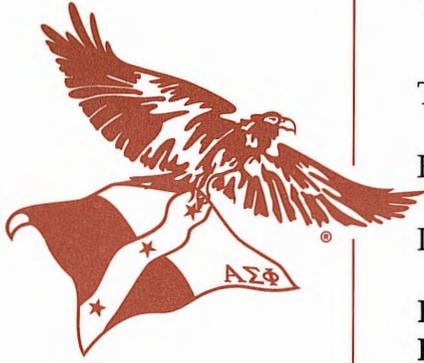


# UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO GAMMA EPSILON COLONY



## CHARTERING PETITION



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TO: Grand Council  
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RE: University at Buffalo Colony Petition for Charter

**In my capacity as the Director of Expansion for Alpha Sigma Phi, I recommend that the Grand Council approve the University at Buffalo Colony chartering petition.**

While many of our groups have had a steady climb towards chartering, this group of men has followed a unique path. Since their beginning in the fall of 1999 the men of the Gamma Epsilon Colony have put a ton of time and energy into building a strong Alpha Sigma Phi chapter on campus. They were making steady progress, and were ready to charter, when a costly mistake threatened their existence. A terrible accident that became linked to the Colony could have cost the group everything they had worked for. Upon a thorough investigation, the group was found to be in violation of the local and national recruitment policies however WE, as a National Fraternity, decided to continue to support the Colony. Since that accident, the men have shown that perseverance and hard work can bring a fraternity from the depths of despair, to the heights of success. They have utilized the lessons learned from the incident to better educate the Greek Community as to the risks of alcohol in all activities. They have recruited good men with their backs against the wall. To top it off, they are in the process of introducing a "Formal Recruitment Policy," to the IFC in order to break the norm of alcohol based recruitment, and hold all fraternities on campus to a higher standard. They have become stronger than they were before the accident, and once again stand ready to represent Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity as a full-fledged chapter.

The Colony has exhibited many qualities to get them to this point:

- Greek Community Participation: Their involvement with the Inter-Greek Council has given them a very positive reputation on campus. The past IGC President and current IGC VP of Judicial affairs are members of the Gamma Epsilon Colony. The men have put together a great proposal to make recruitment similar more formal. One of the obstacles they are facing are many of the fraternities no longer have charters, but still function as local groups

without any authoritarian figure to hold them in check. These groups have made it difficult to recruit, but the Colony decided to implement a formal policy for all recognized fraternities where each recruit has to go to each fraternity to see for themselves the strength of the brotherhood. The Colony has a 2.8 GPA which is above the all Greek GPA.

- Brotherhood: This group amazed me with their ability to maintain a tight brotherhood despite being spread out over the North and South campus at UB. They do not have a house, but plan events on and off campus with a large turnout of brothers and potential new members. Events such as pick up flag football games, barbeques, Monday Night Football, etc., demonstrated a unity that is unique in a blue collar town and on a commuter campus. They have utilized this unity to recruit men the right way and have always lived the values. They currently have 38 men, but 32 are above the 2.3 minimum GPA (5 above the campus average of 27) and 5 new members along with 18 alumni members. All 37 eligible men will be initiated, including new members. Many of the alumni still live in the area, and encourage and assist the Colony. Plus, the addition of Craig Haseley as the Colony advisor has helped the group to re-organize and focus on the principles and teachings of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. I have the utmost confidence and respect for Craig and all of the work that he does with the men.
- Service: The men consistently give their blood sweat and tears to Habitat for Humanity and have adopted the Linda Yalem Memorial Run as an event that embodies the Colony's desire to make the community a better place. They rallied behind the September 11<sup>th</sup> causes and lead the way among fraternities looking to make a difference after the tragedy. They have consistently participated in kid's day which benefits the UB Hospitals. There hopes for the coming year only re-enforce their roots in community service.

This group of men has done an excellent job of rallying and stands twice as strong and ready for their charter. If you have any further questions on the petition, feel free to contact me at [jim@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:jim@alphasigmaphi.org)



# **Chartering Petition**

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# ΑΣΦ

Members of the Grand Council,

When the Gamma Epsilon Colony was recolonized, the goal of Alpha class was to charter in the spring of 2002. That semester proved to be our most challenging. We faced many problems that we had not faced before including recruitment problems, illegal rush practices, alcohol use on campus, and competing with underground fraternities for new members. We found out the hard way that we were not ready to be a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. One year later, we have grown as a colony, as brothers, and as men. At the beginning of this past school year the colony had two choices; to move on and take the hard road to recovery, or to fizzle out and die. It is a testament to each and every one of our brothers that the colony did not die. We have moved on and are stronger than ever.

As a colony our success has come on many levels. We are striving to change things on our campus from the inside out. We have taken an active role in on-campus leadership including having a brother elected to the Inter-Greek Council executive board. We have proposed a formal "dry" rush program that we are hoping the Inter-Fraternal Council will adopt as a standard for next semester's rush period. We have excelled as a group in terms of inter-Greek activities, intramural athletics, community service, academics, and student activities. As our colony takes part in these activities, we illuminate our brotherhood to the public with pride and commitment projecting a high sense of honor. This exemplifies our roles as being leaders on and off campus.

I believe the following pages will prove how far our colony has come in the past 4 years and show that we can be an outstanding chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope this will bring us one step closer into joining the Mystic Circle and the quest that follows beyond.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Kroll  
President  
Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony

## **History of Gamma Epsilon colony at the University at Buffalo**

The road has been a rocky one for all of us men of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony. Along the way we've encountered not merely roadblocks, but large mountains blocking our path. Daunting obstacles and dark clouds would scare most people, but not those men here at SUNY at Buffalo. With the combined strength of brotherhood we overcame. We moved forever forward, pushing ever towards our goal of becoming a full fledged member of Alpha Sigma Phi, and now here we are once again at the doorstep of that promising endeavor.

The journey began in the summer of 1999, and as some later members were just crossing the platforms at their respective high schools, the groundwork for the colony was being laid, and the Director of Expansion Drew Thawley sent postcards attempting to recruit new members. As the original group returned to campus from the summer siesta, emails from Gordy Heminger invited those first members to come to the informational meetings alongside him, and then took a few of them to lunch to answer any of their questions about the fraternity, and to explain the details of what it meant to be an Alpha Sig, as he guided the first members of the group to their goal of becoming national members of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Through the combined recruiting effort, the group garnered 30 more members as they officially became an interest group thus beginning the long quest.

Over the course of the next year, we held interest group meetings, and performed various community service projects; such as helping elementary children learn how to ice skate at the Pepsi Center in Amherst, NY; and Habitat for Humanity where we helped a family construct a new home so that they could have a place to live which was a very rewarding experience. Over the course of the fall semester, as the group slowly moved forward to becoming a colony, the next phase of our journey, there were highs and lows, as members left and new men joined the cause. It was the month of December however,

that we of men crossed a long bridge in our journey to becoming a colony. We participated in the Founder's Day dinner, which was an extremely wonderful experience for the group as our goal materialized before our eyes for a brief moment as we met many Alumni from Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, giving us determination to continue onward in our quest, so that someday that would be us sitting in that room with our pins on. Three days later, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999, 28 members of our interest group became pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, as they were colonized, and the new Gamma Epsilon colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo was re-born, like the symbol the phoenix proudly emblazoned on the fraternities flag, it was risen from the ashes.

Spring semester 2000 proved to be more interesting, as the colony became an active force in Greek life on campus. Our numbers increased by five, during the course of the semester, and our colony continued its community service, as we participated in Habitat for Humanity once again, and being sponsored for the annual Linda Yalem Memorial Run at the University at Buffalo to remember Linda Yalem, a woman who was murdered while running on the bike paths at UB. We also started to take interest in all Greek affairs in general, as members began going to IGC and IFC meetings, and the group participated in many IGC sponsored events, we also made our presence known on campus as we participated in Greek Week and attended other Greek organizations' philanthropy events. All the while, as the semester wore on, we were beginning to become tighter knit, and the goal was closing in as we, unified, gained a sense of direction and purpose. We also said goodbye to our first graduate that spring, as Alan Kruzicki crossed the University at Buffalo platform.

In the summer of 2000, four of our members went to the Alpha Sigma Phi national convention in Indianapolis, IN. It instilled within them a great pride in the fraternity, and enthusiasm to become a full-fledged brother in this outstanding brotherhood. At the convention, we were bestowed citations for Brotherhood Development and Campus Involvement. They instantly brought back all the knowledge they gained at the convention, as well as their enthusiasm and sense of pride, and instilled it on the rest of us.

In the fall of 2000, we added seven more new members to grow to 37 members in all. We cheered on the University at Buffalo Bulls football team in the fall, while handing out tickets for the student's pre-game food tent and passing out advertising flyers for promotions as the crowd entered the stadium. Once again we participated in Habitat for Humanity, and it fast became a favorite event for our members, as it was both fun and rewarding to help people move into a new home. Another service event was the Community Action Corps "Night Out", a campus organizations' night to raise awareness for homelessness where some of our members constructed cardboard houses. During the cooling fall weather, we all made a pilgrimage to the then colony president John Schlia's house for a brotherhood retreat. During the retreat the new members got to know the original member's more intimately, and the entire colony bonded as it had never before.

In the Spring of 2001, we grew again, this time adding eight more members to the current line-up. We continued to be active in Greek Life, participating in Greek Week for the second time, and winning the prestigious Inter-fraternal Football Championship in our second year playing, a flag football tournament between each fraternity on campus' newest members from the past year. We also continued our community service, doing Habitat for Humanity for the third time and participating in the Buffalo News' annual Kid's Day, a day when the proceeds from every Buffalo News newspaper sold goes towards the Buffalo Children's Hospital and various campus organizations stand on street corners through-out the city selling papers to motorists as they drive to work. With two locations in the city, we helped the UB contingent raise the second most money in all of Buffalo for the kids, second only to the Tops Supermarket chain. At the year's end, we all gathered together for a formal dinner in Rochester, NY to honor the past year's achievements and recognize how far we've come as a group since our odyssey began. James Blayer was honored as the Alpha Sig of the Year for his contributions the past two years, serving as the IFC Vice President and Rush Chairman in 2000-2001, as the Corresponding Secretary for the fall 2001 semester, and as IFC President and Rush Chairman for the 2001-2002 academic year. On graduation day, we said goodbye to two

of our members as Steve Hall and Brian D'Amico graduated the University at Buffalo and became alumni.

