

Two New Chapters!!!

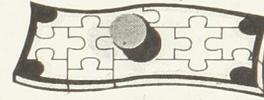
During the Academy of Leadership and Ralph F. Burns New Members Program January 22-24 in Indianapolis, two colonies were approved for chartering. The Bloomsburg Colony will become the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on April 10th and the Penn State-Altoona Colony will become the Epsilon Zeta Chapter on May 1st. If you are interested in being there for these historic occasions, please call Headquarters to make arrangements. Congratulations to Bloomsburg and Altoona!

Need Some Extra Cash?

Seems like a pretty easy question to answer, doesn't it? Well, did you know that the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation gives out over \$35,000 each year in scholarships to its brothers? Probably not. Would you like to learn how you could be eligible for these scholarships? That is what I thought. The Foundation gives scholarships in the following ways: leadership education and general education.

The leadership education scholarships sponsor our brothers who wish to attend leadership development programs across the country. The Foundation has granted scholarships for brothers to attend programs like Leadershipshape, Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute, MGCA, NEIFC, SEIFC, and, most importantly, to Alpha Sigma Phi Conferences and Conventions. All you have to do is apply to the program of your choice and contact the national headquarters to obtain an application for the scholarship. Sounds pretty simple, doesn't it?

The general education scholarships are given in two forms: scholarships and grants-in-aid.



The Kleinoder scholarships are awards given each year for \$3,000 to brothers who are pursuing their graduate or professional degrees. The Foundation also offers individual grants-in-aid and scholarships for undergraduates. There is one simple application for both of these types of grants that you can obtain by calling national headquarters. This application is due June 1, 1999. The final monetary award the Foundation offers is the Chapter Scholar of the Year Award. Each chapter is eligible to nominate one brother for a \$250 scholarship. The requirements are the brother must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and must have been in the fraternity for at least a year. The application should be with the HSP of the chapter or the national office can send you one. This application is due April 1, 1999.

We are very lucky to have the financial resources to be able to reward our brothers who are dedicated and hard-working. We encourage you all to apply for these awards, and take advantage of the fortunate situation we are in as a national organization.

Chapter News & Notes

The University of Connecticut - Interest Group *Jason Levine*

After holding three interest meetings, Alpha Sig currently has an Interest Group of over twenty high quality men. The first of five fraternities to be added (in our case, reintroduced as the Gamma Gamma chapter) to the existing Greek system at UConn over the next four years, we have a great opportunity to "get in on the ground level" and start something truly incredible!

Lock Haven University - Delta Nu *Mark Buckley, HSP*

The defending Greek Week Champions who took eleven new members in the fall are once again making a name for themselves. This past fall semester they took over first place in grades. One would think that this would be enough success for a chapter, but not here. They continue to grow and leave their mark on campus. Their latest event was hosting and facilitating a women's self defense clinic for all females on campus as well as for the local women's shelter. This is a chapter to take note of because the phoenix is flying high in Central PA.



Otterbein College - Interest Group *Matt Frantz*

This interest group is on the cusp of being an interest group no more. They have done major work in public relations to make their name known and are now putting the final touches on their constitution so they can become recognized in IFC. Interest is overwhelming both on campus as well as with local alumni. At their last meeting, over twenty-seven committed men were in attendance. With some help from local chapters like Ohio State (Zeta) and Ohio Wesleyan (Epsilon), colony status should be close at hand.

Salisbury State University - Colony *Rick Deale*

After attending the Academy of Leadership, Colony President Rick Deale returned to the Salisbury, Mary-

land campus with big plans for the Alpha Sig Colony. The chapter has set the goal to be ready to petition the Grand Council by the end of this semester. With such high aspirations in mind, the group will be working hard to continue to their great recruitment and service record in the effort to prove themselves as one of Alpha Sigma Phi's finest. As the newest fraternity on campus, our men are strengthening the Greek system and giving students a wonderful opportunity not previously available at SSU.

SUNY Delhi - Interest Group *Dan Giebel*

A local fraternity for over six years, this group of twenty-one men has been searching for the right national fraternity for over a year. Now an Alpha Sigma Phi Interest Group, these men are truly improving what "fraternity" means on their campus. Located in central New York, the Interest Group at SUNY Delhi is extremely excited and honored to have the opportunity to become a part of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Western Michigan University - Interest Group *Mike Gnewkowski*

The men of Western Michigan are currently at twenty-three. They are participating in intramurals, community service, and socials with other organizations. They are planning to be a colony by the end of February. These men are very excited to be a part of the Old Gal. They are already making an impression on campus as the gentlemen in the Greek system. Should everything go well, these men will be a chapter by next fall.

