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

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NEWS FROM MORGANTOWN AND CAMPUS...

- Mario's Fishbowl, a Morgantown landmark since 1950, has opened a second location on University Avenue, in Suncrest. Mario's has been in business at its Richwood Avenue location for more than 62-years. It is known for its 'fishbowls,' frozen goblet-style glasses, and the walls that are covered with handwritten notes left by visitors.
- In October, WVU broke ground on the new Student Health and Wellness Center. The facility will be home to the College of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences (CPASS). The college has been housed in the coliseum since the 1970's. It is scheduled to be complete in 2014.
- Also in October WVU announced it had entered into a \$70MM public-private partnership to develop mixed use residential and retail complex in Sunnyside. The University states this project will help fulfill its strategic housing master plan which addresses the need for additional beds for international, professional and veteran students. They also note it fulfills the parent and student requests for more modern, private learning space close to campus.
- West Virginia University's total enrollment for fall 2012 rose by 90 students, bringing it to a record 29,706 students, and tied the largest freshman class ever: 5,135 in 2008. WVU had an 11.3% increase in international students, or 167 more students, for a total of 1,647. Many of the international students are from Saudi Arabia, an area of the world where WVU has a strong alumni base.
- For the first time in fifty-years, WVU has officially launched a new school with the start of the School of Public Health. It has started under the School of Medicine's umbrella as the Department of Community Medicine.
- The nationally ranked women's soccer team won the schools first-ever Big 12 Regular Season Championship.
- The National Institute of Health awarded a \$19.6MM grant to WVU to address health issues that most commonly affect West Virginians.
- **Richard "Rick" Wagener '69**, along with six very close friends, recently completed (October) to the Mt Everest Base Camp...at 17,500 feet.
- **Charlie Mahan '57**, former Dean and Professor Emeritus, University South Florida (USF), while six-years retired, was awarded the 2012 Sapphire Award, as he has long been considered one of the greatest champion's of maternal and child health in the State of Florida. Mahan founded the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center at USF. Charlie married Dee Jeffers on August 14 at the Waldorf Astoria in Naples, FL [special thanks to **Bob Pierce '39** for news about Brother Mahan].
- WVU will sell beer, in a limited capacity, at the Coliseum for men's basketball games this season. In 2011, the University made more than \$750K in beer sales at seven football games, and it appears they will exceed that number for the recently completed 2012 season.

Assuring Our Future Campaign

Submitted by W.C. Bird '65

As this is written, let's start with a THANK YOU to those that contributed and the dollar amount to date. We have had \$1,001,170.29 in donations of which \$30,896 is still outstanding as pledges. 272 Alumni contributed with 27 friends of West Virginia Alpha also contributing for a total of 299 contributions.

What this means is that 18.1% of alumni felt strong enough that West Virginia Alpha played a role in their success and decided to give back. **Are you one of them?**

We started this campaign asking whether the Board should give in to the University and let them handle the future of West Virginia Alpha. The Board took your opinions to heart and started planning for renovations and the monies to support the renovations.

The end product is worth seeing if you have not seen the improvements. Is there still work to do? **YES.** Do we have the monies to do this? **NO.**

We are in the process of renegotiating our variable mortgage of \$1.7 million to a fixed mortgage so that we can rest easier about the financial aspect of upgrading and then maintaining our Chapter House.

The Board continues to discuss all the aspects of our fraternity and to make necessary changes so that the "Live ever, Die never" heard at 780 Spruce continues.

Perhaps "out of sight, out of mind" is apparent. Through the efforts of our newsletter, Founder's Day and other activities we try to keep you informed. Please remind yourself of how Phi Psi has impacted you.

Now is the time for the 81.9% of you to step up to the plate and send a check. Your contribution is tax deductible if made out to the:

Irene Hutchinson Phillips Memorial Fund

Or

WV Alpha Educational Fund

Send to:

The James Cochran House Association

Of Phi Kappa Psi

PO Box 631

Morgantown, WV 26507



West Virginia Alpha Founder's Day Saturday, February 16, 2013

Fraternity House & Chapel

Time: 10:30 a.m. Open House- (all welcome)

11:00 a.m. Chapel Service (brothers only)

Chapel Speaker: Jack Bowman '58

Jack has done it all. He served as the director of the State Bar from 1970 to 1974 and taught ethics for 23-years at the WVU College of Law, where he was named "Professor of the Year" by seven different graduating classes. In 2011 he was named the WVU Alumni Association's 'Outstanding Alumnus'.

