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

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UPDATE FROM 708 SPRUCE STREET

Several years ago we asked the alumni for their help in keeping WV Alpha independent. Also, we knew at the time that if we did not act on the infrastructure of the The James Cochran House we would face difficult times ahead in membership and finances.

The Alumni responded and the James Cochran Association Board wants to say a big **“Thank You”** to all those brothers who participated.

We raised \$990,009.55 from the “Preserving Our History” and the “Preserving Our Future” campaigns. This was done by 268 brothers and 27 friends of WV Alpha contributing. A special Thank You also goes out to the Alumni Captains who volunteered to help with the campaign.

We now have a Fraternity House that is fitting of the traditions of 780 Spruce. We encourage all brothers, spouses and guests to stop by the house and see first hand the results of the renovations.

This summer was the first summer in many years that we kept the house open to house brothers who were in summer school. Our house manager continues his presence and is important to our success.

While we still have a few items on our “to do list”, we

feel comfortable that the \$2,000,000 plus invested in renovations was well spent.

Our Alumni room is gaining memorabilia and we have future plans to honor alumni brothers who have set a great example for the actives of today and the future. Don't miss it on your visit.

Many alumni have returned to Morgantown over the last several years to speak at various fraternity functions and to also assist the chapter with their growth and development. “Giving back” is a big part of what motivates all of us to “do what we do”. We are appreciative.

Our Trust funds are healthy and continue to provide a safety net that assists us in keeping the house in good condition.

The Board did decide to secure a mortgage and recently a letter or email was sent to brothers offering an opportunity for an investment to bring this mortgage in house. This offer is still open for investment.

We are preparing for the Fall semester and hope you can relive some memories by stopping by when you are in town.

We could not have done what we did without the help of the alumni so again Thank You for your caring about WV Alpha.

Around Town...Around Campus

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Charles Vest '60 delivered the keynote address in May for graduating University of Charleston (WV) students. The Morgantown native is president emeritus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Vest was awarded a Doctorate of Science honoree degree during the 123rd commencement ceremony. Brother Vest earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University and a master's and doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is best known for his 14 years as president of MIT. Vest's distinguished career included being awarded the National Medal of Technology by President Bush in 2006. Vest retired in 2004 and became a professor and president emeritus at MIT.

In 2009, **Justin Heydon '07**, suffered a life-changing injury that could have turned him into an object of pity. Instead, he's become an inspiration. In May, Heydon graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering after a neck injury left him partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair. Heydon hurt himself diving into a bank of coral while on a beach trip. The Monday after graduation Heydon began work as a design engineer at Swanson Industries in Morgantown where he'll design mining, hydraulic and other industrial equipment.

The NCAA accepted WVU's self-imposed penalties, which includes two years probation, after finding the university's football program guilty of committing five major rules



Founder's Day Celebration...

Festivities began with a Friday evening reception attended by 50+ brothers and guests. February 19, 2011 was a very special day for our WV Alpha Chapter. Over 100 alumni & friends returned to campus for the weekend, which included a basketball win over Notre Dame. In addition to our traditional Chapel Ceremony, we also dedicated one of our two new flag poles to the memory of **Albert Parker "Pat" Carden '62** and **William Timothy "Tim" Wheeler '64**, along with the 100+ brothers who served during the Viet Nam Era. **Dave Hague '63** (*pictured at bottom of page 3, to the right*), retired BrigGen USMC, was highly instrumental in the organization and planning of the Memorial Dedication. In addition to the unveiling of a permanent plaque at the base of the flag pole, other ceremony highlights included musical presentations of the National Anthem and Taps. Several (Carden & Wheeler) family members attended the tribute.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Reunion Weekends

1990's Alumni Event September 23-24

This is the weekend of the WVU vs. LSU football game. We currently have over 50 brothers planning on attending. The number continues to grow and we could be well over 100 for the event. Many spouses are also going to be in attendance.

This event is being put on by the 1990's alumni group, but all alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Brother Bryan Newman bnewman@triadeng.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Sept 23rd: 7-9 pm:

Reception/tours @ Phi-Psi house

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Drinks/meet & greet @ Bent Willeys downtown

Sat, Sept 24th: 11-noon

Mtg/service in the Memorial Chapel (coffee/donuts incl)

Sat, Sept 24th:

Tailgate before the game. Game time & tailgate location TBD.

