



Mountaineer Pike

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Important: This newsletter is being distributed via email from our Yahoo Groups distribution list only. We're always concerned that SPAM filters intercept messages with large distribution lists. Please help us by forwarding this message to other Brothers whose email address you have. Also, help us keep our email list up to date. See the "Web Sites" topic below.

Chapter News

Pike Dream Girl Pageant Returns to WVU



Dream Girl 2005

Miss Allison Lynn "Allie" Ferris



Sorority: Alpha Xi Delta



Major: Communication Studies

This semester, we decided to form a committee and bring back the annual PIKE Dream Girl Pageant to our campus. I am proud to report that even though we hit some road blocks along the way, on April 1, 2005, we were able to crown our first Dream Girl in almost 10 years.

Originally, the event was supposed to be held in the Mountainlair Ballrooms, but due to circumstances out of our hands, we were forced to move it to the Fraternity house, which actually might have turned out better anyway. We had 235 people in attendance to watch 17 contestants compete for the title. In the end, Allie Ferris from the Alpha Xi Delta sorority won the pageant and was crowned PIKE Dream Girl. Sororities represented in the pageant included: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Sigma Kappa.

If you were not aware, the purpose of this year's event was to raise money for Mr. Roger Galloway who was in a devastating car accident in March 2004. A extensive treatments and a lengthy recovery left him facing many sizeable medical bills. Although the proceeds from this event may not make as large a dent into his debt as we would like, it is still something that we, as brothers, want to do to show support for a Brother. Our goal was a \$1000, and from what I understand, we met that with little trouble. That's pretty much all I have for now, but if you have any more questions about the event, feel free to drop me an email. Thanks again for your continuing support of our beloved Alpha Theta.

In the bonds,

Philip Sparks, Public Relations Chair for Alpha Theta Chapter

PS One of our brothers taped most of the event and is currently working on making copies for the brothers. Let Bill or myself know if you would like a copy.

Alumni Summer Event Updates

Morgantown 2005

Plans for the annual gathering in Morgantown - August 12-14 - are firming up and we're interested in finding out who's planning to attend so we can strike a deal with a local hotel and begin arranging a group dinner on Saturday evening. To facilitate that, please contact Mack Gardner (mackgardner@aol.com) prior to May 24. He has contacted the Radisson Waterfront Place and has made tentative arrangements for a block of rooms for a reduced rate of \$85, but we need to give an accurate estimate of the number of rooms required both Friday and Saturday nights. Whether or not you plan to stay in the hotel, Mack also needs to know if you plan to attend the group dinner Saturday evening. Once Mack has arranged the accommodations, he will let everyone know when and how to contact the hotel to make your reservation and to get the reduced rate.

Additional weekend events include the traditional activities (***please RSVP as noted for planning***):

Friday - Picnic at Coopers Rock (Bob and Phyllis Risher, BobRisher@charter.net).

Saturday - golf (John Allevato, jtall@adelphia.net), open house at 117 Belmar, and free time for visits to traditional venues (like Mario's (aka Torches), Gene's and campus sites).

Also, last year visits to the Spa at the Radisson and a pontoon boat tour of Cheat Lake were popular events for the ladies. This year we're also planning a tour and wine tasting at Forks of the Cheat Winery <http://www.wvwines.com/> . If interested drop a note to Doug Ladish ladish@mindspring.com .

Some of the early responders include: Roger Galloway, Andy Barrett, Larry Cobb, Tom Pendleton, Dennis Logue, Al Dering, Mack Gardner, Doug Ladish, Jack Russell, Charlie Abraham and Bill Chittum. So mark your calendars and let Mack know of your interest in the block of rooms.

Summer Golf Outing and Sandbagger Classic

August 12-13, Steve Gigliotti is hosting this event in the Jamestown, North Carolina. Contact Steve for details sgigliotti@triad.rr.com . Steve will be providing info on courses, tee times, and hotels.

(please note the change in date from what was reported in earlier messages)

House Company Update

After extensive planning early in the year a feasibility study was launched in March. The purpose was to seek input on plans for renovation of the house. The last of the personal interviews were completed in early April and the deadline for return of mailed questionnaires was April 15th. The input received is being summarized by Omega Alumni Services. We expect to receive the report and recommendations by late May or early June. Stay tuned for further developments! For questions feel free to contact either Joe Feola (Joseph.Feola@morganstanley.com) or Doug Ladish (ladish@mindspring.com).

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Web Sites

Remember our new website: www.WVUPikes.com . This interactive site lets you search our address list (both email and street) to make contact with a brother. Also there is a section for News and Information. Here you can see notes posted by Alumni and post one your self. Finally, there is a "Lost Brothers" list. Please check this list and click on the Initiate Year heading to sort the list by initiation date. Let us know if you have any contact info for Brothers on this list. You can even update your own contact information under the Update Your Records link on the Home page.

We still maintain other websites: www.geocities.com/PiKAWVU/ an index to multiple sites of current and historic interest to Alpha Theta, WVU and PiKA International; and http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pika_alphatheta/ our Yahoo Groups site which has multiple photo albums with pictures over the past 70 years of Alpha Theta history.

Alumni Association Dues

US Postal mailings are expensive, but they are the only way to reach some of our alumni. The "Address Service" offered by the Postal Service also helps us keep up with Brothers who move and forget to alert us. Please send a check for \$25 (...or \$50 or more) to our Treasurer: Reggie Osenton, (oro@whh-law.com) 4118 Imperial Eagle Drive, Valrico FL 33594

In the bonds,

Doug Ladish