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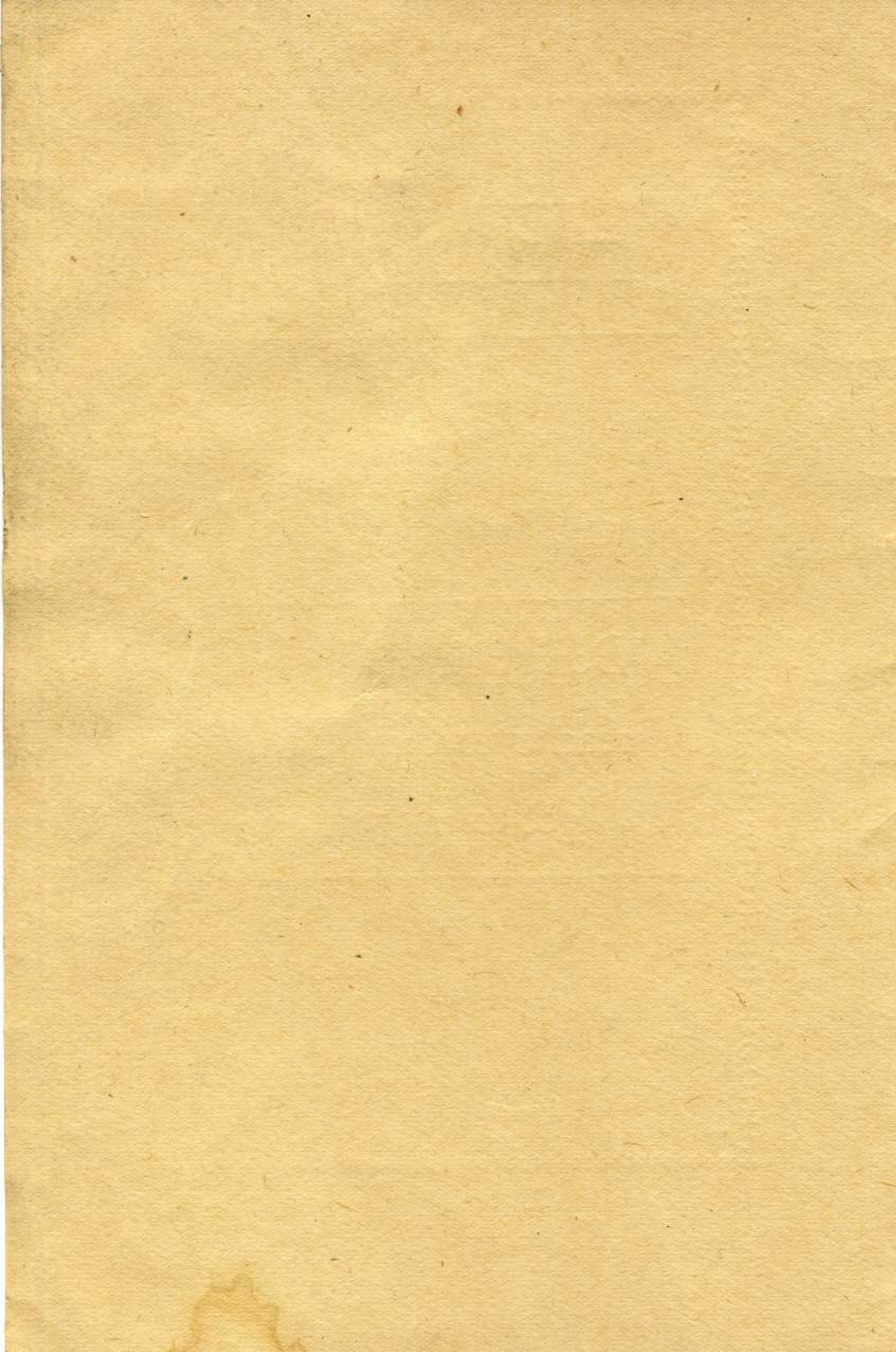


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Don't quit until you  
read everything I've  
got to tell you

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A message from  
Alpha Gamma Chapter  
of  
Phi Kappa Sigma  
to  
all her alumni

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By Alpha Gamma Chapter of  
Phi Kappa Sigma,  
West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Alpha Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma was organized at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, January 15th, 1896, by

Claude Wilson Maxwell,  
Harry Outen Cole,  
Howard Ralph Crossland,  
George H. F. Holy  
Campbell Forest Lowther  
Robert Deen Hieronimus  
James Curry Long  
Buckner Fairfax Scott  
John Ross Eakin  
Lyle Montgomery Ranson

A glance at this list of men will show that we have ten charter members of whom the fraternity can justly be proud. All have attained prominence in their respective fields and the chapter points with pride to each and every name affixed to her charter.

When Alpha Gamma was first organized, there was no regular meeting place, the chapter gathering at the rooms of the various members. In 1899, the first permanent place was secured, one room, which was occupied until 1901, when two rooms were secured in the Postoffice Building. In 1903, four rooms were taken in the Brown Building, these being occupied until the following year, 1904, at which time the chapter moved into six rooms in the Dering Building, more historically known as the "White Elephant." In 1906, the fraternity secured a house on North Spruce Street, and lived there during 1906, 1907 and 1908.

