

ALPHA ALPHA CRESCENT

ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY

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WEST VIRGINIA

NOBLE RULER REPORT

Brothers,

At the end of the fall 2010 semester, the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho at West Virginia University elected a West Virginian to the office of Noble Ruler. That West Virginia native was me, Kurt Mothes, of Hillsboro, WV. I grew up on a family farm in the hills of Appalachia where I worked hard and set my goals high. Prior to college I was involved in FFA, 4-H, honor societies and athletics, and I held various leadership positions.

I came to West Virginia University in August 2008 with no intentions of joining a fraternity. However, I met a few guys from Alpha Gamma Rho who had interests and ambitions similar to my own. This encouraged me to investigate AGR, leading to my initiation that very semester.

I have been a brother of the Alpha Alpha chapter since 2008, serving as VNR Scholarship in 2009. I am a junior majoring in Agronomy and a member of the WVU Honors College. I have also been a member of various university clubs. Alpha Gamma Rho has been, by far, the most beneficial organization I've had the opportunity to join.

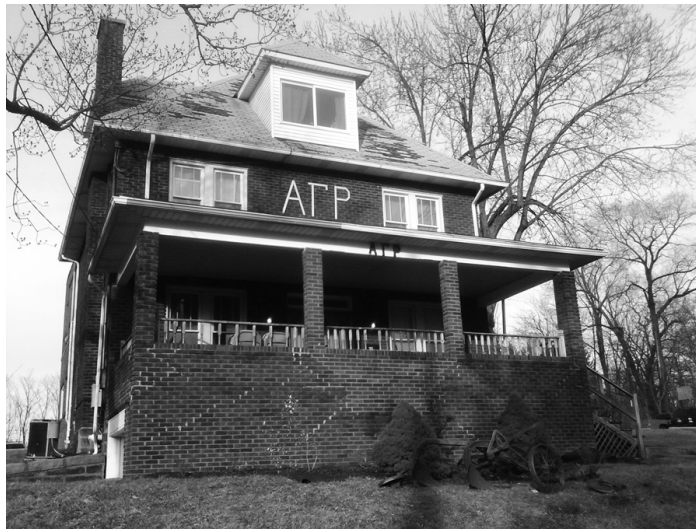
I have been active under three different Noble Rulers, observing their methods, decisions and results. I have taken ideas from each and combined them

with my own to create my objectives for this year. Three of my main objectives are to encourage older brothers to become more involved with the younger generation in order to create a tighter knit brotherhood, recruit more professional agriculture students and build upon Alpha Gamma Rho's reputation across campus.

I believe the brothers of our chapter are on their way to a successful year. We are arranging projects, organizing committees and involving our alumni in efforts to build and stabilize AGR and the Greek community. We have brothers with skills and connections in various departments of interest, allowing us to pool our resources and accomplish tasks in a timely manner.

Alpha Gamma Rho is also collaborating with other fraternities and sororities, building relationships throughout the student body. These small accomplishments are examples of our professionalism and efforts to broaden our name. We anticipate a successful year and anticipate the growth and prosperity of Alpha Gamma Rho at West Virginia University.

Fraternally,
Kurt Mothes #851
Noble Ruler



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LOVE THE HOUSE DAY



This year we have decided to implement an event we like to call “Love the House Day.” This event is for current members and alumni to enjoy each other’s company for breakfast and lunch while we make necessary renovations and repairs to the house.

This semester Love the House Day was held on Feb. 26. Here are some of the projects we completed:

- Fixed the chapter room’s rotted windowsill
- Painted the trim in the chapter room
- Fixed/replaced the interior door handles and added kick stops
- Fixed the chapter room double door exit
- Repainted the front porch ceiling
- Repainted the third floor
- Cleaned and fixed the fire pit
- Fixed the broken roof drain
- Added more shelves to the kitchen pantry
- Replaced broken light fixtures throughout the house
- Replaced broken/rotten ceiling tiles
- Replaced the toilet seats in upstairs bathroom
- and much more...