1950's, 60's, 70's October 14-15

An opportunity for brothers from the 50's, 60's, and 70's to catch up with their Pledge brothers. As we all know the stories only get better with time! There is no Home football game, which only leaves more time for golf, tour of WVU Campus and the University City, and a tour of the newly refurbished fraternity house.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fri, October 14:

Golf (optional)

Cocktail Reception: Waterfront Hotel

Sat, Oct 15:

Tours of campus, fraternity,

University City

Visit to Gene's (cold beer and hotdog)

Cocktails & Dinner at Waterfront

[See insert in newsletter for complete details]

For additional information, contact the event organizers:

Spider Morgan
billmorgan@citynet.net
304 290.3411

Jack Bowman
fjbowman@comcast.net
304 288.7396

Around Town... Around Campus

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violations. Among the self-imposed penalties, WVU reduced its number of football scholarships from 85 to 83 during the 2010-2011 academic year and to 84 during the 2011-2012 academic year. The university also eliminated two graduate assistant positions. The penalties did not deal with postseason eligibility or WVU's ability to compete for conference or national championships. The most significant charges were that former coaches Rich Rodriguez and Bill Stewart "failed to monitor" activities inside the program. Rodriguez was charged with the same violation at the University of Michigan before he was fired in January.

Garrett Dinsmore '07 will continue as "House Parent" for the 2011-2012 school term while pursuing a second post-graduate degree. The Morgantown native, who recently completed studies for an MBA, has done a very commendable job as House Parent.

Brock Burwell was chosen (again) to be West Virginia University's Mountaineer Mascot for 2011-2012 school year. He served as the Mountaineer las school year. Many of you may recall Burwell's uncle, Rock Wilson, was the Mountaineer from 1991 to 1994.

Chapter Eternal



- (465) Allan Babcock '41, passed on November 25, 2010.
- (500) Melville Colborn '42, passed on April 25, 2011.
- (586) Jack Smith '46, has passed.
- (619) Richard H. Campbell '47 passed on January 20, 2011.
- (624) Edward Brandt '47 passed on July 9, 2011.
- (822) Eugene "Sonny" Hague '58, passed on May 8, 2011.
- (1489) Michael Sullivan '80, passed on July 26, 2011.

Carolyn Lawless Mahan (wife of Charles Mahan '57) passed on June 17, 2011.

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Founder's Day
February 18th
Erickson Alumni Center

