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

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NEWS FROM MORGANTOWN AND CAMPUS...

- **Garrett Dinsmore '07** has completed his graduate studies and accepted a position with Bechtel Corporation. He has relocated to Houston, TX. The James Cochran House Association thanks Garrett for his two years of service as House Parent. He did a terrific job bridging the gap while also providing valuable guidance to chapter members.
- The new House Parent is Patrick Brooks. The southern WV native has received both his undergraduate and law degree from WVU. He was admitted to the WV Bar in October 2010. Pat recently completed a Fellowship for the Legal Aid of WV in Clarksburg. He is presently looking for "legal" employment in the Morgantown area. Pat served as a Resident Assistant (RA) while at WVU. Further, he also received the 2007 Kenneth Gray Leadership Award along with the 2007 National Presidential Service Award.
- Enrollment on all three WVU Campuses hit a record 32,733 last year. Enrollment in Morgantown was 29,756. The top five states contributing to these numbers are: West Virginia (15,788); Pennsylvania (3,347); Maryland (1,973); Virginia (1,648); and New Jersey (1,525). The

country outside of the US with the most students at WVU is Saudi Arabia with 231.

- **Bob McNabb '67** was a guest lecturer as part of the College of Business and Economics "B&E At 60-Speaker Series" in April. The presentation was attended by students, local business leaders, and several local brothers. The Korn/Ferry Executive presented a slide presentation on how the global economy has changed/affected the hiring practices of companies today.
- The Chapter House will begin using a third party billing vendor, Greekbill.com, starting with the Fall 2012 term. Greekbill.com was selected after reviewing several alternatives. Greekbill.com has a 98% collection rate and uses email and text as their primary means to communicate with students and their parents. In addition to the collection of chapter members bills, this system will eventually be integrated as the mechanism for the chapter's annual budget. While there is a minimal cost per active, per month to utilize this billing system, it should provide much improved collection timeliness.

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On February 25, 2012 **Robert "Bob" McNabb '67** was inducted into the WVU Academy of Distinguished Alumni. Brother McNabb is Executive Vice President of Korn Ferry, Houston, TX. Many brothers turned out in support of Bob, including (L TO R): **Kim Craig '74, Rick Pill '70, Ryan Rothstein '09, Chaz Wise '10, Yale Mendelson '09, Bob McNabb '67, Chilton Wise '69, Richard Adams '65, Bob Reynolds '71, Jim Dobbs '69, David Hardesty '64, and Zach Mendelson '79.** Also note the background picture of **Louis D. Corson '34.**

2012 FOUNDER'S DAY



Justin Heydon '07 and several members of his "ROTN 17-Raiders of The Night" pledge class who came back to Morgantown in support of Heydon.



Dick Daugherty '78 and **Tom DeWitt '68** recall the 'good ole days'.

Our annual Founder's Day celebration has become a "don't miss" event. **Tom DeWitt '72** offered remarks during the afternoon Chapel Service. The Morgantown native is president and CEO of Swanson Industries. He challenged the undergrads to work hard and strive to be the best. The highlight of the evening dinner were the remarks presented by **Justin Heydon '07**. The Morgantown native shared his "Overcoming Adversity" story about his tragic accident on July 4th, 2009 while swimming with brothers in Atlantic City he suffered a broken neck. Heydon graduated from WVU in 2011 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Today, he works for Swanson Industries.



The Memorial Chapel was filled to the rafters...terrific turnout of brothers.



Nothing better than a good ole "Hi...Hi...Hi" after the Chapel Service.



Heydon and President **David Hardesty '64** share a moment together.



Garrett Dinsmore '07 was presented with a photo of the house, signed by all attendees in recognition of his service as House Parent for the last two years.

As **George Daugherty '51** recently celebrated his 80th Birthday, enjoying a piece of cake with him are **Gary Pyles '71** (left), and **Bob Douglas '55** (Right).



