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



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RICK PILL NAMED 2005 OUTSTANDING WVU ALUMNUS

A Martinsburg attorney, **Richard "Rick" A. Pill '70**, who has not missed a West Virginia University home football game in 42-years was honored by his alma mater as the 2005 Outstanding Alumnus. Brother Pill, a Morgantown native, graduated from WVU in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and returned in 1974 to earn his law degree. Since 1977, he has been a partner with (**Brother Dave Pill '74**) Pill & Pill Law firm in Martinsburg, WV.

As the alumni associations outstanding alumnus, Pill participated in the annual homecoming parade the night before the (Awesome) WVU vs Louisville football game, and was also honored at halftime of the game. Pill is a prominent member of the Woodburn Circle Society and has a long history of service to the University through various councils and committees. In recent years, he has worked with the WVU Athletic Club Development Council and the Eastern Panhandle Mountaineer Fan Club.

Pill has also served as president of the Eastern Panhandle Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association and was a member of the WVU Alumni Association board of directors from 1997-2002. Every year, Pill and his family host a Mountaineer Parents Club Summer send-off at their home in Martinsburg. This past summer, nearly 100 students from Berkeley and Morgan counties attended the event.

"WVU has been instrumental in my life as it pertains to my career, my family, and my friends," he said, "and therefore, it's always been important and a pleasure to try and help the University in return."

He is the father of three daughters-Shannon, WVU graduate and president of the New York/New Jersey chapter of the Alumni Association; Christy, a University of Richmond graduate; and Jessica, a junior at WVU.

2006 FOUNDER'S DAY

Our annual Founder's Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 18th. The speaker will be **Rick Pill '70**, the 2005 WVU Outstanding Alumnus. Plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts, service begins at 10:00, with lunch to follow at The Pines C.C. Contact Zach Mendelson (412) 227-4677 or zach_mendelson@acordia.com to confirm your attendance. WVU basketball at 3:45!

CHAPTER ETERNAL

- (497) **Robert E. Lazzell '42**, passed on November 21st, 2005. The former SWGP was widely known and loved throughout the Fraternity. He served as National President from 1990-1992, presiding at the GAC in San Francisco in 1992. A member of the Order of the S.C., Bob was inducted in 1964 in Denver [More to follow in next issue].
- (605) **William O. Bivins Jr '47**, passed into Chapter Eternal on September 27, 2003.
- (884) **Charles Brooks Watkins '60**, passed into Chapter Eternal on December 1, 2005. Known affectionately to his friends as "Brookie", his passing comes after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. While attending WVU, Brookie was also a member of the golf team. A rabid Mountaineer Fan-he always loved a big win over Pitt or Virginia Tech.

