

ZETA DATA

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OF PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Spring 2010

Pike Re-Dedicates the Chapter House



Daniel McGehee '63 expresses his thanks after the chapter unveils a formal portrait of him that will hang in the newly renovated Burns Room.

Actives, alumni, University and Pi Kappa Alpha dignitaries all gathered together on Saturday, September 12, 2009, to rededicate the Zeta Chapter house.

Nearly 500 people attended the event and walked through the newly remodeled facility. Thanks to capital campaign donors who pledged more than \$1.34 million and UT/State of Tennessee bond financing, the Zeta House Corporation added 3000 new square feet of space, a new front porch, a fire-sprinkler and protection system and other modern amenities to the house.

The special ceremony to mark the occasion started when **Phil Young '80**, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, gave the opening prayer. House Corporation President **Buddy Heins '79** then introduced special guests and members of the housing corporation before recounting the efforts to rebuild the house.

National Capital Campaign Chairman **Scott McWilliams '78**



The renovated kitchen awaits the actives, alumni and guests for a post-rededication ceremony luncheon.

then presented a token of appreciation to **Ed Bankston '73**, the project architect, building committee members **Gordon Heins '73** and **Buddy Heins '79**. McWilliams also recognized **John Heins '85** for his role as capital campaign coordinator.

In addition to the alumni accolades, **James Foristell '01**, Director of Development of the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation, honored the active chapter officers by presenting them with the 2008-2009 Robert Adger Smythe Award as one of the outstanding PiKA chapters in the nation. This is the 12th Smythe Award in the chapter's history.

The chapter also used this opportunity to honor some of their most distinguished alumni and friends by placing formal portraits of these men and women in the renovated chapter house.

Newly framed pictures of **J. Pike Powers 1895**, **David C. Powers '24**, **Bobby Burns '66**, a former University Registrar and Zeta's first

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Scott McWilliams '78



Franklin Stewart '07



Zeta Chapter received its 12th Smythe Award in August 2009. This was the 7th time in the last nine years that the chapter has won this prestigious award handed to the nation's best Pike chapters.

Executive Officers



President

Armond Agassi '08



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Santa Claus Surprises 300 Elementary School Students

On December 4, 2009, a fire alarm rang out at Lonsdale Elementary. As the students in kindergarten through grade five began exiting the building, they saw **Stephen Jeronimus '10**, dressed as Santa Claus riding on a fire truck, surrounded by nearly \$10,000 worth of presents. Santa Claus led the school to a short pep rally in the school gymnasium where they learned about the activity and watched a performance by the UT Dance Squad.

“During the pep rally, the kids were cheering,” explained Jeronimus. “They couldn’t wait to open their gifts, but we forced them to return to their classrooms.”

Once they arrived at their classroom, Pike brothers, UT sorority members and members of the Student Alumni Association greeted the elementary school students and began distributing presents to every single person.

For the fourth year in a row, the chapter organized Pike’s Presents and adopted the Knox County inner-city

school made up of 300 underprivileged students.

The project began in November when each student compiled a wish list of presents they wanted for Christmas. Pi Kappa Alpha then coordinated with UT sororities to find a sponsor for one of 19 classes at the school. The Student Alumni Association along with eleven of the 13 Panhellenic sororities sponsored a class at Lonsdale. Zeta Chapter sponsored the remaining six classes.

The sponsors purchased one gift for every student in “their” class. Common gift requests included remote controlled cars, dolls, wrestling figures, footballs and clothes. One little girl asked for a gift certificate to the book store.

“For some kids, this could possibly be the only present they will receive at Christmas,” said chapter president **Armond Agassi '08**. “The whole event is one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had since joining this fraternity.”

