

State of the Colony

Editor's Note: Just prior to finishing this newsletter and distributing it to the brothers, I received a last-minute request from Scott Loftis to include this report. I'm glad he did, as I know it will make you proud to read it.

By Scott Loftis, Vice President, Alpha Theta Colony

The Colony has faced several challenges since it was formed last year. But with the help of many supportive alumni and a few gentlemen from national headquarters, about 100 of WVU's finest young men are working together to restore the Pikes as the best fraternity at WVU by every worthwhile measure. The Alpha Theta Colony has been working collectively on many projects in order to establish itself as Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, and Gentlemen. Some examples are provided below:

- The colony has three members on the University's Board of Governors.
- We have a goal of a cumulative GPA of 2.75/4.0; results are not in yet, but we expect to beat that goal.
- We have performed more hours of community service in one semester than any other fraternity at WVU has in the past 2 years;
 - We performed 3,500 community service hours in the spring semester and expect to complete a total of 5,000 hours by the beginning of the fall semester.
- We had 78 men come out to support Relay for Life; we were the only Greek organization represented.
- We actively participate with the Boys and Girls Club, The American Red Cross, and The Special Olympics, among other things.
- We participated in the annual Delta Gamma Anchor Bowl, a football tournament, with all the fraternities participating. We not only beat the Sig Eps who had won for the past five years in a row, but we actually won the whole tournament.
- We also had teams in intramural basketball and soccer.

As work on the House is completed, we will begin to center activities there. Clearly, that will make it even easier to build on the already well-established relationships among the members of the Colony. But we're not waiting for progress on the House to start that. This past spring, we planned for and participated in the Founder's Day event at the Hotel Morgan, and we enjoyed meeting and talking with many alumni who came and met with Colony members and showed their support for our efforts.

We appreciate all the support we're receiving from alumni during the formative period; it is clear to every member of the Colony that PiKA has a long and proud tradition at WVU and, given the exposure we've been provided to just a relative few of those responsible for that tradition, it was justly earned. We clearly have a lot to live up to. We intend to do that. With that said, we are planning an event--hopefully at the House--on WVU's Homecoming weekend this fall as well as another Founder's Day event this coming spring. All alumni are invited and we look forward to meeting more of you. Thanks for your continued support; we will keep you up to date via the Alumni Association, and we look forward to meeting each of you.