2012 GAC Overview

Presented by: Bob Bird '73

The 76th Grand Arch Council convened in San Antonio, Texas July 11th through the 15th. WV Alpha registered five Brothers at the GAC. **Chris Talbot** and **Joe Reidy** represented the Chapter. **Gordon Letterman '72**, **Bob Bird '73**, and **John Miesner '81** participated as Alumni representatives of the Chapter. Phi Psi Sweethearts Ellen Letterman and Kay Bird (WVU Chi Omega) were most pleasant additions to our delegation.

Bruce and Ann Marie Tavares, WV Alpha's extended family from Rhode Island, along with Jim Denny and several Brothers from the Pittsburgh Alumni Association rounded out the group with close ties to our Chapter. The business of the Fraternity was conducted with the 10 year law review and election of officers for the coming biennium being the principle issues for Delegate consideration. No substantial changes to the bylaws were instituted though there was some modest tweaking enacted.

As for the elections; James L Miller from Ohio State University was elected as the new SWGP. Scott Noble from Texas was elected SWVGP. Jim Boyle of the University of Washington will serve as Treasurer. Shannon Price from Alabama will serve as Secretary. Our Delegates participated in the History, Ritual and Practices Committee which they found to be most worthwhile. However, the at large committee reports were rather uneventful when compared to the good old days of **David L Woodrum '61** reporting on Alumni Affairs or **W. Lyle (Casey) Jones '27** Grievance Committee discourse on the concerns of the Fraternity. Memories of Casey Jones orations are indeed cherished as I know of no other Brother, our own **Jack Bowman '58** and Indiana's Kent Owen excepted, that can spin a tale the way Casey could...ohhhh how he could grieve!

The Phi Kappa Psi Endowment Fund now stands alone as the largest endowed fraternity foundation with assets at

\$37 million dollars. In addition to significant scholarship monies dispersed each year to deserving Brothers based on submitted applications, there is also scholarship money set aside specifically for WV Alpha Chapter Members. Several Alumni members of our chapter that have been making donations to the Foundation have designated those donations to the WV Alpha Scholarship Fund. Five percent of the corpus of those designated funds are available for grants each year. The grant details are available online. Many chapters, whether recipients of the substantial grants and scholarships or not, take advantage of the continual Endowment Fund offerings as being uniquely Phi Psi and publicize it as part of their Rush information. Certainly it is the hope of all WV Alpha Alumni that the members of our Chapter don't miss the opportunity to win a Summerfield Scholarship or apply for the many other financial aids available from the Fraternity. On a much lesser basis, but still uniquely Phi Psi, The Canonsburg Corporation, was established several years ago to assist House Corporations in meeting and maintaining property requirements. This is the entity we looked to for financial assistance during our house renovations. Unfortunately, it is not in the same position of strength as is the Endowment Fund. It remains small in assets, as it was when we inquired, and essentially has no money currently available to lend. The third leg of the financial posture of the Fraternity is the Permanent Fund. This fund was diminished in its economic strength with the establishment of the Canonsburg Corporation but remains a viable resource for the ongoing operation of the Fraternity.

We should be very proud of the men sent by our Chapter to represent WV Alpha. They conducted themselves as gentlemen and embodied the character of our WV Alpha heritage. If Chris and Joe are representative of the caliber of men currently being initiated in to our chapter, WV Alpha will stand as tall for the next 122 years as we have in our first 122 years. HI HI HI !!!
Live ever, die never...

SAVE THE DATE

2013 Founder's Day
Saturday, February 16th

Dinner Speaker: Doug Stoup '83

Expedition Leader-Polar Guide-Ski & Snowboard
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In September Doug will attempt to Stand Up Paddleboard from Cuba to Key West, FL with WV Alpha Brother, Frank Fumich '87. Also, watch for Doug as he will be featured in this years Warren Miller Entertainment's ski movie, "Flow State". Will be in select theaters this fall.