His topic for the Chapel Service: "Remembering The Past"

Erickson Alumni Center

Time: 12:00— 12:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception-cash bar

12:30 Lunch (rolling food tables) & Program

[all spouses & friends are encouraged to attend the dinner reception]

Lunch Speaker: Doug Stoup '83

For more than 10 years, Doug Stoup has been guiding teams across the frozen Arctic Ocean and Antarctica. Doug is honored to be initiated as international polar guide by the newly formed International Polar Guide Association. The International Polar Guides Association is the premier body for the development and preservation of world-class professional guiding in polar ice environments. In addition to being an accomplished expedition leader, Doug is a motivational speaker; ski and snowboard Mountaineer; Cinematographer; environmentalist; and educator.

Lunch Reception Cost: \$55 per person

RSVP: Contact Zach Mendelson @ 412-227-4677 or zachary.mendelson@wellsfargo.com

RSVP Return Mailer (Response Deadline-February 5th):

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- I plan to attend the 2013 Founder's Day chapel ceremony.
 I plan to attend the 2013 Founder's Day dinner-reception.
 My wife/friend _____ will also attend the dinner-reception.
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Rollin' On



On September 20th, over twenty-five brothers, spouses, and friends climbed aboard the Spirit of West Virginia for an evening of dinner and fellowship while cruising the riverfront of the state's capitol. The sternwheeler owner and captain, **Dick Daugherty '78**, served as our host. Assisting Captain Dick were his brother, **Tom Daugherty '83** and the 'Duke of Dunbar' **George Daugherty '51**.



The River



Special thanks go out to **Michael Clowser '75** for coordinating and organizing this event. Joining our Charleston brothers and guests were several Morgantown brothers including: **W.C. Bird '65**, **Jim Lorenze '74**, **Rob Dinsmore '77**, and **Zach Mendelson '79**. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of several conceptual renderings (see picture below) of the fraternity house frontage. These were prepared by Robby Dinsmore, son of Rob Dinsmore.



FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (491) **Roger Neighborgall '42**, 1005 Hillwood Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22042. Ph: 703-533-0455(H); 703-819-7047©; neighborgall@msn.com. Sent along \$60 and writes: 1943 joined the US Army and shipped to ETA with 5th Dager Btl. Awarded Silver Star and Presidential Citations. Retired at age 85. Now President of both 50-Mile R.R. Trail and 5000-Member Tennis League.
- (520) **George E. Hall '43**, 57 Gilliam Lane, Riverside, CT 06878. Ph: 203-637-2757(H). Mailed \$135.
- (522) **Lee W. Shaffer '44**, 195 Merriman Lane, Moneta, VA 24121. Ph: 540-774-7525 (H); 540-314-2785 ©; lwshaffer@cox.net. Mailed along \$85 and notes: Much over-due in keeping in touch. Now nearly 20-years retired from orthopedic practice. Recovering from spinal surgery in July. Still keep season tickets for football and get to Morgantown several times a year. Don't get to the house much, for most of my time is spent in meetings at the med school. I see **Hugh Wiley '48** and **Carl Cather '45** at these events. Still serve on The Visiting Committee at the Medical School and am currently president of the alumni association for the second time. I follow chapter news with interest, especially the geographic distribution of the pledge classes. Hope they won't allow the chapter to get too top heavy with one locale. Balance is the key. Keep up the good work. The newsletter is an important part of the glue which binds us "heart to heart"!
- (543) **Robert D. Carroll '45**, 12000 N. 90th Street, Unit 2023, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-8631. Mailed \$35 and notes: Emily and I just moved into a retirement home called Westminister Village.
- (606) **Kenny Kincaid '47**, 2955 Ridgedale Road, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304-291-8054. Mailed along \$135 and writes: Chris still keeps me busy with plenty of "honey do" lists. Basically my health is good, except for low back pain. Getting ready to head to Outer Banks for vacation.
- (643) **Tom Seckman '48**, 944 Forest Acres Ct, Nashville, TN 37220. Ph: 615-833-0571 (H); 615-812-1854©; tcsmes@comcast.net . Mailed along 4100 and notes: My wife, M.E., passed away on January 31, 2012 after 58-years; 4-sons; and 13-grandkids.
- (658) **Tom Deveny '49**, 535 Ridgecrest Road, Akron, OH 44303. Ph: 330-836-2392. Sent along \$85 and notes: Still vertical. Nine grandchildren. Hi Hi Hi to class of 1949 initiates!
- (659) **Custer Holiday '49**, 693 Gordon Drive, Charleston, WV 25314. Ph: 304-343-0976(H). Sent along \$60 and notes: Still kicking. Much appreciation for the newsletter.
- (672) **John Buchanan '50**, P.O. Box 298, Chalk Hill, PA 15421. Ph: 724-438-2484(H) or 412-400-5783©. Mailed \$70 and notes: Riding bicycle to bank in Naples, FL back in February 2012-got hit by car. Injuries too numerous to mention-dang near died. Shattered right tibia-still healing. Not quite back in the saddle, but I do have one foot in the stirrup.
- (681) **Robert E. Douglas '50**, 608 Bendview Drive, Charleston, WV 25314. Mailed along \$100 in remembrance of **Eugene "Gene" St Clair '42**. St Clair passed into Chapter Eternal on March 24, 2012 after a short illness. Brother Douglas noted that during his 70-years as a member of WV Alpha, St Clair remained strong in his support of his fraternity and was loved by all who knew him.
- (777) **Thad Evans Jr '55**, 10801 Arsenal Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113. Mailed \$135.
- (801) **Charles Mahan '57**, 1001 N. Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Mailed \$100 and notes: Thanks again for doing the great newsletter. My brother, **Dave Mahan '61**, lost his wife of many years, Janie, to dementia in May . He couldn't come to last year's reunion with me to his long- time care-giver role.
- (803) **George A. Thompson '57**, 760 E. Maiden Lane, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed along \$100.
- (903) **David Woodrum '61**, 175 N. Harbor Drive, #5407, Chicago, IL 60601. Mailed along \$100.
- (914) **Jack W. Blair Jr. '62**, 900 Gulf Shore Drive, Unit 3021, Destin, FL 32541. Email: fundestin@yahoo.com. Mailed \$100 and notes: Great work on the newsletter!
- (944) **Rick Nelson '64**, 7565 Franklin Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Email: rjnelsondds@hotmail.com. Ph: 724-538-4650(H). Mailed \$135.
- (1044) **William Dobbs Jr. '67**, 1600 Stonehedge Road, Charleston, WV 25314. Ph: 304-340-1280(H). Email: william55@suddenlink.net. Mailed along \$200 and notes: Still a member of Jackson, Kelly Law Offices. Married the former Amy Lewis (DG) in November of last year.
- (1058) **William Richards '68**, 51 Parklane Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Sent along \$135.
- (1092) **Chuck Wilson '69**, 44 Monarch Lane, Weston, WV 26452. Mailed along \$150 and notes: Enjoying retirement. Lots of activities with my grandchildren. All brothers welcome at our home near Buckhannon/Weston Exit. The picture in honor of **Bob McNabb '67** was great.
- (1097) **Frederick "Fritz" Renner '69**, 546 Hartnell Street, Suite D, Monterey, CA 93940 [New Address]. Ph: 831-915-8802©. Email: ftrenco@gmail.com. Mailed \$50 and notes: I enjoy the newsletter. I am getting married September 29th. My daughter is now 13. Check out my business: www.ftrenner.com, it is now in its 32nd year. Life is good. Would like to hear from my pledge brothers.
- (1136) **Chris Iverson '70**, 8500 Keystone Crossing, Suite 120, Indianapolis, IN 46240 [New Address]. Ph: 317-450-1718©. Mailed \$135 and notes: Spent July 4th, 2011 with **Andy Moore '70**. Enjoyed watching him (snow) ski in Mammoth, CA. Always see **Jim Dobbs '69** my NML Insurance brother for 30-years. I also joined Berry Hills CC two years ago. Will keep my eyes open for a golf partner.
- (1208) **Gordon Letterman '72**, 2521 Joy Road, Occidental, CA 95465. Sent along \$100 and writes: Ellen and I took a break in our Maryland—New Mexico drive to spend a few days with friend and brother, **Bob Bird '73** and his lovely wife, Kay. We were entertained so royally that I wanted to move in permanently. It was my honor to participate in the 2012 GAC as WV Alpha Alumni representative.
- (1214) **Rich Visotcky '72**, 204 Laurel Ct, Cedar Run, NJ 08092. Ph: 609-713-6187(H); richvisotcky@gmail.com. Mailed \$100 and notes: My son and daughter-in-law (both WVU Grads)

