

PIKES' PEAK

Fall 2005



A publication
for alumni
of Delta Gamma



Pikes from 1967 to 1971 gathered for a reunion in Oxford, October 21-23.

Pike Classes of '67-'71 Reunion

More than 100 brothers who graduated from 1967 through 1971 and their wives/significant others gathered for a reunion in Oxford, October 21-23, 2005. Several of the brothers hadn't been back to campus or seen each other for more than 30 years. We kicked off the event Friday evening with a gathering at everyone's favorite restaurant, Mac & Joe's.

Despite some rather cold and wet weather, several brothers played golf on Saturday morning at Indian Ridge Golf Course, while others visited the campus and looked for antiques in the Hamilton, Ohio, area. A barbecue was held at the Pike house Saturday afternoon, and we were joined by chapter members for some great brotherhood and reminiscing. It was fun to be back in the old Pike house and climb on the fire truck together one more time!

That evening we celebrated our reunion with dinner and a dance. Dancing together again to tunes from the '60s and '70s brought back fond memories of those great old Pike parties. The event ended on Sunday morning with a brunch and a hearty farewell.

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Chapter Improves Dramatically in Multiple Areas



It's hard to believe it has been six months since our last *Pikes' Peak* newsletter, but the time has been well spent by Dodd Hall, the active chapter, and our alumni association. With all three groups working together, excellent things are happening. Keep in mind Dodd Hall focuses on three areas: chapter house improvements, chapter assistance, and alumni relations.

CHAPTER HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS (recently completed)

- New hunter green hallway carpets
- New large ΠΚΑ brass letters outside of the front doors
- New furniture for ground-level activities room (old dining room)
- Landscaping in both front and rear of house. (This was a joint effort between the undergraduate chapter and Dodd Hall over Labor Day weekend. Old overgrown bushes were removed and replaced with new trees, shrubs, flowers, and mulch. The results were amazing. The exterior of the house looks the best it has in years. It could be featured on the Home & Garden network.)
- Other planned improvements include: new ice machine, Walter Frank study room upgrades, fire escape repairs, parking lot striping, chapter/ritual room updates, and possible wireless Internet in the common areas.

Many of these improvements would not have been possible without the

\$14,590 that you, our alumni, contributed over the past year. Thank you so much. You can see the improvements on the Delta Gamma Alumni Association Web site at www.deltagammaalumni.org.

Dodd Hall must also guarantee Delta Gamma's future through long-range planning. We have determined that in order to stay competitive with other fraternities on the Miami campus, our chapter house must be enlarged and improved over the next five to six years. Because the chapter does not currently need the additional space, we have some time to evaluate our position and make plans for the betterment of our future. Our chapter is again growing, and that leads to our second area of support.

CHAPTER ASSISTANCE

The undergraduate chapter currently has 42 active brothers with 25 living in the house. These are both high-water marks over the past four years. Because of this growth, Dodd Hall members—individually and collectively—try to assist the chapter in various ways: advising, mentoring, encouraging, prodding, monitoring, requiring accountability, and providing checks and balances. Dodd Hall's assistance begins with **Bob Riebel '66**, chapter advisor, and continues with the rest of the trustees.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

This area is exploding! What a success story—and so long overdue. Thanks to **Roger Harris '62**, Dodd

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After all these years, some things never change. **Lab** is still chairman of the fast-eaters table; **Belly Rogers** still keeps scrapbooks; **Dimenjoe** still rocks to the Temptations songs; **CJ** showed up with a new girlfriend; **Chickenman Liebersbach** is still skinny; **Dog Baker** wears only blue-jeans; **Jack White** still parties standing on his head; **Roger Harper** speaks on behalf of the brothers; **Scoop** showed up without a room and had to bunk with **Skiles**; **Lush Dubiel** is still Lush; **Bits Burger** is still Bits; and **Spoon** still looks after the house.

And, after all these years, some things have changed. **Greg Hardwick '68** has more hair on his chin than he does on his head; **Tom Dutt '67** didn't wear a yellow shirt and spent Saturday night grading high school chemistry papers while Marsha mingled with the brothers; **Rick Grile '68** is retired; **Greg "Grog" Peters '69** no longer rides motorcycles; and **Mark Stratis '69** is bald.