Check him out: www.iceax.org

- The Chapter Officers (and hometowns) for the 2012-2013 School Term are as follows:

GP	Bryce Cumpston	Morgantown, WV
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PHU	Tom Rhodes	Sayville, NY
	trhodes2@mix.wvu.edu	

- The average cost of tuition at a four-year public university climbed 15% between 2008-2010.
- News from the Chapter House: 1) 10-12 brothers lived in the house during the summer months. While either working and/or attending classes, many of these brothers also assisted **Terry Turner '70** with the normal room cleaning, house maintenance, and general cleaning/painting; 2) Last Spring during the Queens of The Beach (volleyball) Philanthropy, the chapter raised \$1,500 for the local Boy's and Girl's Club; 3) the Chapter currently has 88 members; 4) the Chapter House is full (35) for the Fall term 2012.
- Kim Craig '74**, president and CEO of FNB Wealth Management, delivered the commencement address to graduates of the College of Business and Economics during the May Convocation Ceremonies.
- Although not a Phi Psi (but a Beta Theta Pi) WVU lost one of its most loyal sons in June with the passing of Edgar "Eddie" Barrett, class of 1952. He was considered one of the most knowledgeable WVU sports historians. He was 81.

- The WVU Office of Student Organizations has released plans for renovations of facilities used by Greek fraternities and sororities. Known as the Greek Master Plan, this document includes several new fraternity and sorority houses, public amphitheater, dining area and Greek themed walkways. According to Director of Student Organization Services Ron Justice, the plan gives us some kind of vision for the future of Greek life at WVU. It is something we can all work from. Specifically, the plan describes construction of new buildings for: Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Theta Chi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Sigma. The Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Delta sororities have also planned construction of new buildings. To accommodate growth, shared parking garages are planned for with a total of 353 parking spaces.
- Recently our chapter received a note from Brother Kent Newmark '57 (CA Gamma) noting that in 1959 whenever Kent was the GP, their chapter made a wager with WV Alpha as respects the NCAA Championship Game. After the game, a beautiful sheepskin was sent from Morgantown...and proudly displayed on the CA Gamma Chapter wall. Do any of you older brothers know of this exchange and could provide additional details?
- For those of you who shop at Brooks Brothers, please note that our fraternity is enrolled in their corporate membership program that avails discounts. To take advantage of this program, go to: membership.brooksbrothers.com. Enter Organization ID # 83301. Pin # 12369. Happy shopping!
- The WVU College of Law will begin work on a 20,00-square-foot expansion later this fall, with an approximate cost of \$20MM. The College of Law has been housed in the Law Center on Evansdale Campus since 1974.
- WVU paid the Big East \$20MM to exit early to join the Big 12. While the Big 12 television contract pays out \$18-\$19MM annually, WVU will not receive a full cut of television revenue for three years. It will receive 50% the first year; 67% in the second year; and 87% in the third year. Within the last 30 days, both Pitt and Syracuse paid \$10MM to exit the Big East after this year.



Members of the 2012 Spring Pledge Class were initiated on Sunday, April 22nd.



Members of the Fall 2011 pledge class were initiated on November 28th.

