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

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'New' Campaign To Preserve Our Chapter House Brothers' Bird '65 & Dunham '78 To Lead Effort

On behalf of the James Cochran House Association I write this letter asking you to contribute to our financial campaign "Assuring Our Future". No one likes asking for donations. We do so based on the work we have done and the comments received from our Brother alumni. We have made the decision to remain independent from West Virginia University. We have made a decision to hire a House Manager/Mother.

We have taken very aggressive steps with recent and current brothers in regard to House Management and Occupancy, Academics, Bill Payments and Behavior. The Brothers are very positive and join us in this work. We are on the right track.

The Association spent many hours of discussion on the condition of the house, the recruitment of brothers and the accompanying financial obligation of the House Association.

At this point we can not do the basic maintenance necessary today without mortgaging the Fraternity. The House Corporation is in agreement that we will not mortgage because we would not be able to service the debt with existing rents. An example of basic maintenance is that we need a new roof and new drainage system to prevent further destruction. It will require full alumni financial support so that we can renovate.

The House Association Board has asked me (Brother W.C. Bird '65) and Brother Steve Dunham '78 to lead the work to be done. My role will be to oversee all that we are doing to include fund raising and subsequent remodeling. Brother Dunham's role is to work with the alumni class leaders as we will explain. All the House Association members are involved in some manner.

Brother Dunham has afforded us of his time and talent to be the leader of the financial campaign. He is charged with raising \$1.5 million as soon as he can. To do this, he is putting together a group of Brothers to serve as Pledge Class Captains

to ask their pledge brothers for support. We are doing this because we understand that no one brother can raise all the donations necessary. At this writing we have secured leadership assistance of many pledge classes. You can expect to hear from Brother Dunham and your pledge class leader soon.

Our challenge is to not only raise money but to re-ignite the fraternal flame that is "deep graven on each heart" as an active brother. We are planning a Summer event June 21st and a Homecoming event at 780 Spruce Street for all Brothers to gather with wives or friends. This will give you an opportunity to see what we are doing.

As Brothers, Steve and I along with the House Corporation ask that you make a considerable commitment to West Virginia Alpha Phi Kappa Psi.

W.C. Bird '65

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Steve Dunham '78

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House Mother Hired

I am pleased to report the James Cochran House Association has hired Linda James as the new House Director. Linda is employed at Monongalia General Hospital as a Credentialing Specialist, working for the Vice-President of Medical Affairs. She will assume her duties in August, commencing with the start of the fall semester.

"I want to create a positive atmosphere...and improve the quality of life in any way I can contribute."

The position of House Director is a part-time position, but Linda will reside in the house, living in the "old" president suite quarters. Linda will be attending our June 21st alumni picnic (at the house). Come and meet her!

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (390) **George Bland, Jr '35**, 339 Main Avenue, Weston, WV 26452. Ph: 304-269-2025. Mailed \$50 and notes: Celebrated my 90th birthday on July 3, 2007. Spend my time writing my memoirs titled, "A Nonagenarians Tale" ...and painting abstract pictures.
- (445) **William Bumgardner '39**, 140 Hemlock Woods Drive, Highlands, NC 28741. Mailed \$50 and notes: Ruth and I are fine. Tennis 2-3 hrs per week. Three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.
- (494) **Ray Fisher '42**, 5000 Queen Philomena Blvd, Apt 230, Schenectady, NY 12304. Ph: 518-377-4818. Sent along \$60 and notes: Enjoy very much reading about old grads and young lads. Keep up the good work!
- (500) **Mel Colborn '42**, 814 Nenoni Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554. Contributed \$135 and writes: This is first to thank you (**David Woodrum '61**) for writing the book about Phi Psi's. Thank you it's too late...but better late than never. Then I also want to thank you Mr. Editor for your efforts with the fraternity. I do nothing but complain, but I do that well. Have six children, five daughters, and a down syndrome son. Right now I don't do anything but complain, I do a great job of that.
- (518) **William B. Maxwell '44**, 1202 Kanawha Blvd, East, Apt 3-G, Charleston, WV 25301. Ph: 304-346-3684. Sent along \$35.
- (575) **Hal Shamberger '46**, 1281 Longdon Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505. Mailed in \$100!
- (624) **Ed Brandt '47**, 110 Whitetail Way, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. Ph: 843-235-9085. Mailed \$85 and writes: Frequently see Brothers **Chuck Critchfield '47** and **Jim Wroe '47**.
- (631) **C.J. Moore '48**, 604 S. Washington Sq, #1817, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Mailed \$50.
- (643) **Tom Seckman '48**, 944 Forest Acres, Nashville, TN 37220. Ph: 615-833-0571. Mailed \$70 and notes: Retired consulting engineer. Hiked 6,500 ft Mt. Leconte in TN three years with my sons- '05, '06, and '07.
- (718) **Tom Rogers '52**, 245 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304-594-2501. Mailed \$135 and writes: Still working about half-time, but our two sons **Griff '88** and John doing most of the work now.
- (721) **Gus Conley '53**, 358 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Mailed \$100 and notes: Libby and I moved to a retirement area a year ago. A great move. I'm still teaching part-time at UNC in pediatric nephrology. We're looking forward to joining **Dave McWhorter '54** and wife, Steph on the Sea Cloud II in October.

