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



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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVES CHARTERING PETITION

On June 23rd the Phi Kappa Psi Executive Council voted to approve the chartering petition for our existing colony at West Virginia Alpha. If you recall, our colony was re-established in Fall, 2016. Since this time, 55 new colony members have joined the ranks. The chartering ceremony will take place over the weekend of **November 10th & 11th**.

It was only on June 29, 2016, less than a year ago, did our National Fraternity announce the plan for the formation of a colony at WVU. Getting the chapter back in less than one year is a testament to many, including: our initial chapter consultants—**Marc Munoz (Cal Poly '12)** and **Phil Mikos (IUPUI '12)**; the colony leaders—President Jesse Lackey and Vice-President Charles Hageboeck; the Directors of the James Cochran House Association; local (Morgantown alumni) who played a key role behind the scenes; and of course W.C. Bird, who passed on May 22, 2017. Brother Bird made it a personal mission to cross the State of WV meeting and visiting with alumni and re-establishing our network of brothers in key communities. As W.C often stated, we need to “prime the pump of our recruitment pipeline”. His efforts have certainly initially paid off, as 50% of the Colony is from West Virginia!

This is vitally important to future sustainability (of the chapter) in terms of having a corps group of brothers that will reside in close proximity to Morgantown to serve as future alumni leaders. We need not look at any further than the fraternity

(Sigma Alpha Mu) that leased our house for the last three years. They had -0- local alumni that served in an advisory role. Trust me when I say...and it showed.

As House Corp President **John Miesner '82** noted recently, “I express my appreciation to all those, mentioned and unmentioned here, without whose involvement and investment of time over the last three and one-half years of suspension, this approval of the return as a fully active chapter of Phi Kappa Psi would not have come to pass. **“Our Strong Band, Indeed”!** Before the chapter’s suspension in 2013, our chapter had an uninterrupted history of 123-years.

The Chartering Ceremony will be a “big deal”! Many of the National Officers will attend and participate in the ceremony. National Phi Kappa Psi dignitaries (past and present) will be invited. Representatives from our national Phi Psi district will attend. And most importantly, we want YOU, our brother to attend this festive weekend. Setting the historical significance of this event aside, WV Alpha has provided all of us the opportunity to be part of an ancestry unparalleled. The relationships so many of us share all started at 460 & 780 Spruce Street. Mark your calendar now and plan to be in Morgantown **November 10th & 11th**. Great time to celebrate your fraternity and its newest members who represent our next generation of WV Alpha!

FROM HERE TO THERE

(508) **Charles Cox '43**, 7184 Drewey's Blf, Bradenton, FL 34203. Ph: 941-753-2666. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Just reached my 93rd birthday. Good to see Wild **Bill Maxwell '44** is still kicking. I still have numbers on him! I'm still in good health.

(522) **Lee Shaffer '44**, 195 Merriman Lane, Moneta, VA 24121. Ph: 540-314-2785). Email: lwshaffer@cox.net. Sent \$105 and writes: Turned the BIG 90. Delighted the re-colonization seems to be going well. Really happy that many of the young men are from WV. Keep up the good work.

(575) **Hal Shamberger '46**, 103 Heritage Pointe, Morgantown, WV 26505. Mailed \$300 for the good of the fraternity.

(602) **Chuck Critchfield '47**, 6322 Muir Ct, Huntersville, NC 28078. Email: GMACVC@aol.com. Ph: 704-947-5514. Have three new grandchildren + one of the way.

(673) **Charles Hodges '50**, 1312 Chippewa Drive, Plano, TX 75093. Mailed along \$40.

