



Tech Pikes

Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha • Fall 2011



EPSILON GAMMA ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION CAMPAIGN TO BUILD NEW CHAPTER LODGE ON 20 GREEK CIRCLE

Over \$375,000 Raised in Early Commitments from Loyal Brothers

In 1953, a group of young men created an organization unlike any other at Texas Tech University. Today, 58 years later and after the fall 2010 re-colonization, Pi Kappa Alpha represents a new beginning within the Greek community. Our success on campus and as alumni proves that ΠΚΑ has made—and still makes—a major difference in the lives of its brothers.

Since returning to campus, Epsilon Gamma has attracted more than 100 members to the Colony — a testament to the hard work and dedication of our undergraduate brothers. With the Colony doing so well, now is the time to pursue something bigger.

In 2007, the alumni leadership made the decision to close and disband the Lodge—highly based on the uninhabitable conditions of the facility. This decision was no light undertaking, as the Lodge was a representation of ΠΚΑ’s presence on campus, as well as a gathering point for Chapter operations since 1978. Each of us have fond memories from our days at Texas Tech, but it was time spent at the Lodge that truly shaped our college experience. Now in 2011, the time has come for us to provide a modern facility that will accommodate growth of the Colony and continue to attract the best and brightest young men at Texas Tech University.

I am excited and honored to announce the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation for Our Future* Campaign. The Colony’s outstanding accomplishments were a major factor in our decision to move forward to reconstruct our Lodge. As campaign chairman, I feel strongly that this campaign will reaffirm Epsilon Gamma’s presence and leadership at Texas Tech University for years to come.

Initial commitments from alumni now total \$375,000. This early support is indicative of the lifelong importance of our experiences as Pikes. While this is a great start, it will take the generous and significant support of every brother to reach our goal of \$1 million.

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of August 30, 2011

\$375,000 Total Commitments

21 Contributors

1,481 Mailable Alumni

In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the Lodge project and the ways in which you can help. For all who enjoyed the brotherhood and camaraderie of Epsilon Gamma, and for all of us whose family, social lives, and careers have benefited, it is time to honor our past and secure the future of Pi Kappa Alpha.

In the Bonds,
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THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI, FOR COMMITTING \$375,000

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$375,000 to the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation for Our Future* Campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Epsilon Gamma and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal.

If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has mistakenly been omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator, Ken Herman, at (785) 843-1661 or kherman@penningtonco.com so we may make a correction.

**Epsilon Gamma
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(\$100,000 and above)
Epsilon Gamma Colony

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(\$50,000 to \$99,999)
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Matthew Doyle '77
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(\$25,000 to \$49,999)
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In memory of
Gladys and
John C. Campbell
Scott Nichols '88
In memory of
Bryan Shadden '67

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(\$5,000 to \$9,999)
Bill Buehler '75
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In honor of
Gladys and
John C. Campbell
Matt Bruce '91

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Society**
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)
Your Name Here

1953 Society
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)
Your Name Here



Ricky Green '75 Urges Brothers to Restore Pike Pride

Ricky Green '75 has one mantra that dictates the approach he takes to life: "Do not look back and wish you would have done something. Do it."

Even in college, Ricky walked the talk, serving as Pike pledge trainer, social chairman, sergeant-at-arms, athletic director, and IFC president. His moment of glory, however, was his election as president of Pi Kappa Alpha. "I was elated," he recalls. "I thought, did this really happen?"

Taking his post at the helm of Epsilon Gamma Chapter was the culmination of three years of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work. "You get out what you put into it," Ricky says. "As an undergraduate, I gave everything I had, and I reaped the rewards."

Among the most fulfilling of the Chapter's accomplishments for Ricky, an avid athlete, was winning the intramural blanket for the first time. "We also won the biggest award for the Fraternity twice while I was an undergraduate," he adds. "Our back-to-back spring break trips to Ft. Lauderdale with 12 brothers are great memories, too."

Those spring break trips, as well as the less celebrated, but equally meaningful everyday moments Ricky spent with his Pike brothers built a camaraderie that endures today. "We tailgate together at football games," he says. "We've had four reunions since graduation with 100-200 Pikes from the era in attendance. We're a loyal group. We accomplished a lot, and that ties us together."

Semi-retired after a successful entrepreneurial career in the restaurant industry, Ricky has sustained his commitment to the Fraternity in the 35 years since graduation. Serving as the Lubbock-area alumni representative, he urges brothers to reflect on their time as a Pike and help promote the same opportunities for future members.

