

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK
ALPHA SIGMA PHI COLONY
APPLICATION FOR CHARTERING
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ALPHA SIGMA PHI
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

March 16, 1998

Esteem Members of the Grand Council,

It is my profound honor to present or your review the Chartering Petition of the University of Maryland , College Park colony for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

I think I speak for all my fellow pledge brother when I say that it has been a very arduous, all-consuming and most inspiring journey. In the past fifteen months, we have blossomed from five friend with a glimpse of vision, to forty four gentleman who display absolute loyalty to each other and to our national heritage. These men also exemplify the pillars of the fraternity though every pursuit.

Be assured that we are men of service. We actively volunteer to sponsor programs such as Greek Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA,) Greeks Tutoring Greeks, The Compassion Center for Grieving Families, and the Snack Pack Attack, to make lunches for the homeless.

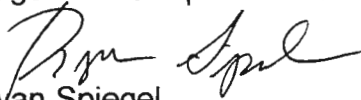
We are men of leadership. We have led the revolution to integrate non-hazing policies and other innovative programs within our campus Interfraternity Council that promote respect for women, safe social management, and other ideals that are reflected in the national objectives of Alpha Sigma Phi. In addition, we conduct challenging and educational brotherhood retreats each semester.

We are men of scholarship. We maintain one of the highest cumulative Grade Point Averages on campus. This year, for the first time in many years, the campus all-fraternity average GPA is higher than the campus all-male average. We like to think our influence contributed strongly to this incredible feat.

And, we are men of gentlemanship. We are recognized on campus as a house that respects its members, the sororities and the traditions of Maryland and our national organization.

With a full understanding of the ultimate responsibilities that fall upon my shoulder as President of our colony, I state confidently and without hesitation that we are all prepared in both heart and mind, to enter the Mystic Circle upon your approval.

Eager with the passion to realize our dream,


Ryan Spiegel,
President
University of Maryland

ALPHA SIGMA PHI
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

March 16, 1998

Dear Members of the Grand Council,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding in our colony achieving chapter status. It has been a long and difficult road for us, but we hope that our devotion and hard work will not go unrewarded.

As chartering chairman, I have watched as my brothers have bonded together to compile a strong presence on campus, building unity and friendships amongst ourselves and our Greek counterparts. I have also seen our chairman and members work diligently to recruit quality men who will not defame nor disvalue the name Alpha Sigma Phi. All of these principles and ideas suggest that we are ready to take the next step in our journey, chartering.

We have only been at the University of Maryland for one year, but managed to become the eleventh largest house, with the third highest GPA. We have forged ties with other groups, been elected to governing bodies, won homecoming and spirit week, and successfully secured a leadership role as a non-hazing fraternity.

This packet is the cumulation of that years work. Each brother contributed their own style and thought about what should be included, how it should be presented, and what the final product should look like. This is truly a group project, one I feel demonstrates our unity and brotherhood.

Again, I wish to thank you, on behalf of my brothers, for your patience and consideration in our chapter status. Please feel free to contact me if there are any problems, or with a final decision on your behalf. I can be reached at 301.441.8483, paged at 301.308.6597 (the best way to reach me) or emailed at smkamen@wam.umd.edu.

It is a custom in our fraternity to end our letters of correspondence with the idea of eternity. We feel it shows our love for each other and our national brothers.

Fraternally,
Till Omega,



Seth M. Kamen
Chartering Chairman
University of Maryland Colony

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK
ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY
PETITION FOR CHARTERING**

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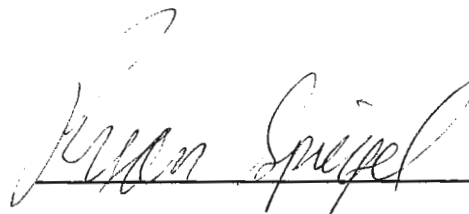
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PETITION STATEMENT

We, the undersigned members of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at University of Maryland do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant this organization the honor of being designated as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. We agree, if chapter status is granted, to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Rituals of the Fraternity.

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Mr. Christopher Malter
Mr. Ari Stern
Mr. John Luiza
Mr. Marcel Winokur
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Mr. Stephen Collins
Mr. David Belgard
Mr. Ross Wallenstein
Mr. Muhammed Nasir Khan
Mr. Drew Burach
Mr. Seth Rosenzweig
Mr. Jeffery Schroeder
Mr. James O'Connor
Mr. Seth Carr
Mr. Brett Dady

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Spiegel", written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Ryan Spiegel, President

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK

The University of Maryland was founded in 1856 as a small farming school, the Maryland Agricultural College. The past one hundred and forty years have seen many changes to the campus, including the admission of women in 1912, the admission of African-Americans in 1950, and the appointment of the College Park campus as the flagship institution of the newly expanded University of Maryland System.

Located in Prince George's County, Maryland, on 1580 acres of rolling hills and brick buildings, the campus is 9 miles from Washington, D.C., 35 miles from Baltimore and 29 miles from Annapolis, Maryland's capital. This location allows the students of Maryland to take advantage of the natural and cultural resources in these historic cities.

Currently, the University maintains thirteen colleges, with more than fifty degrees available. This year, the Van Munching Business School was ranked in the top 25 of the country, for the third consecutive year. The Government and Politics Department is ranked 28th in the country, 16th as a state school. The Journalism School received a ranking in the top 30 schools in the U.S. last year.

Enrolled in the University are 24,000 undergraduate students, representing all fifty states and over 100 countries around the world. There is an additional 9,000 graduate students. Of this 33,000, roughly 8,000 live in campus housing, one of the largest percentages in the country. There are 2,832 faculty members at the University, as well as 4,174 staff members.

The University has two specialty programs available for undergraduate students, the Honors Program and the College Park Scholars Program. Each of these programs has received national attention, appearing in newspapers like The Washington Post, and USA Today. The Honors program is designed to target those students with outstanding academic records, and offers many interesting and challenging classes. The Scholars Program has been established as a living and learning program, where students studying a specific area of interest live and study closely with faculty and staff.

The University of Maryland System, led by the College Park campus, has also adopted a general studies program known as CORE, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and more than 100 on campus activities and resources for the students, faculty and staff.

THE GREEK COMMUNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The Greek system at the University of Maryland promotes the ideals of leadership, community involvement, diversity, non-hazing, alcohol management, and scholarship.

The University of Maryland has had a Greek community since 1914. There are three governing bodies for fraternities and sororities on campus, including the Inter-Fraternity Council (for fraternities), the Pan-Hellenic Association (for sororities), and the Pan-Hellenic Council (for traditionally black fraternities and sororities)

There are currently 19 sororities on campus and 27 fraternities. Not included in the traditional Greek community are over thirty specialized fraternities, including those for community service and scholarship.

The University of Maryland has published a packet entitled Greek Life: A Foundation for the Future. This packet outlines the general requirements for a Greek house, the relationship between the Greek system and the University, and examines generally problematic areas of interest and discussion.

One such area is the Hazing Policy. Although the University has a strict anti-hazing policy, a study in 1995 showed that it hazing still a problem. Alcohol has also been classified as a problem on campus, a small reminder of the national problem with these hazards. In response to these problems, the University, in conjunction with the Greek community, has implemented and begun a serious education program on hazing and alcohol abuse. A study planned for next year hopes to show positive changes in the attitudes and practices of the Greek system.

The Greek system also has many positive aspects. Through leadership and programming, the system has raised thousands of dollars for local charities, performed service hours with children, animals, national organizations and the elderly; and developed strong scholarship relations with the University. Also, many of the student leaders on campus are Greeks.

There is a three-step process to become Greek at Maryland. The first is a Rush Expo, where all the houses present themselves to the student body. Next is rush week, where students visit their desired houses to meet the sisters or brothers. Finally, after receiving and accepting a bid, there is a six week pledge/new member period, in which the new member learns the history, customs and goals of their new brotherhood.

About 15% of the students at the University of Maryland are Greek, making Greek life an important part of the college experience.

THE GREEK ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Sororities

PanHellenic Council

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Epsilon Phi
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Phi
Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Phi Epsilon
Gamma Phi Beta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Kappa Delta
Phi Sigma Sigma
Sigma Delta Tau
Sigma Kappa
Zeta Tau Alpha

Fraternities

Interfraternity Council

Alpha Gamma Rho
Alpha Sigma Phi
Beta Theta Pi
Delta Chi
Delta Sigma Phi
Delta Tau Delta
Kappa Alpha
Kappa Sigma
Lambda Chi Alpha
Phi Delta Theta
Phi Gamma Delta
Phi Kappa Tau
Phi Sigma Kappa
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Alpha Mu
Sigma Chi
Sigma Nu
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Tau Epsilon Phi
Theta Chi
Zeta Beta Tau
Zeta Psi

Sororities

National Panhellenic Council

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Delta Sigma Theta
Lambda Theta Alpha
Sigma Gamma Rho

Fraternities

National PanHellenic Council

Alpha Phi Alpha
Kappa Alpha Psi
Lambda Upsilon Lambda
Phi Beta Sigma

ALPHA SIGMA PHI COLONY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at the University of Maryland was begun on the principles of scholarship, service, and leadership.

