

The History of West Virginia University

West Virginia University was founded in 1867 as a land-grant institution, it's one of 72 of it's kind now serving the nation. It is called a land-grant institution because of the Congressional act in 1862, which gave federally owned land to each state that then sold the land and used the funds to begin a college which offered courses in agriculture and engineering.

Since it's founding in 1867, W.V.U. has developed into a comprehensive university, offering 162 degree programs in 15 schools and colleges and it has become the center of graduate and professional programs. It's this intellectual variety and mix that makes W.V.U. an exciting institution for it's 19,000 students that study there.

Although W.V.U. is located in a small city in the Appalachian mountains, it is a community for students from most of the 49 other states and 65 foreign countries. W.V.U. has sent 17 Rhodes Scholars to Oxford University in Great Britain, far more than universities in neighboring states. Two-thirds of W.V.U.'s faculty members have doctoral degrees, they are graduates of 400 American colleges and universities and 75 foreign institutions.

W.V.U. provides it's students with a variety of off campus learning experiences: working in state mental hospitals, with social welfare agencies, as interns for the state government, performing with musical groups, summer over-seas programs and many others.

W.V.U. also provides its students with outstanding facilities, since 1958 it has been equaled by few universities, with more than 100 million dollars going into new buildings. The campuses in Morgantown contain 89 buildings on 800 acres, including libraries with more than a million items and over 7,000 periodical titles.

Because of W.V.U.'s intellectual resources, the Morgantown area is becoming the major research center in the Appalachian region.

COLONY HISTORY

In the early part of October 1980, Mr. Donald Stohl National Expansion Chairman, of Kappa Delta Rho, came to West Virginia University to talk to several students on the possibility of starting a colony. Three students, Vince McGourty, Donald Tasser, and Louis Spina, decided to start a colony here at WVU. By the end of November 1980, the group size increased to fifteen. Returning after Christmas break the group decided to appoint officers:

President.....Vince McGourty

Vice President.....Don Tasser

Secretary.....Louis Spina

Treasurer.....Janes Pyon

By the beginning of February the group numbered approximately 35. With these members the National of KDR took us in as a colony in April 1981. From October 1980 to the colony ceremonies the group grew from 3 to 35. Throughout this time the group held several parties and attempted to increase enrollment. The colony was lucky enough to find a house which they could move into the fall of 1982.

Returning from summer break the group found the house and themselves totally unorganized. We all knew it was going to be a lot of work but no one knew exactly how much work. Between trying to fix the house and trying to understand the process of a Greek Organization the colony only attracted two pledges. The problems in the house were numerous, ranging from laziness to financial problems. The colony had its bright moments and dark ones.

During Christmas break the colony purchased new furniture. The new semester also brought us a very succesful rush which yeilded 18 pledges. The colony raised \$204 by selling candy bars for Muscular Distraphy in the early part of the second semester. We also acted as a shuttle service, using our own cars, between the two campuses for variety night. During the second semester the colony had several open parties and three closed ones. The colony is now awaiting to become a charter in April. We now have 28 active members and 18 pledges.

WVU GREEK ORGANIZATIONS
FOUNDING DATES AND MEMBERSHIP

FRATERNITIES

ALPHA GAMMA RHO
1924
22 members

ALPHA PHI DELTA
1923
40 members

BETA THETA PI
1900
70 members

CHI PHI
1969
15 members

DELTA TAU DELTA
1893
60 members

KAPPA ALPHA
1897
69 members

KAPPA SIGMA
1918
25 members

PHI DELTA THETA
1927
38 members

PHI GAMMA DELTA
1974
30 members

~~PHI KAPPA PSI~~
PHI KAPPA PSI
1890
42 members

PHI SIGMA KAPPA
1891
65 members

PI KAPPA ALPHA
1904
60 members

PI KAPPA PHI
1938
36 members

SIGMA CHI
1895
100 members

SIGMA NU
1974
20 members

SIGMA PHI EPSILON
1903
100 members

THETA CHI
1921
36 members

SORORITIES

ALPHA DELTA PI
1924
39 members

ALPHA PHI
1930
87 members

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
1975
14 members

ALPHA XI DELTA
1905
88 members

GAMMA PHI BETA
1930
25 members

DELTA GAMMA
1951

WVU GREEK ORGANIZATIONS (cont.)