Over the summer of 2001, a select few people attended the national convention in Cincinnati, OH. More members than last time attended, and each learned much and was instilled with an unrivaled enthusiasm and pride for the fraternity, standing more ready than ever to finish our long quest to become full brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The fall semester of 2001 had its share of ups and downs as the lowest number of new members in our existence was added, three. However the new members brought with them a great deal to our colony, and continued to instill more enthusiasm into our ranks. More community service was done, as we once again did Habitat for Humanity and had two members participate in the Linda Yalem Memorial Run. We also sponsored a member in the Breast Cancer Walk held in downtown Buffalo. We worked at a few UB football games, and afterwards went inside to cheer on the Bulls, having the most men at a game out of every Greek organization. Then on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 tragedy struck our nation and we as a colony were all struck with the shock, pride, pain and patriotism that went along with it. Some members rescued an American Flag from the garbage, members rushed to donate blood to the Red Cross, and a sizeable donation was made to the New York City Fire Department which sparked an even more sizeable amount of donations from larger corporations who we worked with in the donation process. Through this, we have learned that the little things can make a difference.

The Spring semester of 2002 could perhaps be the single darkest hour that the Gamma Epsilon colony has ever faced, and God willing, will ever face again. With an immensely successful Rush we were prepared for perhaps our biggest pledge class ever when one fateful night over the course of Rush week an event would happen that would rock the very foundations of our brotherhood, but not break, never could anything break it. After attending a Rush event at our house which involved alcohol, a young man ended up in a tragic car accident that cost him his life, and nearly cost his passenger his as well. Immediately following the accident all Greek life at UB was suspended, which was the night before our interviews were about to take place. Then, soon after, the administration

came down. Much news media crawled all over the fraternity house, the University was administering information as it saw fit, and we were in dire straights. National immediately came to our aid, and without their help we never could've navigated the rough waters of the weeks ensuing. Through the entire process from when the accident first occurred to when we heard our probation terms at the end of the semester, there was a lot of confusion, a lot of people wondering where we went from here, how somewhere along the way we forgot to do the right thing, but most of all there was resolve. The kind of steel resolve you can take from tragedy and either use it to burn yourself up or to make yourself finer in a trial by fire. The resolve we as a collective brotherhood had was a resolve to turn ourselves from the low point we were at into the finest fraternity at SUNY at Buffalo against all the odds. Much of those weeks were a guessing game. We were constantly wondering what national would do, what the school would do, if we'd even have a colony left to run when it was all over. Through the careful guidance of our H-Officers, the dedication of the brothers, and the eventual truths and lies being lost in a sea of rumors, the fraternity fought off the storm and weathered. Not without cost however. Not only did the chartering petition we had just submitted to National become essentially voided for the moment, we lost 13 brothers to graduation, nearly knocking the fraternity in half. The Spring 2002 semester is now known among the member as the "black semester" and a black paddle with the words ZETA on it hangs on the walls as a constant reminder of that semester. Black because of the tragedy, but also black because we lost so many of the original members of the fraternity. Many of the Alpha class that founded the fraternity would never charter with us as undergrads, however the legacy they left behind was in those behind them.

The one thing "the black semester" taught us was that it has to get worse before it can get better. When we arrived back to UB in the Fall of 2002, the fraternity was on social probation, with several terms to complete such as a Dry Rush Proposal and an Alcohol Awareness program to be presented to the IFC. We were however allowed to Rush and allowed to take a pledge class. The fraternity lost the most men it has ever lost, but was determined to survive. The fall semester yielded a nine person pledge class, our biggest ever. The beginnings of the fall semester saw mostly house cleaning as the men

of Alpha Sigma Phi attempted to pick the pieces back together. A Dry Rush Proposal was put together, and an Alcohol Awareness program was begun, and will be submitted to the IFC/IGC in the Spring. The committee system was quickly re-organized and started with Vice President John Carpenter starting them back up in the order they were most needed. We added an Alumni Advisor in Craig Haseley, an Alpha Sig from SUNY Plattsburgh who has been a huge asset. He was in a chapter that lost its charter, and has done all he could thus far to show us the right path. As far as philanthropy in the fall semester, we made strides to join the Adopt-A-Highway program in the Spring, conducted a canned and non-perishable food drive on campus which we donated to a church shelter in downtown Buffalo, and assisted in the Linda Yalem Memorial Run. We also took advantage of all the new alumni to our chapter and conducted our First Annual Alumni Weekend where we invited the group back for a dinner, a football game at UB to show loyalty to our Alma Matter, as well as a session where we showed them the kinds of things we're currently doing for progress. At semester's end new officers were elected, and fraternity's second president Ed Pawliske stepped aside due to impending graduation, and made way for the third president, Michael Kroll. By the end of the fall session the fraternity was back up and running as smoothly, if not smoother, than it had been running before the incident of Spring 2002 occurred, and that is a testament to our strength of will and our resolve to continue towards joining this elite brotherhood.

The Spring semester of 2003 we have lofty expectations. Along with the desire to charter burning stronger than it ever has, we have a lot to look forward to. After a successful Rush we gained another five members to bring our total back to around 40 once again. We have high aspirations for philanthropy events planning Meals on Wheels, Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, working with a shelter in downtown Buffalo, and plans to shovel driveways in the community after heavy snowfall. Our fundraising will finally take off this semester as well, as we have plans in place to sell Buffalo Destroyers tickets, have a night at Gamezone on Sheridan Drive where people buy tickets for bowling and laser tag, and a bottle and can drive.

At the end of this semester we hope our trials will be over and from the ashes we will rise to take our place within the Mystic Circle, for it has been a long road and a long

time trying to get there. Innumerable hours were spent by each member devoted to the cause, and will remain devoted to the fraternity far into the future. The members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony have a united sense of purpose, and are very much unified and passionate about their ideals, ideals that set Alpha Sigs apart from all the rest such as; charity, patriotism, and scholarship. The clouds grew dark along the way, and rain threatened to wash us away, but only through the combined efforts of each individual working together with a unity of purpose, direction and ideals, were the clouds pushed away by bright acts of charity and excellent unity. Whatever the future holds for us individually we do not know, for the future is unpredictable; however we do know that we will be ready to meet those challenges head on, through both the good and the bad, knowing that even if it is too much for one, we have each member to help us through it all. Through the hours of commitment, we now stand near the end of the final stage of our quest and attaining what we have worked so hard to achieve, our dream of becoming full fledged brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi is now close to becoming a reality as we stand on the brink of making the final commitment that shall bind us all to the Mystic Circle as brothers for the rest of our days, and beyond.

## **Statement of Academics**

The Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony at The University at Buffalo realizes that without the University at Buffalo and the classroom, we would not exist. It is with this in mind, that we hold school as the number one priority for our members. All the members of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at UB know that academics comes first, and all extra-curricular activities are secondary, including the fraternity.

Thus far, the Gamma Epsilon colony has been able to achieve high standards of scholastic purpose and performance as emphasized in the seven points of the pledge pin. We take them extremely seriously, and all of our members must maintain the 2.3 GPA necessary for Greeks at UB. If a member is not above a 2.3, he must attend 12 hours a week in the library, checking in with the Scholarship Chairman before and after he leaves the library. A system of fines has recently been implemented, and anyone missing library hours will be fined \$1 per hour missed, and be forced to miss all social functions that week. This has been an effective deterrent because it is both costly monetarily, as well as socially because it keeps brothers away from some of the more fun events the fraternity has, those that perpetuate brotherhood. New members must spend the 12 hours a week in the library so we can expect them to be contributing members of the brotherhood when initiated. The Scholarship Chairman and the Scholarship Committee keep track of all grades, study hours, and the two scholastic awards given to members at the end of the year; Highest GPA Award, and the Most Improved GPA Award. In the future, these awards will attempt to be funded by members of our increasing Alumni base.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony has thus far been able to accomplish the following academic achievements:

Colony GPA one year ago: 2.692

Colony Fall 2002 Semester GPA: 2.8

Our fall 2002 GPA was the highest of any fraternity on campus, giving us that honor for the second consecutive semester, although because of the turmoil of the Spring semester, we were unable to receive the distinction being held in limbo by the University.

The future goals of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony at the State University of New York at Buffalo include an increase in the GPA of every member of the fraternity. We want other groups on the UB campus to not only respect our achievements in the community, but also our achievements in the classroom. The slogan of Alpha Sigma Phi is "To Better The Man" and that's exactly what we aim to do with each of our members.

## Grades

Name	Cumulative GPA	Fall 2002 GPA
Rob Alzheimer	2.45	2.45
Jared Balsky	3.058	3.058
Matt Buckley	X.XX	X.XX
Adam Carney	2.723	2.3
John Carpenter	3.350	4.0
Alex Choi	2.588	2.6
Rob Ciborowski	2.839	2.839
Mark Dollard	2.7	4.0
Justin Ermalowicz	2.564	2.8
Mike Frodyma	1.751	1.751
John Futscher	2.426	2.45
Luke Germaine	2.417	2.333
Jason Gunnells	2.549	3.25
Chris Harford	3.2	3.2
Brett Helmer	2.4	N/A
Matt Hunt	3.066	3.066
Collin Huntone	2.9	2.9
Mike Jolly	1.692	1.692
Brandon Kline	2.729	2.3
Nick Kondra	X.XX	N/A
Michael Kroll	2.33	2.33
Aaron Kruth	3.214	3.214
Dom Lanuti	2.87	3.0
Pat Larow	2.446	2.4
Jay Lecht	X.XX	X.XX
Justin Marrero	2.014	2.86
Chris Mason	2.934	3.30
Pat Mayer	2.578	2.7
J.P. Mummey	0.65	0.65
Rishan Patel	3.498	2.89
Ed Pawliske	2.301	2.685
John Schlia	2.955	3.477
Mike Scott	2.722	2.8
Chris Senska	2.596	2.596
Matt Vessely	2.248	2.2
Greg Walker	Incompletes	Incompletes
Riley Wheaton	3.133	4.0

**Colony Cumulative GPA (not counting Spring new members): 2.8**

## **Activities and Accomplishments**

### **On the Net**

The Gamma Epsilon colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at the State University of New York at Buffalo has maintained a web site devoted to our actions and membership since the year 2000. The site was begun, maintained and updated by member Jay Lecht and included pictures of the members at social, brotherhood, fundraising and charity events, a list of members, a brief history of the fraternity, and a place with rush information on it. The sites home on the web is <http://wings.buffalo.edu/student-life/greeks/asp/>.

