

**PETITION**  
OF  
**Tau Delta Theta**  
OF  
**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**  
TO  
**ALPHA SIGMA PHI**  
**FRATERNITY**





## WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

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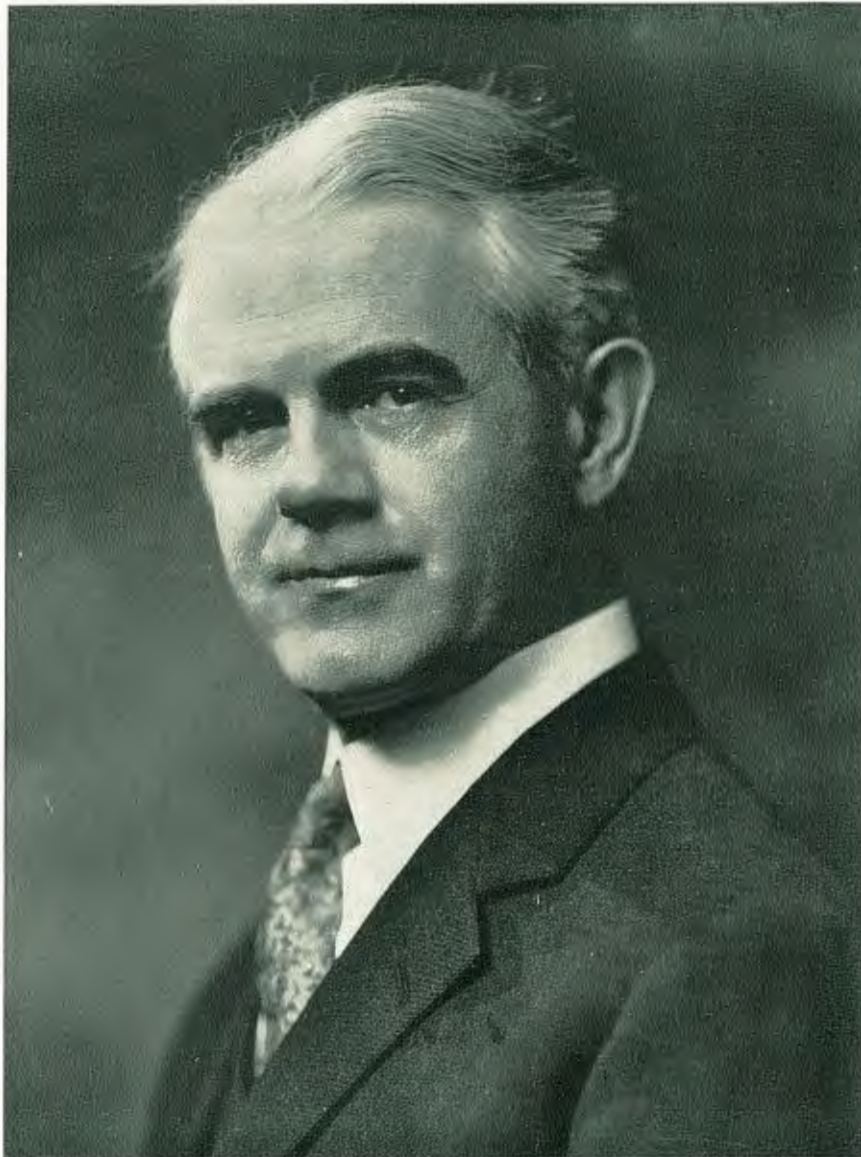
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**DR. JOHN ROSCOE TURNER**

Dr. John Roscoe Turner was born February 13th, 1882, at Matville, W. Va. He received his education at West Virginia Conference Seminary, Ohio Northern University, and Princeton University. His teaching career began in a small school in Louisiana, and from there he went to Willie Hassell College in Oklahoma. After serving as Principal in a Kentucky Seminary, he became an Instructor in Cornell University. In 1920, Dr. Turner accepted a position as head of the Economics Department at Washington Square College, New York, and later became Dean of the same College. He is a noted economist, having served as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the United States Tariff Commission. He is also the author of "Ricardian Rent in Economics," and "Introduction to Economics." Dr. Turner assumed the office of President of West Virginia University July 1st, 1928.



## HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University of West Virginia was established as such December 4, 1868, but the institution was known from February 7, 1867 as the Agricultural College of West Virginia. Prior to February 7, 1867 and before the Civil War, a female college under the name of Woodburn Seminary occupied a small portion of the land now included in the University Campus. The University is the peak and center of the public school system of the State, and also the central institution of higher learning in West Virginia, being as it were, the mother of some 7 or 8 partially State-supported Normal schools, including Fairmont and Marshall Colleges.

The University derives its main support from biennial appropriation of State funds by the legislature. Additional and reserve funds are held for the benefit of the University. These are derived from the Morrill, Hatch, Adams, Smith-Hughes, Smith-Lever and I. C. White funds, and also the I. C. White Realty Donation of some 4 acres of land contiguous to the former University Campus. The University is the recipient of a Federal Land Grant to the extent of \$115,750. A tuition of not in excess of \$50 per semester is required for registration. This latter applies to the students coming from within the state. A tuition of \$107.50 is charged for out-of-state students per semester.

The University consists of the departments, Colleges and Schools here in the order of their foundation:

The College of Arts and Sciences, 1867, which confers the degrees A. B., M. A., B. S., and M. S.

The College of Law, 1878, which confers the degree of LL. B.

The College of Engineering, 1887, which confers the degrees B. S. M. E., M. S. M. E., B. S. C. E., M. S. C. E., B. S. E. E., M. S. E. E., B. S. Ch. E., M. S. Ch. E.

The Agricultural Experiment Station, 1888, and the College of Agriculture, 1897, which awards the degree of B. S. Agr., M. S. Agr., and B. S. H. E.

The School of Music, 1897, in which a student may be awarded the degree of B. S. in Music.

The School of Medicine, 1902, which awards the degree B. S. in Medicine.

The School of Pharmacy, 1908, which confers the degree of B. S. in Pharmacy.

The Graduate School, which is newly founded.

The Division of Military Science and Tactics.

The Department of Physical Education, 1928, which confers the degree of B. S. in Physical Education.

The Campus borders on the Monogahela River and consists of approximately 50 acres of land undivided, except for the State Farms of almost 700 acres about 1 mile distant from the campus proper.

The University is equipped with 17 buildings of brick and stone, including a large, new Field House, a new Women's Gymnasium and a new classroom building costing some \$1,300,000, besides 5 frame buildings. The Board of Governors of the University has adopted a plan covering 25 years of regular and systematic expansion of buildings. The Staff of Instruction includes 88 professors, 40 assistant professors, 74 instructors, 52 assistant instructors, 27 student assistants, 47 members of the Experiment Staff, and 18 Librarians. Forty-two laboratories are conducted on the Campus. The equipment is for the most part modern, and such part as is not is being modernized with all possible speed.

The University has shown a constant increase in the enrollment since its founding. The enrollment for the year 1916-17, shows that the number of men enrolled was 608, and women 237. For the year 1917-1918, the number of men was 640, and 324 women. Over these figures the increase can be stated by the enrollment for 1922-23, which shows that the number of men was 1,314, and 565 women, and for 1927-28, the number of men was 2,058, and 972 women. During the present year the enrollment is in excess of 2,600.

At the present time there are 22 national Fraternities on the Campus, and 3 local Fraternities. There are 9 national Sororities, and 1 local sorority. The Fraternities at West Virginia University are all in a stage of building. The number of national Fraternities is inadequate for the number of students registered. Viewing these facts, and the increase in the enrollment of the University, it seems that there is no better time than the present for an increase in the number of national Fraternities.



## DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS

West Virginia .....	2114
Pennsylvania .....	248
New York .....	69
Ohio .....	37
Porto Rico .....	23
Maryland .....	21
New Jersey .....	21
Virginia .....	9
Connecticut .....	4
Canada .....	3
District of Columbia .....	3
Indiana .....	3
Kentucky .....	2
Massachusetts .....	2
Oregon .....	2
Philippine Islands .....	2
South Dakota .....	2
Colorado .....	1
China .....	1
Costa Rica .....	1
Delaware .....	1
Georgia .....	1
Illinois .....	1
Iowa .....	1
Maine .....	1
Minnesota .....	1
Mississippi .....	1
Oklahoma .....	1
Washington .....	1



## MORGANTOWN

### Capital and Judicial Seat of Monongalia County

Morgantown is located in the north central part of West Virginia, at the foot of the Cheat Mountains, a ridge of the Appalachian System. By direct air-line, Morgantown is just six miles south of the Pennsylvania boundary, and 50 miles due west of the Maryland line. Morgantown is 102 miles south of Pittsburgh on the Monongahela river, on the Monongahela R. R., Morgantown and Kingwood R. R., the Morgantown and Wheeling R. R., and the Fairmont division of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. The Morgantown and Kingwood R. R. connects with the main line of the B. & O. at the M. & K. Junction, 47 miles distant from the city. The Fairmont division also connects with the main line of the B. & O. 45 miles north of Morgantown at Connelsville, Pa. The New York Central meets the Monongahela R. R. at Brownsville, Pa., approximately 45 miles from Morgantown, and the Pennsylvania R. R. connects at Fairmont 23 miles south.

Morgantown is the seat of the State University, and has developed into one of the most thriving manufacturing cities, as well as the center of the West Virginia glass trade. Slackwater navigation is extended from Morgantown to Fairmont by the construction of locks and dams. It is possible to run large boats from Pittsburgh to Fairmont, via Morgantown, practically all the year around.

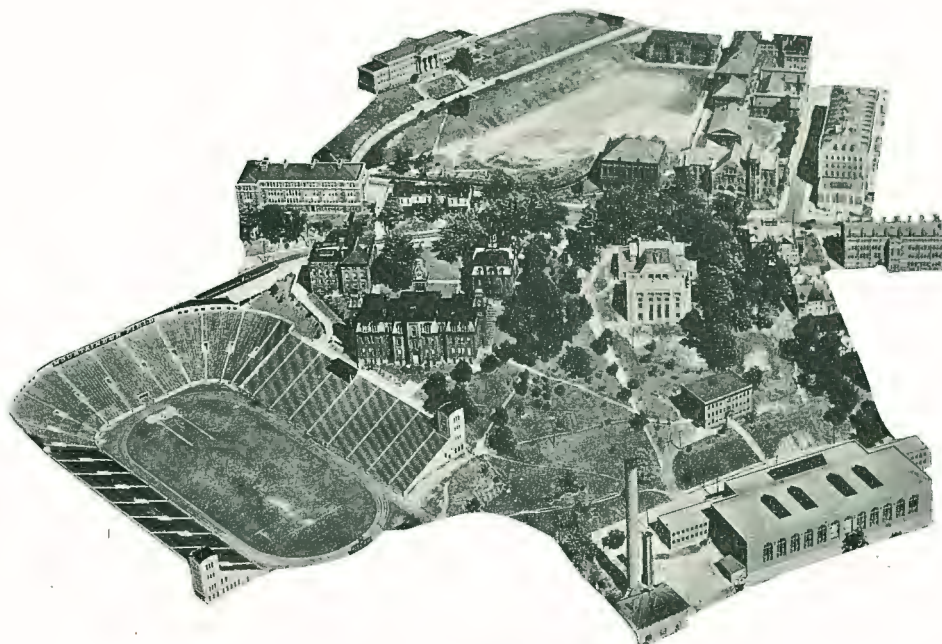
Penetrating the county east of the city, which section is rich in timber, coal, fire clay, limestone, sandstone, glass sand and other materials, is the Morgantown and Kingwood branch of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R., which connects the city with Kingwood, 26 miles east. It has already opened up one of the richest portions of the State. Vast fields of bituminous coal underlie all of the western portion of the county in seams from seven to eleven feet thick. Natural gas is abundant within a few miles of the city.

Cheap fuel makes Morgantown an admirable site for manufacturing plants many of which are located here. Several large glass plants are in operation, a wire glass factory, and the only factory in the world for the production of pressed prism glass is located here. Other industries include cigar making, watch crystal plant, planing-mill, and the tin mill of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. There are two daily and two weekly newspapers.

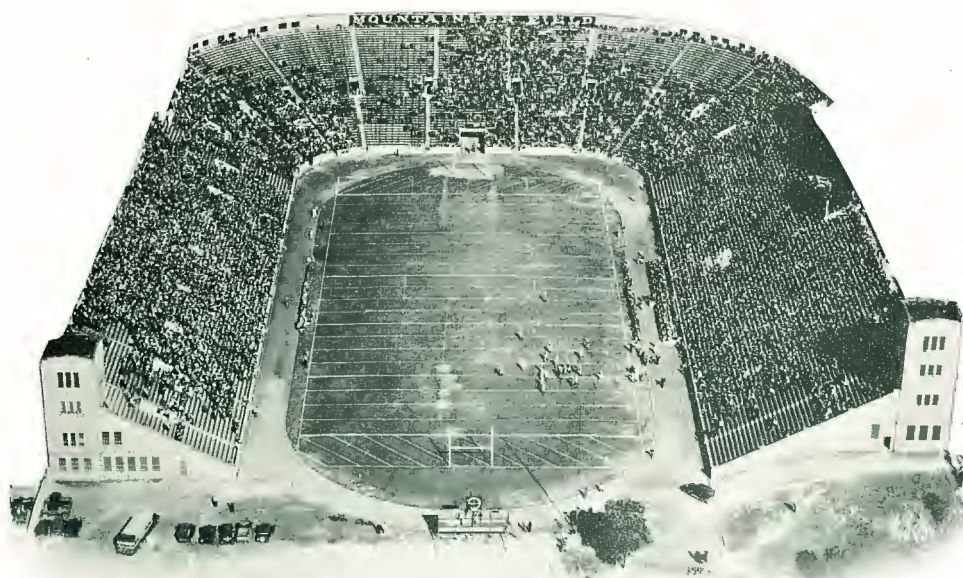
Morgantown has grown in twenty-five years from a village of 1,000 to a city of approximately 30,000 inhabitants.

