

Mountaineer

PHI PSI

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

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FROM THE EDITOR...

As you read in the May issue of The Mountaineer Phi Psi, the House Corporation is working diligently on several matters to assure the Fraternity House is "up to code" and presents a good living experience for the undergrads. Recently, you should have received a letter from the James Cochran House Association "The House Corp" asking for your comments/input on this very important subject.

Over the past six years, the "The Preserving Our History Campaign" raised almost \$200,000. That money has been used for small remodeling jobs; required maintenance; and scholarship. What has been realized is that \$200,000 is a minimal sum when you are working with a chapter house that was built in 1941, with the new addition having been added in 1968.

While we have kept the infrastructure in a maintainable state as repairs required, we are now faced with large needs such as replacing electricity, plumbing, and a sprinkler system. The House Corporation hired a professional engineer to guide us and provide a cost estimate.

The engineer's cost estimate = \$919,000

What is not included in the above is the engineering cost nor the architect cost should we need one. Additional monies also not included in the above, would be needed for a new roof, commercial kitchen upgrade, exterior renovations (painting, fixing columns), elevator for handicap (ADA), security system upgrade, fixtures, and equipment.

The engineer's cost estimate = \$750,000

When you factor the total cost of engineering, architectural planning, construction, establishing a maintenance (sinking) fund, along with providing a budget for a House Manager or House Parent.

The House Corporation total cost estimate = \$2,500,000

While this is a lot of money, many of us in Morgantown who have been involved with the chapter for many years believe it is worth preserving. During my fifteen years as editor of The Mountaineer Phi Psi, I have received hundred's of notes and letters from many of you reflecting on your personal fraternity experiences. But none better than the following which was written in February 1990:

"Attending the 50's reunion in October was, somewhat to my surprise, an extremely emotional experience for me. I had expected it to be a happy gathering—and a sad one—but not so profoundly in either regards. I was glad to see these aging brothers, many of whom I had not

seen for over thirty-years, and mercifully, they were glad to see me too. It was curiously refreshing to find that underneath the balding and graying exteriors lurked the same delightfully quirky personalities that had drawn me to 780 Spruce Street in the first instance. And on the second night when we joined hands and sang 'Amici', I was simply overcome and unable to finish the hymn.

Since that night I have tried to understand why it was such an intensely emotional experience for me. Why was this bond so strong after all these years? I have concluded that it must have been this: we left home at the same time, settled in the same town for a few years, ate at the same table, partied together in the same pine-paneled rooms, rooted for the same teams, studied together in the same rooms, and subscribed to the same fraternal process.

The silly fads and popular songs and TV shows and news stories and movies and political issues that we experienced-- touched our contemporaries in a hundred other campuses (and in Morgantown in a dozen other fraternities) —but never in quite the same way that they touched us, because we were different, not different singly, but different together. And now, as we look down the shorter side of our lives we find that we are still, in a greater sense than we may have imagined, WHO we are and WHAT we are because of what we experienced at 780 Spruce Street. And in coming together again this October, we reconfirmed both our own identities and our identification with each other.

Before that reunion I had, I now realize, underestimated the human bond we had formed at West Virginia Alpha. On those two October nights, as we had exchanged fragments of our lives—old guys trying to bridge the gulf of years—I suddenly realized that we had loved each other far more deeply than I had ever imagined."

Jack Bowman '58

While the Greek system is certainly not what it was 20, 30, or even 50-years ago...neither are the times. I have heard and read your requests over the last several years for such things as bringing back a "House Mother". No question this would provide stability, oversight, and guidance to the chapter. Not to mention protecting our financial investment (your donation) back to the chapter house.

Let "The House Corp" hear your thoughts by returning your survey letter today.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAPTER HOUSE

Submitted by Justin Heydon, corresponding secretary

The Spring Semester '07 produced a small, but strong pledge class, including: Josh Eig from Potomac, MD; Louie Pappan from Beaver Falls, PA; Josh Keister from Glen Dale, WV; Corey Hill from Moundsville, WV; Andy Willetts from Oakton, VA; Leroy Wheatley from Eldersburg, MD; Trey Holland from Greenwood, WV; and Josh Weitzman from Beckley, WV.

We ended the Spring '07 Semester with The "Queens of the Beach Volleyball Tournament". Along with having beautiful weather, beautiful sorority girls participating, and our chef Dana providing us with excellent cooking. It turned out to be a great event. All the money raised was donated to the WVU Children's Hospital. It turned out to be a great ending to a great semester.

