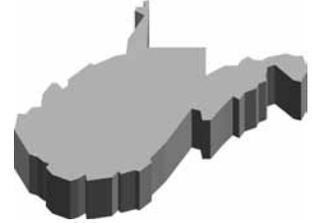




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THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE ALPHA THETA CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA ALPHA AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY



Pi Kappa Alpha: *Best Fraternity on Campus!*

Pi Kappa Alpha is the *Joe Gluck Best Fraternity on Campus* at West Virginia University. The University recognized the chapter for their academic achievement, community service, leadership development and philanthropy at the 26th-annual Greek Awards Banquet held April 26, 2012, at the Erickson Alumni Center.

In addition to this top award, Pi Kappa Alpha also won *Outstanding Leadership*, *Outstanding Fraternity Philanthropy* and *First Place*, *Homecoming Week 2011*.

Not only did WVU honor the chapter, the University also recognized more than 20 individual members with academic awards.



(L to R): Greek Week 2012 Third Place; Outstanding Leadership, 2011; Joe Gluck Award, Best Fraternity on Campus 2011; Outstanding Fraternity Philanthropy 2011; Homecoming Week 2011, First Place

Jarred Zuccari '10 Elected Student Body Vice President



This Spring, the WVU student body elected **Jarred Zuccari '10** its Student Body Vice President.

Zuccari and his presidential running mate led the United Party to a near sweep in WVU's student elections. The United Party's goals include "instilling fundamentals back into SGA," increasing social justice and curbing unacceptable student behavior on campus.

Zuccari is a junior multidisciplinary studies student from Fairfax, Virginia, who had previously served on the SGA Athletic Council. He also serves as Vice President of the Young West Virginians for Coal, a grassroots organization designed to organize citizens in efforts to support the coal industry, miners and to protect jobs for people across West Virginia.



Presentation of the Joe Gluck Award for Best Fraternity on Campus, 2011 (L to R): Jordan Salkin '10, Rush Chairman; Tyler Clements '10, IFC Vice-President; Andrew Fowler '08, Past SMC; Ashley Staggers Lee, presenter, Program Advisor, Fraternities and Sororities; Ben Giardini '10, Current SMC



Undergraduate Officers

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Zack Brunner '09

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Alumni Relations

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Save the Date - Upcoming Events!

30th Annual Sandbagger Classic - August 10-11, 2012, Erie, PA

For the 30th year in a row, Alpha Theta Pike alumni will hit the links for the Annual Sandbagger Classic. The tournament will be held in Erie, PA, the weekend of August 10-11, 2012. Please contact **Ed Kopay '77** at bacep@verizon.net or **Joe Feola '79** at joseph.feola@mssb.com with immediate questions.

2012 Morgantown Reunion - August 10-11, 2012

Schedule of Events:

Friday, August 10, 2012

10:00 a.m. - Golf at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort. Check out www.nemaocolin.com/golf/the-links. **Lee Yates '66** will once again host this event. Be sure to contact Lee directly to be included in this event at tyates@cvzoom.net or (724) 628-7165.

3:00 p.m. - Sundown: Picnic at Coopers Rock, hosted by **Bob Risher '64** (bobrisher@suddenlink.net). Share memories and renew friendships with brothers and their families for a great time with great food and drink. Go to www.coopersrockstateforest.com for more information on the location.

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Alumni Luncheon and Meeting - Watch for announcements on www.wvupikes.com - News and Info tab.

Ladies' Activities - Watch for announcements on www.wvupikes.com - News and Info tab.

Reunion Banquet - The concluding banquet will be at the home of **Al Dering '65**, and his wife, Adrienne. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Adrienne Dering at hopecrestcoton@yahoo.com.

Hotel Reservations

The Alumni Association has reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn Express (304) 291-2600 and the Hilton Garden Inn (304) 225-9500. Book your room before July 15, 2012 to receive the discounted rates by mentioning "Pike Reunion."