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (499) **John Shott '42**, 100 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Mailed along \$50 and noted: Sorry to learn of the passing of: **Al Babcock '41**; **Mel Colborn '42**; **Jack Smith '46**; and **Ed Brandt '47**. Not too many of my class still around. Bonnie and I are "hanging in". Enjoy the newsletter. Our great grandson #3 was born last September.
- (546) **C.L. Underwood '45**, 10362 W. Loma Blanca Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351-1174. Sent along \$75 and writes: Contribution in memory of **Al Babcock '41**. We lunch regularly with **Bob Carroll '45** and his wife, Emily. Thanks for the newsletter...much enjoyed.
- (549) **H. Dotson Cather '45**, 315 Spring Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Mailed \$135 and writes: Emily and I were happy to have a visit from pledge brother, **Jim Warman '45**, who was recently in this area on business from his Auburn, AL home.
- (559) **Bud Bolton '46**, 48-240 Alder Lane, Palm Desert, CA 92260-6652. Sent along \$135 and notes: We enjoy the newsletter. It's tough reading of the passing of post-war brothers like **Jack Smith '46**, **Ed Brandt '47**, and **Dick Campbell '47**. Ruth (Buffington, Alpha Xi '43) and I are in pretty good shape just slowing down some.
- (577) **James Wroe '46**, 8 Peter Horry Ct, Villa 193, Georgetown, SC 29440. Sent along \$135 and notes: My wife, Maronee, passed away on September 28, 2011. She was previously married to **Robert Janes '46**.
- (602) **Chuck Critchfield '47**, 6322 Muir Ct, Huntersville, NC 28078. Sent along \$50 and writes: Attended **Ed Brandt's '47** Memorial Service in Pawley's Island. **Jim Wroe '46** also attended.
- (626) **Jerome Adamson '47**, 207 Cedar Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Ph: 919-259-7457. [New Address]. Mailed \$85 and notes: Still in good health and enjoying retirement in Chapel Hill in the winter and NC Mountains in the summer. Love to hear about friends, but saddened to hear of brothers passing.
- (631) **C.J. Moore '48**, 2 Franklin Town Blvd, Unit 2416, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Mailed along \$100.
- (685) **Ted Heiskell '51**, 299 Sylvan Drive, Delaware, OH 43015. Ph: 740-363 -1102. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Where are the members of the class of '51? Would like to hear from some of them.
- (718) **Tom Rogers '53**, 12 Five Forks Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304 -594-2501. Email: tandjrogers@comcast.net. [New Address]. Mailed \$85 and notes: Retired and enjoying it! Been doing some traveling.
- (721) **Gus Conley '53**, 358 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Ph: 919 -929-6687. Sent along \$100 and notes: Doing well. Libby (Chi O) and I celebrated 55-married years together last August. Still teaching and seeing patients part-time, with plenty of time for golf.
- (730) **Charles Hart '53**, 171 Delta Drive, Washington, NC 27889. Ph: 252-833 -0056. [New Address]. Mailed \$80 and writes: My wife, Harriet and I have moved to a town house in Pamlico Plantation. We like it.
- (743) **Bob Riffie '54**, 404 College Road, Blackstone, VA 23824. Ph: 804-647 -9268. Sent along \$100 and notes: Still retired (10-years). Still go to Florida in the winter. See **Bob Dumbaugh '56** there on occasion.
- (731) **Howard Furbee '53**, 1696 Fox Ridge Dr, E., Springfield, OH. Mailed \$50.
- (803) **George Thompson '57**, 760 East Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301 -3724. Ph: 724-225-6856. Mailed along \$100.
- (826) **Dave McMunn '58**, 106 Forest Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Mailed \$135.
- (828) **Tom Graff '58**, 108 Graff Lane, Charleston, WV 25304. Ph: 304-343-5200. Sent along \$135 and noted: Still working, but not for long!
- (837) **Dan McClure '58**, 16 Flat Top Lake Rd, Ghent, WV 25843. Sent \$50 and notes: Enjoyed the reunion last Fall. Hope we can do it again soon!
- (862) **Daniel Michel '60**, 1755 Olde Mill Ct, Newburgh, IN 47630. Mailed \$50 and writes: Retired from pediatric practice-after 40-years. Active—playing golf, reading, bridge, and working with habitat. Donation in memory of **Pat Carden '62**.
- (876) **Bob Henderson '60**, 38 Maple Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501. Sent along \$100. Doing well. Looking to finally retire...once and for all!
- (945) **H.C. "Buzz" Kessel '64**, 4406 Tidewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32812. Mailed \$100 and writes: Finally retired last January after 35-years of urologic surgery. Plan to stay in Orlando with both sons having settled here as well. Sorry to have missed Pat & Tim's Memorial last year, but my thoughts were there!
- (947) **John Hite Sr '64**, 9401 Herringbone Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614. Ph: 919 -848-6549. Email: hitejp@gmail.com. Mailed \$85 and notes: Sheila and I enjoyed the reunion last Fall. Thanks for everything that everyone does to preserve our fraternity and history.
- (967) **Bob Spiker '65**, 17117 Campbell Farm Road, Poolesville, MD 20837. Ph: 301-349-5062. Sent along \$60 and writes: Enjoying middle school volunteering and math/science tutoring. Our grand-daughter keeps us busy as well.
- (1051) **Joe Bostaph '67**, P.O. Box 67, Corolla, NC 27927 [New Address]. Email: tbostaph@hotmail.com. Mailed \$100 and notes: A quick note that Nancy and I have retired to the NC Outer banks. We enjoyed the reunion last Fall. Terrific seeing everyone.

