# **ALPHA PHI ALUMNI NEWS**

Mission Statement: Our fraternity is where we gather. Serving over 1,000 Alpha Phi alumni of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

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# **Proud To Be A Pike**

## House Corporation Board Elections

The annual meeting of the Pi Kappa Alpha Union was held on October 30, 2010 just before the House Corporation Board Meeting. The agenda of the annual meeting was to elect a slate of board members for the H.C. Board. That responsibility was passed to the current board because there was not a quorum. The terms of Ben Boeding, John Bartello, and Chris Zimmerman, and Bob Manning's position as an alternate board member are expiring. Ben, John and Chris have agreed to serve another term, and Brandon Williams has agreed to assume the alternate position.

Please complete the referendum card that was mailed with this newsletter to vote on this slate of board members.

## **Articles of Incorporation Change**

The board of directors recommends a change to the Articles of Incorporation of the Pi Kappa Alpha Union. Currently Article XIII states that David Tillinghast is the registered agent of the union. The board voted to remove Article XIII. This allows the board flexibility to select an agent as situations change.

Please vote on this change on the referendum card when you vote on board members.

# **New Chapter Officers**

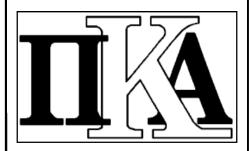
The chapter leadership has transitioned, as it always does as semester break. The new officers are:

President - Tom Spring- Senior Mathematics Geneva, Illinois

External VP- Landon Lacy - Junior Business Ankeny, Iowa

Treasurer - Derek Olson - Sophomore Pre-Business Dakota Dunes, SD House Manager - Adam Fuller- Freshman Animal Ecology-Iowa City, Iowa

Congratulations to the new chapter leaders.



## **House Corporation Board**

Mark Zirkelbach '67 President Jerry McClelland '73 Vice President Roger Volker '54 Secretary Chris Zimmerman '01Treasurer Cliff Mann '67 Ben Boeding '99 John Bartello '69 Alex Olson '04 Allen Foster '05

Alternates Ben Boden '01 Alex Burge '99 Brandon Williams '

#### **Next Meeting:**

October 22, 2011 At the Chapter House Time To Be Determined

#### **Alumni Association Leadership**

The leadership committee is made up of:

- John Lee (67)
- Jerry McClelland (73)
- Matt Swim (05)

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John's Phone: (515) 288-4810

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

This year has been a very good year for Alpha Phi. We have the largest pledge class we have had in many years. The Alumni Association has organized events to help build brotherhood among the alums and undergrads. Most notably, we had a very successful Super Homecoming. We all should feel good about the state of Alpha Phi. Perhaps you may be thinking about being more involved in the fraternity. You might be thinking the time commitment is too much, or you might be thinking you live too far from Ames to help.

There are short term volunteer projects that need to be done, and there are roles that can be filled remotely. We need help from time to time with small repair jobs that could take a day or a weekend. Help in producing this newsletter would be invaluable. Our mailing and contact list needs to be maintained to be sure we keep as many alums regularly informed about our fraternity. A group of alums has served the undergrads, their guests, and their potential recruits at our annual pig roast. We can use more workers for that evening. Alums are needed to help with other recruiting events. Every spring the chapter has a work day for alums and undergrads to do projects to improve our house.

Our chapter will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its chartering in 2013. It's time to start planning for how we will mark that milestone. We need a committee to take on the challenge of organizing a celebration.

Perhaps you want to get involved with the House Corporation Board. Unless someone knows you are interested, you may not be approached.

Mark Zirkelbach (67) authored an article about his experiences in getting involved for this newsletter. It's a good perspective on volunteering. The best part is the chance to connect with other alums, and get to know the undergrads. Brothers from all eras who may not have known each other have become good friends because they decided to volunteer for our fraternity.

Let a member of the House Corporation Board or the leadership of the Alumni Association know if you are interested. Perhaps you have an idea that hasn't been mentioned.

#### Proud To Be One

Mark Zirkelbach, 67

By the time you read this article the 2010 Iowa State Football season will be in the history book and hopefully a post season bowl win will have occurred or be in the near term. However the season ends it has certainly become evident that we are all proud to be Cyclones again. The quote pulled from Paul Rhoads' fan website below says it best.

