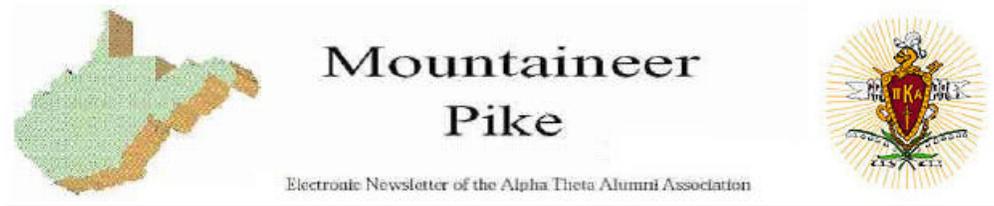


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Chapter News

DJ Casto Elected Student Body President

We have had some good fortune come our way, most importantly with the election of Brother DJ Casto as the new Student Body President. We were able to recruit a tremendous amount of manpower and support for the campaign and were thrilled with DJ's victory.



About 6,000 students cast their vote, 2,500 more than last year. Of those who voted, 3,709 were in favor of Casto and vice-presidential running mate Shannon Logan, while 1,977 supported Golden Ticket candidates Brett White and Lisa Costello. Seventy-six votes went to write-in candidates.

DJ is a senior accounting major from Clarksburg, currently serves as SGA vice president and is a former SGA Board of Governors member. He is the founder and president of the Italian American Organization and **a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity**. His other activities include National Exemplary Scholars in Service, the Newman Club and The Daily Athenaeum.

House Improvements

We have been able to make some house improvements by putting up double-doors at the entrance to the room which we just re-did (the old library I believe?) I will be sure to forward some before and after pictures as soon as it is all completed, I think you will all be proud of the progress we are making. As Jack Russell said at our August meeting - slowly but surely!

Pike International Work Day

The weekend of April 8th and 9th we will be conducting our Work Day events and I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested and able to please attend. Our intentions are to get started on the cleaning of the upstairs; I am right now in communication with the Fire Marshall so we should be all set to go here very soon. I know I can speak for the actives when I

say that the mood in the house is very upbeat and everyone is excited to get the ball moving on the upstairs portion of the house. We know it will take time but every little bit helps...

Personal note from Brendan Ruppert

Finally, I would personally like to thank all of you for all of your support, advice, and good wishes during my time at Alpha Theta. Just this past week I was notified that I will be moving down to headquarters in Memphis to begin my term as a Chapter Consultant for the Fraternity. I attribute the success that I have been blessed with to the tireless efforts of all of the men whom I hope are reading this letter. You all have helped me not only as SMC but more importantly as a friend and I cannot thank you, my brothers, enough. I remember I said to Doug Ladish at the Centennial Banquet "The active brothers of Alpha Theta will not let you all down." Well I am proud to report that 117 Belmar Avenue is alive and kickin' and anxiously awaiting the day we can toast one another to celebrate all that we have accomplished and all that we will do in the future. Everyone please take care and I will be sure to report again in a couple of weeks with more news from ALPHA THETA!

In the bonds-

Brendan Ruppert

Personal note from DJ Casto

I want to thank all the Pike Alumni who supported my campaign with a donation through the Alumni Association and House Company. If it was not for the Pike Alumni support I would not of been able to win this election by such a large margin. Another key to my election success is the very strong support of the Brothers in of the active chapter. We have become a very strong presence on this campus and great things are coming for the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at WVU. Once again, I am truly very thankful for your support.

Respectfully,

DJ

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 April 24. He has contacted a hotel 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, he 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/>.

So mark your calendars and let Mack know of your interest in the block of rooms.

Summer Golf Outing and Sandbagger Classic

August 4-5, Steve Gigliotti is hosting this event in the Greenboro-High Point area of North Carolina. Contact Steve for details sgigliotti@triad.rr.com

Alumni News

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***