Greetings from Dodd Hall!

• • • Chapter Changes
Alcohol Policy
At the Dodd Hall meeting on April 24, the undergraduate chapter recommended changing our University-recognized alcohol status from wet to dry/damp. The trustees agreed that this change, which would go into effect for the 2011-12 school year, is for the best. The deadline for policy changes for the 2010-11 academic year, was last fall, so the chapter’s status will remain technically wet and this will be a transitional year. The Pikes are the last wet chapter following the recent suspension of Sigma Chi.

A little background is needed. Two years ago Miami University instituted its Second Year initiative, in which all sophomores are required to live in university housing (dormitories). Dry/damp fraternities were issued exemptions for their sophomores if they met higher academic and alcohol requirements. Our chapter believed it could adjust by filling the house with juniors and seniors. Historically 60-65% of the men living in Miami’s fraternity houses are sophomores. This year, the chapter found it increasingly difficult to fill the house, but also found that out-of-house sophomores were much less engaged or active in the chapter. Recruitment was also tough. We netted 17 new members in our main winter recruitment period and have eight spring pledges. Ideally, we would like to recruit 30-40 new pledges per year.

The new damp status requires no alcohol in the common areas of the house, except for approved alumni events. Legal-age members are allowed alcohol in their rooms, and sophomores must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 to live in the house, which is also the minimum to pledge any fraternity. Our chapter has tried to recruit freshmen with a G.P.A. of at least 2.75-3.0. Damp chapters must also have a live-in resident advisor. These will be drastic changes in many ways, but they are for the best and will benefit the Chapter in the long run.

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Delphi Gamma Revives Alcohol Policy
Much-Needed House Improvement Projects Slated for Summer

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After spending some of our “future” money to fund a number of improvements last summer, our winter projects and planned summer projects are modest. The old TV room on the second floor was converted to a three-man residential room; the cost was approximately $10,000 and will increase our maximum capacity to 44 men. Summer plans include additional security lights in the rear of the house, green room updates, and several lower floor doors and frames. Additionally, all common areas for approved alumni events. Legal-age members are allowed alcohol in their rooms, and sophomores must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 to live in the house, which is also the minimum to pledge any fraternity. Our chapter has tried to recruit freshmen with a G.P.A. of at least 2.75-3.0. Damp chapters must also have a live-in resident advisor. These will be drastic changes in many ways, but they are for the best and will benefit the Chapter in the long run.

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Join Us September 3-5 for 1955-1975 Class Reunion!

Having thoroughly enjoyed the 2004 reunion, many of you have asked for another. On September 3-5 we will be taking over the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Hamilton, Ohio, for a 1955-1975 class reunion. Just think, wall-to-wall Pikes!

Friday
Alumni Reception

Saturday
Morning: Golf Outing
Afternoon: Cookout at the Chapter House,
Primo Beer and Wine Tasting
Evening: Alumni Banquet

Sunday
Farewell Breakfast Buffet
More Golf!

For more information, contact Dr. Roger Harris at WHOLETOOTH@aol.com or visit www.deltagammaalumni.org.
The Delta Gamma Chapter has had a busy semester. Faced with some challenges, we have worked hard to ensure our success for the future. In January the incoming executive board set lofty goals and anticipate achieving them by the end of the semester.

We enjoy and appreciate the improvements made to the house last summer—all due to alumni donations. To protect your significant investment and ensure the upgrades remain in tip-top shape, the chapter has instituted a smoking ban.

We sent brothers to two Pike University events. In January four members attended the Chapter Executives Conference in Memphis, and five members and Chapter Advisor Bob Reibel ’66 attended the February Pike University event in Chicago. We will send a small group of brothers to the International Convention in Austin this summer. We are excited this year’s convention because it includes the ritual and legislative conference, which only occurs every 10 years.

Dr. Roger Harris ’62 joined us for the initiation ceremony in March. We welcomed 17 candidates into the chapter, which brings our membership back up to 100 men. Though this was not our largest class, we have recruited eight men this spring and hope to have a larger fall pledge class.

Faculty Advisor Jerry Miller has proven to be a priceless asset to the chapter, providing more than academic advice. His experience at Miami and in the Greek community has benefited the fraternity substantially. After a year of service, he has found his niche working closely with Bob Riebel, Roger Harris, me, and many of the brothers.