"It's beyond pride. It's a restored trust. There's a confidence again, a passion that teeters on swagger. More than anything, (Iowa State head coach Paul Rhoads) has restored the Iowa State "it" factor, the steadfast belief that it is great to be a Cyclone...the man's enthusiasm is genuine to the core..." — columnist Sean Keeler, Des Moines Register

I will complete my first year on the Pike Housing Corp Board and at the Super Homecoming meeting John Bartello asked me to write an article for the Alumni Newsletter about my first year and to reach out to our Alumni Pike Brothers with this message, "Proud to be One", a Cyclone and a Pike. If you were able to attend Super Homecoming it was absolutely great. If you were unable, you missed a great opportunity to visit the best fraternity on campus that is doing better than most in all categories. Strong leadership, excellent talent, solid bonds of brotherhood, good campus standing, and toting the largest pledge class of all ISU fraternities; is the report President Joe Wegelin made to gathered Pike Alums Friday night at the Memorial Union buffet dinner between sets of the featured dueling pianos. This night was a great night in the bonds with Pikes past and present and a great Homecoming where we all were "Proud to be Pikes".

Enough of current achievements and a Homecoming that is in the past, and let's focus on the future of 2112 Lincoln Way. None of this current success would have been possible without the hard work of a few dedicated brothers who have restored the house, colonized the chapter and placed Pi Kappa Alpha in good standing on the Iowa State Campus. The Pike Alumni Association continues diligent work on locating and engaging lost Pike Brothers passing on the news and restoring the bonds. The House Corporation is in good financial condition and 2112 Lincoln Way is well maintained. The Chapter sits on the verge of winning a Smythe Award for chapter excellence. All good stuff but with success comes a larger challenge to stay on

"The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success. Talent is only a starting point in this business. You've got to keep on working that talent. Someday I'll reach for it and it won't be there." Irving Berlin

Coach Rhoads said he is proud to be one and Irving Berlin said you have to keep working on that talent. For the Pikes on 2112 Lincoln Way it is important for Pike Alums to get involved, share your time and talent, or give financially because you are proud to be a Pike and you want to work on the talent. If you were at Super Homecoming expect a call from a Pike to find out about your experience at Homecoming. Maybe the call can spark that pride we all have from time to time. Maybe the call will be your opportunity to show your pride in Being One.

## **House Corp Finances**

August 15, 2011

Assets:

 Cash
 27,276

 Furniture
 42,129

 Chapter House
 1,415,300

Total Assets \$1,484,705

Liabilities:

Rm &Brd Reserve7,600Mortgage501,351Line of Credit38,293

Net Worth \$877,480

Net Worth & Liab. \$1,484,705

#### **Alumni Association:**

Assets:

Cash \$ 3,200

#### **Endowments:**

ISU Endowment \$ 47,888 AΦ Endowment \$ 26,744

# **2011 Spring Recruiting**

#### It's time to Recruit! You can help.

Recruiting is an ongoing process. Like any good sales organization, the chapter is always looking for prospective new members. Last fall's pledge class was the result of planning and effort. We are looking for another year like last year.

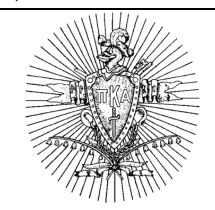
Our best successes come from existing relationships. The undergrads are working on a prospect list based on their home town and family relationships. You can help by referring young men you know.

Many of us fondly remember formal rush in the fall. Today, formal rush is nonexistent. We start contacting high school seniors while the snow is still on the ground. Our largest recruiting event is Greek Getaway, which is during Greek Week. You can give your referrals to Dana Bentzinger. Dana's email address is hdana@aol.com.

To quote the Marines, "We're looking for a few good men!" Can you help us find them.

You can also support the rush effort financially when you pay your Alumni Association dues. We use that money to support recruiting functions. The Greek Getaway Pike pig roast is an example of that support. The Alumni Association pays for most of the costs involved, and alums act as waiters and bus boys. The chapter is freed to concentrate on entertaining and getting to know their recruits. It's an event that sets the Pikes apart from other houses that weekend.

Let's have another large pledge class. You can help.



