

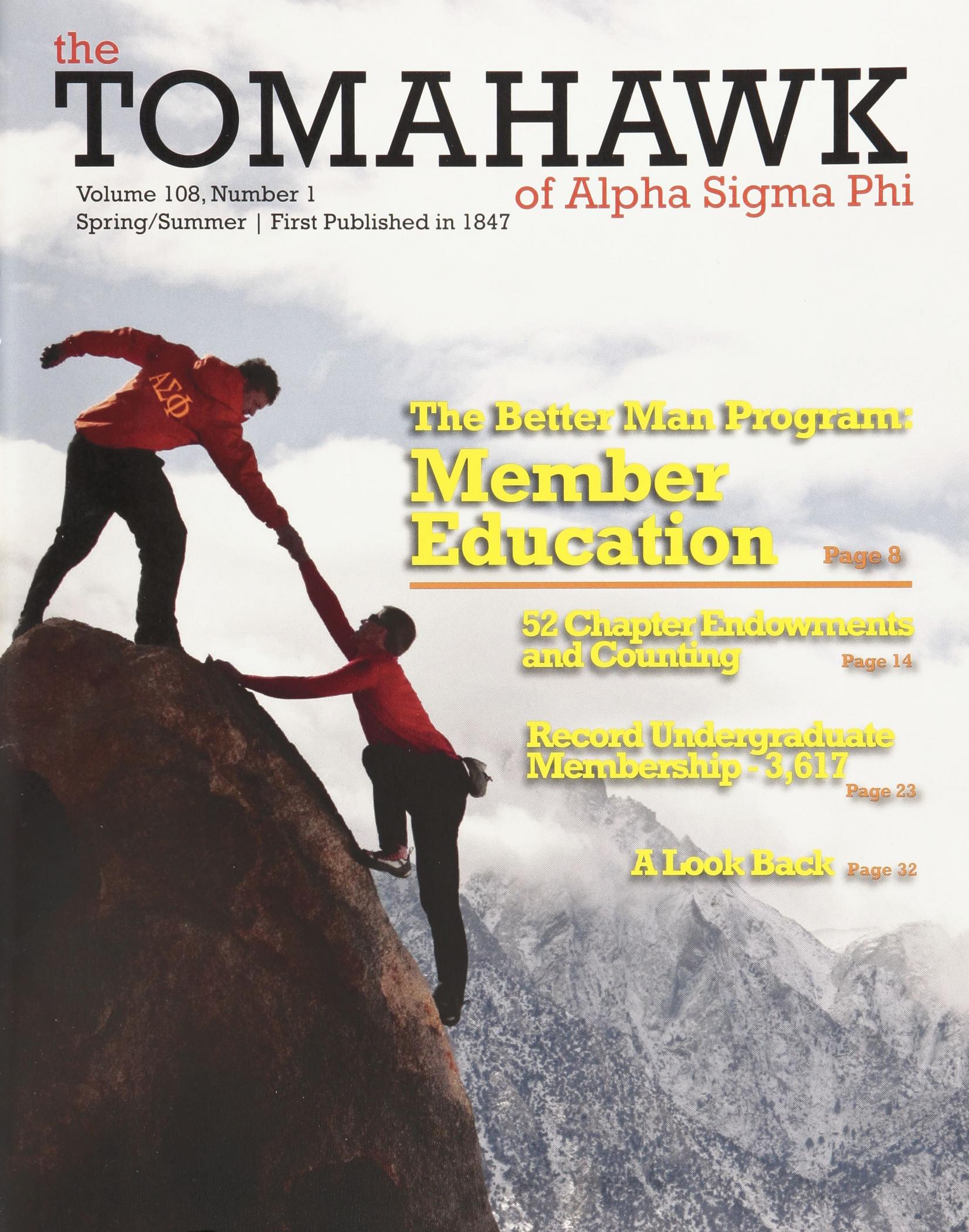
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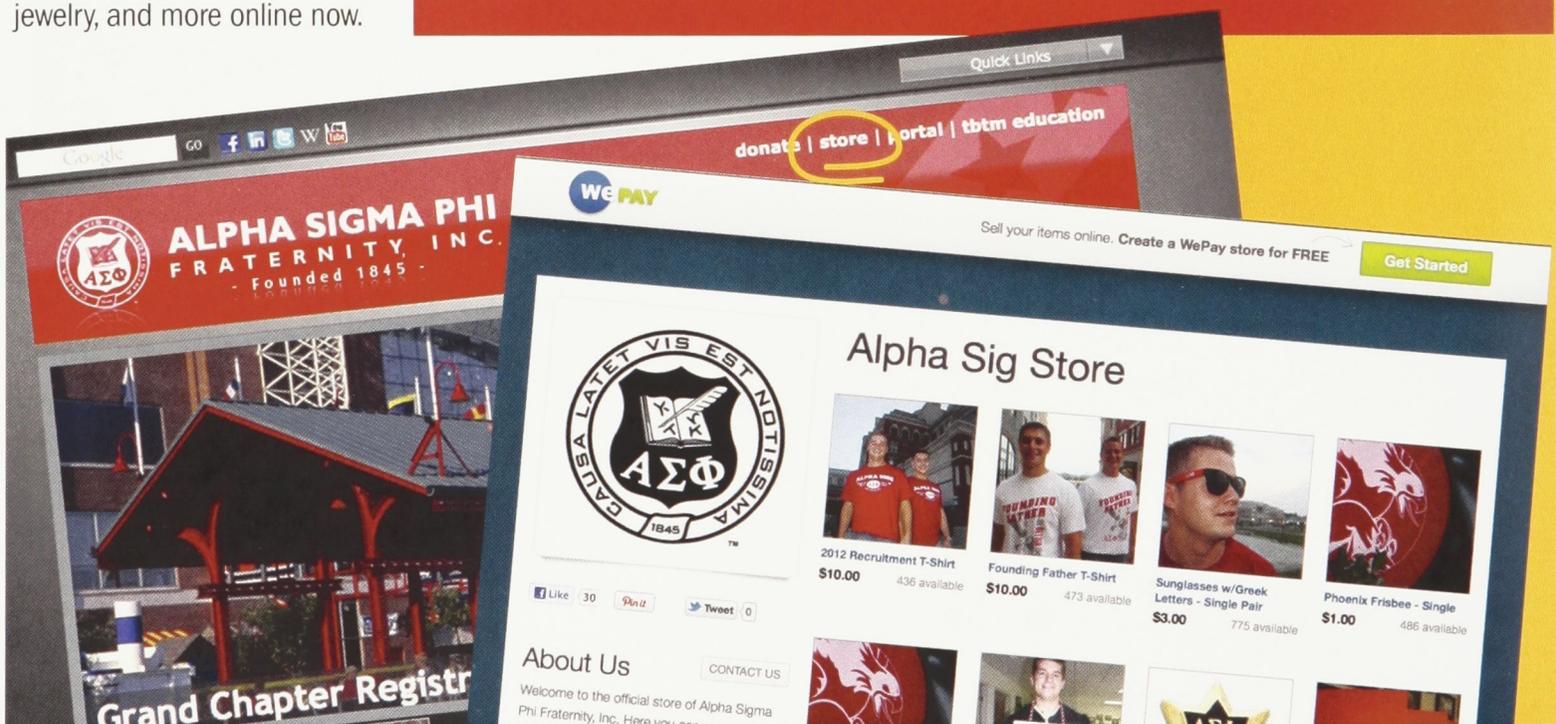
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Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity was founded at Yale University in 1845, and currently recognizes 99 chapters and colonies across the country. The Fraternity aims to be the co-curricular organization of choice for discerning young men through the provision of an enriching brotherhood experience, and a full range of character and leadership development opportunities.

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The Golden Era Continues . . .



As this issue of *The Tomahawk* is the last one published during my time as Grand Senior President, I want to provide you with a recap of the tremendous accomplishments of the past three-and-a-half years, and offer a sense of the challenges we still face and a vision of Alpha Sigma Phi's future.

First and foremost, the volunteer culture of Alpha Sigma Phi has changed. Today, 95 of our groups have a primary advisor (Grand Chapter Advisor). More than 60 percent of our groups have recognized Chapter Councils. And only a handful of groups have just one advisor. These selfless volunteers work tirelessly at the local level to assist each of our groups and all of our undergraduate members, assuring the success of our Fraternity.

Since 2008, Alpha Sigma Phi has literally transformed itself. For many decades, we've held steady with about 60 chapters and colonies, gaining and losing a couple of chapters each year and stagnant recruitment numbers overall. Today, Alpha Sigma Phi is

the fastest growing North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) fraternity in the country – and we've become the organization that many other fraternities have turned to in order to learn from our successes. We are now on the cusp of 80 chapters and 100 total groups, and are confident that before the leaves change color in the fall, these mileposts that may have seemed unachievable in the past will be a reality. Most importantly, this growth has allowed us to impact more undergraduate men at more campuses than at any time in our history. In fact, during the last four years, more than 5,000 men have joined our brotherhood and committed themselves to our Values of Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism.

Our leadership programs have never been stronger, and participation at these programs is rising. In January, the Academy of Leadership boasted the largest gathering of Alpha Sig leaders ever, with more than 270 presidents and officers attending. This year, more chapters – 56 – participated in the Burns Leadership Institute than ever before. Our Chapter Advance program was revitalized, and our summer leadership program returned last year as Elevate: National Leadership Conference, with a strong showing in Bowling Green, Ohio.

In the midst of all this progress, Alpha Sigma Phi has also developed an industry-leading, comprehensive membership education program that you'll read about in this edition of *The Tomahawk*. The grade point averages of our chapters and colonies are getting higher, while our risk management violations are down significantly. Plus, we've never been more financially solvent than now, as deficits have become surpluses without raising fees or cutting the services that help our chapters.

In Phi,

Causa Latet Vis Est Notissima

Richard T. Ritter,
Toledo '91 and Ohio Wesleyan '93
Grand Senior President

**Unprecedented growth
has allowed us to impact
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This is undoubtedly a Golden Era for our Fraternity, and the best days for Alpha Sigma Phi definitely remain ahead. To keep our momentum going, we need the extreme focus of the Grand Council, our staff, our dedicated volunteers, and our members across the country. But I am confident all are up to the task. It has been my great honor to serve our brotherhood – and for your efforts toward our success, I'll be forever grateful. ■

National Update

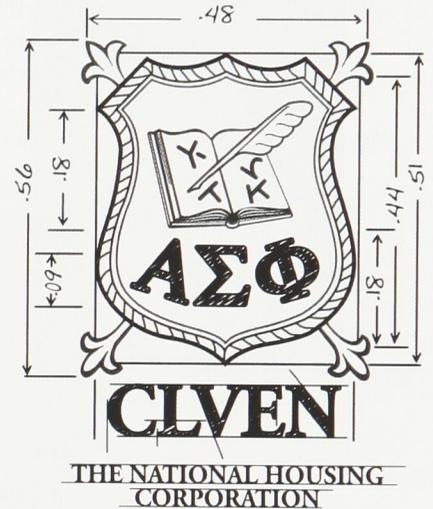
CLVEN Awards \$5,000 Grant and \$5,000 Loan

CLVEN, Alpha Sigma Phi's national housing corporation, has established a process to give chapters and house corporations the opportunity to apply for grants and loans.

The first recipient of CLVEN funding was the Gamma Iota Chapter at the University of Arizona, which was awarded a \$5,000 grant and a \$5,000 loan to acquire a property near campus in Tucson. This is the first allocation the CLVEN Board made with funds from the Housing Fee Assessment that all chapters pay during each spring term.

Funds requests are reviewed by the CLVEN Board of Directors on an ongoing basis and can be for house remodeling or construction, sprinkler system upgrades, or improvements for painting and other cosmetic changes. Applications for funding are found on Alpha Sigma Phi's website.

The CLVEN Board will hold its first face-to-face meeting at Grand Chapter in August and will host three programs for alumni interested in chapter housing on Saturday during Grand Chapter. Sessions include an open-format discussion, housing corporation best practices, and how to establish a house corporation.



Purdue and Bowling Green Alumni Added to the Foundation Board

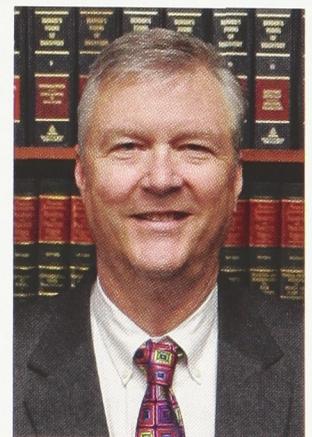


Joseph R. Zimmerman (left), Bowling Green '77, and Eric N. Allen (right), Purdue '71, have been appointed to the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation Board of Directors.

Brother Zimmerman, who is Director of Carrier Alliances with Verizon Wireless in Georgia, also chairs the Grants Committee. Brother Allen serves as the Foundation's liaison to CLVEN, contributing as a member of its board of directors. Allen, a resident of Indianapolis, is a partner in the law firm of Allen Wellman McNew in Greenfield, Indiana.

The Grants Committee is responsible for reviewing all grant requests, specifically those that come from the Fraternity each year. For the 2011-2012 academic year, the Grants Committee approved a \$355,000 grant to be paid to the Fraternity for programs, leadership development, and staff time during this 2011-2012 academic year.

The new board members are replacing Peter S. Fuss, Michigan '54, and Gregory N. Eppler, Purdue '69, who have filled their terms of service. Both men, who have brought invaluable knowledge to the board, will be recognized for their service at an alumni and volunteer reception during this year's Grand Chapter. Their participation and insight will be missed.



Values, Service, and Common Purpose

In His Own Words



When an F-5 tornado ripped the heart out of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, last year, Chaz Glick, Augusta State '11, had little reason to believe it would change his life.

But it did.

Brother Glick participated in the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) Service Immersion trip this past December that put fraternity and sorority members from across the country in Tuscaloosa to assist with tornado cleanup and repairs. He shares his thoughts on the experience and what it means to be a Brother of Alpha Sigma Phi.

In preparation for my week of service in Tuscaloosa, I knew that I was going to have the opportunity to live one of our Values – Charity. Little did I know that I was going to be challenged in ways that would aid in my growth as a person and a leader.

I was not sure what my exact purpose was going to be. After touring the destroyed city, I realized I was not there just to rebuild a house or clean up a yard but to rebuild people's lives. I couldn't imagine my life being

destroyed in a matter of minutes.