Based on the unanimous desires of the group, we made a plan to do it all again in another three years.

FIRST DELTA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING



Left to right, **Brian O'Grady '04**, **Evan Hanser '03**, **Matt Ryan '04**, **Bob Weigel '66**, **Steve Rohe '71**, **Bob Riebel '66**, **Barney Potts '81**, **John Siegel '81**, **Sam Flannery '80**, **Scott Wolfe '81**, and **Marshall Moreland '94**



It was a beautiful day in Oxford for the first Delta Gamma Alumni Association Golf Outing on Saturday, September 17. Hueston Woods Golf Course was in great shape, with fast greens and well-trimmed fairways. There was a wide variety of attendees, from active members to those who graduated 40 years ago. Even with the age differences, it was impressive to see we all have so much in common as fellow Pikes.

John Siegel '82 was the big winner, scoring an impressive 37 on the front nine, but stumbling on the back nine with a 49. He was able to rely on his teammates to "pick up the slack" and maintain the lead for the winning team score of 76.

Bob Riebel '66, on the other hand, had the most success in keeping his "cost per stroke" to a minimum. When you take that many swings, you also get a good amount of exercise! Bob and **Roger Harris '62**, event photographer, are two examples of guys who attended and had a great time, even though they are not destined for the PGA circuit!

Many comments and suggestions were made in an effort to improve on this first golf outing. Next year's event will be held earlier in the year, perhaps May or June, hopefully avoiding any conflicts with football and soccer games. It was also suggested that this be an overnight event, playing one round on Friday (or Saturday) afternoon and another on Saturday (or Sunday) morning. Hotels will be reserved to allow us to become reacquainted again with the uptown businesses and evening activities.

We would like to encourage more active Pikes to join us. So give this some thought over the winter and try to organize a foursome or two for the next outing. It's a great time to get reacquainted with old friends, meet some new ones, and get an update on our chapter.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact **Sam Flannery '80** at samflannery9@cs.com. He would appreciate any input. More information will follow in the spring newsletter and on the Web site.



Brothers warm up on the driving range.



Everyone had a good time—and challenge—on the putting greens.

Delta Gammas Earn Numerous National and Local Awards



The fall semester is off to a great start. It is my pleasure to share our recent successes and accomplishments of the undergraduate members.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

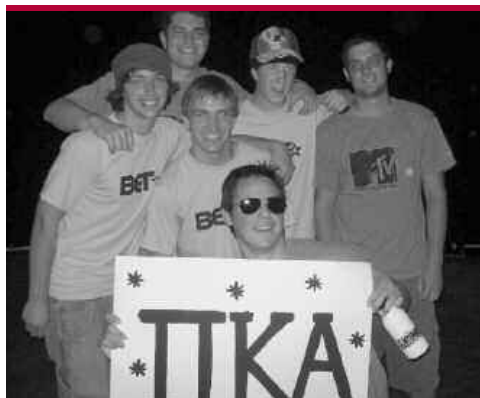
The Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters recently presented the Delta Gamma Chapter with two awards. The first was for having 100% membership in the Phi Phi Kappa Alpha Club. The second was for participation in International Work Day. During our work day, led by former House Manager **James Bagley '04**, our brothers made several improvements to the chapter house, including building a picnic table, benches on the fire truck, and landscaping.

LOCAL AWARDS

The Cliff Alexander Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Leadership held their annual awards ceremony in May. We were honored with two awards: Outstanding Achievement in the Areas of Fiscal Management, led by myself, and in New Member Education, led by **Brian Schumpp '04**.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Kyle Daluga '03 is the vice president of the Miami University chapter of the Beta Alpha Psi national business honors fraternity. **David Fessler '05** recently performed in the Miami University Glee Club fall concert and is on the varsity cheerleading squad, which has been rooting on our football team all season and will be on the sidelines cheering for the basketball team this winter. Congratulations to **Brian O'Grady '04**, who was just accepted into the Order of Omega, a national honors society for members of the Greek commu-



IITKA members pose after winning the Greek Week Bandstand competition.

nity who excel in scholarship, community service, community involvement, and service to their Greek organization.