Pike Initiates 29 New Brothers

Under the guidance and leadership of **Thomas Powell '08** and from a home base of the newly renovated chapter house, Zeta Chapter initiated the following 29 new brothers in January:

Cameron Baker
Cordova, TN

John Robley Caldwell
Nashville, TN

Matthew Forster
Brentwood, TN

Ryan McPherson
Brentwood, TN

Owen Shirk
Knoxville, TN

David Bartley
Powell, TN

Colin Cope
Knoxville, TN

Andrew Gilbert
Germantown, TN

Paul Meehan
Brentwood, TN

Nick Spooner
Alpharetta, GA

George Bock
Hixson, TN

Max Crabtree
Chattanooga, TN

Clayton Ginn
Knoxville, TN

William Powell
Germantown, TN

Isaac Summers
Brentwood, TN

Ryan Brewer
Germantown, TN

Mick Davis
Nashville, TN

Alex Jackson
Germantown, TN

Kyle Ross
Cordova, TN

Sam Wilson
Brentwood, TN

Alex Brown
Brentwood, TN

Taylor Edwards
Memphis, TN

Stephen Jeronimus
Franklin, TN

Glen Searcy
Nashville, TN

Daniel Young
Germantown, TN

Ace Burch
Knoxville, TN

Tanner Fine
Knoxville, TN

Alec Johnson
Collierville, TN

Rainer Shea
Richmond, VA

Chancellor Cheek Visits the Pike House

In early December, Zeta chapter hosted University of Tennessee Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Cheek and his wife, as well as Vice Chancellor Tim Rogers for dinner. The formal event consisted of an exquisite meal prepared by Hanna Gharib, followed by a few words from the Chancellor and a brief

Q&A session with the brothers in attendance.

“The gathering was a huge success,” said chapter president **Armond Agassi '08**. “We sincerely hope the Chancellor will break bread with us again at some point in the future.”

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Dream Girl, **Miss Francis “Johnnie” Johnson**, and long-time house mother **Mom Ross**, will all take a place of honor in the Burns Room alongside two new ones. **Will Wade '91** unveiled a newly painted portrait of **Tom Wade '53**, and **Chad Holliday '67** helped reveal the new oil painting of **Daniel McGehee '63** for the Burns Room.

During the rededication ceremony, the fraternity also recognized former Powers Award winners and presented duplicates of the awards to the chapter. In addition to the Powers Award winners, the chapter’s trophy case will now recognize winners of the newly named **Buddy Heins '79 Scholarship** at the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation.

Brother to Brother

Frederick Bachman Kuhlman, Jr. '69 is recruiting recent college graduates who might like to be in a ten-month servant leadership program. Please contact him at Rick@4marketsquare.com if you know of candidates who may be interested.

Joseph Karl Hach '78 posted the following message on the website, “My oldest son, Joseph, was initiated into Gamma Iota Chapter at the University of Mississippi. Joseph attained and kept a

3.8 GPA during pledging. Coincidentally the SMC that initiated Joseph was Harrison Land. Harrison is the son of Zeta Pike Steve Land.”

In August 2009, **Bill Haley '02** married the former Lauren Marino, a member of the Tennessee Dance Team from 2002-2006. The wedding party included several Pike brothers, and Pike guests represented the classes from 1999-2003.

Housing Corporation

President

Buddy Heins '79

Vice President

Edward C. Bankston '73

Secretary-Treasurer

Ben M. Davidson '67

Directors

Gordon Heins, III '73

Brian Bartley '74

R. David Snider '75

Matthew Thomas Carden '77

Scott D. McWilliams '78

John E. Heins '85

Rod Isaacs '90

Kirk Swor '98

Chuck Flatford '99

Chapter Advisor

Daniel F. McGehee '63

The Pike A teams won both the fraternity flag football championship and the fraternity league soccer championship in addition to the Kappa Delta dodgeball tournament and the Delta Zeta anchor splash competition.



Bill Haley, his wife, Lauren, and Pike brothers at Bill's reception.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS

you'd like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.zetapikes.com.

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



Two new portraits now hang in the newly renovated Pike House. Learn more about these new additions and the rededication ceremonies inside.

Visit the Pi Kappa Alpha Website

Visit www.zetapikes.com, the official Zeta 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, etc.)



The housing corporation board met on Saturday, February 13, in Knoxville to conduct the business of Zeta, Inc. (Left to right): Brian Bartley '74, Gordon Heins '73, Eric Atchley '08, Gentry Smith '08, Armond Agassi '08, David Snider '75, Rick Kuhlman '69, Brack Gregory '08, Robert Campbell '08, Chris Kinney '78, Ben Davidson '67, Scott McWilliams '78, Kirk Swor '98, Chuck Flatford '99, Ed Bankston '73, Dan McGehee '63, Rod Isaacs '90 and Buddy Heins '79. Not pictured: John Heins '85 (taking the picture) and Matthew Carden '77.

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