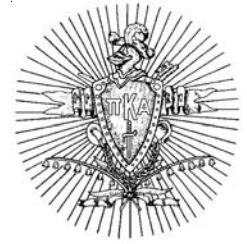


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Beta Beta Building on Success

By Adam Benson

Beta Beta continues its excellence. For the second consecutive year the coveted Robert Adger Smythe Award for Chapter Excellence has found a home with Beta Beta. Once again the chapter has proved itself as an established player on the University, regional, and international scene. As one of the top 7% of over 200 Pike chapters, the University of Washington Pikes have shown continued excellence as leaders in academics and athletics.

As an incoming freshman in autumn of 1999, Pi Kappa Alpha was a 50-man fraternity, and merely an average fraternity on the UW campus. My pledge class of 24 nearly doubled the size of live-in active members. And with the existing membership and ever-vigilant chapter advisors, we set out on the course that it currently travels. Now as the president of Beta Beta, it has been my distinct honor to witness the growth and change the chapter has experienced over my three years here. Our most recent success was winning three major honors at the 2002 Interfraternity Council Awards including most outstanding chapter advisors, best risk management, and top internal operations has proved our position as a top tiered program at the University of Washington.

This fall, the chapter welcomed the 23-man Beta Beta pledge class into the Beta Beta Chapter. These true gentlemen are already creating a positive impact on the membership of the chapter. In the past year with this newest pledge class I have watched the chapter grow to 94 men, and we have donated nearly 6,000 hours of community service, win its 7th straight Intramural Championship, and finish in the top 3 in grades for fraternities with a 3.28 GPA. This past October the chapter once again participated in the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation's Phonathon. Only 5 chapters are chosen across North America, and by raising over \$30,000 from Pike alumni all across the country, Beta Beta will likely have raised the most amount of money by any chapter.

Last summer, huge improvements were made to the chapter house including the construction of a retaining wall that was installed thanks to Dennis Isham, the Housing Corporation, and the hard work of the undergraduate chapter. Our annual Work Week also saw a brand new front lawn, new dining room furniture, and a walk-in refrigeration unit.

The members of Beta Beta have continued to take the chapter to new levels. As a senior member I am proud to report the successes that this prospering chapter has produced. With the strong effort and devotion of our alumni we have seen success never experienced before here at the University of Washington. As I pass the torch as SMC to the next leader I can say with great confidence that I am proud to be a Pike. Once a Pike, Always a Pike!

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Alumnus Profile

Dennis Isham



Alumnus Dennis Isham has embodied the slogan “Once a Pike, Always a Pike” for the past 40 years and shows no signs of stopping. Brother Isham was initiated in 1959 when the membership of BB was around 25 men and the house was on the corner of 45th and 20th Ave NE. Dennis served two terms as the ThC and ended

his time at Pikes with the honor and responsibility of being the SMC. When asked to speak on the memories of these positions, Alumnus Isham said that he looks back on those times fondly. However it was a challenging time, since the chapter was struggling with membership. It was also during this time that he met another BB alum by the name of Al Ross, who would become one of Dennis’ lifelong friends.

After graduation with a degree in finance, Brother Isham took a position with Boeing in its finance department. He worked for Boeing until 1995 when he retired after 33 years of service. For the past 7 years, Dennis has been enjoying his hobbies which include traveling and biking. When I asked him what he enjoys most about being retired, he replied, “Being able to do what I want, when I want.”

Today, he serves as the treasurer for the Housing Corporation, a role that takes about 1 hour a week. That one hour is spent paying bills, updating books, and talking to other executive members of the Housing Corporation.

Perhaps the most tangible contribution Alumnus Isham has made to BB is his sponsorship of the yard improvements during work week. With the donation Dhe made, the BB Chapter house got a complete landscape face lift which included new grass, a retaining wall and new plants.

Smythe #2 comes home to Beta Beta

For the second consecutive year, Beta Beta has been awarded the prestigious Robert Adger Smythe Award, the top honor the fraternity can bestow upon a chapter. The award came at the 2002 International Convention in Palm Springs this summer.

As other Smythe-winning chapters will attest, winning the award the first time is hard, but maintaining that winning tradition is even harder, making Beta Beta’s second Smythe even more meaningful. It shows continued high standards across the board - scholarship, athletics, rush, community service, campus involvement, alumni relations and more.

To recognize the efforts of the undergraduates and alumni who have helped get the chapter to this level, Beta Beta hosted a special Smythe Installation Ceremony on Saturday, December 7. The ceremony was combined with the chapter’s annual Parents Night, giving actives, alumni and parents a chance to meet and greet one another and share in the thrill of another award-winning year.

