



West Virginia Alpha...A strong, rich tradition of Phi Kappa Psi

MOUNTAINEER PHI PSI

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A FALL TO REMEMBER HOMECOMING, FOUNDER'S DAY, AND A HALL OF FAME

The weekend celebration started on Friday afternoon at the Erickson Alumni Center as **David Woodrum '61** became the third member of WV Alpha to be inducted into the WVU Greek Hall of Fame as part of the Delta Class. **David Hardesty '64** and **Zach Mendelson '79** were prior inductees. As there have now been four inaugural classes, Phi Psi members have been honored more than any other fraternity on campus.

Brother Woodrum has enjoyed an extraordinary work and volunteer career. I was privileged to present him for induction and noted he has been president of hospitals in West Virginia, Texas, and Saudi Arabia. He served as EVP and COO of the American Hospital Association. And continues as Executive in Residence for the Master of Health Administration Program at WVU. In terms of Phi Kappa Psi, he is past National President; former National Foundation Trustee; former editor of Mountaineer Phi Psi (10-years); and of course, author of our chapter's history.

When our chapter re-colonized in 2017, it was Brother Woodrum who insisted "the old model of Greek organizations in which social was emphasized over education and community service is outdated and counter-productive." Therefore our chapter chose to double-down on academic excellence over the last five-years. In closing, Brother Woodrum noted: "the aims of Greek organizations must be in concert with host institution's aims".

On Sunday, over 80-brothers, spouses, and friends celebrated our annual Founder's Day, also at the Erickson Alumni Center, for brunch and brief program. A highlight is always the celebration of brothers experiencing 50-years in Phi Psi. Pledge brothers (from 1972 who were able to attend) included: **Stephen Scales**, **Curt Woodford**, **Bob Fox**, **Brad Carmichael**, and **Mario Marra**. It was also a pleasure to have both **Bob Douglas '55** and **Tom Rogers '53** in attendance.

John Miesner '82 conducted the annual meeting of the House Corporation, and **Tim Miller '74** updated everyone on the current campaign, **A Stronger Tomorrow-Live Ever. Die Never**.

Luke Erny '20, most recent GP, provided an overview of the chapter and school year. Luke, a native of Cincinnati, OH will graduate in May 2023. He is currently a senior in the John Chambers College of Business and Economics. [Editor's Note: he has done an outstanding job leading the chapter during his time as GP]. Also presenting was chapter member **Aidan Kuriger '20**, who along with **Ellis Brown**, are going through the Nolan Burch Greek Leadership Academy. Kuriger shared various experiences he has learned via lectures, guest speakers, and discussion groups that examine the culture and history in which fraternities and sororities were founded, with particular emphasis on mental health and well-being.

Kevin Berry, Vice President of Alumni Relations at WVU, spoke about the transition of the WVU Alumni Association over the last year. As the organization will be celebrating its 150th anniversary beginning in June 2023, Kevin discussed the strategic partnership aligning the alumni association and WVU with the goal of becoming more aligned and to take advantage of additional resources to better support the alumni base.

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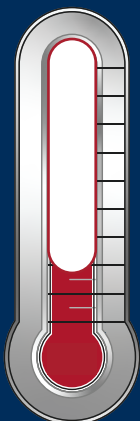
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NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA**CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

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LIVE EVER. DIE NEVER.
A Stronger Tomorrow.

Dear Brothers,

The holiday season is a time to give special thanks and celebrate family, friends and traditions. Everlasting friendships and traditions are engrained in our memories as Brothers of Phi Kappa Psi and we treasure the memories and bonds forged at 780 Spruce. As you reflect on the many things you are thankful for, I hope you will agree with me that we want those now living at 780 Spruce and those to come to experience that same special bond and pride you have knowing you were part of the best and brightest at WVU. For that to happen, we alums need to pay it forward by providing a permanent foundation to support academic excellence, leadership training and the Phi Psi experience while providing quality housing for our younger Brothers.

My thanks to the campaign volunteers and the 46 Brothers who have made pledges and donations so far. We are still a long way from our goal, so I ask that you respond generously when contacted by our Foundation fundraising staff or our Class Captains. If you would like to discuss the campaign, your pledge or ways you can join or support the campaign, let me know where and when and we will be there.