Widener University - Gamma Xi *Jason Bottoms, HSP*

A New Year with new results. Congratulations to Jason Bottoms for being elected to be our new president. Not only do we have new leadership, but we just recently accepted nineteen new members into our brotherhood. Lastly, our brothers hit the books last semester and raised our GPA .02 to a 2.6 GPA, one of the highest on campus.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EXPANSION

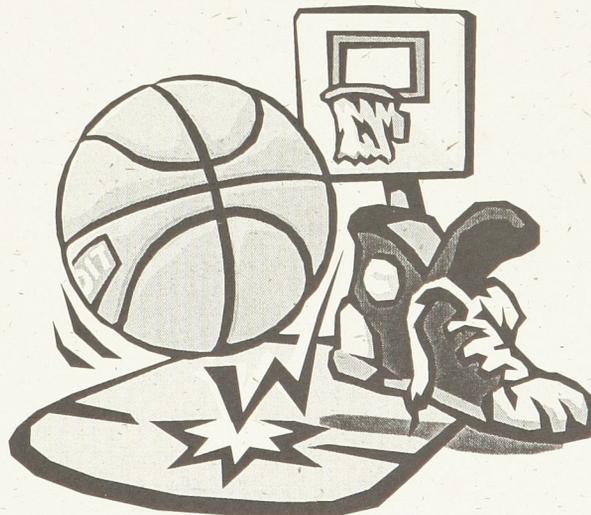
By: Drew Thawley

Part of the success we are enjoying in our expansion efforts is due to the guidance and direction given to new groups from existing chapters. In the spirit of chapter education and brotherhood building, Alpha Sigma Phi looks to its chapters to help the fraternity grow. This happens in two specific ways:

- Through research, self-initiative, and guidance from a Chapter Leadership Consultant, chapters can identify other chapters that may need assistance in recruiting and/or retaining new members. Once a chapter is aware that there may be a neighboring chapter in need of some assistance from their Brothers, the two groups can work together to better the chapter in need. Through chapter to chapter assistance, Alpha Sigma Phi will see continued expansion within our existing chapters.
- Expanding Alpha Sigma Phi to additional campuses is a focus of my role as Director of Expansion. If you are aware of a college or university that, in your estimation, is a good opportunity for Alpha Sigma Phi's expansion program, please contact me at Headquarters, or through email at dthawley@aol.com. At that point, we can discuss the possibilities and determine what the next step should be. Keep in mind that we are looking to our existing chapters to not only aid in the identification of colleges or universities, but also to help in the important development of those new groups.

MARCH MADNESS IS COMING!!!

Each spring many of us sit in anticipation of the event that is like no other in sports, MARCH MADNESS. Who is going to win this year? Is it going to be UCONN? Their team is looking pretty tough and the guys who are restarting the Gamma Gamma chapter are sure that the Huskies will take it all. Is it going to be Duke? The Cameron crazies sure think so. Or will it be a sleeper? I am sure the guys at Epsilon Alpha think that Mateen and the Spartans are going to make a run. The beauty of March Madness is that no one knows what is going to happen. The fraternity staff has their picks, do you? We are asking that you send your pick for the National Champion to proc13@aol.com to be entered into a drawing. Whomever picks the winner will be entered into a drawing to win a free conference to this year's National Conference in Pittsburgh August 11-15, 1999. Entries must be received by March 19, 1999. We will inform the winner within two weeks of the Big Game. Good luck!!



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Dates To Remember

- 3/15 NLC Delegate Fee Due
- 4/1 April Report of Membership Due
- 4/1 UIFI & LeaderShape Applications Due
- 4/1 NLC Coordinator Applications Due
- 5/1 NLC Scholarship Applications Due
1999 NLC
- 5/1 Annual Chapter Report Due
- 5/1 Delta Beta Xi Award, Distinguished
Merit Award, and Distinguished
Service Award nominations Due

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*

TIME TO RECOGNIZE YOUR ALUMS!!

Is there an alum that is always helping you out? Someone who has given their time and effort to make your chapter better. Do you know of an alum who has attained success in his profession? If so it is time to recognize him! Alpha Sigma Phi has a long history of dedicated and successful alumni and we provide three ways to recognize them. The first is the Delta Beta Xi award. This honor is given to someone who has dedicated a great deal of time and effort to Alpha Sigma Phi. The second award is the Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to an alumnus who has continually devoted his time to Alpha Sigma Phi, and the recipient must be a Delta Beta Xi member. The final award is one that recognizes our most successful alumni, the Distinguished Merit Award. This award is given to an alumnus who has achieved a high level of success in his chosen profession. Your chapter or any individual brother may nominate an alumnus for any of the following awards. The deadline for the nomination is May 1, and nomination forms can be obtained through the National Headquarters. Make sure you let your alumni know how much you appreciate them by nominating them for these prestigious awards.