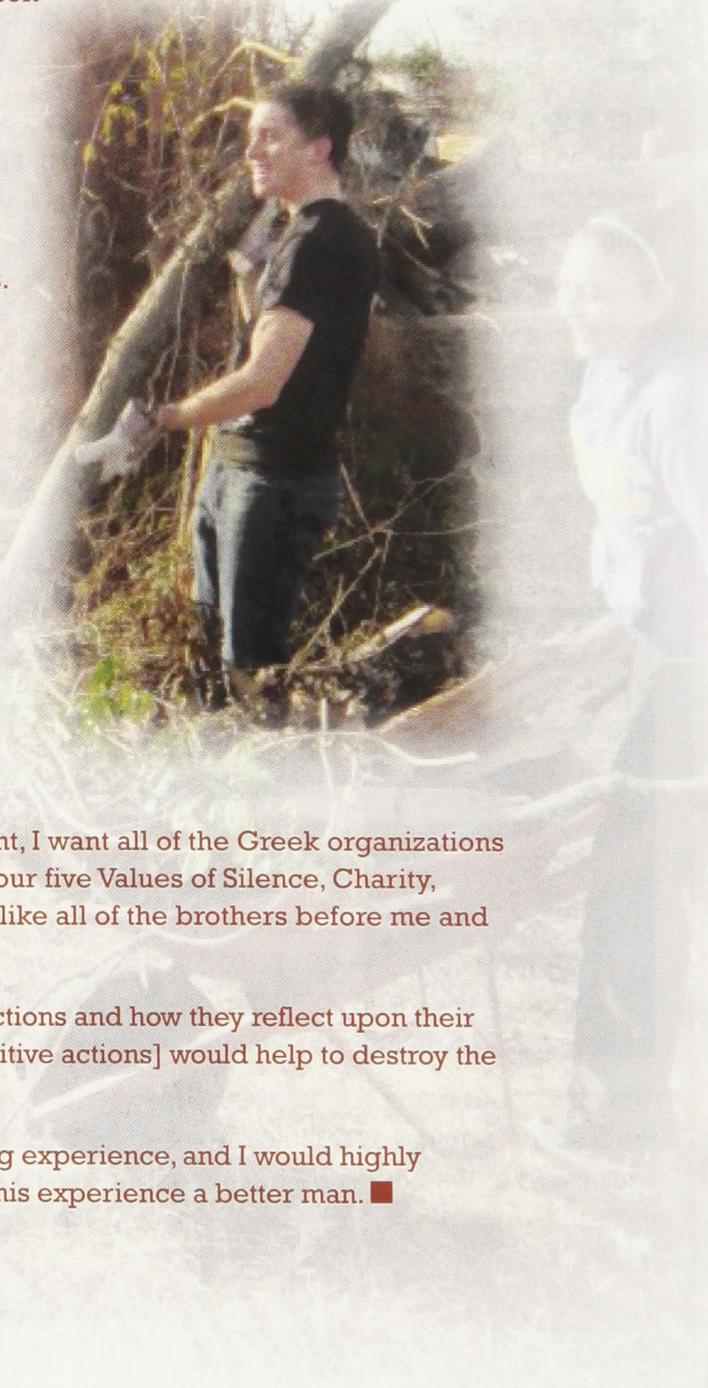
Everyone who participated that week agreed to establish a common purpose of rebuilding lives while we were there. As fraternity men, we are trusted with bettering ourselves and our members by living our Values, and through experiences like this one.

Fraternities are constantly faced with battling the negative stereotypes that are perpetuated by the news media, which often overlooks all of the good that we do for society.

Being a proponent of the fraternal Values movement, I want all of the Greek organizations to realign with their values. I have pledged to live our five Values of Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism every single day, just like all of the brothers before me and all those who will come after me.

If all Greeks were more aware of their day-to-day actions and how they reflect upon their [fraternal] organizations and their values, [their positive actions] would help to destroy the negative stereotypes that have been created.

The service immersion trip has been a life-changing experience, and I would highly recommend others participate. I have come out of this experience a better man. ■



It's Easy to Talk the Talk. Meet a Brother Who Walks the Walk.

Member
Profile

At a time when social justice is a hot-button issue in American life, the core values of Alpha Sigma Phi are more meaningful and relevant than ever. But did you know that there is a billionaire Brother who has lived them since his initiation at Cornell in 1953?

Charles "Chuck" Feeney has been called "the most famous anonymous donor in history," giving away billions since 1982; unbeknownst to all but a small circle of advisors. He plans to give away his remaining assets by 2017 through his foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies. One example? A recent \$350 million gift to his alma mater, Cornell.

Brother Feeney gained his fortune by building a chain of duty-free shops. He lives modestly, having said that a man can only wear one pair of shoes at a time. According to The Center for Philanthropy at Indiana State University, he is said to own no homes or cars, flies coach, and wears a \$15 watch.

His children, all of whom had summer jobs as wait staff, hotel maids, or cashiers while growing up, are amazingly serene about his decision to give his fortune away. "It made us normal people," they told a New York Times reporter.

So, what does Feeney have to say about it all? "A lot of wealthy people, they don't realize they have the alternatives of spending the money for good," he said. "If they knew it gives so much satisfaction, I wouldn't have to persuade them. The press says someone's 'one of the wealthiest persons in the world,' but he hasn't figured out how many grilled-cheese-and-tomato sandwiches that comes to. How many can you eat?"

The Alpha Sig Values of Charity and Silence certainly shine through with Charles Feeney, as do Honor and Patriotism. The grandchild of Irish immigrants, he has maintained dual Irish-American citizenship and made significant gifts to worthy causes in both of his native lands.

An interesting side note is that three of the world's wealthiest and most successful men are Alpha Sigs: Feeney, Berkshire Hathaway's Warren Buffett, Pennsylvania '48, and Ratan Tata, Cornell '56, chairman of Tata Sons Limited, an India-based holding company with businesses

in more than 100 countries. Brother Tata holds almost 70 percent of the company's worth in charitable trusts, while Brother Buffett has pledged to give away 85 percent of his fortune through the Gates Foundation.

Perhaps strong life values increase one's chances at business success.

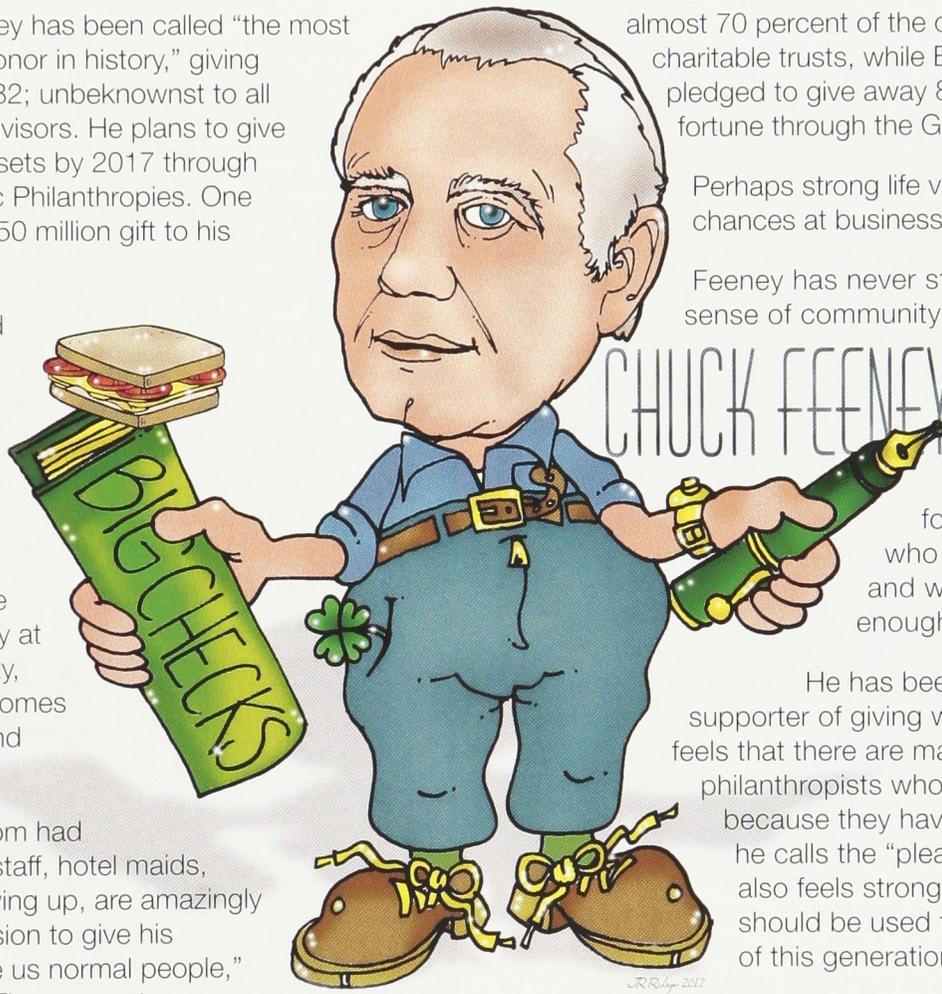
Feeney has never strayed far from the sense of community he was born into – one of helping his neighbor, and he has the ability to empathize with people less fortunate than himself who lead difficult lives and who may not have enough to eat.

He has been an outspoken supporter of giving while living. He feels that there are many potential philanthropists who haven't given because they haven't discovered what he calls the "pleasure of giving." He also feels strongly that his wealth should be used to solve the problems of this generation.

"Just think," Brother Feeney said, reflecting on the global economic downturn, "if wealthy people had given away more of the money they had over the last decade, they wouldn't have lost it."

For more on Brother Feeney's story, pick up a copy of "The Billionaire Who Wasn't," his authorized biography by journalist Conor O'Clery, published in 2007 by Public Affairs. It's the life story of a Brother true to the Alpha Sig spirit, whom we all should strive to emulate. ■

This article was prepared using information from recent news sources about Brother Feeney with quotations from a story appearing September 26, 2007, in The New York Times.



The Tug to Explore (and Give Back):

David Korponai, UConn '63

Executive Officer – USAID Mission,
Kingston, Jamaica

Most college students feel the tug of a world beyond the campus and, sooner or later, go off and explore for a little while before they settle down. For David Korponai, UConn '63, that tug never really stopped.

After earning his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Connecticut (where he captained the football team), he joined the army, serving in Germany, Vietnam, and Bolivia before retiring as a Captain in 1978.

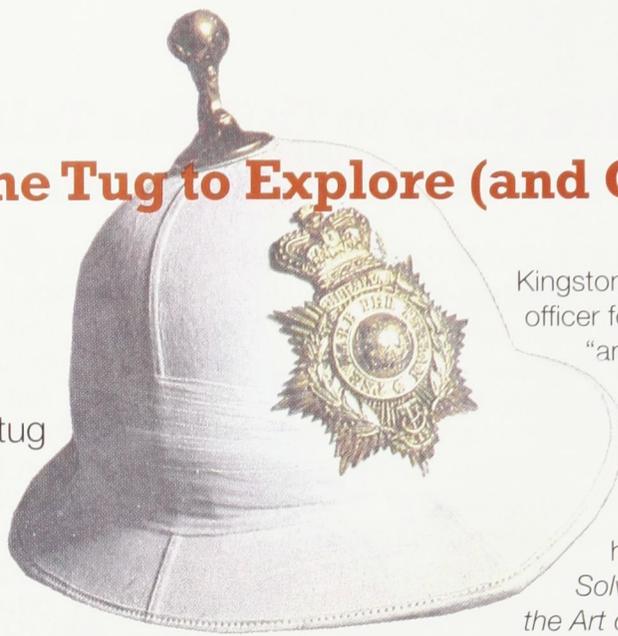
Bolivia was calling his name, and he returned to work there for two American-based companies engaged in civil engineering and mining projects. Already a confirmed traveler, Brother Korponai worked in Chile, Ecuador, and Brazil before earning an MBA from La Salle University in Philadelphia.

More than two decades ago, he settled in to a career with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which administers civilian and humanitarian foreign aid. "Making the world a better place is based on defense, diplomacy, and development – known in Washington as the 3-D concept," he explained. USAID is all about the third D.

He hasn't stopped traveling, accomplishing, helping, growing. Following agency work back in Bolivia, Korponai felt the tug again and transferred into various management positions with USAID offices in Egypt, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine. And also in Serbia/Montenegro, where his work earned him a 2008 USAID Superior Honor Award for "exceptional leadership, management and vision, converting a small U.S. consulate into a fully functioning U.S. embassy in Montenegro."

Korponai picked up a lot of relevant knowledge during his early days in Gamma Gamma Chapter. "The Alpha Sig experience makes for the better man by instilling Values such as Charity, Patriotism and Honor," he said. "Good governance and honesty are lacking in some countries, and, for me, the importance of these values can be traced back to my fraternity days. Chapter elections, tutoring brothers, mentoring new members, volunteering... these all formed a good base for my future work. It was built on the foundation of my Alpha Sig experience."

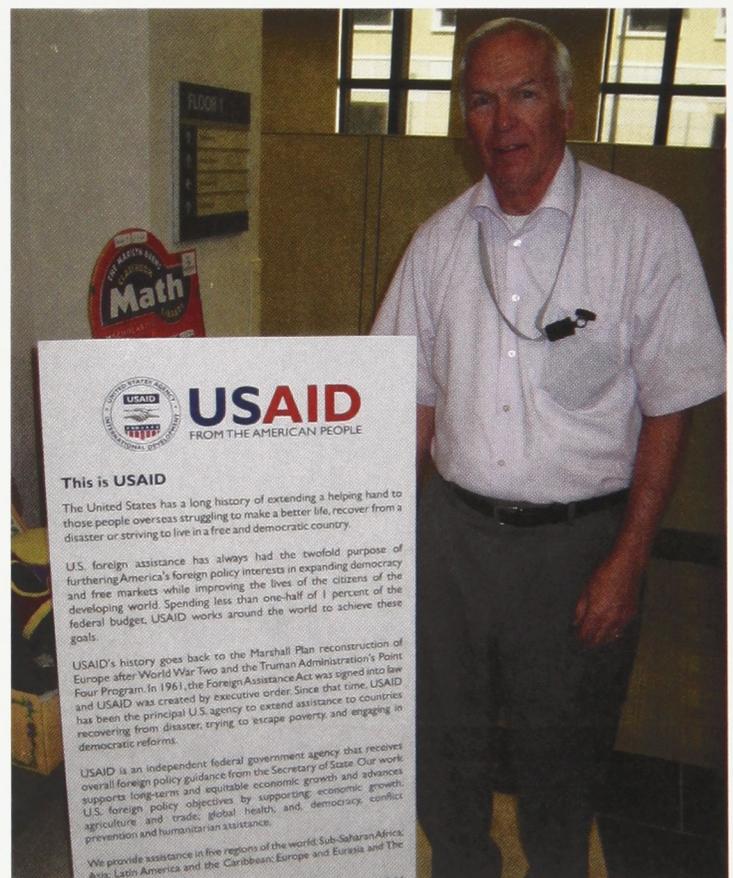
Today, he's stationed somewhere a little more comfortable:



Kingston, Jamaica. "I am the executive officer for this mission," he reported, "and my responsibilities center around providing administrative and logistical support to our American and local staff."

