

# The WVU Peach Cobbler

A little slice of  
"Almost Heaven" in Georgia

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## From our Peach State Chapter President

The metro Atlanta area is vibrant and exciting. We are fortunate to live in a city with great weather, a multitude of leisure activities and significant professional opportunities. As friends and graduates of West Virginia University, we also share our love for our university and fond memories of WVU and Morgantown.

If you are not currently a member of the WVU Alumni Association, then I encourage you to join the national association. Additionally, we have an active chapter here in metro Atlanta that offers numerous events throughout the year allowing Mountaineer grads and friends to share in our unique camaraderie.

Our activities range from happy hour gatherings and game watching events at Laseter's Tavern in Vinings – which attracted more than 200 Mountaineer fans on several occasions last season – to our annual golf outing and summer family picnic. We have many other events planned in the coming year, but we are always open to initiate new activities based on your ideas and interests.

I encourage your active participation and appreciate your thoughts on how to continually make our club bigger and better. If you know of other WVU graduates or fans, please tell them about the Peach State Chapter. In

return, please also let us know about them, so we can add them to our e-mail list.

The most important undertaking of the WVU Peach State Chapter is our scholarship fund which was created in 2003 and is subsidized in part by our golf outing and our chapter dues. Once it is fully endowed, the fund will provide an annual scholarship for one Georgia high school senior entering WVU. That fund is established at the WVU Foundation. It carries the same academic and tax benefits as any other Foundation contribution that does not carry a specific beneficiary.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events in the near future. If you have any questions or comments, contact me at [atleer@bellsouth.net](mailto:atleer@bellsouth.net) and be sure to check our web site at [www.wvupeach.com](http://www.wvupeach.com).

**LET'S GO MOUNTAINEERS!**

*Bill Toothman*



*Peach State Chapter  
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Bill Toothman*

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## Why should you join the Peach State Chapter?

by Marshall McCabe

1. A portion of your membership dues goes toward our scholarship fund that will assist a Georgia high school senior entering WVU to pursue a degree.
2. Meet a broad range of West Virginians from "old grads to young lads."
3. Free copies of the *Daily Athenaeum* and *Dominion Post* brought to all events from our most loyal alumni member.
4. Meet our award-winning president, Bill Toothman, who cares for West Virginia University and its alumni and friends.
5. Great networking opportunities and leads for your business –West Virginians helping West Virginians.
6. Special offers and discounts from House of Blues/HiFi Buys Amphitheatre.
7. A free WVU Peach State license plate to display proudly.
8. Discounts on all social functions throughout the year.
9. Two free combo meal coupons from Chick-fil-a.
10. Present your membership card at Laseter's during games and happy hour and receive a 10 percent discount on all food purchases.

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## Up-to-the-minute information on website

by Megan Quinn

What is the best way to get involved with and stay current on the activities of the WVU Peach State Alumni Chapter?

Check out [www.wvupeach.com](http://www.wvupeach.com) .

- **Activities**, special events, parties and game times are listed.
- The **general message board** is a great place to keep in touch and find up-to-the-minute news and information.
- **Join** the Peach State Chapter and **pay dues on-line** using your credit

card or PayPal account.

- The **networking board** is a message board designed specifically to list and find networking contacts through other WVU graduates.
- Contact information is listed in our **member directory**.
- Information about **Laseter's Tavern at Vinings** -- the greatest alumni bar around.
- **Links** to other Mountaineer interests such as WVU merchandise and more.
- A collection of some of our fondest memories in the **photo gallery**.

## Peach State scholarship fund established

by Bill Toothman

The Peach State Scholarship was established in 2003 with the purpose of providing financial assistance to a Georgia high school senior entering WVU to pursue a degree.

Our goal remains raising \$25,000 in a five-year period. Our current balance is slightly in excess of \$5000, so it is imperative we accelerate our revenue-producing stream. A majority of our contributions came from our last two golf outings. Additional funds for the scholarship are generated through payment of annual chapter dues.

The WVU Foundation and the Peach State Chapter will annually select the recipient of the scholarship. All contributions to this fund are maintained and invested by the WVU Foundation.

A recent update from the Foundation indicates:

If the Peach State Chapter does not reach \$25,000 in gifts in the five-year pledge period, but \$10,000 in gifts is reached in the five years, the WVU Foundation will allow the scholarship to be awarded. However, after reaching \$10,000 in gifts, the scholarship will not be awarded for one year so the fund has income that can be awarded to a student without invading principal.

"As I know you intend to, I encourage you to continue to raise funds to increase the value of the scholarship for the students regardless of the level reached," said Garth Lindley, assistant director of development, WVU Foundation.

