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Chapter Re-Colonization Update

(W.C. Bird '65 & Zach Mendelson '79)

April 2016

Having just come from the meeting with the Student life and Greek life people from WVU, these are our thoughts regarding re-colonization. Many alumni Board members have been doing yeomen work to get to this point and we are optimistic that we will make it to the finish line.

The University has given us the go ahead to proceed with our re-colonization plan. We had a very good and open discussion and we believe we are both on the same path. They have agreed to help us in a variety of ways.

Our timing is to start an information session in various WV towns plus Pittsburgh and the DC area this summer. We will need alumni in these various areas to help us with time and money. Board member **Lee Pyles '77** is leading this effort. Our success in these information sessions will lead to a colony of 30-40 men starting in the fall of 2016.

Our lease with Sigma Alpha Mu ends May 15, 2017. We would plan to do repairs (we will have them), pave the parking lot and do upgrades as the money allows so that the 2016 colony can move into the house the fall of 2017.

To do this we need time and money support again. It is our plan to have a fraternity that will be scholarship based so that the young men we choose will be the best and brightest. We have scholarship money from National, the WV Alpha Fund and the Irene Phillips Hutchinson Memorial Fund to sustain us in the short term.

We have an investment committee chaired by Board member **John Miesner '81** that will invest and decide what scholarship amount we can offer to chapter members. We know these will be academically based. In addition to this we have researched the scholarships that National has on an ongoing basis with board member Alex Greenberg '06 chairing this effort. Again these are academic based.

The remaining area of contributions to the Funds and individual alumni endowed scholarships will be actively pursued.

After many discussions about the future of WV Alpha, the Board agrees that our task will be difficult with the biggest question being "can we recruit young men that meet our standards?"

Now is the time to reflect on how Phi Kappa Psi helped you. We will not have a third chance to get this right. It is the Board's belief that our high expectations of alumni assistance will lead to finding the young men that will meet the Board's high expectations for membership.

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Chapter Re-Colonization Update

Once membership is achieved there is continuing support necessary to manage the fraternity. National has given us several requirements that we must meet before we re-gain our status. The Board agrees with this path forward.

The Board has developed the detail of our plan. A bullet statement of our plan is as follows for your review:

- Recruit sophomore and older non-traditional students with a 3.0 academic average;
- It is the Board's intent to have all members be awarded a scholarship per semester.

Our plan is to provide all students living in the house a scholarship credit against room and board per semester based on academic and behavioral performance. Must have a 3.0 for a scholarship. A Board member has volunteered to lead this pursuit and will be responsible for helping members receive additional scholarships from our National Foundation.

This Board member will act as a mentor regarding scholarship;

- Require the academic average to be maintained to continue active status and scholarship monies;
- Recruit men with proven leadership;
- Require a character recommendation from an outside source;
- The House Association Board, together with the Strategic Growth Consultants designated by National, will select the initial class of initiates;
- Conduct a mandatory retreat, prior to the semester, for all members to set expectations for the coming semester/year. The Board will be instrumental in this retreat;
- An internal governing committee, led by student chapter leadership and Chapter Advisor, will be formed to discuss and manage membership, scholarship, finances and disciplinary issues;
- Pledge education will conform to the National program;
- All members will be required to live in the fraternity house for 2 years (4 semesters);
- All members will participate in an "honors type" education series lead by alumni and University faculty representing various mentoring pursuits modeled after the University Honors Dorm. A Board member will lead this effort;
- A House manager or couple, residing in the chapter house, will be hired to oversee the day to day house activities and manage the education program. We would like to have a graduate student or couple in the counseling program live in the house to fill this role. This would be an assignment for a minimum of two years or longer. We would provide room, board, parking and a small stipend in exchange for the above. We would like a partnership with WVU regarding this person and responsibilities;
- A parents' club program will be initiated, modeled after the Mountaineer Parents Club to include regular communications and semester programs such as Parents weekend. These communications will include the long-standing Mountaineer Phi Psi;
- Social parties will be closed events limited to members and one guest, and monitored by security; and
- The chapter house will be alcohol, drug and smoke free.