Brother Korponai put much of his insights into a 2009 book, *Solving Management's Puzzle - the Art of Managing People* (available on Amazon and other book outlets). He is married, with three grown children and five grandchildren – who will, no doubt, take memories of time spent in Jamaica into their own adulthoods.

"I had no idea that I would spend over half of my life living overseas," he said. Knowing his current location has more appeal than previous assignments, he extends an invite to Alpha Sigs worldwide. "I have always had an open door for brothers traveling," he said, "and it still goes in Kingston. While most tourism centers in Ocho Rios, Montego Bay, and Negril, anyone is welcome to hang his hat for a few days in my place." ■



16 Days on Top of the World

Last summer, psychology major Brother Robert Noonan, Plattsburgh '10, took advantage of a life-altering opportunity: a 16-day trip to Tibet – part of a study-abroad program through Castleton State College in Vermont. Alpha Sigma Phi provided financial support through one of its scholarships. Writers for *The Tomahawk* caught up with Noonan recently.

What got you interested in the culture?

I've always found Buddhist philosophy interesting. It's not just a religion but also a lifestyle. Being a member of Alpha Sigma Phi helped me to cross cultural barriers and share experiences with people with different backgrounds. In fact, my Little Brother is from Nepal, and he first introduced me to Tibetan culture and language.

What was your itinerary?

First we took a 16-hour flight from New York to Beijing, where we spent two days exploring the city, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall. From there we flew to Gyeltangteng (Shangri-La) in Northern Yunnan province.

Lost Horizon? THAT Shangri-La? What was it like?

Half of it is ancient, with people who seem preserved in time. The other half is more modern. At the Gyeltang Sungteling monastery, we saw (but couldn't photograph) ornate paintings and frescoes depicting Buddhist beliefs. Pigment for the paintings was hand-ground from rocks. We also saw large butter sculptures of mandalas (celestial palaces).

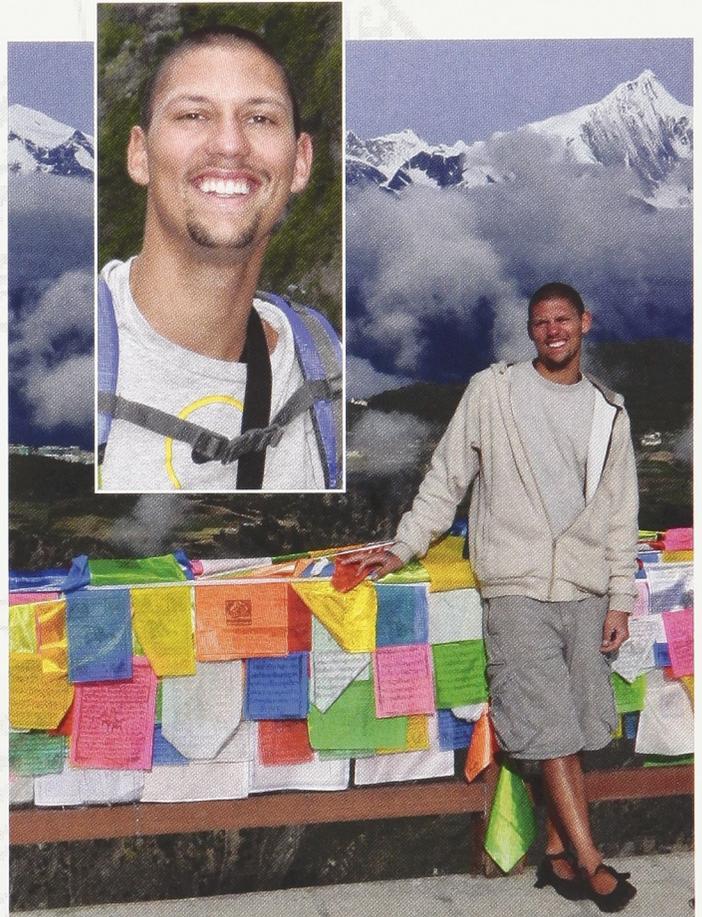
Was the trip all about the art?

We also studied Tibetan culture, got to know the people, learned Buddhist teachings, and even did some meditation.

What were the most memorable highlights?

We drove to Dechen, near the 22,000-foot summit of Mount Kawa Karpo, and saw Namka Tashi Temple, associated with the founder of Tibetan Buddhism. We continued the lectures we had started at Shangri-La and meditated with Tibetan monks. Then it was back down the same mountain road to Dokar Dzong to see statues of deities like Avalokitesvara, Tara, Padmasambhava, and the Shakyamuni Buddha.

Back in Shangri-La, we visited one of the world's largest Buddhist prayer wheels. Next we visited Shaxi, along the Southern Silk Road, high in the Himalayas. Then Shibao, where we meditated in a cave and experienced a festival to cleanse the town of evil spirits. Finally, Lijiang, where we met a high Rinpoche Lama, who



blessed our travels. He told us to explore all religions to find what would make us most compassionate and to clear the "mud" that hides the golden shine of our minds. That part was surreal.

What were your most significant takeaways?

Traveling to Tibet taught me two important things: First, respect everyone – because you don't know what relationship you may have had with them in a past life. Second, there's always room for compassion, so share it with others.

How has the trip changed you?

It gave me a much more open outlook on people. Tibetan Buddhists respect all people and value all life. Since returning home, that view has seeped into my personality, making me more grateful for the significant people in my life and accepting of those who I may have been quick to judge. ■

Building a Better Fraternity:

Alpha Sigma Phi's Breakthrough Member Education Program

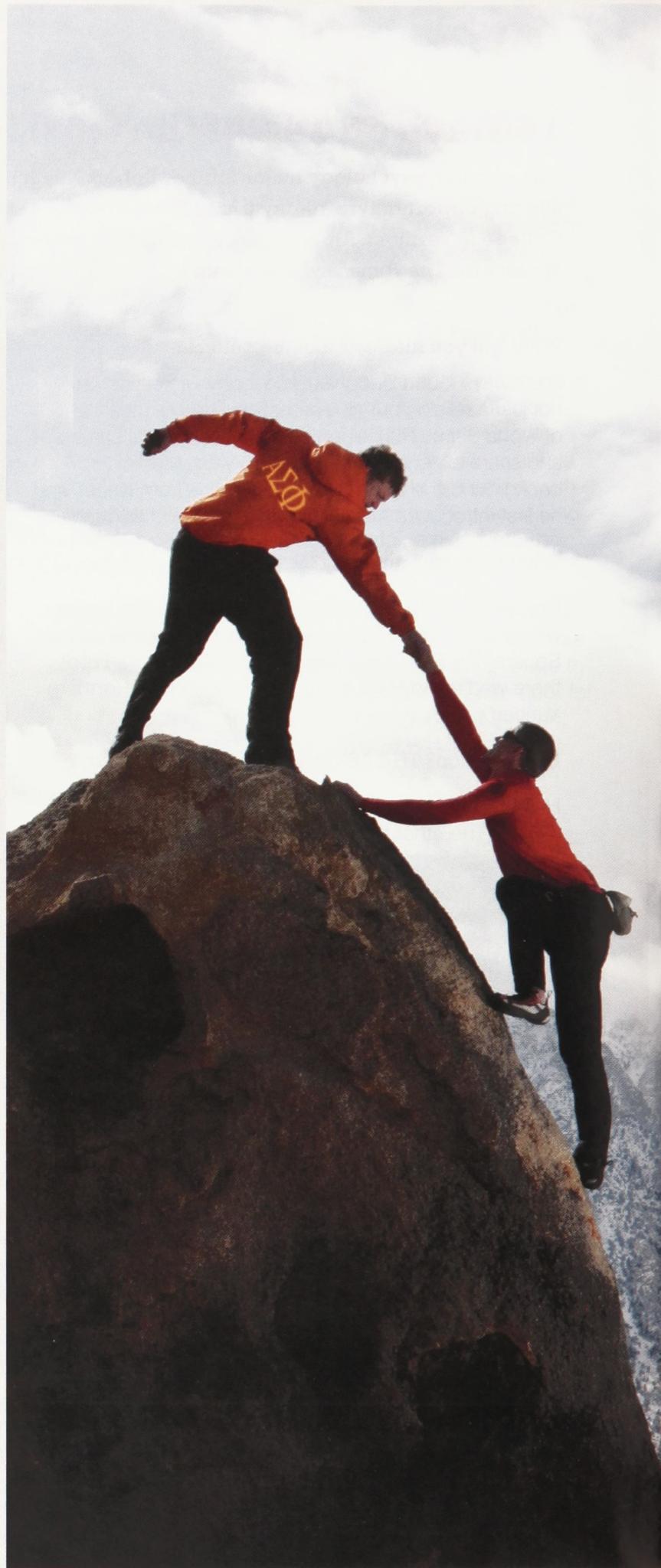
Editor's Note: Alpha Sigma Phi's Member Education Program has undergone a historic overhaul to enhance the quality of the fraternity experience, and in turn, truly help our members become better men. The following takes us through the vision and the realities of Alpha Sigma Phi's the Better Man Program.

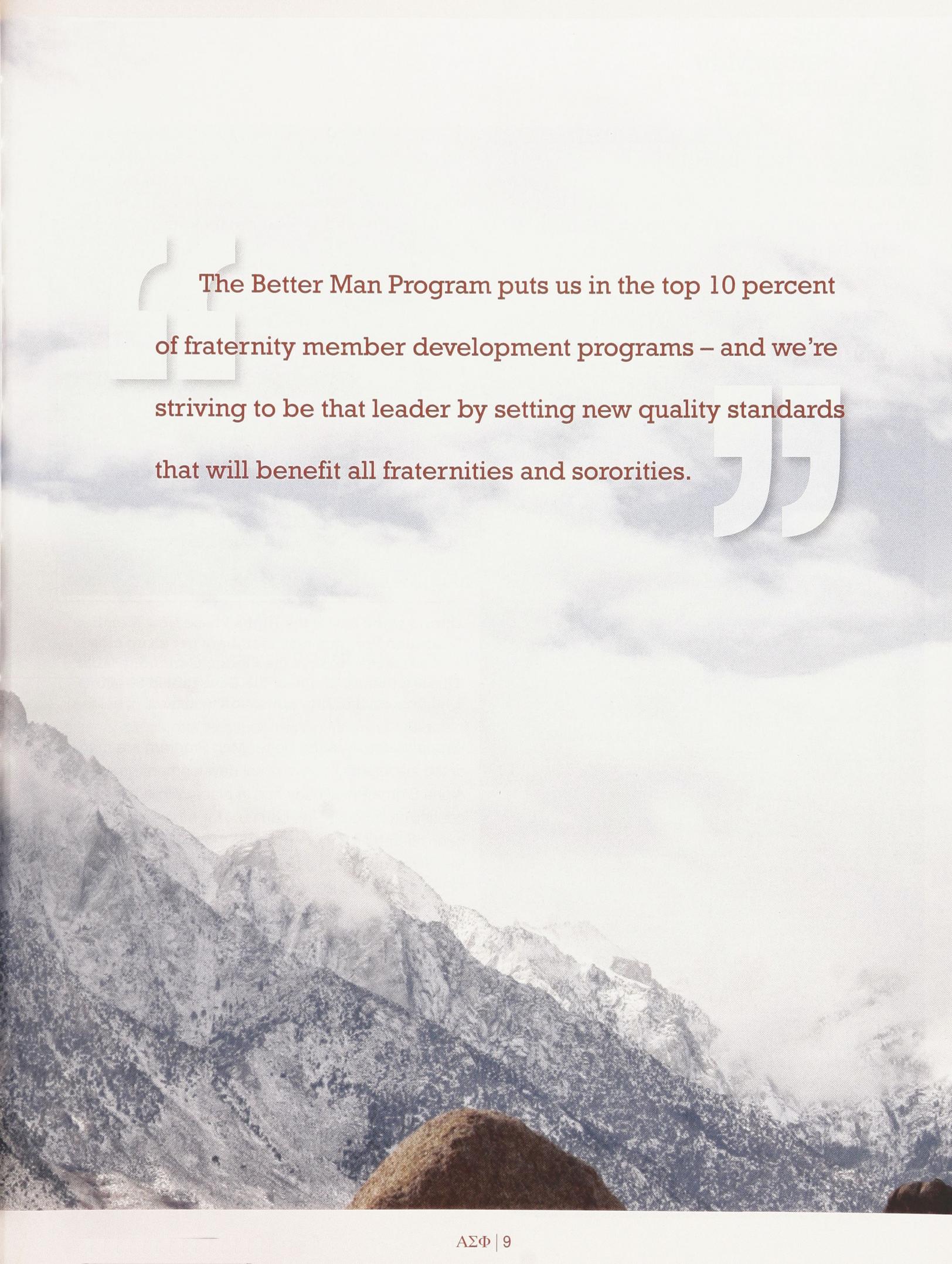
“Colleges and universities have started a push toward shorter new member education programs,” President and Chief Executive Officer Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96, says. “Our five-week session before initiation is seen as a proactive step. We know that longer new member education programs increase the likelihood for risk management violations and hurt retention. We think our members' parents and family members will welcome our new program, too.”

A highlight of our programs is the tbtm education website, tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org, which we believe to be the first of its kind in the social fraternity world. Visitors – undergraduates and alumni volunteers alike – have access to a number of training modules, the components of the Better Man Program.

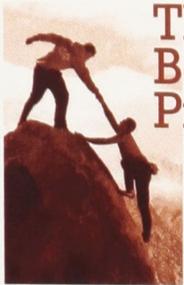
Brother Heminger points out that the education website allows all of our groups to have a replicable experience.