#### **Super Homecoming**

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Super Homecoming 2010 commenced with the AΦ Alumni Association committee. Jerry McClelland '73, John Lee '67 and Matt Swim '03, gathered at the Memorial Union on the Iowa State campus along with ninety plus alumni and their guests and 35 chapter members and their guests for a wonderful night of reliving memories and song. The featured speaker, Brother Ben Boden '01, gave an overview of our fraternity and then focused on our chapter's achievements. One point he made to a small group following his speech was that alumni turnouts of this magnitude usually appear at a chapter's 50th and 100th anniversaries not at homecomings. Our chapter turns 100 in 2013. Our alumni support is especially strong and makes our alumni events memorable. Ben is currently working with our national headquarters in the alumni department.

Prior to the dinner 19 Pikes met at the Ames Golf and Country Club for lunch and a round of golf. Brothers Rodger Curnow '71 and Mark Power '70 hosted the event. At the dinner the winners were announced. The team of Charles Drake '67, Mark Power'70 and John Johnson '74 won the team competition with John "Boo-Boo" Johnson capturing the "Alpha Phi Cup" as medalist. The large trophy now resides at the chapter house with the names of past winners etched on its base.

Brother **Dana Bentzinger** '74 was the emcee for the evening and kept things moving along. Following dinner our dueling pianos act kicked off. One of our performers, Megan Hill, put two and two together and confirmed with a phone call that her mother was an AΦ Pike Calendar Girl in the early '70s. Does anyone have a calendar with Vicki Kladstrup's picture? Please contact Dana at hdana@aol.com if you do. Megan would like a copy. At intermission we were given an update on the accomplishments of our chapter from President Joe Wegelin '07. The high points from Joe were that we led all ISU fraternities with 40 new pledges and the chapter house is full. Our chapter advisor, Brother Jay Hinkhouse '78, announced the chapter's scholarship winners. Our alumni have contributed to our two scholarship accounts, one with ISU and one with Pi Kappa Alpha, over the years to the point where four meaningful scholarships can be distributed annually. If you would like to

help, please contact Brother Hinkhouse, (515) 450-0712, or Brother **Don Peeler '78**, (402) 578-5355. On Saturday an alumnus discussed his desire to fund a scholarship. Options are being discussed with the first recipient to be announced early in the spring semester. With Brother **Roger Volker '54** at the keyboard and Jay as song leader the alumni serenaded recently engaged or married alumni and their spouses with "Honeymoon" then broke into a rousing rendition of "I'm a drunk Pi Kappa Alpha" and finished with "Down in old Virginny".

Saturday found our alumni back up and ready for a tailgate party at the chapter house. Once again a wonderful turnout of alumni dined on food prepared by the chapter's cook, **Lauren "Momma D" Fenimore**. Friday's round of golf may have been a bit cool, but Saturday's weather was spectacular. After the tailgate the crowd regrouped at the 40 yard line to watch the Cyclones defeat the Jayhawks. See you in 2013 for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# Where are the Pictures from Super Homecoming?

Those of you who were at Super Homecoming are aware that we had a photographer taking pictures at dinner and at the pre-game tailgate. Some have asked where the pictures are, and how the pictures can be accessed. The Alumni Association is proud to announce the new web site. The pictures are there. You can download them or print them. We thought that would be the easiest way to get pictures to everyone.

Matt Swim '05 has worked very hard to build the new site, and place information on it. The site will allow us to add pictures for future newsletter articles. Copies of the newsletter are on the site. A history of the chapter will be added. You can access the data base at Memorial Headquarters to find other alums from our site. You can keep us up to date when you move. You can contact the Alumni Association with items for the newsletter Other features will be added as we go forward. Let Matt know if you have suggestions to improve the site at mswimm@theiowabarnstormers.com

