

Pike House Rebel

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA ALPHA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI • SUMMER 2010

Gamma Iota Has Largest Pike Pledge Class in the Nation



Fifty-three new Brothers join the Gamma Iota Chapter

The combined leadership of three Rush Chairs, **Justin Melton '08**, **Harrison Land '08** and **Tyler Robertson '08**, produced a pledge class of 82 freshmen in the 2009 fall semester. This was the second largest recruitment on campus, and the largest of all Pike chapters nationwide, as reported in *Shield and Diamond*. Due to the poor economy, only 53 new initiates went through to initiation. Unofficial spring Rush saw an additional nine new pledges who started their pledge-ship and who will be initiated at the beginning of the fall semester.

Rush Chairman **Parker Mosley '09** and the Brothers want to be the nation's top Rush class again. The strength of Gamma Iota Chapter comes from its ability to consistently recruit men of character who are dedicated to academics, community and fraternity. Do you know someone who demonstrates these qualities that you can recommend for membership during fall Rush? Please send your recommendations to Mosley at pwmosley@olemiss.edu or call 901-488-8578.

Save the Date - Alumni Reunion!

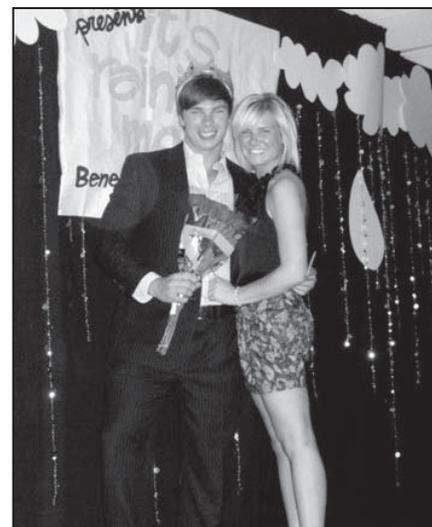
Join us at the Ole Miss Pike house on November 5, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the annual Gamma Iota Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Reunion.

- Event:** Alumni Reunion
- Place:** Ole Miss Pike house
- Date:** November 5, 2010
- Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Game:** Ole Miss vs. Louisiana - Lafayette

Mark your calendars, book your travel and please plan to attend a great evening. We look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Bleyer Is Greek Man of the Year

Gamma Iota Chapter is proud to claim that **Patrick Bleyer '09** is the University of Mississippi's "Greek Man of the Year." Twenty individuals representing campus fraternities and sororities participated through three rounds of competition. The Chapter will proudly promote this award during the fall Rush.



Patrick Bleyer '09, with guest, was crowned "Greek Man of the Year"

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Pike Clay Shoot Raises Funds for St. Jude's

The second annual Pike Clay Shoot took place on March 7, 2010, at *The Willows Shooting Sports Facility* in Tunica, Mississippi. The event, supported in-part by sponsors

from throughout the country, benefited St. Jude's Medical Research Hospital in Memphis and raised \$10,000 for cancer research. The Pi Kappa Alpha team placed first, followed by

Sigma Chi in second place. This event was organized in large part by **Jackson Sims '09** and **Brian Tucker '09** with help from the Chapter's Philanthropy Committee.

Pikes Hold on to Lightweight Championship at Fight Night

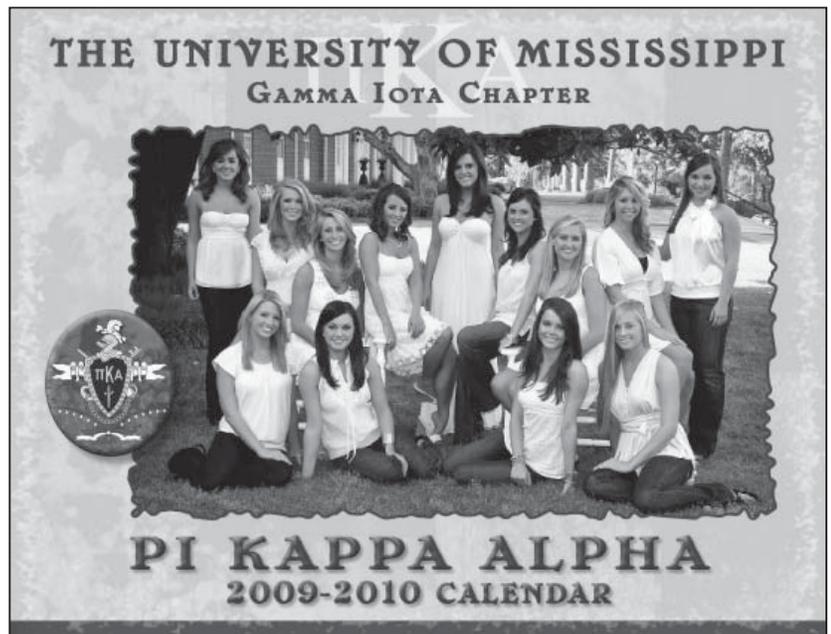


Stratton Jones '09 takes a break between rounds during the heavyweight title bout.