Since a large percentage of the coal fields have remained untouched, it may readily be seen that Morgantown holds great possibilities for a steady growth, and still greater center of natural resources.





W. V. U. CAMPUS FROM THE AIR



MOUNTAINEER FIELD FROM THE AIR





SCIENCE HALL





CAMPUS VIEW





COLLEGE OF LAW





THE CIRCLE





OGLEBAY HALL





MARTIN HALL





CAMPUS VIEW





CAMPUS VIEW





ELIZABETH MOORE HALL  
Woman's Physical Education and Social Center





THE LIBRARY





CAMPUS VIEW





CAMPUS VIEW





WOODBURN HALL





WOMAN'S HALL — WOMEN'S DORMITORY





CAMPUS VIEWS



## PETITION

We, the undersigned, students in good standing in the Tau Delta Theta Fraternity located at West Virginia having hereunto attached our individual class records, a history of our alma mater, and our organization, do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant to us and to our successors a Charter for a Chapter of the Fraternity at this institution and to assign us a Chapter Letter.

Should this Charter be granted we agree to support the Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Customs, Laws and Traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, to perform its rituals, and to perform our part in the government and support of the Fraternity as such, and, under its laws govern the best interests and advancement of the Fraternity wherever and whenever we may, it being understood that nothing in this pledge shall in any way conflict with our religious or political scruples, or our duties and obligations to our college, our family, ourselves, our country, or our God.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals the 2nd day of March, 1931.

BENNETT, FRED H.  
HAMSTEAD, ALVA C.  
WALKER, RAYMOND W.  
BOARD, A. FRENCH  
BURTON, HARLEY A.  
HOUGH, C. WAYNE  
MASON, JOHN W.  
PICKERING, W. DANFORTH  
CAVENDISH, STANLEY G.  
REED, A. EDWARD  
POST, CARL BRANDT  
SWING, LEONARD C.  
FEENEY, JAMES L.  
PRICE, CLAUDE M.  
HYER, LYDA E.  
SNYDER, MARVIN H.  
RICHMAN, EARL M.  
STRAIN, GORDEN W.  
MUSGROVE, W. DONALD  
FARNSWORTH, DANA L.  
BENNETT, EDWARD B.

LOCKHART, STANFORD  
McCASKEY, AMBROSE E.  
WICK, E. WILLIAM  
SIMPSON, JAMES L.  
LEIPHART, CHARLES D.  
DE VOL, HERMAN A.  
GAAL, JAMES C.  
McHALE, EDWARD W.  
HOUCK, FREDERICK E.  
FAHEY, WILLIAM T.  
TIMBLIN, CHARLES L.  
COOPER, MAX  
SANDY, WILLIAM C.  
JOHNSON, W. OLIVER  
MARTIN, WAYNE S.  
ASHBURN, HOWARD G.  
UNGER, W. HAROLD  
BOYLE, GEORGE M.  
O'BRIEN, HARRY W.  
IRONS, J. DALE





The Local Fraternity of  
**TAU DELTA THETA**

Established at West Virginia University in 1919.

**OFFICERS**

President .....	Dana L. Farnsworth
Vice-President .....	Ambrose E. McCaskey, Jr.
Treasurer .....	Harley A. Burton
Secretary .....	Wayne S. Martin
Historian .....	W. Harold Unger

**GRADUATES**

James L. Feeney  
 Fred H. Bennett  
 Stanley Cavandish

Alva E. Hamstead  
 A. Edward Reed  
 John W. Mason

J. Dale Irons  
 Max W. Cooper  
 Raymond W. Walker

**SENIORS**

A. French Board  
 Harry W. O'Brien  
 William T. Fahey

Leonard C. Swing  
 Herman A. De Vol  
 Dana L. Farnsworth  
 Harley A. Burton

Carl B. Post  
 W. Harold Unger  
 W. Donald Musgrove

**JUNIORS**

C. Wayne Hough  
 Stanford C. Lockhart  
 James C. Gaal  
 Ambrose E. McCaskey  
 Charles D. Leiphart

W. Danforth Pickering  
 James C. Simpson  
 Charles L. Timblin  
 Wayne S. Martin  
 Howard G. Ashburn

E. William Wick  
 Fred E. Houck  
 Edward W. McHale  
 Marvin H. Snyder

**SOPHOMORES**

W. Charles Sylvester

Glendon B. Burton  
 Claude M. Price

William C. Sandy

**FRESHMEN**

W. Oliver Johnson

Lyda E. Hyer

Edward B. Bennett

**PLEDGES**

George M. Boyle

Gordon W. Strain

Earl M. Richman





J. C. Gaal, W. C. Sylvester, C. B. Post, S. G. Cavendish, S. C. Lockhart, W. D. Pickering,  
 H. A. Burton.  
 H. A. De Vol, M. S. Cooper, L. C. Swing, W. T. Fahey.  
 A. E. Hamstead, G. B. Burton, F. H. Bennett, A. E. McCaskey, R. W. Walker,  
 A. E. Reed.  
 F. E. Houck, C. D. Leipart, J. L. Feeney.  
 E. W. Wick, E. W. McHale, J. L. Simpson, C. W. Hough  
 C. L. Timblin, J. W. Mason, A. F. Board



## HISTORY OF TAU DELTA THETA

The history of Tau Delta Theta, the petitioning body herein, begins in the fall of 1919, shortly after the opening of school for that year. A great number of male students returned to school for that year who had been in the service of their country during the World War, and a result thereof, the enrollment of the University was greatly increased beyond all expectations and far beyond the enrollment for any prior year. The Council of Administration of the University was immediately confronted with problems of providing for the proper housing facilities necessitated by the unusually increased enrollment. The first plan recommended by the Council of Administration, by which it hoped to relieve the situation, was the formation of new local fraternities, and immediately thereafter the petitioning body was organized.

The requirement of the University before any recognition would be given a local fraternity was, that the body should consist of at least twelve in number who were upper classmen, and who had successfully passed all college work without the failure of any single course. Such a group was organized by the petitioning body, with Howard Lucky, a then senior in the College of Law as its president, E. E. Hamstead, vice-president and C. D. L. Ropp, secretary-treasurer. This newly organized body then petitioned the University for recognition as a local fraternity, and having complied with all the requirements, the petition was granted and Tau Delta Theta thereupon became the first local fraternity of the campus, following the recommendations of the Council of Administration of the University.

The new organization enjoyed a very rapid growth, within a short time its number had doubled, and within four months after its organization it had purchased a large and beautiful home in the most restricted residential section of the city. It still owns the same property and now has the same nearly paid for including all furniture and fixtures therein. At the present time the organization has under consideration plans for building a new stone home to be located nearer the campus of the University and sufficient enough in size to accommodate about forty members.

Due to the careful selection of its members the fraternity has always been represented in every extra-curricular activity. During the year 1923 from its membership the captain of the West Virginia Football Team was selected, and at least as many as two all-stars on our football team. The fraternity has also at all times been well represented in all other athletic activities, having one year the captain of the University's Wrestling Team, as well as other offices in all lines of sports. At present, Brothers C. M. Price, C. D. Leiphart, and J. L. Simpson are all members of the Track Squad, Brother Simpson having won the pole vault in the West Virginia Indoor Games, held here last month. Brother Hyer was a member of the Freshman football squad last fall, and is expected to show up well on the varsity next year.

The fraternity has been active in other activities as well as athletics. From its membership during the past ten years there have been several class presidents and other class officers elected. During the first year of its existence one of its members was elected chairman of the University's Social Committee at a general election of the University. That position was highly sought after by every fraternity on the campus. The organization was also represented on the Inter-Class Council of the University for several years. In the year 1926 one of its members was elected editor-in-chief of the Athenaeum, the college paper, the following year another one of its members was elected to the same position, and the managing-editor was also elected from its group.

The fraternity has maintained a good scholastic record, its position being at about the average grade of all fraternities on the campus. From its membership several have been added to the Phi Beta Kappa, and many of its members who were in the Engineering College have been taken into honorary engineering fraternities. The same facts are true relative to all other colleges in the University, such as Law, Medicine, Agriculture, etc., many of the group have from year to year been taken into the honorary fraternities of their respective college in which they have been enrolled. According to the latest reports available (Mar. 5, 1931), Brother D. L. Farnsworth will lead the Campus in the Scholastic Averages for the past semester, having received a grade of A in all of his twenty hours of work.

Fortunately the fraternity has never encountered any financial embarrassment. Upon its organization the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) was raised by the group with which to make the original payment of the purchase of its home. Shortly thereafter a special assessment was made on all its members with which furniture and fixtures were purchased. The property was financed through a local building and loan association on an easy payment plan and all the payments have always been promptly made by the organization when the same have fallen due. In addition to meeting all



deferred purchase payments the fraternity has maintained and created a sinking fund with which it hopes to find of great usefulness when making a further purchase of a new home. All of its furniture is fully paid for and there are no outstanding debts against the organization, except what remains unpaid on the purchase price of its home, which does not total more than about four thousand dollars, and two years ago it was offered eighteen thousand dollars for its home, which fact clearly shows that the fraternity must be on a good substantial footing financially.

The alumni of the fraternity now number about one hundred and twenty-five members, who upon passing from their active membership in the organization at once became members in a well organized alumni association. Each member of the latter organization pays into its organization dues which are accumulated into a fund which is also to be used, if needed, in the purchasing of a new home for the active organization at some future date. This latter organization has its regular annual home-coming meetings at which meeting new officers are elected from year to year and all other business of the fraternity reviewed. The meeting is usually held at Thanksgiving and always partakes of the nature of a banquet. Quite often the banquet is given by the active fraternity to the alumni organization for those who have passed beyond the active membership.

The history covers a period of over twelve years, and to give the same in detail, naming its various members who obtained outstanding recognition and honor on the campus in various activities, would be of not much interest to any one except its own members, and in the end would be of very little value. The following members have been the various presidents of the fraternity: Howard Lucky, John Frum, Kline Lawson, James Clower, Earl Eckles, E. E. Hamstead, George Goodwin, Francis Clark, Dana L. Farnsworth, Benjamin Moats, Joe Craig, James Feeney, A. Edward Reed, and Dana L. Farnsworth, (second term).

## SUMMARY OF FINANCES TAU DELTA THETA

March 1, 1931	
Home purchased in 1919 .....	\$15000
Less Depreciation .....	3000
Present value .....	12000
This represents a fair sale value of the property under present conditions. (Insured \$8000.)	
Building & Loan owing at above date .....	3460
Equity in real estate .....	\$8540.00
Present value of Furniture and equipment—Cost \$2240. Less depreciation .....	1120.00
	9660.00
Included above is \$1015. purchased within the past 18 months.	
Deficit June 10, 1930 including installments payable on new furniture purchased .....	792.63
Accounts due from members unpaid .....	\$795.86
Balance .....	3.23
Cash on hand March 1, 1931 .....	\$167.66
Supplies on hand for table .....	75.00
Prepaid accounts for month .....	50.00
	292.66
Reserves:	
Advanced for Alpha Sigma Phi Inspection .....	285.00
Due from members for present year, all good and collectable .....	333.91
	911.57
Accounts payable .....	768.41
Balance .....	143.16



## WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Office, Dean of Men

The following are the grades of the fraternities for the second semester of the scholastic year of '29-'30.

Alpha Gamma Rho .....	N. F. ....	81.015
Pi Lambda Phi .....	N. F. ....	80.845
Theta Chi .....	N. F. ....	80.71
Kappa Mu .....	L. F. ....	80.044
Pi Kappa Phi .....	N. F. ....	79.785
Alpha Phi Delta .....	N. F. ....	79.773
Phi Alpha .....	N. F. ....	79.686
Phi Sigma Delta .....	N. F. ....	79.596
Delta Kappa Psi .....	L. F. ....	79.576
Sigma Delta Phi .....	L. F. ....	78.803
Phi Kappa Psi .....	N. F. ....	78.270
Phi Kappa Tau .....	N. F. ....	78.188
Kappa Alpha .....	N. F. ....	77.274
Phi Delta Theta .....	N. F. ....	77.234
Phi Sigma Kappa .....	N. F. ....	77.197
*Tau Delta Theta .....	L. F. ....	77.112
Sigma Nu .....	N. F. ....	77.061
Beta Theta Pi .....	N. F. ....	76.948
Sigma Chi .....	N. F. ....	76.596
Tau Kappa Epsilon .....	N. F. ....	76.439
Kappa Sigma .....	N. F. ....	76.369
Sigma Phi Epsilon .....	N. F. ....	75.885
Delta Tau Delta .....	N. F. ....	75.624
Pi Kappa Alpha .....	N. F. ....	75.117
Phi Kappa Sigma .....	N. F. ....	74.207
General average for fraternity men .....		77.861
General average for non-fraternity men .....		79.552
General average for all men .....		78.607

Note: National fraternities are marked (N. F.). Local fraternities are marked (L. F.).



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Morgantown, W. Va.

Department of Entomology

March 7, 1931.

