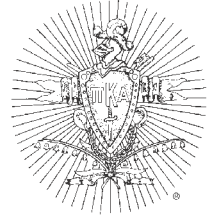


# Mountaineer Pike

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PI KAPPA ALPHA – ALPHA THETA CHAPTER



## Alpha Theta Chapter Celebrates 100 Years of PiKA

More than 130 alumni, actives and guests converged on Morgantown to mark the historic centennial anniversary of the Alpha Theta chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha in December. The prestigious event began with a social at the chapter house where guests were treated to a unique walk down memory lane through the historical display of Alpha Theta memories.

“The history project was amazing,” said **Joe Feola '79**. “It was great to see we had preserved so much important information about our fraternity.”

Following the social, brothers traveled together to a lavish banquet at Tarantini’s in town where they welcomed the International Fraternity’s Founders Regional

President, **Steven Broderick (Old Dominion, Zeta Iota '95)**.

During his keynote speech to the crowd, Broderick reflected upon Alpha Theta’s history when he said, “Over the last century, the flame of Pi Kappa Alpha at WVU has glowed brightly at times and has been buffeted at others; but, the spirit of this flame has never been extinguished – and its enduring strength is evident by this gathering tonight.”

In addition to formal presentations, those in attendance enjoyed a festive and lively atmosphere amidst telling



Left to right: Current undergraduate members **Steve Clevenger '03 (incoming SMC)**, **Steve Campbell '04** and **Ben Sherman '03**.

stories, remembering old friends, celebrating many victories and planning for the future.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with the turnout we had,” explained Alumni Association President **Doug Ladish '62**. “Brothers spanning seven  
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Left to right: **Charles Miller '48** and his wife **Mildred** sitting with **Chittum** catching up on old times.



Left to right: **Bill Chittum '62**, **Jon Girard '03** and **Doug Ladish '62** take time out for a quick photo at the banquet.

## Alpha Theta Chapter Achieves Excellence

The academic year has been successful for Alpha Theta Chapter. To date, the men of Pi Kappa Alpha have won Homecoming (2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row), received first place in Mountaineer Week, an all campus event that includes multiple group participation activities, pledged the most money – of all campus fraternities – for “Toys for Tots,” and placed in intramural sports: football, basketball and bowling. Even with such heavy campus involvement, the chapter membership of 61 has been able to maintain an average grade point average of over a 3.0.

On the International Fraternity front, Alpha Theta sent representatives to the St. Louis Convention in August and three officers to the Philadelphia Leadership Summit in October. Outgoing SMC **Brendan Ruppert '00** states “The chapter is doing wonderful. We have had the fortune of being rewarded for hard work. Everyone has been involved, making my job easy.” Newly elected chapter president **Steve Clevenger '03** has big shoes to fill, but is respected by all and expects to take the chapter to an even higher level.

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## Alpha Theta Alumni Officers

### Alumni Association

Doug Ladish '62  
President

John Allevato '62  
Vice President

Rick Robinson '63  
Secretary

Reggie Osenton '83  
Treasurer

### House Company

Joe Feola '79  
President

J.P. Chipps '80  
Vice President

Doug Ladish '62  
Secretary

Phil Iapalucci '83  
Treasurer

## Brother to Brother

**Larry Cobb '59** still enjoys traveling with his "sweetheart" of five decades, while consulting part-time at Ethicsworks, a nonprofit company providing human resource management services.

Larry is developing a network of past SMCs to provide mentoring and career options for Alpha Theta brothers. Please contact him at [EthicsWorks@aol.com](mailto:EthicsWorks@aol.com) if you know of an internship or are willing to offer career advice to graduating seniors.

**Dick Rawlings '63** is a retired managing partner of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Northern New England Financial Group. He remains active with Northwestern Mutual and continues his community involvement. In April 2004, he was blessed with a grandson.

**Jim Gabriel '64** has been named President and Chief Operating Officer of Harris Group, a multinational engineering firm, with headquarters in Seattle, WA.

**Michael Shook '77** is currently employed as the Senior Mining Engineer and Sales Engineer with Burrell Mining Products. He recently designed and built a custom exhibit displayed at the International Mining Expo in Las Vegas this past September.

