



Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

West Virginia Wesleyan College Colony is now the Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity!! On Friday evening, the 6th of November, Scott Grissom, Drew Thawley, and brothers from Bethany and Maryland helped perform the Initiation Ceremony for 30 new brothers. The following evening, Grand Marshall John Gibson, Drew Thawley, and the Maryland chapter presented the Beta Nu Charter during the Chartering Banquet.

The baby blanket has been passed as Epsilon Delta presented it and the Alpha Badge (the oldest existing replica of the Alpha Sigma Phi badge) to Dan Bushey, Beta Nu HSP, and the rest of this wonderful group of men. Congratulations to all our new brothers and to the men who helped initiate them!!

1999 Academy of Leadership

The Academy of Leadership will be held January 22nd - 24th, 1999, in Indianapolis Indiana at the Holiday Inn Airport. All transportation, lodging, and food will be provided by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity through a grant from the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Each chapter will be assessed a \$50.00 registration fee for attendance at the Academy of Leadership. This year, as it was last year, the president of each chapter, colony, and interest group will be the attendees at the Academy of Leadership.

Furthermore, each chapter is responsible for electing a new president and reporting the results to Fraternity Headquarters no later than Friday, December 18th. Attendance at the Academy of Leadership is mandatory for each chapter.

The Academy of Leadership is an extensive leadership training school for the chapter's presidents. The weekend is a busy one, but the purpose of the weekend is to prepare our chapter president's for a year of unprecedented success. Come prepared, rested and excited to meet your fellow chapter presidents for a weekend that you will not soon forget. The Academy of Leadership is a catalyst for ideas and is essentially a springboard for chapter presidents as they enter their terms. See everyone in January!!!!!!!

The Second Year of the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program

In conjunction with this year's Academy of Leadership is the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program. This program is named in honor of the man whom we affectionately refer to as "Mr. Alpha Sig". Ralph F. Burns who passed into Omega Chapter in 1993 was the backbone of the fraternity and served as the Executive Secretary from 1936-1976. Brother Burns who has influenced more new members than any other single person in Alpha Sigma Phi history, and thus rightfully so, the new member program is named in his honor. The Ralph F. Burns Program is designed to build and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in recent new members and initiates during a three day, two night all expense paid leadership training and development conference. Please contact Headquarters staff members, Drew Thawley and/or Toby O'Brien if there are any questions or comments on either of the programs.

Ritual Education Ideas

Far too often a brother's exposure and understanding of the ritualistic material is limited to the actual performance of the rituals. This often consists of the black lantern processional, pledge induction, and brotherhood initiation.

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- Every meeting the Marshal should have a report that discusses a ritual listed in the ritual book
- Prior to every ritual the Marshal organizes read-throughs and walk-throughs to further the understanding of the ritual and to more properly execute the ritualistic material of the fraternity. The more well thought out and practiced the ritual, the faster and smoother it will progress; yet the integrity of the ritual will not be compromised, but enhanced.
- After ritual ceremonies have a debriefing with the chapter to review what just occurred.
- Moreover, after each pledge induction and brotherhood initiation review the ritual with the men that just experienced it for the first time and take the opportunity to explain, discuss, and learn from our ritual(s). Most men going through a ritual for the first time are quite nervous and fail to grasp the full meaning of what they had just experienced; thus a review is imperative.
- On a paperwork/processing note, do not forget to turn in the blue Pledge Report Form, biographical data forms and the pledge fee immediately after pledging ceremony. Furthermore, turn in the Initiation Authorization Form and the initiation fee a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the initiation and if the chapter wants to have the badges present for the brotherhood initiation all information needs to be turned in 6 weeks prior to the event. This is due to the fact that it takes the jeweler 4 to 6 weeks to prepare the new badges.

A Profile on Brotherhood



In the Spring of 1998 Brother Maricio "Reese" Torrence of the Delta Tau Chapter at Murray State University, a 3rd year Junior majoring in Graphic Design, began to explore the possibilities of participating in a college student exchange program. This opportunity is made available through an organization called National Student Exchange. Reese went on to prepare his resume and application for the program, as well as choose his preferences for which schools he would like most to attend. Of course the determining factor in this process for Reese was whether the schools had an active chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. Thus, Reese placed Bowling Green State University and Iowa State University at the top of his list. A lottery system determined that Reese was to be matched with Iowa State University, hence Phi chapter.