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FROM HERE TO THERE *(Continued from Cover)*

- (681) **Robert Douglas '50**, 707 Virginia Street E, Charleston, WV 25301. Sent along \$200.
- (695) **George Daugherty '51**, Box 490, Dunbar, WV 25064. Ph: 304-546-8900. Email: theearlofe@gmail.com. Sent along \$100.
- (718) **Tom Rogers '53**, 111 Babbling Brooke Estates, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304-594-2501. Mailed along \$105 and notes: Retired—Nothing new—Just getting ancient.
- (721) **William Conley '53**, 358 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Mailed \$100.
- (733) **Fred Hiehle '53**, 3105 Pine Tree Lane, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Ph: 610-207-2760. Sent along \$200 and writes: We (wife & me) are doing well. I'm glad to see the start-up activity for re-starting our chapter. I've been remiss in contributing to our newsletter, so I am sending a little extra!
- (739) **Bryce Maddox '54**, 534 Northview Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303. Email: brycemaddox@gmail.com. Mailed along \$50 and notes: staying active playing senior golf, tennis, and basketball.
- (770) **Richard Douglas '55**, 1165 Grandiflora Drive, Leland, NC 28451. Mailed along \$50 and notes: Renewing my subscription to the GREAT newsletter. My donation would be significantly higher if I still had **Greg Veach '76** as a source of income on the golf course.
- (777) **Thad Evans '55**, 10801 Arsenal Drive, Richmond, VA 23113. Sent \$100 and writes: I was interested in the article on re-colonization. Hard for me to imagine that it is difficult to attract members from WV. When I was in the fraternity ('54-'57) almost all of the members were from the state. While I was not a native, my family was living in Charleston (WV) at the time and I felt very much a West Virginian. Since graduation, I have lived outside of the state most of that time has been in Richmond, VA where I don't run into any Phi Psi's, but do see a few doctors from the school that attended Medical College of Virginia and stayed in the area to practice. Unfortunately, I don't get back to school. In any case, I hope the fraternity is successful in its Re-building efforts. It was a leading organization on campus for many years.
- (811) **Forest "Jack" Bowman '58**, 28 Vintner Place, Morgantown, WV 26505. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Retired in Morgantown. Spending most of my time volunteering for the Salvation Army. Myla (Tri-Delt) is very busy with meals-on-wheels.
- (826) **David McMunn '58**, 106 Forest Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Sent \$100 for the good of PKP!
- (828) **Tom Graff '58**, 108 Graff Lane, Charleston, WV 25301. Mailed \$100 and notes: Life is Good! Working on non-legal projects. In reasonably good health. See **John Carrico '59** and **Terry Gossard '60** on occasion. **Tom Dotson '58** is still my primary care doctor. Also saw **Dick Hash '61** recently.
- (859) **William "Spider" Morgan '58**, 1262 Cielo Ct, North Venice, FL 34275. Mailed \$100 for PKP!
- (863) **Robert (Bo) Dickinson '60**, 6 Taunton Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470. Ph: 203-426-1795. Email: dickinson41@sbcglobal.net. Mailed along \$140 and notes: Still in CT. Sandra and I have been married 51+ years. Glad the colony appears to be progressing.
- (876) **Bob Henderson '60**, 38 Maple Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501. Mailed along \$200 and noted that Life is Good! Still splitting time between Venice and Morgantown.
- (886) **Stephen McWhorter '60**, 570 Lovely Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151. Mailed for \$50 for PKP!
- (902) **John Fowler '61**, 631 Elkcamp Rd, Millboro, VA 24460. Ph: 304-543-4459. Mailed along \$60.