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (545) **Frank W. Winfree '45**, 405 Oakhurst Ave, Bluefield, WV 24701. Ph: 304-325-7870 (H). Mailed \$70 and notes he is doing well.
- (600) **Jack A. Bolton '47**, 4210 Boswell Pl, Sarasota, FL 34241. Mailed \$50.
- (624) **Ed Brandt '47**, 120 Lakes at Litchfield Dr, Apt 218, Pawley's Island, SC 29585 [New Address]. Ph: 843-235-9085(H). Mailed \$100 and notes: Moved to a retirement community here and love it. See the **Chuck Critchfield's '47** and **Jim Wroe's '46** regularly. We had a great lunch reunion in Morgantown with **Kenny Kincaid '47**, **Bob Ice '49** and **John Windsor '52**. [Editor's Note: regret to inform Brother Brandt passed on July 9, 2011]
- (638) **Wm B. Derenburger '48**, 1108 Kanawha Blvd, E. Apt 604, Charleston, WV 25301. [New Address] Ph: 304-205-7677 (H) 304-389-5384 ©. Sent along \$135 and notes: Carolyn and I moved after 45 yrs in our South Charleston home. Occupants getting old, house too big. Have a fine view of the Great Kanawha and the South Side Bridge from my office! The welcome mat is out.
- (649) **Edward M. Burkhardt '48**, 180 Bradley Foster Dr., Huntington, WV 25701. Ph: 304-525-3526. Mailed \$50 and noted the following: **Morris Godfrey '48** passed on March 18, 2011. After graduating from WVU he went to work for Allied Chemical in South Point, OH. He met his wife (deceased) while in that area. He had two Phi Psi brothers: **Edwin Godfrey '43** and **Harold Godfrey '44**...and they were all in the chapter at the same time. I live at Woodlands Retirement Community on Bradley Foster Drive...which turns off Weaver Drive. Weaver Drive was named in honor of **Carlton "Buck" Weaver '46**, who was vice-president of Ashland Coal where former headquarters building is up the road. "Buck" was Chapter GP when his brother **Bill Weaver '48** (deceased) and I were pledges. I have two WV Alpha Phi Psi sons, **David Burkhardt '74** and **Jim Burkhardt '77**.
- (671) **William (Bill) Samples '50**, 100 Adams Avenue, Apt 22, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Ph: 412-489-3641. Mailed along \$135 and notes: Thanks for the Mountaineer Phi Psi—love it!
- (681) **Robert "Bob" Douglas '50**, 608 Bendview Drive, Charleston, WV 25314. Mailed along \$100 and notes: The enclosed check is in memory of Jack Smith who was an outstanding World War II Veteran and a great Phi Psi. In the Fall of 1949 Jack found me in a South Park rooming house and took me to the Phi Psi House, where I began a wonderful college experience.
- (702) **Robert Leadbetter '51**, 431 Bradley Terrace, The Villages, FL 32162. Ph: 352-753-4976 (H). 304-389-9970 ©. Mailed \$50 and noted: Always good to hear via the newsletter about my fellow brother. Many fond memories of college days.
- (748) **Allyn (Al) Griffiths '54**, 1313 Deans Drive, S.E., Huntsville, AL 35802. Ph: 256-883-6854 (H). 256-655-1513 ©. Mailed \$70 and noted: While sending a contribution for the flag poles, I discovered I had not sent dues for 2010-2011. They are enclosed. I also served in Vietnam in 1967-68. Both Myrna and I are doing fine.
- (753) **Robert Morrison '54**, 2761A, Rt 143, Kempton, PA 19529. Sent along \$85 and notes: Off to New Zealand for a month of hiking. Recently talked to **John Stoetzer '54** and **Willie Wilshire '54**.
- (792) **Dan Ferguson '56**, 157 Oakview Road, Kenova, WV 25530 [New Address]. Ph: 304-453-1150(H). 304-453-1153©. Sent along \$85.
- (803) **George Thompson '57**, 760 E. Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed \$100.
- (805) **J.B. Campbell '57**, 496 St Albans Way, Richmond, VA 23229. Ph: 804-358-2863 (H). 804-334-2863©. Mailed \$100 and notes: Lois (Tebay) is still with me...thanks god! Two sons, Sean and Michael, and four grandchildren—still working.
- (811) **Forest (Jack) Bowman '58**, 28 Vintner Pl, Morgantown, WV 26505. Donated \$50 in recognition of the following: To William McPherson, a member of Beta Theta Pi, during my time at WVU. Bill served as the Mountaineer in 1960-61 and was killed in Viet Nam as a young Army Lieutenant. This contribution is also in memory of **Terry Gribble '56** and **Don Smith '56**, contemporaries of mine at 780 Spruce Street.
- (812) **Hubert A. Shaffer, Jr '58**, 2175 Devonshire Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Ph: 434-296-0628 (H). Mailed \$50 and writes: Retired 7 months from University, but teach occasionally. Keeping busy with Boy Scouts, church, two homeowner's associations. Wife, Ann, stays busier than I do.
- (858) **John Carrico '59**, 208 Flintlock Rd, Charleston, WV 25314. Ph: 304-744-2134 (H). 304-550-0328©. Mailed \$100 and notes: Practicing law with my son, Tim, in Charleston. Life is good!
- (856) **J. Richard Haden, Jr '59**, 14 Highpoint Dr, Thornton, PA 19373. Mailed along \$50 and writes: Retired in 2008 after 45-year career with DuPont. We get to WVU a couple times a year. Inducted into WV Academy of Chemical Engineering in 2007. Mary Kay (WVU-1963) and I enjoy travel and lifelong learning. I was sorry to learn of **Ted Flach's '56** death. He was my big brother.
- (858) **William (Spider) Morgan '59**, 10 Red Sky Dr, Morgantown, WV 26505. Mailed along \$135 and notes: Still enjoying life. Wife, Lois, continues to take care of

this 'ol boy. Spending winters in Venice, Florida. I love to see the changes at the fraternity house—this generation is making it happen!