SORORITIES

DELTA DELTA DELTA
1955
63 members

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA
1906
101 members

KAPPA DELTA
1951
70 members

PI BETA PHI
1918
81 members

CHI OMEGA
1905
90 members

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Faculty Advisor
John Flynn PhD

BROTHERS

Andrews, George	Class of 84-Business-Intramurals Blemont, Mass.
Baker, Richard	Class of 84-Business-Air Force R.O.T.C.-Intramurals-Asbury, NJ.
Bashaw, Scott	Class of 85-Chemistry-Intramurals IFC Representative-Beckley, WV.
Blackson, Chrictopher	Class of 84-Engineering-IFC Rep- resentative-Student Waiter- Pittsburgh, PA.
Broome, Keith	Class of 82-Management-Rugby Club- Resident Assistant-Forum Festival Committee-Intramurals-Springfield, PA.
Combs, Kevin	Class of 85-Biology-Intramurals- Social Chairman-Ansted, WV.
Croft, Jeffrey H.	Class of 84-Business-Intramurals- Morgantown, WV.
Dozier, Edward	Class of 84-Engineering-Scholarship Chairman-Intramurals-American Society of Mechanical Engineering Hagerstown, MD.
Encinias, Gregorie	Class of 84-Business-Intramurals- Treasury Elect-McLean, VA.
Enterline, Eric	Class of 84-Business-Intramurals- Mt. Lebanon, PA.
Gerhardt, Gary	Class of 84-General Studies-Intra- murals-Alcohol Awareness Club- Rochester, PA.
Grissinger, Benjamin	Class of 85-Geology-Alcohol Aware- hess Club-Intramurals-Huntingdon, PA.

Homan, Kyle R.	Class of 82-Finance-Junior Tribune-Intramurals-Moorefield, WV.
Lehman, Scott	Class of 84-Accounting-Army R.O.T.C. Intramurals-Johnstown, PA.
McGourty, Vincent	Class of 82-Journalism-Consul-Intramurals-Lebanon, NJ.
McLaughlin, David	Class of 85-Business-Intramurals-Pontifex-Seoul Korea
Melton, Roger	Class of 85-Engineering-Intramurals-South Charleston, WV.
Mick, John	Class of 85-Engineering-Intramurals-American Institute of Industrial Engineers-Huntington, WV.
Noce, Paul	Class of 84-Business-Intramurals-Football-Pittsburgh, PA.
Ortiz, Mark	Class of 84-Pre-Medical-Intramurals-Bentwood, WV,
Pyon, James	Class of 82-Aero Space Engineering-Rugby Club-Intramurals-Quaestor-Springfield, VA.
Rasmussen, Dan	Class of 84-Psychology-Intramurals-Intramural Rep.-Rowayton, CT.
Riley, Shane	Class of 84-Pre-Law-Intramurals-Red Bank, NJ.
Spina, Louis R.	Class of 82-Aero Space Engineering-WVU Frisbee Team-Sigma Gamma(Aero Space Engineering Organization) Arnold Air Society-Intramurals-Syosset, NY.
Tasser, Donald	Class of 83-Marketing-WVU Wrestling-American Society Personnel Managers-Senior Tribune-Greensburg, PA.
Armstrong, Kevin	Class of 83-Business-Football-Intramurals-Rugby Club-Spencerport, NY.

Hudimac, Tony
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Class of 85-will return to WVU
next year due to accident

Hudimac, Scott

Class of 85-Chemistry-Intramurals-
Latrobe, PA.