"In a moment of absolute delirium, I decided to do an alledgedly humorous book..."

Steve Crislip '67

- (733) **Fred Hiehle '53**, 1748 Garfield Avenue, Wyomissing, PA. 19610. Ph: 610-374-8164. Mailed \$85 and notes: We are doing well. Very disappointed about the Pitt game. Maybe some day we will come through.
- (737) **John Stoetzer '54**, 7 Old Oak Rd, Darien, CT 06820. Ph: 203-359-4677. Sent along \$100 and notes: Had a nice phone visit with **John Windsor '52**.
- (766) **Bill Brassine '55**, 12106 Water Oak Drive, Estero, FL 33928. Ph: 239-495-9107. Mailed along \$50 and notes: Retired from medical practice, December 1998. Resident of Estero since 1999. Still return to KY in the summer months. Have six children and eight grandchildren. Have been blessed with good health since surgeries in 1997.
- (786) **Ted Flach '56**, 4 Pine Island Drive, Hilton Head, SC 29928. Ph: 843-363-6595. Sent along \$100 and writes: Just finished reading the current issue of Mountaineer Phi Psi. Great article by **Jack Bowman '58** on the reunion. Seeing the comments from **Bob Riffie '54** and **Terry Gribble '56** got me laughing as I recalled the light globe incident.
- (787) **Don Smith '56**, 700 Coleman Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554. Ph: 304-366-5430. Mailed \$100 and writes: About ready to retire. Our four children have blessed us with eight grandchildren-six Phi Psi legacies, and two KKG legacies (wife, Gretchen Knox, WVU Kappa). We really enjoy the newsletter.
- (792) **Dan Ferguson '56**, Box 667, Ceredo, WV 25507. Ph: 304-453-1153. Mailed \$50 and notes: Celebrating 50-years at our music store. Piano and organ business still great. No retirement here...still having fun! **Charlie Mahan '61**, 1001 N. Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Sent along \$100 and writes: When USF plays WVU, I cross-dress as a MOUNTAIN-BULL.
- (826) **Dave McMunn '58**, 106 Forest Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Mailed along \$100.
- (845) **Jerry Sturm '59**, 111 Blue Ridge, Warner Robbins, GA 31088. Ph: 478-923-2034. Mailed \$100 and notes: Great to be back for Mountaineer Week as a former Mountaineer (1961-62). Brought back great memories. My wife of 42-years loved it. God bless all Phi Psi's.
- (890) **John Martin '61**, 11 Tanaguay Ct, Savannah, GA 31411. [New Address] Ph: 912-598-2545. Sent along \$50.

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Bresch degree 'seriously flawed' Provost and B&E Dean Both Resign

This was the front page headline of *The Daily Athenaeum* on April 24, reflecting the findings of the five member panel who investigated whether Heather Bresch, daughter of Gov Joe Manchin and an executive at Mylan, Inc, did earn an Executive Masters of Business Administration (eMBA) in December 1998. The decision to grant her an eMBA in October 2007 was "seriously flawed," "defective" and "reflected poor judgement," according to the panel's report.

To date, the fallout has been significant. Within the last week, both Provost Gerald Lang and Dean of College of Business and Economics, R. Stephen Sears, have tendered their resignations. West Virginia University President Michael S. Garrison, who has also come under fire by faculty and alumni, was instructed to take responsibility for the retroactive degree awarded to the governor's daughter last year.