IN November, 1996, three gentleman decided to begin a fraternity that held and practiced strict laws against hazing, while still promoting the unity of brotherhood and scholarship. The creation of the group was a direct reaction to the unjust and problematic occurrences of the Greek System at the University of Maryland.

Over a period of three months, until the group was officially made an interest group, these men, and the twenty seven that followed, worked to expand and promote this idea to their friends and floormates.

With a brotherhood of thirty members, the colony was well on its way to becoming a reality, much faster and stronger than anyone ever expected. Goals established at this point suggested membership at 40 in December, 1997; as well community service hours, philanthropy and overall GPA of the fraternity to reach a 2.8.

The end of Spring Semester 1997 brought our Colonization Banquet and initiation into the Mystic Circle as pledges. The beginning of the 1997-1998 school year renewed many's faith in the fraternity and the Greek system, and the brotherhood began to expand and prosper. Difficulties in interpretations and foresight caused some problems in November and December of 1997, but ultimately joined the brotherhood and tightened the bind that had began to form.

Currently, the group has expanded to 45 gentleman, each devoted to the fraternity and promoting its anti-hazing, gentleman and scholarship initiatives. In addition, the colony has established ties with The Compassion Center, a local community service organization devoted to rebuilding homes for the needy. The group has also helped promote unity and participation in concurrent Greek activities.

The group has been warmly received at the University, achieving Colony status with Maryland's Interfraternity Council in October, 1997. In addition, a successful pairing with Delta Delta Delta and Tau Epsilon Phi for homecoming led to the first win of Spirit week and overall participation for the event.

At this point, the colony is looking into the future. Having established ourselves, we are now looking to expand our brotherhood, our living arrangements, and our participation in community service and philanthropy.

Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Maryland has continued to promote and defend the principles on which it was founded.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution of the University of Maryland, College Park
Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

PREAMBLE:

We, the brothers of the University of Maryland, College Park Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, in order to provide for effective management and judicious legislation in the operation of the colony, and to provide a structure within which this colony may grow successfully in the pursuit of the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, do hereby adopt and approve this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the University of Maryland, College Park Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this colony shall be to organize its membership in such a manner as to foster greater academic achievement, to promote community and campus service, to create a more productive individual in society, and to teach ideals of integrity, honor, and chivalry within the hearts and the minds of its members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members shall be duly initiated male students at the University of Maryland, College Park, during the period of colonization which begins on May 10, 1997, and ends upon the initiation date of the founding fathers. "New Member" male students of the University of Maryland at College Park shall be considered as brothers. Section 2. There shall be no discrimination such that race, creed, religion, color, or sexual orientation will affect a candidate's possibility for membership. Section 3. Membership shall be granted by virtue of acceptance of invitation extended by vote of the members. Section 4. Membership may be suspended or revoked through a judicial process overseen by the Prudential Board.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Stated meetings of this colony shall be held at least once a week during the academic year with the exception of conflicting holidays and other major conflicting events as approved by the President. Location and time of meetings shall be at the discretion of the President. Section 2. Special meetings of the colony may be called only by the President, or at the request of fifty percent

(50%) of the active members. Section 3. The procedure for all meetings shall be governed by those stated in the current edition of Robert's' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary/Public Relations Chairman, Treasurer, two Members-At-Large of the Prudential Board, Rush Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Service/Philanthropy Chairman, New Member Educator, Editor/Webmaster, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Intramural Chairman, Brotherhood Development Chairman, Historian, Social Chairman/Risk Management Officer, Parent/Alumni Director, and secondary Interfraternity Council Representative.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The permanent Standing Committees of the colony shall be as follows:

- a) Prudential Board
- b) Rush Committee
- c) Service/Philanthropy Committee
- d) Social Committee
- e) Parent/Alumni Committee
- f) Brotherhood Development Committee

Section 2. The Prudential Board shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and two Members-At-Large. The Vice President shall serve as chairman. The Prudential Board shall be responsible for all matters of finances, budgeting, judicial concern, and management of the general operation of the fraternity. Section 3. The Rush Chairman shall be chairman of the Rush Committee; The Service Chairman shall be chairman of the Service Committee; The Social Chairman shall be chairman of the Social Committee; The Alumni/Parents Director shall be chairman of the Parent/Alumni Committee. The Brotherhood Development Chairman shall be chairman of the Brotherhood Development Committee. Section 4. Special Committees can be appointed to handle issues not relevant to the defined committees of Alpha Sigma Phi.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

Section 1. The revenues of this colony shall be derived from the members' dues, the colony's fund-raising projects, and any donations.. Section 2. All finances shall be managed by the Prudential Board.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING

Section 1. Alpha Sigma Phi is the fraternity "To Better the Man" and all of her functions and actions should exhibit this as listed in the Code of Conduct. Section 2. Every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and not harassed,

tormented, abused, or violated by another human being. Section 3.No activity construed even in the slightest way as abusing someone physically, psychologically, or sexually or placing someone into circumstances such that the person's dignity, individuality, or beliefs are compromised, will be tolerated by this brotherhood.

ARTICLE IX. SUSPENSION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1. This clause hereby allows for the opportunity for the membership to suspend the constitution and by-laws of this fraternity only when deemed necessary under particular special circumstances.

ARTICLE X. CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES

Section 1.This Constitution of the University of Maryland, College Park colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may be amended in part or in full by the active members. Section 2.A copy of this constitution shall be filed with the National headquarters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park, the Interfraternity Council at the same institution, and the Prudential Board.

By-laws of the University of Maryland, College Park Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

PREAMBLE:

These By-laws are the statutes for the government of the University of Maryland, College Park Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, enacted in conjunction with the Constitution of the Colony to more fully define the powers, duties and functions which are authorized thereunder.

Article I. Membership

Section 1.To maintain active status, an initiated member of the University of Maryland, College Park Colony of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity must

a)Be a male student at the University of Maryland, College Park. b)Not affiliated with another Greek social/general fraternity. c)Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30.

Section 2.To receive a bid for membership in University of Maryland, College Park Colony of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity a prospective must

a)Be a male student at the University of Maryland, College Park. b)Have completed twelve (12) credit hours. c)Have a cumulative 2.3 grade point average or higher. d)Not be affiliated with another Greek social/general fraternity. Section 3.A bid for membership into the University of Maryland, College Park Colony is

extended to those who receive a four-fifths (4/5) vote from the present general assembly.

a)No abstentions for membership voting is permitted. b)Prospective members will be voted on individually. c)Bids by proxy must be given directly to the Marshal prior to the voting session. d)At least fifty percent plus one of the membership must be present to hold a voting session. e)The Marshal shall not vote on the membership's acceptance of an individual. The Marshal shall count the ballots and shall report to the membership whether or not a bid will be extended to the prospective member. f)Should an individual be extended a bid to join the University of Maryland, College Park Colony, he maintains the right to turn the invitation down without question. g)Should an individual not be given a bid, he will be notified as an act of courtesy by the Rush Chairman. h)An individual who wishes to become a member of the Colony may accept the bid within four weeks of receiving it. Section 4.All members of the University of Maryland, College Park Colony must maintain the standards established by the University of Maryland, the Interfraternity Council, and the Colony regarding education and scholarship. Section 5.Should a member fail to meet the scholarship standards or the general requirements and/or responsibilities of the Colony, he shall be placed on probation for the time period of one semester, and given "Associate Membership."

a)An "Associate Member" is allowed but not required to attend meetings of the general assembly. b)All voting rights shall cease. c)An "Associate Member" must remain financial responsible to the local and national fraternity. d)An "Associate Member" has one semester to meet the scholastic requirements. e)If an "Associate Member" does not meet the scholastic requirements of the chapter, he shall be suspended from all activities and functions of the colony until his cumulative GPA is above the required 2.30. f)A suspended member is relieved of financial obligations to the local and national fraternity. All paperwork for suspension must be submitted to the National Headquarters. g)If a suspended individual does not raise his GPA above 2.30, the individual will be made an alumnus. All paperwork must be completed and submitted to the National Headquarters. Section 6.All members of the colony must abide by all federal, state, local, university, Interfraternity Council, and fraternity laws and code of conduct.

