

A Petition for Charter to the National Fraternity
of
Kappa Delta Rho
from
the Virginia Commonwealth University Provisional Chapter

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Virginia Commonwealth: A Brief History

Overview

Virginia Commonwealth University is the state's largest urban university. It is composed of the academic campus and the health sciences campus, site of the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. Each campus is within walking distance of Richmond's government and commercial districts, providing a real-life laboratory for teaching, research, community service and health-care delivery.

The university's academic campus is located in Richmond's historic Fan district. Two miles away, the health sciences campus is surrounded by Richmond's historic Court End district. Many buildings, some predating the Civil War, are still used today, making VCU a national leader in adaptive preservation.

VCU was created in 1968, merging the Medical College of Virginia, founded in 1838, with Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917.

VCU has 20,000 students enrolled in 12 schools and one college offering 134 degrees at the associate, bachelors, masters, first professional and doctoral degrees. Forty of the degree programs are not offered anywhere else in Virginia.

As a comprehensive university, VCU ranks among the top 80 universities in the nation in attracting federal funds for research.

Health Sciences Campus

VCU's health science campus is one of the largest and most active university owned academic health care centers in the United States. It includes the schools of basic health care sciences, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and allied health professions. Only 20 universities in the nation have a

school in every health related discipline.

Academic Campus

VCU's academic campus is composed of the College of Humanities and Sciences and the schools of mass communications, the arts, community and public affairs, business and social work.

The School of the Arts is one of the largest in the nation and enriches the community with a wealth of cultural opportunities in the both the performing and visual arts. The Anderson Gallery was recently ranked number one among more than 1,200 museums applying for Institute of Museum Services general operating support awards.

The School of Business serves as a liaison between the academic and business communities. Its management center offers more than 200 programs a year for industry and government. The School of Business recently received a grant from IBM to set up an experimental economics laboratory, the only one of its kind in the United States to use a network of IBM personal computers. The School of Business is one of only three in the United States with a chair in real estate.

History of the Provisional Chapter

In the spring of 1986 several gentlemen at VCU began investigating the options of forming a new fraternity at the school. Through talking with various people on campus and contacting several national fraternities, Kappa Delta Rho was selected based on the professionalism of the gentlemen at the national headquarters, its outstanding reputation and the ideals for which Kappa Delta Rho stands.

Following is a list of the events that led to this petition:

SPRING 1986

The first meeting was held on March 20, 1986 in apartment 320 of Gladding Residence Center, fifteen men attended. The officers were elected and the By-Laws were written. On April 12 thirty-one gentlemen were initiated as the first brothers of our provisional chapter. The ceremony was held in Room D of the University Commons.

- At our meeting on April 14 of the same year, brother Chris Pinder introduced the now traditional chant, "Hiddy Tiddy,

God Almighty who the hell are we--we're the men of KDR, the best fraternity!"

- On April 27, sixteen additional gentlemen were initiated into the provisional chapter. This ceremony was held in the Rhoads Hall Multi-Purpose Room.

- On April 9 we held our first mixer with Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority at an ASA sister's house on Monument Avenue.

Before the semester was over regular meetings had been established at 10 pm on Monday nights in the VCU Business Building. Committee chairs had been assigned and the provisional chapter was establishing itself as a solid organization on campus. The members began involving themselves with community service, among them the Richmond Special Olympics.

FALL 1986

The members of the provisional chapter met on the first Sunday of the new semester. Basic goals were set to maintain our outstanding image on campus, and become involved in social, athletic, and philanthropic events. Furthermore, we began the process of recruiting new members.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- On August 26 we held our first social event of the semester: A Barbecue of shark meat some of the brothers had caught. We called it a "Shar-b-Que" and cooked it in the courtyard of Gladding Residence Center.

- A Halloween mixer was held with the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi.

- A mixer with the sister's of Alpha Sigma Alpha was held at Nikki's Italian restaurant.

- In mid-November a group of brothers made a trip to Radford College in pursuit of promoting brotherhood with that chapter, but you already know about that.

- At the end of November several brothers made a trip to Hampden-Sydney College to watch a football game.