Recently the Gamma Epsilon colony website was given a face lift by former colony President John Schlia. The re-designed web site now features a brief bio on all members which includes their full name, hometown, major and Email information. The site also has pictures of colony functions such as inter-fraternal football, charity events, a brief history of our colony, a ritual page for members only (accessible with a password) with more to be added over time. Members of Alpha Sigma Phi across the country can now check in on the kinds of things we are doing at and around the University at Buffalo. With the continual updating of the site, it will also give those of us currently members a window into future happenings of the colony.

Since the Spring of 2001, the website like much else in the chapter, had to be put aside because of the turmoil the Chapter was in and is now only recently being re-assembled and updated. Within the next couple of weeks the site should be properly updated and restored to its URL on the information superhighway.

### **Service**

Alpha Sigma Phi at UB has undertaken a variety of service projects to assist interest groups in the Buffalo area. For the past four years, we have participated in the Buffalo News' annual Kid's Day promotion three times (missing only the semester we

were suspended, a day on which other Greek organizations wore red and black ribbons to show their support for us and our situation), where the proceeds of sales on that day benefit the Buffalo Children's Hospital. We, along with other Buffalo organizations, braved the cold March mornings of Buffalo at 4am to sit on street corners and sell the Buffalo News to cars passing by for the kids. We were the only group with not just one spot to sell papers, but two. Other service events we have undertaken, include the annual Night Out to raise awareness for homelessness in the Buffalo area, sponsoring a brother in the Breast Cancer Walk, walking in Take Back the Night to raise awareness for rape and violence towards women, sponsoring a member in the Linda Yalem Memorial Run that takes place once a year at the University, ice skating at the Pepsi Arena in Amherst where we taught several elementary school children how to ice skate and assisted them along the way, as well as multiple visits to Habitat for Humanity.

In the Spring of 2003 we hope to do even more with philanthropy. Already we have done another Kid's Day event in which we raised over \$600 the second most of any group on campus, and have plans to help an inner city shelter with monthly food drives, implementation of an Adopt-A-Highway program, and Meals on Wheels. We also have multiple scheduled visits to Habitat for Humanity, which is a favorite event of the brotherhood.

## **Brotherhood**

Along the way from beginning as an interest group and moving to a colony, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon have also grown as brothers. The membership has grown in size, acquiring 37 new brothers to grow to our current size; and said goodbye to its first alumni, graduating sixteen since our inception. Our recruitment of members has weathered several storms including losing a large portion of the brotherhood to graduation last year, and the incident of the Spring semester 2002, however we have continued to grow in size and keep our membership consistently between 30 and 40 brothers.

The past two years we have also gone on retreats to then colony president John Schlia's house in the fall, camping out and strengthening brotherhood ties. We cooked

food outdoors on the grill, played football and other games, talked around the campfire until the sun came up, as well as did brotherhood activities such as the initiation ceremony of the newest members entering into the colony three semesters ago. Sadly a retreat did not happen in the Spring because of all the issues surrounding our colony, and then again in the fall due to the massive re-organization effort by the members. A retreat will happen in the Spring of 2003 as soon as the snow melts.

Our colony has also gained recognition on the national stage, being given citations by the national headquarters for brotherhood development and campus involvement. We have also excelled on campus, winning the university's annual inter-fraternal football championship, a prestigious event in Greek life at UB, where the newest members of all fraternities on campus from the past year play each other in a flag football tournament, and after a year hiatus are looking to defend the title this semester.

The future activities of the colony are as always centered on our strong brotherhood ties. Time and again new members tell us they join because of the tight knit group we have built over the past four years of existence, and with the turnover that has begun to occur; the ties have not weakened but strengthened. Future activities include many more philanthropy events and brotherhood events dedicated to bringing us together in a social environment to strengthen our unity.

## **Statement Regarding Committees**

The reason we do not have all the committees listed in our constitution and by-laws is because as Head of the Committees I felt that there were too many of them and our brotherhood has once again become a young brotherhood and I did not want to burden brothers with too many meetings that were going to be unproductive. Instead I narrowed the committees down to the essential ones and gave each committee more responsibility and gave H-officers more responsibility as well. All aspects of every committee are being covered, for example, instead of having a scholarship committee; the scholarship chair takes care of everything for that committee and reports to the H-officers at weekly H-officer meetings.

-- Alex Choi

Vice President

Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Colony

## **List of Officers**

President:	Michael Kroll
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## List of Committees

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John Futscher  
Luke Germain  
Dom Lanuti

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Dom Lanuti  
Brandon Kline  
Mike Jolly  
Pat Mayer  
Brett Helmer  
Greg Walker  
Matt Hunt

### FINANCIAL

\*Dom Lanuti  
Mike Jolly

### RUSH

\*Brandon Kline  
Mike Kroll  
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Adam Carney  
Alex Choi  
Luke Germain  
John Futscher  
Jason Gunnells  
Mike Frodyma

### PHILANTHROPY

\*Matt Hunt  
Justin Ermalowicz  
Nick Kondra  
Pat Mayer  
Pat LaRow  
Luke Germain

### RISK MANAGEMENT

\* Brett Helmer  
Brandon Kline  
Rob Pyszczynski  
Aaron Kruth  
John Futscher  
Chris Senska  
Adam Carney  
John Carpenter

### FUNDRAISING

\*Ed Pawliske  
Dom Lanuti  
Jason Gunnells  
Greg Walker  
Jay Lecht  
Mike Jolly  
Justin Marrero  
Matt Vestley  
Rishan Patel

### CONSTITUTION

\*Brett Helmer  
Brandon Kline  
Chris Mason  
Mike Frodyma  
Rob Ciborowski

### CHARTERING

\*Mike Kroll  
Adam Carney  
John Carpenter  
Matt Buckley  
Riley Wheaton

### NEW MEMBER ED

\*Adam Carney  
Justin Ermalowicz  
Matt Vestley  
Mike Scott  
Brandon Kline

Mike Jolly

Ed Pawliske

Mike Kroll

## **Current Member Bios**

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**Nicknames:** Donkey

**Position(s) Held:** None

**Current Position:** None

**Year in School:** Freshman

**Major/Minor:** Architecture

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**Full Name:** Jared Balsky

**Nicknames:** Ralphie

**Position(s) Held:** None

**Current Position:** None

**Year in School:** Freshman

**Major/Minor:** Chemical Engineer

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**Full name:** Matthew Buckley

**Nicknames:** Stifler, Flounder

**Position(s) Held:** Editor (2001), New Member Educator (Spring 2001)

**Current Position:** None

**Year in school:** Senior

**Major/Minor:** MIS

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**Full name:** Adam Stephen Carney

**Nicknames:** B.S.

**Position(s) Held:** Recording Secretary (2000, 2001)

**Current Position:** New Member Educator

**Year in school:** Senior

**Major/Minor:** Communication

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**Full name:** John Michael Carpenter

**Nicknames:** Carp, Curley

**Position(s) Held:** Vice President (2001)

**Current Position:** None

**Year in school:** Senior

**Major/Minor:** joint major - History and Communication

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**Current Position:** Member At Large  
**Year in school:** Junior  
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**Position(s) Held:** Social Chair (Fall 2001), Corresponding Secretary (2002), Assistant New Member Educator (Fall 2002)  
**Current Position:** Social Chair  
**Year in school:** Senior  
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**Year in School:** Freshman  
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**Year in school:** Sophomore  
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**Full name:** Michael Jacob Kroll  
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**Position(s) Held:** Member at Large (2002)  
**Current Position:** President  
**Year in school:** Junior  
**Major/Minor:** Electrical Engineering  
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**Full Name:** Aaron Kruth  
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**Full name:** Dominick C. Lanuti  
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**Position(s) Held:** Treasurer (2001)  
**Current Position:** Treasurer  
**Year in school:** Junior  
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**Full name:** Patrick Michael LaRow  
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**Position(s) Held:** Vice President (2000, 2001)  
**Current Position:** None  
**Year in school:** Senior  
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**Position(s) Held:** Editor (2001)  
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**Major/Minor:** Computer Art  
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**Position(s) Held:** Member at Large (2002)  
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**Year in school:** Senior  
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**Year in School:** Freshman  
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*Group photo with Kiernan Kreiss*

## Alumni Bios

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**Graduated:** 2002

**Major/Minor:** Architecture

**Full name:** Jeffrey M Brelsford

**Nicknames:** Bluntz

**Position(s) Held:** Corresponding Secretary

**Graduated:** 2002

**Major/Minor:** Architecture

**Full name:** Bryan Cochran

**Nicknames:** Coch

**Position(s) Held:** None

**Graduated:** 2002

**Major/Minor:** Business Management (Finance Concentration)

**FullName:** Ryan Conway

**Nicknames:** Roy

**Position(s) Held:** None

**Graduated:** 2002

**Major/Minor:** Architecture

**Full Name:** Brian D'Amico

**Nicknames:** Biggie

**Position(s) Held:** Scholarship Director

**Graduated:** 2001

**Major/Minor:** Chemical Engineering

**Full name:** Erik Ian DeLine

**Nicknames:** Flint

**Position(s) Held:** New Member Educator (Fall 2001)

**Graduated:** 2002

**Major/Minor:** Political Science

**Full name:** Daniel A. DiNizo

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**Position(s) Held:** Treasurer

**Graduated:** 2002

**Major/Minor:** Accounting

**Full name:** Timothy Doherty  
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**Position(s) Held:** None  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Architecture

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**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Communications

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**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Architecture

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**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Psychology

**Full Name:** Stephen J. Hall  
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**Graduated:** 2001  
**Major/Minor:** Business

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**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Pharmaceutical Science

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**Position(s) Held:** None  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Architecture

**Full name:** Joshua Jackson Keck  
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**Position(s) Held:** Scholarship Director  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Communication

**Full name:** Matthew Mazer  
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**Position(s) Held:** Recording Secretary  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Computer Science / MIS

**Full name:** Eduardo Uy Regner  
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**Position(s):** Scholarship Director  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Physical Therapy

**Full name:** Bradley W. Robey  
**Nicknames:** Goofy  
**Position(s) Held:** Scholarship Chair  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Computer Engineering

**Full name:** Rajib Roy  
**Nicknames:** Dutch  
**Position(s) Held:** None  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Major/Minor:** Electrical Engineering

## **Faculty Advisor**

The Gamma Epsilon colony at SUNY at Buffalo has finally filled the position of faculty advisor. We are currently in the process of having Mr. Michael Catalano do the paperwork necessary to fill this vacancy that has been a much felt void for some time in the colonies history.

