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Exterior House Renovations Nearly Complete

Renovations have started on the Fraternity House exterior and the House Parent Quarters inside. Although not finished as this is written, we are encouraged about the progress that we have made in a relatively short period of time. This phase of the project should be complete within 30 days.

As noted in the May 2008 Mountaineer Phi Psi, Linda James has been hired as the House Parent for 2008. This week she is greeting the 30+ brothers who have returned to Morgantown and will be living in the house during fall semester.

The new green metal roof looks outstanding and will be energy efficient. The front porch and balcony roof have been restructured and drainage problems have been eliminated. The new double pane windows will save on utility and maintenance expense. The House Mother's quarters will be finished when you get this letter.

Yes, we still have a long way to go. Donations and pledges are coming in. Many thanks to all those that are serving as Pledge Class Captains and those that have contributed or pledged to date.

We have structured an interest only loan and a draw against what we need up to \$1.5 million. At the end of all construction, it will be converted into a long term fixed rate mortgage. It is important that we pay down the construction loan as soon as possible before we convert it to a mortgage. Your immediate donations will help in that effort and provide a sound base for future maintenance and scholarship through the Alumni Funds.

For tax deductible contributions, make your donation to either the West Virginia Alpha Educational Fund or the Irene Hutchinson Phillips Memorial Fund. If tax deductibility is not a concern for you, you may donate directly to the James Cochran House Association. We can accept checks, stocks, mutual funds and real estate along with in kind donations. You can also donate through estate planning by listing the fraternity in your will.

We will start interior renovations next summer. The electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling all need upgrading. In addition we must bring the life safety needs up to code – fire sprinklers, fire suppression doors and security systems for entrances. Several of us are at the house everyday to assure the work is progressing and is correct.

The response to our survey overwhelmingly said to stay independent of WVU which we have done. The active chapter has filled the house for the fall semester which means we will be operating in the black. We finished last year in the black. The active chapter is doing their part, now it is up to each of us to do what we can to keep our fraternity debt free and a leader on WVU's campus.

As has been said before, it is hard to ask for money. Remember your experiences as an undergraduate in the chapter, your experience in life since college and how West Virginia Alpha Phi Kappa Psi helped that experience and then do what you can to give something back. Thank you.

2008 Football Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 10: Alumni & Chapter Reception at Bent Willey's (located downtown). Reception begins immediately after parade. Complimentary H'ordeurves and cash bar.

Saturday, October 11: Alumni tailgate in Silver Lot (behind facilities building). Event will be catered with refreshments aplenty. Tailgate begins two hours before kick-off.

Sunday, October 12: Brunch at the fraternity house from 10:00 to Noon. Come and meet Linda James, our new House Parent...and view all the changes and renovations. Please RSVP regarding homecoming events or activities, contact **Bob Henderson '60** at (304) 288-9982 or email hendersonr@hotmail.com.

From The House Parent Quarters...

I would like to take this opportunity to share with each of you how excited I am having been invited to fill the position of House Parent for Phi Kappa Psi. I accept this job with excitement and anticipation. The privilege to interject positive influences on these young men will not only be fulfilling, but I am sure not boring in the least. Perhaps one of these young brothers will reflect later in life as to something that I may have taught them that assisted through their college maturation years.

The young men I have already met have been not only respectful, but appear to be positive about this time of transition. Patience, kindness, respect, along with a positive attitude will be some of the virtues I hope to instill within the chapter during my tenure. Mentoring these intelligent, young men as they begin their quest into adulthood and the real world will be a high priority.

I appreciate all the renovations that have been done to my living Quarters. The upgrades are beautiful. Special thanks to **Matt Herrick '79** for providing all the appliances.

And finally, I look forward to meeting all of you and your wives, as well, whenever you visit Morgantown. I welcome and desire your visit 'back to the house'! Please feel free to contact me at (304) 290-6142 or email at ljames822@aol.com.