Mr. Harley A. Burton,  
Tau Delta Theta Fraternity,  
West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Burton:

In reply to your recent inquiry as to the scholastic standing of Tau Delta Theta for the first semester of the current scholastic year I regret to state that the averages have not yet all been compiled. I have, however, the following information: The average for all men students, expressed in honor points per hour of credit is .784; the average for Tau Delta Theta computed in the same way is .943. As you know, fraternity averages, for many years past, have consistently been lower than the averages for all men students and any group which was definitely above the all-men's average was among the leaders. All fraternity groups so far averaged for last semester except yours have shown averages below that for all men.

Trusting that this information may be of service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

L. M. PEAIRS, Chairman,  
Chairman on Student and Fraternity Standings.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Morgantown, W. Va.

Department of Entomology

March 7, 1931.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to write you in behalf of the Tau Delta Theta local fraternity at West Virginia University. I have known many of the students belonging to the organization during its existence and have found these boys to be without exception of good character and serious purpose and to be in addition of a high type socially. I am sure that none of them would be anything but an asset to any fraternity group.

The Tau Delta Theta fraternity has never been the leader scholastically on this campus but it has always been in a position to compare favorably with other fraternities and has sometimes been near the top. Their general average, for their entire history, is definitely above that for the national fraternities on this campus for the same period of time.

Very truly yours,

L. M. PEAIRS, Chairman,  
Committee on Student and Fraternity  
Standings,  
Class Adviser for Agricultural Students.



Oglebay Hall  
Morgantown, West Virginia  
March 16, 1931

Mr. Harley Alvin Burton,  
c/o Tau Delta Theta Fraternity,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Burton:

It may be of interest to your fraternity to learn that I have just completed the work of ranking the fraternities according to their scholarship for the first semester of the current year, 1930-1931. The standings which I now have will not be affected by any possible corrections in such a way as to make it possible for your group to rank lower than it does in these tentative ratings; it might rank one place higher. However, it is probable that there will be no changes in standings due to corrections.

The standings can not yet be made public, so far as the names of the groups are concerned. They are based on the average number of grade or honor points per hour of work carried; Tau Delta Theta is fourth in a group of twenty-four; it is surpassed by one local organization, one Jewish National and one National, member of the Interfraternity Council. The averages are as follows:

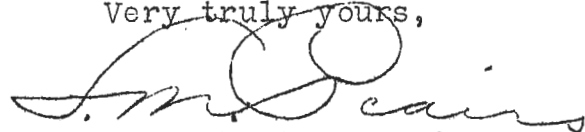
First.....	1.1297
second.....	1.6603
third.....	.9514
fourth.....	.9432 (Tau Delta Theta).

The twenty remaining groups averaged down to .3037.

The average for all mens organizations is .7140; for all men in the university the average is .7840.

Trusting that this information may be of service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,



L. M. Peairs, Chairman,  
Committee on Student and Fraternity Standings.



## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MEMBERS

### FRED HILL BENNETT

Graduate. 228 Wilson Ave. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, John W. Bennett; Nationality, English; Mother, Gertrude Hill; Nationality, Irish. Address, 1297 Oakgrove Ave. Steubenville, Ohio. Born, Jeanette, Pennsylvania. Nov. 22, 1905. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 162 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, auburn; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at: St. Mary's (W. Va.) High School. Honors: Band, Hi-Y, Mechanics Club, Orchestra, Football, Track.

College Honors: Band, Drum Major of Band, Chi Sigma Delta, Kappa Kappa Psi (Music), Business Club.

### STANLEY G. CAVENDISH

Graduate. 228 Wilson Ave. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, T. H. Cavendish. Nationality, English. Mother, Chloe A. Cavendish. Nationality, French. Address, Gauley Bridge, W. Va. Born, Gauley Bridge, W. Va., Oct. 14, 1906. Height, 6 ft. 1 in.; weight, 152 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at: New River State High School. Honors: Debating Team, Baseball, Basketball, Hi-Y.

### LEONARD CARL SWING

Senior, B. S. Ch. E. 225 Wilson Ave. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, L. G. Swing; Nationality, German. Mother, Mary E. Swing. Nationality, English-Irish. Address, Rainelle, W. Va. Born, Millpoint, W. Va., June 9, 1910. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at: Rainelle High School. Honors: Letters in Football, Baseball, and Track, Dramatics.

College Honors: Freshman Rifle Team, Tau Beta Pi Cup (Awarded to freshman making highest average in Engineering School, Freshman Baseball, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and Sigma Gamma Epsilon. President of the Chemical Engineering Society, Scabbard and Blade, Captain in the R. O. T. C.

### JAMES L. FEENEY

Graduate. 228 Wilson Ave. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, James L. Feeney; Nationality, Irish. Mother, Ada Coffman; Nationality, Irish. Address, Parkersburg, W. Va. Born, Parkersburg, W. Va., May 11, 1905. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 152 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, black; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at: Parkersburg High School. Honors: V.-P., National Honor Society, Football Letter, Debating.

College Honors: Transfer, Notre Dame University, Washington and Lee University, Freshman Honor Roll, Intramural Athletics, Law Clubs, Newman Club, W. Va. Club.

### W. DANFORTH PICKERING

Junior, B. S. C. E. 228 Wilson Ave. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, A. D. Pickering; Nationality, Scotch Canadian. Mother, Ida E. Pickering; Nationality, English. Address, Ronceverte, W. Va. Born, Hamberton, W. Va. Jan. 1, 1908. Height, 6 ft. ½ in.; weight, 168 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, blonde; eyes, grey.

Prepared for college at: Huntington (W. Va.) High School. Honors: Hi-Y Club, Dramatic Club, Football.

College Honors: Captain in the R. O. T. C., Blackguard Fusiliers, Rifle Team, Red Dragon Casteliers, Scabbard and Blade.

### RAYMOND W. WALKER

Graduate. B. S. Ch. E. 228 Wilson Ave. Father, A. W. Walker, Nationality, English. Mother, Percia R. Walker, Nationality, English. Address, Stephens City, Va. Born, Jacksonburg, W. Va., Sept. 2, 1906. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, grey.

Prepared for college at: Pine Grove High School (W. Va.). Honors: Letters in Track and Baseball, Dramatics, Pres. Senior Class.

College Honors: Track, Freshman Baseball, University Social Committee.



#### **WILLIAM TRAYMORE FAHEY**

Senior. 228 Wilson Ave. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Martin W. Fahey. Nationality, Irish. Mother, Mary J. Fahey, Nationality, Irish. Address, Wheeling, W. Va. Born, Wheeling, W. Va., April 14, 1907. Height, 6 ft. 2 in.; weight, 198 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, black; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at: Central High School (Wheeling, W. Va.). Honors: Editor-in-chief of Year Book, Baseball, Football, Basketball, Debating, Secretary of Student Council.

College Honors: Phi Delta Phi (legal), Mountain, Fi Bater Capper, Scabbard and Blade, Blackguard Fusiliers, Newman Club, Pres. Y. M. C. A., Editor of Student Handbook, Editor-in-chief of the Athenaeum (Tri-weekly Student Paper), past Managing Editor of Athenaeum, Sports Editor of all University Contests, Press Club, Ex-Pres. of Journaliers, C. C. A., Three Merit Awards by the Student Council for Distinguished Service to the University, Vice-Pres. Sophomore Class, Junior Prom Committee, Religious Work Council, Lt. Col., and Reg. Ex. Officer R. O. T. C.

#### **CHARLES WAYNE HOUGH**

Junior. R. F. D. No. 4. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, O. C. Hough, Nationality, Scotch-Irish. Mother, Frona Hough, Nationality, Scotch-Irish. Address, Morgantown, W. Va. Born, Morgantown, W. Va. Dec. 31, 1906. Height, 6 ft. 1 in.; weight, 159 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, black; eyes, grey.

Prepared for college at: Morgantown High School. Honors; Debating, Dramatic Club, Football.

College Honors: Freshman Football, Baseball, Track.

#### **FREDERICK E. HOUCK**

Junior, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, F. P. Houck; nationality, German; Mother, Anna Houck; nationality, Irish; address, Fairmont, W. Va. Born, August 9, 1905, Bellaire, Ohio. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 135 lbs.; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at East Side High School, Fairmont, W. Va. Honors: Football, Mgr. of School Annual.

College Honors: Advanced R. O. T. C., Scabbard and Blade.

#### **ALBERT FRENCH BOARD**

Senior, Engineering. Address, 252 Park Street. Morgantown, W. Va. Father, A. F. Board; nationality, English; Mother, Carry V. Wright; nationality, English; address, Elizabeth, W. Va. Born, March 3, 1901, Richardson, W. Va. Height, 6 ft.; weight, 185 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Elizabeth High School. Honors: Football Mgr., Baseball, Bus. Mgr. of Year Book, President of Senior Class.

College Honors: Tau Beta Pi.

#### **EDWARD WILLIAM McHALE**

Junior, A. B. Address, Morgantown, W. Va. Father, John S. McHale; nationality, Scotch; Mother, Alma Enigson; nationality, English; address, Morgantown, W. Va. Born, January 12, 1912, Morgantown, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 160 lbs; complexion, fair; hair brown; eyes, brown.

Prepared for College at Morgantown High School. Honors: Band, Orchestra, String Quartette, Dramatic Club, Philo Literary Society.

College Honors: Track, Band, Orchestra, Kappa Kappa Psi (Music).

#### **A. EDWARD REED**

Graduate, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, G. W. Reed; nationality, French; Mother, Emma DuPont; nationality, French; address, Parkersburg, W. Va. Born, July 5, 1909, Elizabeth, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 152 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Greenbrier Military School. Honors: Football, Baseball, High Man Rifle Team.

College Honors: Blackguard Fusiliers, Chi Sigma Delta (Economics), Scabbard and Blade, Freshman Track.



#### JOHN WALTER MASON

Graduate, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, T. J. Mason; nationality, English; Mother, Emma Close; nationality, English; address, Marlinton, W. Va. Born, April 30, 1905, Thomas, W. Va. Height, 6 ft.; weight, 160 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, black; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Marlinton High School. Honors: Football, Track, President of Alumni Association.

#### JAMES L. SIMPSON

Junior, Engineering. 447 Pennsylvania Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, J. L. Simpson; nationality, Scotch; Mother, Louise Simpson; nationality, Scotch; address, 447 Pennsylvania Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Born, January 26, 1910, Pine Grove, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 9 in.; weight, 150 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, red; eyes blue.

Prepared for college at Pine Grove High School. Honors: Track, Basketball, Dramatics Club.

College Honors: Freshman Basketball, Track, Scabbard and Blade.

#### ALVAH C. HAMSTEAD

Graduate, B. S. M. D. Address, Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Obed Hamstead; nationality, English; Mother, Anna Flike; nationality, Irish; address, Morgantown, W. Va. Born, December 1, 1904, Oakland, Md. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 137 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, black; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at Aurora (W. Va.) High School. Honors: Track, Baseball.

College Honors: Phi Lambda Upsilon (Chemistry), Phi Beta Kappa.

#### E. WILLIAM WICK

Junior, Engineering. Address 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, W. E. Wick; nationality, Scotch; Mother, Nettie Wick; nationality, German; address, Winfield, W. Va. Born, June 7, 1908, Winfield, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 150 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, brown; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at Berea Academy, Berea, Kentucky. Honors: Football, Baseball.

College Honors: Freshman Baseball.

#### CHARLES L. TIMBLIN

Junior, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, E. A. Timblin; nationality, English; Mother, Dora E. Timblin; nationality, Scotch; address, Wheeling, W. Va. Born, December 14, 1909, Bridgeport, Ohio. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 145 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Triadelphia High School; Honors; Hi-Y Band, Orchestra, Glee Club, Basketball.

College Honors: Band, Rifle, Freshman Track.

#### STANFORD LOCKHART

Senior, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Earl H. Lockhart; nationality, English; Mother, Ivy E. Lockhart; nationality, Welsh; address, Parkersburg, W. Va. Born, January 14, 1909, Elizabeth, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 168 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Parkersburg High School. Honors: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Honor Graduate.

College Honors: Scabbard and Blade.

#### JAMES DALE IRONS

Graduate, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, W. H. Irons; nationality, Scotch; Mother, Mary Carpenter; nationality, English; address, 325 Haymond St., Fairmont, W. Va. Born, October 12, 1905, Fairmont, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 143 lbs; complexion, medium; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at East Fairmont High School. Honors: Basketball, Baseball.

College Honors: B. S. Degree in Chemical Engineering.



#### EDWARD BENJAMIN BENNETT

Freshman, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, John H. Bennett; nationality, Welsh; Mother, Gertrude Hill; nationality, Scotch-Irish; address, 1207 Oak Grove Ave., Steubenville, Ohio. Born, July 22, 1912, Jeannette, Penna. Height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 132 lbs; complexion, dark, hair, black; eyes, grey.

Prepared for college at Wells High School (Steubenville, Ohio). Honors: Student Director of Band, Orchestra, Sec'y of Hi-Y, Cheerleader, Class Committeeman, Science Club, Drum Major of Band, Junior President, Honor Graduate, Music Club.

College Honors: University Band (R. O. T. C.), Kappa Kappa Psi (Music).

#### CHARLES DAVID LEIPHART

Junior, Engineering. Address, 16 Quay St., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Charles Warren Leiphart; nationality, English-German; Mother, Margaret C. Henderson; nationality, Scotch-Irish; address, 432 Main St., Wheeling, W. Va. Born, April 9, 1909, Wheeling, W. Va. Complexion, dark; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 155 lbs; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Wheeling High School. Honors: Track, President of Mathematics Club.