- In mid-September we held Rush in the lounge of Johnson Hall. Out of this meeting came our Alpha pledge class.

- On December 5 we celebrated a successful semester with our first annual Christmas Formal at the John Marshall Hotel in downtown Richmond. The black tie affair consisted of dinner and dancing and was an outstanding evening for the brothers and their dates.

Throughout the semester informal gatherings and parties were held at various brother's houses. The purpose of these were to enjoy our brotherhood with each other and promote ourselves on campus.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

We have fielded teams in various VCU Intramurals including Volleyball, Basketball, Flag Football, and Softball. We have also held informal softball and football games with other fraternities.

In our first participation in the Greek Olympics we took second place overall. The brothers competed fiercely and had a good time.

Varsity sports and clubs represented by our provisional chapter include: Swimming, Diving, Baseball, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Rugby, Lacrosse, and Water Polo.

PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS

Understanding the importance of community service, we undertook to establish a system of identifying and involving ourselves with worthwhile causes. These include moving furniture for a Medical College of Virginia auction, cleaning up a yard and turning it into a playground for disadvantaged children, and working at a dance for Students Against Muscular Sclerosis.

FUND-RAISERS

To ensure a sound financial future for our provisional chapter we get involved with as many fund-raisers as possible. For example, we have worked two car races with the Richmond Concessionaire that were extremely successful. We have also worked two college football games for the same company.

LIST OF OFFICERS

- 1) Full Name
- 2) Year of graduation
- 3) Major
- 4) Hometown
- 5) KDR Offices
- 6) Campus Activities
- 7) Honors

Neal Louis Sweeney (Consul)
May 88
Physical Education, Sports Medicine
Cincinnati, OH.
Quaestor
Diving
KDR honor roll

Larry Traylor (Senior Tribune)
May 88
Mass Communication, Advertising
Callao, VA
Lacrosse, Weight Lifting
KDR honor roll

Steven Watson (Junior Tribune)
May 88
Business Management
Charlottesville, VA
Scholastic
SAMS
KDR honor roll

John Paul Wilson (Praetor)
May 88
Business Management
Richmond, VA
IFC, Cheerleader

Mark William Odom (Propraetor)
May 89
Philosophy
McLean, VA
Intramural Chairman, Philanthropy, Rush
Lacrosse, Philosophy, KDR honor roll

Raymond Donald Baldacci (Quaestor)
December 87
Business Administration, Finance
Richmond, VA
Cooperative Education, Dean's List, KDR honor roll

Daniel Scott Banton (Centurion)
December 88
Accounting
Richmond, VA
Special Events Chairman
College Republicans

Edward Tabb Justice (Pontifex)
May 88
Biology
Richmond, VA
Advisory
Cross Country

LIST OF BROTHERS

- 1) Full name
- 2) Year of graduation
- 3) Major
- 4) Hometown
- 5) KDR Offices
- 6) Campus Activities
- 7) Honors

Bryan Keith Aud
May 90
Political Science
Bedford, VA
IFC, Rush
Resident Assistant, Rugby (Vice President)
KDR Scholastic Award

Randolph W. Borges
May 90
Biology
Washington D.C.
Advisory, Social
Rugby

John M. Buhl
May 87
Business Management
Richmond, VA
Praetor
Cooperative Education

Anthony Joseph Cain
87
Mass Communication
McLean, VA
Petition (Chairman), Rush
Advertising, Housing, Mass Communications Internship, AAF
National Advertising Competition

Timothy A. Cassell
89
Marketing
Richmond, VA
College Republicans

Eric D. Cofer
87
Finance
Richmond, VA
Junior Tribune
Young Republicans

Richard Alan Cota
88
Marketing
Midlothian, VA
Philanthropy, House
College Republicans

Mark Christopher Creasy
89
Mass Communication
Buffalo Junction, VA
Social, Philanthropy
Baseball

Anil K. Dua
87
Business
McLean, VA
Intramural (Chairman), Treasury
Resident Assistant, Dormitory Government, 2nd Place Billiards

Patrick Daniel Dugan
89
Political Science
New Orleans, LA
Advisory, Scholastic
Cross Country, Activities