Article II. Officers

Section 1.The officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Editor, Historian, and New Member Educator. The Chairmen shall be the Social Chairman, Brotherhood Development Chairman, Service/Philanthropy Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Rush Chairman, Parent/Alumni Director, and Intramural Chairman. Officer and Chairman positions beyond those listed here may be created by the President or Prudential Board for the benefit of the brotherhood. Section 2.All Officers shall perform the duties of their respective positions as set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter Officers Guide. Should an officer's position

not be described by the guide, that officer will accept the responsibilities bestowed upon him by the President, the Prudential Board, and/or the general membership and shall abide by the general rules and laws applicable to any officer of the brotherhood.

Article III. Committees

Section 1. The Rush/Recruitment Committee, headed by the Rush/Recruitment Chairman, will organize and educate all rush activities and events for the Colony. The committee may restrict events to members only, or open events to local Sororities to help coordinate the activities. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and the University of Maryland, College Park. Section 2. The Service and Philanthropy Committee, headed by the Service and Philanthropy Chairman, will organize and execute service and philanthropic projects for the brotherhood of our colony. The committee may restrict said projects for the Brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. In the case of a Philanthropic event, the Prudential Board will determine where the moneys raised from these activities will be donated. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and the University of Maryland, College Park. Section 3. The Social/Risk Management Committee, headed by the Social Chairman, will organize and execute social events for the Brothers of the Colony. The committee may restrict said projects for the Brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and the University of Maryland, College Park to protect the health of those attending functions hosted by Alpha Sigma Phi. Section 4. Parent/Alumni Committee, headed by the Parent/Alumni Chairman, will organize and execute events for the Brothers, Alumni and Parents of the Colony and shall keep Alumni and Parents informed as to the goals and events decided and acted upon by the membership. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and the University of Maryland, College Park. Section 5. The Brotherhood Development Committee, headed by the Brotherhood Development Chairman, will execute and organize development retreats, the mediation and well being of the Brotherhood, and the education and leadership of the Colony. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and the University of Maryland, College Park. Section 6. Any Special Committees will be appointed by the President and shall operate as long as deemed necessary by the President. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations established by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and the University of Maryland, College Park.

Article IV. Prudential Board

Section 1. The Prudential Board has been established to manage the financial, judicial, and managerial affairs of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The members of this board will include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) members at large, with the Vice President being the chairman. Section 2. The Prudential Board will periodically review the Constitution and the by-laws of the Colony and make suggestions to the general assembly as to the improvement of the above mentioned. All amendments will be reviewed by the Prudential Board, and shall be approved by the general assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Section 3. All Prudential Board meetings will be closed with minutes posted each week.

a) Financial meetings will be open to those requiring funds. b) Guests may be invited into the meeting, only by the Vice President, for purposes of discussion relevant to the meeting. Section 4. The Prudential Board should meet once a week during the school year and once a month during the summer. Section 5. In order to protect the Foundation and Image of the Colony, at any time the Prudential Board may hold a hearing to determine whether an individual brother has stepped beyond the beliefs and values of our colony. If such a hearing takes place, the Prudential Board should hold a hearing within one week of the reported incident. Any member of the brotherhood may attend this hearing, unless the accused requests a private meeting. During the hearing, the accused will be allowed to state his case followed by a questioning period by the Prudential Board. The Prudential Board as well as the accused individuals may have witnesses to their case, who will be required to follow the above mentioned procedures on testimony and questioning. The Prudential Board will convene for an appropriate amount of time to discuss the issue and make a judgment.

a) If found innocent, the case is dropped. b) If found guilty, the Prudential Board will apply an appropriate measure upon the individual(s) that applies to the severity of the case. c) If the guilty party feels that the judgment was made unfairly, he may appeal the General Assembly with a written statement and an appearance at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

1) A vote by secret ballot will immediately following the hearing to overturn the judgment of the Prudential Board. 2) If the General Assembly votes to overturn the punishment of the Prudential Board, the Prudential Board will reassess its ruling. 3) A reassessed ruling can again be challenged by the same process. 4) The General Assembly may also choose to overturn the case in its entirety, therefore relieving the brother of all punishment and further investigation. 5) A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to overturn a punishment or decision by the Prudential Board. Section 6. The Prudential Board will enforce an attendance policy at the General Assembly meetings. The first and second excuse will be considered an academic leave. The third absence will result in a loss of voting privileges for the remainder of the semester. The fourth absence in a semester will result in a dismissal hearing in front of the Prudential Board.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Committee meetings, Prudential Board meetings, and General Assembly meetings will be held on a regularly scheduled basis each week or as deemed necessary by the chairman of each individual meeting during the school year. Section 2. Attendance by all members is mandatory for the General Assembly meetings as defined in Article 5, Section 5. Attendance policies for all other meetings are determined by the chairman of the meeting. Section 3. A quorum consisting of fifty percent plus one of the active membership must be present in order to act upon any legislation. Section 4. A majority vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a general motion unless otherwise specified for matters described in this constitution. Section 5. A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a constitutional by-law change. Section 6. A four-fifths ($\frac{4}{5}$) vote of the present brotherhood is required to offer a bid to a prospective member. Section 7. All meetings will follow general parliamentary procedures as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order to ensure orderly meetings.

Article VI. Officers and Chairmen

Section 1. All permanent standing officer and Chairman positions shall be decided by yearly election by the membership. A majority vote is required by each candidate in order to win the election to that position. Section 2. Elections shall be held in the month of November of each year. The term of office shall be for the period of one year, beginning on January 1, following the election.

a) Nominations for officer and chairman positions shall be made by the membership at the first weekly general assembly meeting in November. A member may not nominate himself. The nomination becomes official when the nominee accepts the nomination. b) Nominees shall present speeches to the membership during the second weekly general assembly meeting in November. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall establish the guidelines for candidates' speeches and/or debates and/or question and answer periods. c) During the third weekly general assembly meeting, the membership will vote on all officer and chairman positions. A majority vote by the present membership is required for a candidate to win an officer or chairman position. d) At the last meeting of the fall semester, the officer transition ceremony of Alpha Sigma Phi will take place. Section 3. All officer and chairman elections shall be by secret ballot, and counted by an active advisor of the colony. Section 4. The President retains the power to appoint members to special positions and committees for purposes of fulfilling a specific temporary or short term goal with approval of the Prudential Board.

a) The President's appointments may be challenged to the Prudential Board by any member. b) An appointment can last no longer than one year before a re-appointment is needed. Section 5. Any officer or chairman may be impeached if an officer or chairman is negligent in his duties and/or in violation of university, state, federal, or Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters regulations. The Prudential Board will host an investigation and make a ruling. A ruling may be

appealed to the General Assembly and overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly.

a)An officer under investigation shall be temporarily suspended from the duties of his office until due process has taken place. b)An officer may resign before being impeached. c)If the President is under investigation, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President until due process has taken place. Section 6.In the event that an officer or chairman is removed from his office or resigns or is unable to effectively fulfill his duties, the President shall appoint, with approval of the Prudential Board, a member to replace the officer until the next yearly election. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Prudential Board will set a time and date for a special election. .

Article VII. Dues

Section 1.The Prudential Board shall determine the appropriate amount of dues that each member must pay, at which time the general assembly will vote to amend the dues. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly is required to amend the dues. Section 2.Local dues are currently set at one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per semester. Section 3.Dues will be paid at the first weekly meeting of each semester. Section 4.Special Assessments: Under such circumstances that a member may have difficulty paying the full amount of dues at one time, that member may opt to accept an alternative payment plan provided by the Prudential Board, which will extend a maximum period of the current semester. Section 5.Should a member be unable to pay the full amount of dues, even with respect to the Special Assessments Clause, within the same semester the individual will be suspended from all chapter activities and functions for a maximum of one year.

a)If he does not become financial in good standing, the chapter will petition the Grand Council for suspension. b)All paperwork must be filed appropriately with the National Headquarters. Section 6.Should a person whose membership has been suspended due to financial difficulties wish to rejoin the membership, he must repay all his outstanding debts to the brotherhood, be approved for readmittal or for release of suspension by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the membership, and apologize in person to the entire brotherhood.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1.All proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or the By-laws will be presented to the Prudential Board. The Prudential Board will then present the amendment to the brotherhood at the next General Assembly meeting. Section 2.A two-thirds vote of the membership may amend the Constitution and/or By-laws of this Colony.

