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PETITION OF
WILLIAM P. WILLEY
LAW CLUB

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

MORGANTOWN,
WEST VIRGINIA

TO

PHI ALPHA DELTA
LAW FRATERNITY

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TO SUPREME EXECUTIVE BOARD

AND THE

CHAPTERS OF PHI ALPHA DELTA

LAW FRATERNITY

We, the undersigned, regular students in the College of Law, West Virginia University, situated at Morgantown, West Virginia, hereby petition for permission to organize a Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity at the above institution, and to that end we respectfully ask to be initiated into your Fraternity, and that you grant us, when initiated, a charter as a subordinate chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

We severally agree to abide by the constitution and the rules of said Fraternity, if accepted as charter members of a subordinate chapter thereof.

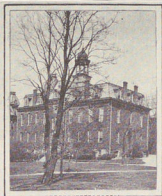
Should a chapter be granted in accordance with this petition, we desire the name of the chapter to be; WILLIAM P. WILLEY CHAPTER OF PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY.

Dated at Morgantown, West Virginia, this 14th day of November, 1924.

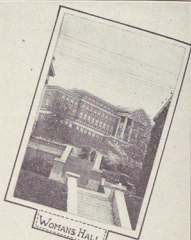
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Forrest D. Douglas.....	Senior
Hardin R. Harmer.....	Senior
George Dana Herold.....	Senior
Chauncey D. Hinerman.....	Senior
Ezra E. Hamstead.....	Senior
Walter Everett Mahan.....	Senior
Earl L. Eakle.....	Senior
John N. Charnock.....	Senior
Warren F. Morris.....	Senior
K. Douglas Bowers.....	Senior
Ulysses G. Young, Jr.....	Junior
John L. Whitten, Jr.....	Junior
Paul B. Ware.....	Junior
Wilbur C. Perry.....	Junior
Charles F. Gore.....	Junior



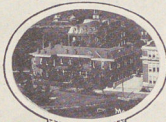
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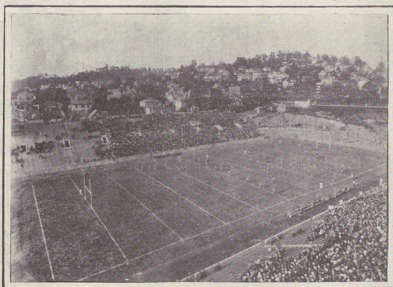
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PETITIONERS' INDIVIDUAL DATA.

FRANCIS L. WARDER

Of Grafton, West Virginia. Born July 12, 1903. Graduate Grafton High School, 1921; Student editor of West Virginia Law Quarterly; Press Club; President of Blackstone Club; Beta Theta Pi.

BERTIE L. DAMRON

Of Williamson. Born August 21, 1904. Graduate of Concord State Normal; Attended Old Point Comfort, Greenbrier Military School; Emory and Henry; Ohio Military Institute; Baseball; Glee Club; Tennis 1923-24; 2nd Lieutenant R. O. T. C.; Secretary of Blackstone Club; Sigma Nu.

FORREST D. DOUGLAS, A. B.

Of Buckhannon, West Virginia. Born September 25, 1897. Graduate West Virginia Wesleyan Academy; Graduate West Virginia Wesleyan, 1921; Webster Debating Club; Chrestomathean Literary Society; Pharos; Press Club.

HARDIN R. HARMER, A. B.

Of Shinnston, West Virginia. Born July 12, 1899. Cadet Major; Military Ball and Dance Committee; University Dance Committee; Scabbard and Blade; Aeropagus; President West Virginia University Student Body; Beta Theta Pi.

GEORGE DANA HEROLD, A. B.

Of Summersville, West Virginia. Born November 14, 1898. Graduate Sutton High School, 1916; Graduate West Virginia University, 1924; Attended Washington and Lee University; University of Michigan; Football 1920-21; Mason; Phi Sigma Kappa.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW HINERMAN

Of Cameron, West Virginia. Born March 7, 1900. Graduate Cameron High School; Mountain; Editor-in-Chief Monticola, 1924; Business Manager Athenaeum; President Senior Law Class, 1924-25; Kappa Alpha.