“The whole chapter is excited about what we’ve accomplished,” said Jeremy Pelley (‘00), SMC during the chapter’s award-winning year. “We don’t do what we do in order to win awards; we do it because it’s what makes us Pikes. But, I have to say, being recognized for our achievements is pretty cool.”

Now well into the 2002-03 school year, the members are working hard to keep up their tradition of excellence. The chapter has already amassed more than 4,000 community service hours, earned high marks academically, pledged 23 men into our bonds and raised more than \$30,000 for the Educational Foundation - putting Beta Beta one step closer to a third Smythe!

Beta Beta nearing Phonathon record

Beta Beta raised more than \$20,000 for the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation last year when the chapter participated in its very first Pike Fund Phonathon campaign, an event where members call Pike alumni all across the country soliciting donations to help fund scholarships, grants and leadership conferences. That \$20,000 was enough to earn the members the Phonathon Cup at the International Convention for being the #1 fundraising chapter.

This year, however, Beta Beta Pikes crushed that total and are close to setting a new all-time record!

In five days, UW Pikes raised more than \$33,000 in pledges from Pikes across the country. When all the checks from the “maybe” pile (those who said “send me something and I’ll see”) come rolling in, expectations are that the grand total will top \$40,000. The question Beta Beta has, though, is whether it’ll be enough to top the \$41,186 record set back in 1996 by Delta Nu at Wayne State University.

“I certainly hope so,” said George Miller (Zeta Beta, ’97), director of annual giving for the Educational Foundation. “Working with Beta Beta this year is my first time running a Phonathon and what better way to start than to beat the record my old boss, Eddie Scott (Epsilon Omega, ’94), set when he was in this position.”

Phonathons are conducted five or six times a year and only with chapters that have set themselves apart by their actions and high standards. With Beta Beta’s success over the past several years, the International Fraternity has recognized the chapter’s leadership role within the Fraternity and already is making plans for a return visit during the 2003-04 school year.

At that time, members again will vie for the coveted diamond and ruby-encrusted badge given to the week’s top caller. This year, the award went to Joe Marchesano (’02), who raised \$5,746. Yashar Shayan, a pledge, took second with \$2,572, followed by Steve Leigh and Matt Hornecker, also both pledges, who earned \$1,972 and \$1,962, respectively.

Even if the men of Beta Beta don’t beat the record this year, the likely \$40,000 total should be enough to put the chapter into the winner’s circle at the Officers Leadership Academy this summer when the 2002-03 Phonathon Cup is awarded.

And, as a reminder, if you have not yet sent back your Pike Fund pledge card, please do so and please consider designating that gift (simply write a note on the card) directly to the Beta Beta Chapter Endowment Fund or the Bob Keene Scholarship Fund.

Brian Mann named Regional President

Brian Mann ('91), who has served as one of Beta Beta's two chapter advisors for the past six years, was appointed to the post of Northwest Regional President on July 1. Confirmed by the Supreme Council at the 2002 International Convention in Palm Springs, Mann succeeds Scott Stewart (Gamma Xi, '85), who vacated the position after a seven-year tenure. The appointment marks the first time a Beta Beta alumnus has served as Regional President.

"It's great to see Brian up there," said Dan Miller ('92), Beta Beta's chapter advisor. "He has a lot of great ideas to make the Northwest Region even stronger and to get all of our chapters on the Smythe-winning track. His appointment is a real testament to just how much the Fraternity values his character and leadership."



Brian Mann and Dan Miller pose during the International Convention.

Mann's first order of business was to oversee the 2003 Regional Leadership Conference, which was held March 7-9 at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. As part of his growth plan for the region, Mann combined the traditional conference awards banquet with our annual Founders Day celebration. Mann also succeeded in bringing several speakers from the International Fraternity to the banquet.

"My goal is to see the region grow as a whole," said Mann. "I'd like to see all of our chapters reach national prominence in some way instead of just one or two continually carrying the region."

To do this, he is working to bring programming from the more successful chapters to the weaker ones in order to build strong programs from which the entire region can benefit. Next year's Regional Leadership Conference will stress how sharing amongst chapters is paramount to success on our campuses.

Today the Northwest Region is comprised of seven chapters: University of Washington, Montana State, Washington State, University of Oregon, Linfield College, University of Idaho, and the University of Alberta. At Convention last summer, Mann was one of three Regional Presidents who saw multiple chapters collect Smythe Awards (University of Alberta won along with Beta Beta). He also heard the exciting news that an expansion project at the University of British Columbia already is underway. Mann's role will be to assist International Headquarters staff with that effort.