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (390) **George Bland '35**, 339 Main Avenue, Weston, WV 26452. Mailed \$35 and notes: There were three guys in my pledge class: Paul Brown and Peyton Brown (both deceased).
- (438) **Robert Pierce '39**, 9164 36th Way, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. We just recently celebrated our 62nd wedding anniversary. The first 50-years were the hardest. **Charlie Cox '43** have been regular attendees to the (FL) Alumni Association mtgs.
- (491) **Roger Neighborgall '42**, 1005 Hillwood Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22042. Mailed \$75 and writes: I have always enjoyed the Mountaineer Phi Psi. During WWII, Harlan's version was a moral boost for all in uniform. Linda and I have three children and nine grandchildren. I was on History Channel last year and Discovery Channel this year discussing my "D-Day" role as an Army Ranger. Recent speaking engagements include: Industrial College of Armed Forces(2), and Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. Previously to University Audiences. I am advisor to George Washington University Chapter.
- (518) **William Maxwell '44**, 1202 Kanawha Blvd, Apt 3-C, Charleston, WV 25301. Ph: 304-346-3684. Mailed \$85.
- (542) **Tie E.N. Steele, Jr '45**, 547 MacLeod Terrace, Dunedin, FL 34698. Ph: 723-734-9505. Mailed \$35 and writes: Enjoying full retirement since 1980. Hope the hurricane season brings us some needed rain. Best of luck in all your endeavors.
- (559) **Russell Bolton '46**, 48-240 Alder Lane, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Ph: 760-340-1989. Mailed \$135 and notes: Wife Ruth and I are well considering our age (64- years of marriage). Looking forward to WV Football. Hi to anyone from my era still around!
- (567) **Charles Huffman '46**, 10615 Timber Lane, Port Richey, FL 34668. Ph: 727-862-1683. Sent along \$50 and writes: My wife, Jan, and I have lived in Timer Oaks on the west side of Florida for twenty-years. We are still kicking, if a bit weaker than in the past. Keep up the good work!
- (600) **Jack Bolton '47**, 4210 Boswell Pl, Sarasota, FL 34241. Ph: 941-377-2397. Mailed \$60.
- (623) **Wade Pepper '47**, 1195 Mount Paran Road, Atlanta, GA 30327. Mailed \$50 and notes: I saw Brother **Ed Burkhardt '48** and Nancy in Jan '08 on their way to St. Petersburg, FL. Will see Brother **Chuck Critchfield '47** and Maxine later next month on his 80th birthday (June 29th) in Huntersville, NC. Our Christmas Card to **Don Duncan '42** was returned. Has anyone heard from "fast break" Duncan recently? Congratulations to current brothers for hiring a house mother.
- (700) **John Windsor '52**, P.O. Box 522, Fairmont, WV 26555. Mailed \$50.
- (731) **Howard Furbee '53**, 1696 Fox Ridge Drive, Springfield, OH 45503. Ph: 937-342-0509. Sent along \$35 and notes: Continue to be able to spend winters in Winter Haven, FL and summer in Ohio. Daughters and family live in Williamsburg, VA; Dowingtown, PA; and Palatine, IL which keeps us on the road.
- (748) **Allyn Griffiths '54**, 1313 Deans Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802. Ph: 256- 883-6854. Sent along \$50 and writes: I am a Charter Member of new Hunstville