Article IX. Upholding the By-laws

Section 1. All members of this brotherhood shall do their utmost to uphold the justness and the integrity of each of these by-laws, and to obey them to the best of their ability. Section 2. It shall be the duty of each brother to report to the Prudential Board any violation of these by-laws by a fellow member. Responsibility falls upon each member to act in the manner that is best for the brotherhood, namely insuring that his fellow brothers do not disrespect the laws and traditions which have been set by the brotherhood both within this Constitution and as decided upon by the membership.

COLONY OFFICERS

The H Officers:

HSP:	Ryan Spiegel
HJP:	Michael Burger
HS:	Andrew Ellis
HCS:	Marcel Winokur
HR:	Jason Greene
HE:	Jeremy Edwards
HA:	Ryan Felber
HC:	Matthew Ashmore
HM:	Ryan Felber
HP:	Seth Kamen

The Committee Chairmen and Members

Social Chairman/Risk Management Officer	Dan Cooperstein
Brotherhood Development Chairman	Eric Wescott
Recruitment Chairman	Rosh Bogash
Service Chairman	David Belgard
Philanthropy Chairman	Gil Chlewicki

The Non Committee Chairman

New Member Educator	Ethan Kraus
	John Luiza
Intramural Chairman	Robin Beach
Historian	Hal Schevitz
IFC Representative	Marcel Winokur

Maryland Colony Chairman

Vision Chairman	Gil Chlewicki
Greek Week Chairman	Michael Feinstein
Chartering Chairman	Seth Kamen
GAMMA Representative	John Luiza
Freeze Chairman	Michael Feinstein

Maryland Greek Organization Chairman

IFC Athletic Chairman	Robin Beach
GAMMA Public Relations Vice President	Seth Kamen

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Ethan Kraus

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.4 Major: History/Pre law

Ethan Kraus is a proud New Yorker. He grew up in Centerport, which is on Long Island. Ethan was actively involved in Theater, Soccer, Lacrosse, Model United Nations, Student Government, and Youth Group (USY). He has traveled to Israel, Mexico, Poland, Belarus, Italy, Bahamas, and Canada. Ethan served his Colony as Recruitment chair, Housing Chair, Pledge Educator, and Co- Greek Week Chair. One of the things he is most proud of is being called a brother of the members of this Colony. He is equally proud to be a Founding Father at the University of Maryland. He is currently a History major, and is involved in different student groups at this campus.

Jason Greene

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.8 Major: Art Studio

Jason Greene was born on February 3, 1978 in Bethpage, NY. His parents, Anita and Kenneth Greene, are proud and responsible for everything that he is today. Jason grew up on Long Island in the town called Lake Grove. There he grew up with his sister Tobi. In school Jason was a very active individual. Always playing sports or involved in student activities. Something to keep him busy. Jason is an active martial artist, ice hockey player and wrestler. Jason graduates in the top 10 percent of his high school of 1251 with honors. He then ventured off to the University of Maryland at College park where he now resides as a student of the University.

Jordan Owens

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.4 Major: English

Jordan Owens was born on August 18, 1978 in Southern Maryland Hospital. His hometown is Clinton, Maryland. His primary interests lie in theater and in creative writing. One day, he hopes to become a famous actor and an accomplished writer. His spent his high school years living in Rome, Italy, which was one of the most enriching parts of his life. While in Rome, he formed friendships with people from all over the world and traveled all over Europe. He is currently undecided in his major, but plans to change it to English. He is particularly proud of being one of original five members to begin a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at the University of Maryland.

Michael A. Feinstein

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Class: Junior GPA: 3.28 Major: Marketing

Michael Adam Feinstein was born December 23, 1977 in Brooklyn, New York. He enjoys playing sports, relaxing, going out and hanging out with friends. He is a finance and marketing major who wants to open up his own brokerage firm in a few years after getting a MBA from NYU graduate school. He is a single guy who is waiting for someone special. Michael wishes to thank everyone who was supportive of him when starting Alpha Sig.

Michael A. Burger

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 3.3 Major: Government and Politics

Michael Allen Burger was born on March 21, 1978 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been a native of Pittsburgh all of his life. In his years in Pittsburgh, Michael was extremely involved in athletics and other extra curricular activities. He played soccer in various leagues for eight years. He attended Taylor Alderdice High School where he was a captain of the Wrestling and Crew teams. His interests include skiing, hiking, camping, white water rafting, and hanging out with his friends. Michael intends on attending law school after graduation. He is proud of being a founding father of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Thus far he has served as the colony's social chair for a year and has now moved on to serve as the executive vice president. He would like to extend his utmost gratitude to his Mother, Father, Sister, friends, family, and loved ones, for all of their support and encouragement.

Liam Davitt

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Class: Senior GPA: 3.3 Major: History

Liam Davitt was born in Washington DC on November 23, 1975, and raised in Silver Spring Maryland (Colesville). He holds a 1st degree black belt in Tang Soo Do karate and teaches classes on Thursdays in nearby Takoma Park, MD. Other interests include trivia, drawing and painting, gourmet dining and wines, and foreign films. He is a senior History Major, concentrating on Medieval Europe. Single.

Larry Duva

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Class: Junior GPA: 2.2 Major: Astronomy

Larry Duva was born in Greensburg, PA to Larry and Paula Duva. He enjoys

music, building models, and pointless late-night gatherings with his friends. He is an astronomy major and plans to attend graduate school to continue his studies in high-energy research.

Jeremy Edwards

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 3.0 Major: Computer Science

Jeremy William Edwards, is a Sophomore Computer Science major at the University of Maryland College Park. He is currently the Treasurer and Web Developer for our colony. Jeremy grew up in Maryland, near Westminster. He is dating and very serious with his girlfriend, Michelle Diane Rittiner. His goals are to make Alpha Sig the #1 house on the campus.

Andrew Ellis

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Class: Junior GPA: 3.3 Major: Computer Science

Andrew Ellis was born on May 2, 1977 and has called Aberdeen, NJ his home all his life. He is currently a junior at UMCP and will earn a B.S. in Computer Science in May '99. His interests include music (especially classic rock and jazz), movies, computers, and playing piano. In his free time he enjoys hanging out with friends and performing small miracles.

Ryan Felber

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Class: Junior GPA: 3.3 Major: Neurobiology

Ryan Felber is originally from Plainview, Long Island. He is a Junior Neurobiology & Physiology major. He is engaged to Sarah Oppenheim, and is planning to get married in the Summer of 1999. He has held many positions in the fraternity Prudential Board, Sergeant at Arms, Scholarship Chair and Marshall. He is also a member of the Juggling Club.

Brian Johnson

1317 Middleford Road Baltimore, MD 21228

2130A Montgomery Hall College Park, MD 20742

Class: Junior GPA: 3.1 Major: Biology

Brian Johnson was born on May 26, 1977, in Catonsville, MD. He is currently in his junior year, majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Maryland at College Park. He is an avid golfer, but also enjoys many other types of sports. He plans to pursue a career in either genetics or business.

Seth Kamen

116 Erin Lane Setauket. NY 11733

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Class: Junior GPA: 2.8 Major: Sociology

Seth Kamen was born in Setauket, NY on June 22, 1977. He enjoys cooking and reading, hence giving him the nickname "Mom" in the fraternity. He is currently studying Sociology, but plans to continue his career with College Student Personal Services. He is currently single, but always looking for that "special someone." He wants to thank his parents and friends for their support and patience over the past few years. He has served as Brotherhood Development Chair, Vice President, Parent Alumni Chair, and is currently enjoying his job planning the Chartering Banquet and Paperwork.

Christopher David Malter

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Class: Junior GPA: 3.3 Major: Computer Science

Christopher Malter is a junior Computer Science major from Fairfax, VA. Chris enjoys sports, movies, playing poker, and just hanging out. Chris has a steady job at Academic Information Technology Services. After graduation, Chris plans on going into the System Administration field. His aspirations include a steady job, marriage, and a family. "I've never been one for impossible goals, I just want the American dream.", he's often said. Chris would like to thank his mother and father. Without their encouragement, he could never have made it this far.

Robert Miller

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.7 Major: anthropology

Robert was born on March 12, 1978 in Virginia Beach, VA. He attended preschool in Albany, NY, where his sister was born. His father is employed by the Navy, and his mother is a High School Math teacher. They moved to Annapolis, MD, where his brother was born in 1982. Robert was News Editor and Cartoonist for his school newspaper, and was part of a four year art program consisting of education in drawing, painting, design and sculpture. He took top honors in the Advanced Placement Art Exam and the Maryland Artist's Equity Foundations Josh Fendell Award. He is currently an anthropology major at the University of Maryland and a College Park Scholar in the American Cultures Program.