College Honors: Freshman Track, Varsity Track, Cross Country, Scabbard and Blade.

#### GEORGE MAURICE BOYLE

Senior, A. B. Address, Box 95, Evansdale, W. Va. Father, John W. Boyle; nationality, Irish; Mother, Winifred Bambarry; nationality, Irish; address, Box 95, Evansdale, W. Va. Born, September 16, 1906, Everson, Penna. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 158 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Greensburg (Penna.) High School. Honors: Football, Track.

Other colleges attended: St. Francis. Honors: Football, Boxing, Baseball, Advertising Mgr. of Annual Publication.

#### HARLEY A. BURTON

Senior, Agriculture. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Friend E. Burton; nationality, English; Mother, Dora Morehead; nationality, English; address, Elizabeth, W. Va. Born, April 30, 1907, Elizabeth, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 178 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Elizabeth High School. Honors: Football, Oriole Club, Dramatic Club, Class President, Publication Staff, Valedictorian.

College Honors: Grange, R. O. T. C., University 4-H Club, Treas. of Tau Delta Theta.

#### WILLIAM DONALD MUSGROVE

Senior, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, William O. Murgrove; nationality, German; Mother, Maggie C. Stanley; address, 607 Morgantown Ave., Fairmont, W. Va. Born, February 22, 1909, Clarksburg, W. Va. Height, 6 ft.; weight, 165 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, black; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at East Fairmont High School. Honors: Hi-Y, Valedictorian.

Other colleges attended: Fairmont State Normal School. Honors: Lambda Delta Lambda (Chemistry).

College Honors: Tau Beta Pi (Engineering), Phi Lambda Upsilon (Chemical), Sigma Gamma Epsilon (Metallurgical).

#### HARRY WESLEY O'BRIEN

Senior, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, H. W. O'Brien; nationality, Irish; Mother, Mabel L. Goldrich; nationality, German-Irish; address, 523 Chalfont St., Pittsburgh, Penna. Born, February 10, 1908, Pittsburgh, Penna. Height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 215 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at South Hills High School (Pittsburgh, Pa.).

Other colleges attended: Capital University, Columbus, Ohio; Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Penna.



#### DANA LYDA FARNSWORTH

School of Medicine. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Henry Lyda Farnsworth; nationality, English; Mother, Isabell Jane Waggoner; nationality, German; address, Linn, W. Va. Born, April 7, 1905, Troy, W. Va. Height, 6ft.; weight, 180 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Glenville Normal School. Honors: Canterbury Club. Phi Delta (Local Frat.), Football.

College Honors: Phi Lambda Upsilon (Chemical), Phi Beta Pi (Medical), University 4-H, Press Club, President of Tau Delta Theta, Business Mgr. of Athenaeum.

#### WILLIAM CALVIN SANDY

Sophomore, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, A. F. Sandy; nationality, Scotch-Irish; Mother, Nan Conoway; nationality, English; address, R. F. D. No. 1, Fairmont, W. Va. Born, April 3, 1913; Fairmont, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 9 in.; weight, 128 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, black; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at Barrackville (W. Va.) High School. Honors: Hi-Y, Baseball, Vice-President of Senior Class, Sec'y of Student Body.

College Honors: Torch and Serpent.

#### CLAUDE MERLE PRICE

Sophomore, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, William J. Price; nationality, Irish; Mother, Mary A. Monroe; nationality, English; address, Smithfield, W. Va. Born, September 20, 1907, Smithfield, W. Va. Height, 6 ft. 2 in.; weight, 170 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, black; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Smithfield High School. Honors: Track, President of Sophomore Class.

College Honors: Freshman Track, Varsity Track.

#### WILLIAM OLIVER JOHNSON

Freshman, Agriculture. Address, 2134 University Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Earl Johnson; nationality, English; Mother, Alice Robinson; nationality, English; address, R. D. No. 3, West Alexander, Penna. Born, December 26, 1909, Dallas, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 9 in.; weight, 150; complexion, medium; hair, black; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Tridelphia High School (Wheeling, W. Va.). Honors: Hi-Y, Basketball, President of Freshman Class.

College Honors: Grange, University 4-H Club.

#### LYDA ELLIS HYER

Freshman, Engineering. Address, 229 Prospect Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, James B. Hyer; nationality, German; Mother, Eva C. Farnsworth; nationality, English; address, Flatswoods, W. Va. Born, October 21, 1912, Flatswoods, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 9 in.; weight, 160 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, black; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Sutton (W. Va.) High School. Honors: Football, Varsity Club, Press Club, President of Sophomore Class.

College Honors: Freshman Football.

#### CARL BRANDT POST

Senior, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Clifford R. Post; nationality, German; Mother, Kathryn O'Hara; nationality, Irish; address, Clarksburg, W. Va. Born, November 30, 1908, Clarksburg, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 6 in.; weight, 165 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, brown; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Washington Irving High School. Honors: Band, Elucidian Circle, Yearbook Staff, Honor Roll, Glee Club, Assistant Director of Orchestra, First Prize in State Competition for Etchings.

College Honors: Kappa Kappa Psi (Music), Sigma Phi Sigma (Physics).

#### WILLIAM HAROLD UNGER

Senior, Engineering. Address, 594 Brockway Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Edwin W. Unger; nationality, German; Mother, Mary Spriggs; nationality, English. Born, Durbin, W. Va., 1908. Height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 150 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Morgantown High School. Honors: Honor Graduate, Debate, Intersociety.

College Honors: Scabbard and Blade, Honorary Military, Red Dragon Casteliers, Military Engineering Fraternity, General Engineer Society.



#### EARL MORGAN RICHMAN

Freshman, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, George A. Richman; nationality, German; Mother, Katy M. Peer; nationality, French; address, Box 150, Hastings, W. Va. Born, Baltimore, Md., May 18, 1907. Height, 5 ft. 6 in.; weight, 148 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, black; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at Pine Grove High School. Honors: Hi-Y, Washington Club, Athletic Club, Football, Basketball, Track.

#### AMBROSE EVERETT McCASKEY, Jr.

Junior, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Ambrose E. McCaskey Sr.; nationality, Irish; Mother, B. N. DeBalt; nationality, Irish; address, 156 Maple Ave., New Martinsville. Born, New Martinsville, W. Va., October 2, 1909. Height, 6 ft. 4 in.; weight, 165 lbs; complexion, medium; hair, brown; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Magnolia High School. Honors: Debate, Cheer-leader, Literary, Class President.

College Honors: Scabbard and Blade, Red Dragon Casteliers, American Society of Civil Engineers.

#### HERMAN A. DeVOL

Senior, A. B. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Fred C. DeVol; nationality, French; Mother, Mary Sue Morris; nationality, Scotch-Irish; address, 633 Madison Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va. Born, Parkersburg, W. Va., March 13, 1909. Height, 5 ft. 9 in.; weight, 160 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Parkersburg High School. Honors: Football, Tennis, Glee Club.

College Honors: University Choir, Chi Sigma Delta (Economics), President of Chi Sigma Delta, Junior Prom Committee.

#### WAYNE STEPHAN MARTIN

Junior, Engineering. Address, 375 Maple Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, J. A. Martin; nationality, German; Mother, Daisy Smith; nationality, English; address, 375 Maple Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Born, September 7, 1908, Morgantown, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 127 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at Morgantown High School.

College Honors: Torch and Serpent, Red Dragon Casteliers.

#### MARVIN HOWARD SNYDER

Junior, Agriculture. Address, 801 College Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, L'oyd N. Snyder; nationality, German; Mother, Janet Katherine Board; nationality, English; address, Walton, W. Va. Born, September 3, 1907, Walton, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 158 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, brown; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Walton High School.

College Honors: Alpha Zeta (Agriculture), Phi Epsilon Phi (Botanical), Block and Bridal (Animal Husbandry), Grange.

#### HOWARD GILMER ASHBURN

Junior, A. B. Address, 118 Walton St., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Geoffrey S. Ashburn; nationality, English; Mother, Lora Martin; nationality, English; address, 118 Walton St., Morgantown, W. Va. Born, November 8, 1909, Morgantown, W. Va. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 115 lbs; complexion, dark; hair, brown; eyes, brown.

Prepared for college at Morgantown High School. Honors: Honor Graduate.

College Honors: Phi Labda Upsilon (Chemistry).

#### JAMES CHARLES GAAL

Junior, Engineering. Address, 228 Wilson Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Anthony Gaal; nationality, Austrian; Mother, Julia Kalina; nationality, Czechoslovakian; address, Chatteroy, W. Va. Born, November 3, 1909, Czechoslovakia. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.; weight, 145 lbs; complexion, fair; hair, blonde; eyes, gray.

Prepared for college at Chatteroy High School. Honors: Valedictorian, Football, Basketball, Hi-Y, Glee Club, Dramatic Club.

College Honors: Chemical Engineering Society.

#### GORDON WILEY STRAIN

Sophomore, A. B. Address, 467 Union St., Morgantown, W. Va. Father, Warren W. Strain; nationality, Scotch-Irish; Mother, Martha Wiley; nationality, Scotch-Irish; address, 211 Mounds St., Sistersville, W. Va. Born, November 28, 1907, South Whitley, Ind. Height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 135 lbs; complexion, light; hair, blond; eyes, blue.

Prepared for college at Sistersville High School. Honors: Bus. Mgr. Year Book, Literary Society.



## FRATERNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

### NATIONAL FRATERNITIES

		Established
Phi Kappa Psi .....	West Virginia Alpha Chapter .....	1890
Phi Sigma Kappa .....	Delta Chapter .....	1891
Sigma Chi .....	West Virginia Mu Mu Chapter .....	1895
Phi Kappa Sigma .....	Alpha Gamma Chapter .....	1896
Kappa Alpha .....	West Virginia Alpha Rho Chapter .....	1897
Beta Theta Pi .....	West Virginia Beta Psi Chapter .....	1900
Delta Tau Delta .....	West Virginia Gamma Delta Chapter .....	1900
Sigma Phi Epsilon .....	West Virginia Beta Chapter .....	1903
Sigma Nu .....	West Virginia Gamma Pi Chapter .....	1904
Kappa Sigma .....	West Virginia Gamma Phi Chapter .....	1918
Theta Chi .....	West Virginia Alpha Kappa Chapter .....	1921
Phi Lambda Phi .....	West Virginia Mu Chapter .....	1922
Tau Kappa Epsilon .....	West Virginia Rho Chapter .....	1923
Alpha Gamma Rho .....	West Virginia Alpha Chapter .....	1921
Pi Kappa Alpha .....	Alpha Theta Chapter .....	1904
Alpha Phi Delta .....	Pi Chapter .....	1912
Phi Delta Theta .....	West Virginia Alpha Chapter .....	1927
Pi Kappa Phi .....	Alpha Xi Chapter .....	1930
Phi Kappa Tau .....	Alpha Rho Chapter .....	1929
Phi Alpha .....	Alpha Alpha Chapter .....	1928
Phi Sigma Delta .....	West Virginia Upsilon Chapter .....	1927

### LOCAL FRATERNITIES

Tau Delta Theta .....	Founded at West Virginia University .....	1919
Delta Kappa Psi .....	Founded at West Virginia University .....	1923
Kappa Mu .....	Founded at West Virginia University .....	1927

### HONORARY FRATERNITIES

The Mountain .....	Established at West Virginia University .....	
Tau Beta Pi .....	W. Va. Alpha Chapter Nat. Engineering Society .....	1922
English Club .....	Honorary English Club .....	1900
Alpha Zeta .....	National Agricultural Society .....	1922
Phi Upsilon Omicron .....	National Home Economics Society .....	1925
Matrix .....	Honorary Journalistic Society .....	1926
Phi Beta Pi .....	Beta Alpha Chapter. Honorary Medical Fraternity .....	1922
La Tertulia .....	Honorary Spanish Society .....	1928
Kappa Psi .....	West Va. Beta Chapter. Honorary Pharmaceutical Fraternity .....	1925
Dramatic Club .....	West Virginia Players .....	1919
Delta Sigma Rho .....	National Forensic Fraternity .....	
Kappa Kappa Psi .....	Omicron Chapter, National Music Fraternity .....	1927
Sphinx .....	Honorary Senior Society .....	
Mortar Board .....	Senior Women's Organization .....	1925
Torch and Serpent .....	Honorary Sophomore Society .....	
Rhododendron .....	Junior Women's Society .....	
Kappa Delta Pi .....	Alpha Upsilon, National Educational Fraternity .....	1927
Beta Pi Theta .....	Honorary French Society .....	1927
American Institute of Electrical Engineers .....		1915
Kappa Psi .....	Pi Chapter, National Methodist Women's Club .....	1926
Westminster Girls Club .....		1927
Chi Sigma Delta .....	Honorary Economics Club .....	1927
Eta Sigma Phi .....	Honorary Latin Club .....	
Anthony Dairy Club .....		1921
Journaliers .....	Honorary Journalistic Society .....	1922
Press Club .....	Honorary Journalistic Society .....	
Sigma Pi Sigma .....	National Physics Society .....	1928
Scabbard and Blade .....	Honorary Military Fraternity .....	

