

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## Beta Beta Boasts Largest Pike Convention in the Nation

On February 28, 1998, Beta Beta simultaneously played host to the Northwest Regional Conference and held it's Founders' Day celebration. International President John Michael Williams and a team of 15 other representatives from the National Headquarters in Memphis flew into Seattle to celebrate with us. Nearly 100 alumni from Beta Beta attended the event, in addition to more than 30 active members of the chapter. Including delegations and a handful of alumni from six other Pike chapters in the region, *the total conference attendance exceeded 250.*

**Chris Dodd ('95)** of Beta Beta helped to organize the conference and served as Northwest Regional Vice President. The conference ran smoothly with meetings during the day and an awards banquet that evening. As always, in 1998 the Beta Beta Chapter took home a number of awards from the conference. Last year, we brought home five awards from Oregon, and we did almost as well again this year.

For the 18th year in a row, we had the highest grade point average in the region and received the Scholarship Award. For their outstanding work throughout the year, Chapter Advisors **Brian Mann ('91)** and **Dan Miller ('93)** were awarded the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award for the second consecutive year and received a standing ovation when accepting their award.

Graduating senior **Don Isaak ('95)** received the award for Outstanding Undergraduate for his academic success as well as for his

work as rush chairman and alumni chairman. Don was responsible for organizing the incredible alumni attendance at the conference, and he also received a standing ovation when accepting his award.

Finally, Beta Beta won the 4 on 4 basketball tournament by soundly defeating WSU and took home a trophy and basketball signed by all the members of the Supreme Council. Overall, 1998 was another successful year for Beta Beta at the regional conference.



The brothers of Beta Beta at the end of the '97-98 school year.

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This is just a reminder to all of the alumni who are connected to the internet that there is a chapter Web site out there. For nearly two years now, we've maintained an alumni email list, and it has grown to be the largest such Pike alumni email listing in the country. The Web site has also traditionally contained information on the state of the chapter, lists of the current chapter officers, and information about Pike rush. The Web site is currently receiving a facelift and an update, including the addition of a new online Pi Kappa Alpha directory (not just e-mail anymore) and also a series of online Pike photo albums. So if you're interested in looking up a lost brother, adding yourself to our alumni e-mail directory, or perusing the photographs we've collected and perhaps adding some of your own, please do so!

## Alumni Notes

### John Cahill ('61)

John is working for the Washington Education Association in communications throughout the Puget Sound region. He can be reached at (253)265-2563.

### Mike Douglas ('68)

Mike is opening his new 'Icon Grill' Restaraunt in downtown Seattle on August 6. The restaurant is on the corner of 5th and Virginia, across from the Westin Hotel. Mike can be reached at the restaurant most of the time (!) at (206)441-6330, or at home at (206)723-6951.

### Aaron Dutton ('97)

Aaron was married to his longtime girlfriend, Leah Mathis, in Bellingham on Saturday, July 25. Aaron is currently working at Microcrafts in Redmond along with fellow Pike **Paul George ('93)**. The newlyweds just moved into a new apartment near Northgate, surprised to discover that they live across the hall from brother **John Friedl ('88)**. They can be reached at (206)365-7507.

### Greg Ganz ('84)

Greg moved to Savannah, GA in June of '98. He can be reached most easily by e-mail, at:

gganz@mailexcite.com

### Steve Haugseth ('67)

Steve is living in the Bainbridge Island area and is currently flying for United Airlines. He can be reached at (206)842-0901.

### Dan Heck ('83)

Dan is the Personal Economic Advisor at Financial Reserve Inc., a fast growing firm with clients in Portland, Redmond, and Seattle. He is currently a CPA working towards his ChFC designation. Dan now lives in Portland with his wife Nancy and their two cats. Dan can be reached by e-mail at:

Dan@financialreserve.com

### Matt James ('94)

Matt has been accepted into the Army Officer Candidate School Program in Ft. Benning, GA. He left Gonzaga Law School in early May, spent six weeks in Seattle, and then headed off for basic training. Before leaving, he became engaged to Meghan Sullivan, an Alpha Phi and sister of **Shane Sullivan ('93)**.

### Al King ('67)

Al is working for the Department of Transportation in Olympia. He can be reached at home (360)943-4431, or at work at (360)705-7344.

### Brian Mann ('91)

Became engaged to his girlfriend of four years, Danica Filer, and they have set their wedding date for June 26, 1999.

### John McClelland ('92)

On March 28, John became engaged to Darla Berg, his longtime girlfriend.

### Erik Nelson ('86)

Erik has moved to Boston for two years on an all-expenses-paid stint at MIT for Boeing. He'll be working towards his Masters degree and then returning to Seattle in 2000. In Boston, he can be reached at (617)491-4986.