GREEK WEEK

Earlier in the semester, our brothers competed in the annual Greek Week competition, highlighted by an outstanding final day in which we placed third in Puddle Pull and were the champions of the Bandstand dancing competition with our partners Phi Mu and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Special thanks and congratulations go to David Fessler who choreographed and led the bandstand group.

PHILANTHROPY

We collected nearly \$1,300 for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief by placing donation cups in various uptown shops and restaurants. The businesses were interested in doing anything they could to help those who are in need after the horrific natural disasters. We were impressed with the amount given by local citizens and students.

INITIATION

We are glad to announce our two most recent initiates: **Michael Dark '05**, from Peninsula, Ohio, (Woodridge H.S.) and **Adam Southwick '05**, from Walled Lake, Michigan, (Detroit Country Day H.S.). They were led through the supplemental pledge process by **Scott Booze '05**. Scott and MC **Nick Virzi '04** also traveled to Bowling Green University to initiate more than 60 brothers into the newly chartered Delta Beta Chapter.

RECRUITMENT

As always, we are in search of scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen interested in joining our chapter as brothers. We are in the process of meeting and recruiting some outstanding men. If you would like to recommend any Miami University students, please contact Recruitment Chairman Brian O'Grady at (847) 778-2273 or ogradybf@muohio.edu.

It was great seeing many of you at the recent Pike classes of '67-'71 reunion. We hope to see many more of you throughout the year. Feel free to stop by any time you're in the area.



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Hall vice president/secretary and Delta Gamma Alumni Association president, we are reconnecting and uniting our 1,500+ alumni. Through our Web site, newsletters, updated address (and e-mail) lists, two reunions and special events, we are, once again, coming together in the spirit of Pike brotherhood we all felt as undergraduates.

The message is clear and simple: The chapter is in good shape and quickly getting better. Thanks for your support. Keep in touch!

Phi Phi,
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Delta Gamma Brothers Enjoy Successful Career Together

For more than 50 years, **Ron Fanning '54** and **Clair Howey '54** have been friends and partners—first as classmates and fraternity pledges, then as partners in the highly successful national firm of Fanning/Howey Associates Inc.

One of the nation's leading firms in educational facility planning and design, Fanning/Howey was started by Ron's father, Ralph, in the 1950s. A tiny operation at first, the firm nearly doubled in size when Ron and Clair joined following their graduations, with a total of five employees in 1959.

Today, the firm numbers nearly 300 employees in seven offices throughout the Midwest and the East Coast. Fanning/Howey ranks among the top school design firms in the world and has completed hundreds of new schools and building modernizations over the past half-century. The firm is well known and regarded for its many award-winning designs, as well as an enduring commitment to creating facilities that enhance learning.

Both Ron and Clair attribute much of their success to their college education and their early connection as Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity brothers. "Clair and I met as Pikes and formed a bond that continues to this day," says Ron. "The fraternity also allowed me—a 'green,' unsophisticated kid—to become more mature and polished

in everything I did. It taught me how to be more outgoing and able to meet and greet people, which became very important and necessary for the development of our business."

Clair also has warm memories of his days as a Pike. "My acclimation to college life became easier after pledging Pi Kappa Alpha," he says. "The wonderful friendships gained in the unregimented environment were invaluable to my growth and maturity. Spending several years living in the fraternity house was socially rewarding and economically valuable from the position of 'boarding steward.' I will always fondly remember my fraternity experience as a marvelous part of my college years."

Ron and his wife, Jenine, reside in Celina, Ohio. They have two children, Traycee and Tony. Ron enjoys playing tennis and golf, traveling, and doing mission work. He can be reached at rfanning@fhai.com.

Clair lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Maryann. He and his wife have two children: Beth, who was recently married and works as a counselor at Columbus Community College, and Mike, who is a parole officer in South Bend, Indiana. Clair enjoys playing tennis and bridge and working on his lake house near Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He can be reached via e-mail at chowey@fhai.com.