(Top left): Many enjoyed last year's Friday Golf outing at Nemaocolin. (Top right): A group of brother's enjoying a few jokes from the master jokester, Jack Russell '62. (Bottom): Alumni and spouses enjoyed last year's banquet with actives and their "Dream Girls."

Support the Alpha Theta Alumni Association

Alumni Association annual dues are separate from House Company capital campaign pledges. All alumni are encouraged to support the Alpha Theta Alumni Association for the 2012-13 school year. Gifts to the Alumni Association accomplish three important goals:

1. Alumni gifts help keep alumni informed and connected through this newsletter, the website at www.wvupikes.com and other communications
2. Alumni gifts provide meaningful leadership development training and experiences to deserving members of the chapter by sponsoring them to attend Pike University events (www.pikeuniversity.org), and
3. Alumni gifts support and enhance the chapter's pledge education program.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors manages all alumni association contributions in order to best promote friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis, across the years and across the generations of Alpha Theta. Annual dues are \$40 and are payable now for 2012. Checks larger than \$40 are welcome and appreciated. Please show your support by sending a check payable to *Alpha Theta Alumni Association* and mail it to: Doug Ladish, Treasurer, 109 Kingussie Court, Cary, NC 27511.

Contact Your Alumni Association Decade Vice President Today!

To stay in the electronic communication loop (emails, announcements, etc), please contact the appropriate Alumni Association Decade Vice President today (listed at right). These members serve as communication facilitators and assist in database management. Update your contact information and stay connected to Alpha Theta!

For Decade Vice President contact information, visit www.wvupikes.com and click on the Brother Search tab.

Chapter Launches New Website @ www.wvupikes.net

Visit the new Alpha Theta Chapter website to view pictures from exciting events at www.wvupikes.net. The site contains separate pages for Photos, Composites (back to 1930's), History/Traditions, Memories, Mountaineer Pike Archives and Links to various sites of interest to Pi Kappa Alpha and WVU. If you have questions regarding the new website, please contact webmaster **Bill Chittum '62** at wachittum@comcast.net.

We continue to maintain our other website www.wvupikes.com (not .net) for our contact database, current communications and a Brother to Brother message board for posting personal update notes.

University Unveils Master Plan for Greek Renovations

The video of 3-D architect renderings of the Greek Master Plan can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7fS-E4pMeo>

Written by: Bryan Bumgardner
Originally published in "The Daily Athenaeum" on Wednesday, May 30, 2012

The West Virginia University Office of Student Organizations has released plans for renovations of facilities used by the WVU Greek fraternities and sororities.

Known as the WVU Greek Master Plan, the document and corresponding video outline a number of future improvements, including several new fraternity and sorority houses, additional parking and safety upgrades.

A public amphitheater, a dining area and Greek-themed walkways have also been included in the plan. Design work was done by Mills Group, an architecture and design firm based in Morgantown.

However, Director of Student Organization Services Ron Justice was quick to clarify the nature of the plan.

"It's a plan, not a blueprint," he said. "We had to have some kind of vision for Greek life, and this is something we can all work from."

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Alpha Theta Alumni Association

Mission: Friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis, across the years and across the generations.

President
Joe Feola '79

Vice President
Tom Whalen '80

Secretary
Gary Earp '65

Treasurer
Doug Ladish '62

Decade Vice Presidents

For the 1950's
Andy Barrett '58
Larry Cobb '59
Tom Pendleton '55

For the 1960's
Bob Elliott '64

For the 1970's
Don McIntosh '70

For the 1980's
Miguel Frisco '83

For the 1990's
We need a volunteer.

For the 2000's
Ryan Coss '03

House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter, Inc.

Mission: To provide housing for Alpha Theta Chapter.