“It allows our new groups the opportunity to conduct membership education without the advantages established chapters have,” he says. “Sophomores, juniors, and seniors have the opportunity to participate in a self-paced education program, and all 19 officer positions have comprehensive training on how to best do their jobs.”





The Better Man Program puts us in the top 10 percent of fraternity member development programs – and we’re striving to be that leader by setting new quality standards that will benefit all fraternities and sororities.



The Better Man Program

“The Alpha Phase makes it easier to teach and for the new members to retain the information. It is more structured so we aren’t running around trying to figure out what we should be teaching for a new member class. I know other fraternities on my campus often have no clue what the Membership Education Director is teaching the new members, or if they do, they do not know when certain information is going to be taught. Our Director makes sure we teach everything in a fun hands-on environment, and that the brothers are all on the same page and know where the new members are at in the process.” – *Epsilon Eta Chapter President Mike Woods, Salisbury '10*

ALPHA PHASE

Our Values of character – Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism – have stood the test of time and are central to the Alpha Phase of member education. After completing the Alpha Phase, new members will leave with a clear understanding of the values of Alpha Sigma Phi, understand the obligation of membership, understand the beliefs that make us unique, and appreciate the benefits of membership.

The first five weeks of the Alpha Phase focus on the new member, the type of man he would like to become, and how our values help him achieve his goals. These five weeks are also spent getting to know the new member better, verifying his academic eligibility to join, and ensuring he feels comfortable and wants to be a part of the chapter.

Initiation, our ritual of membership, is held at the conclusion of the sixth week. This is a significant change from when initiation occurred at the end of a semester, or even carried over to the beginning of the next semester.

We have found that when men are initiated sooner as brothers, member retention rate increases, participation in the Fraternity increases, and members are more interested in what it means to be part of Alpha Sigma Phi – they want to learn about our rich history and embrace it as their own. And they participate in meaningful activities that bring value to their lives.

After initiation, there are three more weeks of education.

Examining our rituals is the focus of the first of these weeks. The remaining weeks focus on the history and traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi. Indications are that presenting our history at this time engenders deeper understanding of what it means to be part of our 167-year-old Fraternity.



During week one of the Alpha Phase New Member Education Program new members get an up close and interactive look at the Pledge Ceremony table. This is a picture of one of the Educational Sessions available on the tbtm education website.

Wrapped deeply in the Better Man Program are many of the leadership and personal development programs Alpha Sigma Phi already had in place. While it is a continuing process, the curricula for most of these have been altered to better align with the goals of the Better Man Program and the lessons of the Alpha, Sigma, and Phi phases of education.

We call these lead PROGRAMS. The Burns Leadership Institute was among the first created and began in 1997. Others followed and have been recognized with several awards from our fraternity peers for their breakthrough approach to leadership development. All are underwritten in parts by grants from the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation, made possible through the generous gifts of alumni and friends of the fraternity.

These programs are intended to play an even more important role in the years to come and serve the Better Man Program in a variety of ways, with new colloquiums added to our suite of programs. ■



SIGMA PHASE

Initiated members in their second and third years of membership undergo the Sigma Phase of member education that focuses on six key topics:

1. Social Excellence
2. Academics
3. Health and Wellness
4. Leadership Involvement
5. Career Planning
6. Service and Philanthropy

This is when membership in Alpha Sigma Phi provides members the opportunity to participate in a values-based life and leadership laboratory that leads them to become better men. It is a time of self-awareness, and awareness of the

needs of others. During this period, our members are engaged academically, actively examine and practice leadership concepts and competencies, and demonstrate the courage to put aside fears and reach for bold outcomes. They are expected to live the attributes of a high-performing gentleman, and demonstrate the values of Alpha Sigma Phi through civic and community involvement and charitable acts.

Completion of Sigma Phase includes participation in eight group activities and discussions (two per term), and completion of 16 individual activities (four per term), which for many forms the core of their undergraduate experience.

ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP

Each newly elected officer completes the officer education section of the tbtm Education Website before being installed in his position. Afterward, certain chapter officers are eligible to attend the Academy of Leadership held each January in a central location, typically the Indianapolis area.

Presently, the Academy has tracks for chapter presidents, recruitment directors, and membership education directors. The membership education directors attend Academy to learn about Alpha Phase and how to correctly facilitate the program at their chapters. Our goal is to add other tracks to cover some of the 19 officer positions possible in an Alpha Sigma Phi chapter.

BURNS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Newly initiated members are eligible to apply to attend the Burns Leadership Institute at no charge. This year, the program was held in January in Indianapolis with nearly 300 men in attendance. The opportunity to interact with other new members from around the country helps create the sense that we are a diverse, national fraternity and

sets new members on the path to a strong brotherhood experience as undergraduates. Many Burns graduates go on to leadership positions within their chapters.

The Burns Institute is considered the capstone of the Alpha Phase of member education, and preliminary discussions are taking place to hold two Burns programs each year – one in the spring and one in the fall – to accommodate the new schedule for initiation of members. But even with the generous support of the Foundation, presently not every new member can attend. We turned away more than 300 applicants to this year's program. A number of methods to fund the Burns Institute are being studied – with the hope that we can keep this model program true to its roots.

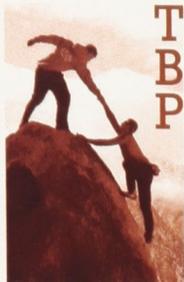
ELEVATE

National Leadership Conference

The summer National Leadership Conference, held during non-Grand Chapter years, had been on hiatus due to funding issues. In 2011, the program made its return as Elevate: National Leadership Conference. All members are invited to participate in the program that consists of

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five tracks, three of which are part of the Better Man Program:

- Emerging Leader geared toward men in the sophomore year of their Sigma Phase
- Advanced Leader geared toward men in their junior year of the Sigma Phase
- Graduating Seniors for men entering their senior year kicks off the Phi Phase of the Better Man Program.

Our lineup of leadership and personal development programs is impressive. The programs have been studied by other Greek letter fraternities and sororities, and have gained admiration of college and university administrations – and not only where we have chapters. Alpha Sigma Phi regularly has invitations to consider expanding to campuses not necessarily on our target list.

With a comprehensive view of how Alpha Sigma Phi can truly Better the Man, our programs build off of one another to weave a powerful brotherhood experience that prepares young men for life.

All these efforts are paying off with a continuous stream of values-oriented young men wanting to be Alpha Sigs. By arming our chapters with the knowledge, tools, and support to have successful chapters, as a national organization we have fewer risk management incidents, officers who utilize provided resources, and undergraduate members who want to be more engaged in Alpha Sigma Phi.

All told, Alpha Sigma Phi is emerging as a bigger and stronger partner to the colleges and universities we call home, and we are building a better Fraternity.

But the best news is there is more to come. ■

PHI PHASE

Intended for seniors, Phi Phase focuses on six key areas that help members focus on personal achievement, recognition of the future, and how to plan for success in life.

1. Remaining Engaged
2. Your Obligation
3. Connectedness
4. Life Transitions
5. Financial Management
6. Career and Life Planning

Phi Phase also examines their personal legacies, their obligation to Alpha Sigma Phi as a lifelong brother, and the elements of their values-driven personal compass – all with an eye to how to live a positive life.

During Phi Phase, members participate in group activities and discussions that focus on each of the six key topics, and complete 12 individual activities – two related to each topic – to complete the program.

The culmination of Phi Phase is the Fraternity's Senior Service Ceremony. During the Ceremony, they are recognized for their efforts, achievements, and their commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi. They leave the Phase as a man who is better for having become a member of our Fraternity and not only seeks to continue to become better, but knows the importance of "paying it forward" to new generations of Brothers.



“It gives a structured backbone to the education process that puts us ahead of the other fraternities on campus. The other fraternities leave the education process after the new members’ initiations. However, our continued education process allows us to truly ‘Better the Man’ in our everyday lives.”

– *Epsilon Kappa Membership Education Director Matt Redell, Albright '11*

The Better Man Program Committee

Mark D. Still, Washington '75, Chairman

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Steven L. Dutton, Bowling Green '04
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Sigma Phase

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Brian K. Thomas, UC-Berkeley '06

Phi Phase

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Timothy S. Killion, Rutgers '64
Jeffrey T. Lampson, Bethany '79
Nicholas J. Roumonada, Washington '99



Grand Councilor Byron Hughes, Salisbury '06, lead facilitator for the Membership Education Director track at Academy, leads a large group session at the 2012 Academy of Leadership.

Has Your Chapter's Future Been Endowed? The Opportunity to Make a Donation to Only Your Chapter

Most fraternity professionals agree that chapters with involved alumni and a consistent flow of resources are likely to be successful over the long term. But some chapter alumni are not able to volunteer at their chapters due to distance. So, how can you ensure your chapter's future success?

The Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation realized that a number of alumni want to sustain and grow their chapters by making designated gifts.

During the 1980s, Chapter Endowment Funds were created to give alumni (and friends) a way to invest in a chapter and create annual benefits that stretch far into the future. Since the Funds were created, thousands of dollars in academic and programming scholarships have been granted to undergraduates through Chapter Endowments. And thousands more have gone to support capital projects through special Building Campaign Funds.

Each September, a fixed percentage of each fund is set aside for a chapter to use throughout the academic year. Undergraduates of Nu Chapter at the University of California, for example, benefit from the UC-Berkeley Chapter Fund, which annually provides nearly \$2,000 for scholarships and educational programming.

"It is heartening to see that the first dollars of capital originally invested in those Funds have now been returned to the chapter," said Brother Bob Kutz, UC-Berkeley '67, who started the UC-Berkeley Chapter Fund more than 20 years ago.

Presently, 52 directed funds are managed by the Foundation. These funds currently range in assets from a few thousand dollars to more than \$250,000 and represent roughly 11 percent of the Foundation's assets.

These directed gifts from individual alumni, house corporations, parents, or friends of the Fraternity serve as a permanent reserve used to benefit a chapter's undergraduate members for educational purposes, such as:

- Academic or recruitment scholarships
- Leadership programming and conference attendance
- Computers, computer accessories, and library resources for a chapter house
- Physical enhancements of scholastic areas of a chapter house, such as study rooms or libraries

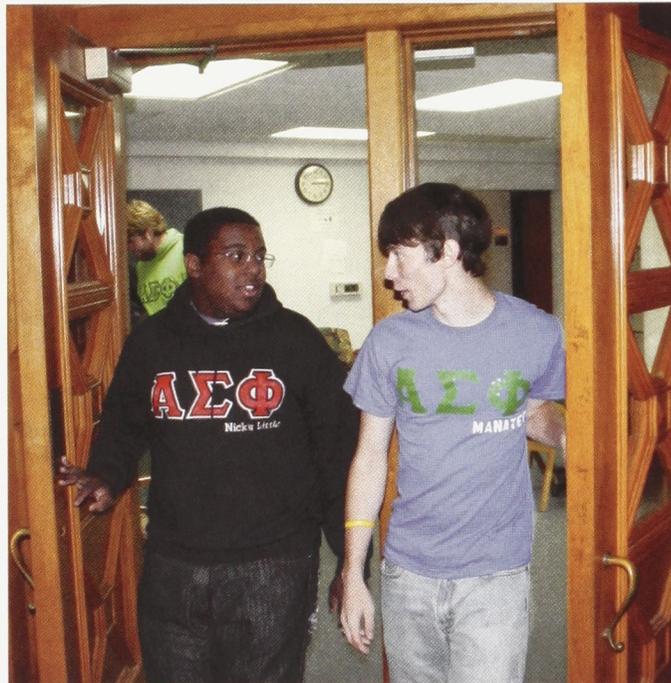
Internal Revenue Service regulations restrict the

tax deductibility of how contributions are made for capital improvements, so the Foundation created Building Campaign Funds to channel contributions for IRS-approved use. Grants from these funds generally support capital building projects that promote the desired atmosphere for academic study.

The Foundation also collects chapter-specific donations for Special Projects Grants that are for qualified

educational purposes as allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. Uses can include registration for Alpha Sigma Phi educational conferences or support of educational space related to housing. ■

To learn more about how to contribute to – or start – a Chapter Endowment, Building Campaign Fund, or Special Projects Fund, please contact Foundation CEO Drew Thawley, Ohio Wesleyan '94, at dthawley@alphasigmaphi.org.



Chapter and Foundation Directed Endowments

The following is a list of established Foundation Chapter Endowment Funds. Your donation to the Fraternity can always be directed toward one of the funds listed. If your chapter is not listed and you would like more information on establishing a fund, or would like to learn how to recruit others from your chapter to help you establish a fund, please contact the Foundation.

Note: the amount provided is the permanently restricted portion of the fund as of June 1, 2012. The spendable amount has not been provided.

Chapter Endowment Funds

are separate, directed funds within the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation that benefit a particular chapter or group of brothers. The Funds grow with directed gifts from individual alumni, house corporations, parents, or friends.

Each year, the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation makes a percentage of each Fund available for scholarships and grants to the members of those chapters that have established Funds.