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are expecting their first child in January. Looking forward to becoming a grandpa!

- (1311) **Tim Whalen '75**, 2 Conifer Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Email: tim.whalen@NMFN.com. Mailed \$100 and notes: Have done some traveling in the past year. Italy in summer of 2011; southern and central California in summer of 2012. Just returned from a fly fishing trip to Montana in Sept 2012.
- (1383) **Steve Spencer '77**, 9816 Carmelita Drive, Potomac, MD 20854. Ph: 301-838-8831(H); 301-674-7865©. Email: steves@insassoc.com. Mailed \$100 and notes: Went to the Baylor Game and caught up with **Zach Mendelson '79** and other brothers. Good to be back in Morgantown to see Big Time Football.
- (1408) **Paul Schulte '78**, 18 Constitution Drive, Southampton, NJ 80881. Mailed along \$100.
- (1433) **John O'Shaughnessy '78**, 170 Deep Water Drive, White Stone, VA 22578. Ph: 804-435-2320(H). Email: joshoughnessy@chesbank.com. Sent along \$100 and writes: Great to see so many brothers at the WVU-JMU Game at Fed-X Field. Also great to catch up with our pledge class HOD, **Dave Hanna '77** recently. Keep up the great work with the newsletter.
- (1526) **Mark Hall '81**, RR 2, Box 34-D, Bristol, WV 26426. Ph: 304-203-4445(H). Mailed along \$50 and notes: Finally getting married to a local girl, Christy Coffman, in May 2013. I miss my seat on top of the box truck at the tailgate parties.

Notes from Loyal Widows of Phi Kappa Psi...

Barbara Harrison Brandt (widow of **Ed Brandt '47**), 120 Lakes of Litchfield Drive, #218, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. Thank you for sending me the Phi Psi newsletter. I also received the magazine this month-red letter mail. All of us appreciate all you do for the fraternity—I am sure you have been told you are your generations-Harlan Selby-the supreme compliment.

Gretchen Knox Smith (widow of **Don Smith '56**), 14614 Penmore Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269. Ph: 704-279-5927(H) or 704-960-0966©. Email: nanagret70@carolina.rr.com. Sent along \$100. No news, but always happy to receive the newsletter.

Anne M. Sturm (widow of **Jerry Sturm '59**), 18 Nolen Street, Mt Laurel, Birmingham, AL 35242. Ph: 205-637-1980(H) or 478-397-4949©. Email: annemsturm@charter.net. Mailed along 4135 and writes: I enjoy the newsletter to read about friends that Jerry knew and I met over the years. Moved to be closer to daughter and grandchildren. I love the smaller home with yard. It was hard to leave the memories in Georgia.

Chapter Eternal

- (487) **Gene St. Clair '42** passed on March 24, 2012
(513) **Harry Proglor '43** passed on May 27, 2012



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A number of brothers from the 1978-1979 pledge classes gathered at the WVU–JMU Football Game on September 15, 2012. Pictured above, featured from left to right at the tailgate: **Greg “20” Houze ’78, Greg “Speed” Valant ’79, Abe “Slick” Key ’78, Paul “Sammy” Schulte ’78, Mark “Scratch” Vasilko ’78, John “Wally” O’Shaughnessy ’78, Pat “Howie” McLister ’78, and Bob “Burky” Burkhardt ’78.**