Our colony's first choice had initially been an engineering professor at UB, Dr. Dennis Malone, who is a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. However due to his current, and serious, medical problems, we decided not to pursue that avenue any farther, and began to construct a tentative list of candidates who also would be qualified for the position.

From that list emerged Mr. Catalano, a full-time staff supervisor at the Health and Sciences library on UB's South Campus. Mr. Catalano not only works for SUNY at Buffalo but also part-time at Erie Community College's North Campus as a student advisor, so he has experience in an advising role. He has also worked on two political campaigns, a NY State Assembly campaign for Assemblyman Joel Giambro, and a NY State Senatorial candidate Rick Lazio. Mr. Catalano is a man we believe has good morals and ethics, who will spend countless hours helping our colony achieve the kind of success that we are capable of.

Our major problem with finding an advisor was that we wanted an advisor that would not merely stand in the position, but who would be an active administrator that has the ideals, morals, and character we as a colony would be proud to have as our voice in the administration which so often overlooks Greek life here at UB. We wanted a person who would hold the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi within them, and we believe Mr. Catalano holds to these standards and are proud to begin the process of making him our advisor.

**Greek-letter Organization GRADE INFORMATION by Semester**  
**University at Buffalo**

Updated: 10 / 07 / 02

Organizational Average QPA by Semester										
Organization:	Council:	Fall 1998	Spring 1999	Fall 1999	Spring 2000	Fall 2000	Spring 2001	Fall 2001	Spring 2002	Fall 2002
Alpha Epsilon Phi	Panhel	2.8540	2.8170	2.8350	2.8400	2.5607	2.6449	3.0793	2.8958	
Alpha Gamma Delta	Panhel	2.9910	2.8170	3.2660	2.9154	2.6853	2.6354	2.9645	2.9258	
Alpha Phi	Panhel	3.0980	3.1040	3.1300	3.1492	3.1150	2.9695	2.9580	3.1293	
Delta Xi Omega (local)	Panhel	2.6300	2.3370	2.6410	2.8602	2.8353	2.5521	2.8051	2.7070	
Kappa Phi Epsilon (local)	Panhel			3.0250	3.1663	3.2269	2.7611	2.6969	2.8840	
Phi Sigma Sigma	Panhel	3.1340	3.1230	2.9410	3.1844	2.6191	2.7036	3.1160		
Sigma Delta Tau	Panhel	3.2765	3.0270	2.8120	2.8984	2.7395	2.7407	3.1520	2.9092	
Alpha Beta Sigma	UCCFS-S	2.0180								
Alpha Kappa Alpha	UCCFS-S	1.4920	2.9800	2.9570	3.0636	2.5713	2.4325			
alpha Kappa Delta Phi	UCCFS-S	2.2990	2.8000	2.4410	2.2841	2.7011	2.2137	2.5408	2.6818	
Delta Sigma Theta	UCCFS-S	3.0240	2.5610	2.4770	3.1273	2.9303	2.1117	2.7480	1.6581	
Kappa Phi Lambda	UCCFS-S	2.5350	2.6430	2.7460	2.5291	2.4398	2.8875	2.3511	2.6804	
Lambda Phi Delta	UCCFS-S	2.3780	2.4730	2.5570	2.6974	2.7007	2.5986	2.9434	2.6630	
Lambda Phi Epsilon	UCCFS-F	2.4040	2.2020	2.6270	2.6804	2.4345	2.8352	2.7605	2.8896	
Lambda Upsilon Lambda	UCCFS-F	2.5110	2.6055	2.4890	1.5868	2.1384				
Nu Alpha Phi	UCCFS-F						2.7589	2.7101	2.3681	
Omega Phi Beta	UCCFS-S						1.8948	0.8573	1.0330	
Phi Iota Alpha	UCCFS-F		2.6250	2.7700	2.7260	2.1057	2.8762	3.0068	2.7528	
Pi Delta Psi	UCCFS-F	2.7190	2.6840	2.5040	2.4780	2.6844	2.6343	2.4275	2.5760	
Sigma Iota Sigma	UCCFS-S	2.1400								
Sigma Psi Zeta	UCCFS-S						2.7591	3.0713	2.3788	
Zeta Phi Beta	UCCFS-S	2.1120	2.0505	2.2255	1.4635	2.9270	2.9710	1.9035	1.1515	
Alpha Sigma Phi (local)	IFC				2.6593	2.5435	2.6671	2.6083	2.8441	
Delta Sigma Phi	IFC	2.8180	2.7820	2.7450	2.6734	2.4863				
Phi Kappa Psi	IFC	2.6690	2.8000	2.6440	2.7893	2.5266	2.2716	2.6053	2.3409	
Phi Kappa Theta	IFC						2.4815	2.3828	2.5080	
Pi Kappa Phi	IFC			2.7480	2.7216	2.4915				
Pi Lambda Phi	IFC			2.7550	2.6059	2.6829	2.9067	2.5339	2.5432	
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	IFC	2.9290	2.7930	2.8190	2.7012	2.7480	2.7704	2.7308		
Sigma Alpha Mu	IFC					2.9295				
Sigma Chi Omega (local)	IFC				2.6281	2.3693	2.5224	2.8312	2.5330	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	IFC	2.3160	2.3580	2.4277	2.3544	2.0366	2.5055	2.0377	2.2987	
Sigma Pi	IFC	1.9477	2.0740	2.0216	2.7751	2.7101	2.6160	2.6552	2.8868	
<b>ALL PANHELLENIC AVERAGE</b>		<b>2.9973</b>	<b>2.8708</b>	<b>2.9500</b>	<b>3.0020</b>	<b>2.8260</b>	<b>2.7153</b>	<b>2.9674</b>	<b>2.9085</b>	
<b>UCCFS Sorority AVERAGE</b>		<b>2.2498</b>	<b>2.5624</b>	<b>2.5673</b>	<b>2.5275</b>	<b>2.7117</b>	<b>2.4836</b>	<b>2.3451</b>	<b>2.0352</b>	
<b>UCCFS Fraternity AVERAGE</b>		<b>2.5447</b>	<b>2.5291</b>	<b>2.5975</b>	<b>2.3678</b>	<b>2.3408</b>	<b>2.7762</b>	<b>2.7262</b>	<b>2.6466</b>	
<b>ALL IFC AVERAGE</b>		<b>2.5359</b>	<b>2.5614</b>	<b>2.5943</b>	<b>2.6565</b>	<b>2.5524</b>	<b>2.5927</b>	<b>2.5482</b>	<b>2.5647</b>	
<b>ALL GREEK AVERAGE</b>		<b>2.5819</b>	<b>2.6309</b>	<b>2.6773</b>	<b>2.6384</b>	<b>2.6077</b>	<b>2.6419</b>	<b>2.6467</b>	<b>2.5388</b>	
<b>ALL UNDERGRADUATE AVERAGE</b>		<b>2.6600</b>	<b>2.7530</b>	<b>2.7863</b>	<b>2.7811</b>	<b>2.7200</b>	<b>2.7166</b>	<b>2.7682</b>	<b>2.8854</b>	
<b>UNDERGRADUATE FEMALES</b>		<b>2.8300</b>	<b>2.8800</b>	<b>2.9142</b>	<b>2.8897</b>	<b>2.8438</b>	<b>2.8348</b>	<b>2.8858</b>	<b>2.6814</b>	
<b>UNDERGRADUATE MALES</b>		<b>2.6300</b>	<b>2.6410</b>	<b>2.6746</b>	<b>2.6845</b>	<b>2.6138</b>	<b>2.6154</b>	<b>2.6697</b>	<b>2.7750</b>	
<b>ALL FRESHMAN</b>					<b>2.6820</b>	<b>2.4654</b>	<b>2.3779</b>	<b>2.5905</b>	<b>2.6501</b>	
<b>ALL FEMALE FRESHMAN</b>					<b>2.7954</b>	<b>2.6075</b>	<b>2.5449</b>	<b>2.7385</b>	<b>2.4100</b>	
<b>ALL MALE FRESHMAN</b>					<b>2.5881</b>	<b>2.3536</b>	<b>2.2458</b>	<b>2.4712</b>	<b>2.5171</b>	
<b>POPULATION SIZE:</b>										
<b>UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION</b>		<b>13,881</b>	<b>13,907</b>	<b>13,071</b>	<b>12,478</b>	<b>13,557</b>	<b>13,046</b>	<b>14,209</b>	<b>14,373</b>	<b>15159</b>
<b>UNDERGRADUATE FEMALES</b>		<b>7,209</b>	<b>6,492</b>	<b>6,104</b>	<b>5,876</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>6,026</b>	<b>6,479</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>6821</b>
<b>UNDERGRADUATE MALES</b>		<b>6,672</b>	<b>7,415</b>	<b>6,967</b>	<b>6,602</b>	<b>7,295</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>7,730</b>	<b>7,871</b>	<b>8338</b>
<b>ALL FRESHMAN</b>						<b>4,137</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4311</b>
<b>FRESHMAN FEMALES</b>						<b>1,822</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1930</b>
<b>FRESHMAN MALES</b>						<b>2,315</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>2381</b>

\* tabulations done AFTER Fall and Spring Rush and include new member QPAs  
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 \*\*\* blanks represent lack of recognition during those semesters or revokation of the chapter charter  
 \*\*\*\* for city-wide chapters, ONLY the UB members' QPAs were used for calculation.