- (929) **William Riffiee '63**, 667 Left Fork of Cherry Rd, Montrose, WV 26283. Sent along \$150 for PKP!
- (932) **Rick Morgan '63**, 7086 Edmond Ave, Easton, MD 21601. Ph: 410-822-5643. Email: fhm232@aol.com. Mailed along \$250 and writes: Still working—spending 6-months in DelRay Beach, FL and 6-months in Maryland. Best to all of the brothers doing such great work for PKP.
- (941) **Steve Richards '64**, 359 19th Street, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. Email: Richardsd@yahoo.com Mailed along \$250 and notes: I retired from Weirton Steel in 2000. Have lived in Jacksonville, FL for 34-years. Hope the fraternity gets back on campus (officially) soon.
- (947) **John Hite '64**, 9401 Herringbone Drive, Raleigh, NC 27614. Ph: 919-848-6549. Email: hitejp@gmail.com. Sent along \$100 and writes: Been in Raleigh for 38-years and Sheila and I celebrated our 50th (anniversary) last year! Best of luck with the re-colonization.
- (967) **Bob Spiker '65**, 17117 Campbell Farm Road, Poolesville, MD 20837. Ph: 301-349-5062. Mailed 450 and notes: Enjoying high school math volunteering and grandkids. Thanks for the hard work of many on behalf of the chapter!
- (969) **Richard Adams '65**, 52 Meadows Crest Dr, Parkersburg, WV 26104. Ph: 304-485-3174. For the good of the fraternity, \$1,000 contribution in memory of **Boo Farley '65** and **Robert McNabb '67**.
- (982) **John Deveny '65**, 2855 Ashton Tree Ct, Dacula, GA 30019. Ph: 678-546-9788. Mailed \$140 and writes: Retired chiropractor. Wife of 46-years, three sons, two dogs, and survivor of colon, kidney, and prostate cancer.
- (984) **Steve Ulrey '65**, 160 Grafton Ct, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Ph: 847-482-0288. Email: Stephen.ulrey@sbcglobal.net. Mailed along \$4100 and notes: Retired recently from a 33-year career making drugs at Abbott Labs. Enjoying good health, skiing with grand-daughter, spending time with wife Sue (KKG), and flying my airplane. I enjoy the newsletter—keep up the good work!
- (981) **Charles Shoemaker '65**, 1309 Tayon Pl, Davis, CA 95616. Email: cfshoemaker@ucdavis.edu. Ph: 530-304-9274. Generously sent along \$505 and notes: I have retired from U.C. Davis. Three of my grand-children are WVU students. I am living with my wife, Sharon, in Davis, CA.
- (986) **Ricklin Brown '65**, 103 Sixpence Ct, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Mailed along \$100 for PKP!
- (1005) **William Davis III '66**, 7016 Endicott Ct, Bethesda, MD 20817. Ph: 301-229-5493. Email: wadmd@aol.com. Renewed subscription for \$40.
- (1043) **Steve Crislip '67**, 2154 Presidential Dr, Charleston, WV 25314. Email: scriislp@jacksonkelly.com. Ph: 304-542-1180. Mailed along \$100 for PKP!
- (1067) **Dave Shaffer '68**, 96 W. Saddlebrook Drive, Somerset, KY 42503. Email: WVUphipsi1970@yahoo.com. Ph: 606-219-7231. Mailed \$100 and notes: Retired U.S. Army Colonel of Cavalry. Now working with "at risk" youth. 10 grandkids!
- (1071) **Dick Haines '68**, P.O. Box 430, Cleveland, GA 30528. Mailed along \$50 and notes: Still skiing and fishing with pledge brother Tom DeWitt '68.
- (1072) **Tom DeWitt '68**, 3146 Dahlia Way, Naples, FL 34105. Mailed along \$100 for PKP!
- (1108) **William Wilmot '69**, 258 Arborland Rd, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Sent along \$150 and writes: Here is a contribution for publication and mailing of Mountaineer Phi Psi. Becky and I enjoy reading about old friends. Becky retired from teaching first grade a few years back. I am still practicing law full time with Steptoe & Johnson. Both of us stay involved with “our causes” in our spare time. We have four kids who are all grown and gone now, so life continues to evolve. Thanks for continuing to publish this newsletter and keeping us close.

