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

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## CAMPAIGN...HOUSE RENOVATIONS UPDATE 2009 Initiation & Founder's Day Set!

Submitted by: W.C. Bird '65, Campaign Chairman.  
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Before the campaign started a small group of brothers put together a strategic plan that, if achieved, would raise the dollar amount necessary to fund our renovations. I would like to recap that plan in a broad sense.

with alumni so as to rekindle what we learned as pledges (3 major events per years – Founders Day, summer picnic and Homecoming)

- put together a professional construction team so as to give us an estimate on cost and timing
- put together a communication plan so as to get the word out in a timely and cost effective way (updates, Mountaineer Phi Psi, word of mouth)
- put together a leadership team to follow through on the communication with all alumni so that 100% participation in the Assuring Our Future Campaign is achieved
- review the project in an ongoing manner so that as changes are encountered, action can be taken

- continue the current financials in a positive cash flow so as to maintain the Fraternity
- institute an alumni supervisor group to review academics, financial areas and discipline so as to improve the quality of the chapter
- involve and improve our relationship with the University so as to decide how we go further on WVU's campus
- involve and improve our relationship

I believe our plan has worked well for the Fraternity and continuing efforts in all areas are necessary until we reach our goal. Currently we are engaging architects and builders to look at the (2009) summers work. Our decision on what to do will be based on our financial situation. The following data is as of this writing and will give you an idea of where we stand.

Dollars collected .....	\$74,643
Dollars pledged over next 3 years .....	\$53,975
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$128,618</b>

\$'s spent to date for improvements .....	\$255,000
Construction line of credit .....	\$1,500,000

Number of brothers contributing .....	73
<i>(1500 living alumni)</i>	
Average dollar by contributor .....	\$1761
<i>(range \$50 - \$25,000)</i>	

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### 2009 Founder's Day

### Initiation of Fall Pledge Class

West Virginia Alpha, Morgantown, WV

Founder's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, February 21st. Our traditional Chapel Service will begin at 2:00. Cocktails (5:30 p.m.) and dinner (6:30 p.m.) will follow at the Waterfront Hotel. Our guest speaker at dinner will be Robert Reynolds, Class of 1971.

For additional details or to make a reservation, contact Bob Henderson at (304)288-9942 or [hendersonr@hotmail.com](mailto:hendersonr@hotmail.com).

The formal initiation of the fall pledge class will be held on Sunday, January 11th at the Memorial Chapel. Initiation ceremony will be at 4:00, with a dinner (at the house) to follow at 6:00. Alumni, if you plan to attend, please contact WC Bird at (304)296-2337 or [birdwcmad@aol.com](mailto:birdwcmad@aol.com).

# From The House Parent Quarters...

Linda James, House Director

Hello to All!

Just a little update for those interested in the positive adjustment of our young men to my arrival at West Virginia Alpha. As I am having the privilege of spending time with them individually, as well as, together; each and every one of them are unique and blessed with attributes that are very pleasing. What futures these young men have ahead of them!

I have been treated with the utmost respect not only from the brothers that are residing in the house, outside of the house, as well as all of the pledges. As in my previous article, patience, kindness, respect and a positive attitude continues to prevail at West Virginia Alpha! This makes the occasional late night acceptable!!

The Fraternity Alumni Support Group is one of the meetings that I have been attending each month. I find this meeting quite informative. The house parents' for West Virginia University meet on a weekly basis. Since this is a fairly new organization, I just attended my first meeting in mid-November. More to follow on this group in future newsletters.

Again, please feel free to stop in and see the fabulous quarters that I have been provided by the generosity of so many of you, the alumni. Also, all of you will want to see the exterior renovations, if you haven't already. If you wish to stop in to visit or have any questions that I may respond to, please feel free to email me. The address is: JAMESL822@AOL.COM. My phone number is: 304-290-6142.