Mark Anthony Dunford
90
Business Administration
Hampton, VA
Baseball
KDR honor roll

William Leo Fisk
89
ROTC Administration of Justice

Dumfries, VA
Cross Country
Two Varsity Letters

Robert Cleveland Grizzard
87
Marketing
Richmond, VA
Finance
Marketing

Kenneth Carter Giles
89
Information Systems
Richmond, VA

Russel E. Hockaday
90
Administration of Justice
Richmond, VA
Baseball

Lee Johnson
89
Nutrition
Reston, VA
Rush
Swimming, Water Polo
Student Athlete Award, KDR honor roll

Micheal Scott Keller
87
Recreation Management
Sanford, NC
Finance
Golf, Honor Roll

Scott Klien
87
Accounting
Princeton, NJ
Social (Chairman)
National Association of Accountants

James Micheal Lewis
89
Information Systems
Alexandria, VA
Social, Rush
Concert

Anthony Jay McGeehan

87

Psychology

Reston, VA

Rush, Petition, Intramural

Psychology

Mark Murray

88

Political Science, Sociology

Alexandria, VA

Senior Tribune

Swimming, Resident Assistant

Jackson Hunter Miller

89

Administration of Justice

Fairfax, VA

Philanthropy (Chairman)

Judicial Board, ROTC, College Republicans

Eric Micheal Polito

89

Interior Design

Fairfax, VA

Petition

College Republican

Scott Jude Pennington

87

Marketing

Propraetor, Social, Pledge

Tennis, Cheerleader

Four Varsity Letters

Christopher Clark Pinder

87

Corporate Fitness

Yorktown, VA

Advisory (Chairman), Historian

Baseball

Four Varsity Letters

Terry Alan Pratt

87

Health Care Management

Littleton, CO

Intramural (Chairman),

Baseball

Most Outstanding Freshman Athlete

Harry F. Rapp

89

Mass Communications

Richmond, VA

Social

Intramurals

Peter Anthony Reynaud

89

Political Science

Richmond, VA

Social, Special Events

Lacrosse

David Keith Rice

89

Political Science

Afton Mountain, VA

Social

Lacrosse, Judicial Board

Paul Anthony Rzasa

87

Health and Physical Education

Chester, PA

Social (Chairman)

Physical Education

Cross Country

Jonathan William Shepherd

87

Business Management

Richmond, VA

House (Chairman)

Intern (Real Estate)

National Association of Realtors Grant

William Timothy Taylor

88

Business Administration

Philanthropy, Advisory

Intramurals

Andrew Joseph Gerard Tedeschi

87

Physiology

Providence, RI

Scholarship (Chairman), Pledge, Advisory

Baseball, President Recreation Student Association, Volunteer

Tutor

Dean's List, Student Athlete Academic Achievement Award, Honor Society

Richard Bruce Timok

87

Photography

Richmond, VA

Consul, Advisory

Wrestling

Frederick William Zeh

89

Waynesboro, VA

Business Management

Lacrosse

Social, Secretary, Alpha Pledge Class

Campus Fraternities

Alpha Kappa Lambda

Founded April 22, 1914

VCU Founding September 22, 1983

Alpha Phi Alpha

Founded December 4, 1906

VCU Founding December 5, 1973

Gamma Psi

Founded January 1, 1969

VCU Founding February, 27 1986

Kappa Alpha Psi

Founded January 5, 1911

VCU Founding February 22, 1974

Kappa Sigma

Founded December 10, 1869

VCU Founding November 10, 1972

Omega Psi Phi

Founded November 17, 1911

VCU Founding December 19, 1972

Phi Beta Sigma

Founded January 9, 1914

VCU Founding November 15, 1972

Phi Omicron Psi
Founded February 12, 1986 at VCU

Pi Kappa Phi
Founded December 10, 1904
VCU Founding November 19, 1982

Pi Lambda Phi
Founded March 21, 1895
VCU Founding January 26, 1983

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Founded November 1, 1901
VCU Founding November 15, 1972