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (438) **Robert Pierce '39**, 9164 36th Way, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Bob noted the following: According to the latest directory, WV Alpha now has over 80 members in Florida. I hope more can attend the annual (Founder's Day) meeting February 18, 2006 at the University Club in Sarasota, FL. Phone Bro Renick at 941-794-5523 or email at mcrenick@juno.com
- (487) **Eugene P. St. Clair '41**, P.O. Box 3516, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Sent 50. Eugene noted that **David Hardesty '64** is right, all fraternities need house mothers.
- (505) **James M. Powell '43**, 1521 Liberty Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101. Mailed along \$335 and notes: Still practicing law with my two sons. Enjoy newsletter. My wife, Sally, and I still live in Parkersburg. Love cruising-try it!
- (512) **George E. Hall '44**, 57 Gilliam home, Riverside, CT 06878-2200. Sent \$50. George noted that **Bill Maxwell '44** passed on the news about **Dick Starr**. George also is very glad to have the pictures from March '47!
- (548) **Carl H. Cather Jr. '45**, 2268 Lakeside Estates, Morgantown, WV 26508. Sent \$85. Carl notes that he still enjoys retirement.
- (549) **Dotson Cather '45**, 315 Spring Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Sent \$100. Dotson noted that it was great to see so many Phi Psi's at the recent 60th reunion of the Morgantown High School class of 1945, pledge brothers **Carl Cather '45** (my cousin), **Bob Magnuson '45** and **Jim Warman '45**.
- (575) **Harold Shamberger '46**, 1281 Longdon St, Morgantown, WV 26505. Sent \$50.
- (580) **D.A. Ruley '46**, Route 2, Box 204, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Sent \$50.
- (638) **William B. Derenburger '48**, 945 Echo Rd, South Charleston, WV 25343. Sent \$135. William notes that he retired from Union Carbide Engineering department in 1985. Carolyn and myself are at home in So. Charleston. All three children living in Charleston, and we have seven grandchildren.
- (658) **Tom Deveny '49**, 535 Ridgecrest Rd, Akron, OH 44303. Sent \$50. Tom noted he has three children and nine grandchildren. Tom had his 50th wedding anniversary in August and has stayed in Akron following his retirement in 1997.
- (672) **John Buchanan '49**, PO Box 298, Chalk Hill, PA 15421. Sent \$125. John noted his praises for **Dick Campbell** for the pledge class picture. He was my big brother and I'm matching his challenge by sending \$125.
- (681) **Robert E. Douglas '50**, 608 Bendview Dr., Charleston, WV 25314. Sent \$50. Robert notes that he is still active in law practice and trying cases. He hopes to get in shape to lead WVU alum band at Homecoming. This will be my 57th year on Mountaineer Field and will hang up the baton on the 60th.
- (685) **Ted Heiskell '51**, 299 Sylvan Dr, Delaware, OH 43015. Sent \$50. Ted noted that he is finishing his 2nd year as board president of the Central Ohio Symphony. He is having lots of fun in retirement.
- (643) **Tom Seckman '48**, 944 Forest Acres, Nashville, TN 37220. Sent \$75. Tom noted the following: I am enjoying retirement (2 years). My wife and I are 5th wheel campers who enjoy the mountains of East Tennessee, N.C, and North Georgia.
- (706) **Tom VanLandingham '52**, 865 Vandalia Rd, Morgantown, WV 26501. Mailed \$50.
- (718) **Tom Rogers '52**, 245 Lakeview Dr. Morgantown, WV 26508. Sent \$135.
- (737) **John Stoetzer '54**, 7 Old Oak Rd, Darien, CT 06820. Sent \$50. John noted that all of his children are out west. He has two daughters and two grandchildren living in Colorado and one son living in Idaho. Great places to visit.
- (743) **Robert (Bob) Riffie '53**, 404 College Road, Blackstone, VA 23824 [New Address]. Contributed \$85 and writes: Sold drug store in 1999. Retired in 2000. Go to Melbourne, FL Jan-April every year. If you are near there, come visit. We have two grandchildren there and two in VA. Email address is: briffie@meckcom.net.
- (795) **Terry Gribble '56**, 102 Chaucer Ct., St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Sent \$50. Terry notes that he has been retired for 8-years now. My wife Joyce and I have been married 45 years. We enjoy time at our house in NJ, traveling, and our four grandchildren.
- (883) **H. Richard Marshall, Jr. '60**, H.C. 81 Box 52 GG, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Sent \$200.
- (886) **Stephen McWhorter '60**, 701 South Norton, Sylacauga, AL 35150 [New Address]. Mailed \$100 and notes: Retiring after 38-years of ministry.
- (940) **Tom Messmore '64**, 44 Central St., Alton Bay, NH 03810. Sent \$100. Tom noted that he enjoyed touring Japan and China with **Brother Hardesty** and the Gold and Blue Travelers. Tom also noted that he found Brother Hardesty's Founders Day remarks to be insightful.
- (957) **Eric Van Lilly '63**, 1108 Country Club Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408. Sent \$45. Eric notes that retirement is well; lost of golf, hunting and fishing.
- (967) **Bob Spiker '65**, 17117 Campbell Farm Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837. Mailed \$60. Bob noted that he continues to enjoy retirement and he does lots of volunteering at a local middle school as well as tutoring in math.
- (986) **Ricklin Brown '65**, P.O. Box 1356, Charleston, WV 25325. Sent \$100. Ricklin notes that he is working out of law firms in both Morgantown and Charleston. It is good to be back in Morgantown without any homework!