### Ronald Pare ('59)

Ronald retired from the Army in 1997 after 32 years of service. Colonel Pare served three years active duty, followed by 29 more in the reserves. He was presented the Legion of Merit during retirement at the 75th Division in Houston, TX. Ronald is now an Associate Professor of Mechanical Technology and Computer Drafting Design at the College of Technology at the University of Texas. Ronald can be reached at:

RONPARE@UH.EDU

### Ron Pope ('67)

Ron recently retired from a position at the head of the IT section of First National Bank of Anchorage and retired to Sequim, WA. He and his wife Carol have five daughters between them, two of whom were married last year, and two more of whom will be married this summer. In addition, to the new sons-in-law, a second grandchild is expected soon. Ron can be reached at (360) 681-6521.

### Michael Thomson ('91)

Michael is still living in Anchorage where he started working with Willis Corroon Corporation, the third largest Insurance Brokerage firm in the world. He is currently the Assistant Account Manager for the Benefits Department. Michael can be reached at (907) 273-4103.

*We'd like to thank all of the alumni who attended the event:*

Gary Ausman  
 Randy Barnett  
 Bruce Bille  
 Rod Birdsell  
 Bryan Bowman  
 Shawn Burke  
 Scott Cameron  
 Paul Campos  
 Jason Canales  
 Bruce Carlson  
 Jim Caruso  
 Will Christian  
 Scott Collins  
 Jim Cooley  
 Jay Cornwall  
 Paul DeRoos  
 Jack Dempsey  
 Jeff Dome  
 Brent Dunsire  
 Sidney Eggleston  
 Adam Fausett  
 Chris Forster  
 Craig Frary  
 John Friedl  
 Jerry Gabrio  
 Paul George  
 Steve Gibbs  
 Justin Haley  
 Merle Hanley  
 Ben Heeb  
 Steve Heeb  
 Tim Hickel  
 Eric Johnson  
 Bob Keene  
 Jim Kelly  
 Andrew Kertes  
 Tom Knollman  
 Kurt Lange  
 Mike Laucius  
 Jim Lough  
 Brian Mann  
 Irvin Matson  
 Chris McCarty  
 Colin McCarty  
 Jim McCausland  
 Pete McCausland  
 Bob McKaig

This year our Founders' Day celebration was a complete and total success. The annual banquet was combined with the festivities of the Northwest Regional Conference, and held at the Edmund Meany Hotel in Seattle on February 28, 1998. Nearly 100 of our chapter's alumni were in attendance for the event (dwarfing the six man alumni contingent from the WSU Pike chapter!)

Our celebration began with a reception at the Pike house from 5:30-7:30 pm. At the reception everyone had a chance to enjoy some refreshments, catch up with close friends, as well as share their memories with the current active members. Al Ross deserves special thanks for providing many Pike items including two large displays to narrate the history of the chapter. As always, the Beta Beta photo albums made their appearance, for better or worse. And more than 30 active members helped host the alumni at the chapter, and also to lead tours of the building and chapter room.

After the reception, the entire group headed to the banquet for more celebration and awards. International President John Michael Williams addressed the assembled men of Pi Kappa Alpha, as did Beta Beta member **Chris Dodd ('95)**. Brother **Bob Keene ('28)** attended his 70th consecutive Founders' Day and played a rare recording of Bing Crosby's "Dream Girl of Pi K A." The chapter would like to thank all of the alumni listed in the columns to the left and right, and especially the out-of-state attendees:

From Oregon: **Rod Birdsell ('79)** and **Jerry Gabrio ('79)**.  
 From California: **Jay Cornwall ('81)** and **Leon Persson ('51)**.

With more than 120 Beta Beta Pikes in attendance - by far the largest attendance on record - the night added up to an affair to remember!

*(thank you's cont.)*

Brian Meyers  
 Dan Miller  
 Tom Moon  
 Nat Mucha  
 Erik Nelson  
 Dave Nostrand  
 Mike O'Neill  
 Matt Owens  
 Bob Parrish  
 Chad Perry  
 Leon Persson  
 Tom Rasmussen  
 Rick Dos Remedios  
 Al Ross  
 Jason Sampson  
 Marc Saunders  
 Kurt Shoebaker  
 Mark Secrest  
 Drew Shirk  
 Jim Skar  
 John Smith  
 Scott Stanek  
 Brad Stern  
 Tony Szabo  
 Tim Thiers  
 Mike Viereck  
 Leif Vieweg  
 Victor Wallace  
 Kurt Westman  
 John Wiggins  
 Andy Wineke  
 Kevin Wolfe  
 Gary Wood



**Merle Hanley ('49), Irvin Matson ('48), Gary Ausman ('57), Leon Persson ('51), and Jim Skar ('52)**



**Erik Nelson ('86), Marc Saunders ('82), Paul Campos ('83), Mike O'Neill ('83), and Matt Owens ('82) discuss Pike memories.**