Sigma Tau Gamma
Founded June 28, 1920
VCU Founding October 9, 1981

Tau Epsilon Phi
Founded October 10, 1910
VCU Founding June 14, 1985

Theta Delta Chi
Founded October 31, 1837
VCU Founding December 1 1972

Campus Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Founded January 16, 1908
VCU Founding October 17, 1973

Alpha Omicron Pi
Founded January 2, 1897
VCU Founding October 12, 1985

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Founded November 15, 1901
VCU Founding February 25, 1984

Delta Sigma Theta
Founded January 13, 1913
VCU Founding May 7, 1970

Phi Sigma Sigma
Founded November 26, 1913
VCU Founding November 21, 1972

Sigma Gamma Rho
Founded November 12, 1922
VCU Founding December 5, 1972

Zeta Phi Beta
Founded January 16, 1920
VCU Founding April 1, 1977

NOTE: The average size of Greek organizations at VCU is twenty-three members.

Pledge Training Program

The pledge committee stresses group dynamics and academics. The pledges are required to follow the program and work as a team. A variety of tasks and situations are presented to the pledge class and they are expected to make sacrifices for the team. They achieve unity, motivation, and a sense of pride.

The scholarship committee and pledge committee work as one unit to ensure that the pledges excel in their studies throughout the pledge period. The pledges are assigned between 6 and 18 hours of study a week. Under no circumstance will a pledge sacrifice study time for the program, but he is expected to sacrifice free time.

The program is designed to instill in a pledge the effort and enthusiasm required to be a brother and to be a well rounded, fulfilling experience.

Short and Long Term Goals

The financial goals of the chapter are to ensure that we have enough money to get situated at VCU and maintain a good tight and stable budget. Furthermore, we aim to implement a format for the budget so the chapter can be run in the black. Excess funds will initially be directed to the house fund.

Thus, after receiving our charter, getting a house is our primary goal.

We also hope to maintain a high degree of trust and communication with the administration of VCU.

Another goal is to establish working policy and structure that will help future brothers of our chapter to run a highly

efficient organization.

We feel it is very important to become involved with VCU Student Government.

And finally, to maintain our good relationship with the IFC and become increasingly involved with them.

Formal Request

We feel that our actions during the past year have lived up to the ideals expected of the Kappa Delta Rho gentleman. Therefore, we respectfully request admission into the brotherhood of Kappa Delta Rho.

Quotations

The question, "What has Kappa Delta Rho meant to you thus far, and what do you think it will mean to you in the future?" was posed to all the members. Certain themes came up again and again; brotherhood, striving for excellence, and unity.

Following are few specific quotes:

"Kappa Delta Rho is a group of united gentlemen working towards similar goals through brotherhood. In the future it will mean that I have a large group of friends that I can count on and that can count on me."

-Mark Dunford

"Kappa Delta Rho means everlasting brotherhood through trust, friendship, and love. The meaning of KDR is in the "striving for excellence."

-Chris Pinder

"Kappa Delta Rho has been my lifeline while I have been living off campus. Seeing brothers everywhere on campus has made a potentially lonely semester a friend filled and meaningful year."

-Mark Odom

"Kappa Delta Rho means a large variety of people with different

styles pulling all of their ideas into one common interest."
-Paul Rzasa

We, the gentlemen of the Virginia Commonwealth University provisional chapter of Kappa Delta Rho, would like to extend our utmost thanks to Mr. Donald L. Stohl, Zeta '54, and Brian Leckrone, Epsilon '86 for their tremendous assistance and advice in helping us to attain our ultimate goal of full brotherhood in Kappa Delta Rho.

Sincerely,

James M. Lewis

Anthony J. Cain

Eric M. Feltz

Mark Odum

Eric J. [unclear]
John Hunter Miller

John P. [unclear]

John Paul Wilson

Ray J. Rapp

M. Scott [unclear]

William L. Fiske

Robert C. Singard

Bryan F. [unclear]

Neal Louis Sweeney

Edward J. [unclear]

William T. [unclear]

Steven D. Watson

Daniel Scott Banton

Andrew J. [unclear]

Jon Shepherd

Randolph W. Briggs III

Lee A. [unclear]

James M. Crayton Jr.