Other duties include acting as a link between Memorial Headquarters, the chapters and the chapter advisors of the region. Whether it's programming assistance or simply advice, the Regional President is the main International Officer with which a chapter will come in contact.

The position of Regional President was established at the 1974 National Convention in Vail, Colorado, when the antiquated system of districts was abolished. The nation was divided into 16 regions, each of whom is comprised of between seven and 28 chapters.

Mann will continue to be a presence within Beta Beta, serving as director of the Alumni Advisory Board. As Regional President, though, he has turned over the day-to-day chapter advisor functions to Dan Miller.



Brian Mann giving a speech at this year's Northwest Regional Conference.

Alumni Updates

Stanley Brunner ('39) filled us in on a few of the events since his graduation 60 years ago: "From U-Dub to Northwestern's Midshipman School, Chicago campus. Ensign USNR 08-43. Married Margaret E. Keith (Phi Mu) 08-43, five children by 1957. Antisubmarine training officer with West Coast Sound School, San Diego during World War II. Recalled 01-51 to Korean War. 7th Fleet screen and Formosa Strait patrol to 01-53. Release to inactive duty, discharge 12-64. Banker to 1980. 1977 to 1980 President Community State Bank, in Blaine, Washington. Retired (what a nice word) in 1980. Still retired. Rotarian (President 1979-80) of Whatcom Count North Rotary Club. Still there. There! That's more than you wanted to know." But if you want to know more, you can reach him at scb886@cs.com

Bill Fix ('48) is proud to report that his grandson, Eric Sehaber is a pledge at the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter at Santa Clara University in California. Bill lives on Mercer Island, and can be reached by email at: b2fix@aol.com

Lynn McKibbin wrote to us about her husband, **Ken McKibbin ('49)**: "My husband had a stroke in April 1997 and then another more serious stroke in December 2001, and he is now very limited and his health is very bad. He can't write or read any longer, and he doesn't talk very well. But thank you for keeping in touch with him over the many years."

Paul Demetriades ('51) worked at the Boeing Company from 1959 to 1991, and took early retirement as a senior executive in 1991 after 32 years. While at Boeing he was responsible for aerospace (military and space) and new business development. Now he is a member of the UW Evans School (of Public Administration) Visiting Committee and since 1991 he has been an elected member of the Medina City Council. He is a guest lecturer in the UW Business School Executive MBA program and the Concoridin University MBA program (in Portland, OR), and also at the UW Evans School MPA / Hubert Humphrey Fellows program. You can reach Paul at (425) 453-8288.

Stuart Finke ('54) sent us an update on his family: "I presently have 6 grandsons, two from each of my three children. No granddaughters yet, but there is still hope."

Al Carlson ('62) has settled in Orange Beach, Alabama and is enjoying sailing in the Gulf of Mexico. He tells us that the temperature in the Gulf waters is often in the 80s or 90s. Sounds just like Puget Sound's doesn't it? Al still has a cell phone with a Mukilteo phone number, so you can call him at (425) 210-0985.

Charlie Manger ('79) has taken a new job as a "rain-maker" for Cairncross & Hempelmann, a law firm in Pioneer Square. He is going to be recruiting new business for the firm in the areas of transactional work, real estate, and international trade and investment. Current projects include work overseas in Belize, Mexico, Japan, China, and Sri Lanka. Charlie and Terez were looking for a new house as of last summer, but at last report they were living in Lake Forest Park. You can reach him at charlesmanger@hotmail.com

Jim McCausland ('80) and his brother **Pete ('81)** both play in a rock/funk band along with 3 other guys. The name of their band is Rosie's Boyfriend and they play at Seattle-area places like the Rock Bottom breweries (Seattle and Bellevue) and the Rocker and Ricky D's north of Seattle. They just played a show at Finn McCool's on the Ave in the University District on February 28. If any of the Pikes out there want to catch other Rosie's Boyfriend shows they should email Jim for more info at jandtmccausland@surf.free.com

Gifford Gaynor ('82) tells us that: "No wife, no kids, 7 cars, 4 motorcycles, and my time is my own. It's a good life." He is living in Bellingham and you can reach him via email at giffordgaynor@hotmail.com

Marty Griffith ('84) and his wife Sewell are the happy parents of Ella Maria, born in October 2002. Their family has relocated to Pensacola, FL where they can be reached at (850) 433-6020.