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Al Dering '65

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Doug Ladish '62

Treasurer
Phil Iapalucci '83

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Jim Laughlin '60
Hank Wagner '61
Dick Rawlings '62
John Allevato '62
Jim Gabriel '64
Skip Connor '64
Dan Snyder '65
Dan Brennan '65
Jim Morgan '77

Re-Development Update: 117 Belmar Avenue

Pi Kappa Alpha occupies the premier location at the end of Belmar Avenue. White Horse Holding Corporation (WHHC) is the real estate development entity of the Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity. WHHC (or its predecessors) have been the owner of 117 Belmar since it was built in 1966. As has been reported in past communications, ATHCO conducted a capital campaign to purchase the property from WHHC and renovate it. Although the campaign fell short of its fundraising goal, WHHC, in partnership with ATHCO, remains committed to re-development of 117 Belmar as housing for Alpha Theta Chapter. The intention is to accomplish the re-development in a manner that creates a first class site that will be financially viable for the next 50 years or more.

Given the superior real estate resources of WHHC, they have been taking the lead in due diligence on how to best utilize the property for the benefit of Alpha Theta Chapter.

According to Clint Bartman (WHHC), the status as of this spring:

“There is a master plan/overlay district under review by the city of Morgantown (see related article below). This overlay district, if approved, will allow for the entire Belmar Avenue area to have higher density multi-family structures, including parking and beds per building ratios. This master plan is part of the previously reported Greek Village project to revitalize all Greek housing at WVU. If this gets approved, it will increase the value of our property and design options for our project.”

“WHHC has been conducting rigorous evaluations of alternatives to determine the best direction to take this facility, from renovating the existing building, to tearing it down and building another big building, or tearing it down and building two small fraternity houses on the site. All of these items have different financial risks/rewards and once we determine

the optimal financial route we will move on that project.”

To see initial architectural concepts prepared by WHHC's architect, Mills Groups, visit www.wvupikes.com - News and Info tab.

ATHCO will partner with WHHC in the newly developed site which will be known as West Range-Morgantown. ATHCO's role in the final design, construction, operation and ownership of the re-developed site will be limited only by our willingness to contribute time, talent and financial resources to the project.

Board of Directors: Composition and Renewal

The ATHCO Board of Directors is composed of 15 members. In order to provide continuity of board knowledge, the board was recently divided into three classes with staggered expiration of board terms. For 2012, five seats with three year terms need to be filled.

Nomination Process:

1. Nominations will be received by email until July 21, 2012.
2. Send nominations to ATHCO Secretary **Doug Ladish '62** at ladish@mindspring.com.
3. Feel free to nominate yourself or another alumnus. *Note: Please do not nominate someone unless you have confirmed with that person that he is willing and able to serve for the term nominated.*

Voting Process:

1. The list of nominees will be communicated prior to July 31, 2012.
2. Instructions for voting by email will be provided with the list of nominees.
3. Voting will close on August 15, 2012, and results will be announced by email prior to August 31, 2012.
4. At some point soon after the results have been announced, the new board will meet to elect officers for the next year.

Notice: 2012 Annual Meeting, House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter, Inc.

In keeping with tradition, the 2012 Annual Meeting will be held electronically via email. This forum enables greater participation at a lower cost than an in-person meeting. Please be certain that your email address and other contact information is up-to-date in our database located at www.wvupikes.com - Brother Search tab.

The purpose of the meeting is to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors created by term expirations and to address any other information that is raised for consideration.

ATHCO Information:

- All alumni of Alpha Theta Chapter in good standing are members of ATHCO.
- To have **voting member privileges**, a member must pay annual dues to

ATHCO. *Note: Alumni Association dues or contributions to the Alumni Association do not count toward ATHCO voting member privileges.*

- ATHCO annual dues are \$100. Lifetime voting privileges are granted for a single \$300 payment or donations greater than \$300 to a capital campaign.
- If you have a question about your voting member status, wish to pay voting member dues or need assistance establishing your electronic contact information, contact ATHCO Secretary **Doug Ladish '62** at ladish@mindspring.com or (919) 523-0908. Also, checks can be sent directly to: House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter, Inc., 109 Kingussie Court, Cary, NC 27511.