If you already contribute to the WVU Foundation, please consider designating your contribution to the Peach State Scholarship fund.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Toothman at [atleer@bellsouth.net](mailto:atleer@bellsouth.net) or our foundation representative, Garth Lindley at [glindley@wvuf.org](mailto:glindley@wvuf.org) .



# Upcoming fall events and activities

by Kelli Mays and Jeff Toothman

Mark these dates on your calendar and join us for all the fun! Additional information about these and other upcoming events will be added to our website, [www.wvupeach.com](http://www.wvupeach.com), so check the website regularly.

**Football Season Kickoff Party at Laseter's Tavern at Vinings** – Tuesday, **August 24** at 6 p.m. Join fellow alumni and friends as we get ready for the upcoming football season and reminisce about old times. Enjoy Laseter's food, drinks and trivia night!

**Viewing Parties at Laseter's** – The Mountaineers are ranked No. 10 in the Associated Press preseason poll – our highest ranking ever! Come to Laseter's for all televised games and join in all the excitement. Not only does Laseter's have great food, but we are the only alumni group that meets there. (And they really treat us well too!) Enjoy discounts and specials when you become a member.

**University of Central Florida (UCF) Game, September 11** – We have decided

against an "official" bus trip but hope to organize a strong Atlanta crew to travel to Orlando. Options include: renting an RV to travel in and park at the Citrus Bowl, organizing a caravan leaving from Laseter's or simply meeting up in Orlando. Please contact Jeff Toothman at [8901toot@bellsouth.net](mailto:8901toot@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in participating.

In addition to the game, the Central Florida WVU Club is hosting a golf tournament on Friday at Metro West Golf Club ([www.metrowestgolf.com](http://www.metrowestgolf.com))

and a pre-game tailgate at the Citrus Bowl from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The fee for golf is \$100 which includes greens fees, cart, lunch, raffle and prizes. The tailgate will feature BBQ, beer and soft drinks, and the cost is \$20. Bill Toothman will collect money from those who want

to attend the tailgate party and forward it to the Central Florida group from all Peach State members. More information about the tailgate can be found at [www.wvu.edu/~alumni/tailgate2.doc](http://www.wvu.edu/~alumni/tailgate2.doc).

The Central Florida Club is currently trying to get a block of tickets to the game and recommends staying at the Hard Rock Lodge, which is in the City Walk entertainment area and within walking distance of the Citrus Bowl. Check our website for updates.



great food and drinks!

**WVU Networking** – New to Atlanta? Changing careers? Need business contacts? Want to meet new friends?

Join us for our new networking meetings hosted by Ryan Niceler ([ryan.d.niceler@rssmb.com](mailto:ryan.d.niceler@rssmb.com)). The next networking meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, **August 27** at Dunwoody/Sandy Springs Einstein's Bagels, which is located at the intersection of Hammond Drive and Peachtree-Dunwoody Road in the Publix Shopping Center. Additional dates and locations will be added to the website soon.



**Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night** –

Friday, **October 8** – this is a bye weekend for the Mountaineers. So, come join in all the fun. This will be no limit, \$50-\$75 buy-in game depending on the crowd. *We will announce location and details at the Season Kickoff Party at Laseter's.*

**Live Pre-game Music at Laseter's** – Come to Laseter's early for the games against University of Connecticut on Wednesday, **October 13** and Syracuse on Thursday, **October 21**, and enjoy a live band along with the

## Spring & Summer 2005 Events

**Fourth Annual WVU Golf Tournament** – Spring 2005 (date and location to be determined)

**Second Annual WVU Alumni Picnic** – June 2005

## Club officers and volunteers

Please contact us with any questions, updates or suggestions.

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*Megan Quinn, Juan Perez, Marshall McCabe and Will Gerken break from watching the game at Laseter's Tavern.*

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## 2004-2005 Chapter Members

At time of print, the following people have paid their 2004-2005 Chapter dues:

Tom Boxell  
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Rodney & Laurie Delli-Gatti  
Jim Flading  
Ian Hoover  
Kelli Mays  
Marshall McCabe and Family  
Kent Nuzum  
Juan Perez  
Megan Quinn  
Doug Raines  
Jim Rush  
Jamie Schaff  
Greg & Andrea Scheidhouer  
Tom Sewell and Family  
Bill & Brenda Toothman  
Jason White

## 2004 Mountaineer Football Schedule

Sat.	9/4	East Carolina	6 p.m.
Sat.	9/11	at Central Florida	6 p.m.
Sat.	9/18	Maryland	Noon
Sat.	9/25	James Madison	4 p.m.
Sat.	10/2	at Virginia Tech	TBA
Wed.	10/13	at Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	10/21	Syracuse	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	10/30	at Rutgers	TBA
Sat.	11/6	Temple	1 p.m.
Sat.	11/13	Boston College	Noon
Thurs.	11/25	at Pittsburgh	7:30 p.m.