We remain successful in athletics and campus involvement. We added a broomball team and made it to the playoffs for softball and hockey. At the Greek Awards celebration, presented by the Cliff Alexander Office, Michael Vaughn ’09 was named Tutor of the Year for his involvement in the Adopt-a-School program.

We are extremely thankful to our alumni for your overwhelming support and, with your help, we look forward to the continued success of Pi Kappa Alpha locally and nationally.

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Delta Gamma Revises Alcohol Policy

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Dodd Hall President Terry Raulin ’69 presents outgoing Chapter President Andrew Cornick ’07 with a gavel for a job well done.

will get heavy-duty cleaning, residential room carpets will be steam cleaned, and the walls will be repainted. Not sexy items, but necessary nonetheless.

...Fall Annual Appeal Results

The fall/winter annual appeal appears to have been hit hard by the economy. Each appeal normally generates $5,000-$8,000. However, contributions from 20 alumni resulted in $1,995, of which $300 was designated for the Delta Gamma Educational Foundation. Particularly generous donations were made by Donald Embler ’64, James Fancher ’97, Kelly Jones ’78, and Brian Joenk ’79. Total contributions for 2009 were $8,619. Thanks to all who donated!

This summer with 15-20 undergraduates will be living in the house while attending summer session. We will have an open house on June 19 as part of Alumni Weekend, and, of course, I’d like to see a large turnout for the 1955-75 class reunion on September 3-5.
Q & A with John AMOS ’59

Alumnus Advises Collegians to Enjoy the Moment

Q: Why did you decide to join ΠΚΑ?
A: I chose to join a fraternity because my father, grandfather, and uncles had positive experiences in their respective fraternities. I assumed joining was just a part of college. One reason I joined the Pikes was because Larry Lorton ’60 and Doug Marker ’50, who were from my hometown (Sidney, Ohio), were members. The instant connection made my decision to join Delta Gamma easier.

Q: What did your undergraduate experience mean to you?
A: Pi Kappa Alpha was a great experience for me. It helped me develop personally and expand my horizons by being around so many men from diverse backgrounds. I have kept in contact with a number my brothers. As an undergraduate I served as rush chairman for a couple of years, which I enjoyed a lot. As an alumnus I served on the Dodd Hall Board for a number of years.

Q: What are your favorite ΠΚΑ memories?
A: I have so many memories from ΠΚΑ but my favorite would be just being with the guys. I also enjoyed playing basketball before dinner, going to Mac ’n Joe’s, card games, parties, winning the all-sports trophy a number of times—we just had a great time. I hate to advise undergraduates to do anything but enjoy the moment because it goes by quickly and you will never have this opportunity again.

Q: When did you last visit the chapter house?
A: The last time I visited was about four years ago when Dr. Roger Harris ’62 organized a weekend reunion, which was a really great time. And I am looking forward to attending the reunion in the fall and reconnecting with many Delta Gamma brothers.

Q: Where do you work and what do you do specifically?
A: I am the fourth generation to work at Amos Press in Sidney. I am pretty much retired now but go into work every day for a while—but stay out of the way. I am active on the board of directors. We have a staple of hobby publications, including coin, stamp, crafts, and automobile magazines. Check out our Web site, www.amospress.com, for a full list of publications. We owned the local daily newspaper but sold it about 10 years ago.

Q: What are some of your hobbies and what do you like to do in your free time?
A: I played basketball and fast-pitch softball until my mid-30s, I took up golf in my mid-50s and work out regularly at our local YMCA. I also read a lot of newspapers and magazines.

Q: What is your wife’s name and the names of your children?
A: My wife’s name is Kathy. Our son, Rick, was a Sigma Chi at Miami and our daughter, Kristin, graduated from Ohio University.

Q: Do you keep in touch with any of your brothers? If so, who?
A: My roommate Ed Metzler ’59 and his wife, Lyn, visited from California a couple years ago, and we had a small party with Mike Dubuc ’60 and Ken Bartlett ’59 and their wives. I used to see Lew Blackford ’60 a lot as he lived in Sidney before moving to Columbus. I see Larry Lorton when he comes back for our high school reunions, and I talk to Lou Kindelberger ’57 on the phone occasionally.

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Delta Gamma Chapter
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THANKS to the support of generous alumni, $1,995 was contributed to the fall/winter annual campaign appeal. The success and achievements of the Delta Gamma Chapter are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its alumni. Active brothers are grateful for and proud of the support they receive from alumni. The following is a list of contributors to Delta Gamma’s ongoing annual campaign.
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