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- (1013) **Pete Hoffman '66**, 310 W. Burke St, Martinsburg, WV 25401 [New Address]. Contributed \$85 and writes: I'm splitting my time between Martinsburg and D.C. Offices for Jackson Kelly Law Firm.
- (1024) **Stephen Maxwell '66**, P.O. Box 2424, Clarksburg, WV 26302-2424 [New Address]. Mailed along \$35.
- (1072) **Tom DeWitt '68**, 457 Lakeview Dr., Morgantown, WV 26508. Sent \$100.
- (1261) **Wayne Hall '73**, 112 Sheldon Dr, Moore, SC 29369. Sent \$35.
- (1414) **Arch Reed '78**, 308 Grand St., Westover, WV 26505. Sent \$135. Arch notes that he recently brought brother **Jason Lynch '02** into the auto repair/tire shop business. Our daughter, Chelsea will be going away to college next year. In the meantime, wife, Doris and I enjoy getting together with many brothers and wives.
- (1433) **John K. O'Shavghnessy '78**, 170 Deepwater Dr., WhiteStone, VA 22578. Sent \$50. John noted that all is well on the Chesapeake Bay in VA. Kids are growing fast-Susan is a sophomore at William and Mary, Michael is a senior in high school and Jenny is in eighth grade.

- (1447) **Brad Williams '79**, 140 Ocean Oaks Dr. Indialantic, FL 32903. Sent \$50. Brad notes that each issue is received and read with much interest. Still enjoying life in Central Florida and the family is doing great.
- (1467) **David Sayre '80**, 1432 Alexandria Place, Charleston, WV 25314. Sent \$100.
- (1543) **Curtis P. Miller '82**, 5220 Glenbrook Dr, Vienna, WV 26105. Sent \$135. Curtis noted that he had his 25th high school class reunion. **Brothers Steve Tomer '82** and **Tony Null '82** also attended. Fellow brothers **Will Rogers '83** and **Chris Cates '82** were not able to attend. I had not seen Tony since WVU and have just recently been in touch with Chris via email.
- (1636) **R. Tobias "Toby" Carlin '86**, 2022 Canyon Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Contributed \$135. Toby notes that life is busy in Pittsburgh with his wife, Miriam and 5 children. We both enjoy the newsletter and hope to send all 5 of our children to WVU someday!
- (1926) **James Vickers '96**, 10933 Detroit Ave. Cleveland, OH 44102 [New Address].
- (2009) **Nick Nelson '00**, PO Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348 [New Address]. Mailed \$50.



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IT IS ONLY THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS THAT THIS NEWSLETTER IS POSSIBLE.

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- The Chapter held their annual Chapel Service on Sunday, December 4th. The speaker, Dr Ken Ramsey, senior pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church. The Col Robert E. Lazzell was also remembered.
- The Fall 2005 pledge class includes: John Brennen(Long Island, NY); Greg Candelario(Morgantown, WV); Chris DePolo(Manassas, VA); Daniel Gavin (Sterling, VA); Alex Greenburg(Martinsburg, WV); Brandon Heath(Crosswicks, NJ); Daniel Joyce(Buffalo, NY); Adam Krisofco(Altoona, PA); Sam Lee (Philadelphia, PA); Kevin O'Donnell(York, PA); David Posner(Annapolis, MD); Justin Satterfield(Fairmont, WV); Chris Smith(Centreville, VA); Chase Hanna(Milford, NJ).
- Nick's Canteen, a mainstay on campus since the late 1930's, on the corner of North High Street and Prospect, has been sold to Tim Pegg. Established in 1937 when Nick Seremetis's great uncle, George Serementis opened the doors.
- The 38-35 2006 Sugar Bowl victory marks the first season in school history West Virginia ended an 11-win season with a bowl victory. Also, WVU has won 36 consecutive games whenever they reach the 30-point plateau!
- About 66% of WVU's students receive some \$160 million in financial aid annually.



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With the understanding that this commitment may be fulfilled over a three-year period and must be completed by December 31, 2008, my anticipated schedule is as follows:

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My total gift to the campaign is \$_____

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