After all had exited into the parking lot, rousing cheers for Pi-K-A filled the air. Some parting words were given by Beau and Dean, and I tried to give the type of pep talk that I had received in 1962 from Brother Tom Wetzel. While I won't even pretend to be able to stand in his shadow (and what a shadow it was!), I used his Shakespeare quote "to thine own self be true" as the theme. So much for "eloquence??"

WOW--at 9:30, another 16 went through the same complete ceremony (except it lasted less than 30 minutes due to the smaller numbers involved). Mike Doss had joined us by that time. It was no less serious than the first one and it seemed to have the same impact on the guys. One initiate was the son of participating alum Denver Atkinson, who beamed with pride as his "legacy" became part of the new spirit of PiKA on the campus.

Dean sent the final reports to us later. When the dust settled in October, a total of 167 were initiated into Alpha Theta before the Team left campus. The new Alpha Theta colony vows to have a minimum of 110 men willing and able to be installed at the time of formal "Chapterization." All will have at least a 2.5 GPA, in aggregate will have performed 5000 hours of service to the community and campus, will have paid $200 dues per semester and will have raised and have an additional $8000 in the treasury.

Yes--it has happened. On that warm Monday evening in October, the culmination of our alumni dream (4 years old) saw a new Alpha Theta Chapter take breath under the clear Morgantown sky. Over 135 young men marched up the hill that night--with visions of an Alpha Theta that are **purer and more idealistic** than any of us could have hoped for--and our chapter returned to West Virginia University.

But will they make it? Will they become a full chapter within a year as is their goal? Guys, it will happen ONLY with the support of the Alumni. We all have new lives (some of us looking at the second half already) away from the happiness of University life. But if we ever cared about the fraternity, NOW is the time to REMEMBER--and take action. Support the new colony with your presence (presents??), your letters, and yes--your prayers. This is a rebirth chance for all of us. Don't sit back and watch. Take part so that you can once again be IN THE BONDS.....

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