- (886) **Stephen McWhorter '60**, 136 Strenitz Lane, St Simons Island, GA 31522. [New Address] Ph: 912-268-4047 (H). 912-506-3544©. Mailed \$100 and notes: Serving as interim rector at Christ Church since October, 2010. Will probably be here two -years. It is a beautiful place.
- (908) **Murhl Flowers '62**, 668 W. Bay Front Road, Lothian, MD 20711. Ph: 410-867-2837 (H). 301-646-7039 ©. Sent along \$50 and notes: Sorry I had to cancel attending Founder's Day/Dedication for Pat and Tim due to a death in the family. I missed seeing everyone. Thanks to those who put it together. Hope that many in attendance will return next year.
- (944) **Rick Nelson '64**, 7565 Franklin Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Ph: 724-538-4650 (H). 412-327-5742©. Sent \$85 and writes: I am still practicing dentistry three days a week and teaching two days a week. Out granddaughter, Nicolette, was born on Thanksgiving Day to Danielle and **Nick Nelson '00** in Alexandria, VA.
- (948) **Mike Metheny '64**, 1001 51st Street, Vienna, WV 26105. Ph: 304-295-9801(H). 304-485-4418(W). Mailed along \$100 and notes: The past two years in a family-run business have not been fun. But, with my two children, Marvi and Tim, we have worked harder and at the end of the day will be stronger. Thanks for all you do!
- (957) **Eric Van Lilly '64**, 1108 Country Club Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408. Ph: 336-275-1768(H). 336-549-8844©. Mailed \$85 and notes: Semi-retired. All is well. Two sons married, two step-grandchildren. Stay in contact with **Buz Kessel '64**. Life is a lot of fun!
- (978) **W.C. Bird '65**, 10 Maple Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501. Ph: 304-296-2337(H). 304-685-3978©. Sent along \$35 and notes: Great seeing my era brothers at Founder's Day. Everyone should plan to attend next year.
- (986) **Ricklin Brown '65**, 609 Wood Road, Charleston, WV 25302. [New Address] Ph: 304-414-3641(H). Mailed \$135 and notes: After thirty-five years, I changed law firms. I am now at Bailey and Glasser in Charleston, WV. I am very glad to be here...or anywhere for that matter!
- (1038) **Nicholas (Nick) Conger '67**, 15064 Almansor Place, Haymarket, VA 20169. Ph: 703-753-5537(H). 304-704-4841©. Mailed \$85 and notes: I recently retired from federal service, 35-years, including three in the U.S. Army, following R.O.T.C. at WVU...with one year in Vietnam as a Phoenix Advisor-MACV Team 19. I am in my second career teaching full-time as a visiting assistant professor of business at WV Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV. I am also working on my D.B.A. from Swiss Management Center, Zng, Switzerland.
- (1067) **David Shaffer '67**, 96 W. Saddlebrook Drive, Somerset, KY 42503. Ph: 606-677-2709(H). 606-219-7231©. Mailed \$135 and writes: Retired as a LTC in the US Army-then taught JROTC for 14-years. Rhon and I are retired now, celebrating 40-great years together. Enjoying our three children and eight grandchildren.
- (1115) **Ben Hardesty '69**, Rt 1, Box 386, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Ph: 304-623-3581(H).304-641-0212©. Sent along \$135 and notes: I have retired from Dominion Resources-President of Dominion Exploration and production, Inc. Set-up Alta Energy, LLC, an energy consulting business.
- (1166) **John "J.T." Thomas '70**, 1204 Greenmont Hills Drive, Vienna, WV 26105. Ph: 304-295-4060(H). 304-483-6500©. Mailed \$135 and notes: Family well-see **Creed Hess '71**, **David Laughlin '69**, **Kyle Hamilton '69**, **Bill Dobbs '67**, and **Steve Crislip '67** often—as well as Wood Co. brothers. Great work on the house!
- (1182) **Allen Vanatter '71**, 706 Big Bend Road, Barboursville, WV 25504. [New Address] Ph: 304-736-7879(H). 304-633-7879©. Mailed \$100.
- (1224) **Robert Northrop '72**, 6 June Street, Pepperell, MA 01463. Ph: 978-433-9312(H). 978-220-2460©. Sent along \$100 and notes: Still working for H.P. My wife, Joann, just retired after thirty-five years of teaching first grade.
- (1282) **Gary Waters '74**, 11 Briar Patch Lane, Morgantown, WV 26505. Ph: 304-599-2201(H). 304-290-6234©. Forwarded \$50.Ph:
- (1311) **Tim Whalen '75**, 2 Conifer Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330. \$50.Ph: 304-842-5770(H). 304-677-2550©. Mailed \$100 and writes: Visited with several brothers: **Pat Whalen '76**, **Andy Moore '70**, **Frank Fisher '66**, **Kim Craig '74** at Brother **Jim Dobbs' 69** box at some football games last season. See some local Phi Psi's in the Bridgeport/Clarksburg area from time to time.
- (1433) **John O'Shaughnessy '78**, 170 Deepwater Drive, White Stone, VA 22578. Sent along \$100 and writes: Nancy and I are now empty-nesters and have adjusted very well. Daughter, Susan was married last July; Son, Michael graduated from James Madison University and works in Arlington, VA; and daughter, Jenny is a freshman at University of Colorado. Thanks for the newsletter...
- (1517) **Michael Robinson '81**, 611 Ott Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. [New Address]. Ph: 540-476-2757©. Sent along \$50 and notes: Thanks for continuing the Mountaineer Phi Psi, for I always look forward to reading it. Continuing to work in pharmaceuticals-currently in my 20th year.
- (1611) **Nick Nichols '83**, 318 Lamp Post Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Ph: 717-215-9405 ©. Mailed \$50 and notes: Good health to all brothers. Wife, Jennifer, and two sons (William-age 6 and Benjamin-age 4) are all well.
- (1711) **Kevin Silard '89**, 458 Schley Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. Mailed \$30 for newsletter and notes: Wife, Brooke, and I live in Annapolis. Life is good! Peace to all...