Michael O'Hara

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 3.4 Major: Finance

Mike O'Hara was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania on January 28, 1978. He has lived in Towson, Maryland for the last 15 years of life. He has one brother, Pat, age 23. His father, John, is an independent insurance adjuster while his mother,

Norma, is a part-time x-ray technician. Mike believes that Catholicism is the one true faith. He advocates the mass consumption of St. Ides special brew tropical flavor. In addition, he likes tall red-headed women.

Ari Stern

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.9 Major: Philosophy

Ari Stern was born in Los Angeles, California and moved to Bethesda, Maryland at the age of 13. He attended Walt Whitman High School, where he took all honors and AP courses and now is a pre-medical student majoring in philosophy at the University of Maryland and preparing for a career in psychiatry. Although not studying music in a degree program, Ari is a lyric/early-music tenor and takes part in competitions in classical singing, performing songs by such composers as Schubert, Faure and Handel. Ari is also a self-avowed bookworm and particularly enjoys books with a philosophical bent. Ari also is a sometimes poet and enjoys listening to nearly every type of music. Alpha Sigma Phi offered Ari the chance to help build a fraternity free of preexisting harmful traditions. He is proud to be a part of an organization that has not lost the ideals it was grounded upon.

Eric Wescott

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 3.68 Major: Electrical Engineer/Physics

Eric Wescott was born in Greenwich, Connecticut on June 27, 1978. During High School, he took up volleyball, role-playing games, and guitar, which have remained as his primary hobbies ever since. He is currently studying electrical engineering and physics, hoping to explore a career in engineering research or teaching.

John Luiza

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 3.6 Major: Physiology/Neurobiology

John Luiza is a second year student at the University of Maryland College Park with Junior standing. John has been active as a martial arts instructor for six years and holds a black belt in Tang Soo Do and Jiu-jitsu. Currently John still teaches Martial Arts in his lack of free time as well as being very active in Alpha Sigma Phi. He has recently expanded his interests to Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol and One in Four (a men's group forum for counseling rape victims.) He has been Marshal, IFC Representative, Rush Chair, and is currently Co-Pledge Educator of Alpha Sigma Phi. His Academic interests include Medicine and creative writing. He aspires to go to medical school to become a clinical Psychiatrist or Pediatrician. He is also a currently published poet in the national Journal of Poetry.

Robin Beach

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Class: Junior GPA: 3.25 Major: History

Robin Beach grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland near Ocean City. He graduated at the top of his class at Snow Hill High School. Upon graduation, he began to study at the University of Maryland as a Francis Scott Key Scholar. Robin intends to receive a Bachelor of Arts in History. Following graduation, he plans to attend Law School or Graduate School. He is an avid golfer, consistently working on his game. Since becoming a part of Alpha Sigma Phi, he has been an integral part in the building of the athletic program as the Intramural Chair.

Marcel Winokur

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 3.4 Major: Government and Politics

Marcel is an sophomore Government and politics major with a 3.4 Grade Point Average. He was born in Philadelphia on February 7th 1978, and raised in its northern Suburbs, attending Council Rock High School. Marcel was interesting in helping to form a better fraternity, fixing the faults that he saw in the others that he had looked into joining; the Alpha Sigma Phi interest group presented that opportunity. Marcel has held the positions of Rush Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Homecoming Chair, Greek-Week Chair, and Interfraternity Council Representative. In his future Marcel is interested in entering law and politics. He hopes to someday work for a large law firm and then move onto elective office.

Ross Bogash

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.6 Major: Criminal Justice

Ross Bogash is a 19 year old sophomore who currently attends the University of Maryland, College Park. Ross is majoring in Criminal Justice and when he graduates, wants to pursue a career in a government law enforcement agency. His current GPA is 2.63 but is trying to get it to at least a 3.0. Ross was born on September 5, 1978 in Huntington, New York. He now lives in Marietta, Georgia. Ross' interests include music, women, beer, working out, and doing things for the good of society. One can say that Ross is a very trustworthy person with a lot to offer. Ross is very proud to be an Alpha Sig.

Steve Wright

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.31 Major: Government and Politics

Steve Wright was born in Silver Spring, Maryland on October 11, 1978. He enjoys reading, politics, computers, music, and philosophy. He currently majors in Government and Politics but still has no definite career plans. He's usually

easygoing and prefers simply hanging out with friends rather than all-out parties. He was unimpressed by the Greek system until he ran into Alpha Sigma Phi and is now proud to be a Founding Father of the fraternity at the University of Maryland.

Dan Cooperstein

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Class: Junior GPA: 2.6 Major: Psychology

Daniel Matthew Cooperstein was born in Philadelphia on Friday the 13th in May of 1977. He believes that soccer is the greatest sport in the world. He was third string goaltender in Pennsylvania. Girls generally refer to Dan as a perfect gentleman. He takes joy in dressing well and looking good at all times. As the Social Chairman of Alpha Sig, he plans to provide a great time for the brothers now, as well as establish ties with other Greek houses that will forever exist. When he finishes here at University of Maryland, he plans to go to graduate school to either become a Lawyer or Industrial Psychologist.

Steve Collins

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Class: Senior GPA: 3.3 Major: Political Science/Chemistry

Stephen Collins is a Government and Politics major at the University of Maryland. He participates in rugby, jazz band, and various other activities. His interests are chemistry, music, and computers. He is a goal-oriented person who hopes to one day represent the United States in foreign diplomacy.

Matt Ashmore

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Class: Senior GPA: 4.0 Major: Aerospace Engineering

Matt Ashmore is a senior in Aerospace Engineering. He is majoring in both the air vehicle concentration and the space vehicle concentration of the Aerospace Engineering discipline. Matt was born April 18, 1978 in Baltimore and has resided in West Friendship, MD from the age of eight months. His girlfriend is Amy Bonifant, an elementary education major at Loyola College. Matt enjoys working on cars, especially classic American products. He is in the process of restoring his '69 Dodge Polara, which he hopes to show in the near future. He also enjoys drawing, painting, and sculpting. After school, Matt wants to work as an automotive body designer for GM while he pursues his masters and then his doctorate in aerodynamics. His ultimate goal is to become CEO of GM, and he WILL do it. Matt is now serving as Sergeant-at-Arms in Alpha Sigma Phi.

David Belgard

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Class: Junior GPA: 3.0 Major: Business, Comp Science

David N. Belgard was born and raised in Houston Texas on July 10, 1977. He only lived there for ten years before moving to Maryland. He still refers to himself as a Texan. David chose Alpha Sigma Phi after turning down several fraternities in the previous semesters 'Rush' because it seemed as if these people really cared about each other. Currently David is entirely single, and considering being a confirmed bachelor for life. He enjoys staying out late, playing pool, darts and chess and singing Alpha Sigma Phi songs.

Stuart I. Goodman

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.20 Major: Business

Stu Goodman was born March 16, 1979 in Philadelphia, PA. During his high school years he was very active in USY and played several sports for his high school Lower Moreland. He chose to come to the University of Maryland College Park Scholars Program for the opportunities it offered in Washington, DC and its up and coming status. He is currently very active in Alpha Sigma Phi and pursues interests in campus Jewish organizations. Stu is currently President of TERPAC (Terrapin Israel Public Affairs Committee), membership vice president of the Jewish Student Union, and hopes to intern at the Israeli Consulate of Philadelphia this summer. He is single but hopes to meet that special someone shortly and is blessed by having some of the greatest friends one could possibly have.

Ross Matthew Wallenstein

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Class: Sophomore GPA: 2.26 Major: Government and Politics

Ross M. Wallenstein was born April 9, 1978 and lives with his parents, sister and dog in Melville, NY. Since he is the second Ross to join Alpha Sig, he was given the nickname "The Deuce". He is currently a sophomore Government and Politics major but enjoys writing as well. He plans on attending law school after graduating and would one day like to venture into politics.

Gilbert Chlewicki

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Class: Junior GPA: 2.7 Major: Civil Engineering

Gil Chlewicki was born in Baltimore, MD on June 26, 1977. He enjoys playing sports, especially soccer, drawing maps, and eating really good food. His major is in Civil Engineering and he hopes to become a transportation engineer when he graduates from College Park. He is still searching for that beautiful Jewish girl that he can call his own.

Muhammed Nasir Khan

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.25 Major: Psychology

Muhammed Nasir Khan was born on November 25, 1978 in Malaysia. Currently a Psychology major, Nasir is leaning towards a Criminal Justice major. He enjoys tennis, reading books, jogging, weight-lifting painting and ceramics. He is currently single. He hope to enter a career in one of the branches of Federal law enforcement after law school. He thanks his family for helping him become who he is today.

