

Alpha Kappa Chapter

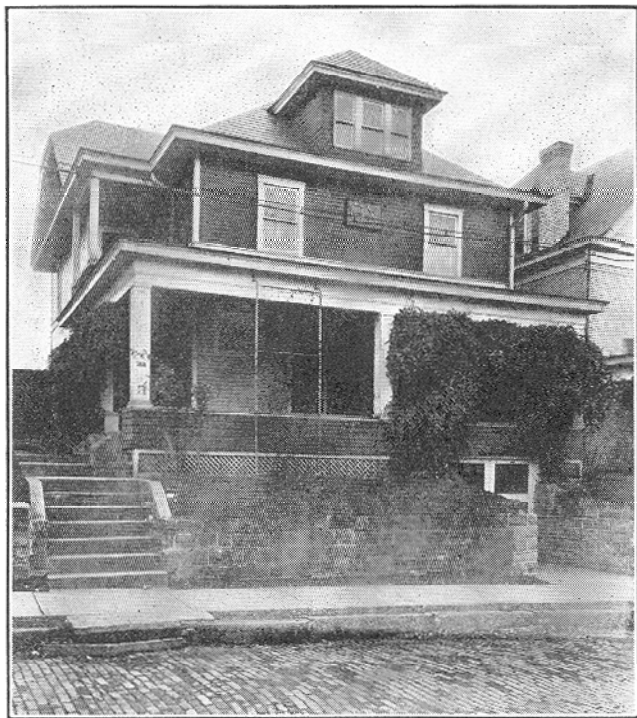
West Virginia University
316 Cobun Avenue
Morgantown, W. Va.

The history of Sigma Alpha which later became Alpha Kappa Chapter dates back to a discussion of the various fraternities and fraternity life at West Virginia University which took place in front of the old Strand Theatre on the evening of May 2, 1919, between G. Burton McIntire and Ray J. Frame, both members of the sophomore class of that year. This talk resulted in a decision that there was room for additional social fraternities at West Virginia University, and as a result Sigma Alpha was officially launched September 22nd that same year with the following charter members: J. H. French, William C. Fisher, O. F. Hedrick, J. P. Lilly, Thomas F. Lowry, Dana T. Moore and Fonz Prather.

Less than a year later, June 19, 1920, Sigma Alpha petitioned Theta Chi for a charter. The charter was subsequently granted and on March 18th and 19th, 1921, Alpha Kappa Chapter of Theta Chi was officially installed at West Virginia University. Those most instrumental in bringing about the affiliation of Theta Chi were Roland H. Patch, Theta; James L. Thornton, Nu, and Bernard A. McIlhany, Nu.

The committee charged with inducting Sigma Alpha into Theta Chi consisted of: Frank H. Schrenk, Kappa; W. S. Ashborn, Xi; B. A. McIlhany, Nu; Roland H. Patch, Theta; B. W. Mahon, Omicron, and Major J. Henry Beazley, Kappa. This committee was assisted by James L. Thornton, Nu, and K. C. Westover, Zeta.

The house now occupied by Alpha Kappa was purchased in 195 by the alumni Corporation of the chapter and as is the usual case was rented to the active chapter. It is conveniently located both to the campus and to the city of Morgantown. While it is less pretentious than a great many of the homes occupied by Theta Chi chapters it is nevertheless representative of the fraternity houses at West Virginia



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Statistics

Number of initiated members to September, 1927: 127.

Average size of chapter: 35.

Name and frequency of chapter publication: Snake, discontinued.

Both members and pledges may live in the chapter house.

The chapter operates a dining room.

Alpha Kappa owns its own home, value \$14,500, and addition property, value \$6,300.

West Virginia University

West Virginia University was founded in 1867 as the College of Agriculture of West Virginia under the land act of Congress of 1862. In 1868 the name was changed to West Virginia University. It is located at Morgantown on the Monongahela River, one hundred miles South of Pittsburgh. During the school year 1926-27 the university had an enrollment of approximately 1700 men and half as many women. Fifteen national social fraternities have chapters at the University of which number Theta Chi was the eleventh to be established.

Morgantown, the home of the University, is a town of 13,000 people and may be conveniently reached from Pittsburgh on the North or from the capitol city of the State, Charleston, on the South.