

## Two Chapters Close to Start Off Year

“It is an absolute tragedy when we lose a chapter” said Thomas R. Hinkley, President and CEO of Alpha Sigma Phi. “We are in the business of growing our current chapters and opening new ones. We also have the responsibility to all our brothers to hold each chapter accountable for their actions. To be *America’s Premier Fraternity*, we need to hold ourselves to the oaths we take and standards we set.” By the end of September, Alpha Sigma Phi saw two very prominent chapters, Gamma Chi at Indiana University and Upsilon at Penn State, close for risk management violations.

### Indiana

Gamma Chi chapter at Indiana University was closed on August 29, 2000 due to violations of their sanctions from last year, which included an alcohol free facility, and for other illegal substances in their house. As part of their review process in 1999, each member signed a commitment form stating their agreement to live in and support an alcohol free environment and outlining potential consequences if that agreement was violated.

In this case the chapter was made aware of the choices before them, which were to ask for the members involved to move out of the house and be suspended or they would face the potential closing of the chapter. They chose to fine the members involved, rather than have the members suspended, which resulted in the closing of the chapter.

The silver lining with the Indiana situation is that on September 20, 25 men were pledged forming the Gamma Chi Colony. These men are well on their way to rebuilding a chapter that can live up to the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi and make a difference on the Bloomington campus.

### Penn State

On September 18, 2000 the undergraduate members of Upsilon chapter were informed that their chapter would be closed due to violations of the sanctions developed by headquarters and their alumni this summer. These sanctions resulted from a very severe risk management violation last spring that involved three women being taken from the chapter facility after consuming GHB.

This fall, the chapter had violations of the sanctions which involved social functions and having illegal substances in their house. Prior to this most recent incident, the alumni and headquarters team were partnering to insure success in State College. We are now working together, along with the university, to reestablish Upsilon with a new group of men, as quickly as reasonably possible.

Historically, Upsilon has been responsible, along with the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha, in raising \$200,000 per year for the Four Diamonds cancer fund. It is our hope that a new group will be able to continue this type of dedication to an extremely worth while cause.

## *New Web Site is Up and Running*

*‘www.alphasigmaphi.org’*

Just prior to our Grand Chapter and Leadership Conference, our re-designed web site made its debut. Now you will find more information right at your finger tips. Look for information on expansion, programs, chapter links, education foundation and much more in the public areas. In the community section, you need your three digit chapter number and your four digit member number (if your number is thirty seven, from Alpha chapter, then your mailcode/password would be 001-0037). Here you will find a chat room, discussion threads, links to career sites and much more!

# Programming Corner

## Recruitment Through Community Service

**Program Objective** – To increase membership in Alpha Sigma Phi and faculty/chapter interaction through faculty and service learning activities and community service projects.

**Target Audience** – All service-oriented students and potential members, faculty and community members.

**Time of Year** – Year round

**Program Description** -- Many Colleges & Universities have service-learning and community service programs built into their curriculum. Developing a partnership with these programs is a great way to tap into these resources and create a “win-win” situation for everyone involved.

Faculty members who currently require a service-learning component in their classes should be approached by either the chapter’s faculty advisor or members of the chapter that already have a relationship with the faculty member. The concept is to team up members of the chapter with the students in the class for the service activities. This partnership has many benefits for everyone involved:

- It will increase the number of people (people-power) performing the service to the local community
- It allows the chapter to develop positive relationships with non-Greeks and gives the students in the class the opportunity to learn more about Alpha Sigma Phi
- It allows the chapter to develop a positive relationship with the faculty member which in turn will provide an additional “friend” of the chapter
- It assists in dispelling the negative perceptions about Greek-letter organizations
- It allows the chapter to promote a positive image of itself as well as providing an additional marketing opportunity to assist with recruitment
- Allows the chapter to utilize college/university resources in identifying potential service projects and managing the activities

In setting up this program be sure that you clearly outline expectations and goals with the faculty member and chapter so that everyone involved knows what will happen over the course of the quarter or semester. Faculty will usually stipulate a certain number of hours that must be completed for the service component of the class. Make sure that you develop a monitoring system for chapter members that you can use as a way to evaluate the program with the faculty member.