Go visit the site soon at:www.alphaphialums.com

#### Pike Calendar

The 2010-2011 issue of the Pike Calendar featuring the "Women of ISU" met with approval from many. Brother Larry Crabb '67 agreed to resurrect his role from the '60s and photographed most of the models with his wife, Buckie, offering advice to the models. The overall goal for the calendar was to produce a buzz with our chapter members regarding recruitment and to help raise funds for recruitment. With around \$4,000 in revenue coming from our advertisers, donors and sales a profit of \$1,600 resulted after making a 10% donation to our chapter's charity. One calendar was signed by each model and then was auctioned off at Friday night's Super Homecoming dinner adding an additional \$120 to the recruitment program. Larry Crabb '67 had the winning bid. However, the buzz carried beyond the walls of 2112 Lincoln Way and found the recruitment advisors, Jerry McClelland '73 and Dana Bentzinger '74 and the chapter president, Joe Wegelin '07 and Director of Model Relations, Andrew Mountsier '06, meeting with the Greek Affairs office and the CPC Advisor to discuss the future of the calendar. Apparently, prior approval is required by some sororities before one can use the sorority's name in a publication. We can handle that detail. It should be pointed out that the calendar gave Andrew a chance to learn about marketing, sales, and scheduling in a real life setting. We look forward to producing a 2011-2012 calendar. Not only did the calendar feature the women of ISU, but it also gave a chance for a couple of alumni to see their cars used as props. If you would like to see your car, motorcycle, boat or other mode of transportation used as a prop please contact Dana Bentzinger. Advertisers and donors are also needed.

A special thank you to the alumni who helped make the calendar a success. Our alumni donors and advertisers included Bill Kellstrom '60, Charles Drake '67, Dave Patee '70, Jeff Stone '73, Brad Holiday '73, Dana Bentzinger '74, Bill Plantan '75, Dave Tillinghast '79, Chris Bentzinger '01,the AΦ Alumni Association, and the Parents Club. If you would like a calendar we still have a few left. Please make your \$15 check payable to the AΦ Alumni Association and mail it John Lee; 1911 SW Vintage Parkway, Ankeny, IA 50021. The calendar may be a few months old, but the photos are timeless.

#### **House Corporation Activities**

The House Corporation Board had a couple of repairs to make to our beloved 2112 Lincoln Way this fall.

We knew the lock system was showing signs of age, and were looking into options. The biggest issue was the back door. The amount of use the door experiences has caused it to get out of alignment over the years. It barely closed. The lock was simply worn out. The ideal solution would be to replace the door and lock with a new door and a lock system with key cards. We currently have a numeric code that has some security concerns. The Greek Community at ISU has had security issues in recent years. The lock on the front door decided to quit functioning as well. The ideal solution would cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Brother Alex Burge '99 and Alan Foster '05 replaced the hinges on the back door with a piano hinge and the lock with a new one like the old one. Ames Lock Service repaired the lock on the front door. This volunteer effort saved a lot of money.

On Monday evening of finals week we had a sprinkler leak. Actually, the leak had been building for a while. It was so gradual that the alarm never activated. Our first indication of a problem was water coming out of the walls of a room on third floor, the hallway ceiling and

The hallway wall on second floor, and the walls above the doorway into the dining room. We had to act fast. The sprinkler service company came to handle the leak, so the guys in the chapter could go to bed without having a fire watch. The Ames Fire Department would have required the fire watch if we didn't get the system on line. That is not a good way to enter finals week.

The next concern was the moisture in the walls. A disaster recovery contractor was glad to help us out. They drilled holes in the walls and ceilings, and took down some drywall above the dining room doors, to allow the drying process to begin. Fans and dehumidifiers were run for a few days. Our walls are dry, and we responded quickly enough to avoid mold growth. We had no choice, but we incurred a \$4,700 unexpected expense.

As this is being written, we are trying to decide how to do the drywall repair. However, our chapter went to bed with fire protection, and we avoided the health hazard of mold growth.

These are a couple of the challenges of maintaining a beautiful old home.

## What Can You Do To Help?

Here are a few needs for volunteers. Some have been mentioned elsewhere. Take some time to consider your talents and interests.

- Help serve and bus tables at the Pike Pig Roast
- Be part of the 100th anniversary committee
- Help sell advertising on the Pike Calendar
- Write articles for the newsletter
- Edit the newsletter
- Help with the summer Pike Road Rally
- Help with the web page
- Maintain the alumni mailing and contact list
- Assist the chapter with scholarship efforts
- Host a recruiting cook out for recruits in your area with the recruiting coordinator
- Use your maintenance skills to help with small repair projects
- Sign up for and attend work day in the spring
- Help with work week in the fall
- Provide legal help to the House Corporation Board or the Chapter
- Something else that you see needs to be done

Our fraternity's success depends on alumni involvement.

Alumni Association Dues			
Annual Dues \$21.12			
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Help with Rush \$10/\$20/\$50			
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Email Address:		C/O John Lee 1911 SW Vintage Parkway	
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Your dues ma	kes Alumni Association activiti	es possible. Please help.	