"I joined Pike because I was proud to present the members to my parents. It was one of the best times of my life," he says. "We have to remember the good times we had when we were there and not let it go by the wayside. If we want Pikes to live on at Texas Tech, we need to support them. The more people who help, the easier it is to get something done. I want us to come back and have a nice Chapter that we have a heritage in. Now is the time to stand up and do your part to continue our great legacy."

To contact Ricky, e-mail him at rgreen9030@aol.com.

Welcome, New Members

Matthew Behrens
Plano, Texas

Derek Faul
San Antonio, Texas

Andrew Hoye
Garland, Texas

James Blackmer
Ventura, Calif.

Alex Habib
Dallas, Texas

Rocky Matt
Houston, Texas

Michael Chaloopka
Amarillo, Texas

Luke Heath
Woodlands, Texas

Amos Mccord
Hughes Springs, Texas



Lodge Reconstruction Offers Epsilon Gammas Opportunity to Build Pike Memories

Why I Gave: Scott Campbell '74

Memories made at college often stay with an individual their entire life and help shape them into the person they become. The diverse people you meet and wide variety of experiences give students the knowledge to form successful careers of their own. For Epsilon Gamma alumnus **Scott Campbell '74**, his Pike membership added to vast opportunities already available to Texas Tech students and paved the way for a successful career down the road.

"I knew a couple of Pikes. They asked me to attend the rush parties where I met a number of great guys," Scott says of his decision to first visit Pike. "They encouraged me to pledge stating how well I would fit in—and they were right. I met so many good people with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences that I was able to learn from. Being a member of Pike also helped me realize I could achieve long-term goals." Beyond that, Pike gave him the opportunity to develop important leadership skills. As an undergraduate, Scott held multiple Chapter officer positions such as Lodge Chairman, Sergeant at Arms, and Pledge Trainer.

"Some of my favorite Pike memories are from sporting events—both intramurals and Texas Tech basketball and football, not to forget the social events at the old Lodge on 19th Street." These cherished memories serve as a big motivator for Scott stay involved with the Fraternity today. "You get out of Pike what you put into it. The Fraternity has given more to me than I can ever give back to it; but that doesn't mean I shouldn't try."

The desire to support the next generation of brothers, along with the opportunity to honor his own parents, Gladys and John C. Campbell, serves as Scott's inspiration to support the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation of Our Future*. "The fraternity needs a base of operations where brothers can interact with one another. I'd like to be a part of making this happen for the new Pike's at Texas Tech."

Today, Scott resides in Midland, Texas, where he is an oil and gas consultant providing well site supervision of drilling/ completion/ work over/production operations. In his free time, Scott enjoys traveling around the country with Pike brothers to watch college football games and professional baseball, as well as visiting his niece and nephews. To contact Scott, e-mail him at jscpike@suddenlink.net.

Improved Academics and Philanthropic Involvement Promotes Epsilon Gamma's Return to Texas Tech

Epsilon Gamma Colony is proud to announce its second fall semester officially back on campus. We have experienced great growth in the past year, which can be accredited to the recruitment of dedicated men and the support of our distinguished alumni.

We continue to raise awareness that Pike has returned to campus and that our Fraternity will soon return to its top-ranked standing. Of the many highlights this past spring, the Colony placed third in intramurals, hosted a Founders Day Casino Night to raise support for our philanthropy, and participated in the area Relay for Life event.

Academic Scholarships Provide Additional Support for Brothers to Excel Academically

Epsilon Gamma Colony places a special emphasis on grades by providing in-house scholarships for brothers who make academics a top priority. This spring, our Colony achieved a 2.932 G.P.A., an increase of .128 from the fall semester. This improvement in academic performance places Pike seventh out of the 21 Fraternities registered with the IFC.



Luke Cotton, Joshua Beasley, Chapter Consultant Ryan Ngyuen, and Benjamin Jarvis at the latest Pike International Academy.

Epsilon Gamma Raises More Than \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society

Throughout the semester, the Colony strived to increase our philanthropic involvement by partnering with organization such as Habitat for Humanity Greek Build, Special Olympics of Texas, and Relay for Life. Epsilon Gamma had the extraordinary opportunity to help raise more than \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society through our involvement with Relay for Life and make a \$1,500 donation to the Special Olympics.