**Budget** – None to speak of, although you may want to look into providing reimbursements for any transportation that may be required. You can also look into hosting a cookout or other meal between the chapter and class to provide an opportunity for people to get to know one-another.

**Timeline** –

- Investigate if there is a service learning program at your school and which faculty members require a service-learning component in their course work.
- Work with your faculty and/or Grand Chapter Advisor on a plan to introduce this concept to other faculty.
- Introduce and re-introduce yourself to these faculty members and propose the idea of the partnership – maybe invite some of these faculty members to a chapter meeting to talk about their service-learning projects.
- Pitch the program with the help of your advisors to the appropriate faculty members – at a minimum hand out information, which includes a contact name and number/e-mail address.
- Develop expectations and goals with the faculty members that are interested in the partnership.
- Meet regularly with the faculty throughout the quarter or semester to evaluate the partnership and identify any areas that need improvement.
- When the term ends, complete a final evaluation with each student and the faculty involved. Be sure to continue the relationship developed with class members – they may not be interested in joining Alpha Sigma Phi, but they can be supporters.

## Headquarter's News

On September 27, 2000, Tom Wajnert, Chairman of the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation announced the resignation of **Kevin J. Garvey** as President and CEO of the foundation effective October 6, 2000. Kevin has accepted the position of Vice President for Development with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

**Ted Kocher**, previously Director of Development, has been appointed Interim President/CEO of the foundation. Brother Kocher stated, "I'm disappointed that Kevin has left the Foundation Staff. He has been a professional mentor of mine since my initial involvement on the Foundation Staff. I am excited though at the opportunity this provides me to become more involved with the direction of our organization and work with the Fraternity on the impact Alpha Sigma Phi can make on our brotherhood."

This semester's fraternity staff has also changed quite a bit from last year. Below is a current list of each person and their e-mail and phone extension.

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Academy 2001  
January 19 - 21, 2001

This year's Academy of Leadership will be held January 19 - 21, 2001 at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center in Lisle, Illinois (just outside Chicago). Please make sure that everyone interested in serving your chapter as HSP is aware of the date and location.

As an added plus, we will also be inviting Grand Chapter Advisor's and HE's to this year's Academy. Specific registration information will be sent out shortly, so keep a look out for that!



**CANINE COMPANIONS**  
FOR INDEPENDENCE

Does your chapter have a great idea for a philanthropy or service event for CCI? Let's us know show we can share it with all our other chapters.

Need more information on CCI, contact your Chapter Leadership Consultant or headquarters.

### *Share Your Success Stories!*

Every chapter has had success this year to brag about and now is your opportunity to share!

Let us know about what is going on with your chapter so it can be shared with all our other groups. Perhaps it's recruitment or academics. Maybe it's a great mixer with a sorority or a fantastic service event.

Send your news to your Chapter Leadership Consultant or to Tom Hinkley at the e-mail address listed to the left.



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*To all chapters who turned in their October reports of Membership and your Risk Management Statement of Agreement on time...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.*

*There are still some chapters which have not turned this in. These must be sent to Headquarters immediately to allow for accurate insurance billings.*

## **Insurance Premiums are Just Around the Corner**

As a reminder, your chapter will be receiving your invoice for Liability Insurance around December 1, 2000. This payment **MUST BE RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by our insurance carrier on February 1, 2001. Last year, which is no guarantee for this year, the baseline cost was \$87 per man.

One easy way to lower your bill by 5% is to have three risk management education events prior to November 15, 2000 and turn in the appropriate forms to headquarters. Topics may include hazing, alcohol abuse, date rape, and drug prevention.

Each Chapter Leadership Consultant is prepared to do one of these workshops for you during their chapter visit. Your campus Greek Advisor may be another resource to perform a workshop, as well as other faculty or advisors on campus. Just let us know when a workshop is done and we'll keep track for you.