- (1109) **Chilton Wise '69**, 1103 Hemlock Ct, Morgantown, WV 26508. Ph: 304-288-7760. Email: cwise@bowlesrice.com. Mailed along \$105 and states: practicing law, biking, and fly fishing...not necessarily in that order. Go Mountaineers!
- (1113) **Richard Wagener '69**, 13155 Brighton Dam Rd, Clarksville, MD 21029. Sent along \$100 for PKP!
- (1115) **Ben Hardesty '69**, 67 Augusta Lane, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Herewith is my contribution in support of our newsletter and help perpetuate future printing.
- (1182) **Allen Vanatter '71**, 706 Big Bend Road, Barboursville, WV 25504. Ph: 304-633-7879. Email: avanatter@earthlink.com. Sent along \$150 for the good of PKP.
- (1186) **Dan Richards '71**, 3595 Inland Empire Blvd, #1200, Ontario, CA 91764.[New Address] Ph: 909-243-7747. Email: drichards@kendrew.net. Mailed \$100 for the good of PKP.
- (1210) **Brad Carmichael '72**, 22 Mountain Orchid Way, Arden, NC 28704. Ph: 724-344-1441. Email: mmmc29@ma.rr.com. Sent along \$140 and notes: May (KKG) and I have moved to Asheville, NC. Our son, Jeff and his wife, Elizabeth (daughter of JT and Mary Thomas '70) had a daughter, Katharine Elizabeth 1/8/16. Thanks for continued publication of this newsletter.
- (1270) **Kim Craig '74**, 3957 Eastlake Dr, Morgantown, WV 26508. Email: craig@fnb-corp.com. Sent along \$200 and notes: All good. Five grandkids, enjoying work, traveling to WVU athletic events, and loving life at Cheat Lake. Best to all!
- (1288) **Rick Ott '74**, 2218 Harvest Creek Ct, Kingwood, TX 77345. Email: raothouston@gmail.com. Ph: 832-250-0461. Mailed along \$140 and notes: Retired and traveling with my wife, Charlotte. Playing golf regularly. Great to receive the newsletter!
- (1311) **Tim Whalen '75**, 2 Conifer Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Ph: 304-677-2550. Mailed \$85 and writes: Still run into lots of Phi Psi's in Bridgeport/Clarksburg area. Glad to see things are coming together for re-colonization at WV Alpha.
- (1313) **Mike Clowser '75**, 42 Quarry Ridge, Charleston, WV 25304. Mailed \$100 and notes: Always great to hear about other brothers. Thanks for continuing this publication!
- (1356) **Dave Faris '76**, 53 Juniper Lane, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Ph: 304-669-6141. Email: davidfarismd@gmail.com. Mailed along \$100 and writes: Still enjoying my ophthalmology practice. I am blessed with a wonderful wife, 3 sons, a daughter-in-law, and a grandson. Thanks for newsletter.
- (1383) **Steve Spencer '77**, 9816 Carmelita Drive, Potomac, MD 20854. Ph: 301-674-7865. Mailed along \$250 and notes: Last of four sons graduated in May 2017. Life is Good! Much appreciation for the Mountaineer Phi Psi.
- (1395) **Jim Holtzapple '77**, 198 Oakwood Drive, Spring Grove, PA 17362. Mailed along \$100 for PKP.
- (1408) **Paul Schulte '78**, 18 Constitution Drive, Southampton, NJ. Mailed along \$250 and explains: Enclosed find a check for your labor of love, Mountaineer Phi Psi. Here's the backstory: my brother-in-law, who is in the Marine Corps, was promoted to Full Colonel. Suffice to say he and his military family are the real deal. Not an easy way of life. Well, he lives in Tampa and works at MacDill AFB. His kids (ages 14, 12, & 10) are rabid Tampa Bay Lightning hockey fans. When I found out this bit of trivia, I reached out to **Tim Muscaro '79** to find me some tickets to buy. Brother Muscaro offered his four box seats. He was happy to oblige being a military (Army) man himself. As he would not accept any money for the tickets, he requested I mail a check to the Mountaineer Phi Psi. Thanks to Brother Musky and to you for your time/effort publishing this newsletter[Editor's Note: Col Morrissey and family attended the Feb 27th game].