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- Alumni Chapter. We are working to establish a new chapter at University of Alabama-Huntsville Campus. Enjoyed dinner meetings with National President recently.
- (753) **Robert Morrison '54**, 2761A, Route 143, Kempton, PA 19529. Ph: 610- 756-3342. Mailed \$70 and notes: Just returned from a month in Indonesia and on return came down with denque fever. I am ok now.
- (762) **Phil Hill '55**, 250 Fernbank Drive, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Mailed \$50.
- (771) **Doug Ball '55**, P.O. Box 736, Daniels, WV 25832. Mailed \$100.
- (803) **George Thompson '57**, 760 East Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed \$100.
- (812) **Hubert Shaffer Jr. '58**, 2175 Devonshire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Ph: 434-296-0628. Mailed \$50.
- (813) **G.W. Bill Edwards '58**, 413 Whitley Ct, Franklin, TN 37069. Ph: 615-673-9005. Mailed \$50 and notes: Just retired 5/1/08 and ready to visit my old friends. Wife, Shirley, passed on 12/25/06 from three-year battle with cancer.
- (837) **Dan McClure '57**, 16 Flat Top Lake Road, Ghent, WV 25843. Ph: 304- 787-3732. Sent along \$50 and writes: I have recovered from severe back surgery. Enjoy the news from brothers. My G.P. is **Tom Dotson '57** at the Greenbrier Clinic. I enjoy Flat Top Lake.
- (886) **Stephen McWhorter '60**, 570 Lovely Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151. Ph: 256-245-4868. Mailed \$135 and notes: Actively retired. Serving in a United Methodist & Episcopal Church. Wonderful. Doing mission trips in 2008 to Ghana, Kentucky, Dominican Republic, and Honduras.
- (957) **Eric Van Lilly '64**, 1108 Country Club Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408. Ph: 336-275-1768. Mailed \$135 and writes: Retired 5-years ago, lots of golf and fishing. Back to work recently doing fill-in coverage. All is great. Best of luck on the House Project!



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(1034) William (Bill) Kerns '66, 7008 Carrtage Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554. Ph: 304-366-6171. Sent along \$100 and notes: Retired after 35-years at Bridgeport H.S. (WV). Served this fine school as head basketball coach. Very thankful for the Phi Psi experience, and all the friends and acquaintances that came from it. Only son, Matt, is a senior pharmaceutical rep in Teays Valley, WV. He and his wife, Natalie, are expecting 2nd son on July 4th.

(1113) Richard Wagener '69, 13155 Brighton Dam Rd, Clarksville, MD 21029. Mailed \$100 and writes: Managing Partner of Wagener-Lee LLC Wealth Advisors in Columbia, MD. Married 35 years to Julianna (Gearhart), Kappa Delta-WVU. Two daughters: Jennifer and Amanda, both married within the past five months.

(1166) John "J.T." Thomas '70, 1204 Greenmont Hills Drive, Vienna, WV 26105. Sent \$135 and writes: I am glad we are improving the house—I shall be helping out!

(1569) Todd Everett '83, 15720 Berryfield Street, Huntersville, NC 28078. Mailed \$50.

(1573) Perry "Chief" Pascasio '83, 75 Providence Blvd, Kendall Park, NJ 08824. Ph: 732-821-0746. Mailed \$135 and notes: Living in Central Jersey for the past 13-years after leaving the "big apple". Still happily married to my wife, Kate, and have two beautiful daughters, Caroline (7) and Allie (4). I still keep in touch with **Joe Fox '83** on a regular basis. I look for-

ward to his visit in August and seeing him cheer for the Yankees. Brother Fox- please leave your Met's attire at home. I also speak with **Larry Cavallo '80** on a regular basis. We just returned from our annual Myrtle Beach trip. We had to tone down our behavior-not the same stamina as the old days! If you see brother Cavallo-ask him about thermal maturation? If any of the brothers are in the the central NJ area-please feel free to drop me an email ppascasio@comcast.net or give me a call.

(2090) Garrett Prendergast '04, 3 Shunk Drive, Summersville, WV 26651. Ph: 304-872-5332. Sent along \$50.

Notes From Loyal Widows of Phi Kappa Psi...

Dianne H. Parker (widow of **Paul Parker '45**), Five West End Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554 mailed \$135 and writes: Sorry to hear about Bob Magnuson's death in February 2008. He and my husband were great friends (and Bob was in our wedding in '52). Thanks for continuing to send this wonderful newsletter.

Chapter Eternal
Robert E. Magnuson '45
Passed on February 13, 2008

Charles D. Guy '73
Passed on May 17, 2008