Although it was a very productive day, we did not have much alumni support. We hope to have more next time. The next Love the House Day will be announced one month ahead of time so both alumni and undergraduates can make plans to be there.

Fraternally,
Troy Nussbaum #855
VNR Alumni Relations

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ALUMNI PRESIDENT REPORT

2010 was a great year for the AGR House Association. We sponsored three alumni events, recognized seniors, supported rush and sponsored professional development activities. With these accomplishments under our belt, we can do more for the chapter in 2011. Your support in the forms of voluntary dues, donations, remembrances, time and talent are the resources we need to help the undergraduates continue our work: **To make better men.**

2011 is a big year for us. We are working with the Home Office and the chapter to determine our future facility requirements. As discussed during last year's Founder's Day meeting, the chapter is growing by leaps and bounds, and the house is overcrowded and in need of major repairs and renovation.

The board commends the stewardship of the chapter. They are current with their present and past rent and dues. It is also important to note they accomplished making their past due account current by foregoing

proceeds from the Harding lot during football season. Because of the steady cash flow stream, the House Association is able to make repairs, sponsor alumni events and provide better overall chapter support.

Good job undergrads!

We look forward to seeing you at our Founder's Day functions in April. To celebrate, we will have activities during the evening of Friday, April 15 as well as throughout the day on Saturday, April 16. So come to Morgantown for a weekend of fun and celebration with your AGR brothers!

Fraternally,
Tom Monahan
Alumni President

PS: Visit AlphaGammaRho.org to update your contact information. You can also search for "Alpha Alpha Chapter Alpha Gamma Rho" on Facebook and join our group!

ALUMNI NEWS

BILL JUDY #497 AND DAVID JUDY #511 are practicing law at the Judy and Judy law firm in Moorefield, WV. Dave's son John is currently VNR Finance for the chapter. Their address is P.O. Box 636 Moorefield, WV 26836.

JACOB McNEAL #512 is practicing medicine in Beckley, WV. His address is 106 Ruby Lane, Beckley, WV 25801.

BOBBY CHEEVES #612 is teaching agriculture economics at Potomac State College in West Virginia. His address is P.O. Box 432, Keyser, WV 26726.

GREG MITCHELL #621 is employed with the Farm Credit Service in Petersburg, WV. His address is HC32 Box 38D, Upper Tract, WV 26866.

SCOTT BYARS #629 is director of the Agricultural Extension Service at West Virginia University. His address is Route 1 Box 153, Red House, MD 25168.

JOHN KESSELL #676 was a professor at Western Kentucky University. He has accepted a new

position with the West Virginia University Extension Service and will be moving back to Morgantown in the spring.

GENE HOVATTER #695 is teaching agriculture at Phillip Barbour High School in Barbour County, WV. His address is RR1 Box 247, Moatsville, WV 26405.

BRIAN SPARKS #703 is the County Extension agent for both Nicholas and Fayette counties. He and his family are living on a farm they just purchased outside Summersville.

DAN SHOCKEY #726 has accepted a position with the USDA farm service administration in Morgantown, WV. His address is RR3 Box 604, Grafton, WV 26354.

CHRIS POOCHIO #792 is shipping out to basic training for the U.S. Army on March 21, 2011.

GARY FORD #800 will receive his MS in Safety Management in August. He and Samantha Montgomery are planning a June wedding.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Hello all,

My name is John Boyd, and I am currently the VNR Activities for the Alpha Alpha chapter. We have an exciting slate of events for the spring 2011 semester.

In February we are looking forward to attending the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY as well as hosting a "Love the House Day" to spruce up the house and make it shine. Also we selected the Alpha Alpha Sweetheart in February. In March, a group of us are attending one of the annual AGR Leadership Seminars. Finally, in April we have the highly anticipated Blue and Gold game for the Mountaineers where we plan to have a tailgate and a fundraising event before the game. The 2011 Hog Roast Fund Raiser will be at the Alpha Alpha chapter house on April 30.

