

# Pi Kappa Alpha

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## Founders' Day 2001



March 3<sup>rd</sup>'s Founders' Day brought well over 100 Pikes to the University of Washington Faculty Club for the celebration. The evening began with an open house at the chapter followed by the short walk to campus for the dinner and festivities. The program started with a special undergraduate recognition for the exceptional efforts of seniors Zach Cole ('98) and Eric Kwan ('98). SMC Nate Hogle ('99) then helped update everyone on the success of Beta Beta in the past year in his State of the Chapter.

Don Isaak ('95) followed by delivering the longest State of the Alumni Association speech in recent memory.

Mike Viereck ('67) delivered a colorful speech along with his presentation of the Alumni Awards. The Farthest Traveled Award was split among three weary travelers from Spokane. Chris Dodd ('95), Mike Roarke ('95), and Spencer Toepfer ('96) shared the award. The Bob Keene Award went to Tom Rasmussen ('54) for having the longest streak of Founders' Days attended.

The evening also offered a chance to pay tribute to brothers who had passed away in the preceding year. George Kippola ('54), Gary Armour ('52), Rex Sears ('25), and Monte Hanley ('50) were all honored in memoriam. Bob Keene ('28) also passed into Chapter Eternal, and we were honored to have two of his grandchildren in attendance. Asa and Dakota Keene joined in paying tribute to a brother who will be greatly missed. The evening concluded with a Pass the Gavel ceremony that gave all in attendance a chance to address all of the brothers. Thank you to all who attended, we hope to see you next year!



Asa and Dakota Keene



Brothers Chad Perry, John Friedl, John Feneis, Adam Faussett, and Jim Kelly at the open house preceding the dinner.

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## *Beta Beta cleans up at PiKA Northwest Regional Conference*



The brothers displaying some of the hardware they took home from the Regional Leadership Conference

Almost 50 UW Pikes descended on Eugene, OR on the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup> for PiKA's Northwest Regional Conference. The two-day conference was full of workshops, guest speakers, and a keynote address by Pi Kappa Alpha Historian Dr. Jerome Reel. Six Northwest Pike chapters were represented as the weekend culminated with the Regional Awards Banquet. Beta Beta earned the most awards, coming home with six honors. The highlight of these was the Regional Chapter Excellence Award, which recognized overall chapter strength and quality. Beta Beta also received awards for Most Improved Chapter, Best Chapter Advisors, Athletics, Scholarship, and Best Web Site. The event was a memorable time for all those who attended and a proud weekend for Beta Beta.

## *Pike Athletics - Continuing the Excellence*

Spring quarter has quickly turned into a showcase of Beta Beta athletics for all of the Greek system. Pikes dominated the field in two sorority-sponsored events on their way to victory in successive weekends. PiKA ended the month of April by entering two teams in the Alpha Chi Omega Frisbee Fling. This annual tournament pits fraternities against one another in battles of Ultimate Frisbee. After three days of competition, both Pike teams had advanced to the finals, with the Pike 1 team emerging victorious.

The first weekend in May brought the annual Delta Delta Delta Spike-it Volleyball Tournament. Pikes once again entered two teams and both advanced to the second day of competition. However, while Pikes 2 fell to Sigma Chi, Pikes 1 advanced to the finals against Alpha Tau Omega. They beat the ATOs handily. These two victories were especially sweet, not only because our teams trounced almost every fraternity, but because these victories were witnessed by hundreds of sorority women.

The culmination of the chapters year long athletic success came with the chapters 5 consecutive IMA championship.



Pikes Championship Volleyball team at the Delta Delta Delta Spike Tournament

## *Alumni Softball: Alumni 12 - Undergrads 10*



The Alumni Team poses for a victory photo after the game.

The annual Alumni Softball Game is never a thing of beauty. But this year's version brought the ugliness to new depths. The combination of a muddy field, beer in the alumni dugout, and horribly inept undergrads were the contributing factors in the alumni's stirring 12-10 victory.

After a gluttonous BBQ at the chapter house, around 25 undergrads and alumni braved the rain and headed to Dahl Field for the matchup. The actives jumped out to an early lead, but it was short-lived. The undergrads could not overcome the masterful pitching of Bob Redfield ('62) and the form fitting pants of Kurt Westman ('86). As for the undergrads defensively, the word atrocious was heard often. Fatigue was a definite factor, because the alumni had the unfair advantage of beverages in their dugout. These potables seemed to drive their team to victory.

The alumni took advantage of undergrad mishaps, behind the hitting of Jim Kelly ('86) and the intimidating screams of Chad Perry ('87). The battle of the brothers clearly went to Jason Sampson ('90) who outshone his younger brother Josh ('99). By the game's merciful end, the field was torn up, the beer was gone, and the undergrads' spirits were broken. This was an event from which the chapter's undergraduates may never recover.

