Gamma Chi Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha



Message from the President

S. Shane Pate II

It is my great pleasure to greet you as the president of the Gamma Chi Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha. It is hard to imagine that our beloved chapter has existed continuously at OSU for over 72 years without ever formally organizing an Alumni Association!

The formation of our Association is indeed long overdue and we have much to make up for the lost time. To that end, I, along with the other officers of the Association, have been working

How to join the association

Your membership in the Gamma Chi Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha is the single most powerful way to make Pi Kappa Alpha stronger at Oklahoma State University, as well to expand and enrich your own experiences with the fraternity that helped mold you into the person you are today.

There are several ways to join the association. You can write us via our mailing address listed to the right, email one of our officers listed on the back page, visit our website, or join in person diligently to organize, recruit new alumni membership, and create a program that will draw the interests and participation of Gamma Chi Alumni across all generations and withstand the tests of time.

However, our efforts are in vain without YOU. The Alumni Association will be only as successful as your participation allows, so I encourage you to contact us today and become a part of the success that is to come.

at any Alumni Association event! Association dues are set at \$50 per year. Send payments to the mailing address or pay at our website via a secure PayPal transaction.



Upcoming Events

- October 29, 2011
 OSU Homecoming Tailgate Location: Just North of Old Central
- November 5, 2011
 Gamma Chi Reunion (OSU vs K-State Game)
 Location: Big orange bus behind George's Stables
- March 3, 2012 Alumni Banquet Location: Stillwater, OK
- April 28, 2012
 J. Lewis Sanderson Memorial Golf Tournament Location: Lakeside Golf Course, Stillwater, OK
- July 26-29, 2012
 International Convention
 Location: Denver, CO
- Several Local Social Functions in OKC, Tulsa, and Kansas City throughout the year with dates TBD

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Once a Pike Always a Pike

Ways you can get further involved!

Alumni Advisory Board.

One of the foremost indicators for the success of a Pi Kappa Alpha chapter is the presence of an alumni advisory board. The most effective advisors are typically part of a team. The creation and maintenance of an alumni advisory board is beneficial for the chapter and alumni volunteers. For the chapter, it offers more perspectives and expertise than one alumnus could possibly provide. For alumni, it makes advising a much more manageable and enjoyable experience. An Alumni Advisory Board usually consists of alumni members who can offer the following:

- Their professional expertise and support to the undergraduate chapter;
- A commitment to helping the chapter improve;
- · Counsel and advice to chapter leadership;
- Assistance in the areas of academics, leadership, undergraduate recruitment and financial management;
- Emphasis on the intangible aspects of fraternalism Ritual, brotherhood, motivation, unity and caring for one another; and
- · Up-to-date progress on new ideas, tools and fraternal programs

Ideally, there are at least six key members of the alumni advisory board. Many times, the Chapter Advisor will chair the board, but may rotate this responsibility amongst the members. The Advisory Board sets regular meetings strategically throughout the semester. Times of the year to target are early fall, early winter, early in the New Year, and late spring before graduation. This team of advisors can provide the mature advice and perspective that will take a chapter from the middle of the pack, to the top of their campus. The presence of an active Alumni Advisory Board is one of the requirements for a Pike chapter to receive the coveted Smythe Award. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a part the Alumni Advisory Board, please contact Shane Pate at <u>pike boy 1868@yahoo.com</u> or Nick Johnson at <u>osupike21@yahoo.com</u>.

Housing Corporation.

House Corporations are 501c (7) not-for-profit corporations, formed with the purpose of planning for, and working towards providing competitive housing on campus for their respective chapters. The manner in which the Housing Corporation seeks to accomplish this is by buying, selling, receiving, exchanging, leasing, renting, granting, improving, developing, repairing, and at times maintaining a mortgage on the real and personal property of the Gamma Chi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

House corporations are governed by a board of alumni volunteers, elected by their peers. While some house corporation board members have a background in real estate, the most important qualification is having a passion for the chapter's housing. Strong house corporations are critical to the success of a chapter and are a great way to get involved. Gamma Chi Chapter could benefit from your time and experience, and you'll know you are contributing to a legacy of chapter health and strength.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a part of Housing Corporation, please contact: Rob Holder at holder@dowellfcu.com or Lee Wilson at cowboyvol@att.net.