Our National expects us to have a five member advisory committee made up of adults (may or may not be fraternity alumni) with the purpose of advising the Board on fraternity matters. Each member would be trained on a regular basis on educational items such as alcohol, drug and sexual awareness. In addition, they will be responsible for other educational pursuits. Each member will be certified by the National fraternity. Our Board feels that a faculty member would be one of the five members and also feels we need female representation.

When asked, please respond to our needs and help us make WV Alpha return to its greatness on WVU's campus.

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (491) **Roger Neighborgall '42**, 1005 Hillwood Ave, Falls Church, VA 22042. Sent along \$50 and notes: Staying healthy at age 91. Still making frequent presentations on WWII & Cuba.
- (522) **Lee Shaffer '44**, 195 Merriman Lane, Moneta, VA 24121. Mailed \$100 and writes: Thanks for the newsletter. Glad to hear plans are afoot to re-colonize. I will help finance summer rush picnics. Keep me posted and thanks for everyone's effort associated with this work.
- (545) **Frank Winfree '45**, 405 Oakhurst Ave, Bluefield, WV 24701. Mailed 440 and notes: Life has been "very good" to the two of us. Joyce (age 85) still drives. I (age 88) crow in the front seat with my trusty walking stick and "away we go"!
- (602) **C.V. Critchfield '47**, 6322 Muir Ct, Huntersville, NC 28078. Ph: 704-947-5514, Sent along \$40.
- (608) **Joseph Reger '47**, 3500 West Chester Pike, Apt F-203, Newtown Square, PA 19073 [New Address]. Ph: 610-353-5270. Mailed \$40.
- (655) **Jack Hancock '49**, 100 Delta Breeze Ct, Roseville, CA 95747. Email: jack1hancock@gmail.com. Sent along \$100 for the newsletter.
- (672) **John Buchanan '50**, Providence Point, 100 Adams Ave, Apt 304, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 [New Address]. Sent along \$40 and notes: We have down-sized. No more snow shoveling...no more grass mowing. Enjoy the newsletter. Keep them coming.
- (792) **Dan Ferguson '56**, 157 Oakview Drive, Kenova, WV 25530 [New Address]. Email: dfergmusic@aol.com. Mailed \$50 and wrote: Grand-daughter Lee Elizabeth Rice graduated in 2015 from WVU Law School.
- (801) **Charles Mahan '57**, 16116 Ancroft Ct, Tampa, FL 33647 [New Address]. Ph: 813-988-1259. Mailed \$100 and notes: Thanks so much to all "local Morgantown brothers" for your efforts to lead us out of the wilderness. You are going and beyond the call of duty.
- (903) **David Woodrum '61**, 13 Waterside Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508 [New Address]. Ph: 312-616-1527.
- (944) **Rick Nelson '64**, 7565 Franklin Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Email: rjnelsondds@hotmail.com. Ph: 724-538-4650. Mailed along \$140 for the good of the fraternity.
- (948) **Mike Metheny '64**, 1001 51st Street, Vienna, WV 26105. Email: mmatheny@mathenymotors.com Mailed \$1,040. [Editors Note: Much appreciation for your kind gift the newsletter/fraternity].
- (979) **William Hartwig '65**, 37 Conifer Hill, Plymouth, MA 02360 [New Address]. Ph: 410-200-0043. Email: dbhartwig46@mail.com. Mailed along \$40 and notes: We have moved to MA to be closer to family and to spoil our grandchildren. It was great to visit with the brothers at the 50th Anniversary of my pledge class.
- (1115) **Ben Hardesty '69**, 67 Augusta Lane, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Ph: 304-641-0212. Sent \$100 and notes: Email: bahardesty@gmail.com. I've enclosed a listing of Phi Psi brothers that served in WWII. There was a note from **Harlan Selby '18** states that "185 brothers were in the service-40% of the living membership". **Ned Rose '70** gave me this report years ago. Pleased to share for our archives.
- (1279) **Jim Lorenze '74**, 54 Tara Place, Morgantown, WV 26505. Mailed in \$100.
- (1331) **David Ziegler '75**, 11855 Winged Foot Terrace, Coral Springs, FL 33071 [New Address]. Ph: 954-648-2247.
- (1408) **Paul Schulte '78**, 18 Constitution Drive, Southampton, NJ 08088. Email: pschulte@siscomfg.com. Mailed along \$100 and writes: Looking forward to being with all of the brothers in Pinehurst in May. Nothing like a gathering of the brotherhood. Thanks to all of the brothers in Morgantown for keeping the candle burning!
- (1430) **Abe Key '78**, 110 Wilmont Ave, Washington, PA 15301. Email: a.key@pony.org. Mailed along \$40.
- (1442) **Tim Muscaro '79**, 3502 W. Bay to Bay Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629. Mailed along \$100 donation and noted: I cannot wait until Pinehurst 2016! Thanks for the newsletter.
- (1481) **Greg Valant '79**, 113 Shadow Ridge Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Sent along \$150 for the good of the newsletter and writes: Get together often with the brothers in and around Western PA including our esteemed editor. Love every minute of it. I believe I appreciate and enjoy our friendship and brotherhood now more than ever! A special shout out to my big brother, **Tim Muscaro '79**, who always puts me up when I am in Tampa. Very glad to be here!
- (1501) **Robby Maiolo '81**, 311 Rydal Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941. Mailed check for \$100. [Editor's Note: Great to hear from Brother Maiolo...especially since about 20 years ago I inadvertently published his passing. Hope all is well in CA].
- (1775) **John Miesner '81**, P. O. Box 8396, S. Charleston, WV 25301. Mailed along \$40.
- (2011) **Tim Mento '00**, 7 Glencove Rd, Greensburg, PA 15601. Email: tmento@relobenefits.com. Mailed along \$40. [Editor's Note: Brother Mento also made a recent contribution to the loan fund in anticipation of our re-colonization. Great to see a younger brother stepping up to assist].
- (2198) **John McCune '09**, 3715 Eastover Ridge, Charlotte, NC 28211 [New Address].

