

This newsletter is intended for Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni and parents. If your son is still attending ISU, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he is no longer in school, please send us his address to update our records. Thank You.



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“Future Pikes and Dreamgirls”

2005-2006 has proven to be a year of growth, not only for our alumni base but their families as well. The Alumni association congratulates all alumni on the birth of their children over the years and looks forward to future events in which all our children can meet one another.



Grant Bradley Panarese



Jackson Benedict Ori



Jake Vastine



Alyssa Vastine



Carter Cross



Taylor Lindsey



Sydney Jean Frigillana



Ryan Vastine



Ryan Lynde



Nora Laskey



Hunter & Sterling Sellier



Mark Lowderman w/Son Jaxson



Vivien Olivia Bartman



McKenna & (baby) Bryce Koch



Ellison Reese Schrank



Ethan Ellington



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Dear Alumnus,

2005-2006 proved to be another year of growth for the Kappa Alpha Alumni Association. With almost 500 members, our association is quickly becoming the fastest growing alumni association in pike history. This growth is mainly due to the constant communication through our yahoo group. Please continue to update us at isupikes@yahoo.com. The publication of an annual newsletter has also been instrumental in keeping alumni informed on events, news, updates and more. Please continue to email Brad Panarese at bradpanarese@yahoo.com with ideas and updates to the newsletter.

As shown on our opening section, individual alumni families have grown as well. The Association would like to congratulate all alumni on their new arrivals and successes. As all of our extended families continue to grow our time becomes that much more valuable. We understand that communications must be timely and interesting, likewise; events should be fun, enjoyable and give you enough notice to plan accordingly. The Association plans on making key improvements over the next several years in these areas.

In terms of communication; our goal is to continue this annual printed newsletter, create a second printed publication that is more focused on career advancement, mail a printed solicitation to increase our alumni contributions and create a website to serve as a historical record.

When focusing on alumni events we would ideally like to have 1 to 2 annual events that alumni can plan ahead for, one at least being family focused. These are easy to conceptualize but only with your involvement and support can they be reality. A consistent question that has been asked from many of you has been, "What can I do to help?". As an association, we appreciate any time you can devote to helping organize events, but also acknowledge that events aren't really successful unless you come. So let us know what you want to do and how we can make things better because **you are** the alumni association.

In The Bonds Of ΦΦΚΑ

Fall 2006 Spring 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* Annual Holiday Get Together
Saturday After Thanksgiving
(Family Event)
November 25th, 2006
Downtown Chicago
Time and Exact Location: TBD

* Founders/Work Day, Chapter House,
March 29th 2007, Starts at noon.

* Pike University, Alumni Reception
Chicago, February 9th, 2007

* Chapter Meetings, Chapter House
Sunday Nights 7:00 pm

*Dates and Times Subject to Change. Look for changes via email.

Have an idea for an event?
Let us know.

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED? HERE'S HOW.

1. Email us at kappaalphaalumniassociation@hotmail.com
2. Go to an Event and Participate!
3. Send a letter with your name, current address, home/business phone, email and suggestions to:
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4. Check us out on the web at www.pikes.org
or ISU Pikes Yahoogroup
5. **ALL NEW!** Join Pike InCircle. See inside for details.

ALUMNI NEWS

* Derek Peon (96) is living in Shorewood (next to Joliet, south of Plainfield) and approaching his fifth year as an Illinois State Trooper. He works in District 15 (tollway) and mainly patrols I-355. So Buckle Up!

* Travis Leach (99) lives in the city (Chicago) and has been testing for the Chicago Police Dep.

* Bryan Bollendorf (96) bought a condo in the South Loop of Chicago in the spring of 2005. He started a new job as a Regional Sales Manager with Cypress Care, a Pharmacy Benefit Management and Durable Medical Equipment Company.

* Bill Sawilchik (94) currently lives in Orland Park with his college sweetheart Toni and (2) boys. Bill continues to play with his band the "Lovehammers" who have signed a recording contract w/ Epic records and are being managed by an industry icon; Doc Mcghee! Their first full length album was released late January.

* Mike Thomas (00) works at Country Insurance in Bloomington and married his long time girlfriend Amber (Dream Girl 03-04) in May of 05.

* Mike O'Malley (00) is currently a network producer for Sporting News Radio.

* Seamus King (95) recently took the plunge and decided to move out to the suburbs. He and his wife now reside in Glen Ellyn.