EZRA E. HAMSTEAD

Of Morgantown, West Virginia. Born January 16, 1897. Graduate Keyser Preparatory School; Baseball; Inter Class Council, 1919-20; Debating Council, 1920-21; Tau Delta Theta.

WALTER EVERETT MAHAN

Of New Martinsville, West Virginia. Born June 23, 1902. Graduate Steubenville High School, 1920; Mountain; Knights of Pythias; Elk; Mason; Varsity Club; Football 1922-23-24; Areopagus; President Junior Law Class, 1923-24; Kappa Alpha.



Whitten	Ware	Charnock	Harmer	Hinerman	Gore
Damron	Perry	Mahan	Warder	Morris	Young
					Douglas
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EARL L. EAKLE, A. B.

Of Clay, West Virginia. Born February 22, 1899. Graduate Clay County High School, 1918; University of Arizona; West Virginia University, 1923; Square and Compass; Debating Council; Dramatic Club; Mason; Tau Delta Theta.

JOHN N. CHARNOCK

Of Charleston, West Virginia. Born February 14, 1903. Graduate Charleston High School; Treasurer Senior Law Class; Band; Mason; Tau Delta Theta.

WARREN F. MORRIS

Of New Martinsville, West Virginia. Born February 20, 1899. Graduate Magnolia High School, 1918; Football; Wrestling; Tau Delta Theta.

KARL DOUGLAS BOWERS

Of Kansas City, Missouri. Born January 28, 1901. Graduate Washington-Irving High School, Clarksburg, West Virginia, 1920; Torch and Serpent; Scabbard and Blade; Mountain; Athletic Board; Football, 1920-21-22-23; Basketball, 1921-22-23-24; President Varsity Club; President Sphinx; President Sophomore Class, 1921-22; Student Council, 1921-22; Phi Sigma Kappa.

ULYSSES G. YOUNG, JR. A. B.

Of Buckhannon, West Virginia. Born 1902. Graduate Buckhannon High School, 1918; Graduate West Virginia Wesleyan, 1923; Excelsior Literary Society; Band; Business Manager Year Book, 1922; Varsity Football, 1921-22; Mason; Phi Kappa Psi.

JOHN L. WHITTEN, JR.

Of Huntington, West Virginia. Born June 5, 1898. Graduate Point Pleasant High School; Attended Miami University; Delta Upsilon.

WILBUR C. PERRY

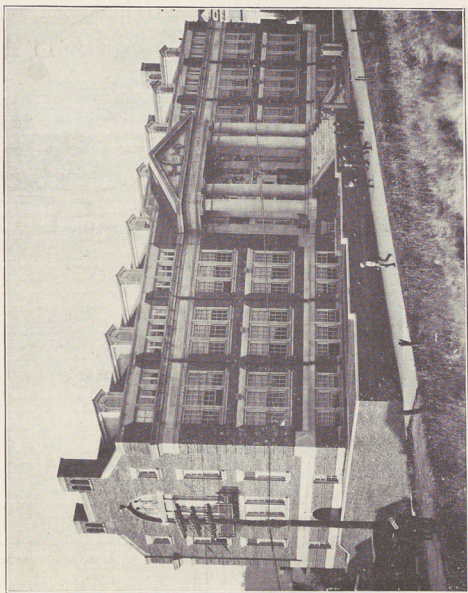
Of Huntington, West Virginia. Born November 10, 1901. Graduate Greenbrier Military School; Sigma Chi.

PAUL B. WARE, A. B.

Of Philippi, West Virginia. Born February 16, 1902. Graduate Philippi High School; Broadus College; Knights of Pythias; Delta Kappa Psi.

CHARLES FINDLEY GORE

Of Charleston, West Virginia. Born June 8, 1903. Graduate Mann High School; Attended Washington and Lee University; Debating; Tennis; Phi Sigma Kappa.



HISTORY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

The College of Law was established in 1878 and is the oldest professional school in the University. It is the only law school in the State of West Virginia. A large proportion of the bench and bar of West Virginia have been enrolled among its students.

Its course of instruction for the degree of Bachelor of Laws, originally requiring but one and later two years of law study, was, in 1912, fixed at three years. In 1913 a requirement of one year of college work for admission was added. In September 1924, a requirement of two years of college work for admission became effective.

In 1914 the College of Law was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools, which is an organization of the leading law schools of the United States for the purpose of establishing and maintaining high standards of legal education.

