

THE BETA ETA NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF BETA ETA CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA ALPHA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - WINTER 2014

Alumni Spotlight: Astronaut Michael S. Hopkins '88 Traveled to International Space Station in September 2013

Aerospace Engineering alumnus **Michael S. Hopkins '88** embarked on his first mission as an astronaut when he traveled to the International Space Station in September 2013.

Hopkins was joined on the space station by veteran astronaut Karen Nyberg, European Space Agency astronaut Luca Parmitano and Russian cosmonauts Fyodor Yurchikhin, Oleg Kotov and Sergey Ryazanskiy. The six made up the \$100 billion orbiting laboratory's Expedition 37 crew.

Hopkins was selected in July 2009 as one of 14 members of that year's NASA astronaut class. He recently graduated from Astronaut Candidate Training, which included scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in International Space Station (ISS) systems, Extravehicular Activity (EVA), robotics, physiological training, T-38 flight training and water and wilderness survival training.

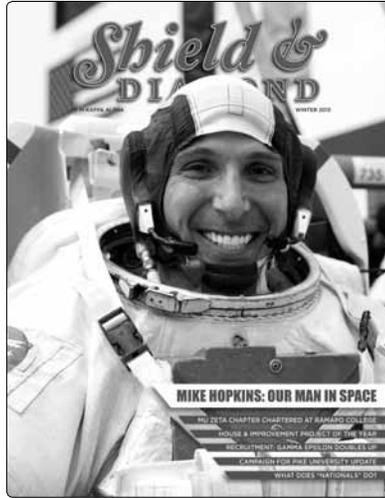
"One major component of being an astronaut is being healthy and fit," says Hopkins. "Staying fit and being physically active are important parts of my life. I have many hobbies that keep me active such as skiing, backpacking, running and participating in CrossFit."

Brother Hopkins is a former walk-on who was later named captain of the Illini football team in 1991. He makes several appearances on broadcasts of Illinois football games, cheering on the team and offering advice to current and future players.

Hopkins was a Distinguished Graduate of the Reserve Officers Training Corps while he was on campus. He has earned several medals for his work throughout his career and served as a special assistant to the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Follow Mike on Twitter @AstroIllini and look for him on the cover of the most recent edition of Pi Kappa Alpha's *Shield & Diamond* magazine.

Special thanks to **Michael Hoadley '88** for inspiring the story, and to CJ Kelman, **Steven Maderosian '88**, **Steven Naggatz '89**, **Alexander Skinger '88** and **David Sulaski '87** for their help authoring the *Shield & Diamond* article.



Mike Hopkins on the cover of the Winter 2013 edition of Pi Kappa Alpha's *Shield & Diamond* magazine.



Michael S. Hopkins '88, team captain of the 1991 University of Illinois football team, recently graduated from Astronaut Candidate Training. Hopkins traveled to the International Space Station in September 2013.

Homecoming 2013



Alumni, active members, family and friends enjoy a Homecoming tailgate on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at the Pike mansion. Guests enjoyed barbecue, drinks and games.

PI KAPPA ALPHA

Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen

CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Nathan Kelleher '11
nathankelleher2@gmail.com

INTERNAL VICE

PRESIDENT

Alex Lynch '12
aalynch10@gmail.com

EXTERNAL VICE

PRESIDENT

Michael Golden '12
mpgolde16@gmail.com

TREASURER

Trevor Haney '12
trevor.haney1@gmail.com

RECORDING

SECRETARY

Tom Hauert '12
thauert317@gmail.com

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Jimmy Cravens '12
jscravens13@gmail.com

Communication support and assistance provided by:

OMEGAFI

800.276.6342
omegafi.com



Letter from Alumni Association President & Update on the 2013 Beta Eta Alumni Leadership Campaign

Written by: Mark Doerr '03

Happy New Year from the Beta Eta Alumni Association! Last year was a great one for the Association and for Beta Eta Chapter, thanks to your support, interest, and dedication. All is well at Illinois - the football team completed another terrible season, the basketball team has potential but is just waiting to disappoint us, and the Beta Eta undergrads at Illinois continue to succeed.

I write to remind you of our goals for the association. Prior iterations of the alumni association failed, the main reason being that they failed to communicate with the undergraduates. Our current undergraduates are outstanding at updating us on their achievements and it should be our goal to reciprocate and let them know that we are here to support and lead them. This can be as easy as sending in a personal update on your recent successes and life events. As important as making a contribution to the Alumni Association's fund. Or just stopping by the chapter house on a trip to Champaign (which several '05 brothers recently did to great effect!). I encourage all reading this to participate in whatever way you see fit.

With great thanks to the 23 generous brothers listed below, the Association has raised \$4,650. Your donations fund events, the Beta Eta Honors Program, the future Troy Pawelko Excellence in Management Memorial Scholarship, and the upcoming Centennial Celebration. If you choose to participate by making a donation, please visit the Alumni tab of www.illinipikes.com and click "Support this Campaign."