- (1436) **Mark "Scratch" Vasilko '78**, 744 Pine Valley Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15239. Sent along \$100 for PKP!
- (1430) **Abe Key '78**, 110 Wilmont Ave, Washington, PA 15301. Mailed along \$100 for the good of PKP!
- (1442) **Tim Muscaro '79**, 3502 Bay to Bay, Tampa, FL 33629. Email: tmuscaro@aol.com. Ph: 813-230-0855. Mailed along \$300 and notes: Love this “Band of Brothers”! Thanks Zach.
- (1447) **Brad Williams '79**, 140 Ocean Oaks drive, Indialantic, FL 32903. Email: bhwilliams11@gmail.com. Ph: 321-266-6464. Mailed along \$125 for the good of PKP!
- (1448) **Trey Hornor '79**, 1404 Briarwood Rd, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Sent \$100 and notes: Have worked at Hornor Brothers Engineers since 1985. My wife, Suzanne, and I are the parents of son, Cameron, a senior at WVU, and daughter Leigh, who will be a soph at WVU. I appreciate the newsletter and keeping us connected.
- (1449) **Vince Nowell '79**, 1141 Paper File Ct, Sanibel Island, FL 33957. Email: vince@alcofenceco.com. Ph: 239-462-6770. Mailed \$1,000 for the good of the fraternity and notes: My wife, Suzie (DG '82), and I had the pleasure of hosting brothers **Zach Mendelson '79** and **Bob Henderson '62** (and spouses) at our home. Great time and great memories of PKP!
- (1453) **Matt Herrick '79**, 1209 Robin Drive, New Martinsville, WV 26155. Sent along \$100 for PKP!
- (1473) **Jim Hamer '79**, 5388 Discovery Park Blvd, Suite 219, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Mailed along \$150 and writes: I believe I have been in the arrears for a while on the newsletter. Thanks for keeping it going.
- (1508) **Tim Hoffman '81**, 17 Cornell Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Venmo'd \$100 and noted: Thanks for your efforts as respects the fraternity and newsletter. Looking forward to our re-colonization.
- (1513) **John Miesner '81**, P.O. Box 839, South Charleston, WV 25303. Sent along \$100 for PKP!
- (1580) **Jeff Roberts '84**, 1435 Cutler Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302. Email: jroberts@nwdarchtects.com. Ph: 312-342-9601. Mailed along \$100 and notes: Architectural business is great in Chicago. Twin 4.5 yr. old boys keeping us very busy.
- (1621) **Michael Chefren '85**, 15 Anns Drive, Vienna, WV 26105. Email: mchefren@skylinesteel.com. Ph: 304-844-0277. Mailed \$100 and notes: Both kids at WVU. Daughter graduated in May and son is on the sidelines (WVU Football #40).
- (1943) **Stephen Len '96**, 9 Southwind Ct, Barnegat, NJ 08005. Email: stephenlen@comcast.net. Ph: 201-895-4382. Mailed along \$40 and notes: Visited town (Fall 2016) for the YSU football game. Families first time in Motown. Kids met Huggins and Holgorson. All round great visit.
- (2019) **Dimitri DeValroger '01**, 8320 Exodus Drive, Laytonsville, MD 20882. Ph: 301-908-7493. Mailed \$40 for newsletter and \$100 for WV Alpha Educational Fund. [Editor's note: Thanks brother!]
- (2071) **Mark Fusco '03**, 3137 Belmont Pl, Riverdale, IA 52722. Mailed \$40 for newsletter and \$210 for WV Alpha Educational Fund.