WATCH YOUR E-MAIL INBOX FOR EVITES ANNOUNCING FUTURE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES.

NOT RECEIVING THE EVITES?  
THEN WE PROBABLY DON'T HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.

PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND E-MAIL TO:  
[WVUALUM1991@MINDSPRING.COM](mailto:wvualum1991@mindspring.com) TO OPT-IN TO OUR INVITATION LIST

# Tell us about you...

Name	Year graduated/Degree	
Spouse's Name	Spouse graduate from WVU? Year?	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
E-mail address		
Phone	FAX	

Please complete and return by snail mail to:

Peach State Chapter  
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You may also e-mail responses to: [atleer@bellsouth.net](mailto:atleer@bellsouth.net)

Or fax form to: 770-432-2313  
(No cover sheet is needed.)

Give us an update and/or tell us what you'd like to see YOUR chapter do in the future:

## Here's what else has been going on...

by Kelli Mays, Jamie Schaff and Jeff Toothman

**Pitt Football Game Road Trip to Morgantown** - On Friday, November 14, 2003, eleven courageous Mountaineer souls — with survival kits in hand — boarded an early-morning

flight bound for Pittsburgh. Following the flight, the revilers were whisked to Morgantown to continue the weekend's festivities. More Peach State Mountaineers made the journey to campus, joining up with the original eleven just in time for the game on Saturday. A crisp fall evening was the perfect backdrop for a satisfying 52-31 Pitt butt-whooping.



*Bill Toothman, Erik Viel, Alison Garland, Megan Quinn and Juan Perez enjoying the 'Eers beating Pitt*



*The "Road Trip 11" just north of the border — WV border that is!*

**Third Annual WV Golf Tournament** – On April 24, 2004, alumni and friends of WVU and Marshall University (MU) played in the Third Annual WV Open at Wolf Creek Golf Club. Approximately 80 golfers participated, and we managed to raise over \$3,000 for the WVU Scholarship Fund. This event will keep getting better. Stay tuned for a "mini" WV Fall Tournament.

**First Annual WVU Alumni Picnic** – In an effort to hold more family-friendly events, on June 19, 2004, WVU alumni, families and friends gathered at the home of Tom & Alison Garland to celebrate the birthday of West Virginia's statehood (June 20, 1863). This event also kicked off our 2004 membership drive.



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*Let's Gooooooooo  
Mountaineers!*

We're on the web!  
[www.wvupeach.com](http://www.wvupeach.com)

## Georgia's home for Mountaineer football is Laseter's Tavern



*by Jim Flading*

Laseter's Tavern at Vinings again hosts the Peach State Chapter's viewing parties for the third straight season. Laseter's is located at 4355 Cobb Pkwy., Atlanta, Ga. 30339, just inside the perimeter at the intersection of Rt. 41 and Paces

Mill Rd. In addition to being a great place to hang out with other Mountaineer faithful, the atmosphere is comparable to Crockett's (sadly, without the ring toss) and other West Virginia taverns. With two big screens and many other sets, there is not a bad seat in the house.

During football season, Laseter's becomes Atlanta's Mountaineer headquarters. All televisions and game sounds are dedicated to WVU, since we are the only official alumni group that meets there. Along with all ESPN, GamePlan and ABC televised games, Laseter's also has additional satellite capabilities to get those more difficult to come by games not offered through home dish services. The

place is ours to yell, scream and cheer for the Mountaineers, and we promise to have "Country Roads" playing loud and proud before and after each game.

The three weekday games will offer special bonuses. Your Peach State Chapter will have LIVE entertainment before BOTH the UConn and Syracuse games, and as if Rich and the crew at Laseter's didn't already take great care of us, they are opening their doors on Thanksgiving (a day they are normally closed) so that Mountaineer fans can watch this year's Backyard Brawl. As an added incentive, Laseter's will be offering a 10 percent food discount during the games to all chapter members.



You may be asking... Do I have to be WVU alum to join the chapter or watch the games at Laseter's? Do I have to be from the great state of West (By God) Virginia to join or show up? NO, NO, NO!!! All you have to do is cheer on the 2004 Mountaineers with a great group of West Virginia fans.

So mark your calendar, and we'll plan to see you for a great season at Laseter's. Don't forget to wear your best Blue and Gold.... You'll be in good company!!!