



Mountaineer Pike

Electronic Newsletter of the Alpha Theta Alumni Association



*For the establishment of friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis...
...across the years and across generations*

Alpha Theta Alumni Newsletter Winter, 2008



Photo courtesy of Bill Chittum (62)

Tito (S. Grayson Owen) beckons spring from his winter perch at the Pike house on Belmar Avenue.

President's Message

It's cold and blustery in western Pennsylvania as we move along the new year. Students are anticipating their spring break in our little college town. It's a good time to reflect on the fellowship we've enjoyed in the past, and a time to look forward to new reunions, and advance our plans as the year unfolds.

Our two big events in 2008 are the Founder's Day gatherings in Morgantown on April 5. Also plan to attend the picnic, reunion dinner, and annual business meeting in August.

We're anticipating an excellent turnout for both events, and ask every brother who plans to come to reach out to a pledge brother or close friend from the chapter who hasn't joined us yet. Ask him to come along.

In the spirit of brotherhood, thanks to everyone who's sent messages of encouragement to Jim Laughlin this fall and winter. Jim continues to make progress. He is out of the hospital and doing well.

There's plenty of room to grow our alumni group, and one of the best ways to do that is word of mouth. So please try to get in touch with someone you'd like to see again and invite him to join us. Chances are, we'd really like to see him again, too.

In the bonds.

John Buttermore (65), President

Founder's Day and Re-Chartering Anniversary Celebration

April 4-5, Friday - Saturday

A major two-day event is being arranged for Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 2008

Since 2008 represents the 5th anniversary of the re-chartering of Alpha Theta, several of the recent Alumni are joining older alumni and marking this event as a special milestone.

On the ground is Ryan Coss, former SMC and pledge trainer, and a recent graduate, now officially an Alumnus of WVU and Alpha Theta. He is working on a Saturday evening banquet held in conjunction with other planned spring activities for the weekend.

For information and sign up, contact Ryan at ryan.coss@us.army.mil Cell 412-956-9862

Alpha Theta and WVU Greeks: Discussions Moving Forward

Discussions are becoming more numerous now between the university and our Alpha Theta House Corporation on how we can fit into the university sponsored program to revitalize the fraternity system at WVU. This is an exciting turn of events which we need and for which Alpha Theta is in an excellent position.

Building plans are being assembled, contractor estimates are being reviewed, financing is being discussed, and the Alpha Theta House Corporation is ready to talk. However, WVU and state procedures, contractor work load, etc. make this a slow process.

We are confident that a "carefully crafted for both sides" agreement will be achieved. The question is when. We will keep you posted.

--Al Dering (65) House Company Board Member "responsible for negotiations"
awdering@yahoo.com

An Appeal for Alpha Theta memorabilia from Gary Earp (65)

Recently I had occasion to be in Richmond, Virginia, and viewed some restored fire engine art from Tom Butler. The thought crossed my mind that his style could apply to our fire truck and bell. Many brothers may be interested in a print of the Alpha Theta fire truck and bell.

Hopefully the best images could be digitally enhanced and used to bind memories over the years. Enhanced prints could be a money raising project or a reward for reaching certain donor levels.

Do brothers have photos of the Alpha Theta fire truck, bell, or of the houses the brothers have known as their fraternity home over the decades?

If so, please consider sharing them and contact:
Gary Earp 2inapplevalley@comcast.net

Alumni Chapter Officers 2007-2009

President, John Buttermore (65)
Vice-President, Mike Shook (77)
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Annual Alumni Association Dues

Annual dues are \$25 and are payable on a fiscal year starting July 1.

Payment of annual dues is also a pre-requisite of voting membership, as stipulated by our By-Laws. The funds collected are applied to communication expenses and other worthwhile projects. ***Please show your support by sending a check now.***

Checks larger than \$25 are welcomed and appreciated. Make your check payable to **Alpha Theta Alumni Association** and mail it to:

Doug Ladish
109 Kingussie Court
Cary, NC 27511

The "Brother Search Tab"

To contact a Brother, check out www.wvupikes.com for contact information on the "Brother Search" tab.

Check your personal information and make sure it is up to date. See the "News and Information" tab for personal news notes.

Leave a news note yourself!

Annual Mailed Alumni Newsletter

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Please send news bits and announcements about yourself and local PIKE events to Larry Cobb, Editor, at ethicsworks@aol.com. Cell 317.409.8171.