**Inter-Fraternity Council**

Alpha Sigma Phi  
Phi Kappa Psi  
Phi Kappa Theta  
Pi Lambda Phi  
Sigma Chi Omega  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Sigma Pi

**Panhellenic Association**

Alpha Epsilon Phi  
Alpha Gamma Delta  
Alpha Phi  
Delta Xi Omega  
Kappa Phi Epsilon  
Sigma Delta Tau

**United Council of Cultural Fraternities and Sororities**

alpha Kappa Delta Phi (sorority)  
Delta Sigma Theta (sorority)  
Kappa Phi Lambda (sorority)  
Lambda Phi Delta (sorority)  
Lambda Phi Epsilon (fraternity)  
Nu Alpha Phi (fraternity)  
Omega Phi Beta (sorority)  
Phi Iota Alpha (fraternity)  
Pi Delta Psi (fraternity)  
Sigma Psi Zeta (sorority)  
Zeta Phi Beta (sorority)

**Interest Groups**

Kappa Sigma Sigma  
Sigma Phi Pi  
Theta Nu Sigma  
Zeta Beta Tau

**Groups seeking Interest Group status****Sororities:**

Malika Kambe Umfazi  
Lambda Theta Alpha  
Sigma Gamma Rho  
Sigma Iota Sigma

Fraternities:

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Tau Omega

Omega Psi Phi

Phi Beta Sigma

**Enrollment: 15,159**

**% in Fraternities: 1%**

**% in Sororities: 1%**

## **History of the State University of New York at Buffalo**

The State University of New York at Buffalo, formerly the University of Buffalo, was first established as a medical school in downtown Buffalo on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1846. Millard Fillmore was named the first Chancellor of the University, and he remained Chancellor until his death in 1847.

Throughout the years, the University became more diverse. The School of Pharmacy was added in 1886, followed by the School of Law in 1891 and then the School of Dentistry in 1892. Throughout its history, UB has been the principal source of trained professional personnel in all of Western New York.

UB would move from downtown Buffalo to the area we now refer to as the Main Street or “South” campus. Over the next decade, there were many renovations done to the buildings of South Campus, and many of those buildings, the most famous which we know as Hayes Hall still remain.

When the campus moved to its new location in 1920, that another school was created, the School of Business, which is today called the School of Management, emerged in 1927. In 1931 came the creation of one of the original graduate degrees, which was in the School of Education, and a student could already get an undergraduate education in the already created School of Arts and Sciences. The next area made was the School of Nursing nine years later.

In 1962 the University was faced with a large problem. It wasn't sure if it would be able to compete with other large schools throughout the US, and it was then forced to become one of the schools within the State University of New York (or SUNY) system. After joining SUNY, there was new hope that with the state funding that entailed, UB could now compete with other major universities around the country. With almost \$700 million given to the school by the state, it began construction of a new campus located in the Buffalo suburb of Amherst, NY; just about fifteen minutes north of the Main Street

campus. The new campus was not intended as a replacement for South Campus, but rather as a compliment to the older campus, however by 1978 the Amherst, or North, Campus had become the central campus with almost 10,000 students enrolled.

Although the two campuses still function as one, they are now essentially divided as two parts to the University. The South Campus still houses the medical school, the oldest school at the University, and has remained on South Campus for more than 80 years. The only other major school located on Main Street is the School of Architecture and Planning. Most other major schools are located on the newer North campus, and most students utilize the North Campus facilities than the aging South.

In 1991 the current president of the University at Buffalo, William R. Greiner took the helm of SUNY's "flagship" institution. In the first four years of his presidency, Professor Greiner focused the university community on fulfilling its mission of education, research and public service as it approached a new century. UB has taken a leadership position, particularly in the SUNY system, in preserving the quality and accessibility of public undergraduate, graduate and professional education in the face of ever-shrinking state funding.

The most recent big step the University took was moving its athletic programs all to Division IA, the highest rung on the NCAA sports ladder. This jump up to the top division in college athletics has been good for the school and for the community, giving each something to rally around. With other large Division IA schools visiting the UB campus, it has put UB back on the map and the hope is that this will help the school to grow to become one of the top research institutions in the nation.

The University at Buffalo continues to grow and expand, and will continue in its quest in attaining its goals of excellence in education and research, remaining a low-cost public University. Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony will strive to continue to follow these ideals.

*We, the undergraduate members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Colony, do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant us permission to once again be known as Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Chapter. By signing our names, we swear to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rituals of this Fraternity.*

**Mr. Robert Alzheimers II**

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**Mr. Jared Balsky**

*Jared Balsky*

**Mr. Mathew Robert Buckley**

*Mathew R. Buckley*

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**Mr. Alexander H. Choi**

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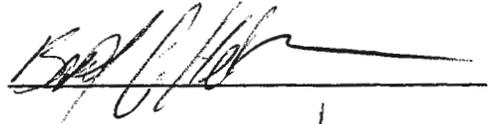
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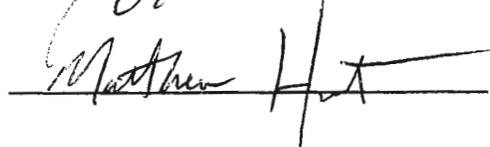
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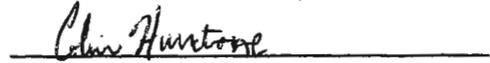
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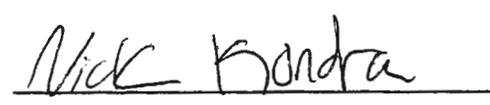
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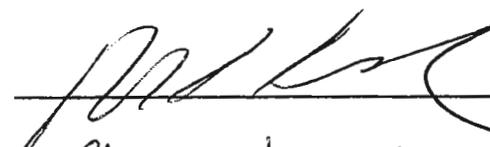
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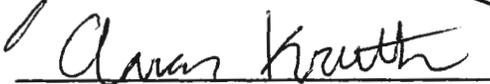
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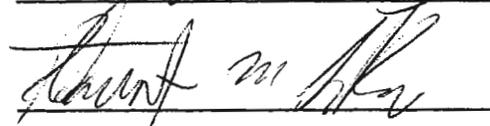
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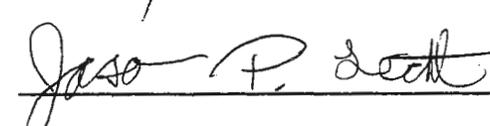
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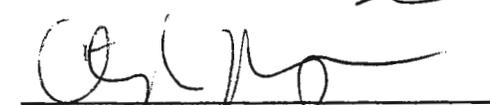
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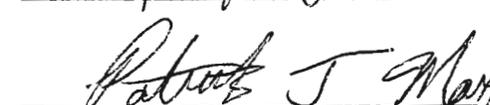
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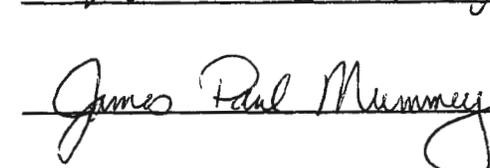
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# *The Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi (ΑΣΦ)*

## **State University of New York at Buffalo**

### **Preamble:**

**We, the members of the University at Buffalo colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, in order to provide a foundation and give structure so that future years may thrive, prosper, grow, and continue to exemplify the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the United States of America, do hereby choose to adopt this constitution and agree to live by the ideals advocated within.**

### **Article I: Name**

**This organization shall be known as Alpha Sigma Phi Colony of the State University of New York at Buffalo. At the time when a charter is granted, this organization shall be known as Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, of the State University of New York at Buffalo.**

### **Article II: Purpose**

**Section 1: The purpose of this colony shall be to coordinate its members in such a manner “To Better the Man”. More specifically, this purpose extends to promote the growth of brotherhood and encourage its individuals to become role models to society. Similarly, this purpose includes its members upholding high academic standards, community service, and the installation of such high ideals of honor, integrity, and chivalry.**

### **Article III: Membership**

**Section 1: Members of this Fraternity shall be properly initiated males of the State University of New York at Buffalo beginning with the date of colonization, December 9, 1999 and ending upon the date which this Fraternity ceases to exist. All members initiated on the date of December 9, 1999 shall be known as “Founding Fathers” of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Chapter at the State University of New York at Buffalo.**

**Section 2: All duly initiated new members shall be considered brothers of said Fraternity and receive all the accompanying rights of brotherhood including, but not limited to, those mentioned in To Better The Man: A Handbook For Successful Brothers.**

**Section 3: Membership shall be obtained only through the acceptance of an invitation extended by said Fraternity in accordance with the by-laws of the Fraternity.**

**Section 4: There shall be absolutely no discrimination on any basis. This includes but is not limited to race, creed, religion (or lack thereof), or sexual orientation. Any member found in violation of this section shall be subject to substantial judicial action, including possible expulsion of said Fraternity.**

**Section 5: Membership in said Fraternity may be limited, suspended, or revoked through a judicial process stated and described in the by-laws and consistent with the adopted constitution of said Fraternity.**

**Section 6: The prudential board may only recommend the suspension of a member of this Fraternity if a 3/5 majority of the prudential board is in agreement to the suspension.**

#### **Article IV: Meetings**

**Section 1: Regular general meetings of said Fraternity shall occur at least once every two weeks at a pre-stated time throughout the academic year of the State University of New York at Buffalo. In the event of a holiday, school vacation, or other major conflicting event, the prudential board reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a regularly held meeting.**

**Section 2: Regular H-Officer meetings of said Fraternity shall occur at least once every two weeks at a pre-stated time throughout the academic year of the State University of New York at Buffalo. In the event of a holiday, school vacation, or other major conflicting event the, the H-Officers reserve the right to cancel or reschedule a regularly held meeting.**

**Section 3: In the event that the conditions of sections one and two are not met, the Fraternity shall draft a letter to national headquarters stating the circumstances and request for help, if needed.**

**Section 4: A general, full meeting of said Fraternity, in addition to or in place of a regularly scheduled meeting, may be called, with at least 48 hours notice, by the prudential board or by vote of the general assembly requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members in good standing of said Fraternity.**

**Section 5: Any and all meetings of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Buffalo shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as outlined in To Better The Man new member manual. When a situation is not covered in the manual mentioned above, the Fraternity shall reference Robert's Rules of Order and decide accordingly.**

**Section 6: Penalties, consistent with the attendance policy stated in this constitution and the by-laws, may be assessed by the prudential board and/or by vote of the H-Officers (one-half (1/2) majority), for absence from a Fraternity event or meeting.**