This year, at the annual "KA Fight Night," Pi Kappa Alpha entered **Chris Wolfe '09** in the lightweight division and **Stratton "Big Rusty" Jones '09** in the heavyweight bracket. Stratton was eliminated in the semifinals, but the lightweight championship went to Wolfe who produced two wins by TKO and one by decision. Wolfe succeeds last year's Lightweight Champion, **Michael Jennings '07**.

Pike Calendars For Sale

The highly popular calendar featuring Ole Miss Sorority sisters is available to purchase for \$20. The funds raised support the St. Jude's Medical Research Hospital in Memphis. To place an order, contact philanthropy chairman **Jackson Sims '09** at jbsims@olemiss.edu or 901-734-2504.



Summer Rush Trip to Jackson, MS

Gamma Iota Chapter is finalizing plans for the annual summer Rush trip to Jackson the weekend of July 23-25, 2010. This event, largely responsible for

the Chapter's continued success in the Rush process, recruits men of character who are dedicated to academics, community and fraternity. Suggestions

for recruits and questions about this Chapter-sponsored event can be directed to **Harrison Land '08** at Hland38@gmail.com

Brothers Return for the 2009 Alumni Reunion



The Pi Kappa Alpha actives hosted the 2009 Fall Alumni Reunion. This successful event was due in large part to the great communication between the alumni and the actives. A special thanks is extended to *Alumni of the Year*, **Rod Taylor '69**, for his commitment to making this year's reunion one to remember. The reunion's success was also due in great part to the help of **William Reed '69**, Senator **Thad Cochran '56**, **Rick Garraway '77** and **George Haymans '98**.

The Gail Pittman House portraits were a large success at the event and can still be purchased by request through **Harrison Land '08** at Hland38@gmail.com.



Top left: Pictured left to right: John Antwine '86, Todd Underwood '86, Stephen Chevalier '88 and Scott Swanson '88.

Middle left: Pictured left to right: Rick Garraway '77, Eliza Garraway and Henry Holifield '68.

Bottom left: Pictured left to right: Jane Dongieux, Paul Dongieux '69, Lynn Olsen Phillips ('67 Pike PlayMate), Rod Taylor '69, Gwen Schmelzer and Rebecca Hood.



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Do you have news you would like to share with your Brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.olemisspikealumni.com.

Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

House Renovations

Maintaining the house and keeping it in good repair is important to a well-organized Chapter. The house committee is working on needed repairs

this summer. Projects include repairing the back deck and woodwork outside. Inside, the third floor bathrooms will be renovated. If finances allow, a new lock

system should be installed replacing the current outdated locks. The goal is to have all projects complete in time for fall Rush.

Call to Alumni to Get Involved and Support Your Local Chapter

By: Rick Garraway '77

I would like to throw out an open invitation to any interested alumni to join with **George Haymans '98** and me to find a way that you can support our Chapter. Through the years, I have stayed involved and as a result, I have many lifelong friendships – many who are multi-generational. George Haymans, as an example, is twenty

plus years my junior, and we are best of friends. In the last two years, I have written no less than twenty recommendations for graduate school, congressional internships, jobs and other endeavors. I have hosted Rush parties during the last three years. I have had no less than twenty actives stay with me in Jackson for job interviews, etc.

The Brothers in the Chapter are great and future leaders. You can find great young men to employ and befriend. On top of this, my daughter is the current sweetheart and thinks these guys are great. So Alumni please get involved and support your local chapter. These guys need our support! Thanks.

Alumni Making News

Pi Kappa Alpha Gamma Iota Chapter members have a history of success. The actives would like to acknowledge the following alumni for their success in their respective fields.

Charles Clark '72 has served a one-year term (2009 through 2010 homecoming) as President of Ole Miss Alumni Association. He also serves on the professional advisory board for the School of Accountancy. In 1972, Clark earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from UM and is now a managing member at Clark Capital, LLC in Birmingham, Alabama. While at Ole Miss, he served as president of both Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the business school student body.

Brad Dye '53 was honored as the 2009 winner of the Distinguished Alumni Award in Public Service and inducted into the Ole Miss Political Science Hall of Fame. He was selected for his commitment to the University, his active citizenship and his professional leadership. Dye's award was accompanied by a scholarship created in his name.

Steve Wilkes '61 of Oxford, Mississippi has retired as Alabama Chairman and CEO of Regions Bank. He has reformed the "Downbeats," a popular band from the '60s. The 'old boys' still play great blues along with rock and roll.

Visit the NEW Website for Gamma Iota Alumni

Visit www.olemisspikealumni.com, the official Gamma Iota alumni website to:

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



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