The new officers for this (semester) year are: John Dowd from Drexel Hill, PA as the HOD, Greg Candelario from San Antonio, TX as the GP; Derek Krymowski from Coraopolis, PA as the VGP; Alex Greenburg from Martinsburg, WV as the P; John Dowd from Drexel Hill, PA as the HOD; Justin Heydon from Morgantown, WV as the AG, Brian Keefe from Cazenovia, NY as the BG; Nick Glover from Brigantine, NJ as the PHU; Jon Hughes from Sterling, VA as the HI; and John Brennan from North Bellmore, NY and Chris DePolo from Manassas, VA as the SG.

Our fall pledge class includes the following young men: Paul Ferri from Lebanon Township, NJ; Ryan Kelley from Bayonne, NJ;

Anthony Ramos from Fairfax, VA; Joe Hooker from Crosswicks, NJ; Justin Grosso from Washington, PA; Wes Richardson from Perryville, MD; Eric Schneck from Budd Lake, NJ; Bo Bucher from Mechanicsburg, PA; Shoubik from Marlboro, NJ; Ryan Velez from Arlington, VA; Luis Fernandez from Falls Church, VA; Ben Corracio from Cleveland, OH; and Scott Russo from Wilmington, DE. This pledge class is a strong group of guys that have a lot to offer.

As the school year starts we are involved in many extra-curricular activities including: flag football, indoor soccer, dodge ball, and wiffle ball. We have also participated in many of the sorority philanthropies. Homecoming is a very exciting part of the fall semester. This year we were paired with Alpha Phi and Zeta Delta Phi. We finished third overall, after winning in 2005 & 2006.

Also, in planning, is Founders Day 2008. With Garrett Dinsmore serving as alumni relations, and working with **Bob Henderson '60**, we are hoping that this will be one of the best Founder's Day in awhile. The scheduled speaker is **Bob Reynolds '71** the former CEO of Fidelity Investments. Mark your calendar now...the date is February 9th, 2008.

On behalf of the chapter...we are appreciative of all the alumni support. As always, proud to be a Phi Psi!



Over 100, including over 40 brothers, attended the pre-game tailgate before the USF vs WVU Football Game on September 28th.

This picture represents five decades of brothers. While in Tampa, forty-six brothers also participated in a golf outing at The TPC of Tampa. Special thanks to **Tim Muscaro '79** for spearheading this outing.

AROUND TOWN...AND CAMPUS

- A correction from the story, Phi Psi's...Who Were Mountaineer Mascots, which appeared in the May edition of this newsletter. The list failed to include James Coughlin, Matthew Harrison, and Thomas Deveny, III. Thus, the complete list, of brothers and the respective year they served as Mountaineer Mascot are as follows:

James G. Coughlin (1946)
 Matthew W. Harrison (1948)
 Thomas A. Deveny (1950)
 James L. McCoy (1957)
 Jerry S. Sturm (1961)
 Wm Def Thompson (1962)
 Junior Taylor (1975)

- **Charles Vest '60**, former head of MIT, was awarded the nation's highest honor for technology at a recent White House ceremony. Vest, and five others, received the 2006 National Medal of Technology from President Bush. The award, which Congress established in 1980, honors those who improve the quality of life through research and technology.
- West Virginia University recently received a \$25MM gift from a former employee and her husband, who earned his degree from the university while working night shift in a coal mine. The donation by Jo and Ben Statler is the single largest ever given to the University. The pledge will come into two parts. The first \$5MM will go to WVU's Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. About half that money will fund a bus to travel the state and provide breast cancer screenings to women in rural areas. The other half will fund an endowed chair of breast cancer research. The Statler's also pledged \$20MM to the Health Sciences Center, the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, and for a new scoreboard at The Coliseum.
- Following the Fall Rush of all fraternities, WVU released "unofficial" figures that reflect a total of 643 active and associate members. The largest membership are the Phi Psi's with 73. The smallest, Pi Kappa Alpha with 23.
- Special thanks to **Rick Pill '70** and fellow brothers for their time to organize a reunion of the 1970 and 1973-74 pledge classes

September 20-23 at Deep Creek Lake, MD. In addition to activities at the lake, many gathered before/after the game in the "Blue Lot" to renew acquaintances. Also during that weekend, several gathered on Saturday evening (downtown) to celebrate the 60th birthday of **Brad Layne '66**.