Nigel Atkins ('87) was married in September 2001 to Lisa Pollard, who is an Occupational Therapist with Sports and Orthopedic Rehab Services. He also left the Navy in 2001 to become a pilot for the US Customs Service. The couple has relocated to Tampla, Florida and can be reached at (505) 577-4215.

Alumni Updates (continued)

Dave Duer ('91) sent in an update: "Picking up when I left Seattle in summer 1998: Rae Ann and I were married, then I transferred to Brazil (Sao Paulo) to work with Deloitte & Touche there on a three year contract. Generally speaking things went very well professionally and personally in Brazil and I extended my contract past the original three years. During my last year in Brazil of 2001 I took an offer of employment with one of my clients, Bunge Limited, and joined them in November 2001. Bunge is an agribusiness company. The offer brought me to Singapore. Probably the most enjoyable things thus far in my career has been becoming successful in Brazil which meant learning to speak Portuguese fluently and traveling a better part of the world at this point." Dave and Rae Ann can be reached by email at duers@starhub.net.sg

Nate Hellem ('91) is currently selling optical and data network equipment and systems to infrastructure carriers, telecom providers, all the other bankrupt NAPs and CLECs, and large enterprises. He is still living in the San Francisco Bay Area, as he has for the past two years. "I will be married in August to my lovely fiancée Sara. Nate is always entertaining new business ideas and opportunities, so if anyone has one, along with capital investment, contact him ASAP. His email is twentysmallcigars@yahoo.com and his phone number is (510) 749-0703.

Leif Vieweg ('91) and his wife Jennifer had their second son, Cason Leif Vieweg, on June 17, 2002. Leif has returned to the telecommunications industry and is now working for MobileExecutive.

Kevin Wolfe ('92) moved to Huntington Beach, CA to take a position as an Industrial Designer with Cleveland Golf. He will be leading the iron program for the company, so keep an eye out for his new Wolfe line of clubs! His new phone number in California is (714) 904-3761.

Forest Segerson ('95) is still flying for ATP Inc., but hopes to be flying for a regional airline in about February of next year. Presently he is running the flight school offices in Salem, Oregon. His phone number is (503) 569-1799.

Don Isaak ('95) proposed to his Alpha Phi girlfriend of the past six years, Tessa Gritzmacher, at Marymoor Park in Redmond in early August. Tessa was crazy enough to say yes and the couple is planning their wedding for July of this year. You can reach Don at donisaak@hotmail.com

Chris Dodd ('95) and his wife Mary relocated to Seattle in July, and are living on Capital Hill. You can reach them at home at (206) 325-0700.

Jeff Hedgpeth ('97) is a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force, and graduated from pilot training in February. He is starting F-15C training in mid-July at Tyndal Air Force Base in Florida. The big news, though, is that he married Kersten Amanda Broms on March 1 in Portland, OR. You can reach him at jeff@hedgpeth.com

Andy Holland ('97) wrote in with some news: "I just took a promotion to District Sales Manager with Gallo. Also, just returned home from a ski trip to Mount Baker with fellow Pikes Dan Everett and Brad Ross. Can anyone picture Dan Everett on skis? I'm currently living on Westlake Avenue with a spectacular view of Lake Union. Celebrated the Super bowl with fellow Pikes Adrian Brown, Kevin Wolfe, Chris Dodd, Matt White, Alex White, Dan Everett, Rob Fay & Brad Ross. Hope all is well for everyone else in Pikeland!" Andy's phone number is (206) 335-1616.

Jeff Walters ('98) proposed to long-time girlfriend April Dunnan in December, and they are planning their wedding for the upcoming Christmas season. They are living in Kirkland where they can be reached at (206) 619-6000.

Nick Novak ('99) is now the Producer for the Lou Pate show in Newsradio 710 KIRO in Seattle. The show airs Monday to Friday from 1 to 5 a.m., and it's a news-oriented talk show. He is also setting up a recording studio in his new apartment in Edmonds for a show he will be producing from Wichita, Kansas. You can reach Nick at (425) 640-5313.