"It is the recommendation of the Board (WV Board of Governors) that you as President of West Virginia University accept responsibility for errors in judgement and procedures

relative to this matter made by members of, and personnel affiliated with the Administration," said Stephen Goodwin, chair of the Board of Governors. The board also recommended that Garrison come up with policies or a plan to ensure a similar situation does not happen again. He is charged to present the BOG with the implementation plan at its June meeting.

The Bresch controversy began shortly after she was appointed chief operating officer at Mylan, Inc., a Pittsburgh based generic drug company, with their primary plant operations in Morgantown. When the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* made a routine call on October 11, 2007 to check her credentials. WVU's Registrar told the paper she did not have an eMBA. Then, WVU officials added 22 hours to her transcript.

West Virginia University Foundation President and Chief Executive, Wayne King, has confirmed the McGhee Foundation notified WVU officials on April 29th that it was revoking an offer to donate \$1MM in art to the university's Creative Arts Center.

- (902) **John Fowler '61**, 500 Virginia Street, E., Suite 1190, Charleston, WV 25301. Mailed \$50.
- (912) **William A. Jones, Jr '62**, 131 Riverbottom Circle, Athens, GA 30606. Ph: 706-543-0205. Mailed \$50 and notes: Still golf, grand-kids, and condo in FL.
- (927) **David Hague '63**, 9419 Goldfield LN, Burke, VA 22015. Ph: 703-451-5144. Mailed \$100. Thanks for keeping the flame burning.
- (944) **Rick Nelson '64**, 7565 Franklin Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Ph: 724-538-4650. Mailed \$135 and writes: I am starting a part-time teaching position at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School, while maintaining my private practice. I wish it was at WVU, but the commute is too long.
- (954) **Steve Hague '64**, 2403 Tall Oaks Drive, Elgin, IL 60123. Mailed \$250.
- (1043) **Steve Crislip '67**, 2154 Presidential Drive, Charleston, WV 25314. Ph: 304-340-1180. In a moment of absolute delirium, I decided to do an allegedly humorous book while traveling for a two-year period for a defense lawyer's organization. All the proceeds are being donated to the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation which provides grants and scholarships. The title of the book is, "*Down to the Hard Road: Almost Legal Humor*" and it is available by order from authorhouse.com/bookstore or on the website at www.downthehardroad.com. My trusty stockbroker, **Rick Morgan '63**, bought a number of them and gave them to clients of his, who may now be former clients. To set the proper tone in this paperback book, I quoted **Jack Bowman '58** on page 1 about staying away from people with no sense of humor.
- (1072) **Tom DeWitt '68**, 457 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304-284-5124. Contributed \$85.
- (1087) **Mike Hoffman '68**, 2571 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA 17331. Ph: 717-637-1801. Sent \$100 and writes: Traveled with little Brother **Rick Wagener '69** to South Florida game to see so many old friends...and meet so many new ones.
- (1113) **Richard Wagener '69**, 13155 Brighton Dam Rd, Clarksville, MD 21029. Ph: 443-276-9595. Contributed \$135 and notes: I am the managing partner of a private wealth management firm in Columbia, MD. Married to Julianna (Gearhart), former president of WVU Kappa Delta, for thirty-five years...and **Bill "W.D." Richards '68** sees this, please send me a note.'
- (1122) **Jim Dobbs '69**, 153 Summers St, Charleston, WV 25301. Contributed \$100.