Additionally, throughout the semester we plan to have various professional speakers to visit and learn about the many fields in the agriculture industry.

These are just a few of the many events planned for the men of Alpha Gamma Rho and the 2011 spring semester. If you have any questions concerning dates or times, please feel free to contact me at



304-279-0217 or by email at jboyd7@mix.wvu.edu. Also Tom Monahan will be able to answer any others questions you may have. Have a great year and God Bless.

Fraternally,
John Boyd #849
VNR Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

This year, Founders' Day Weekend will kick off on April 15, 2011. We hope to see as many in attendance as possible. There is a tentative schedule to be mailed in the com-

ing weeks. For now, we have some major events to be shared. Please see details below. (Event times and dates are subject to change.)



FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND - DAY 1: APRIL 15, 2011

7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Barbecue and social at the chapter house

Address: 201 Belmar Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505



FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND - DAY 2: APRIL 16, 2011

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch and Housing associations annual meeting at Chapter House

5 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Pink Rose Formal at Tee Bones (I-68 Exit 10) \$30/Attendee



HOG ROAST: APRIL 30

This year's hog roast is going to be a blast! Once again we have the Road Dawgs playing from 9 p.m. until midnight. Of course we will have our usual pork barbecue dinner, friendship and brotherhood as well.

Don't be afraid to bring your family members and friends!

GRADUATING BROTHERS

ORA FORD #815 will attend Auburn University Vet School.

MATT McCOMBS #841 will work on his family farm.

CHARLIE RUSSEL #852 hopes to attend grad school or profession school or work in the biochemistry field.

BRIAN SWEENEY #842 will be moving home to work on the family beef farm, with ambitions of moving west.

BEN CLARK #856 will be coming back to earn his master's degree.

NEW BROTHERS

Help us welcome our newest brothers to the Alpha Alpha chapter. Find their names, pin numbers, majors and hometowns listed below.

JUSTIN SHANK #886

Wildlife
Emmitsburg, MD

MARKUS ALLISON #889

Forest Resource Mgmt.
Wellsville, OH

PAUL BRIGHTLY #892

Geology
Charlotte Hall, MD

SEAN KELLY #887

Wildlife and Fisheries Mgmt.
Harpers Ferry, WV

ADAM BUSCHER #890

Wildlife and Fisheries Mgmt.
St. Albans, WV

LEE BRIDGETT #893

Agribusiness Mgmt.
and Rural Development
Hamlin, NY

ZACH ROES #888

Forestry
Centerville, MD

CONNOR GALLAGHER #891

Criminology
Hampton, NJ

RECENTLY DECEASED BROTHERS

AUBRY WILSON #288 passed of a stroke on July 11, 2010. He had just been elected to the Upshur County Board of Education. He was a former county agent and an agriculture teacher in West Virginia and New Jersey. He was the father of Brother David Wilson #532.

JASON EUGENE FOLTZ #615 died in a traffic accident on Dec. 18, 2010. He was born and spent his whole life in Hardy County West Virginia. He was the operations manager for Envirco. He is survived by his parents, his wife Tessa, daughters Jade and Rayanne, sister Amy Funkhouser and her husband Rodney.

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ALUMNI NEWS WANTED

The next issue of the Alpha Alpha Chapter Crescent should be full of news about alumni brothers. Please send us your updated contact information and the latest on your accomplishments (marriage, family, jobs, etc.) to: Alpha Alpha Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 201 Belmar Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505.

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Please help us recruit the best of men. If you know someone who would make a good addition to our Fraternity, please let us know so we can contact him and enhance our brotherhood.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone - home: _____ School: _____

Classification/Major: _____

Comments: _____

Your name and address: _____

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