### MOCK FRATERNITIES

Fi Batar Cappar .....	West Va. Pep Organization .....	
Blackguard Fusiliers .....	Military .....	1927
Red Dragon Casteliers .....	Military .....	1930



## LIST OF ALUMNI

Arner, A. L.	A. B.	Chester, W. Va.
Ash, Avery A.	Engineering	Fairmont, W. Va.
Brill, Omar H.	A. B.	Stonebridge Cottage, Nashville, N. C.
Burton, Beachley E.	Engineering	Morgantown, W. Va.
Browning, C. F.	A. B.	Elizabeth, W. Va.
Cantner, Claire C.	B. S. E. E. (Charter Member)	Harrisville, W. Va.
Carte, Gerald E.	B. S. M. E.	Charleston, W. Va.
Cavitt, James Rees	A. B.	Baltimore, Md.
Clark, Francis A.	Medicine	Chicago, Ill.
Clower, James V.	B. S. E. E.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Corcoran, Howard V.	LL. B.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Craig, Frank Waldo	B. S. Agr.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Craig, Joseph	B. S. Agr.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Cheesman, Ray	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Cotril, Joseph C.	B. S. Agr.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Crossland, Howard Y.	A. B.	Arrow, Pa.
Curran, James E.	A. B.	New Martinsville, W. Va.
Cushing, John W.	LL. B.	Sistersville, W. Va.
Cammer, Phillip A.	B. S. C. E.	Fairmont, W. Va.
Faust, J. Donovan	A. B.	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Fegert, Daniel W.	LL. B.	Canton, Ohio
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Dobbins, Paul Fleming	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Doddrill, Forest D.	A. B.	Webster Springs, W. Va.
Dorr, Charles P.	LL. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Dudley, Harold G.	B. S. M. E.	Sistersville, W. Va.
Eakle, Earl Lough	LL. B. (Charter Member)	Charleston, W. Va.
Felty, Lucien E.	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Fisher, Francis P.	A. B.	Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.
Fisher, Harold	A. B.	Charleston, W. Va.
Foringer, Richard L.	A. B.	Rochester, Pa.
Frame, Wilbur C.	LL. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Frum, John W.	B. S. E. E. (Charter Member)	Rosemont, W. Va.
Gainor, James Vincent	A. B.	Tunnelton, W. Va.
Gainor, Leo Bernard	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Gifford, Warren	B. S. Agr.	Columbia, Mo.
Gifford, Worthy H.	A. B.	Clarksburg, W. Va.
Graham, Cecil H.	B. S. C. E.	Mt. Hope, W. Va.
Gray, James Howard	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Gregory, H. C.	LL. B.	Corley, W. Va.
Goodwin, George C.	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Hall, Edward	A. B.	Fairmont, W. Va.
Hall, Olin B.	M. D. (Charter Member)	Morgantown, W. Va.
Hamstead, E. E.	LL. B. (Charter Member)	Morgantown, W. Va.
Hamstead, A. E.	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Hanst, George H.	A. B.	Oakland, Md.
Hartman, Edwin T.	B. S. E. E.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Hatfield, Daniel S.	M. D.	Charleston, W. Va.
Hess, Dowe S.	A. B.	New York, N. Y.
Higginbotham, J. H.	Medicine	Cowen, W. Va.
Hill, Merrit M.	M. D.	Fairmont, W. Va.
Hoover, W. W.	LL. B. (Charter Member)	Muttallburg, W. Va.
Humphreys, William E.	LL. B. (Charter Member)	Webster Springs, W. Va.
Houck, Fred	B. S. E. E.	Fairmont, W. Va.
Joliffe, Nonnan H.	A. B.	Clarksburg, W. Va.
Kane, William E.	A. B.	Pitcairn, Pa.
Keith, Harry D.	A. B.	Monongah, W. Va.
Kelley, Joseph L.	A. B.	Fairmont, W. Va.
Kebbee, Earnest B.	B. S.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Lawson, L. K.	Pre-Law	Morgantown, W. Va.
Loar, Charles W.	A. B.	Harrisville, W. Va.
Lockhart, Basil	A. B.	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Lockhart, Harford	A. B.	Wheeling, W. Va.



Lough, Arthur H.	B. S. Agr.	Hinton, W. Va.
Luckey, Howard N.	LL. B. (Charter Member)	Charleston, W. Va.
McDonald, James E.	LL. B. (Charter Member)	Inwood, W. Va.
McDonald, Richard C.	B. S. Agr.	Inwood, W. Va.
Magee, Howard P.	A. B.	Mannington, W. Va.
Mann, Fletcher H.	LL. B.	Charleston, W. Va.
Marlow, Richard L.	A. B.	Athens, W. Va.
Martin, Clyde R.	A. B.	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Morris, Warren F.	A. B.	Follansbee, W. Va.
Morrison, Clarence H.	Pre-Law	New Martinsville, W. Va.
Moats, Ben	LL. B.	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Morton, Eskridge M.	Engineering	Webster Springs, W. Va.
Moore, William H.	A. & S.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Murphy, Bernard G.	B. S. Ch. E.	Charleston, W. Va.
McGee, L. S.	A. B.	Shinnston, W. Va.
McKenzie, Thomas F.	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Mason, John W.	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Mortin, Harry W.	A. B.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Nardicci, Nick	M. D.	Youngstown, Ohio
Noyes, J. Bradford	A. B.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Ours, Lester J. (Deceased)	Pre-Law	Petersburg, W. Va.
Pell, Edward N. Jr.	B. S. Med.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Price, Arthur Clyde, (Deceased)	Engineering	Smithfield, W. Va.
Pyle, Leland S.	A. B.	Fairmont, W. Va.
Robb, Francis Belmont	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Ramsey, Harry J.	A. B. (Charter Member)	Munhill, Pa.
Ropp, Clarence Daniel L.	A. B. (Charter Member)	Morgantown, W. Va.
Ryan, Paul Francis	A. B. (Charter Member)	Mannington, W. Va.
Ross, W. H.	B. S. E. E.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Rinehart, William B.	A. B.	Clarksburg, W. Va.
Saari, George J.	B. S. C. E.	Mannington, W. Va.
Shaffer, Harry M.	A. B. (Charter Member)	Morgantown, W. Va.
Schmeichel, Arthur L.	B. S. M. E.	Washington, D. C.
Scott, Charles Neil	M. D.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Sexton, James T.	A. B.	Smithfield, W. Va.
Sheets, Paul F.	A. B.	Sistersville, W. Va.
Shutterly, Harold Wayne	A. & S.	Bridgeport, W. Va.
Smith, Homer L.	Eng.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Smith, Vernon B.	B. S. M. E. (Charter Member)	Morgantown, W. Va.
Smith, Erlyn L.	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Simms, J. Alderson	A. B.	Morgantown, W. Va.
Simmons, Jack	A. B.	Wheeling, W. Va.
Stanley, Robert J.	A. B.	St. Marys, W. Va.
Stalburgs, G. J.	A. B.	Logan, W. Va.
Stothings, Garnett J.	Eng. (Charter Member)	St. Marys, W. Va.
Strobel, Curtis T.	A. & S.	Logan, W. Va.
Taylor, Lynn A.	B. S. Agr. (Charter Member)	Wheeling, W. Va.
Tompson, Truman C.	Med.	East Bank, W. Va.
Timothy, Thomas C.	B. S. E. E.	Chester, W. Va.
Walker, William Wallace	Med. (Charter Member)	Chester, W. Va.
Walker, W. W.	A. B.	Winnona, W. Va.
Watson, Paul W.	A. B.	Clay, W. Va.
Welch, William H.	B. S. E. E.	Tunnelton, W. Va.
Winter, Harry S.	Eng.	Charleston, W. Va.
Wilson, Edward S.	A. B.	Madrid, Spain
Wick, E. William	A. B.	Charleston, W. Va.
Wheeler, Russel B.	B. S. C. E.	Clay, W. Va.
Woodford, Clarence H.	Eng. (Charter Member)	Clarksburg, W. Va.
Wysong, William P.	A. B.	Webster Springs, W. Va.
Zinn, Ralph H.	M. D.	Wheeling, W. Va.



## AMONG THOSE "WHO ARE"

### FAHEY, WILLIAM

Phi Delta Phi.  
Bus. Mgr. Athenaeum, '28.  
Editor-in-chief Athenaeum, '29.  
Mountain.  
Fi Batar Cappar.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Pres. Y. M. C. A.  
Editor Student Handbook.  
Press Club.  
Awards by Student Council.  
Religious Work Council.  
Lt. Col., and Reg. Ex. Officer, R. O. T. C.

### FEENEY, JAMES

Pres. Tau Delta Theta, '29.

### LIEPHART, CHAS.

Varsity Track Squad.

### REED, EDWARD

Pres. Tau Delta Theta, '30.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Captain, R. O. T. C.  
Blackguard Fusiliers.  
Chi Sigma Delta.  
Candidate for Senior Representative.

### BOARD, ALBERT

Tau Beta Pi.

### BENNETT, FRED

Drum Major, R. O. T. C. Band, '29.  
Kappa Kappa Psi.  
Chi Sigma Delta.

### SWING, LEONARD

Tau Beta Pi.  
Phi Lambda Upsilon.  
Highest Average of Freshman Engineering Class, '28.

### HAMSTEAD, ALVAH

Phi Lambda Upsilon.

### HOUCK, FRED

Scabbard and Blade.

### WALKER, RAYMOND

University Social Committee.

### FARNSWORTH, DANA L.

Pres. of Tau Delta Theta, '27, '30-'31.  
Student Assistant Chemistry, '24, '25.  
Business Manager of Athenaeum, '25.  
Phi Lambda Upsilon.  
Phi Beta Pi.  
Press Club.  
University 4-H Club.

### PICKERING, W. D.

Rifle Squad.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Blackguard Fusiliers.  
R. O. T. C.  
Red Dragon Casteliers.

### DE VOL, HERMAN A.

University Choir.  
Chi Sigma Delta.  
Pres. of Chi Sigma Delta, '30-'31.  
Junior Prom Committee.

### POST, CARL BRANDT.

Kappa Kappa Psi.  
University Band.  
Sigma Pi Sigma.

### SANDY, WILLIAM C.

Torch and Serpent.

### PRICE, CLAUDE M.

Freshmen and Varsity Track Squads.

### HYER, L. F.

Freshmen Football Squad.

### MARTIN, WAYNE S.

Torch and Serpent.  
Red Dragon Casteliers.

### SNYDER, MARVIN H.

Alpha Zeta.  
Phi Epsilon Phi.  
Block and Bridle.  
Grange.

### ASHBURN, HOWARD G.

Phi Lambda Upsilon.

### UNGER, W. H.

Scabbard and Blade.  
Red Dragon Casteliers.

### McCASKEY, A. E.

Scabbard and Blade.  
Red Dragon Casteliers.  
American Society of Civil Engineers.

### MUSGROVE, W. D.

Tau Beta Pi.  
Phi Lambda Upsilon.  
Sigma Gamma Epsilon.

### BENNETT, E. B.

University Band.  
Kappa Kappa Psi.



## AMONG THOSE WHO "HAVE BEEN"

### HAMSTEAD, E. E.

Pres. Freshman Class, '19.  
Soph. Rep., '20.  
Inter-Class Council, '20.  
Pres. Tau Delta Theta, '24.  
Debating Team, '22.  
Phi Alpha Delta.  
Blackstone Law Club.  
Pres. of Student Council, '20.

### SIMONS, JACK.

Letter in Football, '21, '22, '23, '24.  
Captain Football, '24.  
Hon. Mention Camp's All-American, '23.  
Mountain.  
Fi Bater Cappar.  
Varsity Club.

### McDONALD, J. E.

Letter in Wrestling, '21, '22.  
Alpha Zeta.  
Fruit Judging Team, '22.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Captain R. O. T. C., '22.  
Varsity Club.  
Non-Athletic Award, '22.

### CLOWER, J. I.

Pres. Tau Delta Theta, '22.  
Tau Beta Pi.  
Lt. Col. R. O. T. C., '22.  
Scabbard and Blade.

### NARDICCI, NICK.

Letter in Football, '22, '23, '24, '25.  
Hon. Mention Camp's All-American  
Team, '22, '23.  
Mountain.  
Fi Bater Cappar.  
Varsity Club.

### ROPP, C. D.

DuPont Scientific Award, '21.  
Student Asst. Chem., '20, '21.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Phi Beta Kappa.

### MANN, FLETCHER

Phi Beta Kappa.  
Phi Delta Phi.  
Debating Teams.  
Caravan.  
Delta Sigma Rho.

### BURTON, BEACHLEY

Phi Beta Kappa.  
Press Club.  
Public Speakers Club.

### McDONALD, R. C.

Letter in Wrestling, '22.  
Fruit Judging Team, '22.  
High Point Man in Fruit Judging at Penn  
State, '22.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Captain, R. O. T. C.  
Non-Athletic Award.

### GOODWIN, GEORGE

Pres. Tau Delta Theta.

### SAARI, GEORGE

Pres. Kappa Kappa Psi.  
Director University Band, '25.  
Director University Phi-Harmonic Or-  
chestra, '25.  
Am. Society Civil Engineers.  
Monticola Staff, '25.

### HANST, GEORGE

Mountain.  
Fi Bater Cappar.  
Editor and Managing Editor of Athen-  
aeum, '25.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Now Editor of Oakland, Md., Newspaper

### MAGEE, HOWARD

Tau Beta Pi.  
Lt. Col. R. O. T. C.  
Scabbard and Blade.  
Phi Lambda Upsilon.

### HARDY, MICHAEL

Letter in Football, '24, '25, '26.  
Mountain.  
Fi Bater Cappar.  
Honorary Athletic Award by Athletic Com-  
mission.

### MOATS, BEN

Pres. Tau Delta Theta, '26, '28.