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Tim Whalen '75

- (1125) **Jeff Carruth '70**, 207 Via Serena, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. Ph: 714-381-7059. Mailed \$100 and notes: Doing great out here in CA, but I sure miss the 'West By God'. I urge all brothers to help Brother **Andy Wilkins '65**, etal, in their quest to save the House.
- (1208) **Gordon Letterman '72**, 2521 Joy Road, Occidental, CA 95465. Ph: 707- 874-2155. Mailed \$135 and writes: Congratulations to **Bob Bird '73** on the chartering of the GAST-TN alumni association. I am always proud of our chapter's strong turnout at the GAC. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting my newest undergraduate brothers in Indy. I divide my time between a home in the redwoods north of San Francisco and in New Mexico.
- (1223) **Mario Marra '72**, 204 East Olive St, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Ph: 304-842-8894. Mailed 4135 and writes: Working at Pratt & Whitney in Bridgeport, WV for the past twenty years. Still attend WVU home football games with brother **John Jacobs '72**. Look forward to attending Founder's Day, if possible.
- (1261) **Wayne Hall '73**, 112 Sheldon Drive, Moore, SC 29369. Ph: 864-574-5081. Mailed \$85.
- (1279) **Jim Lorenze '74**, 54 Tara Place, Morgantown, WV 26505. Mailed \$135. [Editor's Note: *Jim continues to be a vital part of our local alumni effort. In addition, he assists the chapter with photography needs.*]
- (1311) **Tim Whalen '75**, 2 Conifer Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Ph: 304-624-5400. Mailed \$100 and writes: I was very moved by **Jack Bowman's '58** letter in the November '07 issue. I feel very fortunate to have had the Phi Psi experience while in college. I cannot count all the close friendships I have made through the years as well as business relationships I have developed of being a Phi Psi. My membership in PKP has truly been one of the highlights of my life.
- (1376) **Lee Pyles '77**, 5215 Green Farms Ct, Edina, MN 55436. Ph: 952-935-1575. Sent \$100 and writes: Marie and I are both Associate Professors of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. Son, Rick, is a senior at Edina H.S. looking at colleges. Daughter, Cindy, is in the 9th grade. Email: pyles001@umn.edu. Drop me a line especially if you are coming to Minneapolis.
- (1395) **Jim Holtzapple '77**, 198 Oakwood Drive, Spring Grove, PA 17362. Ph: 717-225-6508. Sent along \$100 and notes: Thanks for all the work you and Brother **(Tim) Muscaro '79** did for the USF game last fall.

- (1430) **Abe Key '78**, 110 Wilmont Ave, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed \$100.
- (1445) **John Ragan '79**, 7 Littlebrook Road, Princeton, NJ 08540. Ph: 609-524-4642 (W), 609-651-8819(H). Mailed \$135 and writes: After thirty-years in the deep south, I have moved my family north of the Mason Dixon Line to Princeton, NJ. My wife, Leslie, and two kids (Kathryn, 10 and William, 5) are over their mourning for the balmy winter days of south Florida. I look forward to seeing some my brothers now that I am within ½ day drive of Mountaineer Football or a round of golf anywhere in the NE. All are welcome to stop by if heading east towards NJ shore, NYC, or a WVU-Rutgers football game.
- (1453) **Matt Herrick '79**, 1209 Robin Road, New Martinsville, WV 26155. Ph: 304-455-2961. Mailed \$100 and notes: I'm still in New Martinsville working with my father and brother in the furniture and appliance business at Wayside Furniture. Three sons, Spencer (22), Alex (20), and Logan (14). Had a great time at Founder's Day Chapel Service and dinner.
- (1568) **Anthony May '83**, 4605 Jessica Lane, Cleveland, OH 44133. Mailed \$50.
- (1647) **Ken Graves '86**, 6 Eton Ct, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Mailed \$35.
- (2039) **Dimitri deValroger '01**, 180 Lexington Ave, New York, NY Ph: 301-908-7493. Contributed \$235
[Editor's note: Wonderful to see a younger brother send money at this level—thank you!].

Notes From Loyal Widows Of Phi Kappa Psi...

Susan Watkins (widow of **Charles B. Watkins '60**), 803 Churchill Dr, Charleston, WV 25314 mailed \$60 and writes: Thank you for continuing the newsletter to me. Brookie and I dated all through college in the early 60's, so I like to keep up with former college friends. I have included an extra \$25 in honor of **Jerry Stone '59** who has been so supportive of me and our family since Brookie's death.

Barbara Morris (widow of **Sam Morris '47**), 331 Clark Street, New Martinsville, WV 26155 mailed \$50 and notes: I appreciate being on the newsletter mailing list, and many thanks for sharing news about Phi Psi's. Sam and I enjoyed our Phi Psi friendships, and we especially enjoyed ours visits with Mrs. Goetz-the House Mother and a very special lady!

Chapter Eternal

Alfred A. Bolton '48
passed on July 5th 2007

Raymond F. Ponceroff '74
passed on December 27, 2007.



Founder's Day 2008

Saturday, February 9th

A special ceremony recognizing our past war veterans was part of the 2008 Founder's Day celebration. Over 100 brothers, including chapter members, alumni, and spouses attended this event at the Memorial Chapel. An evening dinner was held at Lakeview Resort. **Alan Bonner '76** offered remarks about his Phi Psi experience. In addition, \$6,000 of scholarship money was awarded to worthy chapter members.



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