Alumni Spotlight

*Ron Fanning '54
and Clair Howey '54*

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Chapter Eternal

John D. Heiser '48 entered Chapter Eternal May 8, 2005. He was living in Warren, Ohio, at the time of his death.

Roger W. Avery '58, Pittsford, N.Y., entered Chapter Eternal in January 2005.

Alumni News

J. Jay Farman '50 is a retired superintendent/headmaster living in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Donna. They have one son and two daughters. E-mail Jay at jayfarman@earthlink.net.

Herman N. Menapace '51 has retired after an active career in health administration and community service. He stays busy volunteering at the community foundation and traveling. Herm and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Beaver Creek, Ohio, and have three children. Herm can be reached via e-mail at hmenapace@virtual1.net.

James L. Schoonover '57 moved to Salem, S.C., with his wife, Barbara, in 2002 after retiring from foreign service. You can reach him via e-mail at jimandbarbara@bellsouth.net.

Dan C. Graf '66 is the executive director for the Wapakoneta Area Chamber of Commerce in Wapakoneta, Ohio. He also serves on the Dodd Hall Board of

Trustees. Dan has a son and a daughter with his wife, Marlene. You can contact him at dcgraf@bright.net.

Greg G. Hardwick '68 lives and works in Atlanta, Ga. He is the president of Hardwick & Company CPAs, P.C., and can be reached via e-mail at greg@hardwickcpas.com.

Gary A. Embler '70 is an architect with his own firm in Taos, N.M. He lives in El Prado, N.M., with his wife, Elaine, and their two daughters, Katherine and Rebecca. Gary founded the Taos Charter School and serves on the Taos school board. Send Gary an e-mail at gaembler@laplaza.org.

Douglas W. Vitt '74, Hobbs, N.M., works with the New Mexico Public Defender Department as a managing attorney. He has two children, Joshua and Gabriel. Keep up with Douglas by e-mailing him at shoollaw@aol.com.

Mark A. Erickson '82 is an orthopedic surgeon and works at the University of Colorado. He and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Tyler and Cooper, and live in Lakewood, Colo. E-mail Mark at Erickson.mark@comcast.net.

Christopher G. Miller '88 lives in Denver, Colo., with his wife, Amy, and sons, Kareem and Mustafa, whom he and Amy adopted from their native Sudan last year. He says, "It was one of the best experiences of my life. Both are four years old now and adapting to their new life in the U.S. very

well." Chris still enjoys hot air ballooning and competing in Scrabble tournaments, but spends most of his free time with the boys who are already soccer wizzes. He is in the process of trying to organize an Oroboros concert at the 15-year Miami reunion next year in an attempt to relive his college days! Contact Chris at chrisamymiller@mcihispeed.net.

Vail K. Miller Jr. '90 lives in Dayton, Ohio, with his wife, Leslie, and their two children, Grayson and Annie. Vail works in wholesale premium beverage sales and is the vice president and director of sales for Heidelberg Distributing Company in Dayton. E-mail him at vailjr@heidelbergdist.com.

Ken J. Marker '96 is engaged to marry Melissa Crisp of Fernandina Beach, Fla. The wedding will take place on Amelia Island, Fla., in March 2006. You can see their wedding Web site for more details at www.theknot.com. Ken lives in Fernandina and can be contacted at markerkenj@yahoo.com.

Jason Klosterman '01 writes, "I just finished my master's degree this past June in educational psychology." He lives in Centerville, Ohio, and is a high school math teacher for Middletown City Schools. Contact Jason at jklosterman@middletowncityschools.com.

Send your alumni news to:

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Seated, left to right, Dan Weinstein '67, Walter Frank '56, Fred Szumlic '69, Barney Potts '81, and Ed Huette '61; Standing, left to right, Dan Graf '66, Gil Stevens '64, John Carselle '81, Bob Riebel '66, Terry Raulin '69, Roger Harris '62, Brandon Rawot '04, and Steve Rohe '71

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Please send this information to **Dr. Roger Harris '62**, 4170 Cornell Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241-2499, wholetooth@aol.com, or (513) 769-4552.