### SMITH, ELLYN

Letter in Wrestling, '23, '24.  
Fi Bater Cappar.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Office of the President

March 2, 1931.

Grand Senior President,  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in recommending for your favorable consideration Tau Delta Theta Fraternity, which has been well established on our campus for several years. The group of young men has been active in campus affairs and above the average for fraternities in scholarship. It has conducted its social affairs admirably and managed its home in a very satisfactory manner.

It would be a pleasure for us to welcome Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to West Virginia University, and we believe that affiliation of Tau Delta Theta Fraternity with your national organization would be beneficial to both.

Very truly, yours,  
JOHN R. TURNER, President.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
Morgantown, W. Va.  
Office of the Dean of Men

Grand Senior President,  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Dear Sir:

I have been personally acquainted with the members of Tau Delta Theta Fraternity for the past six years. I have been in touch also with their organization, financial condition, pledging methods, and relations with alumni. I have watched them meet and solve fraternity problems and grow in strength thereby. I believe they are now ready for that new stage in their development which comes when a fraternity is accepted into membership by a strong national fraternity.

During the present year Tau Delta Theta has had about twenty-five members and nearly half as many pledges. It ranked above the median for all of our fraternities in scholarship last semester. Two of its members have been elected to Tau Beta Pi and one to Phi Beta Kappa this year. It has members in many honorary fraternities, including Chi Sigma Delta, Scabbard and Blade, Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Alpha Delta, and the Mountain. It is represented on our football, baseball and track squads. I have attended its social functions and found them uniformly of high standard. I have had no difficulty in securing willing cooperation with the University administration from this group.

I would consider it a privilege to have a part in welcoming Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to the campus of West Virginia University. I believe that the University, the petitioning local fraternity and Alpha Sigma Phi would profit by your favorable action on this petition.

Very sincerely yours,  
HARRY E. STONE,  
Dean of Men.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
Morgantown, W. Va.  
Office of the Dean of Women

March 4, 1931.

To Whom it May Concern:

My knowledge of Tau Delta Theta is based on observation of the social activities of the group and acquaintance with many individual members. In this first respect, the group has made and maintained a good record for those forms of social life approved by the University.

I have known many members of this group from year to year, and believe they compare very favorably with those of other fraternities on this campus, in scholarship and social standards. I am very glad to recommend them.

Very truly yours,  
MARTHA T. FULTON,  
Dean of Women.

MF:HW



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
Morgantown, W. Va.  
Department of Chemistry

March 2, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi, National Fraternity  
Gentlemen:

The men whom I have known as members of the local fraternity, Tau Delta Theta, lead me to recommend this group of boys for your consideration with the hope that you may look carefully into their records in connection with their application for membership. I believe you will find them satisfactory, and that their relationship with the University would prove of an advantage to the life of the campus. I recommend them to you and would be glad to have you inquire if there are any special questions that you would like to ask.

Very truly yours,

FRIEND E. CLARK,

Head of Chemistry Department.

FEC/VRW

SENATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

March 2, 1931.

Albert B. White, Parkersburg,  
To Whom it May Concern:

I have some personal acquaintance with the membership of Tau Delta Theta, a fraternity which has existed for many years at West Virginia University. The membership comprises a fine set of students and Tau Delta Theta is decidedly a desirable fraternity connection.

I am advised that a petition is being filed to become a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, and I cordially endorse the application and think that in every respect it will be a fine thing to incorporate this group into our fraternity.

West Virginia University is an old institution, with a highly honorable record and is expanding rapidly into a post graduate University, and under its new President, Dr. Roscoe Turner, will soon be one of the leading universities in the Middle Central Section of our Country, ranking with Carnegie, Pitt, Washington & Jefferson, Ohio State University, and others in its immediate section.

The State of West Virginia is expending literally millions of dollars in this expansion and the State and Federal maintenance appropriations approximate two millions a year. I speak advisedly as to the character, standing and prospects of West Virginia University.

With fraternal greetings in Alpha Sigma Phi.

ALBERT B. WHITE,  
Past Grand Senior President  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Delta Chapter ('74)  
Marietta.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Department of  
Physical Education

March 3, 1931.

To All Brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi:

I am personally acquainted with a majority of the active members of Tau Delta Theta fraternity, a local of excellent standing here on the West Virginia Campus. They are a fine bunch and we can make no mistake in granting them admission into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi. On the contrary we well be making a grave mistake if we refuse them admission.

West Virginia University under its new President, Dr. John Roscoe Turner, is just beginning a forward movement that will place this institution well up among the leading state universities of this country.

I am very happy in my own connection with West Virginia University as Director of Intramural Athletics. In this capacity I am enabled to meet and know a vast majority of the men students on this campus and can truthfully say that the general run of student here is in itself an excellent recommendation for the establishment of a chapter at this school.

I heartily lend my endorsement and recommendation of the men in Tau Delta Theta.

Sincerely and fraternally,

HARRY L. SAMUEL,

Lambda, '21.



**THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK**  
Morgantown, W. Va.

March 4, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Mr. Benjamin Clarke, G. J. P.  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

During the past four or five years it has been my privilege and pleasure to know and to be associated with the members of Tau Delta Theta Local here at West Virginia. Some of the Alumni have been close personal associates and friends.

I am glad of this opportunity to recommend to the active chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi the acceptance of Tau Delta Theta into our sacred Circle.

Faternally and faithfully yours,  
H. C. RIGGS, Delta, '12.

**THETA CHAPTER OF CHI OMEGA**

March 4, 1931.

National Headquarters  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
New York City, N. Y.

The Theta chapter of Chi Omega recommends the local fraternity Tau Delta Theta to the national fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi.

Tau Delta Theta is recognized scholastically, socially, and athletically on this campus.

THETA CHAPTER OF CHI OMEGA,  
West Virginia University.

**MU MU CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI**

March 4, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Gentlemen:

Mu Mu Chapter of Sigma Chi takes great pleasure in recommending Tau Delta Theta to your fraternity,

This organization stands out as a leader on our campus. During the past few years they have been very prominent in scholarship and athletics, and have held several major political offices. Above all, they have conducted themselves as gentlemen, individually and as a group.

We feel that your fraternity would make no mistake in considering them favorably, for their success in the future is assured.

Sincerely,  
E. S. WOLFE, JR., Consul.

HHB/ESW

**ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER  
PHI KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY**

March 4, 1931.

To the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity:

As spokesman for the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity it is my honor and privilege to heartily recommend the petition of Tau Delta Theta to your fraternity.

In the past four years I have had contacts, both fraternally and socially, with the petitioning body and never have I found them lacking. The members are true West Virginians and indeed representative of the Student Body.

In my opinion, there is a twofold benefit to be derived from the establishment of a chapter of your fraternity here. In the first place, your organization would benefit by having such a strong chapter in this locality. Secondly, the campus would be much better off with a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. There are now only 16 members of Interfraternity Council, the majority of which have been installed lately. For a school of three thousand students these 16 national fraternities are inadequate. I cannot impress it upon you too strongly that this is a fine field for a new chapter and I hope that you will see your way clear to thus honor the petitioning group in the near future.

DICK BIAS,  
Phi Kappa Sigma  
Alpha Gamma Chapte.



**ALPHA XI OF PHI KAPPA TAU**

March 3, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi:

This is to certify that the Alpha Xi chapter of Phi Kappa Tau recommends with great pleasure that Tau Delta Theta of West Virginia University be granted a charter for a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi at West Virginia University.

Very truly yours,

W. S. MILLER, President.

**WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA CHAPTER  
PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY**

March 2, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Dear Sirs:

It has been called to our attention that the local chapter of Tau Delta Theta is petitioning Alpha Sigma Phi for a charter.

West Virginia Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi by vote in chapter meeting has recommended that Tau Delta Theta be accepted by Alpha Sigma Phi.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES D. COSTON, President.

**TAU KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY**

Alpha Sigma Phi  
National Headquarters  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

The Rho Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has known and does know many of the members of Tau Delta Theta Fraternity. It is with pleasure that we recommend that Fraternity to you. Tau Delta Theta has figured well on this campus for the past 10 or 11 years, in social, athletic and scholastic matters. We would welcome a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi to this campus.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON,

O. D. Rinehart,

H. M. Bowers, President.

**WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA OF PHI DELTA THETA  
Morgantown, W. Va.**

March 2, 1931.

To the General Council of  
ALPHA SIGMA PHI:

We have been informed that a group of young men organized in West Virginia University as Tau Delta Theta Fraternity are petitioning Alpha Sigma Phi for a charter. We are glad to have an opportunity of recommending this group and saying a word of commendation in their behalf.

Their scholarship standard is high, their moral character unimpeachable, their house rules and business administration show that they are well governed and have one of the strongest local organizations on the campus.

West Virginia does not have enough fraternities to take care of the material that comes in every year. This condition becomes more apparent every year on account of the rapid growth of the University.

We sincerely believe that their addition to organized fraternity ranks of the institution will be decidedly beneficial, not only to themselves and the University, but to the general fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Very truly yours,

West Virginia Alpha of

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity,

By LAWRENCE M. EVANS, President.



**ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER  
ALPHA DELTA PI**

To the National Headquarters  
of Alpha Sigma Phi,  
New York City, N. Y.

On account of their outstanding position on the campus of West Virginia University, we wish to recommend the local chapter of Tau Delta Theta to your consideration. We should like very much to see a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on our campus.

**ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER OF ALPHA DELTA PI.**

Elizabeth Woods, President.

**ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER  
THETA CHI FRATERNITY**

March 4, 1931.

The Grand Chapter,  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
New York City, New York.  
Gentlemen:

We wish to recommend to you, for admission into your organization, the local fraternity upon the campus of West Virginia, known as Tau Delta Theta.

More nationals are needed on the campus of this institution and West Virginia offers a good field to any fraternity interested in expansion.

The members of this local group have a high standing in our college community. We have known intimately a considerable number of the young men who have been and are members of Tau Delta Theta for the past several years and we have found their organization to be stable and well-balanced. Its carefulness in pledging has caused its membership to consist of only men of the highest ability and character. This fraternity has, ever since its establishment, consistently maintained a place among the leading organizations, and its members have held and are holding prominent positions among the various student governmental, honorary, and social activities. Its members are very much to be commended both socially and scholastically and are truly representative of our student body.

The relative position of Tau Delta Theta as compared to the other fraternities in the light of student opinion is very satisfactory and, in general, Tau Delta Theta is a local that is deserving of the highest praise for its consistent achievements and its members both individually as units and collectively as a chapter are such as to give us extreme pleasure in recommending them and urging that their petition be given favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,  
E. WILLIAM NOLAND, Secretary.

**DELTA CHAPTER  
of  
PHI SIGMA KAPPA**

Phi Sigma Kappa House,  
Morgantown, W. Va.  
March 1, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
National Headquarters,  
New York City.  
Gentlemen:

The Delta Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa, located at the University of West Virginia, has instructed me to inform the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity that it is its sincere belief that in regard to membership, organization and accomplishment the local fraternity of Tau Delta Theta is worthy of and ready for the recognition and honor of being granted a charter by a national fraternity of high standing. It is because of this belief that we now seek to recommend this local organization to you.

This chapter would deem it a pleasure to welcome a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi to the campus.

Sincerely,  
THE DELTA CHAPTER OF PHI SIGMA KAPPA,  
By WILLIAM J. ROBERTSON.



**GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER  
DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY**

March 2, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

It affords me great pleasure in behalf of Gamma Delta of Delta Tau Delta to state that we, in regular meeting assembled March 3, 1931, went on record as unanimously favoring the petitioning of Alpha Sigma Phi by Tau Delta Theta.

Almost ever since the installation of Tau Delta Theta on our campus it has been recognized and respected by all of the National Fraternities as being able to compete with us in every field of competition which West Virginia had to offer.

Wishing them the utmost success, and pledging our hearty co-operation, I am,  
GEORGE L. COLE, President.

**KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY  
GAMMA PHI CHAPTER  
Morgantown, W. Va.**

March 3, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Gamma Phi Chapter of Kappa Sigma at West Virginia University takes this opportunity to express its high regards for the local fraternity of Tau Delta Theta, which is now petitioning your organization. These regards are based on personal and intimate acquaintance with the personnel of this fraternity. Tau Delta Theta has stood well in all activities of the campus since shortly after the time of its foundation in 1919, and has been able to compete with other organizations on this campus for scholastic, social and political honors.

Sincerely,  
CULLEN HALL, Grand Master.

**PI BETA PHI FRATERNITY  
WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA CHAPTER**

Alpha Sigma Phi,  
National Headquarters,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

West Virginia Alpha of Pi Beta Phi takes pleasure in recommending Tau Delta Theta to Alpha Sigma Phi, and believes that Tau Delta Theta is worthy of such recognition.

PI BETA PHI,  
Margaret E. Wells, President.

**PHI MU  
GAMMA BETA CHAPTER  
UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

March 4, 1931.

To the National Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

Gamma Beta Chapter of Phi Mu goes on record as recommending the local fraternity known as Tau Delta Theta to Alpha Sigma Phi.

We believe the young men of the local group to be of high calibre mentally, socially and morally, and we know of no action on their part that has been anything but honorable.

We feel that Tau Delta Theta would be a credit to your organization and that you would be making no mistake in accepting them.

Sincerely yours,  
VIRGINIA STANARD, Secretary.



**WEST VIRGINIA BETA CHAPTER  
of Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Morgantown, W. Va.**

March 2, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
Gentlemen:

West Virginia Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon takes pleasure in recommending the local fraternity, Tau Delta Theta, to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. We feel that this group of young men is indeed worthy of membership in this fraternity and that honor and merit would be added to its record through them.