COLONY UPDATE— Achieving at the Highest Level!

The decision of the PKP National Executive Council on June 23rd to approve the chartering petition of West Virginia Alpha was the culmination of phenomenal efforts by many. Several colonists, led by VGP Charley Hageboeck, made a strong and emotional presentation noting the many accomplishments achieved by the colonists since Fall 2016. To put this simply in perspective, this has been one of the fastest chartering processes in the history of Phi Kappa Psi. Kudo's to the many alumni who played a key role as well.

In the last year, 54 young men pledged their allegiance to WV Alpha. Four graduated in May 2017. As we look ahead to this current school year, the class distribution of the remaining 49 is as follows: 17 sophomores; 17 juniors; and 15 seniors [Editor's Note: WVU no longer allows freshman recruitment during the Fall term].

When our expansion consultants **Phil Mikos** and **Marc Munoz** arrived on campus in August 2016, they asked about our priorities in terms of recruiting new colony members. We were very clear that what this chapter needed were young men who cared about going to class and achieving at a "very high level". The new member Colony Grade Point Average (CGPA) for the year was 3.22. This was the highest of any fraternity on campus by almost 0.3 pts. Also the highest of any Greek organization.

Highlights of the past year include Community Service Events: WVU Greek Day of Service, packed planting seeds for Zambia, danced at THON in support of the Miracle Children's Network Hospitals, and campus cleanup with Pennsylvania Alpha. In terms of Philanthropy events: MountaineerTHON, raised over \$3,000, held a basketball tournament that raised over \$2,000, and raffled a WVU Basketball Team autographed ball. It should be noted that a very important part of the annual accreditation with National is amount of money each chapter raises per man. Last year, our colonists achieved an average over \$180 per man that benefited various philanthropies noted above. The colonists are already quite immersed in the Greek culture at WVU and won 1st Place in the Greek Week games. They were paired with AOPI and Sigma Nu.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the colonist will have moved back into "the house". But not before many repairs, renovations, and updates were performed this summer. Several of the colonists assisted with the work, including all of the painting work. The plan is to continue functioning at a high level with respect to Philanthropy and Community Service. They will now have to learn to function and operate a chapter house. Learn to govern themselves. Recruitment of new members should become easier having a house and grounds to showcase. A number of the colony members are involved in various student organizations which should help with recruitment.

The Colony took on the challenge to be one of the fastest chartering chapters in history. This mentality is most definitely reflected in the personalities of the chapter officers. They are high achievers, who set lofty goals. West Virginia University is going through a change in Greek Life, it is rebranding Greek Life resulting in several fraternities leaving Morgantown. It is our goal to learn from these mistakes and work towards making WV Alpha the best of the best on campus.

CELEBRATING FOUNDER'S DAY 2017

Jon Hammond-Key Note Remarks

With 120 in attendance, including the colonists, WVU Rifle Coach Jon Hammond shared several interesting insights into the "key ingredients" that goes into building/developing a National Championship caliber program. Speaking to our group just days after the WVU Rifle Team won its sixth championship in nine years, Making the win even more special for Hammond, he had his one-year old on the victory stand.



Murhl Flowers '62, Frank Frame '62, & Andy Wilkins '65



Certainly a proud moment for Todd May '83 and his Son, Drew (a colony member who pledged in the Spring 2017)



Madonna and WC Bird '65 with WVU Rifle Coach, Jon Hammond.

WVU ALPHA PHOTO CHRONICLE

Our shared experiences from the past play an important role in telling our chapter's story and history especially during this critical time of re-colonizing. A WVU Alpha photo chronicle has been started and added to our website using the new visual storytelling platform; Chronicle. Visit our website or go to www.onechronicle.com and search 'WVU Alpha' to add your photos. **Steve McBride '86** (Founder/CEO of Chronicle and past chapter Historian) is helping our new Historian (SG) Joey Berecin, jmberecin@mix.wvu.edu, who will be leading the effort to digitize and preserve the old photo albums that are currently being stored in the house. Joey will enlist other brothers to co-moderate the chronicle and help tell the story of our re-colonization and beyond.

Please take the time to add a few of your best moments on the hill to our shared chronicle. A great free app for scanning old photos is PhotoScan from Google. Be sure to correctly backdate the photo base on when it was taken and add a short description to tell the story and names of the brothers in the photo.

Our photo chronicle is a great way for all of us to keep up to date with events and happenings on the hill as well as preserve our shared memories from the past. If you would like to co-moderate or get more involved with our chronicle contact brother McBride or Berecin.

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MAJOR SUMMER PROJECTS AT THE FRATERNITY HOUSE

Summer upgrades and renovations have been extensive. Removal of many old bushes/trees has now resulted in new landscaping surrounding the Memorial Chapel and back side of fraternity house. A new concrete front porch and walkway have also been laid.

New tile has been installed throughout the house, including the living-room. Special thanks to Tom Wiley '76 for coordinating the entire project, and Rob Dinsmore '77 for his time and expertise associated with the landscape/concrete/brick work.



This new section of our newsletter has been dedicated to the parents of our new colony members who have pledged their commitment to our fraternity. As I noted to you in the November 2016 issue, our chapter has had a strong, rich tradition for many years, founded on May 23, 1890 as the first fraternity at West Virginia University.