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(1356) Dave Faris '76, 53 Juniper Lane, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Mailed \$100 and writes: Thanks as always for a great job with newsletter. My wife, Tammera, and I have three boys: John-28; Scott-25; and Tyler-21. John works for Fed-X in Morgantown. Scott works for Teach for America in Denver, CO. Tyler is a junior (2-C) at the US Naval Academy.

(1407) Greg Houze '78, 13413 Geen Hills Ct, Highland, MD 20777. Dropped off \$40 to the editor at a football game last fall. "Thanks 20"!

(1508) Tim Hoffman '81, 17 Cornell Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Email: timothyhoffman@comcast.net. Mailed \$100 and notes: My wife, Kim, and I are enjoying the "empty nest" finally. My daughter, Rachel, is in her third year at Lebanon Valley College and my son, Alex, just finished his freshman year at WVU. Alex also pledged Fall 2011. That makes four generations at WVU.

(1580) Jeffrey Roberts '84, 425 S. Scoville Avenue #2S, Oak Park, IL 60302. Ph: 708-524-3558. Email: info@nwdarchitects.com. Mailed \$35.

(1617) Bob Lazzell II '85, 309 Grand St, Morgantown, WV 26501. Sent \$150.

(1758) Brad Smith '90, 2708 Manhattan Pl, Vienna, WV 22180. Ph: 703-645 -0174. Mailed \$50 and writes: Greetings from Vienna. Hope to make it to WVU for a home game. My wife, Missy, and I are both doing well.

(1792) Bobby Warner '91, 227 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Ph: 304 -344-4460 or 304-546-7055. [New Address] Email: bwarner@wvpersonalinjury.com. Mailed along \$250 and writes: I started Warner Law Offices in 2000. We have offices in Charleston, WV and Crested Butte, CO. If you are ever in town, stop by for lunch. My wife, Michelle, is a WVU graduate. We have three wonderful kids: Jackson-8; Riley-7; and gage-3. A few years ago I started a non-profit youth foundation that promotes outdoor sports (BeyondtheBackyard.org). The family spends winter holidays and summers in Crested Butte. If traveling through the rockies...just give us a buzz.

(2071) Mark Fusco '03, 2506 N.E. Oak Drive, Ankeny, IA 50021. Ph: 913-375 -4825. Email: fuscmarka@gmail.com. [New Address]. Mailed along \$250 and notes: All is well in the real world. Can't believe it's been over two years since finishing graduate school. Hope to be back often. Proud to be a Phi Psi. [Editor's Note: Great to see a younger alum step forward with a terrific contribution].

Notes From Loyal Widows of Phi Kappa Psi...

Ms Grethchen Knox Smith (widow of Don Smith '56), 14614 Penmore Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269. Ph: 704-294-5927 or 704-960-0966. Email: nanagret70@carolina.rr.com. Mailed along \$100 and notes: No new news-so nice of **Jack Bowman '58** to remember **Don & Terry Gribble '56**. The 1950's were such special years for so many of us.



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These seven brothers gathered in late July in Pittsburgh at Valley Brook CC. From (L to R): **Mark Vasilko '78, Tom Morse '79, Zach Mendelson '79, Abe Key '78, Bob Burkhardt '78, Greg Valant '79, and Rich O'Donnell '79.** Great time! Some things do not change...especially Scratchy paying Mendelson!



On September 12, 2011...**Abe Key '78** (far left) along with his friend, Pat Devlin (far right) climbed Mt Kilimanjaro (19,341 ft).



Brothers attending the 2011 Pitt Football Game include (L TO R): **Dave Morris '73, Dick Ratcliff '74, Jim Lorenze '74, Gary Waters '74, Sky King '74, and Doug Hall '74.**