Mark Munnay

Scott J. [unclear]

PROVISIONAL CHAPTER OF KAPPA DELTA RHO

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Fraternity shall be Virginia Commonwealth University Provisional Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The primary purpose of the Fraternity shall be the promotion of good fellowship among its members and the advancement of truth, justice, and virtue.

The Fraternity shall provide a source of identity and, if responsibly led, a source of dignity for every member. The Fraternity will be a significant force in preparing its members for the challenges of the complex life they must face. The Fraternity clearly recognizes the need for scholastic achievement, intellectual honesty, community service, personal and group fiscal responsibility.

Virginia Commonwealth University Provisional Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho accepts the opportunity of contributing to the general education of its members.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership of this Fraternity shall consist of honorary members, alumni, actives, and pledges.

SECTION 2. Honorary members shall consist of outstanding faculty members or other men of good repute elected by the active chapter, and approved by the National.

SECTION 3. Alumni shall consist of those actives of the Fraternity who shall have completed their work at Virginia Commonwealth University or those actives who, due to personal reasons, terminated their career prior to graduation.

SECTION 4. Actives shall consist of undergraduates, fully initiated upon completion of all requirements set by the Fraternity and University.

SECTION 5. Pledges: Prospective members awaiting completion of the requirements for initiation.

ARTICLE IV OFFICER

SECTION 1. President: The presiding officer of the Chapter. He presides at all meetings, enforces the laws, and serves in the capacity of general administrator. He makes all appointments to all committees with the approval of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. First Vice President: is the Rush Chairman and presides the duties of the President in his absence or incapacity. He will fill the position of President should the present President not be able to complete his elected term.

SECTION 3. Second Vice President: has full responsibility for all pledges and directs the pledge training program. He supervises the testing of pledges on the material required. He serves in the capacity of First Vice President in his absence.

SECTION 4. Secretary: the recording secretary of the Fraternity. He conducts all correspondence and keeps the minutes of all meetings in a permanent form. He maintains all initiation forms and the Bylaws.

SECTION 5. Treasurer: the treasurer of the Fraternity. He collects all fees and pays all bills, keeping accurate records of all money received and disbursed. He shall be responsible for preparing a budget for the forthcoming year subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6. Sergeant at Arms: the doorkeeper of the Fraternity meetings. He receives the handclasp of all initiates before their admission to Fraternity meetings. He maintains all ritual equipment and maintenance of the meeting room.

SECTION 7. Chaplain: Chaplain of the Fraternity. He has charge of all devotional exercises in which the Fraternity participates. Responsible for the Invocation before all Fraternity meetings.

SECTION 8. Housemanager: will be responsible for the care, upkeep, and cleanliness of the Chapter House or the Chapter room as the case may be.

SECTION 9. I.F.C. Representative: is the official representative of the Fraternity at all Interfraternity Council meetings.

SECTION 10. Executive Committee: shall consist of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The committee prepares the agenda for all meetings and deals with all special problems as they arise. The Executive Council will also assist the President in his appointments of the Social Chairman, Social Service Chairman, Intramural Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, and their committee members. They shall appoint other committees as the needs arise.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

Elections will be conducted the first or second week of the Spring semester. Nominations will be made during the Fraternity meeting prior to the election. All nominations for all elected positions will remain open until the elections. All members nominated must be in good financial standing with the Fraternity. Upon completion of the elections, the President and the Executive Committee shall meet to make appointments.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1. Pledges: to become a pledge, each upperclassman to be considered must have a "C" average. Freshmen requirements will follow those set by the I.F.C. All rushees must be approved by a vote of the actives of the Fraternity to become pledges by receiving no more than 25% negative votes. Although a rushee did not receive a bid as a result of the first voting, the Rushing Chairman may present his name before the actives for another vote. Should the rushee again not receive a favorable vote, his name will be retired from the Fraternity's list of rushees.

SECTION 2. Actives: to become initiated as a full member of the Fraternity, each pledge must complete all requirements set by the National Fraternity, the Chapter, and the local I.F.C.; have completed all financial requirements; and receive no more than 25% negative votes from the active membership prior to the initiation.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

SECTION 1. All financial requirements set by the Fraternity upon its membership shall be purposed by the Executive Committee and approved by vote of the active membership.

