



Mountaineer PHI PSI

West Virginia Alpha...A strong, rich tradition of Phi Kappa Psi

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2005 FOUNDER'S DAY-MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! PRESIDENT HARDESTY TO SPEAK

The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi formally invite all alumni and spouses to our annual Founder's Day to be held on Saturday, February 26, 2004. David Hardesty '64, President of West Virginia University, will deliver the keynote address.

The agenda for the day includes the following:

- 8:30 - 9:00 Continental breakfast (foyer of house)
- 9:00 a.m. Founder's Day Program
(in the Memorial Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch (buffet style at the Pines CC)
- 2:00 p.m. WVU vs Rutgers (men's basketball at the coliseum)

We look forward to seeing many of our alumni. As I am sure you are aware, many upgrades have been made to the house

and chapel over the last several years. Call a pledge brother and make the trip to Morgantown for the day! The cost of the Continental Breakfast and Lunch is \$30.

Basketball tickets may be purchased via phone by calling (1-800-WVU-GAME), online at www.wvugame.com. The cost per ticket is \$20. Join us as we cheer on the Mountaineers in the season's final home game!

So that proper planning arrangements can be made, please RSVP your attendance to

Zach Mendelson at the phone or email noted above. Please mail your check to Mountaineer Phi Psi, P.O. Box 4077, Morgantown, WV 26507. Checks can be made payable to: Preserving Our History Campaign.

If you have additional questions please contact Garrett Prendergast: gprender@mix.wvu or (304) 619-8263.

FRATERNITY HOUSE RENOVATIONS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FUND UPGRADES

During July and August, contractors moved into 780 Spruce Street to begin repair work on two primary areas; the front porch roof and the entryway/foyer. The last time the front porch roof was repaired, it was nearly twenty-five years ago, and the contractor was Sutter Roofing (Clarksburg). The foreman was Paul Nichols.

With much appreciation to Brother Doug Sutter '84, Sutter Roofing was once again our contractor, and yes, Paul Nichols was also involved.

The project consisted of re-roofing with a modified bitumen roofing system. As work commenced, it was discovered that a portion of the wood structure needed replaced. You may recall that this roof has four drains that flow down through the pillars. New copper sleeves were installed into the roof drains.

The total cost of this work was \$6,200. With this roof work complete, the stage has now been set for future repairs to the front facade, pillars, and windows.

The renovations to the front entryway and foyer were significant. New ceramic tile was installed. With the assistance of Brother Ed Davis '72, who provided all of the tile and accessories at cost, over 550 square feet of new tile was installed, along with new rubber stair risers for the steps leading to the second floor.

The concept of "wainscoting" was used for the central hallway work. This is often used when you have lots of open wall space. Local contractor, Home Comfort, Inc (Dean "A.J."