Brothers Attend Pike University; Garner Important Lessons to Help the Colony Succeed

This summer, brothers Ben Jarvis, Luke Cotton, and Josh Beasley attended the Pike University: 2011 Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, to spend a weekend with fellow Pikes to learn new recruitment methods and share ideas on how to build a stronger Chapter. The men did an excellent job of displaying Epsilon Gamma's dedication to creating a successful Chapter and often proved themselves to be willing and able leaders within the group sessions. Many new ideas were shared and connections made that will help our Colony succeed this fall.

Now more than ever, Pikes have an opportunity to establish ourselves as leaders at Texas Tech. It is an honor to contribute to the legacy of Epsilon Gamma Chapter. We thank all of our brothers for their generous support. Please visit our website, www.techpike.org, for updates on Epsilon Gamma.



Fraternally,
Andrew Barrilleaux

Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your input for membership selection. Please send recommendations to Recruitment Chairman **Stuart Freiner**, Pi Kappa Alpha, 3206 28th St, Lubbock, TX 79410, or submit your

Tanner Shipp
Dallas, Texas

Mitchell Ulibarri
Nocona, Texas

Taylor Weakley
Colleyville, Texas

Chapter Eternal

James D. Martin III '54 entered Chapter Eternal on Dec. 26, 2010, at the age of 78. He lived in Bryan, Texas, and is survived by his wife, Vera, and their three children.

Alumni News

Franklin J. Douthitt '56 lives with his wife, Sandra, in Henrietta, Texas, where he is a lawyer. E-mail: frank@douthittlaw.com

Lynn A. Boatner, Ph.D. '57 and his wife, Martha, reside in Oak Ridge, Tenn. They have three children: Mark, Ivan, and Philip. Lynn is a corporate fellow for Oak Ridge National Lab as well as director of the ORNL Center for Radiation Detection Materials and Systems. He has 17 U.S. patents from his work and research with physics. In his spare time he enjoys scuba diving as he is a certified master scuba diver. E-mail: boatnerla@ornl.gov

Howard E. Jones '58 is the alumni advisor for risk management for the Pike Colony at Rowan University in Glassboro N.J. The Colony is currently applying for a full Pi Kappa Alpha chapter charter. Howard and his wife, Becky, live in Cherry Hill, N.J. and have two children, Tracy and Philip. E-mail: howardejones@comcast.net

Benjamin "Kirby" Rodgers Jr. '59 is in his 16th year of retirement after 31 years of international oil exploration with Mobil Oil. Kirby and his wife, Betty, reside in Fairview, Texas, and he enjoys traveling. E-mail: kirbyrodg38@aol.com

John R. Carter '63 and his wife, Erika, reside in Round Rock, Texas. They have four children: John, Teddy, Gilianne and Danielle. John is a congressman for District 31 in Texas, where he is the secretary of the House Republican Conference.

Dr. Gary H. Gilliland '65 retired in 2006 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University as associate dean of the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education and chairman of the Department of Psychology. He lives with his wife, Vicky, in Weatherford, Okla. E-mail: ghg1989@cebridge.net

Eric Fittz '76 has been with Erico Inc. for 24 years as a regional sales marketing manager. Eric manages agent sales staff covering 1/3 of the U.S. He and his wife, Teri, have two children, Taylor (21) and Chandler (14), and reside in Corinth, Texas. E-mail: efittz@erico.com

William W. Persefield '76 founded Medical Development Corp., a medical facility development company in 2007. He lives in Garland, Texas, with his wife, Ellen. E-mail: bpersefield@gmail.com

Patrick F. Doyle '83 has been the Galveston County commissioner since 2004. And he is a partner at Bettison, Dovle, Anffel & Guarino. He



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This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents. If your son is still attending Texas Tech University, he will receive a copy at the Lodge. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

Jay Peoples '85 and his wife, Michelle, reside in Dalhart, Texas, and have two daughters, Kelsey and Tatum. Jay is in the self storage business and owns/operates two locations in Dalhart and Logan, New Mexico. He still attempts the "Gator" any chance he gets. E-mail: JLP1@xit.net

Tommy R. Sparks II '96 and his wife, Amy, bought a new home in McKinney, Texas, in February 2010. They have three daughters: Britton, Berkley, and Boston. Tommy is a varsity baseball coach at McKinney Boyd High School and teaches professional communication. Amy was awarded teacher of the year in 2009. E-mail: tsparks@mckinneyisd.net

Eric S. Davis '99 started his own company, Phoenix Financial Solutions, in 2008. He recently bought a home in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Kelly Rollins, a Kappa Delta from Texas Tech. E-mail: sdavis@phoenixfinsolutions.com



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