Hal Schevitz

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.6 Major: History/Jewish Studies

Hal Schevitz was born on October 31, 1979, making him the youngest member of Alpha Sigma Phi's founding fathers. He enjoys collecting comic books and playing trumpet. Hal is a member of the University of Maryland Marching Band, and a member of the Maryland Terrapins Pep Band. He is a freshman currently studying History and Jewish Studies. Hal is a proud member of Alpha Sigma Phi and hopes to become an integral part of its founding.

Drew Burach

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.07 Major: Letters and Sciences

Drew Burach is currently an 18 year old freshman at the University of Maryland at College Park. Among his interests are the communications and political science fields. He also enjoys playing a variety of sports including basketball, golf, volleyball and lifting weights. Drew currently has a radio show at WMUC, the campus radio and participates in 2 different student governments, The Centreville Hall Council and The Cambridge Area Council. He permanently resides in Manalapan, New Jersey with his 2 younger brothers, mother and father.

Michael Abolafia

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.1 Major: Letters and Sciences

Michael Abolafia is from Bala Cynwyd PA which is right outside of Philadelphia. He attended Lower Merion High School and had the privilege of seeing Kobe Bryant win the basketball state championships. During his high school years Michael played on the varsity tennis team for four years and on the golf team for 2 years. Michael was also active in his community through community service and participating in various youth groups. Although being relatively quiet Michael's consideration for others and great work effort make him a important team player.

Seth Rosenzweig

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Class: Freshman GPA: 2.79 Major: Jewish History

Seth Rosenzweig is currently a 19 year old Freshman at the University of Maryland. He enjoys most sports. While in High School he participated in wrestling and soccer. He is also very active in the Jewish community at Maryland and is chairing the largest event on campus for the Jewish community. His major interests are sports, beer, and women. He is hoping to someday work in the archaeological field. He will probably go to grad school, though a long way off, somewhere in the Middle East. Seth is very proud to be a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Jason Grove

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Class: Freshman GPA: 2.67 Major: Marine Biology

Jason Grove is a freshman from Gaithersburg, Maryland. During his time off, Jason enjoys such things as scuba diving, drawing, and just about any type of sport you could imagine. When he is not studying, you can see him playing on the university's ultimate Frisbee team. Although Jason is a quiet kid, he dreams of one day owning a scuba diving shop in Cancun or playing for the Dallas Cowboys.

Jeff Schroeder

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.2 Major: Business

Jeff Schroeder is a college freshman here at the University of Maryland. He is currently listed as a business major, but is unsure which field of interest he wished to pursue. Out side of school, though, his interests are quite clear. Jeff strives to give it his all in everything, whether it be sports, hobbies, or anything else life brings his way. Though many of his achievements have gone unnoticed, there is one that stands out: Despite the jeering he may receive on occasion, he is proud to be a member of the elite Eagle Scout recipients. This has taken a major role in shaping who he is.

Brad Cunningham

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Class: Freshman GPA: 2.5 Major: Chemical Engineering

Brad Cunningham is a freshman chemical engineering major. He is a considerate guy that likes to hang out with friends and have a goo time. Brad also like to play any sport and will always be up to playing. He doesn't mind helping people with work or even problems.

James O'Connor

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.6 Major: Finance

Jim O'Connor Jr. is a freshman finance major at the University of Maryland. He was a participant in the Fall Marching Band and various other activities. His interests are drumming, sports, and volunteering. He is a goal-oriented person who hopes to one day start his own business.

Alan Spiegel

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.8 Major: BioChemistry

Alan Spiegel is a freshman at the University of Maryland majoring in biochemistry. Alan's interests range from playing basketball to listening to music. Alan aspires to eventually be a pediatrician and is currently involved in "One-in-Four", the campus all-male group for educating about and preventing sexual assault. Born and raised in Bethesda, Alan's motto in life is to improve the world while having a good time.

Seth Carr

15 Sheffield Dr. Delmar, NY 12054

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.0 Major: Business Marketing

Seth Carr is a freshman at the University of Maryland. He is from Delmar, NY just outside of Albany. Currently, Seth is pursuing a degree in business marketing, and has a 3.0 grade point average. He joined Alpha Sigma Phi in a movement against hazing. Overall, Seth is interested in Alpha Sigma Phi because he gets along very well with the brothers and the idea of being a founding father to such an original fraternity is very appealing to him.

Ariel Abraham

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.4 Major: Cellular Molecular Biology and Genetics

Ari Abraham is a 19 year old freshman biology major. Ari grew up in Potomac Maryland, a city about thirty minutes away from College Park. During high school Ari went to a private school called JDS. At JDS Ari played on the JV basketball team, ran Varsity Track and Field, and was a Yearbook editor. Ari has other hobbies like mountain biking, playing guitar, and enjoys listening to classic rock. Ari is also getting involved on campus; Right now Ari is working on the Holocaust Vigil with a friends and is a Pre-Med Society Member.

Brett Dady

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Class: Freshman GPA: 3.142 Major: Government and Politics Brett Dady is a junior government and politics major with a minor in criminal justice. His area of concentration within his major is currently schizophrenic and alternates between American government, international relations, law and public policy. He is a member of the UMD campus chapters College Democrats and Amnesty International. He was also a Capitol Hill intern for Rep. Joe Kennedy during the Spring '97 semester. In his free time, Brett enjoys lounging, watching movies, skiing, tennis, going to the beach, traveling and just plain having fun.

MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHS



JORDAN OWENS



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TREASURER



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PRESIDENT



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VICE PRESIDENT



SETH KAMEN
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ANDREW ELLIS
RECORDS SECRETARY



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SOCIAL CHAIR



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ROBIN BEACH



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ARI STERN



MICHAEL MOYER



STEVE WRIGHT



ERIC WESCOTT



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MEETING PLACE

Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at University of Maryland currently does not have an official chapter residence. There is a small house leased by five brothers which is used for social functions, but weekly general body meetings are held in a classroom building. These rooms usually contain 50 student desks, arranged in a circle. Seating is determined based on priority number, except for the Sergeant-at-Arms, who remains standing to keep order.

The meetings are run by Robert's Rules of Order. The President retains control over the meeting by calling on speakers and suggesting alternative routes to pursue in discussions. The brothers have chosen to cap the meeting time to one and a half hours.

In order, the President, Vice President, Treasurer, H officers, Committee Chairman, Non Committee Chairman, local chairman and representatives talk to the brotherhood. A system of checks and balances have been built into the system, thereby removing any unnecessary discussion or comments. Old business, new business, for the good of society and announcements, in that order, complete the meeting. Special consideration is given to the alumni, who are allowed to speak at any time. This is done to gain information and opinions from our advisors.

Plans are being made for an official chapter house where all functions can be held and which can be inhabited by many more members of the colony. Alpha Sigma Phi is currently working for an on-campus house (on Fraternity Row) and is also looking into off-campus housing options. Until that point, we will continue to have meetings on campus, and social functions in a private residence, rented to the fraternity.

ALUMNI

Robert J. Hallett
Purdue University
Alpha Pi 1964
Electrical Engineering
Systems Engineer, Lockheed Martin (Air Traffic Management)

Harry M. Speake
Tri-State University
Beta Omicron 1947
Civil Engineering
President of Speake Concrete, Inc. (Retired)

Thomas James D'Asto
Purdue University
Alpha Pi 1985
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineer, Swales Aerospace, Inc.

John William Tilden
SUNY - Binghamton
Member at Large 1993
Literature & Rhetoric
Network Administrator

Chih-Kang "Jm" W. Yu
University of California - Berkeley
Nu 1993
Latin-American Studies
Law student, Georgetown University

Eugene K. Chang
University of California - Berkeley
Nu 1995
Economics
Law student, Georgetown University

FACULTY ADVISOR ENDORSEMENT

March 9, 1998

To Whom it May Concern,

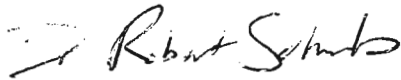
It is with deep pleasure that I am able to offer my assistance to the University of Maryland Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi as their faculty advisor.

The gentleman first approached me last year to help them reach their goals and aspirations. I was enthralled with their devotion and understanding of what Brotherhood truly meant. I was more than happy to help them.

Although not readily available to them over the course of the year, they did not hesitate to call me for suggestions or help in solving problems within the Maryland System or themselves.

I endorse these gentleman with the utmost sincerity and acknowledgment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Robert Schwab". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "R".