PLEDGE PROGRAM OUTLINE

- I. \$70 Pledge Fee
 - A. \$5 National
 - B. \$50 Social
 - C. \$15 General Pledge Fund
- II. KDR Notebook (present at all meetings).
 - A. Names, Home Addresses, Majors, and Pinmates, etc., of Active Brothers.
 - B. Actives Signatures
 - Once at beginning of pledging, then checked at end to verify comprehension.
 - C. Pledging information and Fraternity weekly schedule of events.
- III. Scholarship

Pledges are expected to maintain an overall minimum 2.0 GPA. Pledges submit academic scholarship to Chapter Scholarship Chairman, who discusses individual study habits and study times. Updates are kept on Pledges academic progress.
- IV. Dress
 - A. Pledges required to dress casually but not slovenly for weekly pledge meetings. Neat attire recommended at all times.
 - B. Pledge Pins must be displayed at meetings and various Fraternity functions.
- V. Projects
 - A. Must help with Fraternity's philanthropic project
 - B. Must complete one general or maintenance project to benefit house appearance.
 - C. Share set-up, conduction, and clean-up of all social activities with active members.
- VI. Meetings
 - A. Pledge meetings held every Sunday
 - B. Work detail projects scheduled twice monthly
- VII. Others

Pledge class participates in IFC sponsored intramural league.

Social Program

We feel we have a very good Social program here on campus. We started out the year with band party. We had this party with the PHI SIGMA KAPPA fraternity on this campus. This party was open to the whole campus, so it got us some good recognition. The party was a big success, with over a thousand people attending the party.

For Homecoming we joined together with the GAMMA PHI BETA sorority to make a float for the parade, that also went off nicely because we established a good relationship with that sorority.

For Halloween, we had a date party for all the actives and pledges in the fraternity, we didn't have that great of a turnout for that party unfortunately.

We've also had a number of joint parties with the KAPPA DELTA sorority that worked out very well. Along with that, we've helped them out with a pledge function.

On the whole we feel we have a pretty good social program, but we would also like to add to it in the future.

OFFICERS

Fall and Winter of 1982

Scott Lehman	Consul
Gary Gerhardt	Senior Tribune
Dan Rasmussen	Junior Tribune
Greg Encinias	Quaestor
Chris Blackson	Praetor

KAPPA DELTA RHO FRATERNITY

Consul - Vincent McGourty 2.50
Senior Tribune- Donald Tasser 2.4
Junior Tribune - Kyle Homan 2.95
Quaestor - James Pyon 3.4
Praetor - Louis Spina 3.2

George Andrews 2.23
Drew Baker 2.1
Scott Bashaw 2.3
Chris Blackson 2.95
Keith Broome 2.5
Kevin Combs 2.4
Jeffrey Croft 2.9
Edward Dozier 2.6
Greg Encinias 3.3
Eric Enterline 2.3
Gary Gerhardt 2.23
Benny Grissinger 2.0

Scott Lehman 2.77
David McLaughlin 2.3
Roger Melton 3.5
John Mick 2.0
Paul Noce 2.25
Mark Ortiz 2.1
Dan Rasmussen 2.2
Shane Riley 3.6
Kevin Armstrong 2.85
Tony Hudimac
Scott Hudimac 3.73

We the pledges of the proposed chapter of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity, at West Virginia University, wish to petition Kappa Delta Rho National Fraternity Inc., for full chapter status.

During our period of colonization, we have tried to follow the guide lines and regulatios set forth by the national chapter of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity.

We have had our general meetings weekly, with our executive committee meeting when necessasary. We have also completed our fund raiser earlier in the year. We feel we have also established an effective pledge program, this spring we took in 17 pledges, one of the highest on campus. Our committees are also well established.

In view of the above information, and the fact that all of our members have passed the national pledge test, our colony is now ready to petition the Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho for full chapter status on April 24, 1982.

Respectfully yours:

The pledges of the WVU
Colony of Kappa Delta Rho