You should feel very proud that your son was part of collective group that achieved the highest CGPA-3.22, of any fraternity on campus, and the highest of any Greek organization, at WVU last year. They also excelled at Community Service and Philanthropy. All of the above greatly contributed in favor of the Phi Kappa Psi Executive Council voting in June to allow this group of colonist to charter. The date of this momentous occasion is November 10th & 11th (see details of this event on page 5). I am strongly encouraging YOU, as a parent of a colonist, to attend the banquet on Saturday afternoon. Please mark your calendar now and plan to be with us. If you were never part of a Greek organization, this event will afford (you) insight into Phi Kappa Psi, or more specifically, our chapter of WV Alpha.

Immediately following the end of the spring school term (May), extensive renovations and upgrades were made to the house. In fact, your son may have participated as a worker. The changes have been extensive and the house has come back into great form. Note several of the pictures in this newsletter.

I also noted in the November 2016 issue that scholarship is a major component of our existence...moving forward. I noted scholarships would be provided on a semester basis, but your son must maintain a minimum GPA, remain active within the chapter, and live in the house in order to be eligible. I am pleased to note that 14 colonist have been approved for a \$1,000 (room & board credit) scholarship. I should note that several other applications were pending at the time of this publication.

In closing, I always welcome your questions and/or inquiries. Email me at zacharymendelson1@gmail.com. I also encourage parents to visit our webpage at: www.wvuphikappapsi.com. I look forward to hopefully seeing you in November...if not before.

AROUND CAMPUS... AROUND TOWN...AROUND THE STATE... AROUND THE COUNTRY

- Catharine “Kitty” Carlin will serve as House Director for the 2017-2018 school term. Catharine, daughter of **Toby Carlin '86**, attended Montour High School in Pittsburgh, PA. Following high school, she enlisted in the WV Air National Guard. Katharine spent a big part of her summer in Alaska with the Air Force. She continues to attend WVU pursuing a degree in Medical Laboratory Science.
- The James Cochran House Corp (i.e. House Corp) was able to collect full rent from the SAM Fraternity over the last three years. They are holding the damage deposit of \$28,500, as repairs to the house have been significantly more than this amount. Additionally, there were multiple upgrades/renovations necessary due to normal wear-n-tear. These included plumbing, painting, kitchen updates (including investment for a freezer, commercial refrigerator, and dep fryer (all used), utility/electrical upgrades. **Rob Dinsmore '77**, of Allegheny Restoration, provided the design/supervision of a new concrete front porch; new landscaping surrounding the chapel and back of fraternity entrance; and replacement of multiple doors to the library and living room. And finally, two additional major projects include: installation of new flooring throughout the entire house; and paving of ALL parking lots. Parking at the house is now “paid parking”, as all spaces will be numbered. So next time you are visiting the house, make sure you park in the visitors space! So, what does all of this cost you might ask? All told, the House Corp will be spending \$150,000. In addition to Brother Dinsmore, special thanks to **Tom Wiley '76**, who was the architect, supervisor, foreman, and project manager for all of this work. And if that was not enough, he also negotiated the contracts for both food services and cleaning services for the chapter house for the 2017-2018 school term.
- **Robert “Bob” Reynolds '71** and wife, Laura, were recognized on February 10 when West Virginia University announced the Boston couple were giving \$10MM to the WVU College of Business and Economics. The gift will provide initial funding for a building in their names at a new business school complex on Morgantown’s waterfront. Bob, a 1974 graduate of the WVU College of Business and Economics and a member of the WVU Foundation Board of Directors, is president and CEO of three multinational companies: Putnam Investments, Great-West Financial, and Great-West Lifeco U.S.[Editor’s Note-Brother Reynolds has also been very generous in his support of our past fraternity campaigns].
- **Zach Mendelson '79** participated in the 2017 Nelson Leadership Institute, in honor of Jerry Nelson “48 UCLA), during the week of March 12-18, in Lakeland, FL. Fifty Phi Psi under-grades, along with alumni brothers from across the country took part in this pilot program. Each undergrad was hand-picked because of their commitment to their chapter, campus, and community. The program, PIVOT, is a five-day immersive journey built on exploring the formative “bonds” of life that make individuals and groups successful. The culmination of the week was a dinner recognizing Brother Nelson and also recognizing the inaugural Pivot Program graduates.
- **Bruce McMahan ('57 Southern Cal)**, passed on March 28, 2017. Brother McMahan is a huge loss to Phi Kappa Psi. McMahan was the CEO of McMahan Securities Co. As a Phi psi alumnus, he joined the Foundation Board of trustees in 1994. Along with brother (Jerry) Nelson, they brought computer and internet access to Phi psi chapter houses across the country the financial commitment to provide in-facility networks, computer hardware/software networks, and computer labs to 47 houses initially. The vision of this movement (back in the mid-1990’s) was fueled by the concept of scholarship and excellence within Phi Psi. McMahan was recognized as the most significant financial donor to date for Phi Kappa Psi. His legacy will live on through his creation of the PKP McMahan Finance Engine LLC established with his \$3.5MM gift in 2004. He designed this life insurance investment vehicle as part of the Foundation’s long-term financial strategy to produce unrestricted funds. In the last 13-years, the PKP McMahan Finance Engine has generated more than \$33MM of benefits for the undergrad brotherhood.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"What we think, or what we know, or what we believe, is in the end, of little consequence. The only thing of consequence is what we do." John Ruskin