On March 2nd, 1908, a new house erected by Senator Joseph H. McDermott, whom every alumnus remembers with love and gratitude, was taken over by the fraternity, located at 230 Kirk Street, next door to the McDermott home, where the chapter has lived continuously since that time, making a period of twelve years. The location is most desirable, and the accommodations afforded at that time were ample for the needs of the chapter then.

However, the time has come when Alpha Gamma, if she is to maintain her standing among the other fraternities, simply must have a home of her own, one that is sufficiently large to take care of the rapidly expanding needs of the chapter. During the past three or four years, the chapter has spared no pains to build up a most excellent personnel, and if the good work is to continue, we must take care at once of the crying need for an adequate home for Phi Kappa Sigma.

At West Virginia University, there are ten chapters of national fraternities, and three local fraternities who expect to secure charters from national fraternities in the near future.

Phi Kappa Psi was founded at West Virginia in 1890, and has an excellent standing in school, due in a great measure to the advantages made available through having a home of their own, one large enough to properly take care of their needs.

Phi Sigma Kappa was founded at West Virginia in 1891, and owns her own home, which is a great help toward getting a good membership.

Sigma Chi was founded here in 1895, and owns a splendid home at the top of North High Street. This chapter has a good enrollment of representative men and this is another case of a fraternity being helped by having the proper kind of a home.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA was founded at West Virginia in 1896, and stands fourth in the order of founding. SHE DOES NOT OWN HER OWN HOME, but most certainly does need one right now, at the present time.

Kappa Alpha was founded in 1896, after Phi Kappa Sigma was established, and this fraternity lives in its own property.

Delta Tau Delta, founded in 1900, lives in its own house, and has been thus aided in securing a good membership.

Beta Theta Pi, established here in 1901, does not own her own home, but nevertheless has been endeavoring to purchase one.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, a very young fraternity nationally, owns a home for which they paid \$20,000, and this chapter does not have one fifth the number and strength in alumni as that of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Sigma Nu, founded in 1904, is at the present time completing plans for the purchase of a home.

Kappa Sigma, established at West Virginia in 1918, has purchased a home, with practically no alumni backing at all.

Sigma Alpha, a local fraternity organized in 1919, has purchased a house for \$10,000.

Tau Delta Theta, a local fraternity organized in 1919, has also purchased a home for which they paid a like amount.

Phi Delta Lambda, another local fraternity organized in 1919, has made arrangements for the purchase of a home.

Now, let's think these things over a minute. You see, your own fraternity is the only one of the older established chapters that is still without a home of her own.

Further, most of the *younger* chapters have bought homes, and the noteworthy feature in those cases is that they do not have the alumni strength that we have, while the local fraternities have no backing whatever.

Also, West Virginia University is rapidly growing, the enrollment last year nearing the 1700 mark. Fraternities must likewise increase in membership. The greater number of students the greater number of good men there are that the fraternities cannot ignore.

It is simply a question whether we must continue to get along in our old place, hampered and prevented from keeping our head up with the rest of the frats! It is a life and death proposition!

Heretofore, various schemes and propositions have been advanced with the idea of securing a house, but none have been as promising as this one, and none have been as downright practical and feasible as this one.

The plan in brief is this: We have, with the endorsement and hearty approval of the Morgantown alumni, secured a contract of sale with Mrs. Knutti, the owner of the property, at \$18,500. This contract of sale in effect provides for the payment of \$1000 down on signing the contract, which sum was duly paid, \$500 further on July 10th, and the remainder on September 15th, 1920. For the purpose of putting the proposition over, the Alpha Gamma Chapter Building Association has been organized and a charter secured from the Secretary of State.



The method adopted for raising the money is this: raise one half by subscription and donation from our alumni, and the other half by a long time loan. We are already carrying some Building and Loan stock, and will arrange to pay into the Building and Loan enough money each month, so that when the long time loan comes due, there will have been enough paid into the B. & L. to pay off the loan.

It is unnecessary to go into detail about the features of the financial plan, but all the local alumni in Mor-

gantown, practically all of whom are good business men and lawyers, say without hesitation that the plan is entirely feasible, and that if we raise the one-half, there will be no difficulty in putting the thing across.

Here are some pictures of the place, which will give an idea of the kind of a place it is, and the kind of a home that you will be proud to visit in the future, when we lick W. & J. every Thanksgiving!

Why, sometimes we think it will be a dream if we ever get into this house and live in it like one big family, and whenever you come to Morgantown, you'll be a brother in the big family, just as we all are!

Now, when a member of the active chapter comes around to see you, and brings all the papers and "dope" with him, why you bring out this little book, and remember some of the facts that were given you in it, and why doggone it you will feel like mortgag-

ing your own home and giving us the proceeds. But you won't have to do that. Just give all you can till it hurts, and remember the good cause that you gave it for!

Why, confound it, we're bound to put this across!  
We simply can't fail!

Earnestly, sincerely and fraternally,

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER.