- On behalf of the chapter, they wish to express their gratitude to **Jim Lorenze '74** (and his business, Superior Photo) for his many contributions to chapter as respects film, picture development, photo albums. Jim has been extremely generous for many years to not only the fraternity, but also the community.
- And finally, **David Hardesty '64** retired after 12 years at the helm of WVU. Under his guidance, the University has experienced unparalleled growth in many areas including: student enrollment topped 27,000, marking the fifth consecutive record enrollment; the Mountaineer Parents Club grew to include more than 16,000 families; donors provided gifts to the WVU Foundation, which increased financial support from \$17MM over the past twelve years to a record-breaking \$83.4MM for the 2006-2007 fiscal year; building and renovation projects at Oglebay, Brooks, and Colson halls; and our athletic programs are competing at the highest levels...on a national basis. Mike Garrison became WVU's 22nd president on September 21, 2007.
- **Thomas E. Messmore '64**, was recognized in the Spring 2007 WVU Foundation newsletter, 'Board Profiles' as one of its newest members. The 1967 graduate is the owner of T.E. Messmore Associates, LLC, an analytical consulting firm that focuses on risk and investment management. In retirement, he is developing a computer language which facilitates financial modeling, statistical analysis, and simulation. Raised in Fairmont, WV, brother Messmore graduated with honors from WVU and received a BS in Industrial Engineering and earned his MBA from Harvard University in 1969. While at WVU, he was a member of Mountain, Tau Beta Pi, and Alpha Pi Mu. Since 1997, he has held multiple positions with Zurich Insurance Group in New York and Switzerland. He, and his wife Sharon, a 1968 graduate of Fairmont State College, reside in Alton Bay, NH.

Phi Kappa Psi Law Graduates – May 1973

Can you guess
who they are?

1-John Hobbitzel, 2-Mike Keller, 3-Steve Crislip
 4-Bill Dobbs, 5-Chuck Wilson, 6-Steve Hopla,
 7-Sam Mullett



- (502) **W. Gibson McCoy '42**, 4 Park Road, Apt #9, Wheeling, WV 26003. Ph: 304-232-1516. Mailed 4100 and notes: Recovering from broken hip. Learning to “fly” using a cane. Glad to see so many of my post-war brothers names in the last newsletter. Greetings and best wishes to all...Gib!
- (522) **Lee W. Shaffer '44**, 195 Merriman LN, Moneta, VA 24121. Ph: 540-774-7525. Sent \$135 and writes: Always enjoy the Mountaineer Phi Psi and you are to be commended for a great job. Manage to get back a couple times a year for meetings at the Med School (and see a ball game). Have to keep the flag waving here in “Hokie” country. Still doing a fair amount of traveling with my wife of 3 years-Mary Lou.
- (546) **C.L. Underwood '46**, 10362 W. Loma Blanca Dr, Sun City, FL 85351. Ph: 623-972-7106. Mailed \$50 and notes: Have been hospitalized for over two months. I am in rehab learning to use a wheelchair, etc. Hope to be home in June. Following a new lifestyle that no longer includes golf. Will resume museum volunteer work. Mary and I will celebrate our 60th anniversary in November!
- (559) **Russell K. “Bud” Bolton '46**, 48240 Alder Lane, Palm Dessert, CA 92260. Ph: 760-340-1989. Wife, Ruth (Buffington-WVU '44—Alpha Xi) and I are ok except for the usual aches and aging. We still try to get abroad at least once a year and enjoy getting back to a couple football games. Thanks for the newsletter. It's good to hear about some of our 1945-50 friends from Phi Psi.
- (577) **James A. Wroe '46**, 8 Peter Horry Ct, Unit 193, Georgetown, SC 29440. Ph: 843-546-8839. Mailed along \$135 and notes: Thanks again for the newsletter. All is well here with the South Carolina Chapter of WVU!
- (587) **Frank Maxwell '46**, 355 Buckhannon Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Mailed \$35.
- (606) **Kenneth Kincaid '47**, 2955 Ridgedale Rd, Morgantown, WV 26508. Sent along \$35 and writes: As always, I enjoyed reading the last edition of the Mountaineer Phi Psi. I was especially interested in **Dick Holt's '49** letter regarding my pledge brother **Carl Radebaugh '47**. Although we were pledge brothers, I never got to know Carl very well. I have noted over the years that Carl did not “disappear” after graduation, but frequently sent contributions to National and WV Alpha. I wish I had got to know him better. I hope all of the brothers read **W.C. Bird's '65** letter, which was very informative regarding “the situation” at WV Alpha and the urgent need for money (I note that **Fred Hiehle '53** stepped up to the plate). For those who don't know, when W.C. and his lovely wife, Madonna, moved back to Morgantown, he rolled up his sleeves and jumped right in to help WV Alpha and has been a huge help. We are all very grateful to him. On a personal note, my health continues to be reasonably good. Chris and I have been to Italy three times over the past four years, and enjoyed it so much we are planning to go to Sicily in