Thanks, and my special holiday wishes to you and your family.

In the bond...

Tim Miller '74

Campaign Chairman

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Jack Bowman '58

Jeff Tennant '74

John Giamalis '76

1960's

Rick Wagener '69

James Dobbs '69

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1970's

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NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA**LIVE EVER. DIE NEVER.****A Stronger Tomorrow.****THANK YOU**

We are so grateful to the following West Virginia Alpha brothers who have committed over \$430,000 to the Live Ever. Die Never. A Stronger Tomorrow. Campaign. With your gift, you join chapter brothers across the nation in celebrating Phi Psi's strong history at West Virginia and our even greater future. This campaign brings with it a unique opportunity – one that will propel our chapter to the next level. Together, we are ensuring that the young men who follow in our footsteps in West Virginia Alpha have a state-of-the-art chapter facility and to learn in, lead in and call home. We have moved the needle, but additional commitments are needed to accomplish our campaign goal of \$2,250,000.

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A Glance Back

A GLANCE BACK

with Tom Morse '79



Tom was convinced he'd stand out with his "unique" shirt choice...

When Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts, Brian Jones and Bill Wyman formed the Rolling Stones in 1962, who would have imagined the band, albeit without three of the original members, would still be rocking in 2022? The septuagenarians recently wrapped up the European leg of their "SIXTY" tour in Berlin, Germany and avid Rolling Stones fan and Phi Psi brother Tom Morse was there to see it in person.

Actually, if one counts the February 5, 2006 Stones' halftime performance at Super Bowl XL at Ford Field in Detroit, MI (where, by the way, Tom's home team, the Pittsburgh Steelers prevailed), Brother Morse has banked 65 live performances by his favorite band. His love of the Stones' music began in the seventies when he first heard tunes from the album "Sticky Fingers", but his concert going days would not start until he saw his first live show on September 6, 1989 at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, PA, which was a stop on the Stones' "Steel Wheels" tour.

Some 29-years later, Tom has traveled to dozens of US cities and many European cities to see his favorite rockers. Some changes have taken place. The band is now anchored by only three of the most well-known four Stones; front man Mick Jagger, 79, guitarist Keith Richards, 78, and guitarist Ronnie Wood, 75. Original member, drummer Charlie Watts, who passed away in August 2021 at age 80, is being fondly remembered with a special tribute at the beginning of each show as Steve Jordan, 65, takes over on the drums.

Surprises, some great, some not so good have happened along the way. There was the time when the Stones booked a concert in Tom's hometown of Pittsburgh on June 20, 2015, well after his daughter, Ali, had already scheduled the same date for her wedding. Family had to come first that day although the Stones were a topic of conversation for much of the reception. Then there was the time in 2016 when Mick Jagger came down with laryngitis in Las Vegas after his recent performance at the desert venue Coachella. Tom remembers sitting in his Vegas hotel when he got the news that the October 19th show was off. Fortunately, this ardent fan also had tickets for the second show on October 22, 2016 which did go on as scheduled.

In June, 2022, Tom and his wife Andrea flew to England to see the Stones' Liverpool show and had tickets for the next two concerts to be held in Amsterdam and Bern, Switzerland. The Liverpool show went off without a hitch but the concerts in the Netherlands and in Switzerland were not to happen for the Morses. As Tom and Andrea prepared to enter Amsterdam's Johan Cruijff Arena on June 13, 2022, word came that Jagger had tested positive for Covid just minutes before. The Morses were unable to get a flight home so they went on to Switzerland as planned and enjoyed the sights. They learned that it's important to choose to travel to shows in countries where the possibility of getting stuck is not such a bad thing.

Tom thought the very last concert of the European tour, on August 3, 2022 in Berlin, Germany was amazing, but attempting to travel from Germany back to the States the following day was not. After sitting on the plane for about an hour, the announcement came that the airplane's transponder was malfunctioning, and everyone was deplaned. There were no other available flights to the US that day. Again, came the lesson that an extended stay in a foreign country is sometimes par for the course when one travels extensively to see his favorite band.