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(2039) Dimitri DeValroger '01, 8320 Exodus Drive, Laytonsville, MD 20882. Mailed \$35.

(2090) Garrett Prendergast '04, 3 Shunk Drive, Summersville, WV 26651. Ph: 304-872-5332(H). Mailed \$50 and writes: I am beginning my third year with the US Peace Corps serving in Mongolia. It was great seeing everyone at the last homecoming.

Notes From Loyal Widows of Phi Kappa Psi...

Carolyn Martin Crocker (widow of Pat Carden '62), 1122 Colorado Street, Suite 2104, Austin, TX 78701. Ph: 512-478-1826. Mailed \$135 and writes: The entire family was very pleased with the memorial To Pat and Tim. It was a wonderful remembrance. Trevor and Tomee especially enjoyed meeting many of his old friends. Trevor was 2.5 years old and Tomei was 3 months old when Pat died...so it was wonderful to have some memories from his friends. Thanks from all of us.

Cynthia Woodward (widow of Joseph Woodward '48), 913 Henry Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554. Ph: 304-363-7897(H). She mailed along \$50 and notes: I always look forward to the Mountaineer Phi Psi and really miss it following Joe's death. I cannot believe he has been gone almost eleven years. I love to receive the newsletter now and read about friends such as **Frank Winfree '45**. Thanks again for keeping me on the mailing list.

Ann Sturm (widow of Jerry Sturm '59), 111 Blue Ridge Lane, Warner Robbins, GA 31088. Ph: 478-923-2034(H). 478-397-4949©. Email: sturmjr@bellsouth.net. Ann mailed along \$135 and writes: Thank you for the newsletter. Jerry is truly missed by myself and his two girls and four grandchildren. One he never saw as our eldest daughter delivered one month after Jerry died(he was not sick...as it was very sudden). Elaina '91 was and is a graduate of WVU and Jerry was very proud of another Sturm at WVU. Traveling in the US Air Force we would see and hear from many of the brothers. I met Jerry in Charleston, SC at his first base as a first lieutenant. I was, and remain, an RN, and Jerry always said took me out of the swamps of South Carolina. Jerry was very proud of the university and thankful for Phi Kappa Psi giving him his education...as he was from humble beginnings. Jerry was quite interested in the plans to restore the house following his last visit to Morgantown.

Joyce(Jo) Hammer Gribble (widow of Terry Gribble '56), 102 Chaucer Court, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. Ph: 740-695-4796(H) and 740-408-0744©. Mailed \$100 and writes: So enjoy the newsletter-a good connection to WV Alpha. It seems we were all a part of Phi Psi my whole college career. Seems as though the '50's classes are shrinking *much too fast!* Thanks for the newsletter...it is appreciated.



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