**Section 7: Meetings of the Prudential Board are open to all members of said Fraternity who wish to attend on the condition of silence on the part of the visiting member. Due notification will be given to the general assembly of when meetings will be held.**

#### **Article V: Officers and Elections**

**Section 1: The elected officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, two Members at Large, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Social chairman, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Historian/Editor, Scholarship Director, Alumni Chairman, and New Member Educator.**

**Section 2: The H-Officers of said fraternity shall be the President (HSP), Vice President (HJP), Treasurer (HE), Recording Secretary (HS), Corresponding Secretary (HCS), Scholarship Director (HA), Marshal (HM), Sergeant-At-Arms, (HC), Historian/Editor (HR), and Alumni Director (HP).**

**Section 3: The prudential board of said fraternity shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two Members at Large.**

**Section 4: To be eligible for election to one of the above positions of said Fraternity, the brother must be in good standing according to the by-laws and policies of said Fraternity. This includes duly initiated new members.**

**Section 4a: To be eligible for a position of office the member has to have been a brother for at least a semester unless there is a dire need to fulfill a given position.**

**Section 5: For any elected position there shall be no more than two candidates at the final election for each such position. Procedures for obtaining the final two candidates shall be conducted in accordance with the by-laws of said Fraternity,**

**Section 6: This fraternity shall accept votes by proxy for any and all Fraternity votes. If a member wishes to vote but is unable to attend the appropriate meeting he shall place his vote in a sealed envelope and submit it to a member at large. Any other form of proxy vote shall not be accepted.**

## **Article VI: Committees**

**Section 1: Committees of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo shall consist of the Prudential Board, Rush Committee, Pledge Committee, Social Committee, Community Service Committee, Fundraising Committee, Brotherhood Development Committee, Scholarship Committee, Public Relations Committee, Risk Management, and Parent Relations, House Committee, and Financial Committee.**

**Section 2: The Prudential Board, whose members stated above, shall be the judicial committee of the Fraternity. Such responsibilities of said committee include, but are not limited to, the financial aspects of the fraternity.**

**Section 4: Election of Committee Chairs, except Social and New Member Educator shall be in accordance with the rules specified in the by-laws of said Fraternity.**

**Section 5: Committee Chairs are held solely responsible for the managerial actions (or lack thereof), of their respective committees and shall report directly to the HJP.**

**Section 6: Special committees can be created by the Prudential Board and General Assembly to perform specific tasks. If the duration of said committee(s) is to be longer than one month, their creation shall be affirmed or rejected by vote (one-half (1/2) good standing member majority) at the next regularly scheduled full general meeting.**

**Section 7: The Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Prudential Board. All other elected Committee Chairs shall serve managerial function over their respective committees.**

**Section 8: The Treasurer is head of the financial committee.**

**Section 9: HC (Sergeant at Arms) will head the constitution committee.**

## **Article VII: Finances**

**Section 1: The revenues and finances of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo shall be derived from member dues, fundraising activities, and any donations consistent with the ideals of said Fraternity.**

**Section 2: Finances shall be handled through a combined effort of the Prudential Board and Financial Committee.**

## **Article IX: Hazing**

**Section 1: No initiated member of said Fraternity shall perform any conduct that is not consistent with the ideals, both implied and stated, of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.**

**Section 2: Every person, whether prospective brother or duly initiated member, shall be treated in accordance with their rights as human beings and citizens of the United States of America. This Fraternity will not tolerate or condone the harassment, abuse, or violation of any of these rights by any member or prospective brother of said Fraternity.**

**Section 3: If any prospective brother(s) or duly initiated member(s) feel that they have been physically or mentally abused in any way, it is their right to contact an advisor who will bring their case to the attention of the Prudential Board, General Assembly, National Headquarters, and or another law enforcing agency (such as the police) as he sees fit, in order to bring an equitable solution.**

#### **Article X: Amendments To The Constitution**

**Section 1: Amendments may be brought to vote in the general assembly meeting by action of the Prudential Board or by any member in good standing accompanied by a petition signed by fifty percent (50%) of all members in good standing of the fraternity.**

**Section 2: Amendments to this constitution shall be ratified and adopted upon receiving the concurrence of a four-fifths (4/5) majority of all members of the Fraternity who are in good standing.**

**Section 3: Before ratification, members of the general assembly, by a simple majority, shall vote to establish the activation date of the to be ratified constitutional amendment.**

#### **Article XI: Ratification Of Constitution**

**Section 1: Ratification of this constitution requires a majority vote of ninety percent (90%) of all members in good standing with Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon at the State University of New York at Buffalo.**

**Section 2: Upon ratification, copies of this constitution shall be forwarded and filed with National Headquarters of Alpha Sigma Phi, the Dean of Student Affairs of the University at Buffalo, the serving Sergeant-At-Arms and Recording Secretary of said Fraternity. This constitution shall also be available upon request to any brother.**

**Article XII: Scott Clause**

**Section 1: The spirit and purpose of the above articles in this, the constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, to be determined through the wisdom of its H-Officers, shall govern the actions of said Fraternity at times when specific guidelines are not stated.**

**Section 2: In dire need circumstances the prudential board may pass motions governing the fraternity with a 3/5 vote. If there is not a dire need then the H Officers will still have power governing power as states in the Scott Clause.**

*This constitution is hereby adopted this 30th day of April 2000.*

# Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Colony

## **By-Laws**

### Preamble:

We, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Colony endorse and will abide by these by-laws to further promote the foundation provided for this Fraternity under the Constitution of said Fraternity.

These by-laws adhere to the spirit, goals, rules, and regulations of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

### Article I: Continuance of By-Laws:

These by-laws passed by the Gamma Epsilon Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi shall certainly continue, unabridged and unaltered, to govern the Fraternity when said colony receives the National Charter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; however, they may be altered in accordance with procedures outlined in these by-laws.

### Article II: Supremacy of the Constitution:

The constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony, takes precedence over these by-laws if there are found to be within these by-laws any conflicts regarding words, thoughts, or ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

### Article III: Membership:

Section 1: To maintain active membership and good standing in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Colony, a member must:

- a) Be a male undergrad student of The State University of New York at Buffalo
- b) Not be affiliated with another social Greek organization.
- c) Maintain a GPA of 2.30 on a 4.0 grade scale.

Section 2: All members must also maintain any and all standards set by The State University of New York at Buffalo as well as those of the Inter-Fraternal Council of The State University of New York at Buffalo.

Section 3: Any member who fails to meet the scholastic and academic standard of said Fraternity, University, and/or Inter-Fraternal Council shall be placed on probationary membership not to exceed one semester in duration.

Section 4: Rights and duties of a probationary member shall be:

- a) Adherence to the same attendance policy as a member in good standing.
- b) Payment of any and all personal financial obligations to said fraternity as well as the national organization.
- c) Social privileges shall be limited at the discretion of the probationary committee.
- d) Member may appeal.

Section 5: If a probationary member does not resolve the reason for which he was placed on probation in the appropriate time period the Fraternity shall recommend suspension of that member's membership to the national organization.

Section 6: Rights and duties of a suspended member shall be the same as those of the probationary members.

Section 7: If a suspended member continues to fail in meeting the necessary standards for membership in said fraternity the Colony shall follow the procedures recommended by the national headquarters.

Section 8: All members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent not only with regards to these by-laws but consistent with the spirit and purpose as well.

Article IV: New Members:

Section 1: All men wishing to become a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Colony shall meet the following prerequisites before receiving a bid:

- a) Be a male student of The State University of New York at Buffalo
- b) Not be affiliated with another social Greek organization.
- c) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30 on a 4.0 grade scale.

Section 2: Membership in said Fraternity can only be obtained by acceptance of an invitation offered by the general assembly of said Fraternity.

Section 3: An invitation is extended to a prospective member under the following conditions:

- a) The general assembly shall vote at a formal, full Colony meeting.
- b) Voting shall take place during the pledge period at the discretion of the New Member Educator.
- c) No prospective member(s) shall be present at the voting session.
- d) Each prospective member shall have at least one brother speak on his behalf.
- e) Voting shall be anonymous.
- f) Votes shall be counted by the Marshall and an advisor of said Fraternity.
- g) If an advisor cannot be present then the Sergeant-At-Arms shall be the second counter.

- h) An invitation is not extended to a prospective member if ten percent (10%) of brothers in good standing vote to deny the invitation. It is the responsibility of the president to inform the general assembly who is in good standing, i.e. eligible to vote.

Section 4: The class of a new member is determined by the date of that member's pinning ceremony.

Section 5: A prospective member who is extended an invitation to become a full member of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony has a time period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours from the date he was notified of the invitation to accept or decline said invitation. Requests for an extension of this period shall be evaluated and decided on a case-by-case basis by the Prudential Board.

Section 6: A prospective member who is offered an invitation and declines has the right to do so without explanation.

Section 7: If a prospective member declines said invitation, the invitation remains open and valid until termination of undergraduate studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo

Article V: Elections:

Section 1: Elections of officers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony shall occur during the second-to-last meeting on the fall semester (in December). Newly elected officers shall take office that following January. The term of office shall be for one year and run from January to December. An exception shall be the voting of the position of pledge educator, which will be once a semester at the second-to-last-meeting of the semester.

Section 2: Nominations of a member for an officer position requires a second from another member in good standing of said Fraternity.

Section 3: Votes shall be counted by the Marshal and an advisor of said Fraternity.

Section 4: If an advisor of said Fraternity cannot be present then the Sergeant-At-Arms shall be the second counter of votes.

Section 5: Although displaced officers shed their duties and responsibilities of their specific office upon transfer of that office to the newly elected officer, the displaced officer does maintain the obligation to the well being of the Fraternity, which includes, but is not limited to, the insurance that the new officer understands and accepts his duties and responsibilities.

Article VI: Officers:

Section 1: The standing officers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony shall be those listed in the constitution of said Colony.

Section 2: Additional officer positions may be added or removed by amendment to the constitution or by-laws of said Fraternity.

Section 3: Duties of each respective officer shall be based on but not limited to those duties and responsibilities as described in the Alpha Sigma Phi Officers Guide. Written Fraternity policy, as well as precedent, shall also be taken into consideration with duties and responsibilities to and officer position. Additional responsibilities may be placed on an officer by the Prudential Board or by the general assembly of said Fraternity.