* Michael Leaveck(97) has just taken a new position with a large vendor repping firm as one of their top executives.

* Scott Seybold (95) is living in Highland, IL and is working as a Data Recovery Engineer.

* Chris Gramley (96) is a police officer for the University of Illinois – Chicago and lives in Plainfield.

* Kyle Harrison (96) is working with Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty in Champaign, IL. Contact him @ www.kyleharrison.net

Tell us what's new! Contact Brad Panarese to be in the next issue of The Advancement; (773)-281-7018 or bradpanarese@yahoo.com

RUNNING FOR GRIFF

Like many of us, Brian Linhart (02) was inspired by Dan Griffins courage and determination after he was injured in a car accident that rendered him paralyzed last year. Taking to heart Dan's never give up attitude gave Brian the idea to sign up for this years Lasalle Bank Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 22nd. He will be running the race for the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois (<http://www.sci-illinois.org>) in honor of Dan. To gain support and raise awareness Brian plans on organizing 2 events this year; One in Chicago and One in Bloomington. Proceeds will go to help Dan and others with similar injuries through the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois. Details to come.

If you would like to donate towards this worth while cause, go to <http://www.active.com/donate/sciillinois06/linhart>, the website is 100% safe and secure as well as 100% tax deductible. We wish Brian good luck with his efforts. If you'd still like to donate to Dan and his family their home address is; 512 South Louis Street, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 or touch base with Dan, his cell # is (847) 334-3084.

CHAPTER ETERNAL



To those brothers we have lost. Our hearts and minds will be with you always. ΦΦ Forever.

Shawn Thorpe,96.

Keith Galvin,02.

Roger Pascual,97.

Matt (STU) Stolarick, 96

* Todd Hoeft (01) works for a Computer Sciences Corp. - Consulting Group in Oakbrook and is always looking for qualified individuals skilled in Java, C++, Oracle, SAP, etc. If you're interested contact him at thoeft@csc.co.m

* Mike Ori (97), wife Tara and son Jackson Benedict live in Libertyville, Illinois. Mike works for Fox, Lunardi & Zeit, LLC in Waukegan Illinois. His firm handles any type of criminal matter from traffic offenses to Class X felonies. His wife works for the State's Attorneys Office.

* Travis Barke (01) and wife Ginnell (Dream Girl 03') live in Elmhurst Il. Ginnell is a first grade teacher at Thurgood Marshall Elementry School and Travis is working in Corporate Sales for CDW. They got married on June 18th 2005.

* Blake lies (03) just recently moved to Naperville and got a job with Farmer's Insurance in Aurora.

* Pat Craig (97) is currently living in North Aurora and works for the fire dept. He graduated from the academy last June and has been enjoying every minute of it since. He will be finished with his paramedic license in Aug.

* Joe Lapetina (96) and wife Kelly have been married for 31/2 years. They have one daughter(Nicolette)that is 19 months and are expecting their second daughter(Mia) mid August and live in Palatine. He's owned his own constuction company for the last 6 years.

* Tom Pshak (95) and wife, Trisha were married on 12/17/05. They currently reside in Denver, CO. Tom is a 2nd year medical student at the University of Colorado and Trisha is a 2nd grade teacher in the Cherry Creek school district.

* Tarek Koch (94) and wife Heather recently had a new baby boy, Bryce Robert Koch born June 27th, 9 lbs, 22 inches long. Big sister (McKenna - 3 yrs old) can't help enough with taking care of the baby. Tarek is still working for a concrete contractor as an estimator in Bloomingdale not too far from their home in Hoffman Estates.

* Jeremy Foy (94) and wife Zsuzsa continue to live in Budapest, Hungary. Jeremy is currently managing his own consulting business in the communications arena.

* Abad Lopez (95) Has been working as a commercial litigator down in chicago for 5 years.

* Clint Bartman (94) and his wife Jennifer Anton welcome Vivien Olivia Bartman into their family.

PIKE IN CIRCLE

Pikes now have the opportunity for a great new way to network and communicate, through Pike inCircle. This network created by the International Headquarters allows for initiated members to join groups relating to their chapter, industry, current region they live in, and more. Joining requires members to make sure their name, chapter, initiation year, and current email address is updated with Pike International headquarters. To do this, go online to www.pka.com and find the Pike inCircle icon to update your information and register. Once logged in, members can create their own profile and display pictures. Already many active and alumni members of Kappa Alpha have joined Pike inCircle. The Pike inCircle is in no way a replacement of any means of the Kappa Alpha Chapter's current communications- just another option available. Check it out!