Summer Informational Sessions-New Recruitment

By: Lee Pyles '77

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OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the re-birth of Phi Kappa Psi at WVU so to generate interest in membership.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Incoming freshmen* and sophomores and their parents.

*Note that freshmen are likely to not be eligible to rush per new changes at WVU effective Fall 2016.

MEETING PLAN

A house corp member and/or advisory committee member, plus a local chair- person will welcome prospects/ parents. ALL local alumni are encouraged to participate in these events.

A new marketing video will be shared, along with the organizational plan for the new chapter; costs of membership; and potential for significant scholarship support. Emphasis on pledge program which will include-NO HAZING.

Additional benefits of Greek involvement will also be discussed, including: mentoring program, educational tutors, preparation for grad school and job market search. And in particular, discussion regarding the house parent initiative, which will be part of the WVU 'Faculty In-Residence'.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

VENUES

We are looking for hosts in the following cities:

- Beckley
- Charleston
- Charlestown
- Clarksburg
- Huntington
- Lewisburg
- Morgantown
- Parkersburg
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Wheeling

If you are interested in assisting, please contact me at the email address above.



Justin Heydon '07 and
Tim Whalen '75

2016 Founder's Day



Mike Keller '63 & his wife Royce

The Erickson Alumni Center once again hosted our annual luncheon, with seventy-four brothers and guests in attendance. Dr. Roy Baker, Associate Dean and Director of Greek Life, spoke about his goals in reforming the WVU Greek System. **Johnny Qyteza '14**, W&J College, and District II Archon spoke about his family struggles after migrating to American from Albania.

A portrait of **C.J. Moore '48** was presented to our membership by his family following his passing in 2015. His brother, **Ronald Moore '41**, an aviator, was killed in action during WWII. In his memory, the Moore family donated the stain glass window in the chapel.

Jim Boyle '88 (Washington Alpha), National SWVGP, discussed the many changes occurring at the fraternity's national headquarters, including the recent appointment of **Mark Guidi '84** (Virginia Zeta) as Executive Director. Boyle further discussed various areas Phi Psi will invest, including: integrity, behavioral, academic, responsible leadership, serving the community, alumni support, And being relevant on campus.

Thirty-five brothers were entered into Chapter Eternal (names noted on page 7). Brother **W.C. Bird '65**, House Corporation President, provided a re-colonization update, while various committee reports were delivered by respective chairmen. All attendees got to view our new marketing video which will be a critical part of recruiting a new chapter membership starting with the 'summer information sessions' (see page 4) this summer.

And finally, all brothers departed with a hunter green golf shirt emblazzen with the fraternity crest, compliments of **Tom Wiley '76**.
WV Alpha will begin recruiting a new pledge class in the Fall 2016!