Chapter Endowments

Baldwin-Wallace Chapter Endowment	\$5,035
Barton Chapter Endowment	\$356
Bentley Chapter Endowment	\$1,985
Binghamton Chapter Endowment	\$200
Bowling Green Albert C. Koontz Emergency Tuition Relief Endowment	\$2,612
Bowling Green Chapter Endowment	\$5,142
Chico State Charles C. Kutz Chapter Endowment	\$13,100
Carnegie-Mellon Chapter Endowment	\$13,000
Central Michigan Chapter Endowment	\$2,800
Clemson Chapter Endowment	\$5,870
Colorado State Chapter Endowment	\$375
Davis-Elkins Chapter Endowment	\$4,050
Grand Valley Chapter Endowment	\$9,286
Hartwick Raymond V. Beecher Chapter Endowment	\$65,516
Illinois Chapter Endowment	\$9,116
Indiana Chapter Endowment	\$26,276
Indiana, Michigan, Toledo, Purdue Carl P. Huber Chapter Endowment	\$7,500
Iowa State Chapter Endowment	\$254,662
Lawrence Tech Chapter Endowment	\$16,564
Lehigh Chapter Endowment	\$137,600
A. W. Lubbers Burns Institute Endowment	\$85,834
Marietta Chapter Endowment	\$6,550
Massachusetts Chapter Endowment	\$1,430
McDaniel Chapter Endowment	\$3,566
Michigan Chapter Endowment	\$6,811
Minnesota Chapter Endowment	\$3,402
North Carolina State Chapter Endowment	\$244
Northwood Chapter Endowment	\$500
Ohio State Chapter Endowment	\$4,835
Ohio Wesleyan Chapter Endowment	\$10,603
Ohio Wesleyan Nicholas A. H. Hudson-Swogger Chapter Endowment	\$20,420
Ohio Wesleyan Robert D. Wells Chapter Endowment	\$5,000
Oklahoma Chapter Endowment	\$750
Oregon State Chapter Endowment	\$8,045
Oregon State Jacob M. Gamble Burns Institute Endowment	\$7,500
Penn State Albert G. Jahn Chapter Endowment	\$9,775
Penn State Chapter Endowment	\$3,075
Rutgers Chapter Endowment	\$11,725
Salisbury James N. Veals Chapter Endowment	\$1,500
State of California Chapter Endowment	\$29,675
Sonoma State George Harris Chapter Endowment	\$12,650
Thawley Legacy – Member Legacy Endowment	\$7,855
Trine Chapter Endowment	\$0.00
UC-Berkeley Chapter Endowment	\$20,050
UC-Davis Chapter Endowment	\$10,000
UC-Los Angeles Chapter Endowment	\$4,600
UNC-Charlotte Chapter Endowment	\$9,244
Washington Chapter Endowment	\$29,198
Washington Jack M. Merrill Chapter Endowment	\$50,000
Washington Sean E. Newhouse Chapter Endowment	\$3,989
Washington Tom G. Tift Chapter Endowment	\$26,501
Wayne State Chapter Endowment	\$250
Westminster Chapter Endowment	\$2,006
West Virginia Wesleyan Daniel F. Bushey Chapter Endowment	\$10,600
L. Gale Wilkerson Interfraternity Endowment	\$18,619

Old Gal Celebrated 166th Anniversary in December

Today's college student is seeking a high-quality fraternal experience – an experience Alpha Sig is able to deliver.

The Fraternity's winning growth strategy and excellent educational programming attract men who are looking to maximize their college experiences, grow, and become better men. Leading with the strength of the Fraternity's values to which Alpha Sigs dedicate themselves, many chapters are raising the bar academically and philanthropically, and becoming high-performing men on their campuses.

The Founders Day Campaign supported Alpha Sig's newest members through donations – everything from mail to online giving to IRA gifts and stock transfers – from more than 500 alumni and friends of Alpha Sigma Phi. The Campaign launched November 6 and surpassed the \$166,000 goal when the last donation was received through the Fraternity's website at 11:52 p.m. on December 31. A total of \$168,083.09 was raised.

The results of the campaign already have had a powerful effect on the quality of programming, and the number of undergraduate men who take part in Alpha Sigma Phi's leadership and character development programs. The resources available to new members are what give Alpha Sigma Phi the competitive edge.

The need continues to grow, so in November the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation will again ask members to contribute \$167 or more to the Campaign for Every New Brother in honor of our 167th Founders Day on December 6. Information will be available in the fall *Tomahawk*, and members will learn about the 2012 Founders Day Campaign at Grand Chapter in August.

The following is a list of members and even some nonmembers who have given to the 2011 Founders Day Campaign. Their support is helping the Fraternity make more opportunities available to more men. If you would like to make a gift to the Foundation, please return the enclosed envelope, or you can go online and make a gift by clicking donate.

Money raised helps support:
the 90 undergraduate Membership Education Directors who attended Academy of Leadership®
the more than 250 new members who attended the Burns Institute® and Alpha Sigma Phi's new Better Man Program, which features the "tbtm education website."

The Following Members Raised \$168,083.09 for Every New Brother

A

Walter D. Ackerman, Stanford '69
Wayne L. Albrecht, Illinois '56
David H. Alexander, Purdue '65
Robert L. Alexander, Illinois '51
Karim M. Ali, IIT '94
Eric N. Allen, Purdue '71
Augustine C. Aloia, American '79
Jeffrey B. Anderson, Missouri '81
John R. Anderson, Trine '71
Raymond C. Anderson, IIT '59
Justin P. Andolina, Bentley '04
Anonymous
Michael D. Armbruster, Lawrence Tech '72
Harry C. Armstrong, Illinois '50
Cara E. Augspurger, Foundation Staff

B

James E. Baas, Purdue '65
Ryan T. Bakita, Miami University '06
Daniel W. Baltes, Illinois '93
Norwood E. Band, Ohio Wesleyan '57
Martin G. Barker, Central Michigan '93
Chuck Barnewolt, Illinois '78
Frank Bartoli, Lock Haven '88
Ira D. Bartram, Marshall '68
David S. Bateshansky, Oklahoma '97
James R. Bauder, Ohio State '55
Alex J. Bauer, Purdue '05
William C. Bauer, Cornell '64
Denis J. Beaudoin, Ohio Wesleyan '01
Stephen A. Bedzis, Hartwick '79
John S. Beekley, Lehigh '51
John H. Bell, Penn '47
Lester W. Bentz, Penn '45
Paul S. Berns, Baldwin-Wallace '65
Charles A. Berry, Rutgers '53
A.R. Arnie Beyer, Michigan State '59
Robert E. Bigley, Charleston '61
William W. Blaisdell, IIT '63
Lee M. Blakemore, Bowling Green '52
Christopher J. Blanco, Miami '93
Philip A. Blythe, Lehigh '85
John S. Bomengen, Washington '56
David P. Boyer, Davis & Elkins '61
Thomas M. Brady, Marietta '59
William K. Brayer, Westminster '72
Alan M. Breedlove, Penn State '77
Daniel P. Breyman, Otterbein '02
Benjamin I. Bridgers, Barton '00
Andrew J. Brilla, Miami University '05
Robert A. Britson, Rutgers '68
William F. Brock, Davis & Elkins '69
John A. Brockway, Wagner '63
C. William Brown, W.V.W.C. '43
Charles D. Brown, Ohio Wesleyan '00
Erle H. Brown, UC-Berkeley '54
Ronald C. Brown, Missouri Valley '66
Ryan I. Brown, Coastal Carolina '94
Thomas L. Brown, Indiana '75
Charles I. Budd, Baldwin-Wallace '55
Philip R. Buehrer, Ohio Northern '56
Aaron C. Bullock, Wake Forest '09
Myron A. Burdige, Ohio Wesleyan '59
Frank P. Burns, Missouri Valley '69
Jonathan K. Burns, Member At Large '84
Jerry C. Burt, Wayne State '56
Charles A. Burton, Baldwin-Wallace '58
Rick G. Buss, UNC-Charlotte '90
Robert M. Buthod, Purdue '74

C

Malcolm D. Cairns, Ohio State '68
Thomas M. Cameron, Presbyterian '01

Chad Patrick Campbell, Bowling Green '11
 P. Samuel Campbell, Marietta '61
 James V. Cancelosi, Stevens Tech. '67
 John L. Cannon, Trine '66
 Charles H. Carscallen, Michigan '57
 Lorenza M. Carter, Concord '66
 James L. Caruso, Illinois '82
 Michael D. Catalano, Buffalo '04
 Benjamin T. Chinni, Ohio State '66
 Carl C. Christensen, Missouri Valley '56
 William Christiaan, IIT '62
 Joseph Christopher, Missouri Valley '65
 Matthew S. Ciabattari, Miami '11
 Mark David Clement, Penn State '79
 Norman Cliff, Wayne State '49
 Burr D. Cline, Washington '51
 Ralph M. Cohen, Stevens Tech. '68
 Pat Collins, Marietta '81
 Jack Collison, Iowa State '11
 Robert L. Condon, Illinois '56
 Michael S. Cone, Lycoming '69
 Joseph T. Connolly, Connecticut '48
 Michael C. Conrads, Wake Forest '79
 Frank P. Conroy, Widener '77
 Thomas B. Cornell, Michigan State '56
 Tom L. Cox, Purdue '54
 Thomas D. Coy, Grand Valley '96
 Clarence F. Crosby, Davis & Elkins '52
 Sean K. Crossley, Albright '08
 Michael A. Crowley, IIT '77
 John J. Crum, Trine '97
 Jon B. Crumpton, Iowa State '75
 John D. Curtin, Michigan '62
 Michael O. Curtis, UNC-Charlotte '92

D

Theodore A. Dahlstrom, IIT '58
 John W. Dant, Purdue '82
 Adnan Daoud, American '54
 Matthew D. Darula, Bentley '06
 C. Allen Davey, Iowa State '60
 Allan I. Davis, Charleston '65
 Richard M. Deale, Salisbury '99
 Louis P. Dechiaro, Stevens Tech. '68
 F. Robert Dedrick, Trine '66
 Patrick J. Dempsey, Lehigh '52
 Robert A. Denes, Iowa State '67
 Robert L. Denny, American '49
 Robert L. Denny, Illinois State '49
 Richard E. Deutsch, Bowling Green '65
 Phillip E. DeVore, IIT '58
 Jeremy W. DeWar, Grand Valley '09
 Richard A. Dexter, Oregon State '60
 James A. Doig, Oregon State '47
 Roger L. Dowil, Missouri Valley '68
 Patrick A. Doyle, Michigan '04
 David Drew, Iowa State '59
 Joel F. Dunbar, Baldwin-Wallace '67
 Daniel E. Duncan, Ohio State '00
 Donald T. Dunlap, Presbyterian '59
 Robert E. Dunn, Davis & Elkins '57
 John R. Dupont, Illinois '69
 Robert C. Durdock, Lehigh '54
 Donald L. Durward, UCLA '62
 Steven L. Dutton, Bowling Green '04

E

Samuel E. Eckart, Murray State '96
 Dan L. Egler, Indiana '67
 Robert L. Egleston, Baldwin-Wallace '48
 Richard A. Egli, Westminster '53
 Richard Einbecker, Illinois '43
 William F. Eldridge, Illinois '68
 Richard M. Epps, Ohio Wesleyan '65
 Kenneth A. Ernst, Alabama '57
 Gregory A. M. Etzel, RPI '54
 Stacy A. Evans, Marietta '66
 John E. Evers, Marietta '74
 Kerry B. Eversole, Indiana Tech. '71

William R. Ewers, Baldwin-Wallace '71

F

Raymond P. Fales, Michigan '72
 Edward Farley, Iowa State '64
 Richard G. Faust, IIT '60
 William J. Ference, Westminster '84
 Michael A. Finelli, Bowling Green '03
 J T Fleishans, Detroit Tech. '66
 George A. Focht, IIT '59
 Mark D. Ford, Appalachian State '06
 Donald C. Forslund, Stevens Tech. '59
 Allan R. Francis, Alabama '61
 Jason E. Fratto, McDaniel '04
 William H. Frazer, Ohio Wesleyan '54
 David A. Froehling, Illinois '77
 Robert M. Fugger, Illinois '00

G

Scott F. Gallagher, M.D., Ohio Wesleyan '93
 Ilene S. Garrett
 Lawrence J. Garuti, Trine '69
 Kevin J. Garvey, Westminster '75
 William R. Gaston, W.V.W.C. '48
 Charles G. Gerard, Toledo '56
 James K. Gerrish, Marietta '76
 Daniel P. Gibbons, Indiana '04
 Richard R. Gibbs, Oklahoma '51
 Colin H. Gilbert, Illinois '99
 Robert Giometti, IIT '77
 Larry C. Giunipero, Purdue '67
 Donald L. Glossop, IIT '52
 R. Steven Gordon, Indiana '68
 Ronald E. Graham, Oklahoma '74
 William F. Graham, Ohio Wesleyan '63
 Paul W. Green, Elmhurst '96
 William H. Griffiths, Coe '62
 Jerald D. Grimes, Missouri Valley '68
 Larry E. Grimes, Bethany '61
 Robert A. Grossman, Ohio State '67
 Pulkit Gupta, Akron '07

H

Andrew J. Haan, Wake Forest '79
 Dirk T. Hacker, Illinois '86
 Norman W. Hadsell, Ohio Wesleyan '52
 Richard J. Hall, Iowa State '61
 Michael J. Halloran, UC-Berkeley '59
 Edmund A. Hamburger, Polytechnic '45
 Glen L. Hampton, IIT '58
 Donald S. Harlacher, Davis & Elkins '64
 Roger R. Harr, Oregon State '67
 Jerry J. Hauter, Illinois '54
 William H. Hazlett, Marietta '58
 Jeffrey D. Heintz, Westminster '79
 Taffie Helleny, Illinois '42
 Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96
 William Hemeleski, NJIT '86
 Albert E. Herrmann, Illinois '58
 Amiel B. Hersh, Hartford '02
 Ross A. Hill, Iowa State '74
 Robert A. Hines, Illinois '82
 Jason R. Hinson-Nolen, Murray State '05
 Jeffrey R. Hoffman, Member At Large '76
 Timothy B. Holmes, Purdue '76
 Gregory F. Homicz, IIT '64
 Gary A. Hood, Purdue '72
 John C. Horger, UCLA '53
 John D. Hrivnak, Penn State '74
 Joseph J. Hublard, Connecticut '51
 Nicholas A. H. Hudson-Swogger, Ohio Wesleyan '96
 Byron A. Hughes, Salisbury '06
 Matt D. Humberger, Bowling Green '03
 John R. Hutchinson, Toledo '62

Derek J. Ives, Stevens Tech. '06
 Robert F. Izard, Illinois '59

J

Randy H. Jackson, Presbyterian '72

Lee P. Jacobi, Milton '57
 Eric A. Jacobson, Michigan '74
 William L. Jambrek, Milton '59
 Richard H. Jaspers, Iowa State '57
 Donald A. Jenner, Trine '68
 Robert V. Jensen, UC-Berkeley '52
 Stanley R. Jensen, Iowa State '10
 George S. Johnson, Penn '47
 Harold C. Johnson, Iowa State '58
 Ernest W. Johnston, Penn State '63
 Thomas M. Jones, Illinois '62
 Brian P. Judge, Lawrence Tech. '67
 Brian W. Jump, Indiana '77

