



Resolution on Addressing the Misuse of Alcohol Among Alpha Sigma Phi Chapters

It's no news to most Greeks that trying to effectively address alcohol abuse is one of the leading challenges to fraternities today. The word "alcohol" very rarely, if ever, is used positively in conjunction with the word "fraternity." In a day and age when fraternities are struggling to maintain viable reputations on college campuses, the issue of alcohol abuse is detrimental. Just when an article appears in a local newspaper about the positive attributes of the Greek system, another Greek loses a Brother to alcohol, or comes dangerously close. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, along with almost every other national fraternity, is trying to meet this challenge head on.

The issue of alcohol abuse within the Fraternity was brought to 1998 National Leadership Conference and Convention as a special issue to be focused on by the undergraduates and alumni in attendance. After much hard work and deliberation, a resolution was passed that will affect you and your chapter.

No, the Convention did not decide to go "alcohol free," as a national organization, but it did decide to officially endorse local campus/community initiatives to change the campus culture as it relates to alcohol misuse.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity desires to be proactive in the search for a solution to the misuse of alcohol. With such initiative, it was also resolved during the Convention that *each chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi shall develop an action plan addressing the misuse of alcohol, that shall be submitted to the Grand Council prior to the 1999 Leadership Convention.*

In the effort to bolster this resolution:

- The national office of Alpha Sigma Phi will take an active leadership role in this issue.
- Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity support chapters that choose to be alcohol free.

- The national office of Alpha Sigma Phi will orchestrate alcohol misuse education programs to assist chapters.
- This policy and a copy of the Ohio Model shall be distributed to all chapters, chapter advisors, alumni and Greek affairs professionals at host institutions.

It is strongly encouraged that each chapter begin developing this action plan. In order for any effort to be successful, it will take brutal honesty when evaluating the situation, devotion to cultural change, and a commitment to our Fraternity's open motto: To Better The Man.

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*

Chapter News

Bethany College - Beta Gamma

Jim Sidick

We won the Woolery Cup with our GPA of 2.9 being the highest of the fraternities on campus.

University of Maryland - Epsilon Delta

Ryan Spiegel

Linda Clement, Dean of Admissions, is now our faculty advisor.

Brothers' achievements:

- Seth Rosenzweig was named Assistant Vice President of Scholarship for the IFC.
- Mike Feinstein was named Treasurer of Greek Jewish Council.
- Rob Beach was named IFC Athletic Chairman
- Ryan Spiegel was inducted into the Mortar Board and was named Undergraduate Representative to the Grand Council of ΑΣΦ

Brothers John Luiza and Liam Davitt performed outstanding martial arts demonstrations at an event called "Break for Bucks" to raise money for Camp Friendship, a summer camp for mentally challenged children. They broke wood and bricks! A huge crowd of brothers came to cheer them on and to donate money. It was a great success, and they made us proud.

University of North Carolina-Charlotte - Delta Zeta

Dave Shermer

Lately we have been really on the move with the alumni mentor program and the new pledge program. We've got two service events coming up soon, a book drive and a chili cook-off. The new members are really great and have brought out even more than we ever expected.

University of Southern Indiana - Epsilon Gamma

Dan Walker

The latest news from U.S.I. is our chapter regained our house. For the past three weeks brothers have been working hard to fix it back up by painting, cleaning, and landscaping. The house is really beginning to stand out on Greek Court.

Our chapter is really looking forward to a great rush. Plans and arrangements have been made for our weekly functions. We are expecting a large turnout.

West Virginia Wesleyan - Beta Nu Colony

Wes Lainhart

We have recently fixed up the barbecue pit. We have had a few barbecues outside. In November we are planning a white water rafting trip at the New River Gorge. This spring we are participating in a paint ball me in Clarksburg.

What's New On The Expansion Horizon?



The Alpha Sigma Phi staff and volunteer alumni have been busy expanding our Brotherhood. With three new Interest Groups, and three Colonies, our Fraternity is growing at a recently unparalleled rate. Perhaps one is near you? Currently, Otterbein University in central Ohio, Western Michigan University, and Salisbury State University in eastern Maryland represent the three Interest Groups, while West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, Altoona State University of Pennsylvania, and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania are our Colonies.

Otterbein, a group which started in the Spring of 1998, is currently going through the process of organizing themselves so as to become a Colony. A small liberal arts school just northeast of Columbus, Otterbein has a small Greek system that is looking to expand and create a positive fraternal experience for its undergraduates. Alpha Sigma Phi certainly is looking forward to that opportunity!