Jack Bowman '58 and George
Thompson '57



Zach Mendelson '79, Jim Boyle '88 (Washington Alpha), National SWVGP, Dr. Roy Baker, Associate Dean and Director Greek Life, WVU, and W.C. Bird '65



Matt Herrick '79, Kim Herrick, and Logan Herrick '14



[May 2016] The Mountaineer Area Boy Scouts recognized David Hardesty '64 received the award as the Outstanding Citizen Award for 2016. Brother Hardesty, the 21st President of West Virginia University from 1995-2007, noted during his acceptance speech He comes from a "family of scouts". Representing WV Alpha at the dinner (front row): **Andy Wilkins '65, Mike Hopkins '73, David Hardesty, and Ben Hardesty '69.** (Back Row): **Zach Mendelson '79, Lee Pyles '77, Chilton Wise '69, David Woodrum '61, and Gary Pyles '71.**



(October 2015) **Zach Mendelson '79 (L) and Tim Dyer '81 (Far R)** pose with Lee Trevino. Both brothers attended The Greenbrier Fall Classic and had the opportunity to participate on the winning team. No question about it...Brother Dyer had big shoulders and carried our team. Awesome opportunity to hang out with golfing great Lee Trevino, who is now serving as the Greenbrier's Pro Emeritus.



Tailgating before the 2015 WVU vs Maryland Football Game, brothers include: (front row): **Abe Key '78 & Mike Fiery '79** (back row): **Jon Rupert '79, Pat McLister '78, Tim Hoffman '81, Greg Houze '78, Jeff Heddaeus '79, Greg Valant '79, & Paul Schulte '78**



Reunion of brothers at 2016 Founder's Day who grew up in Morgantown: **Rick Pill '70, Dave Pill '74, Junior Taylor '74, Jim Lorenze '74, Gary Waters '74, and Bob Bird '73.**



(Fall 2015) Brothers and spouses gathered at the Mendelson Backyard for some cheer and to enjoy a visit from **Spider (and Lois) Morgan '59** who now reside in Venice, FL.



Spider and Lois Morgan

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[The following list of brothers were entered into Chapter Eternal during our 2016 Founder's Day event in Morgantown. Please note that this list also includes several brothers who passed in the last 2-3 years]

Roll # 354 Harold Morgan '32
Roll # 438 Robert Pierce '39
Roll # 447 James Cole '40
Roll # 475 James Bergdoll '42
Roll # 477 Robert Smith '42
Roll # 494 Raymond Fisher '42
Roll # 517 James Murphy '44
Roll # 520 George Hall '44
Roll # 538 Robert Dye '45
Roll # 542 Tie Steele '45
Roll # 549 Dotson Cather '45
Roll # 566 John Law '46
Roll # 567 Charles Huffman '46
Roll # 576 Robert Janes '46
Roll # 590 William Poundstone '46
Roll # 628 Morris Godfrey '48
Roll # 631 C.J. Moore '48

Roll # 661 James Holt '49
Roll # 668 Thomas Kennedy '49
Roll # 687 James Ryder '51
Roll # 690 Donald Shotts '51
Roll # 704 Carl Harris '52
Roll # 731 Howard Furbee '53
Roll # 800 David Nichols '56
Roll # 819 Jerry Kendrick '58
Roll # 868 Stephen Wilbourn '60
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Roll # 914 Jack Blair '62
Roll # 1015 Fred Higginbotham '66
Roll # 1077 Thomas Pick '68
Roll # 1616 George Simcoe '85
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THE ROYAL WEDDING

When Erin Whalen and **Garrett Dinsmore '07** married on September 5, 2015 in Lancaster, PA, it presented a rare occasion for many Phi Psi Brothers to gather and celebrate.

Erin is the daughter of **Pat Whalen '76**, while Garrett is the son of **Robert Dinsmore '77**. Saint Mary's Catholic Church hosted the ceremony, with the wonderful sound of bag

Pipes greeting guests as they arrived. While Lancaster CC hosted the reception, including over 30 Phi Psi Brothers. A special touch by the bride and groom included providing a Jaqueminot Rose, which serves as the flower for both Phi Psi and Alpha Pi (Erin's sorority), for all brothers to wear