

Mountaineer Pike - July 2006

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As an annual event each Spring, the Pike Real Estate Department in Memphis sponsors a "National Work Day". The purpose of this event is to encourage chapters to perform some sort of "home improvement project" on their chapter house. For the 2005 school year:

- 111 chapters participated
- 524 individual projects completed
- \$347,048 in housing improvements
- 4,268 alumni, undergraduate members, parents and guests participated

The statistics are being finalized for 2006, and Ryan Coss '03, SMC has been notified that Alpha Theta is a finalist for an award in one of the 6 categories. The results will be officially announced at the International Convention in Orlando, August 2-6, 2006.

This year, the Chapter tackled a wide range of improvements. They sought and got permission from the University to clean up brush and cut trees on University property next to our property on Belmar Avenue. The overgrowth hindered views of our property from downtown and of the campus from our site. Inside the house, they implemented a plan that had been in the works since last December...they added some additional living space. The Chapter put together the floor plans, materials list and construction schedule. They obtained the necessary permits from the City of Morgantown and the Fire Marshall and got the go-ahead from White Horse Holding. Chapter members provided most of the labor themselves, although they did hire an electrician to add some additional electrical circuits to meet building codes.

Since the second and third floors of the house are "off limits" and will remain so until an approved fire sprinkler system is in place, their project was limited to adding 10 additional "beds" to rent in the space on the ground and first floors. These additional "beds" will produce income needed to pay for ongoing expenses such as utilities and insurance premiums due to National.

Ryan Coss '03 commented, "National Work Day may be over, but we still have a lot of work we want to do to improve the house. Any Alumni who would like to donate a Lowe's Gift Card to help us with the material expenses sure would be appreciated."

If you would like to help the Chapter with their "home improvement projects" send your check to Mack Gardner '65 (also make it payable to Mack) at 47698 Loweland Terrace, Potomac Falls, VA 20165 (MackGardner@aol.com). Mack has agreed to consolidate smaller donations into larger gift cards and deliver them to Ryan during the Saturday reunion dinner at our meeting in Morgantown on August 12, 2006.

Alumni Association - August Reunions and Golf Outings

Remember the annual summer gatherings. They are a month from now and both are scheduled the weekends of August 11-12, 2006.

Morgantown 2006 - Friday picnic at Coopers Rock; Saturday morning golf and, for the ladies, consignment store shopping; Alumni and Active/Pledge gathering at the house Saturday afternoon and dinner at the Radisson Saturday at 7:00. Please contact John Allevato ' 62 (jtall@adelphia.net) and let him know you're coming and which events you want to be included for.

Annual Golf Outing and Sandbagger Classic, Richmond. Contact Joe Feola ' 79 (Joseph.Feola@morganstanley.com)

+ The Sandbagger Classic will be held this year on Friday August 11, 2006. We will be playing at The Birkdale golf Club in Midlothian Va. Cost for green fees and cart is \$45. Tee times are @ 1:30 pm.

+ The Pike outing will be on Saturday August 12th. We will be playing at The Highlands Golf Club in Chester Va. Cost will be \$50 for green fees and cart. website: www.highlandsgolfersclub.com

House Company - Capital Campaign, Leadership and Organization Planning

We hope you received the mailing from Joe Feola and Doug Ladish regarding the House Company plans to begin a Capital Campaign to purchase the Pike House at 117 Belmar Avenue. If you missed either the email or USPS package, you can access an electronic copy at www.wvupikes.com . Open the "News and Information" tab and look for: *Alpha Theta: A Report of Chapter & Housing Accomplishments & Future Plans - 6/19/06*

We are working with our fund raising consultants (Omega Alumni Services) to prepare the details of the Campaign. Look for more information at the summer gatherings and through our normal communication channels.

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