Having been a cheerleader at Murray State Reese contacted the athletic department at Iowa State to see if there was any possibility of him earning a position on the Iowa State squad for the upcoming year. Reese was extended an invitation to try-out for the Iowa State squad; however, there was a scheduling conflict. The issue Reese was forced to deal with was whether to attend cheering try-outs or attend Murray State's initiation ritual. Reese deliberated and concluded that he would forego the try-outs and attend the initiation. Still seeking to be a part of the cheering squad Reese with the help of Brother Mike Young (Delta Beta Xi, '98), then the cheering coach at Murray State, they secured a position on the squad for Reese.

Reese currently lives in the chapter house at Iowa State and is enjoying his time with the Brother's of Phi Chapter. Reese was welcomed into the chapter and is currently one of the social chairmen for the chapter. In addition, Reese has full voting privileges, participates in all chapter activities and is enjoying his time with the brother's of Phi chapter.

Reese would like to thank the Phi Chapter for their hospitality and exemplification of the Fraternity's ritual. Further, Reese would like to say hello to all his Brother's of Delta Tau and let them know that living in a chapter house sure is nice.

Chapter News and Notes

Presbyterian College, Alpha Psi

Just when you thought fall rush was over in comes seven more from Presbyterian. What better way to follow up a President's Cup Championship year then with a strong pledge class the following fall. Make it happen and we look forward to keeping the cup right where it's at for a long, long, time...GO SIGS!

Marshall University, Beta Delta

Marshall puts over eleven and says "Give me some love in..." to prove it. After another spirited ritual the brothers at Marshall University held a lock-in which spilled out onto the street with dancing, songs and cheers as our new brothers experienced a little Alpha Sig pride. Go Herd!!!

Ohio State University - Zeta

Where was Theta??? This year Zeta chapter pulled out all the stops. They invited brothers from all over to attend the OSU vs. Mich. Game and post activities. As they say, if you build it, they will come; and come they did. Over 120 brothers from nine different chapters came and celebrated the victory. I guess the big question of the night was where was Michigan? But then again bucks fans after a 1 - 8 - 1 record were happy to see them mail it in. Congratulations to the guys at Zeta and thanks to all the

Dates & Deadlines

Here are the deadlines for the next few months:

Date Due	Report/Paperwork
12/14/98	1999 Academy of Leadership registration
1/31/99	Liability & Property Insurance Premiums Due
2/1/99	Chapter Leadership Consultant Applications Due

By turning in these items on time, it enables staff to serve you better!!
Thanks for your timeliness!

Risk Management Statistics



Nearly all Fraternity related insurance claims and injuries involve alcohol:

95%	of falls from high places (roofs)
94%	of fights
93%	of sexual abuse allegations
87%	of automobile accidents
67%	of slips and falls
49%	of hazing incidents
81%	of paralysis cases
88%	of fatalities
78%	of psychological injuries
66%	of serious physical injuries
56%	of minor injuries

[From Campus Commentary, National Interfraternity Conference (NIC)]

The following list was compiled by Psi Upsilon Fraternity's risk management publication named *Risky Business*. These are startling facts that opens the eyes of everyone. The ranking below reminds us of just how fine the line is that we walk. The list provides us a perspective that is not readily apparent when we pay our liability insurance premium, which by the way is due **January 31st, 1999**, please budget accordingly.

The Top Ten Riskiest Businesses to insure:

1. Bars
2. Liquor stores
3. Child care facilities
4. Asbestos contractors
5. Hazardous waste dumps
6. **FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES**
7. Engineers
8. Doctors
9. Lawyers
10. Accountants



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Our Privilege, Our Responsibility, Our Mission *As Members Of The National Staff* *of Alpha Sigma Phi, Our Obligation Is To:*

- *Advance the Established Values, Idea and Mission of Alpha Sigma Phi*
- *Identify and Cultivate Areas of Growth for Alpha Sigma Phi*
- *Effectively Serve Alumni and Undergraduates*
- *Recognize Strengths, Identify Opportunities, and Provide Guidance for Each Chapter*
- *Facilitate the Development of All Members*
- *Exemplify Nurturing, Positive and Responsible Relationships*