If you have noteworthy information you would like to share, please submit it via our website at [www.wvupikes.com](http://www.wvupikes.com).



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### *100 Years of PiKA*

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decades participated and made the night truly memorable for all of us. We owe much of this success to the hard work put in by SMC **Brendan Ruppert '00** and the chapter members who made arrangements for this event."

In an address to the alumni attendees, Ladish challenged his brothers to give back to the fraternity, both in terms of time and money. He elaborated by stating the need to support the undergraduate members in their endeavors to remain a significant organization and brotherhood for students at West Virginia.

The newly initiated members of the chapter, re-founded in March 2003, were intrigued by the sustained love for the fraternity, which the alumni expressed in one-on-one conversations throughout the night. One undergraduate was quoted saying "seeing alumni of all ages here in Morgantown really proves to me that this is a lifetime experience and much bigger than just me and my undergraduate brothers at WVU. We can learn a lot from these guys."

The occasion was commemorated by taking a group photograph at the conclusion of the event.

### *Alumni in attendance:*

Charles Miller '48  
Larry Cobb '59  
Bill Chittum '62  
Doug Ladish '62  
Al Dering '65  
Gary Earp '65  
Gary Duryea '71  
Mike Shook '77  
Charles Payne '78  
Tim Carter '79  
Joseph Feola '79  
John Esslinger '03  
Scott Loftis '03  
Chris Iaquina '03

### *Donations to Centennial Fund:*

Robert Cochrane '50 – \$30  
Thomas Freeman '57 – \$30  
Frederick Wehl '60 – \$50  
Bruno Muscatello '66 – \$100  
David Fleming '77 – \$100  
Ed De Costa '82 – \$50  
David Lewis '82 – \$100

# The Pike House

Thanks to a handful of alumni, the House Company and hard working undergraduate brothers, a portion of the Pike House at 117 Belmar Avenue has been refurbished. Most recently, the “library” has been turned into an area where brothers can congregate informally or hold small more-formal gatherings. With a budget of \$5,000 from alumni donations, Alpha Theta was able to create a functional space that is enjoyed by many. Thank you to all who made this possible.



Above: Library “before”. Below: Library “after”.



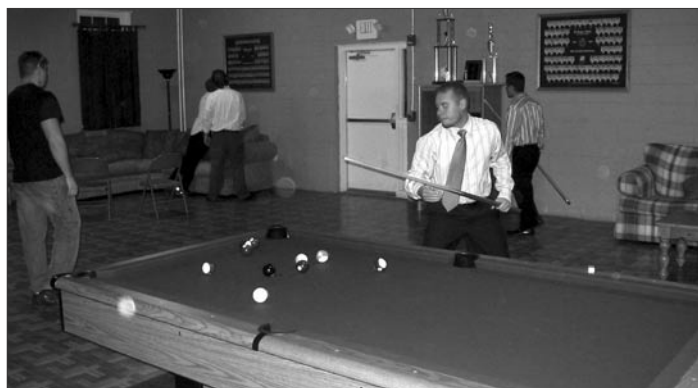
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Visit [www.wvupikes.com](http://www.wvupikes.com) the official Alpha Theta Alumni website to:

- Learn more about the Alumni Association
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)



Members placing Pike letters on House.



Brother Steve Pena lines up his shot in the newly improved section of the Pike House.

## Upcoming Events

**Annual Golf Outing: August 5-6**

Contact Steve Gigliotti at [sgigliotti@triad.rr.com](mailto:sgigliotti@triad.rr.com)

**Morgantown 2005 Gathering: August 12-13**

Contact Doug Ladish at [ladish@mindspring.com](mailto:ladish@mindspring.com)

**Mountaineer Football 2005**

Planning on attending a home football game? If so, check out our website at [www.wvupikes.com](http://www.wvupikes.com) for details on tailgate locations and times.



**Right:**  
2004 Alumni  
Gathering in  
Morgantown.



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Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Edit your member profile online at <http://www.wvupikes.com>, or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to:  
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### WVU Fast Facts

- Full-time undergraduate enrollment 16,543
- Tuition \$3548; \$10,768 out of state
- Room & Board \$5822
- Average age of freshman is 19; all students 21
- 17% of men in fraternities; 19% of women in sororities



Woodburn Hall at WVU