Section 4: Removal of an officer of said Fraternity may be suggested by the Prudential Board and voted by the general assembly. Officers may be

removed from office for reasons of negligence of duties, conduct improper of an officer and an embarrassment to the Fraternity, incapacitation, and actions, or lack thereof, that are detrimental to the Fraternity as a whole. Disciplinary action by The State University of New York at Buffalo and/or by the legal system of the United States of America may then ensue.

Section 6: Removal of office by the general assembly requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the brothers in good standing.

Section 7: Officers removed from office by decision of the Prudential Board may be reinstated by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the general assembly.

Section 8: Vacant officer positions may be filled by election by the general assembly.

Article VII: Committees:

Section 1: Committees are the responsibility and are under direct control of each individual committee chairman.

Section 2: The committee in addition to those outlined in the constitution is the pledge committee, rush committee, and public relations (web advisory) committee. The pledge committee will consist of the pledge educator, big brothers and any brother who wish to participate. The rush committee will consist of brothers who want to help plan rush for the next appropriate semester.

Section 3: Committee goals and duties are consistent with those duties of the respective chairman.

Section 4: Actions and decisions of each committee may require approval and may be declined or canceled by the H-Officers of said Fraternity.

Section 5: Actions and decisions of the prudential board, including judicial decisions, may be overruled or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly.

Section 6: Committees, with the approval of the prudential board or the general assembly may adopt policies that aid in the governance of the Fraternity.

Section 7: The prudential committee shall also serve as the probationary committee, whose duties include, but are not limited to, delegating decisions based on brothers who are on probation actions.

Section 8: The president, with approval of the prudential board, may appoint members to special committees to further the best interests of the Fraternity.

Section 9: Budgets for each committee must be submitted for the following semester a month before the end of that current semester and voted on by the financial committee of said Fraternity.

Article VIII: Attendance Policy:

Section 1:

The Attendance policy of said Fraternity is as follows: Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony will use a system of cash fines:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Cash Fine</b>	<b>Additional Sanction</b>
General Meeting	\$3.00	None
Committee Meeting	\$3.00	None
H-Officer Meeting	\$5.00	None
Academic Sanction	\$12.00/Week	Next Social Event
Community Service	\$10.00	Next Social Event

Social Setup/Cleanup	\$10.00	Next Social Event
Ritual	\$25.00	Next Social Event

Section 2: Excuse from any given event must be submitted at least twenty-four (24) hours to the corresponding secretary or respective committee chair, who maintain sole discretion of attendance. The President may also grant excuses from any events.

Section 3:

Committee chairs are required to submit fines to the prudential board for approval by a 3/5 majority. The Corresponding Secretary shall issue all fines at the general meeting. Fines shall be due within one week to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall make reasonable effort to contact individuals absent from the general meeting to make them aware of their fines, however it is the responsibility of the brother to pay any fines levied within one week of issuance.

Section 4:

Delinquent brothers who have not paid their fines within the given time frame (1 week) shall be placed immediately on probation and shall not be allowed to attend any social events. Upon payment of said fines to the Treasurer, the brother in question shall be considered in good standing with regards to the fines due.

Section 5:

If a brother wishes to challenge a fine levied against him, he must petition the prudential board in writing within one week. The prudential board may overturn a fine with a 3/5 majority.

Article IX: Study Hours:

Section 1:

If a brother maintains a GPA below 2.300 he shall be required to attend 6 study hours each and every week until his GPA is above the 2.300.

Brothers with a GPA below 2.300 not attending the required amount of library hours shall be fined according to Article VIII, Section 1.

Section 2:

Adherence to and excusal from library hours shall be at the sole discretion of the Scholarship chairman.

Section 3: Pledges are required to attend study hours fifteen (15) hours per week, regardless of GPA, until initiated as brothers.

Section 4: If a brother's course of study does not warrant attendance at study hours (i.e. architecture and studio hours), then he must attend equal amounts of lab hours or other equal work time.

Section 5: Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony will give two (2) scholarships annually. The highest GPA scholarship and the most improved GPA scholarship, given to a brother with the highest GPA or whose GPA most improved, respectively, can only be won once.

Section 6: All judgments and decisions in regards to the above scholarships of said Colony (including prize amounts) are at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Article X: Meetings:

Section 1: A quorum of over half (1/2) of the members in good standing of said fraternity must be present at a meeting or order for a voting session to be held.

Section 2: All meetings, Colony and h-officer, shall have posted minutes no later than the next full Colony meeting.

Section 3: Penalties, in accordance with fraternity policy and article VIII of these by-laws, may be assessed for the absence of a member from a fraternity meeting or event.

Section 4: All meetings of said Fraternity shall take place at a neutral location (i.e. the undergraduate library or a lecture hall on campus) rather than at a brother's house.

Article XI: Dues:

Section 1: This fraternity shall pay, and hold its members liable for, any and all dues assessed on Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony by national headquarters and The State University of New York at Buffalo (including its inter-fraternal council).

Section 2: Change in local dues shall be set no later than three (3) months preceding the final due date of such specified amount.

Section 3: A brother has a right to request a receipt from the treasurer of said Colony of any transaction.

Section 4: At every general meeting, the treasurer will report said Colony's financial status.

Section 5: All members who do not have the ability to pay their dues, or any part thereof, must present an alternate payment plan to be approved by the financial board. The economic good standing of that member is contingent upon adherence to that previously presented and approved payment plan.

Article XII: Suspension of these By-Laws:

Suspension of these by-laws as an entire document shall not occur.  
Alteration of these by-laws must be done in a manner consistent with the amendment procedures as outlined within these by-laws.

Article XIII: Amendments:

Section 1: These by-laws may be expanded, contracted, or altered in any way if done so by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of all brothers in good standing.

Section 2: Amendments to these by-laws must also be consistent with the thoughts, words, and ideas advocated within the constitution and said amendment may be struck down if found to be in conflict with the constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony or national headquarters.

Article XIV: Record Keeping:

Current, updated copies of these by-laws shall be maintained by the recording secretary of said fraternity and made available upon request to any and all members of said fraternity.

Article XV: Ratification:

This document, and all the ideas espoused within, shall be presented for ratification on Sunday, November 5, 2000 at a meeting specially called for this purpose. This document shall be considered ratified upon receiving the approval of four-fifths (4/5) of all members present at said meeting. If

ratification does not occur at said meeting, the by-laws shall be presented at the next colony meeting and shall require the approval of four-fifths (4/5) of the present quorum.

## **Vision for the Future**

SUNY at Buffalo's colony of Alpha Sigma Phi have consistently strived to be the best, the brightest and the elite on campus. Every brother has expressed that they were taken into Alpha Sigma Phi because they wanted "something more." Our vision for the future is to "create and perpetuate brotherhood" while "bettering the man". In other words, Alpha Sigma Phi at UB would like to increase the number and quality of its membership, be recognized even more on campus, strengthen a Greek system that receives little support from its administration into a major force on campus and contribute even more within our community.

Our five-year goals on the path to achieving our vision include increasing the number of students in the University at Buffalo's Greek community as a whole. Currently, only one percent of the University's population of 16,683 undergraduates participates in Greek life and it is somewhat feasible that we could increase that number to five to ten percent. We feel that this is important because in enlarging the number of student's active in the Greek community, we also will strengthen and enlarge our own membership as well. In addition to strengthening all of Greek life, enlarging the percentage of students who participate would also help to dismantle the negative stereotypes many people have of Greek life. Our goals include being more active on campus in order to contribute to and give back to UB, which is important because it shows that our members do not take education and freedom for granted. Another one of our goals is to have a house of our own either on a "Greek Row" on the University campus or that headquarters takes more of a role in. A house for the fraternity on or very close to campus would be a worthy goal because it would help to solidify our values and help us achieve our goal of dismantling Greek life stereotypes by being more visible to students in a large group. It would also be an incredible boost to recruiting, as when we become more visible, we become more accessible to potential new members.

Another of our five year goals is something that emerged from the ashes of a black semester where so much went wrong. It's a semester Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma

Epsilon colony would love to forget, but we cannot, and so we must find the good in what happened. One of the good things that came out of the semester was part of our probation terms, the idea of a Dry Rush Proposal to be given to the University's Inter-Fraternity Council by year's end. The proposal is complete and attached to this petition, and though it'll take much work by all the fraternities on campus involved and would put us in a position of weakness in competing with several off-campus groups not recognized by the University for members. However the proposal we believe is the first step to unifying the seven fraternities at UB, and a way to help erase negative Greek stereotypes. Another of our probation terms was to come up with an Alcohol Awareness presentation to give to the campus, and attached is our outline for this plan. In short, it is a plan to discuss the dangers of college drinking to incoming Freshman at Orientation over the summer. This serves a two-fold purpose, to help ourselves get a head start on Fall recruitment naturally, but also to do good for the University community by having a discussion on drinking come from a group of guys that are part of a Greek organization, organizations that stereotypically are viewed as "alcoholics." We believe this program will be beneficial to all involved and hope to have it implemented by Fall of 2003.

Our immediate goals for this year and next include setting up the Alcohol Awareness presentation during Orientation and setting up and having our own major philanthropy event. Several groups on campus have one major annual philanthropy event such as a Gong Show or a collection of Follies, or a Date Auction; however Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon has yet to have our own annual event added to the list. Instead of one major event, our philanthropy efforts are spread over the course of several weeks and months and several small projects to benefit multiple organizations in need of donations and volunteers. Members have discussed a possible "Battle of the Bands" or a "3 on 3 Wheelchair Basketball" event in the past couple years, however due to difficulties this past spring, and massive re-organization this past fall, these plans have only begun to resurface and we are working diligently to detect the feasibility of these events on campus. Any community service event would be aimed at including not only the men of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at UB, but other Greek organizations and the Buffalo community working together for a worthwhile cause. Another of our immediate goals is

the rise in GPA of all members. We have the highest GPA of any fraternity on campus, however we feel that there is always room to improve, and we will strive as a group to maintain these high standards of scholastic achievement. We also want to further develop our now young again brotherhood by spending more time with one another at events such as retreats, road trips to other chapters, camping, and bowling to list a few.