STRENGTHENING THE BONDS

Kappa Alpha needs to own it's own home! We have been stating this fact for many years now. Its time we all turn it up a notch! Two goals need to be accomplished to make this happen: First, we need to enhance our communications between the alumni. Second, continue saving money for the acquisition of a House.

The above two goals may seem very basic but they both take one thing, your monetary contributions. With that being said, to date all contributions that have been accepted into the Strengthen the Bonds House Fund will remain in that Fund. From this point forward, all contributions that are received into this program will be split equally into two funds, one being the Strengthen the Bonds House Fund and the other being the General Operating Fund of the KAAA. This will serve two purposes, it will allow funds to be utilized to enhance the KAAA communications, establishing consistent annual events, and to continue saving for a House for the Kappa Alpha Chapter.

We urge and encourage all Kappa Alpha members, alumni and undergraduates, to at least sign up for the automatic contribution via the KAAA Paypal account. Automatic deductions from your checking or credit card account of \$10 per month can be established, this is only \$120 per year. If each of us would to donate as little as \$10 a month, our goals would be met very quickly. Or if you wish to give a flat amount contribution, please do so by sending a check payable to the Kappa Alpha Alumni Association and send it to the address to the right. If you would like learn more about these important initiatives contact Clint Bartman at (312) 775-0059 / clintbartman@hotmail.com or Brad Panarese at (773) 281-7018 / bradpanarese@yahoo.com



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

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*Brand NEW! Automatic Donation with debit or credit card via Paypal: Email kappaalphalumniassociation@hotmail.com and a web link to the KAAA Paypal account will be sent to you. At the Paypal link you can set up a \$10 (the minimum) reoccurring monthly subscription of automatic donations from your debit or credit card account. After being established you have the ability to alter the debit or credit card account or cancel the subscription. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

ISU THE PI KAPP ALPHA HOUSE CORPORATION

06-07 will be the fourth year of a five-year lease with the current property owner. This means we only have two full academic years left at 904 West Hovey. The Chapter has twenty-seven executed contracts to live-in the house for this academic year and will begin signing contracts for 07-08 this fall. Regarding a new chapter house, Talks have already been underway to acquire new property in the Normal area and preliminary plans have begun on designs for a new chapter house by a fellow alum. As contributions grow so will these plans. If you have questions regarding the chapter house please email: isupkahousecorp@hotmail.com
 Sincerely, Mike Budak, President
 Clint Bartman, KA Housing Advisor

CHAPTER NEWS



Dear Alumni- My name is Don Anderson and I am the current Chapter President. We are expecting a big year. The house looks great and we have started out this year with a strong sense of purpose and new fold energy. In the fall last year we initiated 16 new members and 9 in the spring. In the spring we also performed an honorary initiation for Michael Graziano, Dan Griffins roommate and friend. It was a pleasure to do this because of how much he has done and continues to do for our dear past president Dan Griffin. Although rush has not officially begun we already have a large list of gentlemen that will be going through pledgship in hopes of wearing our letters one day. They are excited to learn more about our chapter and about the fraternity in general. Keep an eye out for an email concerning our upcoming alumni work day that actives and pledges will be participating in, all alumni are welcome to come and meet the new members, to share their stories and enjoy the weekend at their alma mater. Although we are currently the 2nd largest fraternity on campus at 65 members strong one of our top goals is to become a 100 man house again and feel we are well on our way. By winning DZ Dream Man 2 years in a row and looking to win it for a 3rd, we have established our gentleman image once more. Even though we took second place for supremacy cup by a heart breaking 25 points, our

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospects Name: _____
 Home Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____
 High school Attended: _____
 Reference Submitted By: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Is Prospect a Legacy? Yes No



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domination in sports has become well known. Community service has also been a focus as we continue to get involved in several philanthropic organizations. I would also like to inform you that one of our own, Craig Painter, is currently training in New Jersey and will be shipping out to Iraq in the next month. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

In the bonds, Don Anderson,
 Chapter President.

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2005-2006

Initiates Fall Class Spring Class

Nick Crosse	Danny Horwitch
Aaron Drendel	Nick Nosbitch
Justin Henderson	Ryan Royer
Sean Kelly	Vincent Russotto
Reggie Nievera	Gabe Soto
Greg Peterson	Vincent Tassi
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