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W. Gibson McCoy '42

- (619) **Richard H. Campbell '47**, 11015 N. Canada Ridge Dr, Oro Valley, AZ 85737. Ph: 520-877-8032. Email address: rhcampbell29@comcast.net Contributed \$100 and writes: I recently received the May issue of the *Mountaineer Phi Psi*, and as always, it was full of interesting material. On the last page, there is a bit about Phi Psi's who were Mountaineer mascots. I believe **Matt Harrison '47**, should be included on that list. It was good to see that many of the brothers I knew when I was at WVU from 1946-1950 are still active. **Wade Pepper '47** and I were on the track team. **Ed Brandt '47** and I played on the Phi Psi basketball team. I played basketball with **Don Duncan '42** in an independent league, and **Chuck Critchfield '47** and I had many a heated ping pong game after dinner. I believe that all the brothers who were there in the late 40's benefited greatly from the wise counsel and guidance provided by **Harlan Selby '18** and **Lou Corson '34**. I have enclosed a list of 27 brothers initiated in March 1947. I would guess there were more brothers initiated later that year...and possibly more than in any other year of West Virginia Alpha. [Editor's Note: I have corrected myself elsewhere in this newsletter as respects former *Mountaineer Mascots*. My records indicate 35 brothers were initiated in 1947.]
- (655) **Jack Hancock '49**, 936 Natchez Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Ph: 925-945-6503. Mailed \$100.
- (658) **Thomas A. Deveny III '49**, 535 Ridgecrest Rd, Akron, OH 44303. Ph: 330-836-2393. Sent \$50 and notes: I do not want to self-promote, however, I feel I need to assist you in some historical facts about the brotherhood. I was pleased to see you had listed the WVU Phi Psi's who had served as the Mountaineer Mascot in the May edition of the newsletter. You missed at least two, possibly three. Additional Phi Psi brothers who served as the Mountaineer were: **Matthew W. Harrison, Jr '48** and **Tom Deveny '49**. Matt, now deceased, was my big brother. I recall there was one before Matt but I am not sure. I note the name of **James G. Coughlin '46** and think he may have been the other Phi Psi Mountaineer. Hopefully someone can check our records to see if my recollection is any good [Editor's note: You are correct about brother Coughlin, see correction elsewhere]. In the scrapbook that existed in the library in 1950 and later, there was a picture of me as the Mountaineer accepting peanuts from the WV Governor. It was a picture taken by the newspaper. If that scrapbook is somewhere in the archives, I would love a copy of the picture. My email is tad3mad@prodigy.net
- (673) **Charles Hodges '50**, 1312 Chippewa Drive, Plano, TX 75093. Ph: 972-380-5431. Mailed \$100 and states: Still enjoy retirement in Plano—daughter and family are in Prosper, TX—15 miles north of us. We still do some traveling and volunteering and enjoy good health. Talked to **Bob Ice '49** occasionally. He lives in New Orleans. Go 'Errs!

