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Brothers enjoying time together at the WVU vs. Virginia Tech tailgate in Landover, MD. Many thanks to brother, Todd Truax, AP 467 for organizing!



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - KENTON SCHAFF, AP 239

For our alumni spotlight, we reached out to Kenton Schaff, AP 239 to catch up with him and his family who live in Louisiana.

Alpha Rho (AP): Tell us a little bit about your family.

KS: "My wife Andrea and I have been married for 11 years and we have 3 boys: Griffin - 9, Roman - 7, and Cohen - 5. We recently moved from the suburbs of New Orleans 65 miles down I - 10 to the suburbs of Baton Rouge. I have been working in Baton Rouge for 2 years and the commute was becoming extremely difficult. We are just getting settled in our new home and community."

AP: Tell us about your career and what you do for a living.

KS: "I work for a company called ROi (Resource Optimization and Innovation) which is a Accountable Supply Chain organization which was originally founded by Mercy Health based in St Louis, MO. The company has grown from providing supply chain functions for Mercy to expanding its offerings to commercial customers and provides services for many health systems from group purchasing, distribution, logistics, consulting, and sales of custom surgical packs. I am the Director of Operations/Logistics for the company's first commercial venture into helping a health system in Baton Rouge start their own managed

distribution center for it's facilities and clinics throughout Southeast Louisiana."

AP: What are the things you do to enjoy life away from the responsibilities of your career?

KS: "A lot of my time over the last couple of years has been centered around family, work, and religion. The flood of 2016 in Baton Rouge was a tremendous hardship for the local economy and for me it brought back many memories from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005. The distribution center I work for played a vital role in sustaining



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HOMECOMING WEEKEND! (**Updated**)

Make your plans now to join us October 13-15 in Morgantown. Register at wvupikapp.org where you'll also find hotel details and more.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, Oct 13

- 5:00pm ET until ?- Reception hosted by Alpha Rho Housing Corporation at Mike Turner's home

Saturday, Oct 14

- Time TBD - Catered Tailgate in the Blue Lot

We hope to see you there!

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LET US KNOW

Did you recently get married or have a child? Did you get a promotion at work or new job? If you have anything you wish to share, we want to know.

Visit <http://wvupikapp.org/letusknow> to submit your news.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Homecoming, October 13-15, 2017

BIRTHDAYS (Belated Greetings for August & earlier September Brothers)

- Jason Hyett, AP 466 - August 2
- Robert Laughner, AP 68 - August 8
- Randy Lapcevich, AP 175 - August 11
- Jordan Feathers, AP 438 - August 18
- Pete Martin, HA91 - August 30
- John George, AP 385 - September 15
- Richard LaGala, AP 346 - September 22

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the supply chain services for it's facilities as the area began to recover. My 3 boys are very active in sports and cub scouts and I spend as much time as I can with them in these activities. Lastly, my wife and I helped good friends from our church start a new church in the Mid-City area of New Orleans. It was a lot of fun and hard work helping start this new church and seeing the impact it had in the community."

AP: What did you learn from being a member of Pi Kappa Phi that helped you in your career?

KS: "The fraternity experience for me was a truly remarkable time in my college life. The brotherhood and bonding that took place is invaluable as you begin to grow and understand what commitment and hard work it takes to run a fraternity successfully and how that translates into your career. "

AP: What do you consider your best memories from your time as a Student Member of Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Rho?

KS: "There were a lot of great memories over the 4 years I was an undergraduate but some of favorite memories were from my freshman year in 1988 as I was pledging in the old house at 591 Spruce Street and surrounded by not only a great group of pledges but a great group of brothers."

AP: You have been a contributor to the Alumni Chapter. What are your observations of the work the Alumni Chapter is doing and why is it important for you to be a part of it?

KS: "I must admit that I have only been able to admire from afar the incredible work Tom Begley and the rest of the Alumni Chapter has done. Although the current state of affairs is very disappointing for all of us, I can see the passion and vision that is being laid out and it is very inspirational to watch. It takes a lot of time and effort, especially for those who don't live near Morgantown, to reorganize and get the chapter started again and I look forward to the day we initiate our first new pledge class."

AP: Soon we'll be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Re-chartering of Alpha Rho in 1978 and the Reorganization of the Alpha Rho Student Chapter. What does this mean to you and what do you want our Chapter to look like in the future?

KS: "The 40th anniversary is an incredible milestone for the fraternity. I am so proud that that I joined Pi Kappa Phi and I know that there so many brothers out there that are glad they joined to for the friendships and experiences that it brought all of us. Moving forward, I do look forward to the day we have our first new pledge class and my hope is that these young men understand what it means to be a Pi Kapp and honor the tradition and values of our fraternity."

We thank Kenton for answering our questions and allowing Alpha Rho members a chance to catch up and know more about him and his family. Also, we thank him for his support as an Alpha Rho Alumni Chapter Member!

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