-saving benefits currently being added to the program. Also, the first 1,000 charter members receive a limited edition set of Pike Loyal Order Cufflinks! As the program continues to gain recognition and awareness among the Pike Membership, members ranging from 19 to 95 years of age are choosing to become members of the Pike Loyal Order. Visit [www.PikeLoyalOrder.org](http://www.PikeLoyalOrder.org) for more information.



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Visit [www.nupikes.com](http://www.nupikes.com) - the official Gamma Rho Chapter & Alumni website to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)

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Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Edit your member profile online at <http://www.nupikes.com>, or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to: Gamma Rho Alumni Association, Pi Kappa Alpha #614, P.O. Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

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