K

Albert R. Kaled, Iowa State '62
 Jon D. Kefaloukos, Elmhurst '10
 William F. Kelley, Marietta '55
 Ryan P. Kelly, Salisbury '05
 Edwin C. Kennedy, NJIT '42
 Gary D. Kepler, Ohio Northern '66
 Yung D. Kim, IIT '90
 William J. Kincaid, Massachusetts '61
 Arthur N. King, Oregon State '96
 David D. King, Missouri Valley '61
 David J. Kizior, IIT '72
 Stuart Klatzman, Stevens Tech. '71
 Henry Knaack, IIT '57
 David E. Knausz, Lehigh '79
 Edward S. Knezek, Oklahoma '54
 Gary G. Koch, Ohio State '61
 Tad H. Koch, Ohio State '62
 David G. Kolodziej, Wayne State '57
 Robert J. Korschak, Coe '69
 Albert C. Koontz, Bowling Green '50
 Donald F. Kopka, Wayne State '48
 David A. Korponai, Connecticut '63
 Adam A. Kowalski, Bowling Green '08
 Paul S. Kozich, Penn State '77
 Bruce A. Kraemer, Iowa State '58
 John E. Krawczuk, Stanford '58
 Gregory M. Kroencke, Illinois '91
 Christopher B. Kron, McDaniel '05
 Duane H. Kuster, UCLA '50
 Hon. Robert W. Kutz, UC-Berkeley '67

Scott A. Lackovitch, Purdue '85
 Dennis K. Lape, Ohio State '54
 Jeffrey R. Lapham, Milton '69
 Donald H. Larsen, Baldwin-Wallace '53
 Steven J. Latour, Central Michigan '04
 Roger L. Lattrel, Northern Michigan '74
 Kenneth S. Lawson, Ohio Wesleyan '51
 Andrew R. Lebo, McDaniel '03
 Lawrence M.H. Lee, Missouri Valley '56
 Stanley M. Lee, Connecticut '58
 Edward W. Lenane, Plattsburgh '88
 Larry M. Liss, Widener '62
 Stephen Liu, NJIT '05
 Robert C. Look, Lawrence Tech. '74
 Ronald L. Luken, Illinois '60

M

Michael E. Macfarlane, Longwood Univ. '90
 William D. Macphee, Wayne State '49
 Al H. Magnus, Michigan '51
 R. Mark Mallory, Illinois '69
 Donald L. Martin, Stanford '47
 John H. Martin, Michigan '60
 Nathaniel R. Martin, Albright '02
 James E. Mason, Purdue '64

Chapter Endowments

Milan A. Matey, Rutgers '68
William F. Mathies, Toledo '61
Biff F. Matthews, Marshall '65
Matthew G. Mattson, Grand Valley '96
Matthew S. Maurer, Bowling Green '03
Stephen McCarthy, Radford '83
Michael W. McDaniel, Missouri Valley '93
Geoffrey J. McDonald, Hartwick '05
William R. McDonell, Michigan '48
Scott J. McFerren, Bowling Green '72
Charles R. McLean, Ohio State '53
James G. McLeish, Lawrence Tech. '73
James C. McMahon, IIT '78
Jerry McNellis, IIT '59
Sean P. Meadows, Miami '11
Robert L. Merwin, Westminster '51
Christopher S. Meyer, Capital University '11
Richard C. Meyer, NJIT '43
Scott M. Meyer, Miami '82
John F. Michela, Illinois '58
Richard E. Middlekauff, Oregon State '61
Dean S. Miller, Ohio Northern '71
Robert E. Miller, Connecticut '49
Stan N. Miller, Purdue '64
Thomas H. Miller, IIT '70
James R. Milner, Appalachian State '06
James E. Mino, Iowa State '72
Matthew J. Mirkin, Lehigh '02
Fredric R. Mishkin MD, Indiana '69
Thomas J. Misuraca, Lawrence Tech. '83
Emmett E. Mitchell, Westminster '74
Thomas W. Mitchell, Washington '66
David B. Monk, Penn State '57
Robert P. Monter, Marietta '59
Brian A. Moorman, Murray State '96
Conor P. Moran, Penn State '09
Charles E. Morgan, Wofford '49
H. K. Morgan, Purdue '62
J. Ross Morris, Purdue '07
George M. Morrissey, IIT '62
Matt L. Moy, IIT '01
William P. Muchow, Westminster '64
Lawrence J. Munini, IIT '61
Anthony R. Muscato, IIT '66
Keith A. Myers, Purdue '51

N

Raymond W. Naudain, Davis & Elkins '67
Richard L. Nault, Ohio Wesleyan '61
Craig W. Nentrup, Purdue '05
Kenneth A. Nevola, NJIT '84
James N. Nielsen, Buffalo '62
Harry Nieves, UCLA '66
Robert S. Nocek, IIT '63
Daniel C. Nolan, RPI '04
Darwin A. Novak, Cornell '55
Byron R. Nugen, Indiana '67

O

Thomas J. O'Haren, Penn State '54
Barry A. Olson, Grand Valley '97
Deane B. Olson, Connecticut '52
Scott E. Olson, Iowa State '65
Timothy A. Opatrny, Baldwin-Wallace '70
Joshua A. Orendi, Bethany '96
Arthur H. Orłowski, Bethany '49
Kirk W. Ostby, Indiana '72

P

Donald R. Paull, Wagner '51
Nicholas J. Peranzi, Ohio Wesleyan '09
Ernest W. Perry, Toledo '66
Gary A. Peterson, Purdue '83

Fred A. Philipp, Trine '57
Lawrence J. Phillips, Rutgers '89
Francis Plonka, Wayne State '58
Scott N. Pogros, Bowling Green '03
Douglas R. Pond, Charleston '68
Lucas R. Porter, Murray State '08
Michael W. Post, UNC-Charlotte '01
Ernest R. Presser, Purdue '61
Donald E. Priest, Stanford '51
Bryan K. Proctor, Grand Valley '96

Q

Bernie P. Quick, Illinois '71

R

John O. Raab, Rutgers '53
Jay S. Rawot, Illinois '78
Charles M. Rayburn, Marshall '46
David B. Reader, Penn '55
Matthew D. Redell, Albright '11
Richard D. Rice, Missouri Valley '69
James F. Richardson, Rutgers '59
Caleb J. Riechman, Toledo '06
George Riehl, Cincinnati '48
Robert E. Rietz, Purdue '50
Charles A. Rikli, Oklahoma '67
Richard T. Ritter, Toledo '91
Charles B. Ritts, Iowa State '66
Kip Roberts, Murray State '97
Gregory W. Robinette, Purdue '79
Neil C. Robinson, Clemson '08
Thomas J. Roesch, Purdue '67
Raymond E. Rogers, IIT '63
Robert C. Rogers, W.V.W.C. '48
Robert H. Ross, Cornell '61
William R. Roy, Baldwin-Wallace '59
Mario R. Rubio, UC-Berkeley '98
Michael J. Ruda, IIT '69
Rodney J. Rupp, Bowling Green '70

S

James L. Sain, Presbyterian '72
Robert A. Sandercox, Bethany '51
Dennis G. Sartini, Sacramento State '61
Vernon E. Sater, IIT '54
Fredrick J. Saul Jr., Ohio State '08
Gary J. Savarese, Stevens Tech. '72
C. Murray Saylor, Penn '63
Charles R. Schaffner, Ohio Northern '72
Charles V. Schmidt, Purdue '66
Richard A. Schnaterbeck, Baldwin-Wallace '53
David K. Schneckenburger, Westminster '73
Robert E. Scholl, Trine '44
Robert L. Schroeder, Oregon State '52
Bernie D. Schulz, Radford '89
Donald K. Schweikert, Penn '42
Jeffrey P. Schwind, Toledo '75
Frank W. Seavitte, Michigan '67
Kerry A. Seitz, Penn State '75
Gene H. Sharp, Oklahoma '49
Gary A. Shaver, Hartwick '51
Robert M. Sheehan, Westminster '76
Gary C. Shockey, Hartwick '79
Donald G. Signor, Penn State '60
Thomas T. Singer, IIT '50
I. Glenn Sipes, Cincinnati '61
Leonard T. Skoblar, Stevens Tech. '66
Howard L. Smith, Rutgers '52
John E. Smith, Hartwick '61
Larry J. Smith, Bethany '68
Mark W. Smith, RPI '78
Robert H. Smith, Penn State '54
Shawn P. Smith, Penn State-Altoona '99
William E. Smith, Purdue '71
Craig R. Snyder, Penn State '85
Joseph F. Sorquist, Illinois '87
Larry G. Spees, Ohio Wesleyan '57
David J. Spiess, Toledo '74
H. Karl Springob, American '48
Thomas H. Stafford, Purdue '66

Frederick R. Stambaugh, Miami University '05
Mark E. Stange, Michigan '72
Frank Sterbenz, Iowa State '59
G. Alan Sternbergh, Westminster '48
Shea W. Stevens, Albright '06
Charles E. Steward, Purdue '53
Daniel T. Stewart, Central Michigan '05
Mark D. Still, Washington '75
William F. Stockwell, Rutgers '68
Mark E. Stone, Trine '73
Peter T. Storch, Hartwick '72
W. Brooks Styles, Presbyterian '65
Robert C. Sunderman, Bowling Green '81
Rod W. Swank, Ohio Wesleyan '49
Allan V. Swanson, Baldwin-Wallace '52
Robert F. Swift, Hartwick '59
John H. Swisher Jr., Ohio Wesleyan '47

Philip E. Tack, Westminster '65
Ralph E. Taggart, Rutgers '60
J. Donald Talbot, Stevens Tech. '63
Charles R. Taylor, Bethany '47
Howard C. Taylor, Rio Grande '73
William B. Taylor, Ohio State '79
Philip A. Tennant, Buffalo '65
Stephen L. Thacker
Drew M. Thawley, Ohio Wesleyan '94
Bob F. Thoens, Stevens Tech. '86
David Thomas, Bethany '48
Fred T. Thomasson, Trine '53
Stephen J. Thomsen, Hartwick '56
Stan G. Thurston, Iowa State '66
Rodney A. Topel, Purdue '75
Philip A. Tortorelli, NJIT '04
William Truska
E. Roger Tunmore, Westminster '64

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Bill Van De Mark, Cincinnati '60
Rick C. Vanden Boogart, IIT '72
James A. Vanek, Michigan '98
Joe Veg, IIT '47
Sean E. Vergowven, Michigan State '02

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Jeff Wagner, Toledo '81
Larry J. Walker, Purdue '69
Daniel L. Ward, Fresno State '11
Michael P. Wargel, IIT '88
Dale L. Wartluft, Marietta '60
Richard B. Watson, Illinois '61
Wilbert A. Wehrli, Wagner '51
Jack M. Wharton, Iowa State '65
Paul S. Whipple, Ohio State '56
Jeremy A. White, Presbyterian '05
Jeremy C. White, Oklahoma '97
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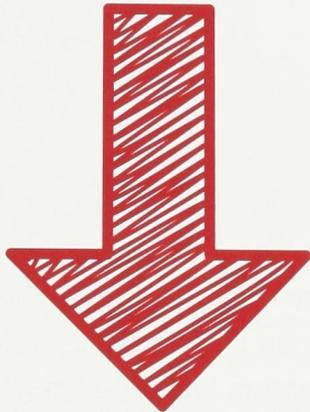
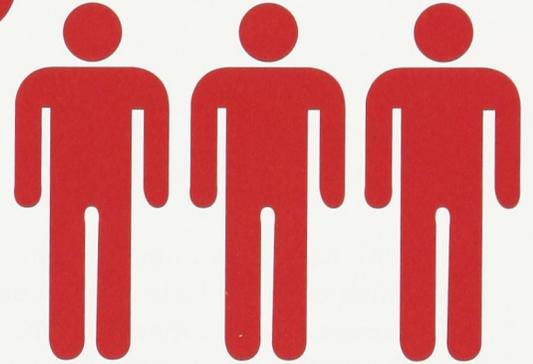
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Status Report: Closing in on

100

Listen. It's the sound of records shattering.

This fall, Alpha Sig will have a presence on 100 campuses – a first in our 167-year history. Thanks to an aggressive expansion drive launched in 2009, we are closer than ever to reaching that milestone.

Chapters & Colonies

“We have exceptional alumni volunteering time to support our new groups. Their support, plus that of our Grand Council, and the cutting-edge resources we employ, ensures that our new groups are successful. With 18 chartering petitions approved in the past three years, we are firmly on a path of growth and have confidence that we will soon surpass 100 chartered chapters.”

– **Gordy Heminger**, Bowling Green '96, ΑΣΦ President and CEO

Just in recent months, we welcomed UC Davis (Zeta Gamma), Augusta State (Zeta Delta), Arizona State (Zeta Beta), Colorado State (Zeta Epsilon), Georgia Tech (Zeta Eta), Northwood University (Zeta Zeta) University of Arizona (Gamma Iota), and Oregon State* (Psi) as the newest chartered chapters in the family.

Another 21 groups are colonies.

With our new chapters, for the first time Alpha Sigma Phi has 77 active chapters – 78 soon, with the addition of University of North Carolina Asheville (Zeta Theta Chapter) this fall.

* Oregon State will be featured in next *Tomahawk*.

UC Davis

Zeta Gamma Chartered November 20, 2011

Zeta Gamma started as a group of freshmen who barely knew their way around campus, according to Chapter President Philip Pachtman, UC Davis '10. With no upperclassmen to provide guidance, perspective, and experience, they found help and motivation from the National Organization.

“I remember waiting for my pledge ceremony to begin,” Pachtman said. “I was feeling skeptical, until Fraternity Staff Member Enzo Pivrotto, Chico State '11, spoke about how this was an opportunity for us to have a lasting and positive impact on our campus. He said it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a Founding Father and to strive for perfection, realizing that if you came up short, you'd still be a better man as a result of the effort.”

Pivrotto, a recent new member himself, had come to Davis to help with the ceremony. Despite his own lack of experience, he had insights to share.

“After hearing Enzo talk, I knew what Alpha Sig was all about,” Pachtman continued, “and there was no turning me back. That same drive motivates all the brothers at Davis.”



Augusta State

Zeta Delta Chapter Chartered November 19, 2011



At Augusta State University, the biggest challenge was “making the campus realize that we are different,” said Chapter President Chaz Glick, Augusta State '11. “Alpha Sigs are fraternity men, not stereotypical ‘frat guys.’ We’re gentlemen through our everyday actions.”

Glick was first attracted by Alpha Sigma Phi’s values. “I see those values in myself and wanted to associate with men who exemplified them,” he said.

“We all have high ambitions of changing

the lives of promising undergraduate men who share the qualities we look for as Alpha Sigs.”

For Brother Kevin Reyes, Augusta State '11, the chapter’s diversity is a key to success. “I was attracted by seeing so many different people in one fraternity, instead of seeing cookie-cutter men. I enjoy the diversity.”