One of the best surprises came when Tom's wife inadvertently booked the same hotel in Zurich, Switzerland that the band had reserved. Tom was able to meet Ron and Sally Wood at dinner. Congenial Ronnie even remembered Tom's name the following morning at breakfast when he asked if he could sit next to him (of course Tom obliged!). Since that event in September, 2017, Tom and his wife have stayed in the same hotel as the band three additional times and have enjoyed watching the performers' comings and goings and the frenzy that ensues. Brother Tom even had his "15 seconds" of fame when he was interviewed by Anna Xberg of German TV station rtl2 about his passion for the Rolling Stones for the broadcast "Frühstücks Fernsehen" or "Breakfast TV" and was recognized in the Berlin airport after the piece aired.

A Glance Back... Continued



Tom and his wife, Andrea, next to Ronnie Wood of the Stones

One might wonder, what is this devoted fan's favorite Rolling Stones album and song? Tom's favorite album is without question 1978's "Some Girls" but his favorite songs are trickier. He has an affinity for both "Monkey Man" from Let It Bleed, 1969, and "Can't You Hear Me Knocking?" from Sticky Fingers, released in 1971. Until recently, Morse's favorite concert was his 55th show in August 2019 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ but that show has been relegated to second place. The final show of the European tour, Brother Morse's 65th show, takes top honors. It was held on August 3, 2022 in the very charming Waldbuhne amphitheater set in the forest in a suburb of Berlin, Germany where the acoustics were terrific and all of the Stones "were on fire".

Is this the "end of the road" for the Rolling Stones road shows? Morse doubts it. Despite their ages, the group still gives high energy performances that last more than two hours. Tom says they are playing better than ever. Rumor has it that the tour may continue in 2023. So, don't be surprised to see Mick, Keith and Ronnie at a venue near you in the not-so-distant future, with Brother Tom Morse, in his colorful "Some Girls" button down shirt, rocking out to his favorite band of all time.

It's only rock n roll, but he likes it. He REALLY likes it.



Tom posing outside of one of the many shows he has gone to



Tom and wife, Andrea, at a Rolling Stones show together

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PINEHURST 2023
JUNE 8-11

Started in 2014 with a humble 46 participants, this biennial event has now grown into the “can’t miss” event for alumni of WV Alpha. We are expecting 85+ brothers to attend in 2023. **This outing sold out last year, so do not delay in registering.**

The Pine Crest Inn (<https://www.pinecrestinnpinehurst.com>), will once again be our weekend home. Built in 1913, this iconic venue was once owned by Donald Ross from 1921 until his death in 1948. Brothers can relax on the extended front porch, while enjoying coffee in the morning...and a glass of your favorite beverage in the evening. As we have in the past, we are offering both a 3-night or 2-night package, with or without a roommate. Breakfast and dinner are both included as part of the weekend package.

NOTE: For those arriving on Thursday, June 8th, we will have an informal Welcome Reception. More details to come here.

Golf on Friday, June 9th will be at Talamore Golf Resort (www.talamoregolfresort.com), with tee

times starting at 12:00 PM. The golf venue on Saturday, June 10th will be Longleaf Golf and Family Club www.longleafgfc.com.

Dewitt’s Outdoor Sports, (www.dewittsoutdoorsports.com), will once again be the skeet venue on Friday, June 9th. And for our anglers, fishing is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th.

Pickle Ball will once again be available on both Friday and Saturday (morning). CCNC will once again be the venue.

Come and be part of the festivities. A celebration for all of us who were lucky enough to make the greatest decision of our life...

To register, go to www.mountaineerphipsi.com.

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Badge 1248

Michael Wilson Hopkins '73
Reported 10/4/2022

Badge 925

Michael Boyd Keller '63
Reported 11/15/2022

NEWS FROM WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

HOUSE CORPORATION UPDATE

JOHN MIESNER '81

Brothers and friends,

It pleases me to report that Phi Kappa Psi continued to thrive in West Virginia in 2022. My top three reasons why our success continues: 1. Great Chapter Leadership; 2. Support from the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation; and 3. the work of a handful of hard-nosed alums who just plain get thing done!