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FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (484) **Robert E. Richard '42**, 1640 Apple Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Ph: 248-626-1788. Mailed \$60 and writes: Still tooting along in full retirement. Health is stable. Hope the chapter continues to make progress.
- (518) **William B. Maxwell '44**, 1202 Kanawha Blvd E., Apt 3-G, Charleston, WV 25301. Sent along \$50 contribution.
- (575) **Harold J. Shamberger '46**, 1281 Longdon St, Morgantown, WV 26505. Sent \$50.
- (631) **C.J. Moore '47**, 401 Pine St., Philadelphia, PA 19106. Mailed \$35.
- (634) **Alfred A. Bolton '48**, 217 Brandon Ct, Danville, VA 24541. Contributed \$50 and notes: Retired in May 2004, now professor emeritus in business at Averett University—Danville, VA.
- (700) **John B. Windsor '52**, P.O. Box 522, Fairmont, WV 26555. Mailed along \$35.
- (801) **Charles S. Mahan '57**, 1001 N. Riverhills Dr, Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Ph: 813-974-8336. Contributed \$75 and writes: Retired as Dean of USF College of Public Health in summer of 2003. Now Professor and Director of Maternal and Child Health Policy at the Lawton & Rhea Chiles Center on USF Campus. Came back to Morgantown for Mountain 100th—Great!
- (812) **Hubert A. Shaffer, Jr '58**, 2175 Devonshire Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Mailed \$50 and notes: I am still practicing and teaching Radiology at the University of VA Health System—for 30-years. Honored to receive the Monticello District Award of Merit this year from Boy Scouts of America.
- (886) **Stephen D. McWhorter '60**, 11510 Maple Ridge Rd, Reston, VA 20190. Mailed \$50.
- (912) **William A. Jones Jr '62**, 131 Riverbottom Circle, Athens, GA 30606. Ph: 706-543-0205. Sent along \$50 and notes: Retired from USAF and Mortgage Business. My sons run the business now. I would like to hear from brothers...
- (944) **Richard J. Nelson '64**, 7565 Franklin Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Ph: 724- 538-4650. Contributed \$100.
- (967) **Robert C. Spiker Jr '65**, 17117 Campbell Farm Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837. Mailed \$60.
- (1019) **Curtis K. Brown '66**, 5 Lorraine Ter., Wheeling, WV 26003. Ph: 304-243-8907. Sent \$50.
- (1033) **Edgar E. Thacker '66**, 5717 Timber Ridge Dr, Raleigh, NC 27609. Ph: 919-878-4463. Contributed \$35 and writes: Now self-employed. Work on my schedule and at a place to my choosing between Raleigh and Ocean Isle Beach.
- (1094) **Samuel K. Mullett '69**, 250 Locust St, Huntington, WV 25705. Contributed \$35.
- (1173) **Leo P. Bidula '71**, 118 Oakglen Dr, Oakmont, PA 15139. Sent along \$60.
- (1261) **Wayne Willis Hall '73**, 112 Sheldon Drive, Moore, SC 29369. Mailed \$50.
- (1279) **James V. Lorenze '73**, 54 Tara Pl, Morgantown, WV 26505. Ph: 304-598-2411. Sent along \$135 and writes: Had a great time in Cabo San Lucas with all the brothers and spouses. Son, David, is a senior at Virginia Tech and daughter, Jennifer, a sophomore at Duquesne University. I appreciate the newsletter!
- (1430) **Abraham L. Key III '78**, P. O. Box 225, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed \$50.
- (1442) **Timothy Muscaro '79**, 3502 W. Bay to Bay Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629. Ph: 813-839-6999. Sent along \$75 and notes: Things are great in Tampa. Bucs and Lightning give us something to cheer about (reminds me when the Pirates and Steelers were winning). Looking forward to the next reunion. Count me in for Cabo San Lucas next time.
- (1499) **Thomas G. Dyer '81**, 349 Washington Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26302. Mailed along \$50 and writes: Your efforts on behalf of Phi Kappa Psi remain most appreciated.
- (1617) **Robert E. Lazzell II '85**, 309 Grand Street, Morgantown, WV 26501. Contributed \$60.
- (606) **Kenneth E. Kincaid '47**, 2955 Ridgedale Road, Morgantown, WV 26508. Contributed \$100 and writes: Enclosed is my check to renew my subscription to the Mountaineer Phi Psi. I would like to challenge those in my pledge class to send a like amount. Because it has been so long since I offered any personal news, I thought I would take this opportunity to bring my brothers up to date. Health has been my greatest concern. In July 1998, I had a heart attack which resulted in quadruple by-pass surgery. In March 2003, I had a brief bout with congestive heart failure. September 30, 2003 I had the mitral valve in my heart repaired, and, on December 30, I had an artificial knee installed. A couple months later, I developed an infection, called cellulitis, in my lower leg just below my new knee (unrelated). After six weeks of daily treatments with anti-biotics through an IV port, I got rid of that pesky annoyance. Today, I am happy to report that I am feeling good and able to get around very well. If it were not for my loving (physician) wife, Chris, I wouldn't be here! Lastly, on December 31, 2003, I officially retired from the practice of law. My wife and I live on a small "farm". She has two very nice riding horses, plus we have a beagle dog, four barb cats, and two Siamese house cats. Between the animals and my wife's "honey-do" lists, I keep reasonably busy. I go to supervised exercise three days a week (which I highly recommend). Last summer (2004) I was very surprised and pleased to get a phone call from **Joe Brooks '45** with whom I roomed at the house and who was also an usher in Paula's and my wedding in 1949. He was coming to Charleston to attend his 60th high school reunion, and, since he had not been back to Morgantown since his graduation from WVU, he wanted to return and visit the campus. I was delighted to give him and his wife a "guided tour" after which my wife joined us for dinner at the Ramada Inn. It was a pleasure to see Joe again. I look forward to the next issue of this newsletter so that I can see what some of my contemporary brothers are doing.