- (693) **Charles Steinmetz '51**, 6835 Willow Oak St, San Antonio, TX 78249. Ph: 210-710-3586. Sent along \$100 and notes: Could not stand retirement and went back to work in July, 2007 as a real estate broker specializing in commercial real estate with a designation CCIM.
- (700) **John B. Windsor '52**, P.O. Box 522, Fairmont, WV 26555. Mailed along \$35.
- (716) **John R. Holiday '53**, 2338 Martinsburg Rd, Newark, OH 43055. Ph: 740-345-5472. Sent along a note announcing his intent to donate (stock shares) to the Preserving Our History Campaign. Thanks to Zach and everyone assisting with the chapter affairs.
- (729) **J. Robert Barr '53**, 105 Lennox Lane, Easley, SC 29642. Ph: 864-855-9597. Mailed 450 and writes: About kids— John lives in Columbia (in sales); Lisa lives in Columbia (3 kids 6, 8, & 9); Cris lives in Columbia (1 kid); Price in Greenville (1 kid). With stroke, not many worries.
- (730) **Howard R. Furbee '53**, 3940 Cypress Landing West, Winter Haven, FL 33884 (winter address). Ph: 937-342-0509. Sent \$35 and notes: Still wintering in Florida.
- (743) **Bob Riffie '54**, 404 College Rd, Blackstone, VA 23824. Sent \$85 and notes: We spend Jan-April in Melbourne, FL where my son, Keith and his family live, and the rest of the year in Blackstone, VA near our daughter, Tracy and her family. Email is briffie@meckcom.net.
- (753) **Robert Morrison '54**, 2761A, Rt 143, Kempton, PA 19529. Ph: 610-756-3342. Mailed along \$85.
- (762) **Phillip Hill '55**, 250 Fernbank Drive, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Ph: 304-876-6227. Contributed \$135 and writes: Still practicing law part-time with Bowles Rice. My office is next to **Mike Keller '63**. I serve on the WVU Hospitals East Board with **Rick Pill '70**, who was also elected president of a rejuvenated Berkeley County Bar Association.
- (794) **Roy E. Pyles '56**, 927 Prospect St., #1102, Honolulu, HI 96822. Ph: 808-533-1293. Sent along \$100 and notes: Brother Zach, thanks to you and all the brothers who are working so hard to keep Phi Psi together and for the fraternity to remain a force at WVU. My wife Diane and I have lived in Honolulu for many years and expect to remain here in our retirement. My brother, **John '61**, and his wife Lucinda are here as well. Their three sons have graduated college and are scattered across the country. We would love to say hello or provide local knowledge to any brother passing through this way. I have stayed in contact over the years with **Robert "Bogey" Dumbaugh '57** of FL and recently caught up to **Joe Boomer '57** of SC, whom I had lost contact. They are both doing well. Again, my deepest gratitude to those of you doing the heavy lifting with the Chapter!
- (795) **Terry Gribble '56**, 102 Chaucer Ct, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Ph: 740-695-4796. Sent along \$35 and notes: We sold our business going on 10-years ago and enjoying the golden years. We still go to all the WVU home games and

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Terry Gribble '56

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- (813) **G.W. (Bill) Edwards, Jr '57**, 413 Whitley Ct, Franklin, TN 37069. Ph: 615-673-9005. Mailed \$50 and writes: My wife, Shirley Bane Edwards, from Columbia, TN died on Christmas morning, 12/25/06, from cancer. Had been fighting it for 2.5 years. Tough getting used to being single again. I am still working for the state in Economic Development.
- (850) **R. Karl Yagle '59**, 933 Vandalia Rd, Morgantown, WV 26501. Mailed \$85.
- (855) **John Pyles '59**, 4721 Kahala Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816. Mailed \$35 check, while also sending along \$1,000 (via **Bob Henderson's '61** request for chapter aid).
- (862) **Daniel Michel '60**, 1755 Olde Mill Ct, Newburgh, IN 47630. Ph: 812-421-2282. Contributed \$135 and writes: Still practicing pediatrics (38 years) and enjoying challenges. Sharon and I married 41 years. Had local visit with **Bill Haden '61** here on college inspection. Bob Henderson lives down the street from where I grew up, 27 Maple Avenue (Morgantown, WV). I appreciated **W.C. Bird's '65** comments...who also lives on Maple Ave!
- (886) **Stephen D. McWhorter '60**, 570 Lovely Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151. Ph: 256-510-0283. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Enjoying being re-deployed after 40 years of active ministry.
- (903) **David Woodrum '61**, 175 N. Harbor Drive, Apt 2206, Chicago, IL 60601. Contributed \$250.00.
- (908) **Murhl Flowers '62**, 668 W. Bay Front Rd, Lothian, MD 20711. Ph: 410-867-2837. Mailed \$50 and writes: Retired in 2002. Staying busy working around the house, at church, and playing golf. We have had great trips to Alaska, and this year to Israel. Anyone gets to D.C. or Baltimore, give me a call.
- (925) **Mike Keller '63**, 905 North Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401. Ph: 304-264-4227. Mailed along \$135 and notes: Still practicing law with Bowles Rice. Happily married to the former Royce Harworth, Delta Gamma '64. See pledge brother **Leigh Shorr '63** often. We have tailgate at all home games in the light blue lot. All brothers are invited to stop by. The bar is always open.
- (945) **Hamil "Buzz" Kessell '64**, 4406 Tidewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32812. Ph: 407-855-7440. Contributed \$135 and notes: Plan 2-3 more years as a senior partner with Orlando Urology Associates...then retirement. My wife, Joy, and I enjoyed a fun evening with Big Brother **John Martin '61** and Leta at Daytona Beach Shores—recently.
- (967) **Robert C. Spiker '65**, 17117 Campbell Farm Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837. Ph: 301-349-5062. Mailed \$60.
- (1010) **Bradley Layne '66**, 2505 Kirk Pointe CU NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Contributed \$135 and writes: Linda and I are living in a suburb of Atlanta. We now have five graduates of WVU in the immediate family. Still maintain my season