In each category, I want to highlight an individual who exemplifies the service for our Chapter to be the best on campus.

1. GP Luke Erny, WV Alpha '20

Luke interned in Charleston with TC Energy which allowed us to lunch together. He listened to the advice and needs of the alumni and it has paid dividends with the Chapter. Best wishes to Luke upon graduation in May, 2023.

2. Lee G. Fuller, Ohio Nu '08

Among our numerous friends at the Foundation, Lee and I get to commiserate on the needs and limitations in our respective roles as House Corporation Presidents. Not getting his fill of the fraternity at work, Lee also volunteers with his Chapter at Ohio University in Athens. Hats off to Lee.

3. Gary K. Waters, WV Alpha '74

Here is another guy whose career in the WVU Athletic Department (writing big checks to out-going coaches (kidding)) wasn't quite enough. Gary has been our Treasurer for most of this century. It is a big job requiring patience and diligence. I greatly

respect Gary for his long service. Thank you, brothers!

To keep the success going we have specific needs. First, participate in our Capital Campaign. Give more and spread your contributions out over 5 years. We cannot maintain our property and incent the best men to join WV Alpha without your sustained financial support.

Give today, please. And keep giving! You can give online at pkpfoundation.org/chapter-development-services/west-virginia-alpha/

Secondly, give time back to the Chapter. We need you as mentors, advisors, house corp. directors, landscapers...even just as an invested visitor to 780 Spruce Street to meet and let the undergraduate members know how sacred and increasingly valuable their college fraternity friendships will be over time. Help us to pass along that which you still cherish today.

Here is to a great 2023, and my best wishes to you.

Our strong band,



John T. Miesner '81

Order of the S.C. '14

john@wvlawyer.net

FROM HERE... TO THERE

(721) Gus Conley '53

Mailed along \$100 for the 'Good of the Newsletter'!

(876) Bob Henderson '60

Mailed along \$400 in honor of **Tim Muscaro '79**. He was there for a brother in need!

(1092) Chuck Wilson '69

Mailed along \$250 for the 'Good of the Newsletter', and notes: "All is good and in good health. Email: cwwchestnut@yahoo.com."

(1097) Fred "Fritz" Renner '69

Sent along \$200 for a subscription in memory of his friend and brother (**Wayne Slater '67**) who was tragically killed in a traffic accident in Texas on 12/20/21. Fred has been enjoying life in California since 1978, but still considers West Virginia home.

Fritz is married with one daughter and has been running his own business since 1981 (www.ftrenner.com). He'd love to hear from any brother, especially those in his "dirty dozen!"

(1415) Dick Daugherty '78

Mailed along \$150 for the 'Good of the Newsletter'!

(1423) Greg Jewell '78

Sent along \$300 for the 'Good of the Chapter' and notes: "After 31-years in the oil and gas business, I retired in mid-2015. Jan and I now split our time between our home just outside Free Union (Charlottesville, VA), and our place on the Catch and Release (fly fishing only) section of the Second Creek in Greenbrier County, WV.

Want to share YOUR OWN update? See the back page for a submission form - we'd love to hear from you.



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Meet the Chapter Advisor HARLEY HYMES '17

As a West Virginia native from Petersburg, West Virginia, I came to WVU with hopes of broadening my horizons in general and learning to effectively communicate with folks from all walks of life. I got that from Phi Psi, and more. As a member of the “re-founding” class of Fall 2017, I was excited to see all the opportunities that West Virginia Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi had to aid young men and mold them into gentlemen.

I accepted my bid in the spring of 2017 and quickly found that I was a part of something much bigger than myself. I learned that everyone wanted to do better and succeed in life, and that is what made me stay along for the ride and opened the door to becoming the gentleman I am now. I still admire how the brotherhood always has a lending hand in helping those in need, and internally we look out for one another - like a true brotherhood should.

I am currently the Chapter Advisor for West Virginia Alpha and work for Northrop Grumman Corporation in Supply Chain. In my free time I enjoy Hunting/Fishing, outdoor activities, and writing music. I am excited to see what the new brothers of West Virginia Alpha are going to achieve, and to be in a role which will see it all first-hand.