Delta Gamma Web Site Continually Updated

Now Offering Nearly All Class Composites



Much has taken place since our last issue. The Alumni Association has since received our charter from PIKA National Headquarters.

With the assistance of an alumni finder service, plus more than 1,000 phone calls and endless hours on the Internet, we have updated our database to the point where we now have less than 200 members classified as "lost" out of more than 1,500 alumni.

It has been my thrill to meet and talk with brothers from all over the country. With rare exception, the motto "Once a Pike, Always a Pike" rings true in our individual and collective hearts. The effort to locate these lost brothers will continue through networking efforts and the USPS.

Our Web site, www.deltagammaalumni.org, continues to attract alumni registrants. To date, we have more than 250 registered brothers. While this is a good start, it falls short of my goal of 50% in the first year. Please, go to Web site and register, update your personal information, and tell us what you've been doing since graduation.

Most importantly, get back in touch with your big/little brothers and pledge class members.

Please visit the Web site often; we are adding content on a regular basis. For example, we now have 37 composite photographs out of 57 years since our chapter was founded. Due to some glitches in viewing historical and event photos, we've added a premier photo Web site you may visit at www.kodakgallery.com/deltagammaalumni.

Alumni have returned to campus for several fun events recently. Plans are already under way for next year's reunion, with Brothers **Karl Koett '75** and **Fritz Geer '78** taking over the reins for the years 1972-1981. The vision is to get larger and larger reunions, combining several decades at a time, until Pikes take over Oxford and the hotel facilities!

"Once a Pike, Always a Pike"

We still need more alumni to actively take part in the Delta Gamma Alumni Association, including officer positions, committee chairmen, and members. Please contact me at one of the means listed below if you are interested in putting time and effort back into our association.

Lastly, please rummage through your boxes and send me any photos you may have of composites and candid photos of parties, events, etc. from your time at Miami. They will be shared with everyone on the Web site. Please scan the material at 200 dpi and save as a jpeg file. Kinkos-FedEx can do this if you do not have access to a scanner.

Thank you all for your efforts, your past and future donations, and your brotherhood.



Fraternally,
Roger Harris '62
 Vice President/Secretary
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One hundred nine alumni showed their enthusiastic support of the chapter by contributing \$14,590 over the last year to our fall 2004 appeal! An additional \$2,850 was given in checks and cash at this fall's recent reunion. The accomplishments and success enjoyed by the Delta Gamma Chapter is directly attributed to the ongoing and loyal support from the chapter's alumni. The undergraduate brothers recognize this generosity and are deeply thankful for your support and involvement.

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(Up to \$99)

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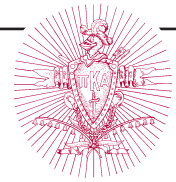
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Dodd Hall Scholarship Fund

Dodd Hall Inc. established a scholarship fund in 1990 with the purpose of providing the means to reward high achieving brothers or future leaders. This fund is administered by the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation, which exists to operate solely and exclusively as a beneficent, charitable, literary, and educational organization.

The educational foundation was founded in 1948. One of its purposes is collecting contributions from Pi Kappa Alpha alumni, members, and friends and managing a portion of those contributions as endowments to provide continuous annual support for leadership programs. Each year, we are able to fund attendance to Pike University, the leadership

academy, or the International Biennial Convention for one brother.

Every undergraduate member of the Delta Gamma Chapter contributes \$25 annually. Delta Gamma is among a handful of chapters that have 100% participation in the $\phi\phi\kappa\alpha$ club. Each year, our chapter receives recognition from International Headquarters for full membership participation.

The scholarship fund currently has a balance of nearly \$22,000, providing \$594 each year. While this is helpful, Dodd Hall Inc. would like to be able to aid more brothers and upgrade the knowledge of the chapter.

Alumni may donate tax-deductible funds to the Dodd Hall scholarship fund

at any time. If you would like to do this, you may send a check to:

Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation
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Attn: Judy Bruno

Please make the check payable to "Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation" and in the memo specify "Delta Gamma Scholarship Fund."

If you have further questions, you may contact any member of Dodd Hall or contact Judy Bruno with Memorial Headquarters Educational Foundation at (800) 456-7452.



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