I wish each and everyone the best of the holiday season and a wonderful New Year. As I tell our young men **Be Safe, Have Fun!**

## Fall 2008 Pledge Class

Initiation has been scheduled for Sunday, January 11th. There will also be a formal introduction of this pledge class during the February 21st Founder's Day. In addition to being one of the largest pledge classes in many years, you will also note there are nine states represented as respects hometowns:

Ryan Applegate .....	Cherry Hill, NJ	Scott Petersen .....	Herndon, VA
Jordan Bonuelos .....	Elmhurst, IL	Travis O'Neal .....	Morgantown, WV
Daniel Bryant .....	Laurel, DE	Yale Mendelson.....	Morgantown, WV
David Campanella .....	Arlington, VA	Kevin Ream .....	Hamilton, NJ
Daniel Feely .....	Dover, DE	Ryan Rothstain .....	Ventnor, NJ
Ben Frame .....	Charleston, WV	Tony Santosuosp .....	Sterling, VA
Joe Harmon .....	Silver Creek, NY	Ryan Schroeder.....	Elmhurst, IL
Rob Hayes .....	Flemington, NJ	Steve Spence .....	Pittsburgh, PA
Corey Hirkala.....	Weirton, WV	Adam Voll.....	Rocky River, OH
Matt Jacob .....	Sayville, NY	Mark Voll .....	Rocky River, OH
Gary Howell.....	Elmhurst, IL	Brian Wayne .....	Sayville, NY
Derrick Kell.....	Etters, PA	Trei Wheeler .....	Haymarket, VA
Danny Klein .....	Etters, PA	Derrick Whitlow .....	Princeton, WV
Tony Langden .....	Harborcreek, PA	William Zaney .....	Austin, TX
John McCune .....	Weirton, WV	Sean Zelesnick .....	Newton, PA
Chris Pace.....	Flemington, NJ	Alex Zuckerman .....	Sterling, VA
Nick Natsios .....	Sterling, VA		

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YES, I AM INTERESTED IN ASSISTING TO CONTACT MEMBERS OF MY PLEDGE CLASS.  
 PLEASE HAVE WC BIRD CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY.

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## *CAMPAIGN HOUSE RENOVATIONS UPDATE (Continued from page one)*

We have been working with the architect and builder to finalize plans for next summer. From a strategic plan perspective, there are several items that can not be held up and yet we are only half way to paying off our work to date (spent \$255,000 versus donations of \$128,618). We must do the electrical, plumbing and fire safety systems next summer. We are trying to do so at reduced costs without lacking quality. The potential to go into a third summer of work exists.

With 73 out of 1500 alums contributing to date, we have a long way

to go. Our intent remains to have a brother from your era contact you directly. If you have not been contacted and would like to help, please let me know. It is clear that brothers that have had personal contact or have been to the events at the house are those that are contributing. Versus the last campaign, we are also attracting new contributors. *That tells me the personal contact that we are making makes a difference.*

I continue to work on getting more Captains to help me with individual years. If your Captain has not contacted you yet, please call them and ask how you can

help. Naming rights are still available for large donations from individuals or classes, with the exception of The Alumni Room which has been donated. We are still early in the campaign and year end giving for tax purposes should be a factor. The time to show your appreciation for West Virginia Alpha is now. We need every Brother to contribute so our chapter can remain healthy and **“Live Ever, Die Never.”**

## GAC Recognizes Tom Rogers

**Tom Rogers '53** was recognized at the GAC in August for his distinguished service to the national fraternity, having served on the Permanent Fund for the last fifteen years.

"I'd like to offer my personal thoughts on two men who epitomize all that our founders envisioned Phi Kappa Psi should stand for. I had the pleasure of serving on the Permanent Fund for 15 years with John R. Donnell, Jr., Ohio Epsilon '59; and Thomas P. Rogers, West Virginia Alpha '53," noted Fred Clay, Jr., a fellow trustee.



*Representing the undergraduate chapter at the GAC, Garrett Dinsmore and Justin Heydon*

"Both of these men are known very well outside of Phi Kappa Psi for their business acumen and their public service. They would be embarrassed if I should even attempt to mention a few of their accomplishments because they serve with quiet and humble dignity, disliking notoriety. While some men seek respect of their peers, others cannot avoid it. It is because of the life they lead. Each of us has been the recipient of the thoughtful service of these two men. I thank both of them for the privilege of my association with them."