## *Pike Alumni Events:*

### *Pikes Afternoon at the Mariners*

**Date:** Sunday September 16th

**Location:** Safeco Field  
(Seattle, WA)

**Cost:** \$15

You are invited to attend Pikes Night at the Mariners. Come watch Edgar Martinez, John Olerud, and Ichiro and the rest of the M's take on division rivals Alex Rodrigez and the Texas Rangers. Tickets are located on the third base line on the 300 level. Tickets are going fast so please reserve yours early. To reserve your spot contact Don Isaak (donisaak@hotmail.com) at (206) 228-6478, or go to [www.uwpikes.com](http://www.uwpikes.com). Families welcome.



Former Mariner Batboys Andrew Lyle ('97) and Andy Holland ('97) take time to pose down on the field.

### *UW vs. Cal Roadtrip*

**Date:** Sunday September 29th - October 1st

**Location:** California Bay Area

Once again its time to begin thinking about Beta Beta's annual roadtrip down south to the California area to watch our beloved Huskies take on the Golden Bears of California Berkley. Traditionally comprised of Alumni from the 50's and 60's this roadtrip is open to any alumni willing to brave the journey south. For more information about the trip please contact Irv Matson (206) 284-6470 or Ralph Seamens (206) 937-1116.

## *Alumnus Profile*

### *Andrew Kertesz ('90)*

This fall Microsoft will unveil its entry into the world of video gaming. Expected to make a huge impact on the industry, Microsoft has spared no expense to guarantee that it's XBox is the top of the line in gaming. For the last two years or so Pike Alumnus Andrew Kertesz ('90) has had a key role in the development of this exciting high profile project.



Andrew began with Microsoft since 1991 when he began as a part time summer intern with the company. Graduating from the UW with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, Andrew joined Microsoft full time as a tester in the Visual Basic group where he worked from '93 until '96. From there he moved to the DirectX group working with gaming technologies until 2000 when he began with the XBox team.

Andrew's role with the XBox has been to evaluate vendors pitching games for the new platform and working with those vendors to help develop those games. Essentially a "Tech Evangelist" in his own words, Andrew spends much of his time flying out to meet with these vendors to track the development of games.

Andrew's particular focus is on all games related to racing. While he is currently working on several different projects (most of which he can't talk about) he has played a large role on one of Microsoft's most highly anticipated games, Project Gotham. This futuristic racing game promises to be one of the most exciting entries into the genre. While Microsoft's new XBox still awaits its reception by consumers, it looks clear that Andrew Kertesz will play a large role in the success of this exciting new product.

# Bob Keene Scholarship Continues to Grow...



With more than \$1700 pledged toward the \$10,000 funding goal, the Bob Keene Scholarship is quickly taking shape. Designated as the "Bob Keene Scholarship for the Most Active Undergraduate" this scholarship will award a minimum \$500 scholarship to a member of Beta Beta each school year. Much like Bob's dedication to the chapter and endless involvement in the community, the scholarship will be awarded to the undergraduate member who is most active in both Community Service, and Overall Participation.



The fund will be managed by the National Headquarters and distributed locally by the Alumni Association each year at Founders' Day as a lasting reminder of a gentleman who never missed a Founders' Day since his initiation in 1929.

To pledge your support toward the Bob Keene scholarship fund, Fill out the form below or **FILL OUT THE ONLINE PLEDGE FORM AT WWW.UWPIKES.COM**. For further information about donating to the scholarship please contact Brian Mann via e-mail at [bmann@foxinternet.net](mailto:bmann@foxinternet.net), or by phone at (206) 440-7593. Each donation is tax deductible as the fund will be 501(c)3 qualified. As such some employers matching funds may be available as well. Let's get this Scholarship funded to the \$10,000 goal as soon as possible so we can recognize a deserving undergraduate and remember one of Beta Beta's most loyal Pikes at FD 2002!

## *Bob Keene Scholarship* *for the Most Active Undergraduate*

A scholarship designed to recognize Beta Beta Chapter's most involved undergraduate member, while remembering one of our most loyal.

The scholarship will provide a \$500 benefit to the Most Active Undergraduate in both Overall Participation and Community Service and will be paid once yearly for the life of our Chapter. If you would like to pledge a donation to the scholarship effort, please complete the information below and we will contact you with further information as we near our \$10,000 goal.

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
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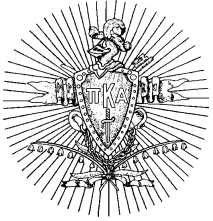
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## *Alumni Calendar*

Pikes Afternoon at the Mariners

Sunday, September 17th



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UW vs. Berkley Football Game

September 29th - October 1st



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