The College of Law of West Virginia University is listed as a Class A Law School fully complying with the standards fixed by the American Bar Association through its Section on Legal Education.

The present enrollment is 120. The legal fraternity now existing is Phi Delta Phi.

The law faculty is headed by Joseph Warren Madden, formerly professor of law at Ohio State University. Five other able instructors compose the faculty.

The purpose of the instruction in the College of Law is to train the student thoroughly in the principles and procedure of the common law with particular reference to their application or modification by decision and statute in West Virginia.

LETTERS

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Morgantown

November 1, 1924.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Gentlemen:

The Blackstone Club of the College of Law, West Virginia University, have the approval of the Council of Administration to apply for the installation of a Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta in the University. The seventeen young men applying for this are approved as charter members, and the Council by this approval recommends them most highly.

Personally I wish to add my recommendation and to say that the young men of the Blackstone Club are studious, thorough-going and industrious, and that the standards will be upheld with them as charter members.

The University will welcome such a Chapter here.

Very respectfully,
FRANK B. TROTTER,
President.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

College of Law

Morgantown

October 24, 1924.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Gentlemen:

I am glad to recommend the Blackstone Club of the College of Law of West Virginia University to your consideration for a charter in the fraternity. In my opinion the young men who make up this club constitute a proper nucleus for the establishment of a chapter of Phi Alpha Delta which will be in all respects up to the national standard of the fraternity.

Sincerely yours,
J. W. MADDEN (Marshall 1914).
Dean of the College of Law.

CIRCUIT COURT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Beckley

To the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.

This is to certify that while holding Practice Court for the Law Classes of the West Virginia University, I have become acquainted with the personnel of the members of the Blackstone Club; that they are capable, sincere and earnest students of the Law, in every way representative of their University and that I can without hesitation recommend them for membership in your Fraternity.

Given under my hand, at Beckley, W. Va., this October 3rd 1924.

JOHN H. HATCHER, Judge,
10th Judicial Circuit.

(Judge-Elect to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.)

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

College of Law

Morgantown

The National Chapter of
Phi Alpha Delta.
Gentlemen:

October 28, 1924.

I am informed that the Blackstone Club of this Law School is petitioning for membership in your organization. I am acquainted with all the members of the petitioning club. As a member of Phi Delta Phi, Yale Chapter, I am also somewhat familiar with the requirements of admission to such institutions as Phi Alpha Delta and and Phi Delta Phi. And I feel that judged by those requirements the petitioning club is entirely worthy of the honor and recognition which it seeks from your organization.

THOMAS P. HARDMAN
Professor of Law.

SUPREME COURT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston

October 20, 1924.

To the Chapters of Phi Alpha Delta:

The Blackstone Club, a local law fraternity at West Virginia University Law School, consisting of some seventeen young men, have informed me that they were about to petition your fraternity to be installed as a chapter and have asked me to write you as to the character of work done at West Virginia.

As you doubtless know, the West Virginia University Law School is one of the first class Standardized Law Schools. It does the same character and grade of work as is done by Harvard, Yale, Michigan and other schools of that class. Its students receive as careful training as can be had anywhere. Other Law Schools may be bigger, but they are not better. It is the chief training school for the lawyers of our state,—the only Law School in the State. It has a strong, live faculty who are devoting their lives to develop and train lawyers. I find its graduates now are much better fitted to practice their profession that I was when I was graduated there some twenty-four years ago. Of course, their requirements now are much higher. A brand-new law building, a well equipped library, and a strong corps of teachers under the guidance of Dean Madden make it an ideal place to receive legal training. You can judge of its future by what it has done. It makes big men bigger and good men better. You will make no mistake in instituting a chapter at West Virginia.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. MEREDITH

President Supreme Court of Appeals.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Charleston

To the Chapters
Phi Alpha Delta
Gentlemen:

October 20, 1924.

I am advised that the Blackstone Club (a local legal fraternity of the West Virginia University) is petitioning Phi Alpha Delta to install a chapter at Morgantown, West Virginia.

This club has for its membership a fine body of young men of excellent character and attainments, and I sincerely hope that it will be the pleasure of Phi Alpha Delta to act favorably on its petition.

Very respectfully,
EPHRAIM F. MORGAN
Governor.