**Andrew Kertesz ('90), Andy Wineke ('90), Tony Szabo ('88), and Kurt Schoenbaker ('87) at the reception.**



**Dan Miller ('92), Justin Haley ('94), Mark Secret ('93), and Paul George ('93) enjoy Pike Place Ale refreshments.**



**Several actives gather to celebrate with newly chosen "Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year" Don Isaak ('95).**



**Brad Stern ('79), Jay Cornwall ('81), Tom Moon ('81), and Jerry Gabrio ('79) at the Meany Tower banquet.**

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## Beta Beta Hosts Long Overdue Alumni Reunion

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On Saturday, June 30, 1998 the chapter was host to an alumni reunion that brought together the members of Pi Kappa Alpha from the 1960s. More than 30 alumni attended the event, and shared laughs, stories, and news from the last thirty years at an event which they considered "long overdue."

The 80-year long history of Beta Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has only been interrupted twice. On the more recent occasion, the chapter was "silent" from 1970 to 1978. Then, in 1979, the chapter was recolonized by brothers **Brian Myers** and **Vic Balasi**, and since that time we have initiated more than two hundred and fifty members into our bonds.

But the chapter was equally strong in the decades before its silence, in the years before 1970. At our Founders' Day celebration this year, brother **Mike Viereck ('67)** was in attendance and asked for news of his friends from his fraternity days. It was at his suggestion, and with his assistance, that Beta Beta chapter's first alumni reunion



**Outside at the BBQ: John Reijonen ('67), Mike Douglas ('68), and Mike Powell ('59).**

was organized.

Although our alumni contact list was far from complete, many of the alumni who received word of the reunion passed it on to others. A few of the brothers, including **John Asmundson ('67)**, **Bruce Bille ('61)**, **Al King ('67)**, and **Howie Nelson ('63)**, communicated over e-mail and helped to pick a time and arrangements for the event.

With an ever-increasing number of alumni getting involved with the event, it came off perfectly. When the day finally arrived, the active members of the chapter and our chef, Manni, helped host the re-

turning brothers and welcome them back. Everyone gathered at the chapter house for a barbecue that began at noon. And while the alumni came to the new chapter house, and took the time to look at our new trophies and photo albums, they also talked about their college days and (thanks to the hospitality of the Newman Center) went to visit and tour the old chapter house on 20th Avenue.

All of the alumni took time from their busy lives to come and see each other again - like **Ron Pope ('67)** who took the time

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## Reunion continued

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between weddings for two of his daughters in Alaska, or **Ron Pare ('60)** who travelled all the way from Texas and coordinated the trip with business. Many brothers came in from out of state for the occasion: **Mike Powell ('59)**, **Randy Odermann ('67)**, and **Jack Piper ('67)** came up from Oregon while brothers **David Barnette ('60)**, **Larry Netherton ('65)**, and **Dick Schwabe ('66)** flew in from California. **Steve Burhans ('65)** brought his wife and all four of their children up from Santa Clarita, CA for a visit, and **Rick Triebel ('64)** came in from Tucson, AZ.

Many other alumni still living in Washington also attended:

**John Andrews ('67)**, **Gary Ausman ('57)**, **Ed Boyle ('62)**, **Al Carlson ('62)**, **Mike Douglas ('68)**, **Bruce Ellingson ('62)**, **Chris Foss ('67)**, **Ben Heeb ('63)**, **Greg Hill ('69)**, **Lynn Nothdurft ('61)**, **Rich Shrader ('69)**, **Greg Weeks ('68)**, and **Nick Westlund ('61)**.

From the brothers who were unable to make the event there were many best wishes, and **Ed Knight ('63)** wrote an open letter to everyone who had contributed to his good times in the fraternity, listing his favorite memories.

After all was said and done - with so many brothers brought back together and so many friendships rekindled - it's safe to say that **Mike Viereck** will see a few more familiar faces at our Founder's Day gathering next year!

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## Beta Beta Alumni Association

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The next meeting of the Beta Beta Alumni Association will be held on September 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the College Club, located on the corner of 5th and Madison in downtown Seattle. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. Furthermore, the Alumni Association is currently seeking interested alumni to fill two positions: Housing Corporation Vice President and Alumni Association Alumnus-at-Large. For more information, contact **Bruce Bille ('61)** at (253)630-1721



**Jack Piper ('67)**, **John Andrews ('67)**, and **Randy Odermann ('67)** taking the time to catch up at the 1960s alumni reunion.



**Ed Boyle ('62)**, **Ben Heeb ('63)**, and **Howie Nelson ('63)** visiting the annex of the old chapter house during the 1960s alumni reunion.