MAKING A SUCCESS OF YOUR LIFE

Brother **William "Bill" Def Thompson '61** addressed members of both WV Alpha and Pennsylvania Alpha (Washington and Jefferson College) in the Memorial Chapel on Sunday, November 14. Brother Thompson spoke about "Dressing for Success" and what it will take for these young men to succeed in the business world today.

Thompson, who was born in Washington, PA, came to WVU in 1959 and was a member of the basketball team during the time affectionately referred to as "The WV Basketball Glory Years". In addition, during 1960 Thompson also served as the school's mascot, "The Mountaineer". Following graduation, Thompson earned his law degree from WVU in 1964.

Hailing from a 'Family of Phi Psi's', Thompson's grandfather, Albert Ely Thompson '15 and his father, William Reed Thompson '30, both attended W & J. Brother George "Wiry" Thompson '57 and Bill are members of WV Alpha. While William Def Thompson Jr '81, Bill's son, attended Washington & Lee in Virginia.

"Be aware your appearance affects how others view you.

Appearance is both structured and unstructured, "noted Thompson. He reminisced about when he attended a private (boarding school) in Virginia and it was mandatory to wear a tie everywhere (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). It is believed this is the time when Thompson developed his affinity for 'bow ties'.

Thompson stressed "The 3-A's" as important virtues to take with you through life. They are:

- **Attention...**is making sure everyone listens, focuses on the task at hand, and thus determines your goal.
- **Attitude...**is a matter of being positive. Having an "I CAN DO IT" disposition.
- **Action...**go to class. How you carry and deport yourself. Do this with respect to life in general.

Brother Thompson concluded his remarks by urging the brothers to "never, ever forget 'Humor'. It is a learned human characteristic. If learned properly, it can become one's greatest asset throughout life. Don't ever take yourself too serious!"



Preserving Our History Campaign

West Virginia Alpha

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Dear Brother,

Last year, when I moved back to Morgantown, Brother Andy Wilkins, who is President of the House Corporation, asked if I would join the supervisory committee that is working on some issues within the active fraternity. I welcomed the opportunity.

One area we discussed was membership as part of the total “Preserving Our History Campaign.” Through the work of Brother Zach Mendelson and the Mountaineer Phi Psi Newsletter, you are aware the active chapter is making solid progress. I would like to concentrate on membership and as always, we need your help.

For us to survive as a Fraternity at West Virginia University we must attract and nurture incoming Freshman. We have a house that has had some significant renovation, but what makes the house is the membership. Current actives have made great strides to attract young men that we would all be proud of calling Brother. More needs to be done to help them.

Current actives Jason Lynch, Drew Waitkus and local alumni are working on a “Mentoring Program” with the goal of attracting and maintaining the high caliber of young men that will perpetuate the fraternity. The program we envision goes beyond the new pledges and applies to the entire active group as well. We need two kinds of support, financial and personal that will assist with an immediate need (Fall Pledge Class-17 young men) and an ongoing need (the future of WV Alpha).

Our program looks like this:

- We have alumni committed to support the program as a mentor both financially and personally to assure that the pledges become actives. Pledge dues are \$400. In addition, general counseling will be provided by the mentor to augment the Big Brother program. This will be done by phone or in person when possible.
- The second method of commitment is with your time, contacts and expertise. We feel the alumni community can help our active members with information concerning career path, internships, job search, resumés and graduate school, etc. We plan to put a seminar program together so that when you are in town for an event or business, you can share your learning and experience with the active chapter. The cost is nothing to participate but the rewards will be large.

We the Mentoring Committee, are committed to manage your dollars in your best interest and we assure you we will be diligent to only disperse the monies upon completion of the goals. The mentoring dollars will be in the 501C account earmarked for the Mentoring Program and will be tax deductible. The seminar program is in the final development stage.

In May, I attended an initiation of 15 young men. The alumni also had a first ever Alumna induction ceremony for graduating seniors. When I pledged, Bob Stone and Dick Burchinal told me that "Phi Psi was a life-long tradition." I trust you agree. "I am very glad to be here." A small but growing group of us are trying to keep West Virginia Alpha alive and well and restore the image that makes us Phi Kappa Psi.

We need and welcome your help in dollars and time. We are asking each who gets this letter to make one phone call to another Phi Psi Brother who you have not talked to recently and discuss the Mentoring Program and how you can help.