“We want to strengthen our chapter and hope to become one of the strongest chapters of the fraternity. I see a lot of potential at Augusta State University,” Glick added. “Observing the brothers’ passion and enthusiasm shows our commitment to Bettering the Man. I believe Zeta Delta will be the premier fraternity on campus.”

Arizona State

Zeta Beta Chapter Chartered November 18, 2011

It’s an exciting time, reports Chapter President John Kleinschmidt, Arizona State '11. Arizona State’s newest fraternity chapter is already “gaining momentum and making big moves in the Greek Life landscape on campus.”

“Getting to this point has been an uphill challenge,” he said.

“We started off as a small group in a large bureaucratic school, battling red tape and navigating through the Tempe housing market.” But they credit their success to the aid of local alumni, parents, and staff from Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters.

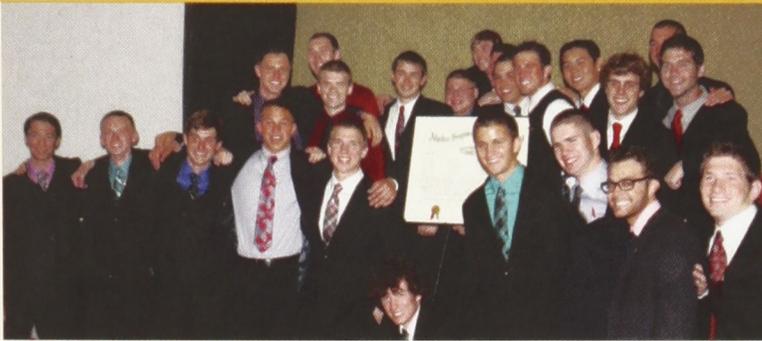
Today, Brother Kleinschmidt and Brother Elliot Stone, Arizona State '11, serve as officers on the six-member Interfraternity Council at ASU. Their top priorities: cultivate relationships with local sororities and cement the brothers’ reputations as gentlemen on campus.

“We think we are well positioned as a top fraternity chapter on campus,” Kleinschmidt said. “We look forward to our second annual Sweetheart competition, our first Formal, and another chance at the Greek Week crown that we narrowly lost last year.”



Colorado State

Zeta Epsilon Chapter Chartered April 21, 2012



Colorado State officially colonized November 4, 2010, after the expansion effort started in September. The chapter boasts a cumulative GPA that is the highest among fraternities on campus.

With the addition of its latest new member class this spring, the chapter has 32 men who can call themselves Founding Fathers. The chartering ceremony was held on Saturday, April 21, at the Hilton in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Georgia Tech

Zeta Eta Chapter Chartered April 21, 2012

Georgia Tech officially colonized in October of 2011 after beginning expansion in August. It is the second chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in the state of Georgia. The men achieved success with recruitment, academics, campus involvement, and participation in national leadership conferences. With their immediate successes and strategic plan for growth and development, the 34 Founding Fathers of the Zeta Eta Chapter have laid a strong foundation for future accomplishments at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The chartering ceremony was held on Saturday, April 21, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.



Northwood University

Zeta Zeta Chapter Chartered April 28, 2012



Northwood officially colonized in October of 2011 after the first group of men went through the Pledge Ceremony earlier in the year. They have worked well as a group and took an efficient, business-minded approach to achieving their goals. With the addition of its latest new member class this spring, the chapter has 25 Founding Fathers. The chartering ceremony was held at the Midland Convention Center on April 28.

University of Arizona

Gamma Iota Chapter Rechartered April 28, 2012

Arizona officially colonized October 26, 2011, after efforts to restart the group began in August. Since then, the men have been extremely active on campus by participating in fundraisers, philanthropies, and community service projects. They have demonstrated a strong understanding for Fraternity and brotherhood, while maintaining stellar attendance at all meetings and events. The group hopes to be one of largest chapters on campus and one of the largest in Alpha Sigma Phi. The chartering ceremony was held at the Bear Down Gym on the campus of the University of Arizona on Saturday, April 28.



Total Membership Sets New Record

Chapter	New Members	Total Members	Chapter	New Members	Total Members
Albright College	5	33	University of Akron	3	28
American University	7	40	University of Alabama	1	41
Appalachian State University	7	36	University of Arizona	8	55
Arizona State University	21	66	University at Buffalo, S.U.N.Y.	4	47
Augusta State University	2	17	University of California Berkeley	3	24
Baldwin-Wallace College	6	41	University of California Davis	2	32
Barton College	4	16	University of Findlay	1	17
Bentley University	8	39	University of Hartford	11	46
Bethany College	1	15	University of Illinois	7	85
Binghamton University, S.U.N.Y.	18	41	University of Maryland	24	70
Bowling Green State University	3	49	University of Miami	14	29
California State University Chico	14	61	University of Michigan	6	47
Capital University	14	50	University of New Hampshire	3	38
Central Michigan University	9	38	University of North Carolina Charlotte	3	34
Clemson University	12	124	University of Rio Grande	1	15
Colorado State University	4	26	University of Southern Indiana	1	16
Cornell University	14	50	University of Toledo	6	48
Elmhurst College	4	43	University of Virginia at Wise	2	15
Georgia Institute of Technology	5	33	University of Washington	9	106
Grand Valley State University	2	46	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	0	16
Hartwick College	16	48	Wake Forest University	14	96
Illinois Institute of Technology	3	28	Wayne State University	7	29
Indiana University	0	10	Westminster College	15	65
Iowa State University	2	40	West Virginia Wesleyan College	11	28
Lawrence Technological Institute	4	24			
Lindenwood University	2	27	Colony		
Lock Haven University	7	14	California State University Fresno	2	16
Longwood University	3	15	Cameron University	2	14
Marshall University	8	46	East Carolina University	61	65
McDaniel College	10	40	Illinois State University	15	19
Miami University	10	30	IU-South Bend	6	13
Missouri Valley College	4	22	Keene State College	19	19
Murray State University	6	91	Marietta College	18	18
New Jersey Institute of Technology	10	36	Michigan State University	24	24
North Carolina State University	11	68	Montclair State University	1	17
Northern Michigan University	2	25	North Carolina Wesleyan College	14	14
Northwood University	1	24	Oakland University	1	8
Ohio Wesleyan University	17	53	Salem State University	7	22
Oregon State University	11	32	San Francisco State University	1	26
Otterbein University	3	37	University at Albany, S.U.N.Y.	6	32
Pennsylvania State University	9	115	University of Charleston	20	23
Plattsburgh, S.U.N.Y.	8	38	University of Cincinnati	1	27
Presbyterian College	0	26	University of Colorado	2	27
Purdue University	5	57	University of Massachusetts	5	23
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2	26	University of North Carolina Asheville	8	27
Rutgers University	10	40	University of Wisconsin La Crosse	15	12
Salisbury University	3	15	University of Wisconsin Whitewater	16	17
Seton Hall University	12	56	William Paterson University	0	19
Slippery Rock University	3	26			
Sonoma State University	18	93	Total	784	3,617
Stevens Institute of Technology	15	60			
The Ohio State University	4	22			
Trine University	5	20			

Chapter Officers Please Note: These numbers are based on the current roster at Fraternity HQ as of 4/15/12. If these numbers are not accurate, please update rosters in Officer Portal.

And Expansion Continues . . .

Expansion plans remain ambitious, including plans for a number of restarts at closed chapters and growth on campuses new to Alpha Sigma Phi.



Re-Started Chapters

East Carolina University

(Delta Eta Chapter)

Marietta College, Ohio

(Delta Chapter)

Michigan State University

(Gamma Kappa Chapter)

University of Charleston (WV)

(Gamma Mu Chapter)

New Campuses

Keene State College (NH)

North Carolina
Wesleyan College

University of Wisconsin
La Crosse

University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Your Help is Needed

Keeping our growth in gear means having a number of schools in our pipeline. This list represents several that we have targeted for the next two years.

If you know young men attending or planning to attend one of these schools and you think they may be interested in the values of Alpha Sigma Phi, we'd like to hear about them. And if you live close by and have some time to volunteer to help establish a chapter, we'd like to hear from you, too.

Please contact Matt Humberger, Bowling Green '03, Alpha Sigma Phi's Director of Chapter and Colony Development, at 317.843.1911 (ext. 238) or mhumberger@alphasigmaphi.org.

Schools Targeted for New Chapters:

Carnegie Mellon University
Georgia Southern University
Oklahoma State University
Radford University
Southern Illinois University
University of California Irvine
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Michigan Flint
University of Minnesota
University of South Florida
University of Texas San Antonio
University of Wisconsin Madison
Western Michigan University

Measuring Chapter Quality

Alpha Sigma Phi's New Chapter Accreditation Program

"In some regards, Alpha Sigma Phi is like any other franchise operation," says Grand Senior President Rich Ritter, Toledo '91 and Ohio Wesleyan '93. "We've worked hard to make sure that what we have is replicable. But as we grow, we need consistent quality."

To assure the high standards of Alpha Sigma Phi chapters, a new Chapter Accreditation Program is slated for implementation this fall.

The annual report currently in use scores chapters on a number of operating criteria, and incorporates items like charitable involvement and academic success. The report is used as the basis for all chapter awards, including the Grand Senior President's Award for best chapters.

Under this new program, each chapter undergoes an evaluation every four years to determine its health and overall achievement.

Fraternity staff uses a scoring system that awards up to 350 points based on criteria that includes chapter operations, alumni involvement, and recruitment.

Getting to the 350 points is based on the following:

- Four-year average of chapter annual reports (up to 200 points)
- Recruitment numbers for current academic year based on percentage of the new member goal, i.e., 65 percent of goal achieved equals 65 points; chapters exceeding 100 percent of goal receive more than 100 points
- Chapter Council standing based on members with points awarded ranging from 50 for an 11-member Chapter Council (considered a full council) to two points for the Grand Chapter Advisor being the sole member of the council

To be an accredited chapter, points fall in the range of 210 to 350. Chapters receiving an accreditation warning fall in the range of 180 to 209 points. Chapters earning 179 or fewer points are considered on accreditation probation.

Matt Humberger, Bowling Green '03, Alpha Sigma Phi's Director of Chapter and Colony Development, indicates this is another check on a chapter's health and helps



guide how the National Organization can best support chapters in need.

"We generally have a good feel of what's happening in our chapters and provide support where needed," he says. "But the accreditation system is designed to help chapters evaluate themselves by helping them understand the metrics we use to determine which chapters are succeeding and which are in danger of closing."

Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters Staff provides a supportive visit to chapters receiving accreditation warnings. Rather than waiting for the four-year rotation, these chapters are scored the following year. Chapters failing to reach accreditation status the second year are placed on accreditation probation.

Chapters on accreditation probation receive a staff visit each semester or quarter for support and planning. If they fail to achieve accreditation status the following year, the process of charter revocation will begin.

Humberger points out that the charter revocation process doesn't necessarily lead to a chapter closing, but it starts activity that typically pulls chapter alumni and undergraduates together to get the chapter back on course.

"We've made the chapter leadership aware of the Chapter Accreditation Program and have gotten strong support," he adds. "We think this program will help keep our strong chapters strong, and give weaker chapters support and motivation to improve."

For more information or any questions about how this may affect your chapter, please contact Matt Humberger, Director of Chapter and Colony Development, at mhumberger@alphasigmaphi.org.



Alpha Sigma Phi

Chapter Accreditation Program Schedule

Four Year Plan

The program begins with the 2012-2013 academic year with each chapter subject to review on a four-year rotating schedule.

Year #1

Albright College
American University
Appalachian State University
Bowling Green State University
Central Michigan University
Clemson University
Cornell University
Grand Valley State University
Marshall University
McDaniel College
Murray State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
North Carolina State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Rutgers University
Stevens Technological Institute
University of Illinois
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Toledo
University of Washington
Wake Forest University

Year #2

Bentley University
Binghamton University, S.U.N.Y.
Elmhurst College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Lindenwood University
Northern Michigan University
Ohio State University
Otterbein University
Penn State University
Presbyterian College
Purdue University
Salisbury University
Trine University
UC - Berkeley
University of Akron
University of Hartford
University of Miami
University of New Hampshire
UNC - Charlotte
University of Rio Grande
Westminster College

Year #3

Baldwin-Wallace College
Barton College
Bethany College
Capital University
Chico State University
Hartwick College
Lock Haven University
Longwood University
Miami University
Missouri Valley College
Plattsburgh, S.U.N.Y.
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Seton Hall University
Slipper Rock University
Sonoma State University
University of Alabama
University of Buffalo, S.U.N.Y.
University of Findlay
University of Southern Indiana
UVA - Wise
Virginia Tech
Wayne State University
West Virginia Wesleyan College

Year #4

Arizona State University
Augusta State University
Cameron University
Colorado State University
Fresno State University
Georgia Tech
Illinois State University
Indiana University - South Bend
Lawrence Tech
Montclair State University
Northwood University
Oakland University
Oregon State University
Salem State University
San Francisco State University
University at Albany, S.U.N.Y.
University of Arizona
UC - Davis
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
UMASS - Amherst
UNC - Asheville
William Paterson University

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Alumni Renew in Lake Las Vegas

Alumni, spouses, and guests enjoyed all that scenic Lake Las Vegas had to offer this past February at Renew, the national alumni gathering hosted by the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation.

“Renew was a great opportunity to share brotherhood over a weekend that was relaxing and not rushed,” said John Anderson, Trine '71, a Foundation board member. “For me, the opportunity to attend Renew reinforces the virtues of our Fraternity and its legacy of ‘brotherhood for life.’”

During the past few years, several alumni have expressed a desire for a national event with focus on casual interaction and fun events, rather than meetings. Renew evolved from that desire.