Pikes in the Military

Since Alpha Theta's re-chartering in March 2003, several brothers have enlisted in the military and are serving in dangerous areas of the world. Pi Kappa Alpha salutes these brothers and prays for a safe return from current and future deployments.

BRANCH OF SERVICE	RANK	NAME	DEPLOYMENTS
US Army	Specialist	Zack Allen '06	Not yet
US Army	First Lieutenant	Ryan Coss '03	Iraq Twice
US Army	Second Lieutenant	Spencer Ferree '06	Iraq
US Army	Staff Sergeant	Derrick Hansen '03	Iraq
USMC	Lance Corporal	Michael Hudzick '06	Afghanistan
USMC	Lance Corporal	Nick Keener '06	Iraq
US Navy	Specialist Seaman	Andrew Lavin '05	Diego Garcia
US Army	Specialist	Hector Luna '06	Not yet
USMC	First Lieutenant	Michael Madia '05	Afghanistan
US Army	Sergeant	Marcus Medina '03	Iraq
USMC	Captain	Nick Rauhala '03	Iraq / Afghanistan

Brother to Brother

Pictured at the 2012 WVU vs. Clemson Orange Bowl game in Miami are former Alpha Theta SMC's Ryan Coss '03, Lou Casale '08 and Andrew Fowler '08. They celebrated a stunning victory as West Virginia University beat Clemson 70 to 33.



Greek Renovations

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Alumni stakeholders helped form the plan along with exploratory committees from the University.

"We explored places like Frostburg, Virginia Tech and Maryland to see what kind of Greek life they have, and we met with alumni stakeholders and asked them what they'd like to see," Justice said.

Objectives of the plan includes cohesive architecture, additional parking, traffic flow reroute, pedestrian amenities improvement and future expansion possibilities. Problems the plan strives to solve include lack of parking, degrading infrastructure, steep pedestrian grades and safety concerns.

Specifically, the plan describes the construction of new buildings for

these fraternities: Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Theta Chi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Kappa Sigma.

The Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Delta sororities have also planned the construction of new buildings.

To accommodate growth, shared parking garages are planned for construction on Waverly, Belmar and Glendan avenues with a total of 353 parking spaces.

Currently, all but one of the fraternity and sorority houses at WVU are owned by alumni stakeholders or independent parties.

All renovations in the plan will be funded by these private sources, allowing each organization to pursue funding separately.

"They would have to make the investment in order for this to happen, but there's not one thing

New Dream Girl Selected



Sade Kesten and Ben Giandini '10, SMC.

Sade Kesten, a sophomore elementary education major from Pittsburgh, PA, was chosen to be the Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl on March 11, 2012. Kesten is a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority and stated, "I am honored to be a Dream Girl!"

Do you have news you'd like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.wvupikes.com. Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

dependent on another," Justice said.

One fraternity can choose to renovate immediately while others have the option to wait.

"It doesn't impact what's going on with the plan," he said.

The plan came from a general interest in improving Greek facilities at WVU, Justice said. In 2007, three fraternity houses were condemned because of unsafe living conditions. These houses were subsequently improved, and Justice hopes further renovations will enrich Greek life at WVU.

"They've done a lot for us and hopefully getting their housing up to speed will help boost their membership," he said.

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Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Edit your member profile online at www.wvupikes.com or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to: Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, West Virginia University #530, PO Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

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Founder's Day 2012

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Alumni were the guests of the undergraduate chapter at the Founders Day celebration on Saturday, March 3. A reception was held at the "Touchdown Terrace" in Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium. The WVU Football Hall of Fame, which is adjacent to the reception area, was also open for attendees to visit. All alumni attending praised the active chapter for the outstanding event they orchestrated!