*Regular attendees of the GAC include: Bob Bird, '73, David Woodrum '61, and Gordon Letterman, '72.*

## Assuring Our Future Campaign



*The aerial photo of The House above was taken in early November. It reflects a new roof and over sixty new windows which were replaced during our May-November construction phase. Directly behind the fraternity sits the Goose House. The other pictures reflect the newly renovated House Director's Suite, located on the first floor (old president's suite).*

# FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (491) **Roger Neighborgall '42**, 1005 Hillwood Ave, Falls Church, VA 22042. Ph: 703-833-0455. Mailed \$85 and writes: I recently spoke to 250 middle school students, "I was greeted: The Youngest Generation Meets The Greatest Generation".
- (539) **George Warner '45**, 1601 Longridge Rd, Charleston, WV 25314. Mailed \$30.
- (608) **Joseph Reger '47**, 2025 St Andrews Dr, Berwyn, PA 19312. Ph: 610-647-1636. Email: jereger@aol.com. Mailed \$85 and notes: Sorry to say my son, Bob, died unexpectedly on May 18, 2008. He was a Wake Forest grad and had his own Philadelphia Law Firm.
- (673) **Charles Hodges '50**, 1312 Chippewa Dr, Plano, TX 75093. Mailed \$50.
- (681) **Robert Douglas '50**, 608 Bendview Dr, Charleston, WV 25314. Ph: 304-346-8963. Mailed \$100 and notes: Finally admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on pending case appeal.
- (736) **David McWhorter '53**, 209 Faimont Ave, Winchester, VA 22601. Sent \$105.
- (756) **Richard Wolfe '54**, HG 70, Box 534, Davis, WV 26260. 304-866-4333. Mailed \$100 and writes: Martha and I have been married for 54 years and retired 1-1-91. Live now in Canaan Valley and still follow the "Mountaineers".
- (794) **Roy Pyles '56**, 927 Prospect St #1102, Honolulu, HI 96822. Ph: 808-533-1293. Mailed along \$135 and writes: My full hearted thanks to the brothers in Morgantown for carrying the load. All of you are to be commended.
- (835) **Dick Jennings '58**, 9005 Buckingham Ct, Woodway, TX 76712. Ph: 354-751-7415. Mailed \$50 and notes: I always look forward to reading the newsletter. We travel and enjoy our three grand-sons.
- (883) **Dick Marshall '60**, HC 81, Box 52GG, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Ph: 304-645-3110. Sent along \$200 and notes: Wife, Bonnie, and married on December 22, 2007. Three weeks earlier I underwent triple-bypass surgery. Entering 39th year of practicing private dentistry. In 9th year aas member of Board of Dental Examiners. Daughters, Mary Page and Lucy, both Kappa's are doing well.
- (919) **Frank Frame '62**, 53 Edgelea Dr, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Ph: 717-261-1462. Mailed \$35 and writes: Happy to see brothers: **David Woodrum '61**, **Murhl Flowers '62**, and **Jeff Simmons '62** at the 50th Reunion of the Class of '58 of Stonewall Jackson High in Charleston in August.
- (964) **William Wolfe, Jr '65**, 2082 Sutter Parkway, Dublin, OH 43016. Ph: 614-792-0108. Mailed \$35 and writes: It is with much sadness that I report **Albert Palmer "Boo" Farley, Jr '65** passed away on June 18th at his home in Virginia Beach after a seven month battle with cancer. His wife, Ann Reeves Farley, Delta Gamma '66) was with him at the time. Boo is survived by Ann, his wife of 40-years; two daughters, Alison Farley and Laura Ogden. Boo will be greatly missed
- by his friends and brothers who knew him during the mid-60's.
- (967) **Robert Spiker '65**, 17117 Campbell Farm Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837. Ph: 301-349-5062. Sent \$50.
- (986) **Ricklin Brown '65**, P.O. Box 1386, Charleston, WV 25325. Ph: 304-347-1101. Email: rbrown@bowlesrice.com. Mailed \$135 and notes: I am enclosing my check to assist with the newsletter which I always look forward to reading. I was particularly moved by the comments of **Jack Bowman '58** in the November 2007 issue that pretty much said what all of us think about our fraternal experiences. As always, Jack nails it pretty well. Also, the letter from Judy Walker, widow of my pledge brother, **Henry "the Eagle" Walker '65** and the fact that she reads and follows the news of the Phi Psi from my era also touched me. Those were poignant reminders of the thoughts that still animate us all. I also send this contribution in memory of another pledge brother, **Jacob DuVall Mullett '65**, the epitome of the word "gentleman".
- (1071) **Dick Haines '68**, 7120 Jackson Creek Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715. Mailed \$100 and notes: Still split my time between North Georgia and Montana. Just returned from a Canadian fishing trip with brother **Tom DeWitt '68**, a 30-year old tradition.
- (1173) **Leo Bidula '70**, 118 Oak Glen Dr, Oakmont, PA 15139. Email: lbidula@aol.com. Mailed \$135 and writes: Best of luck with the house project. Daughter in grad school at NYU. My son is a freshman at John Carroll University, Cleveland. Married 30 yrs in Feb, 2009.
- (1215) **Tom Douglas '72**, 3201 Kanawha Ave, Charleston, WV 25304. Ph: 304-344-0927. Email : TRDMD@aol.com. Mailed \$50.
- (1261) **Wayne Hall '73**, 112 Sheldon Dr, Moore, SC 29369. Mailed \$85.
- (1323) **Charles Haselbacher '75**, 1694 Lovejoy Lane, Collierville, TN 38017. (New Address) Ph: 901-412-0503. Email: chaselbach@aol.com. Sent along \$50 and notes: I've been with VP Buildings since 1980 and was named president in 2007. My wife, Janet, and I have three children and are now living in TN.
- (1471) **Dave Strait '79**, 2702 Autumn Lake Dr, Katy, TX 77450 (New Address). Ph: 281-392-8668. Mailed \$135 and notes: My wife, Doretta Zech Strait, and children (Jessica-18 and Alex-16) recently relocated back to Houston, TX. My son and I were able to stop by the fraternity house this summer. The ongoing upgrades look good! We appreciate the hard work of the alumni in coordinating these efforts.
- (1594) **David Calabrese '84**, 7103 Windaliere Dr, Cornelius, NC 28031. Ph: 704-953-0607. Email: dnmcalabrese@bellsouth.net. Sent along \$135 and writes: Best of luck with house renovations! Thoughts and prayers for brother **Steve Reed '82** in his recent medical struggles.