Chapter Eternal



Bob Woock ('38) was born in Ashford, Wash. on April 2, 1917 and died November 25 in Rancho Santa Margarita after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Bob graduated from the University of Washington with the class of 1942 and was president of Pi Kappa Alpha. He became a Navy Pilot and married Barbara Crane on April 29, 1944, the day he received his Pilot's wings, in Corpus Christi, Texas. After World War II, Bob remained in the Navy Reserves and returned to Seattle, where he had two daughters, Renee and Sheila. Bob was called back to active duty during the Korean War and was stationed in Corpus Christi, where he was a flight instructor. While in Texas, Bob and Barbara had their son, Paul. Later that year, the family settled in Tustin, Calif., where Bob became the Regional Vice President of Occidental Life Insurance Company. After retiring, he and Barbara moved to La Quinta, Calif. so he could play as much golf as he wanted. Bob was a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, Kiwanis Club, National Assistance League, and a founding member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tustin. He is survived by his wife, three children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Max F. Pillar ('40) died May 24 at his home in Sun Lakes, Ariz. He attended Lincoln High School and the University of Washington, where he majored in music. He formed his own band and quickly became known as the "king of dance music," attracting thousands of Seattlelites to his big band sound. He is survived by his wife Mary, son Gary, daughter Georgia; stepchildren Karen McDonald, Sharon Davis and Michael Charles; grandchildren Erin and Brendon Coughlin, Amy and Ryan Pillar; one great grandchild, Gabriel Coughlin.



Richard D. Malone ('51) passed away on November 29 at the age of 72. Born August 16, 1930, in Snoqualmie, his family moved to Longview, where he met his wife, Donna. After graduating with a degree in electrical engineering, he and Donna moved to China Lake, Calif., where he became a Registered Professional Engineer. In 1956, Dick was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. After a tour of active duty, he returned to California and became an officer in the local Seabee unit RMCB 17, sub unit 11-2, where he served as Commanding Officer from 1965 to 1972. Dick retired from the military as a Captain in the Naval Reserves in 1984, and finally from civil service in 1991, after becoming head of the engineering division for the Public Works Department. His volunteer work included several years of service on the St. Michael's Episcopal Church vestry and board of directors of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. He and Donna celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2002. A loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who gave unselfishly to all, Dick is survived by his wife, son, two daughters and five grandchildren.



Ralph Seamens ('52) was born in Seattle on October 12, 1932, and passed away September 18. He graduated from West Seattle High School in 1950 and the UW in 1954. His career and activities included memberships in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, American Institute of CPAs, the Washington Society of CPAs, both the Seattle and West Seattle Chambers of Commerce, the UW Alumni Association, Kiwanis, West Seattle Hi-Yu, Rainier Club, Washington Athletic Club, Rainier Golf Club, 34th District Republicans, West Seattle Eagles and the American Legion. Ralph served as treasurer for the alumni housing corporation of Pi Kappa Alpha for a number of years and was the owner of Seamens & Company, a certified public accounting firm. Ralph's great love of travel took him to his second home in Kona, Hawaii, many Husky games and to Alaska and Canada to fish and find native art for this collection. He is survived by daughters Karen, Jill, and Renee; their mother Joan, grandchildren Laura, Mark, Rachel, Jacob and Camden. Memorials can be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Gregory Weeks ('68) passed away on October 17 at his home in Ferndale, Wash. Raised in Normandy Park, Greg graduate from the University of Washington in 1969 with a degree in political science. A Western Washington University campus policeman for 28 years, Greg's interests included politics, history and fishing. He is survived by his wife Patricia; three children, Anne, Tom and Adam; mother Marjorie Jean; sister Marjorie and brother Edward.



Additional Notices

We have recently learned of the passage of two other Beta Beta alumni, both of whom entered Chapter Eternal in 2000:

Richard Bergholz ('35) passed away on December 26, 2000 in Pasadena, CA.

Bruce Ellingson ('62) passed away on November 8, 2000 in Arlington, WA.

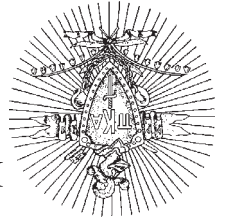
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Alumni Calendar

Beta Beta Alumni Softball Game

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The annual alumni vs. actives softball game will be held on Sunday, June 1st. There will be a BBQ at 1 p.m. at the chapter house and softball from 2 to 4 p.m. For details visit www.uwpikes.com or call Don Isaak at 206-524-6478.

Pi Kappa Alpha Regional Golf Tournament

7/12

The 5th annual Northwest Regional Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 12th at the Heron Lakes Golf Course in Portland, OR. Tournament fees are \$45 and the registration deadline is June 1st. For more information please visit <http://home1.gte.net/wsualum/nwgolf.htm> or call Dann Black at (425) 889-5003.

Pikes Afternoon at the Mariners

9/14

This year Pikes Afternoon at the Mariners will be on Sunday, September 14th at SAFECO Field as the Mariners play the Anaheim Angels. Our view box tickets available for \$23. To join us, please email don@uwpikes.com or call Don Isaak at 206-524-6478.