Cordially yours,  
WEST VIRGINIA BETA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON,  
Signed H. R. Ridenour, Secretary.

**DELTA GAMMA  
Alpha Xi Chapter  
West Virginia University**

March 4, 1931.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY:

We recommend Tau Delta Theta Fraternity to Alpha Sigma Phi, because of the fine character of its members, and because of its high scholastic and social standing on the campus of West Virginia University.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) LOUIDA COLEBANK,  
Secretary Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Gamma,  
118 Willey Street,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

**PI KAPPA ALPHA  
640 High Street**

March 2, 1931.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY,  
Gentlemen:

It gives Alpha Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity great pleasure in recommending the local TAU DELTA THETA of WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY to your national organization. We know these boys personally and consider them the highest type of gentlemen and worthy of such a high standing national organization as ALPHA SIGMA PHI Fraternity.

TAU DELTA THETA, in the minds of the University students, is the strongest and highest rating local on the campus and I am sure it shall be very gratifying to them and to this local to have a chapter of your fraternity established on this campus.

Sincerely yours,  
J. H. McCHESNEY, President.

**ALPHA GAMMA RHO**

March 5, 1931.

Alpha Sigma Phi:

In our dealings with Tau Delta Theta, local fraternity, we have found it composed of men of whom any organization might well feel proud. We are glad to recommend them and we commend them on their selection of Alpha Sigma Phi for petition. It will give us pleasure if you give them the consideration they merit.

FREDERICK W. D. PARSONS, Noble Ruler,  
H. G. PETERSON, Vice-Ruler,  
RUSSELL ELLYSON, Secretary,  
RUSSELL G. SHEPPARD, Treasurer.



THE BETA PSI CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI  
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

March 1, 1931.

To Whom it May Concern:

Beta Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi recommends without reservations Tau Delta Theta the right to petition the national fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Respectfully yours,

PAUL MYERS, Secretary.

ALPHA XI DELTA  
Iota Chapter  
West Virginia University

March 3, 1931.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY:

Iota Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta recommends as a worthy fraternity, Tau Delta Theta to Alpha Sigma Phi national fraternity.

At West Virginia University they have attained both collectively and individually, social and political recognition. Scholastically, Tau Delta Theta ranks with the national fraternities at West Virginia University.

With this in mind, we feel that this fraternity is worthy of national recognition.

Sincerely yours,

IOTA CHAPTER OF ALPHA XI DELTA,

(Signed) Mildred Arnett, Secretary.

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER  
670 High Street  
Morgantown, W. Va.

March 1, 1931.

To the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity:

The members of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Kappa Alpha Fraternity are well acquainted with the members of Tau Delta Theta Fraternity and we wish to take this means of expressing our high regards toward the Organization. We are sincere'y glad to say that this Fraternity consists of a fine type of men, who take a very active part in the athletics, social affairs, and campus activities of West Virginia University. They are well established here and are well known on the campus.

We recommend the Tau Delta Theta Fraternity to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity highly.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA,

Albert J. Blair, Secretary.



Chicago, Illinois,  
March 30th, 1931.

To the Grand Extension Committee,  
Chapters, and Alumni Councils Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I refer to you for action the petition of Tau Delta Theta, local at the University of West Virginia, for a charter as a chapter of our organization.

This is the first petition to be presented for action under the Constitution and By-Laws as amended at the Ithica Convention in 1929.

This group as you will remember petitioned us heretofore but the action upon said petition was unfavorable. The last vote on said former petition fell short by only one vote of being sufficient for the granting of a charter. After the action the petitioners continued to show a desire to make further efforts to enter our chapter roll and so indicated in correspondence with the undersigned.

Upon my advice the matter of another formal petition was withheld as it seemed expedient to secure an expression of the 1929 convention as to desirability of having this group re-petition. The convention was only a few months away and a discussion of the whole matter by representatives of all of the chapters was considered quite material.

The 1929 convention did consider the matter of a re-petition by this group and the consensus of opinion was that the petitioners should again be allowed to petition. This opinion was practically unanimous.

A new petition has therefore been prepared in accordance with the views so expressed by said convention of 1929 and the same is submitted to you herewith for action in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws as amended with respect to Petitions and the granting of Charters.

You will note that I have attached to the petitions the reports of the committee who investigated the group when it submitted its first petition.

It did not seem necessary in view of these reports to have the whole matter gone into again in every detail and therefore the last committee reporting rather restricted its report to bringing the old reports up to date; hence the necessity of the old reports.



I desire you to note that the report of the Alumni Committee which investigated this group in connection with the first petition, was composed of three men who were very capable and men who at all times have had the interest of our organization at heart. (Unfortunately Brother A. H. Savenye has since been taken from our midst.) The active committee who investigated at that time was composed of three men from chapters located fairly near the petitioners and which men probably were in a position to know first hand a great deal about the institution and essential facts pertinent to our inquiry. The committee, which has just reported, you will note is composed of one active man from Delta and two alumni, one of whom, Brother C. W. Cleworth, is a member of the Grand Prudential Committee. It seems to me, therefore, that you have every reason to place full reliance and confidence in these reports and assume that the conclusions of the committee are based upon authentic information and are the result of mature judgment.

I will now endeavor to point out what seems to me to be the essential matters to be considered in passing on a petition and compare these requirements with the institution and group at hand. The essential matters and the order of their importance seems to me are:

1. The Institution.
2. What is the fraternity situation and what are the possibilities for a new group.
3. The Group.

#### I. The Institution.

We have here

1. A State Institution.
2. A broad curriculum.
3. Ample financial support by the State Legislature.
4. A president of the institution who is a leader and apparently believes in the value of fraternities.
5. A faculty of good standing (The percentage of doctors' degrees among this group being somewhat above the average of Universities and Colleges) and a faculty which is pro-fraternity.
6. A student body which according to the reports and my own personal observation can favorably be compared with a majority of the student bodies on the campuses where we have chapters.

It seems to me that the above statement of facts presents to us an institution which can be compared favorably with a number of the schools in which we now have chapters and from the reports of the committee, an institution which undoubtedly is rapidly coming to the front and raising its standards and standing among the Colleges and Universities of this country. Therefore, it seems to me, the institution is quite satisfactory for our purpose.



## II. The Fraternity Situation at West Virginia

This matter, it seems to me, should be considered from two standpoints.

1. The present fraternity situation on the West Virginia campus in so far as it warrants additional organizations from the standpoint of numbers.

2. The attendant conditions which may or may not permit a new group to be something more than just another fraternity on the campus.

(a) There are at the present time twenty-one national fraternities and three locals on the West Virginia campus. The groups are not large, having from thirty to thirty-five men, so that about 40% of the men on the campus are members of national organizations. The reports all indicate that there is available material over and above the requirements of the present national organization so that the question of requisite material is answered.

(b) What are the prospects or possibilities for the new group? Would it have an opportunity to bring itself up to a par with other outstanding groups on the campus? Is there a distinct line of demarkation between certain groups which because of age or otherwise would result in a new group for a number of years remaining a second rate group so to speak? Referring to the reports we find that they all indicate that the national groups now on this campus are desirous of seeing the group in question go national, and that as a national organization it would be admitted and recognized as a member of the inter-fraternity council. From my own observation, I find that all of the national fraternities seem very friendly with this group and the group seems to have already brought itself to the point where it is not far below the leading nationals now on the campus. I am quite certain therefore, that an aggressive new national would have every opportunity to make something of itself within a reasonable time.

## III. The Group

The last and of course quite necessary inquiry is with respect to the cause of such inquiry, the petitioners.

Our thoughts, with respect to the group should, I believe fall under the following heads and their degree of importance it seems to me is in the order named:

1. Personnel.
2. Scholarship.
3. Present standing on the campus and their possibilities if they become national.
4. Their method of organization and cooperation as a group.
5. Finances.



(1) In passing on the personnel of the group, we must rely practically and solely on the report of the committees. True there is something to be gathered from a photograph of a man and also from the nationality of his parents and his past and present student activities. The committees who saw these men and myself feel that the personnel of this group is on a par with the usual petitioning group which as a local does not have the opportunity to average as high in this respect as a leading national on the campus. There are, however, always a few outstanding men, as in the case of this group, and I believe, therefore, it is satisfactory in this respect.

(2) The scholarship of the group has been about average until this current school year when you will note from the letter attached to the petition, the group brought itself up to fourth position among the national and local fraternities totaling twenty-four. Their scholarship, therefore, seems satisfactory.

(3) By reference to the history of this group as set forth in the petition and the biographical sketch of its members, it seems to me one may be satisfied that this group as a local has secured ample recognition at West Virginia. There is no need for me to go into details with respect to this as the committee reports and the petition clearly show this. With such an aggressive group and conditions at West Virginia as favorable to a new group as heretofore indicated, there seems little reason why this organization should not prosper and thrive.

(4) My own observation and the reports of the committees indicate that this group is well organized, and that its members cooperate as a group, keep orderly reports and apparently are, as a body, interested in their organization.

(5) Referring to the petition, we find a financial statement of this group which it seems to me for a local organization is subject to anything but criticism. Early as an organization they purchased their home and have steadily reduced their indebtedness in connection with it. They have a nucleus for a better home which I believe they contemplate acquiring. Their indebtedness is not large and it is offset by current accounts receivable. My experience with this group has indicated that they have always handled their affairs in a business-like manner and we all know from experience that this is quite an essential thing for either a new or an old group. It seems to me we have little to worry about from the standpoint of finances of this group.

Conceding the foregoing to be true, that we have a desirable institution, a favorable fraternity situation and a reasonably good local, the question may be asked, "Why a new chapter?" The answer, it seems to me, is:



1. That we are a national organization and should therefore be national geographically.

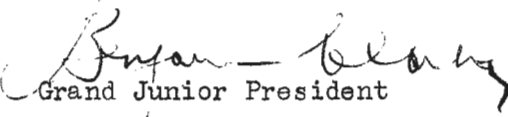
2. There have been repeated expressions by the fraternity as a whole and in convention that we should go South. The University of West Virginia, it seems to me, affords us an opportunity to expand in that direction. While it is not a southern institution, it brings us in closer proximity to the southern institutions which is, to my mind, a distinct advantage.

3. We have always considered that a good chapter in a good institution strengthens our chapter role and, I believe, this is true. We are not interested in just numbers but certainly the addition of another good strong unit should strengthen us nationally.

I direct your attention to the Constitution and By-laws for such action as you may desire to take with respect to this petition.

I refer this petition to you with the highest recommendation and hope and trust that it will receive prompt and favorable action.

Faternally yours,

  
Grand Junior President



January 26, 1931

Mr. Benjamin Clarke  
1155 - 38 S. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Clarke:

The undersigned, members of a committee of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity appointed to investigate Tau Delta Theta, a petitioning group at West Virginia University, visited Morgantown, West Virginia, on Saturday and Sunday, January 17th and 18th, 1931.

Since our mission was to supplement previous investigation and form a current evaluation of the petitioning local we will not duplicate information already supplied.

1. The State of West Virginia

The State is exceptionally rich in natural resources with coal, oil, gas, water-power, etc. It has a great many thriving industries. A large part of its area is rich agricultural territory, particularly suited for gardening.

Because of the fact that most of its natural resources are utilized and processed outside of the State maximum return from them has not accrued to the State. The University has proposed the training of real scientists familiar with the problems of the State who could devise methods of utilizing the natural resources within the State to a much larger extent than at present.



## 2. West Virginia University

Your committee met with President J. R. Turner who came to the University only three years ago from New York University. He has revitalized the University from top to bottom, replacing practically every department head and has put new life into those who remain.

Dr. Turner has sold the idea of a graduate school to the State Legislature, secured \$30,000 for an initial study of such a school and will ask at the next session an appropriation of \$900,000 for the construction and two years operation of a graduate division.

During his short tenure of office Dr. Turner has erected several new buildings ranging in cost from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

We were told on every hand that this man is a real educator and executive.

There are about 2600 students, 1700 of which are men. There are now 22 national fraternities represented and 2 locals.

Dr. Turner spoke highly of Tau Delta Theta fraternity. He said that there was a real place for another national fraternity there, and believed that this group would make a valuable chapter for Alpha Sigma Phi.

## 3. Tau Delta Theta

Your committee spent considerable time with H. E. Stone, Dean of Men, who has been there for nine years. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, which is not represented there, and has a son who is a member of the other local at W. V. U.



Dean Stone stated that the men of Tau Delta Theta are of exceptionally fine character - that no one of them has ever given him or others of the faculty any trouble - that their scholastic standing has consistently been above the average of the fraternities, and that he would give them his full cooperation in selecting new members. Dean Stone says that the group has been handicapped through its long petitioning to Alpha Sigma Phi, while younger locals have made desirable national connections, and believes that, were it to be granted a charter by Alpha Sigma Phi, it would very quickly secure a prominent place among the national chapters there.

Your committee talked with the president of the Interfraternity Council and was wholeheartedly assured that Tau Delta Theta would make a desirable chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi and that it would be taken into the Council.

Several alumni visited with your committee. Many of them occupy positions of prominence in business, the law, engineering, and education. They all promised full support of a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Three alumni of Alpha Sigma Phi are located at Morgantown. Brother H. C. Riggs, Delta '12, has for many years been an official of the leading bank there. He is a neighbor of Tau Delta Theta and has been a constant advisor to the group; Brother H. L. Samuel, Lambda '21, Director of Intramural Sports, is well acquainted with the group. Brother H. A. Smith, Delta '13, who has been in educational work since leaving Marietta, has entered the West Virginia University School of Medicine. These three brothers highly recommend Tau Delta Theta and promise careful supervision of the group. All three are in excellent positions to secure valuable rushing material. There are a number of Alpha Sigs throughout the State who would lend their support.