Here's to a great 2014. Please always feel free to email me with any questions or concerns you have regarding the Chapter or the Alumni Association.

2013 Beta Eta Alumni Leadership Campaign

\$4,650 pledged as of January 15, 2014

phi phi k a Level

\$1,000 - \$5,000
Samuel Knox Skinner '57

Garnet & Gold Level

\$500 - \$999
Douglas Edward Barnett '77
Robert J. Musur '72
Robert John Noelke '76

102 E. Chalmers Society

\$250 - \$499
Thomas W. George '78
David Joseph List '80

Beta Eta Society

\$100 - \$249
Michael Bauer '83
R. Van Bogan '66
Charles A. Bowsler '50
Donald K. Dillie '48
Mark Thomas Doerr '03
George Prescott Duensing '49
Louis Jay Foreman '86
Terry Michael Hackett '85
James Edward Jastrzembski '67
Douglas Ralph Langefeld '68
David Ned MacWilliams '77

Matthew Gregory Martinez '02
Timothy Mueller '08
Michael Lee Nelsen '80
Paul Frederick Oetter '79
Charles Gathier Spradling '63

Quad Level

\$50 - \$99
John Stephen Mann '06

Thank you to all of our generous donors.

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!

Ryan Kakenmaster '11
Libertyville, IL

Tom Abraham Memorial Senior Loyalty Award -

Granted to a Pike senior who has lived in the chapter house, is in good standing with the University and Fraternity and has provided formal and informal guidance to the junior members of the chapter.

Nathan Kelleher '11
Northbrook, IL

Malcolm Todd Memorial Presidential Scholarship -

The Malcolm Todd Memorial Presidential Scholarship is awarded to the current or former SMC, who remains in good standing, and who has loyally guided the chapter successfully.

Iavor Entchev '11
Elmhurst, IL

Richard Western Leadership Achievement Scholarship -

Granted to an outstanding undergraduate who has advanced the ideals of the Fraternity and Beta Eta Chapter through involvement at a leadership level in the fraternity, a student/campus organization or the Champaign-Urbana community.

Class of '80



(L to R): Terry Griffin '80, Pat Schramm '80, Mike Nelsen '80 and Jim "Corky" Morgan '80 gathered at Jim's home in Chicago last year.

Brother Updates

Steven P. Kyle '70 is the residential chairman of the Modern Committee of the Los Angeles Conservancy. The committee won a Governor's award in California for their landmark nominations of a number of Case Study Houses.



Case Study House 22, the Stahl House, by Architect Pierre Koenig

companies create great tasting, wholesome food products for their consumers and guests. It is good to be back among my two older children; Megan, who is teaching in the Barrington school district, and Taylor, who is finishing up his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design. We are getting settled in our new home and look forward to hosting many Pike gatherings with brothers we haven't seen for many years."

Michael Hoadley '88 spoke at the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois regarding the interplay of challenges in the natural resources, agriculture and healthcare fields. Hoadley discussed challenges facing the vertical farming industry, the state of play in the agricultural policy industry and the trajectory of the emerging real estate asset class of agriculture and urban agriculture and subsector of agribusiness.

Dave Barounis '03 is serving at a critical care fellowship as a CCM Fellow at Stanford University School of Medicine. The CCM Fellowship Program is extremely selective, having accepted only an average of five people per year since 1975. Barounis plans to continue a career in emergency medicine after completing the fellowship.

William Blank '05 is the vice president at Aspire Capital Partners and is engaged to be married to his Gamma Phi sweetheart, Meredith Pass (Gamma Phi Beta '05).

Ned Luke '79 Featured on Grand Theft Auto Plays the voice of Michael De Santa

The newest Grand Theft Auto video game features **Ned Luke '79** as the voice of Michael De Santa, one of the three criminal protagonists in the game. While the three protagonists are very different from each other, they collaborate to pull off large-scale heist missions.

Luke plays the voice of the character, Michael, who is a former bank robber, forced to return to a life of crime. Michael's marriage is on the rocks and he has strained relationships with both his daughter and his son.

According to an article from *examiner.com*, after Luke received the role as Michael he says that, "The first thing I did is put on 25 pounds. I thought that would really help me from a physicality standpoint." Weight wasn't the only thing Luke worked on. He continued, "I worked on my walk. I have a little bit of [his] walk anyway, but I really wanted to amp it up." To capture the walk that Luke worked so hard to perfect as well as Michael's other characteristics, Luke wore a motion-capture suit to record his actions to animate them into the videogame. After three years of wearing the motion-capture suit, Luke's character was brought to life.