Dr. Robert Schwab
Professor, Economics
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

COLONY RETREAT

The members of the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at the University of Maryland attended two retreats to develop the proper skills for fraternity operations. These included a retreat to Camp KOA and a daylong retreat at alumni Harry Speake's house.

The Camp KOA retreat occurred during February, 1997. There, we were taught the history of Alpha Sigma Phi and participated in workshops to determine the colony's long-term and short-term goals as well as an action plan for implementing these goals. Basic procedures on how to plan and run an effective meeting were also presented. Not every activity at the retreat was serious. A demonstration depicting hazing practices was used to show us what hazing was like, and to help us remember why we chose to be a non-hazing fraternity.

Another retreat organized by Jm Yu and other alumni was held at Harry Speake's house this past January 31. During the daylong event, we broke into small groups to discuss issues such as the meaning of brotherhood and ways we can better each other and ourselves. We moved on to a related topic once we reconvened as a group. Strategies and plans on how to fulfill our Fraternity's mission were discussed. These include plans to develop and promote leadership on campus and in the brotherhood, foster a high level of scholastic performance, promote community service events, and promote multiculturalism.

APPENDICIES

Register Report

6/5/97 Through 12/31/97

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 6/4/97						0.00
6/5/97		Opening Fall Semester 1997			R	885.56
6/30/97		Monthly Maintenance Fee				-11.00
7/30/97		Monthly Maintenance Fee				-11.00
8/30/97		Monthly Maintenance Fee				-11.00
9/24/97		Deposit Dues				2,700.00
9/24/97	112	IFC Required Payment				-200.00
9/25/97	113	Seth Kamen	Office Expenses/ Copies			-48.22
9/25/97	114	Andy Ellis	Office Expenses / Calender			-11.68
9/25/97	115	Jeremy Edwards	Finance Budget			-27.00
9/25/97	115	Jeremy Edwards	Function/ Party Berkely			-40.00
9/30/97		Deposit Dues				257.00
9/30/97		Monthly Maintenance Fee				-11.00
10/16/97	116	IFC Required Payment	Leadership Banquet			-210.00
10/16/97	117	Homecoming Tees	Homecoming			-275.00
10/20/97		Deposit Dues				865.00
10/20/97	118	Mike Feinstein	Film			-16.00
10/20/97	119	Delta Delta Delta Sorority	Bar Crawl			-235.00
10/20/97	120	Gamma	Thursday Party			-200.00
10/24/97	121	TEP	Remaining Homecoming E...			-835.00
10/26/97	122	Chris Malter	Flowers			-50.40
10/27/97	123	Liam Davitt	Rush Banner			-24.00
10/27/97	124	Seth Kamen VOID VOID ...				0.00
10/27/97	125	Ryan Spiegel	Multiple Expenses			-168.38
10/27/97	126	Chris Malter	Stationary			-66.83
10/27/97	127	Chris Malter	Sorority Cards			-12.19
10/27/97	128	Jeremy Edwards	Batteries for Rush Radio			-9.32
10/27/97	129	Andy Ellis	Roster Copies			-3.87
10/27/97	130	Robin Beach	Intramural Expenses			-28.00
11/3/97	131	Alpha Delta Pi	ADPi-athon			-60.00
11/5/97	132	Yaron Linett	Lavalier			-215.00
11/5/97	133	Mike Feinstein	Film			-12.00
11/7/97	134	Tragara Restaurant	Semi-Formal			-1,200.00
11/7/97	135	Photographer Semi-Formal	Semi-Formal			-35.00
11/7/97	136	Eric Podwell	DJ for Semi-Formal			-450.00
11/10/97		Deposit Semi-Formal Tickets				1,390.00
11/17/97	137	John Luiza	Lavalier			-8.78
11/17/97	138	Matt Ashmore	Lavalier			-65.00
11/27/97	140	IFC Dues for Fall Semester ...	IFC Required Payment			0.00
11/30/97		Monthly Maintenance Fee				-11.00
12/2/97	139	Photos ordered from semi-f...	Semi-Formal			-436.00
12/4/97		deposit T-shirts				200.00
12/10/97	141	VOID VOID VOID				0.00
12/10/97	142	Yaron Linett	Repayment for Retreat			-25.00
12/11/97	143	Yaron Linett	Refund of Dues			-150.00
12/15/97	144	Marcel Winoker	Toys for Tots			-7.30
12/16/97	145	Collala Photography				-100.00
12/27/97		Deposit Pictures				451.00
12/31/97		Monthly Maintenance Fee				-11.00
TOTAL 6/5/97 - 12/31/97						1,457.59
BALANCE 12/31/97						1,457.59
TOTAL INFLOWS						6,748.56
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-5,290.97

Register Report
6/5/97 Through 12/31/97

3/9/98
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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
NET TOTAL						1,457.59

Register Report

1/1/98 Through 3/9/98

3/9/98

Master Account

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 12/31/97						0.00
1/1/98		Opening Balance			R	1,457.59
1/27/98	146	Cash	Rush T-shirts	[Recruitment]		-590.00
1/27/98	147	Robin Beach	Volleyball Forfeit	[Intramural]		-15.00
1/30/98		Monthly Checking Mainten...				-11.00
2/5/98	148	Cash	Rush/ Food for Invite	[Recruitment]		-100.00
2/14/98		Deposit Dues				4,930.00
2/14/98	149	Cash	Social Party 2/14/98	[Social]		-100.00
2/14/98	150	Giant Foods	Flowers for Sororities	[Corr. Secretary]		-65.52
2/16/98	151	IFC Dues Last Semester	IFC Required Payment			-465.00
2/16/98	152	IFC Pledge Dues	IFC Required Payment	[Mand. Expenses]		-90.00
2/16/98	153	Cash Social Event	Social Party 2/14/98	[Social]		-40.00
2/17/98	155	Dan Cooperstein	Pay for Bouncers 2/14	[Social]		-45.00
2/17/98	156	Robin Beach	Intramural Costs	[Intramural]		-55.00
2/21/98	157	Cash for Social Expenses	Social Event 2/21	[Social]		-140.00
2/23/98	158	Cash for Social Expenses	Social Event 2/21	[Social]		-50.00
2/23/98	159	Ryan Spiegel	Folders for Meetings	[Mand. Expenses]		-48.40
2/23/98	160	Marcel Winoker	Sorority Cards	[Corr. Secretary]		-8.38
2/23/98	161	Seth Kamen	Black Sheet - Alumni Retreat	[Misc Expenses]		-11.54
2/23/98	162	IFC Dues First Half Spring ...	IFC Payment	[Mand. Expenses]		-232.50
2/23/98	163	Dan Cooperstein	Pay fro Bouncers	[Social]		-20.00
2/24/98	164	Papa John's	Pizza for Rush Event	[Recruitment]		-40.00
2/28/98		Monthly Checking Mainten...				-11.00
3/5/98	154	Delta Sigma Phi	3-Way Social	[Social]		-75.00
3/5/98	165	Hal Schevitz	Film	[Historian]		-10.49
3/6/98	166	Jeremy Edwards	Cash for Social Event 2/28	[Social]		-10.00
3/6/98	167	Jeremy Edwards	Speaker Replacement	[Misc Expenses]		-29.63
3/7/98	168	Cash for Social Expenses	Internal Dated Party	[Non-Social Func]		-160.00
3/7/98	169	Hal Schevitz	Film Development	[Historian]		-15.19
3/7/98	170	Ross Bogash	Food for Rush	[Recruitment]		-12.60
3/7/98	171	Marcel Winoker	Envelope	[Corr. Secretary]		-1.15
3/7/98	172	Marcel Winoker	Cards	[Corr. Secretary]		-5.73
3/7/98	173	Marcel Winoker	Stamps	[Corr. Secretary]		-7.39
3/7/98	174	Dave Belgard	Chicken Dinner for Jim Yu	[Misc Expenses]		-6.89
3/7/98	175	Ryan Spigel	Poloroid Camera/Film	[Misc Expenses]		-70.33
3/7/98	176	Steve Wright	Cigarette Lighter Scavanger...	[Misc Expenses]		-6.29
3/7/98	177	Gil Chlewicki	Bid Prints	[Mand. Expenses]		-2.94
3/7/98	178	Ryan Felber	Manacala Glass	[Marshall]		-11.55
3/7/98	179	Ryan Felber	Candles	[Marshall]		-3.67
3/7/98	180	Ross Bogash	Food for Rush	[Recruitment]		-48.00
3/9/98	181	Hal Schevitz	Film Development	[Historian]		-11.96
TOTAL 1/1/98 - 3/9/98						3,760.44
BALANCE 3/9/98						3,760.44
TOTAL INFLOWS						6,387.59
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-2,627.15
NET TOTAL						3,760.44