Your committee scanned the books of the group and finds them in good financial condition.

Their house which was bought advantageously for \$15,000 is being paid for regularly through a Building and Loan Association. There is approximately \$4000 yet to be paid on it. At an appropriate time the alumni assure full cooperation in financing a more modern house.



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There are fifteen actives and seven pledges. This is somewhat below former years. The same situation holds for the nationals there due to the business depression which has hit the state rather hard. The quality is perhaps better than in former years.

Your committee regards the men of this group as very suitable material for Alpha Sigma Phi. Many of the men are outstanding on the campus, they take their fraternity seriously, they work in harmony, they are cultured and hospitable. They would be well received in any of our chapters.

Dana Farnsworth, President of Tau Delta Theta, is a very capable young man. He will be in office until Spring.

William Fahey, their most prominent member, who has been out of school this year because of an operation, will return next Fall. He will insure continued leadership of the group.

Your committee recommends favorable consideration on the petition of Tau Delta Theta.

W. S. Wallace  
Iota '09  
Alumni Representative

Donald C. Bennett  
Delta '28  
Active Chapter Representative

C. William Cleworth  
Eta '14  
Grand Prudential Com. Rep.  
Chairman



Pittsburgh, Pa.  
December 7, 1926.

Mr. Benjamin Clarke, G.J.P.,  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
38 South Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Report on Tau Delta Theta Petition.

Dear Brother Clarke:

The undersigned, members of the Alumni Committee of Alpha Sigma Phi appointed to investigate Tau Delta Theta, a petitioning local at West Virginia University, visited Morgantown on Monday and Tuesday, November 29th and 30th. Our report on the group is as follows:

1. General Character of the University.

West Virginia University, altho small as state universities now run, is apparently offering its students a well rounded curriculum. It has practically all the departments that we look for in a high grade institution of learning and provides a sufficient number of courses in each department to insure a thoro academic training. The various departments with their undergraduate enrollment for 1925-1926 are as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arts and Science	884	646	1,530
Engineering	380	3	383
Agriculture	97	118	215
Law	125	3	128
Medicine	117	2	119
Pharmacy	<u>40</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>45</u>
TOTAL	<u>1,643</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>2,420</u>

The Arts and Science Department includes also the department of Economics, Business Administration and Sociology which offers an array of courses entitling it to consideration as a separate department. The Department of Education is also included under the Arts and Science School and a School of Home Economics is included under the College of Agriculture.

From a fraternity standpoint, West Virginia University appeals to this committee as being a good field for expansion of Alpha Sigma Phi. The attitude of the university officials is very favorable to fraternities and we were assured by everyone we met that there was no antagonism in the



state legislature. The Dean of Men and the President of the University are members of Phi Gamma Delta and many other fraternities are represented on the faculty. In addition there are no dormitories for men at West Virginia and faculty sentiment is distinctly in favor of establishing fraternities as means of particularly solving the housing problem.

At the present time there are 23 fraternities at this institution. There are 14 national, 6 local, 2 Jewish and 1 Italian fraternities. Both the president of the student council and the president of the inter-fraternity conference assured us they believed that there was room for more national fraternities on the campus and that they would look with favor upon the establishment of a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi there. The president of the inter-fraternity conference further told us their rules provided that a national fraternity had to be on the campus one year before admission to the conference. He stated however that he knew there would be no difficulty in the present group obtaining membership if they should be granted a charter by Alpha Sigma Phi. We wish to endorse the views given above as we believe this school with an enrollment of over 1700 undergraduate men this year provides sufficient room for considerably more than 14 national fraternities. Incidentally two of the other locals are petitioning Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta.

## 2. General Type of Men in the Institution.

West Virginia University enrolls most of its students from the state of West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania. Of the total enrollment of 1925-1926, 371 students were from without the state of West Virginia and most of these were from Pennsylvania.

Contrary to popular opinion we did not find the student body at West Virginia University to be crude and rough. The men we met, both within and without the petitioning group, would be at home on any campus on which we are now represented.

## 3. The Petitioning Group.

Tau Delta Theta fraternity was founded in 1919 by a group of men who had been in the service and who felt the need of forming a close social group or club. Their intention was to build up a strong local fraternity at West Virginia University that would not lose its identity and would be recognized as a desirable social affiliation thruout the state. Shortly after organization, thru a building and loan association, they purchased the property which they now occupy. After an existence of three or four years as a local the men began to feel that they were handicapped in securing members in their competition with national fraternities on the campus. They decided, therefore, to petition some national fraternity and thru the influence of a member of Alpha Tau Omega then in school selected that group as the recipient of their petition. However, shortly after the petition was sent in, they learned thru some source that the ATO chapter at Washington and Lee would not look with



favor upon a chapter at West Virginia University, (it seems that football relations at the time were rather strained and there were other sources of differences between the two schools) and, therefore, Tau Delta Theta withdrew their petition before it had been acted upon. This ended national aspirations for a time, but it seems that the urge was still there, for a year or so later they decided to petition Alpha Sigma Phi. We were informed that they selected Alpha Sigma Phi after a perusal of Baird's Manual. It was after this selection that they found an Alumnus of Delta Chapter in Morgantown, Brother Howard C. Riggs, who has since been very active in whipping the petition into shape.

Scholastically, Tau Delta Theta ranks above the average fraternity at West Virginia. We are attaching hereto statistics of scholastic standings of all fraternities for the year 1925-1926 which indicate the following:

At the end of the first semester of that year Tau Delta Theta ranked twelfth out of twenty-two with an average of 76.39. The average for all fraternity men during this period was 76.41. At the end of the second semester they ranked seventh out of twenty-two with an average of 79.68. The average for all fraternity men during this period was 78.04. This indicates that they not only bettered their position in fraternity ranking but also made a considerable improvement in scholarship during the past year. We are also attaching hereto a statement of the average mid-semester grades of the thirteen men who are now pledges of Tau Delta Theta. The average grade of the group is 77.8; if we leave off the standings of three men who are very low and who will probably be dropped due to scholastic difficulties, the ten remaining have an average standing of 80.5.

Tau Delta Theta appears to be fairly well represented in campus activities. One of their men is editor of the student newspaper, another is the first string fullback on the football team, several are officers in the cadet corps, one is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and various others are members of honorary societies. We were also informed that they have a system by which they interest each pledge in at least one campus activity.

We interviewed the Dean of Men, the President of the Student Council, the Commandant of the Cadet Corps and the President of the Inter-Fraternity Council regarding the reputation of the members of Tau Delta Theta both as individuals and as a group. From everything that we could gather they are very highly regarded and have never had any dark chapters in their past. They have of course had their occasional black sheep but it seems have gotten rid of them with promptness and dispatch. This was one point which the Dean of Men especially brought out, i.e. that they had always thoroly cooperated with him when called upon to do so.

There are at present 30 active members of Tau Delta Theta and 13 pledges. The actives are divided among the three upper classes as follows:

Seniors	9
Juniors	15
Sophomores	6

The pledges are divided as follows:

Sophomores	5
Freshmen	8



Thirteen of the men live at the house and twenty-eight of them eat there. They take in very few men from Morgantown as they have found, like many other fraternities that a large proportion of local students tends to destroy the coherence of the group. They appear to be well organized and to have in mind their future growth at all times. They take a personal interest in the scholastic standings of their various members and have an upperclassman advisor appointed to watch over the welfare of each pledge. Their alumni body is also organized and fairly active. It comprises at present some 60 or 70 members. We might add that only white gentiles are eligible for membership in Tau Delta Theta.

As regards morals we can only reflect the opinion of the members of the faculty and student representatives we met. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the members of Tau Delta Theta as a whole are high grade. We do know that they have a set of house rules in which drinking is legislated against very heavily.

For a local fraternity Tau Delta Theta appears to be very well situated financially. The property which they occupy is appraised at somewhere between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars, and is practically paid for. We were told that there is still a balance of three thousand dollars due in fairly easy monthly payments. They have no other large obligations and their furniture is clear. Each man boarding and rooming at the house pays a total of forty-three dollars and fifty cents per month, which applies on board, room and dues. They endeavor to keep their chapter roll somewhere between thirty and forty men and find when they do this and keep their table filled that they are in easy financial circumstances. Quite a number of the present group are partially supporting themselves and seem to find it no burden to do this and still keep up their fraternity affiliations.

#### 4. General.

We are attaching hereto a copy of the school paper, a fraternity questionnaire gotten out by the Dean of Men, and a paper published by the Dean, summarizing the results obtained by his questionnaire. We are also sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the university catalogue. We wish to submit these as exhibits which will bear us out in our recommendation as follows:

We believe that West Virginia is a suitable institution for the establishment of a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. We further believe that Tau Delta Theta local at West Virginia University comprises a group of young men whom we could heartily welcome into Alpha Sigma Phi. We therefore recommend that their petition be acted upon favorably and as speedily as possible.

Yours fraternally,

T. K. Heselbarth

A. H. Savenye

K. R. Burke, Chairman

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Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Benjamin Clarke,  
Office of Grand Junior President,  
38 South Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Brother Clarke:

The following is the report of the active investigation committee on the Tau Delta Theta group of West Virginia University at Morgantown, West Virginia.

I. GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE INSTITUTION.

- A. West Virginia University has an exceptionally broad curriculum which includes college of Arts, Science, Law, Agriculture, Mining, Engineering, Physical Education, Education and a two year course in Medicine. These departments are well provided with modern equipment. A new chemistry building has just been erected which would be a credit to any campus. The older buildings on the campus are in good conditions and those recently constructed, numbering about four, are modern in every respect.
- B. The University is especially fortunate in its faculty which includes an unusual number of doctors and full professors. The school as a whole compares very favorably with those in which we have chapters at the present time.
- C. There are thirteen national and seven local fraternities on the campus. Dean Stone, Dean of Men, believes that there is sufficient opportunity for three or four locals now there to establish themselves and become nationals. His opinion seems well justified. Dean Stone spoke very highly of Tau Delta Theta. It is the oldest local group on the campus, having been organized in 1918. The Interfraternity Council gave its unqualified endorsement of its petition to Alpha Sigma Phi and the president told us personally that the council would like very much to see this group go Alpha Sigma Phi.

II. GENERAL TYPE OF MEN IN THE INSTITUTION.

- A. The committee's impression of the student body of West Virginia does not carry out in the least the general impression of crudity and roughness of the state. If the culture of the state as a whole were to be judged from the evidence of that characteristic in the student body, a much higher opinion would result. We attended two dances; one was a formal school affair at which all the fraternities were represented. There was no evidence of the lack of breeding which we usually associate with the state of West Virginia; on the contrary, the men were of highest type and well worth association with even the most cultured.



- B. The student body numbers about 2700 and represents the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland very largely, in addition to students from more remote states. The University is a state institution and is therefore quite representative of all parts of the state, but the student body compares very favorably with those of similar institutions in which Alpha Sigma Phi has chapters.

### III. THE PETITIONING BODY.

- A. Tau Delta Theta was established at West Virginia University in 1918. They have been exceptionally active on the campus for a local group. They have had several football players that were given honorable mention by Walter Camp. They were the only local group, at the school, that ever had a member of their fraternity a football captain. They have been fairly active in other sports as well.
- B. The past year they stood twelfth scholastically among the nationals and locals there. This year they are seventh, there being only one national higher than they. At present they have the editor-in-chief of the school paper who is also connected with several other campus activities. They have several men on the basketball squad, and the regular fullback on the football squad is a Tau Delta Theta man. One man has just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and two others belong to Phi Bater Kapper, the junior honorary society, composed of the most active men on the campus. They have quite a few men associated with engineering and chemical societies on the campus.
- C. From the interview we had with Dean Stone we were led to believe that this group stood very high in the estimation of the faculty. He spoke very highly of them both as a group and individually. Their reputation with the other fraternity men that we met, and the Interfraternity Council president, all of whom gave them credit as being worthy of a national charter, was very good.
- D. They have both types of men so essential to a fraternity's success, the activity man and the inside worker. These groups are very well balanced. The men all seem to be very clean cut fellows with a high standard of morals and good breeding.
- E. This group seems to be very well organized. Their financial condition shows this as a good example. They all seem to be working to get their fraternity ahead. Their officers seem to have the organization well in hand and are very much respected by the members. We think Tau Delta Theta is exceptionally fortunate in having the large number of real leaders they have as their officers.



- F. This group has practically the same rules in regard to drinking, gambling and immoral acts within the fraternity, as we have in our constitution and by-laws. These rules are evidently well enforced. Brother Riggs of Delta, who has been acting as their advisor for some time assured us of this fact.
- G. At the present time this group owns its own house which is worth approximately \$25,000. This figure was given to us by Brother Riggs, who being a banker, is in a position to estimate the value of property in Morgantown. Their total indebtedness at present is about \$5,000, most of which is for improvements made in the past summer on the house. At their present rate of progress they expect to be completely out of debt in three years at the most, and at that time they hope to build a new house.

There is a little "deadwood" in the group, as one finds in every fraternity, but taking everything into consideration, we do not hesitate to give our unqualified approval to Tau Delta Theta of West Virginia University and hope that the chapters see fit to grant them a charter.

Fraternally,

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