I realize we all get asked for money. This time you have a choice of a contribution in time. Think about what WV Alpha meant to you. We look forward to hearing from you in any manner.

Thank You.
Fraternally,

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I, _____ will sponsor a pledge for the 2005 Fall Rush in the amount of \$_____.

Make checks out to WV Alpha Educational Fund.

I, _____ am glad to assist in the seminar program in the following way:

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(Home) _____

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2005 Subscription	\$ 35.00
2005 Founder's Day	\$ 30.00
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CHAPTER NEWS

After being voted the "Most Improved Fraternity" (at WVU) during the 2003-2004 calendar year, the Chapter was excited about this current year. The Fall Semester began with 42 active brothers, and 28 living in the house. Excellent leadership has been provided by Joey Connard (GP) and Jeff Baker (VGP).

Chapter meetings are being held on a regular basis, and the Chapter is once again disciplining itself, when necessary.

Twelve new initiates were a result of Fall Rush. All of these young men appear ready to provide the chapter with strong leadership in the future. Thus far this year, the chapter has placed first in the Alpha Xi, Chi Omega, and Pi Beta Phi philanthropy events. Additionally, they placed second in the Delta Gamma, and third in the Kappa Kappa Gamma philanthropies.

The chapter is extremely competitive with intramurals. They reached the playoffs in flag football, and placed second in the

John Beilein 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

A "Barbecue Cookout" at the chapter house following the Temple Homecoming Game was a huge success. Many alumni, spouses, and Friends came back for a visit. The Chapter members were extremely hospitable. They made all of us, who attended, very proud.

The Chapter has been assisting with our 'mother chapter' at W & J College. This Chapter has been working through many of the same issues that have confronted so many fraternities over the last ten years.

On December 3rd the Chapter hosted a holiday chapel service in the Memorial Chapel. Attendees included: President

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Watson) did an outstanding job with this work.

The fifteen ceiling beams were enclosed with oak. Raised (oak) panel was installed to a chair-rail height of 44" above the floor throughout the hallway.

New oak doors were installed, along with oak door casing. New baseboard throughout the area. Both the front and rear entry doors were also replaced. The mailbox area was moved into the old "phone" room. The project was completed with the hanging of 33 composites (framed in oak), from 1970 to pres-

ent. The total cost of this project was \$37,000.

The furnishings within the president's suite were replaced prior to the start of the school year. With the assistance of Brother Matt Herrick '79 (who runs the family furniture business in New Martinsville, WV), complete new furnishings were provided for the entire suite. The cost of this project was \$7,500.

Additionally, the following was completed last summer, including: replace carpeting in eleven rooms, refurbish pool table, new folding chairs for dining area, new dishes, silverware, glasses for dining area, and a new steam table and food server for kitchen. The cost of these miscellaneous jobs—\$4,800.



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Pictured (L to R) Mark "Scratchy" Vasilko '78, Mario Lemieux, and Dennis White '71 are pictured at the 2004 Mario Lemieux Pro-Am Golf Tournament held annually at Nevillewood Golf Club, Pittsburgh, PA. Brothers Vasilko and White played golf with Lemieux and David Pelletier, 2002 Olympic Gold Medalist (Paired Figure Skating). Their team finished tied for third.

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David, Tom Sloane (Sr Associate Dean of Students), Ron Justice (Asst Dean & Mayor of Mgtwn), the ladies of Delta Delta Gamma, along with Several alumni. Pastor Ken Ramsey, of Wesley United Methodist Church, presented remarks.

It is worth noting that following this chapel service, the Chapter (Joey Connard-GP) received a "thank you note" from Mr Sloane. He stated:

"I wanted to commend you and the Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi for the outstanding program and prayer service you arranged last Friday night. I was impressed. Your Chapter has made an important stride and several of us noticed the progress you have made. You, your cabinet, and your brothers are to be praised as models for the rest of our fraternities..."

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Paul W. Brown '36 died June 11, 2001

Henry L. Walker '65 died in May 2004 after a brief struggle with cancer. Henry, a native of Beckley, WV, was a vice -president with Lincoln Life Insurance Company in Columbus, OH where he resided for over twenty-years. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and Henry III (WV Alpha '96) and daughter, Brooke.

Judy Walker sent a donation of \$100.