The Interest Group at Western Michigan is developing very well. At the time this Brotherhood Bulletin was written, we have ten men who are excited about Alpha Sigma Phi. The group is ready to make an impact on their campus and in the Greek system. With the help of alumni, and the Delta Chi chapter, this group will be one that truly exemplifies the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Salisbury State University Interest Group was started September 16, 1998. After initially establishing a group of five, the vision and outlook of the group has created enthusiasm on campus that has, in turn, produced a number of additional interested men. In fact, after a very successful interest meeting held on October 8, the group has grown to about eighteen. Salisbury's Greek system is small, but looking to grow rapidly as Alpha Sig will be the fifth fraternity on a campus with over 8,000 students. Good luck to the Salisbury Interest Group!

As anyone who was at the NLC&C should know, West Virginia Wesleyan is scheduled to receive their Beta Nu Charter during their banquet on November 6-7. Carrying on the Baby Blanket tradition that has now begun among new chapters, the University of Maryland chapter will be performing the Initiation Ceremony for West Virginia Wesleyan. Congratulations to Beta Nu!

Altoona and Bloomsburg are both finalizing the petition process to become fully chartered members of Alpha Sigma Phi. Each chapter has worked extremely hard to satisfy Alpha Sig's tough membership requirements and will be welcome members of our community when they complete the colonization process.

Expanding our brotherhood to new campuses is exciting for Alpha Sigma Phi. Having the chance to teach and share brotherhood with men who are as enthusiastic is very rewarding to anyone involved in the effort. Being a Founding Father of a chapter is truly a unique, challenging, and tremendously rewarding venture.

If you are aware of any opportunities to expand our brotherhood, please contact Headquarters.

Risk Management Incentive Program



There are three ways a chapter can save 5% on their liability insurance premium for 1999. Think about it, a 15% reduction on your chapter's insurance premium. That could be a lot of cash!

Opportunity #1 (5% savings) This opportunity has already passed, however most of you did turn in your October Report of Membership in by October 1.

Opportunity #2 (5% savings) Complete the Risk Management Program. Your chapter needs to have held three risk management programs by November 15, and submitted the certification forms by November 20, 1998 to be qualified.

Opportunity #3 (5% savings) Payment of the 1999 liability insurance premium by the January 31, 1999 deadline.

These opportunities are simple money savers! If you have a concern or question, please contact your chapter's Educational Consultant. Don't miss these opportunities!!

To All Chapters Who Turned In Their October Report Of Membership On Time . . . Thank You VERY Much!!

While there are still some chapters failing to send in the paperwork on time, the majority of you are doing very well. During the month of November, the following items need to be paid attention to:

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Report/Paperwork</u>
10/1/98	October Report
10/31/98	Workers' Compensation Insurance form
11/13/98	Lifetime Membership fee due
11/21/98	Risk Management Ed. Certification Form
12/14/98	1999 Academy of Leadership registration

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



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Do You Represent The Ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi? Do You Really Represent The Best Our Fraternity Can Offer?

Have you ever thought about sharing those qualities, that devotion to your chapter, and that desire to see the "Old Gal" thrive with other chapters? Alpha Sigma Phi is looking for the *best of the best* to represent our Fraternity by being a part of Staff.

Being a Staff Member of Alpha Sigma Phi prepares you very well for the competitive world of business and higher education. If you have interest, please contact the National Office to inquire, or request an application.

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You Mean, I Have a Voice on the Grand Council!?

Undergraduates sit on the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi. If that shocks you, please read this. There are three Undergraduate Representatives to the Grand Council who represent you, the undergraduate, during Grand Council meetings that take place monthly between Convention years (and they have a collective vote as well)! Do you have any idea who they are? Perhaps you should; it is, after all, these men who are there to represent YOU! From West to East, here are the 1998-1999 Undergraduate Representatives and how you can reach them:

Gordy Heminger II, Bowling Green State University, Gamma Zeta Chapter Gordy Heminger is currently serving his second term as HSP of the Gamma Zeta Chapter at Bowling Green State University. In addition to being President, in 1995 he was the youngest person ever elected to Maumee City Council and was re-elected in 1997 with more votes than any council candidate in history. He won the Frank Hargear Award at this year's National Convention. He will graduate in May of 1999 with a degree in Political Science. He can be reached by phone at 419-354-4252 or E-mail at gordon@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Ryan Spiegel, University of Maryland, Epsilon Delta Chapter. Ryan, the HSP of his chapter, is also a member of a number of National Honor Societies, and was this year's Alpha Sig National Scholar of the Year. As a Founding Father of Epsilon Delta, Ryan is very enthusiastic about where the Fraternity is headed in the up coming year and is eager to represent the undergraduate constituency. He can be reached by email at rspiegel@wam.umd.edu, or by phone at 301-267-5573.

Chad Gillenwater, Iowa State, Phi Chapter Is a founding father of the Phi chapter. He is currently serving the chapter as the Marshall; Chad has previously served as House Manager, Recruitment Chair, IFC Representative, and Special Events Coordinator. Chad is a member of the Student Alumni Association, American Society for Safety Engineers, and the Iowa State University Committee on Safety.