For nearly 30 years I have had the honor to be the editor (and scribe) of our newsletter. During this time, many brothers have passed into chapter eternal. But in May we lost two pillars of WV Alpha. Men who lived the Creed, and more importantly, gave back far more to WV Alpha than what they were given. Within the last 90-days, we lost **Terry Turner '70** and **W.C. Bird '65**.

Terry Alan Turner passed on May 4th. The Fairmont, WV native worked at Trailer City for the past 25-years where he served as finance and insurance manager. He was an avid photographer (much of his work was on display at the funeral home), lover of music, the Mountaineers, and his passion—WV Alpha. He was a long-term servant of the fraternity, filling the role of chapter advisor for nearly 30-years. As his pledge brother **Rick Pill '70** noted shortly after Terry's passing: "He was dedicated and hard working for the fraternity from the minute he first pledged. We all have so many wonderful memories of him".

It was not unusual for Terry to be at the house several days during the week. He would do the tasks none of us wanted to do. He kept the chapter current with the national fraternity in terms of our accreditation status. He worked with the chapter finances (Terry was the chapter treasurer while in college). He would handle the contracts for kitchen service, cleaning, maintenance, and vendors. He did it all!

He was blessed with the friendship of many brothers whom all shared a lifetime of laughing, loving, traveling, dining, skiing, golfing, and showing up whenever, and wherever, they needed each other.

Walter Clifton "W.C." Bird passed on May 22nd. The Morgantown, WV native was a 1968 graduate of West Virginia School of Journalism. A member of the WVU varsity Club, W.C. earned a varsity letter in tennis while at WVU, a sport which he enjoyed his entire life. He served a full tour in Vietnam where he earned the Bronze Star.

After his service to his country, W.C. began a career with Scott Paper Company starting in sales and progressing to Senior Vice President of Human Resources before retiring. Along with his wife Madonna, his first venture after leaving the corporate world was the development of Ash Mill Farm, a bed n breakfast in Bucks County, PA, which they operated for 7 years.

Upon his return to Morgantown, W.C. jumped back into the fraternity operations and served as the immediate past president of the James Cochran House Association. But, he was much more than just our president. He served as chapter advisor for a period of time. He raised money. He got intimately involved with the WVU Greek advisors group. He managed our chapter through the period of closing the doors and losing our charter...up to our re-colonization of August 2016.

It was a pleasure and honor to serve alongside both W.C. and Terry for many years. They 'walked the walk' and their actions and love of WV Alpha was known by all of us who knew them. I respected both of them as men of high integrity. They were selfless in their passion for WV Alpha. Chapter Eternal is now a better place with their arrival!



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Zach Mendelson '79 and Steve Spencer '77 enjoyed spending some together in July at The Greenbrier while attending the 2017 Greenbrier Classic PGA Event