tickets to WVU Football and make the most of them. It's been fun to reconnect with the younger Phi Psi Brothers when returning to Morgantown and I have been happy to participate in the Preserving Our History Campaign with time and money. I have attended Founder's Day and luncheon functions sponsored by the local Phi Psi Alumni (lots of Bulldogs and Yellow Jackets). I had the pleasure of meeting WVU Phi Psi, **Wade Pepper '47**, at the luncheon. Bring your clubs and call when you're headed this way. I live on the edge of Marietta CC.

- (1013) **Pete Hoffman '66**, 310 W. Burke St, Martinsburg, WV 25401. Mailed \$150.
- (1115) **Ben Hardesty '69**, Rt 1, Box 386, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Ph: 304-623-3581. Sent along \$35 and notes: All is well in Clarksburg. I am paying for a subscription for Robert M. Steptoe, Jr.-Va Alpha.
- (1166) **John L. "JT" Thomas '70**, 1204 Greenmont Hills Dr, Vienna, WV 26105. Ph: 304-485-6593. Sent \$135 and notes: Son, Andy, graduated from WVU Med School this year. Daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from VT Business School-this year as well. Thanks for keeping us informed.
- (1167) **Mark Warnocki '70**, 1704 SW Gregor Way, Stuart, FL 34997. Ph: 772-288-2834. Contributed \$135.
- (1191) **Robert L. Reynolds '71**, 153 Garfield Rd, Concord, MA 01742. Contributed \$1,000.
- (1224) **Robert Northrup '72**, 6 June Street, Pepperell, MA 01463. Ph: 978-433-9312. Mailed \$70 and writes: My wife and I have had three weddings (all daughters) over the last 24 months...after paying for three college educations. We are now looking forward to the grandchildren and saving some money for retirement.
- (1252) **Bob Bird '73**, 2104 Riversound Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922. Ph: 865-777-1267. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Thanks to the Brothers **Rick '70 & Dave '74**) Pill along with **Jim Lorenze '74** and **Roger Cutright '74** for organizing a fantastic Phi Psi Retreat at Deep Creek earlier this fall. In some ways, it was as though we never left 780 Spruce Street. Between travels this fall to cheer on the Mountaineers...and I have been active in establishing the East TN PKP Alumni Association. We are now chartered and open for business.
- (1273) **Tim Miller '74**, 701 Laurel Rd, Charleston, WV 25314. Ph: 304-345-5867. Mailed along \$135 and notes: Mt. brother, **Steven Christian '68**, and I enjoyed attending the Pill Brothers RV and tailgate party at the East Carolina game on Sept 22nd. Saw some old friends and enjoyed the event. Thanks to Rick & Dave. Youngest daughter early

admitted to WVU Med School Class of '08.

- (1325) **Patrick Parsons '75**, 826 Cedar Rd, Charleston, WV 25314. Mailed \$100.
- (1448) **Paul "Trey" Hornor '79**, 1404 Briarwood Rd, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Ph: 304-842-8406. His email address: trey@hbe1902.com. Contributed \$135.
- (1569) **Christopher "Todd" Everett '83**, 15720 Berryfield St, Hunterfield, NC 28078. Mailed along \$35.
- (1617) **Robert E. Lazzell III '85**, 309 Grand Ave, Morgantown, WV 26501. Sent \$250.00.
- (1758) **Brad Smith '90**, 2708 Manhattan PL, Vienna, VA 22180. Ph: 703-645-0174. Email address: Bradford.j.smith@att.net Mailed \$50 and writes: Joined the Freeman Company in May 2007. Will be responsible for their office at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center. Looking forward to seeing some old Phi Psi's at the Maryland-WVU Game in Sept.
- (2062) **Matt Merrifield '02**, 741 Woodruff Rd, Apt 1835, Greenville, SC 29607. [New Address] Ph: 704-293-3901. Sent along \$50 and writes: I am currently living and working in the Greenville, SC area as a healthcare consultant while I am also pursuing a MBA at the USC. As always, proud to be a Phi Psi and a Mountaineer.