The game is set in the city of Los Santos, which is based on the city of Los Angeles. Ironically, Luke lived in L.A. for 18 years. When he plays the game, Luke admits that he finds himself driving around town trying to find familiar places, like his old house. He admits that he hasn't found it yet, but he emphasizes how surreal it is to see the reality of L.A. transfer into a video game.

Luke is no stranger to the acting scene. He has had a number of appearances on hit shows like Boardwalk Empire, Law and Order: SVU, All My Children and General Hospital among others. Luke says what he appreciates about his role in Grand Theft Auto V is, "I got to play parts of myself that I don't get to live, which was really cool. I wanted this guy to have vulnerability, but I also wanted him to have humor and charm. That's what I looked for."

Luke reflects on his experience of developing the game saying, "It's an amazing game. It really is. I'm so proud of doing it and I'm proud of the guys and everything that we did. I always say 'we' because I'm a coach's kid and it

(continued on back)

BETA ETA HOUSING CORPORATION

PRESIDENT

Chris Moore '78
cmoore1@ameritech.net

TREASURER

Kevin McDonnell '76
k.mcdonnell@comcast.net

SECRETARY

Scott Sandroff '79
ssandroff@ssandroff.com

DIRECTOR

Mike Nelsen '80
mike.nelsen@comcast.net

BETA ETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT

Mark Doerr '03
doerr.mark@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Mueller '08
tmueller23@gmail.com

TREASURER

Kevin Cowell '03
klcowell@gmail.com

BETA ETA ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

PRESIDENT

Michael Parks '83
michael.Parks@nttdata.com

FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Jason Mueller '05
jmueller2@gmail.com

ALUMNI CHAIRMAN

Steve Calk '83
steve@chicagobancorp.com

RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN

Mike Cashman '05
mwcashman@gmail.com

RISK CHAIRMAN

Curt Mastio '08
cmastio1@gmail.com

PLEDGE EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Chris Barbaro '08
cbarbaro22@gmail.com



Pi Kappa Alpha
University of Illinois (674)
PO Box 2187
Columbus, GA 31902-2187

Address Service Requested

PRESORTED
FIRST CLASS MAIL
US POSTAGE PAID
GREENVILLE SC
PERMIT # 1234

Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date!

Edit your member profile online at www.illinipikes.com, or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to:

Pi Kappa Alpha
University of Illinois (674)
PO Box 2187
Columbus, GA 31902

Name _____

Initiation Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

www.illinipikes.com

Winter • 2014

Ned Luke '79 (continued)

really is such a huge team effort and the best team I've ever been on."

We asked Ned to reflect on his experiences in Champaign and for some advice to younger Brothers. Here are some excerpts:

What's your favorite memory of the fraternity?

Hanging with the guys... (Tom Sellett '77, Kris Hanssen '79, Linus, Charles Priebe '80 and the rest). I was a handful, so the brothers had their work cut out for them. I used to do a lot of kitchen raids! Twelve egg omelets as 3:00 a.m. were my specialty.

How did your experience in Champaign and as a Pike help you (or hurt you!) in your pursuit of your career?

All the rejections I got from the coeds at Kam's gave me the thick skin I needed to survive this business! What it did do, was confirm to me that this was what I really wanted to do, and that I didn't want to be a business major. The fraternity gave me an outlet for the energy I had, and the lack of studying I did. When I decided to become an actor, I had a lot of support, especially from my Pledge Dad Tom Sellett '77. Tom is probably the best guy I know and a great friend - really a brother.

What advice would you give to young brothers in Champaign dreaming of Hollywood? If you could be in any other business right now, what would it be?

If you want to go to Hollywood, get your degree in plastic surgery. This business eats people for breakfast. It's a tough grind. You have to be willing to persevere, to be able to handle all the rejection. Really, though, if someone wants an acting career, they need to study. U of I has a nice theatre program and a great facility. Use it. Learn. That's for anything. And then get after it.

Alumni Meet in Chicago for the Illinois vs. Washington Game Tailgate at Soldier Field

Beta Eta alumni traveled to Chicago on September 14, 2013, to watch the Fighting Illini take on the Washington Huskies. A huge tailgate was held at Soldier Field before the game.

Illinois put up a good fight but was ultimately overpowered by the Huskies team. Several 2005 Beta Eta graduates were in attendance including Matthew Martinez '02, Steve Veltman '02, Eric Berg '02 and Matt Coldageli '02. Brothers attending who represented the early 80s included Paul Metta '82, Jimmee Engstrom '82, Mike Parks '80, Mike Bishop '81, David List '80 and Kenny Bilger '82.



(L to R): Paul Metta '82, Jimmee Engstrom '82, Mike Parks '80, Mike Bishop '81, David List '80 and Kenny Bilger '82 tailgate at Soldier Field on September 14, 2013, before the Illinois vs. Washington football game.