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## Alumni Contributions

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Our chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha can not function without a continuing donation of time and money from our alumni. "Giving back to the chapter" can take many forms, including participation in our alumni events, visiting the chapter and keeping in touch with chapter leaders and the Alumni Association, and supporting the chapter financially. **This summer, the chapter is seeking donations to aid its rush efforts** - and as a special incentive, we are once again giving away our summer rush t-shirts to alumni who contribute.

Please consider making a contribution to the chapter. Send donations to:

Pi Kappa Alpha Treasurer  
4626 21st Avenue NE  
Seattle, WA 98105

Or for more information, contact chapter advisors Dan Miller  
(425)640-3818 or Brian Mann (206)440-7593.

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## Beta Beta's Own Graduating Seniors

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With the end of every school year, it is inevitable that we must say farewell to the graduating members of the house who've given us so much over the years.

**Adrian Brown ('95)** was both Rush Chairman and External Vice President while an undergraduate, and he received his BS in Construction Management. He's already taken a position at Sellen Construction here in Seattle, and he can be reached at (206)679-8565.

**Cory Cordero ('96)** graduated in March with a BS in Psychology, and is already working locally in the healthcare industry.

**Chris Dodd ('95)** arrived at the UW in the summer of '95 as a transfer from Iota Mu chapter at Southern Illinois University. Chris served as Treasurer his first year at the UW, and went on to serve two terms as President in the '96-97 school year. Chris also served as the Northwest Regional Vice President for 1998 and helped organize the Northwest Regional Conference. He received a BS in Business Administration in June and will be heading off to attend Gonzaga University Law School in August. He can be reached in Spokane at (509)323-7688.

**Matt Faler ('95)** has graduated and left for Ft. Sill in Oklahoma. Matt is a Second Lieutenant in the Army and will be in Field Artillery Training until January, when he will leave for Ranger School. He can be reached at Ft. Sill at (580)355-4475 ext. 2508 or by e-mail at: Saaler@aol.com

**Don Isaak ('95)** held the positions of Alumni Chairman, Rush Chairman, and External Vice President as an undergraduate. He received a BA in English Writing and also was certified in Public Relations by the UW Extension Office. Don is actively looking for a position where he can use his communications skills and technical and writing expertise. He can be reached at (206)978-9108 or by e-mail at: donisaak@hotmail.com

**Sargent Kieszling ('97)** was Sergeant-at-Arms for the chapter in the fall of 1997 and was later elected President for winter and spring '98. Sarge recently graduated with a BA in Anthropology and is actively seeking museum internships before heading off to graduate school in fall of '99. He can be reached at (253) 759-9455 or by e-mail: sargentk@hotmail.com

**Macy Mires ('95)** graduated in June with a BA in Geography and is actively seeking either a support or customer care position in the high-tech industry. He's planning to stay in the Seattle area, and can be reached at (206)547-7372.

**Bert Wilkins ('95)** served the chapter for two terms as Treasurer, one term as Internal Vice President, one term as IFC Vice President of Events, and one term as President. He graduated with a BS in Biology. Bert is actively looking for a position in management or administration and specifically in the healthcare industry. He can be contacted at (206) 524-4682 or by e-mail: bwilkins57@hotmail.com

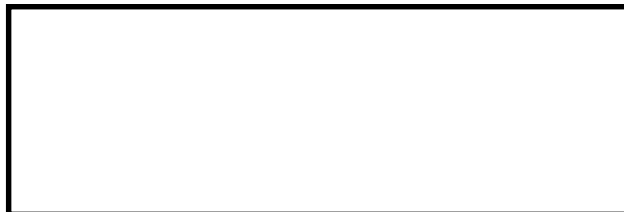
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## **Upcoming Alumni Events - *mark your calendars!***

**Monday, September 14th:** Alumni Association meeting, see page 6.

**Thursday, September 24th:** "Pikes Night at the Mariners," a 7:05 p.m. game against Texas. This is your chance to meet all of our new fall pledges. Tickets and prices available through the alumni events coordinator Don Isaak, contact him at (206)978-9108 or: donisaak@hotmail.com

**Thursday, November 12th:** Pike Homecoming Dinner. 6:30 p.m. at the Pikehouse. Both alumni and parents are invited to come join us for dinner as we prepare for Homecoming weekend.

**Saturday, November 14th:** Homecoming Brunch. Alumni are invited to the homecoming brunch at the chapter house, from 10:30 to noon, and even invited back after the game for the victory party.

### **Chapter Announcements**

First off, the chapter would like to give a *very big* thank you to alumnus **Paul DeRoos ('82)** for his kind donation of a new pool table for the chapter.

In addition, the chapter is proud to announce that it again won the University of Washington **Intermural Athletics Champions** title, beating all thirty other fraternities and taking 1st place for the second year in a row and the fifth time this decade.