NOTES FROM LOYAL WIDOWS OF PHI KAPPA PSI...

Ms Henry Walker (Judy), 1177 Clubview North, Columbus, OH 43235. Ph: 614-888-2381. She mailed along \$135 and notes: I'm Judy Walker, widow of **Henry "Eagle Walker '69**. I love getting the newsletter. Henry and I dated thru college, so I feel a real fondness for the Phi Psi's and love reading their news about old friends.

Ms Diane H. Parker, 5 West End Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554. Ph: 304-366-2639. She mailed along \$50 and notes: I am the widow of **Paul E. Parker, Jr '45**. Thanks for sending me *In The Bond*, I have thoroughly enjoyed every page. It brings back many happy memories. How Paul would have loved it! Thanks for keeping me on the mailing list. It was a shock when I received a Christmas card from Sally Powell from Parkersburg telling about Jim's death in April '06. I had no idea we widows don't keep in touch the way our husbands did with each other. Thanks for all you do!

PIKES' BELL STILL

(the following is a reprint from the Morgantown Dominion Post, Of Saturday, October 20, 2007. Written by John Samsell)

Another homecoming and another homecoming without the bell. Oh, you may hear a bell at Milan Puskar Stadium, Mountaineer Field, but it will be of electronic variety. It won't be the locomotive bell that Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, known as the Pikes, rang for

more than 50 years at WVU football games. The bell went missing when the fraternity's local Alpha Theta Chapter was inactive from 1998-2001, according to Bill Chittum of Morgantown.

I've often mentioned how the bell had a routine role in football Saturday's in Morgantown. We could hear it regularly from long distances, a signal that game-time was near. The Pikes, founded in 1868, at the University of Virginia, recently observed their 189th

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PIKES' BELL STILL MISSING FROM GAME

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Founder's Day. For that occasion, William R. "Mitch" Michell, of the class of 1960, wrote about "The Legend of the Alpha Theta Bell", based upon the recollections of Clyde Robert Cattrell, class of 1939, who along with other fraternity brothers obtained the bell in 1940.

Cattrell said he and Art Weeks got the idea of obtaining the bell while visiting Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh. The fraternity chapter there had a locomotive bell that was used to call members to dinner. One of the WVU members said he knew where such a bell might be obtained, although the location was kept secret. Six chapter members piled into a 1936 Packard and went in search of the bell. But they were unsuccessful in their first endeavor.

Several nights later, Cattrell said, he and two others made another try, this time in a 1939 Plymouth business coupe. It was a cold and foggy trip through the West Virginia mountains after dark, and this time they were able to obtain the bell. The trip back to Morgantown was remembered as an adventure in itself. Rain turned to sleet and

some mountaintops required two of the three pushing the car on icy roadways. They arrived back at the chapter house on North Spruce Street at 2:30 in the morning. Mitchell noted the large, all brass locomotive bell was taken to most WVU home football games, "clanging out its victory cheers for every Mountaineer advance". He said there were spontaneous victory parades following major wins, with the bell leading the way.

The bell also sounded the beginning of "thuses" with bonfires on the old athletic field (where the Mountainlair Plaza is today), the night before a home game. Actually, homecomings and other football "Saturday's" haven't been the same without the bell's sounds ringing through the streets of the city. Like the echoing of the unique voice of 'Chop 'em Down Henderson' heard at old Mountaineer Field, the bell has its own place in history.



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FOUNDER'S DAY 2008

A special Founder's Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 9th. The chapel ceremony will begin at 2:00, followed by a reception at 6:30. Our speaker will be **Bob Reynolds '71**, former vice chairman of Fidelity Investments. In addition, past war veterans (from all wars) will be recognized. Thus, if you served our country, and/or plan to attend, contact Bob Henderson at (304) 288-9942 or hendersonr@hotmail.com. Spouses are also encouraged to attend this special day.