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GARNET to GOLD

"The Pike Challenge"

Official Newsletter of the Zeta Epsilon Alumni Association.

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NEW ALUMNI ORGANIZATION FORMED. WE NEED YOUR HELP

Welcome fellow brothers of the Zeta Epsilon Chapter. You are now a member of the newly formed Garnet to Gold, ZE Alumni Association. This Association was organized because it is time that the ZE Alumni become a factor in its chapter at Western Kentucky University. Our support, financially and otherwise, can help make the Pikes at Western become the best frat on campus as well as one of the best in the PiKA fraternity system.

This organization was formed for several reasons:

1) We felt the alumni of ZE have been losing touch with each other as well as becoming more distant from the active chapter.

2) With an alumni association of 323 and growing with each passing semester; Garnet to Gold feels we should better support the chapter, financially.

This Association will be addressing the stated problems as follows: Our lack of communication will be corrected by a quarterly newsletter published **by alumni for alumni**. The newsletter will be a vehicle to send important information about fellow brothers, the status of donations, and information about the chapter. Each newsletter will highlight one or more alumni and addresses of fellow brothers.

The second and most important area we will address is FINANCIAL support. The chapter has goals and so should its alumni. The chapter has a goal to own the existing house, remodel that existing house, and build an addition to the back which would include more living space, and a large party room.

Our goal as an alumni Association, should be to assist the chapter in what ever way possible so that the chapter can reach its goals. The GARNET TO GOLD Zeta Epsilon Alumni Association has set a beginning goal of **\$50,000** to be achieved by Homecoming 1988. These funds will be used as follows:

- 1.) To pay off house which has a current mortgage of \$26,000.
- 2.) Re-model house.
- 3.) Build an addition to the existing house.
- 4.) Use as a sizeable downpayment for one of the first houses on Fraternity Row. (The frat row idea has been kicked around by Western Officials for years, but could come true within 5-10 years.)
- and 5.) Expenses for newsletter.

Again our main purpose of the GARNET TO GOLD ZE Alumni Association is to reach a goal of \$50,000. This goal can only be achieved with the help of each of you alumni. We can reach the goal; it's not impossible, but we need a commitment from every one of the 323 alumni of Zeta Epsilon.

For the short term, all donations will be placed in a savings account at the Palatine National Bank in Palatine, IL. The account will be under the name of Garnet to Gold. The account was opened by myself, Craig Long. I will see that the funds are properly endorsed, deposited and invested to gain the highest return. I will report the current account balance in each newsletter.

To date, the Garnet to Gold Association has received two donations. Mark Hebert of Frankfort, KY and myself Craig Long of Schaumburg, IL have both donated \$100 each. Mark and I "CHALLENGE" you to match our donations. If each of the 323 alumni would give \$100 in each of the next two calendar years, we could meet our \$50,000 goal by Homecoming 1987. This would be a one year before plan. PLEASE DONATE, WE NEED YOUR HELP. IF YOU CAN GIVE \$100, PLEASE DO. IF YOU CAN ONLY GIVE \$25, PLEASE DO. GIVE WHATEVER YOU CAN. IT IS IMPORTANT AND REMEMBER, YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

The enthusiasm of this organization has really caught on at the house in Bowling Green. The actives believe in our organization as much as we do. They decided to have an interest in this newly formed fund. At their last meeting, the chapter voted to raise its dues \$2 per man. These additional funds will be coming directly to the Garnet to Gold organization. We as alumni appreciate their support and would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire chapter.

Now you can add to this fund by sending your tax deductible donation to:

Garnet to Gold
Zeta Epsilon Alumni Association
c/o Craig A. Long
2583 College Hill Circle
Schaumburg, IL 60195

Thank you for your contribution. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by letter or call at (312)397-9307.

GARNET TO GOLD CLUBS

In order to recognize the alumni who contribute, the ZE alumni association will enter your name into one of these clubs after your first donation is made. **Garnet Club**--Less than \$100/yr. **Gold Club**--\$100 to \$250/yr. **Shield and Diamond Club**--Over \$250/yr.

As your donation rises during the year, you will progress to a higher club. At Homecoming '86, the ZE alumni association will present a plaque to the chapter, listing these clubs and their members for the past year. The association will give one of these every year to the active chapter. Also at Homecoming, special recognition will be given to the alumni who has given the most in the past year. The association year will run from Homecoming to Homecoming.