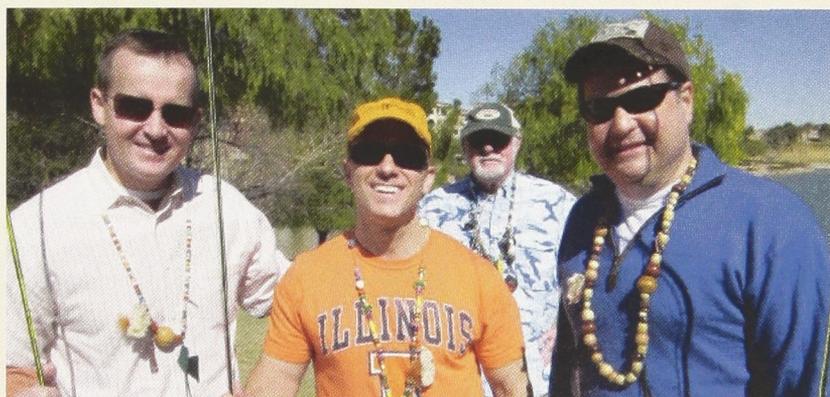
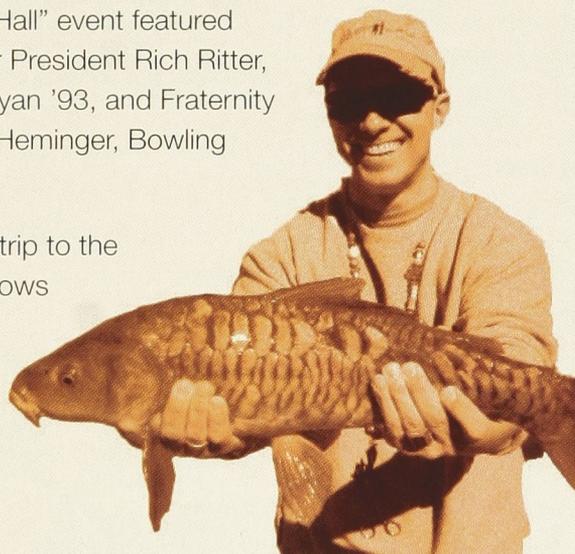
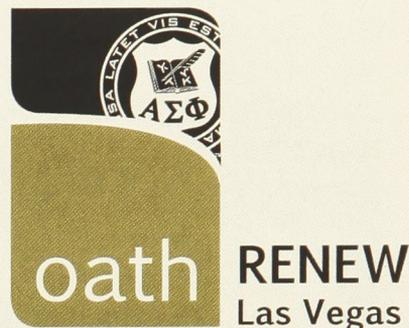
“This was one of the best meetings I’ve ever been involved with nationally,” said Stan Thurston, Iowa State '66. “The highlight for me was the ability to have a comfortable exchange of ideas, questions, and answers. Some of our other meetings don’t lend themselves to that type of openness and conversation.”

The Foundation’s Board of Directors used the weekend to hold its winter meeting, to which brothers were invited. A special “Fraternity Town Hall” event featured updates from Grand Senior President Rich Ritter, Toledo '91 and Ohio Wesleyan '93, and Fraternity President and CEO Gordy Heminger, Bowling Green '96.

Group activities included a trip to the Hoover Dam, fly-fishing, shows on the Las Vegas Strip, and a Black and White Dinner and dance.

“It was exciting to hear about the wonderful success the Fraternity is having in expanding to new campuses and rechartering previously dormant chapters,” Anderson said. “It confirms the Foundation’s role in supporting alumni gatherings.”

Plans are being made now for Renew 2013. Look for information in the next issue of *The Tomahawk* and on the Fraternity’s website, alphasigmaphi.org. ■



Chapter-based Alumni Associations Take Center Stage

As greater emphasis is placed on the importance of strong alumni involvement in the health of undergraduate chapters, Alpha Sigma Phi's alumni groups have continued to evolve.

Delegates at the 2010 Grand Chapter voted to change the fraternity's national constitution to give voting privileges only to recognized chapter-based alumni associations.

"We've stepped up attention to the value of alumni involvement with our chapters," said Grand Senior President Rich Ritter, Toledo '91 and Ohio Wesleyan '93. "In addition to Chapter Councils, we would like to see significant growth in chapter-based alumni associations."

Traditionally, Alpha Sigma Phi alumni groups have often been offshoots of chapter housing corporations or regionally focused associations formed to foster brotherhood long after graduation.

But as alumni groups evolved, numerous gaps became apparent in requirements for formal recognition on a national level.

"Our way of recognizing alumni groups as official members of the Alpha Sigma Phi family was not optimally structured," Ritter said. "Delegates at the 2010 Grand Chapter fixed that."

Alpha Sigma Phi's constitution was changed to reflect four types of alumni groups that can have formal recognition: Chapter Councils, considered branches of chapters or colonies, led by the Grand Chapter Advisor and existing to provide advice and guidance to the undergraduates;



Alpha Omicron Alumni and undergraduates came together last summer to repaint, organize, and redo their chapter room.

Regional Alumni Clubs, formed to promote lifetime brotherhood; Housing Corporations, legal entities separate from chapters that act as landlords; and Alumni Associations.

Of these groups, only alumni associations considered in good standing have voting privileges on limited national matters. Each recognized alumni association can send a voting delegate to Grand Chapter.

"The process is pretty streamlined and encourages formation of alumni associations," Ritter said. "Some of the existing alumni associations are considering gaining recognition, and others are forming on their own."



Just two years ago, the chapter was in jeopardy of closing, but it has really turned things around and was given several awards, including best fraternity on campus this spring.

Four chapter-based alumni associations – Delta Alumni Association, Alpha Omicron Alumni Association, Gamma Zeta Alumni Association, and Gamma Psi Alumni Association – have formal recognition and are eligible to vote at this year's Grand Chapter in Chicago.

The Alpha Sig Chapter at Missouri Valley College has the close support of the Alpha Omicron Alumni Association, a group that was formally established in 2010 and exists primarily to support undergraduates.

“A group of Alpha Omicron alumni got together to help the chapter, which had fallen onto some hard times,” said President Albert Macia, Missouri Valley, '90, “We first formed a Chapter Council to help the chapter and then met as an unrecognized association to write our constitution and bylaws.

“Today, we know the association is helping – a majority of the alumni are being informed of what is happening at Alpha Omicron more often, and brothers from various generations are getting together to talk about their time in Alpha Sigma Phi. Undergraduates are getting ideas and suggestions from many generations during some of the events. Alumni are introducing their families to each other, too, and relationships are blooming beyond Valley. Brothers from many generations are ‘Sharing the Experience’ together. That’s what we hoped would happen.”

Brother Macia also indicates that the association has helped the chapter with important improvements.

“We spent \$8,000 to remodel the chapter room for the undergraduates, we have awarded four scholarships at \$263 each to new members to assist with initiation fees, and the association paid for the trip for undergrads to attend Elevate (National Leadership Conference) this past summer,” he said. “Our goal is to continue to raise funds in order to benefit both our association and undergraduates.”

To further brotherhood among the alumni, President Matt Tramont, Missouri Valley, '11,

says that a number of activities have taken place and that more are planned for the future.

“We scheduled our association’s fall meeting during Homecoming Weekend at Missouri Valley, complete with a tailgate party. One spring meeting was held, along with a bowl-a-thon, to raise money for undergraduate scholarships,” he said. “We are working on hosting regional socials in order to allow those brothers who aren’t able to attend the two business meetings. A social in San Antonio was held in late December. Kansas City and St. Louis are tentative locations for upcoming events.”

Another new alumni association is making early strides and having a great impact on its members.

The Delta Alumni Association takes seriously the historical significance of Delta Chapter – but its members, while tied by the bonds of brotherhood, were scattered due to the inactive status of the chapter. Delta was closed some 18 years ago, but the special bonds shared by its brothers are strong.

Dean Haine, the association’s president, explains:

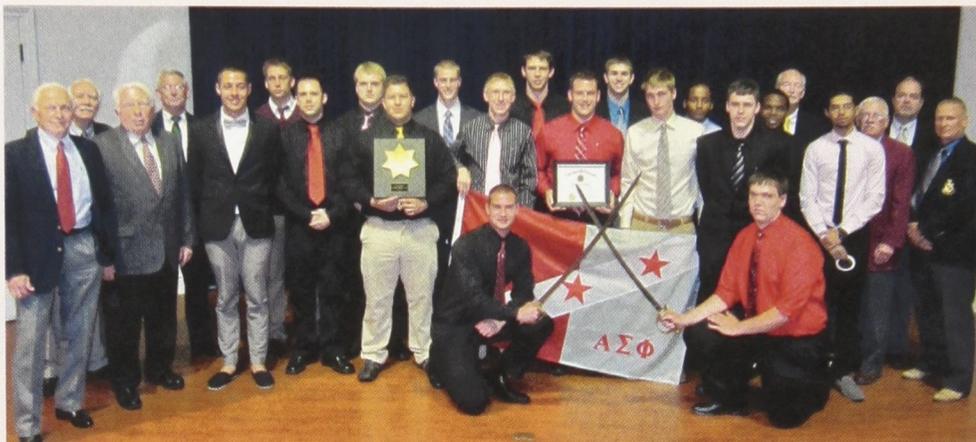
“After 45 years of no involvement with the fraternity and minimal contact with any brothers, a strange series of coincidences led to a reconnection with both in 2007. The result was my involvement in organizing reunions



Albert Macia, Missouri Valley '90



Dean Haine, Marietta '59



Delta Chapter Alumni stand with newly initiated members of the Delta Colony after their Colonization Ceremony in late April.

of more than 200 brothers and spouses at Homecoming in 2008 and the celebration of Delta's 150th anniversary in 2010. At both events, the years vanished and the true spirit of brotherhood was evident.

"A winter 2010 *Tomahawk* article sparked the idea of starting an alumni association for our then inactive chapter. Having been in contact with many alumni following the reunions, I recruited a few others to help organize the alumni association. It took some time and effort, but the support of our alumni and the progress made this first year have been most gratifying for us all. Being retired and having time to devote to this new "hobby" helps. It is both an honor and a pleasure to serve as the first president of the new Delta Alumni Association, an experience I wouldn't trade for anything."

Brother Haine said formation of the Delta Alumni Association was announced with a special newsletter using many pictures from throughout the years mailed to the nearly 700 living Delta alumni. Since then, the association emails the chapter's familiar "Triangle" newsletter bimonthly to almost 400 alumni with known email addresses and plans to send one mailing to everyone annually.

And they are considering regional meetings for Delta alumni who live outside of the Ohio area.

"We're looking at college events such as Marietta College's baseball spring training in Florida or during Marietta rowing's feature event, the Dad Vail Regatta, in Philadelphia held each May," he says. "We want to get as many alumni of the chapter involved as possible."

Haine says that one of the benefits of belonging to the association is seeing Alpha Sigma Phi from a totally different perspective.

"During my undergraduate days, being an Alpha Sig meant little beyond our local chapter," he said. "We had a strong brotherhood with little contact with the national office or other chapters.

"But times have definitely changed. Today's Alpha Sigma Phi is much more of a national fraternity with a structure providing opportunities for undergraduate brothers to mix and exchange ideas. Being 'recognized' as part of the National Organization will help maintain those feelings of brotherhood for our future alumni, while keeping us in touch with the National Organization and similar associations." Plus, we want to assist



More than 200 brothers and spouses attended the 2008 reunion – the spark that led to the 2011 founding of the Delta Alumni Association.

and mentor undergraduates when Delta again becomes an active chapter,” he said.

And that wish may come soon. A new colony has been established at Marietta and reports are that it is beginning to flourish.

Being an Alpha Sig is something that Brother Haine cherishes and wishes to share with others.

“Through my recent involvement, I have learned that you can run across a Sig from some other chapter when you least expect it,” he said. “Brand loyalty or brotherhood – it’s a proud feeling when you hear or see those familiar Greek letters, and there is an instant bonding related to our brotherhood.” ■



Clive G. “Zeke” Wallis, Marietta '58, with Thomas M. Brady, Marietta '59, at the Delta Chapter Reunion in 2008. Zeke is now an active member of the Delta Chapter Council as the Ritual Advisor.

Interested in Starting a Chapter-based Alumni Association?

Requirements to be a recognized alumni association in good standing are few and relatively simple.

Each association pays annual dues of \$150 (by July 15) and during Grand Chapter years pays a delegate fee to be eligible to vote.

Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters, in turn, supports recognized associations with updated alumni lists, an association website, and design and distribution of two electronic and two paper newsletters each year. The association supplies content and Headquarters Staff takes care of the rest.

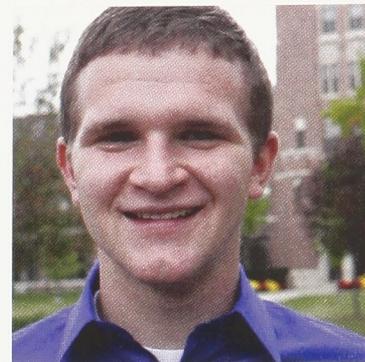
For more information and to get started, contact Director of Alumni Engagement Denis Beaudoin at 317.843.1911 (ext. 236) or email at dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org.

- 1** Have at least five members who are brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.
- 2** Submit an updated and current copy of the Alumni Association’s constitution and bylaws to Fraternity Headquarters.
- 3** Provide Headquarters with an updated officer list. (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer)
- 4** Distribute at least one newsletter annually to chapter alumni. (send a copy to headquarters for archival purposes)
- 5** Sponsor at least one alumni event annually. (send pictures and event descriptions to headquarters)



A Look Back

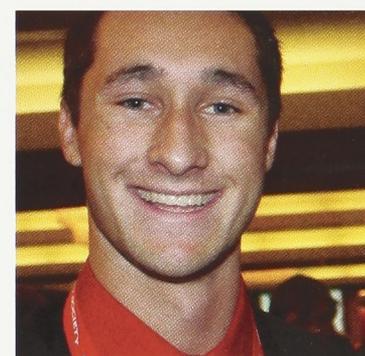
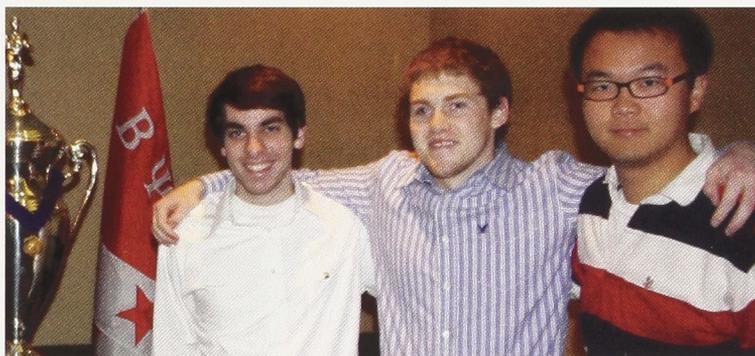
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Nearly all of our chapters and colonies could use a few more volunteers, but our need is greatest at the schools listed above. If you would like to learn more about the time commitment and the opportunities available, please contact Denis Beaudoin at dbeaudoin@alphasigmaphi.org or by phone at 317.843.1911 (ext. 236).