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- (2000) **Nick Nelson '09**, 6825 Brindle Heath Way, Apt C, Alexandria, VA 22315 (New Address). C/PH: 412-427-5532. Mailed \$100 and notes: Getting married this fall at Jerry Nelson's compound in Cabo. Also just accepted a new job with the architect of the capitol in D.C. So, all is well!
- (2107) **Tim Conduis '05**, 4 Roosevelt Rd, Chatham, NJ 07928. C/PH: 201-400-8707. Email: tcondus@ctfd.org. Mailed \$75 and notes: Looking forward to seeing everyone at homecoming. Proud to be a Phi Psi...

***Notes From Loyal Widows of Phi Kappa Psi...***

**Dianne H. Parker (widow of Paul Parker '45)**, 5 West End Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554. Mailed \$135 and writes: Sorry to hear about the passing of **Bob Magnuson '45** in February, 2008. He and my husband, Paul, were great friends...and Bob was in our wedding in 1952. Thanks for this wonderful newsletter.

**Cynthia Woodward (widow of Joseph Woodward '48)**, 913 Henry Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554. Sent along \$135 and notes: I still look forward to the newsletter.

**Current Addresses Needed**

If you know the whereabouts (address, etc) of the following brothers, please contact me at zach\_mendelson@wellsfargois.com or (412) 227-4677.

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Michael Allen       | Donald Kirk       |
| Reid Anderson       | Russell Kraneberg |
| Jeffrey Baker       | William McIntire  |
| Diego Benavides     | L. Moore          |
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| Christopher Fink    | Thomas Sandy      |
| Richard Gallagher   | Brian Schumacher  |
| Ed Gansor           | Joseph Schupbach  |
| Ronald Gaydos       | Michael Soleau    |
| Clay Goldberg       | Shawn Stanley     |
| Davis Hardin Jr     | Brian Steinberg   |
| James Herrington II | Junior Taylor, Jr |
| Charles Hixenbaugh  | Rodney Thomas     |
| Boyd Hornor Jr      | Thomas Thompson   |
| David Horton        | Robert Tripp      |
| Michael Jamgochian  | Mazen Turk        |

**Chapter Eternal**

**Albert Palmer (Boo) Farley, Jr '65**  
passed on June 18, 2008

**Lyle M. Blackwell '51**