Alpha Sigma Phi – University of Maryland
Spring 1998 Approved Budget

Last Semester	\$ 992.59
Current Dues Received	\$4930.00
TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$5992.59
Estimated Pledge and Other Income	\$3600.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$9552.59
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AMOUNT BUDGETED:	\$7650.00

TOTAL SAVED (not budgeted):	\$1902.59

<u>Mandatory Expenses:</u>	\$1600.00
Prudential Board	
IFC Expenses	
National Expenses	
Office/Paperwork	
<u>Greek Week:</u>	\$1200.00
Events	
Transportation	
Misc Expenses	
<u>Social:</u>	\$2000.00
Parties	
Dinners	
Formals	
<u>Non-Social Functions:</u>	\$ 300.00
Internal Gatherings	
Internal Events	

<u>Brotherhood Development:</u>	\$ 350.00
Retreats	
Events	
<u>Alumni-Parent Relations:</u>	\$ 50.00
Office Expense	
<u>Corresponding Secretary:</u>	\$ 200.00
Cards	
Flowers	
Misc. Expenses	
<u>Recruitment:</u>	\$ 700.00
Food	
Rush Event Expenses	
<u>Historian:</u>	\$ 150.00
Film	
Developing	
Compiling Expenses	
<u>Service:</u>	\$ 50.00
Misc Expenses	
<u>Philanthropy:</u>	\$ 100.00
Misc Expenses	
<u>Marshall:</u>	\$ 250.00
Ceremony Expenses	
Food/ Flowers	
<u>Intramural:</u>	\$ 100.00
Misc Expenses	
<u>New Member Education:</u>	\$ 100.00
Materials	
Misc. Expenses	
<u>Misc. / Unforeseen Expenses:</u>	\$ 500.00
Non-categorized Expenses	

February 7, 1998

Esteemed Brothers of the Grand Council,

It is with great enthusiasm, joy, and pride that we, the alumni advising the University of Maryland Alpha Sigma Phi Colony, recommend and support the chartering of the colony. The members of the colony, within the span of one year, have matured and blossomed into responsible men who are ready and able to accept the great rigors and responsibilities of being initiated brothers within the Mystic Circle. Chartering would formally place this group of men in the forefront of not only the University of Maryland Greek System, but the general student body.

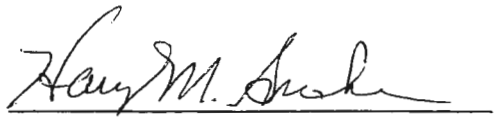
The men have successfully overcome the expected obstacles that come with placing together a large number of young, idealistic men and having them coexist and work as a unit toward a common goal. The men have constructively made differences in opinion a strength to be cherished and respected rather than a weakness to be disdained and suppressed.

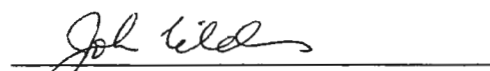
Since day one, the undergraduate members' individual lives and lives as Alpha Sigs-to-be have mirrored the standards espoused by Our Reason for Being. A complete list of their accomplishments in just one year is too long to list. The colony's high GPA relative to other fraternities on campus, winning first place at Homecoming, the countless hours of volunteer work, and the colony's active promotion of substance and sexual abuse awareness are just a few of the colony's accomplishments.


Most importantly, the name Alpha Sigma Phi, when mentioned on campus, evokes the image of a fraternity that does not believe in hazing. This was and still is the main objective of the colony: to create a fraternity where respect for oneself and each other rather than respect through fear and intimidation is the keystone around which brotherhood may be built.

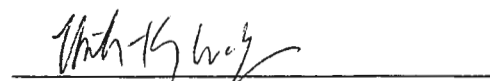
The internal improvements and accomplishments of the colony along with its accomplishments aimed toward the betterment of the University community at large have impressed us, the alumni. We have pride that any Alpha Sig who has the opportunity of meeting the men of this colony and to witness their accomplishments first-hand would concur in our support for its charterhood.

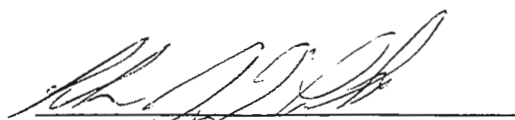
Yours in the Mystic Circle,


Harry M. Speake, Beta Omicron 1947


John W. Tilden, M.A.L. 1993


Robert J. Hallet, Alpha Pi 1964


Chih-Kang "Jm" W. Yu, Nu 1993


Thomas J. D'Asto, Alpha Pi 1985



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK

ADELE H. STAMP STUDENT UNION AND CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
8645 Guion Road, Suite J
Indianapolis, IN 46268

January 26, 1998

This letter is to acknowledge the progress of the gentlemen of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Maryland. It has been my pleasure to work with the colony president, Ryan Spiegel, in helping the colony strive to achieve the standards outlined by both the National and the University.

Last semester, the colony worked hard to establish a presence on campus. With community service projects at the Compassion Center and co-sponsorship efforts with other campus organizations, the colony was also able to achieve academic success, finishing third among all fraternities with a semester GPA of 2.99. This was well above the All Men's average, which was a 2.74.

As a group, Alpha Sigma Phi has helped to redefine the culture of the Greek community at the University of Maryland, and I am pleased with their progress toward becoming a chartered chapter. They are in good standing with the University.

I look forward to the continued success of the organization, and appreciate all of the help and resources you have given the group in their efforts to become a chartered chapter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (301) 314-7781.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Supple".

Matthew Supple
Fraternity Advisor

APPLICATION FOR INTERFRATERNITY AWARD

Alpha Sigma Phi : Community Service

Since its beginning just over a year ago, ASP at UMCP has upheld its commitment to service. Our service chairman investigating service events in the area and tries to schedule at least one event per month.

In our first semester on this campus, we participated in a stream cleanup project sponsored by MaryPIRG. On a rainy Saturday morning, we set out to pick up trash from the banks of a stream in College Park. Despite the bad weather, we were glad that we were able to support MaryPIRG as well as the town by participating in this project.

In the same semester, over half the brotherhood participated in the JSU's Snack Pack Attack. We assisted in making over 2000 sandwiches to be distributed to homeless people in the D.C. area.

This year we have continued our aggressive community service goals. We have initiated an ongoing relationship with The Compassion Center, a local non-profit organization intended to aid those who are bereaving the deaths of loved ones. The Center's director intends to provide tranquil gardens for mourners to be able to enjoy in their time of need. We have been working on all aspects of landscaping and other miscellaneous projects to achieve the director's vision.

Last semester, we also sponsored a GAMMA late-night event. One of our brothers currently serves on the GAMMA committee, and we are planning to host another late-night soon.

We currently have two other plans for future service events. Our Service committee is investigating participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program. Additionally, our Philanthropy committee is working on a raffle to raise money for Alpha Sigma Phi's national charity, Canine Companions for Independence.

Alpha Sigma Phi: Chapter Management

Since we are still young and are constantly growing, effective chapter management is essential to our continued success.

Communication. We have many ways to disperse important information. Our weekly meetings serve as the primary method for committees to give reports and make announcements of upcoming events. The Vice-President reads the minutes from the Prudential (executive) Board meeting and introduces any new business. Our policy is that brothers have one week to discuss and debate any issue, and the issue will be voted upon at the next general meeting. General meeting minutes are always posted on our chapter's web page, so that any meeting absentees can see what they missed.

A very important communications tool for us is our e-mail mailing list. Since our brotherhood is scattered throughout the campus and town, we make extensive use of the mailing list to notify everyone of important announcements. Our local alumni are also on the mailing list.

Documentation. One of our requirements for colonization last spring was the drafting of a formal Constitution and by-laws, so our Constitution is current and representative of our current ideals and goals.

At the beginning of each semester, committee chairs must submit to the Prudential Board a tentative calendar of events for the entire semester. This helps the Prudential Board set the budget and realize any potential conflicts or financial problems. Additionally, several times during the semester, every committee chair meets with our President for mid-semester reports and evaluation of the chairman's goals and responsibilities.

Finances. We have an official business account set up with Nation's Bank, and our treasurer keeps organized, computerized records of our expenses and cash inflow. At any time, the treasurer can produce our current balance.

As mentioned before, the budget is set at the beginning of each semester, once committee chairs submit calendars and budget requests. The Prudential Board reviews this information, estimates the cash inflow, and assigns committee budgets accordingly.

Our programming continues to improve, even with very low dues – only \$200 a semester. This fact exemplifies our ability to be cost-effective and responsibly handle our finances.