HOMECOMING '85. TOM LEWIS. ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Homecoming was a big success for all. The toppers won their game against Morehead State. Coach Feix and his 1975 Championship football team were guests of honor, and alumni from many years attended the weekends festivities.

PiKA alumni came to homecoming from as far away as Chicago, IL., Lakewood, NJ., Sewanee TN., and as close as Frankfort, Louisville, Glasgow and Bowling Green.

The festivities kicked off Friday night at the Pike House on Kentucky St. A "Welcome Home Alumni" party was held to greet all returning alumni. The beer and stories of the past flowed like water down College St. during a heavy rain.

Saturday morning, 6AM wake-up calls got golfers out of bed to Hobson Grove for the Third Annual Homecoming Golf Outing. The WKU parade was at 10AM, a pre-game party at 11AM, and the game at 1PM. Dinner, sponsored by PiKA was held at Trotters. The dance, located at the Eagles Club, is where more fun was had by all. At the dance, awards were given to actives for different accomplishments.

Alumni Tom Lewis, Attorney in Bowling Green, was presented with the Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award. This award was given to Tom by the Active chapter for his continual help and support over the past year. **Congratulations Tom.**

ALUMNI WIN TEAM TITLE, PLEDGE WINS OVERALL TITLE

The third Pi Kappa Alpha Homecoming Golf Outing was held at Hobson Grove Golf Course. Four Alumni, three actives and one pledge played. The alumni won the team title with Steve Smith (8 over par 44), Mark Hebert (45), Craig Long (46), and Randy Miles (62). The Actives shot 48,50,62, and the pledge won the individual title with a 6 over 42.

We look next year to have more participants in the 4th Annual Golf Outing.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

W. Brent Kelley (931 N.W. 7th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106) graduated from Oklahoma City University School of Law in May 1985. Currently, Brent has taken a position with the firm of Williams, Luttrell, Boren, and Perry. Congatulations Brent.

Kelley S. Reid (120 E. Flamingo Dr., Clarksville, IN 47130) received a Master's Degree from Indiana University. Kelley also announces the birth of his first child, Tyler Mitchell, born May 24, 1985. Congratulations Kelley and family.

W.T. 'Happy' Chandler (3611 SW 34th Street, Apt. 7, Gainesville, FL 32608) has recently graduated from WKU and is now employed in the Sports Information Office at the University of Florida. Congratulations Happy.

FELLOW ALUMNI OF ZETA EPSILON

Joseph J. Disalve	1726 Wickford Rd. S. Plainfield, NJ 07080
Mack E. White	6914 Beech Ave. Prospect, KY 40059
David H. Peterson	1896 Ivanhoe Ct. Louisville, KY 40205
Thomas E. Vanarsdall	Box 188, Burgin, KY 40310
Gary L. Jolly	918 Morehead Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42101

WKU NEWS

The Hilltoppers have had a super season. They finished the regular season 23-8. The Toppers finished second in the Sun Belt Conference behind Old Dominion. This record was Western's best since the 1970 season. The post season Sun Belt tournament in Birmingham, Al resulted in a quarterfinal victory over South Florida and a Semi-final loss to UAB, a team Western beat twice in the regular season. The toppers cracked the top 20 once this season and received a post season trip to the NCAA Tournament. Their first round opponent was Nebraska. The Toppers were victorious and earned the right to play Kentucky in round two. WKU played a fine game but fell short 71-64. This was only the second meeting between the two teams. The first was won by Western by a score of 107-83. Western eventually went on to the final four that year.

The Lady Toppers are also having a great season. They are 30-2 and ranked 5th in the country. The Lady Toppers have made it to the final four again this year. They begin final four action in Lexington, Friday March 28 against the #1 Texas Longhorns. The Lady Toppers made it to the final four last year only to lose to Georgia, this year they hope to go all the way.

At one point late in the season, the combined records of the men's and women's teams resulted in WKU having the winningest program in the country.

MISC...

If any alumni would wish to enclose a letter or article in any newsletter, just send it to me, Craig Long at 2583 College Hill Circle, Schaumburg, IL 60195. I would also like to hear comments, suggestions, etc, regarding the newsletter or the GARNET TO GOLD organization itself. Also any addresses of fellow brothers would be appreciated. Were not certain how accurate the national printout is. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"THUS THE ONE KEY DETERMINANT IN A CHAPTERS ULTIMATE SUCCESS OR FAILURE IS THE PRESENCE OF ACTIVE AND CONCERNED ALUMNI"-Allen Groves, Shell and Diamond, June 1985.