SECTION 2. The treasurer will prepare a budget of income and expenses which must be approved by vote of the active membership.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the active Fraternity shall be held every Monday beginning at 10:00 p.m. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. At all regular meetings a majority of 75% of members will be required to conduct any business.

SECTION 3. Permission may be given by the Executive Committee to any active member to be absent from a meeting providing it is approved.

SECTION 4. Any member being absent from a meeting without permission shall be fined \$5.00. Any member being late will be fined \$1.00 every minute late up to \$5.00.

SECTION 5. The secretary will call roll upon the President opening the meeting.

ARTICLE IX RUSHING

Because of the importance of all rushing functions, all members will be required to attend. All members means actives and pledges. Those not present will be fined \$5.00.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by 75% of all members at a regular meeting. The purpose of the proposed amendment having been presented one meeting prior to its call for approval.

By-Laws

A. Repetitive Absences:

- 1) No one may miss more than three (3) unexcused meetings. Anyone who does:
 - a) will be put on probation, which means they will not be allowed to attend social functions.
- 2) These unexcused absences may be worked off by completing as many community service projects as meetings missed.
- 3) Anyone who misses four (4) meetings without being excused from them will be dismissed from the fraternity.

B. Payment of Dues:

- 1) All dues must be paid by the announced deadline. If this is not possible the individual must make acceptable arrangements for payment with the treasurer.
- 2) The indebted brother is not permitted to re-enter any chapter meeting until he has satisfied his financial responsibilities. The meetings that he does miss while he is indebted will be counted as unexcused absences.
- 3) An indebted brother will not be permitted to participate in any fraternity activities- social or non-social.

C. Fines:

All fines must be paid no later than two (2) weeks after they are charged. Failure to pay will be treated in the same manner as unpaid dues. Fines may be worked off within that semester but activities will be restricted until they are paid off.

D. Behavior-Discipline:

Any disciplinary action against a brother will be taken as decided by the advisory Committee in accordance with our by-laws and related guidelines.

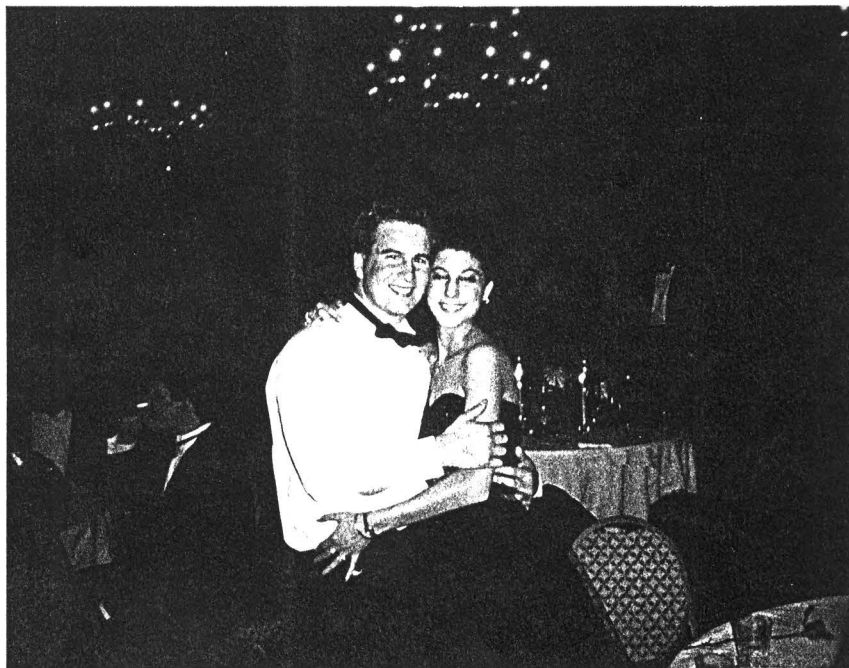
Intramural Football 1986



Stocking up for the
"Shar-B-Que"



1986 Winter Formal
at
The John Marshall Hotel



Hampden-Sydney Trip Fall 1986



Spring Rush
1987



"How Low Can You Go?"