In conclusion, Alpha Sigma Phi at the State University of New York at Buffalo wishes to be the most esteemed fraternity on campus both in the classroom and in the community. We want parents and school administrators to recommend Greek life and especially Alpha Sigma Phi as the organization that makes it so great. In order to accomplish these realistic and achievable goals, we would like to be more aware in the community and across the University spectrum, as well as help the IGC implement a system-wide dry, Formal Rush. We are also heavily involved with the IFC and IGC on campus, which benefits us by uniting with other Greek organizations to get more students involved in Greek life as well as a united group pushing for the school to build us all a Greek Row. Two of our members have served as Vice President of these organizations. James Blayer served a term as IFC Vice President and then a term the following year as IFC President. Currently, Alex Choi is serving a term as the IGC Vice President. Both of these members in such positions enhances our image on campus, and puts Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon in a position to help lead the UB Greek system. Also, to help accomplish our goals, we plan on having more structured meetings that focus on philanthropy and community service as well as fundraising. The future is a dream; a dream that all members of Alpha Sigma Phi at UB will strive to achieve to the best of their ability.

## **Statement on the Use of Alcohol**

The men of Gamma Epsilon colony have learned a lot about the use of alcohol since the Spring of 2002. Although we had no direct involvement in the tragedy, and although the person in question did not consume any alcohol at our event, we did have underage kids drinking at a Rush event, and that makes us responsible. Rush is supposed to be dry. We were in the wrong, and we were punished.

On the issue of alcohol we still stand about the same as we have before concerning our own members. We encourage all of our members to drink responsibly and not abuse the use of alcoholic beverages to ensure their safety and well-being, as well as prevent detrimental effects to their grades at the University and their good standing with the colony. Never has the use of alcohol been such an important issue as since last Spring.

That being said, the colony has designated drivers prepared to drive brothers home in the event that they drink too much to drive. We also have a completely dry Rush program, and hope to be able to use our Dry Rush Proposal to convince the Inter-Fraternity Council to have a totally dry and formal Rush process by the end of next year. A lofty goal, but one that our date with tragedy has taught us is a worthy one.

The use of alcohol is an important issue with which not only our colony, but many Greek organizations across the nation have been stigmatized with. As a colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, we are striving to erase those negative stereotypes that others associate with Greek life, by holding our members accountable for their own actions, and not allowing them to abuse alcohol in a manner that interrupts the normal functions of their lives. We feel that the use of alcohol by those individuals of legal age and in purely social atmosphere to a point is fine; however it is when the line is crossed that things become a problem. We strive to hold that line and prevent these problems from occurring, so that we as a colony can be looked at in a positive light by those in the community, the university administration, and by our peers; and so that the events of the Spring of 2002 never occur again.

## **Alpha Sigma Phi Dry Rush Proposal**

The members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony at the State University of New York at Buffalo respectfully submit the following proposal to the University's Inter-Fraternity Council regarding Rush practices. It is our hope that all fraternities recognized by the Inter-Fraternity Council can look at these new proposals with an open mind to try and guide our system in the best way possible, to the best interests of all organizations involved.

### **Rush Practices**

The gentleman of Alpha Sigma Phi would like to propose the following:

1. That all Rush events carried out at the University at Buffalo during the designated Rush period be "dry" events in accordance with the policies of this institution and our national guidelines. Some suggestions for this include: bowling, out for wings/pizza, playing football, going to a pool hall, etc. The men of Alpha Sigma Phi have had Dry Rush events since their incarnation as a recognized body on campus, and have met with much success at them.
2. That during the one week Dry Rush period, each Rush will be required to attend at least one event to pledge a social fraternity within the Inter-Fraternity Council at UB. It is our hope that this will give each fraternity a more quality

group of men to choose from. We feel that the members we will get will be legitimately interested in Greek Life at UB, and become more active in the community of Greek organizations.

3. That after the Dry Rush event, Rushees will be encouraged to go back to individual houses or other locations and further interact with brothers to encourage and promote Greek life here at UB. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of dialogue, friendliness and amiability between the many social fraternities here at UB. The whole is only as great as the sum of its parts, and we feel that events that bring all fraternities together such as this Dry Rush program will be beneficial to a higher purpose of promoting unity amongst ourselves.
4. That each Rush will be encouraged to attend an event from every fraternity involved in the Dry Rush program. This will prevent Rushes from limiting themselves to one option, and hopefully allow them to choose the fraternity that best fits them.
5. That on the last night of Dry Rush, interviews will be held on campus in a pre-determined location. After these interviews a representative from each fraternity will meet either that night or the next day but no later, to declare the men they will give bids to. If there are duplicate bids being handed out, it will be up to the gentleman to select which fraternity he would most like to join.

We feel that an atmosphere like this will allow everyone to be on the same page, as well as allow people in different organizations to meet and get to know each other better to open the channels of communication between us all.

6. That any organization found to be in violation of Dry Rush practices be fined a sum of \$100 for ignoring the rules set forth by the University and the Inter Fraternity Council.

It is our hope that if one organization should adopt this policy that all organizations will adopt this policy in the interest of fairness to each other. Whatever happens after Dry Rush will be at the discretion of the individual chapters, however it is our goal that each fraternity within this Inter-Fraternity Council will adhere to the following Dry Rush practices if one does. It is time for Greek Life at UB to stand up and show that we're unified and to break down the stereotypes many people lobby at us from all directions, including the administration and the community. It is our belief that adhering to the following Formal Rush policy will be a major step in the right direction. We thank you for your time.

Fraternally,

The Men of Alpha Sigma Phi

## **Alpha Sigma Phi Alcohol Awareness Program**

It is our intent and purpose with this plan to educate freshman on the dangers of alcohol from a group that they will view as a heavy drinking group. It will be a fresh perspective for them to hear from the horse's mouth, rather than from people twice their age about what alcohol can do to your body. This program will include:

- **A video about the dangers of alcohol starring the members of Alpha Sigma Phi**
- **A brief presentation showing what alcohol does once it gets in your bloodstream**
- **A testimonial based on what happened to our colony back in the Spring of 2002, a special emphasis on members reactions**
- **An interactive session where incoming freshman can ask questions of the members about alcohol or the campus in general.**

The goal of this program is to prevent events like what happened in February of 2001 from happening to any other group or individuals. We feel strongly that a session with a group that knows first hand what alcohol can do would be beneficial to all incoming freshman, and plan on giving this presentation during Orientation, so it would be mandatory for Freshman to view it.

## **Closing statement**

One year ago the men of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony believed we would finally reach our goal. We were so close to the gates to the Mystic Circle we could see them in front of us. Nothing could stop us...or so we thought. Tragedy struck our midst last Spring with the fateful accident off Grand Island that has found its place in the pages of this very petition because it has affected the colony in so many ways. The path we thought would have been all downhill was suddenly blocked again, and the members of our colony have struggled uphill all the way to try and get ourselves back to where we were a year ago both member-wise and as a whole.

This colony has undergone such a transformation since I first joined as a member in the Fall of 2000. When I look at the guys who joined alongside me now in the positions that we used to accord the older members, I realize this colony has gone from very old and experienced a year ago, to once again fresh and young with new ideas and an infusion of new talents. However the more things change, the more they stay the same. The same ideals that held true in every member when I first joined hold true in every member today. The close bonds of brotherhood that existed still exist. We have tempered what the members who originally started this fraternity gave us and made it a cohesive group, a ship we believe is heading in the right direction after trials and tribulations in a storm of controversy, tragedy, and loss. Yet within all the dark clouds that loomed over us last Spring, we found the silver lining and clung to it, never doubting for a minute that we'd have a second chance to rise like a phoenix from the ashes, and show that we have what it takes to be a full-fledged chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Sometimes the members questioned why we did things, good or bad, and other times we wondered why we didn't do the things we should have done. That is life however; a constant game of questions, asking yourself if you made a right decision there, "what if" you'd done something differently there. In our efforts to wonder "what might've been" we often lose track of the most important fact; that we have made it through this far, no matter what those decisions were, no matter what those questions are,

and we are here. It is at this point that the Gamma Epsilon colony now resides. All the questions are falling like toy soldiers before us, and around us all the times we wondered “what if” dissipate into thin air as we realize we’re finally at the point we’ve strived to be at for so long.

The quest to reach the gates to the Mystic Circle was a long one, and a challenging one. Along the way each man has learned not only who he is, but who his fellow members are; their strengths and weaknesses, their high’s and low’s. We’ve become a major part of each others lives, and for that reason many of us will stay in each other’s lives long after we leave UB behind us. It is through Alpha Sigma Phi that we’ve grown stronger both academically and socially, and become well-rounded men, for in being in each others lives, we each offer each other parts of ourselves, and take in parts of others. It is through Alpha Sigma Phi that many of us have in fact, become better men, proving that the moniker “To Better the Man” is a well deserved one for this fraternity. I also think that former Vice President Pat LaRow was exactly right when he quoted from another Alpha Sig that “You don’t choose this fraternity, it chooses you.” It’s easy to see which men are Alpha Sig’s and which aren’t by the stuff he’s made of, and the values he holds to himself. I myself strongly believe that every man in the Gamma Epsilon colony, and any Alpha Sig brother I’ve ever met has that same stuff, those same values, and the same strong pride in everything they hold dear, particularly our letters, and I’d be proud to call them “brother” for the rest of my life and not think twice about it if the chance is allowed to me.

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity has given us a lot more than we could ever hope to repay in a single lifetime. It has given us goals, it has strengthened our values, it has improved our academics, and it has made us all-around better men prepared to enter the “real world” after graduating from college. The fraternity has taken the things Mom and Dad always taught us and told us, put them in a crucible, and helped refine them. It has taken all of our skills and talents and given us the strength to know them, and surrounded us with people who could help us improve those talents and skills. The enthusiasm and pride we feel for the letters every time we look at them is a symbol for the amount of

respect we give to this fraternity for taking our lives and bettering them. The most important thing Alpha Sigma Phi has brought into our lives so far however is brotherhood. Knowing that you have someone there for you no matter the odds, no matter what, and that you are there for others in the same way, knowing that if you fall, you have someone that's going to catch you and help you back up. For all of these things that Alpha Sigma Phi has given us, we shall be grateful.

I believe that we exemplify the very fraternity's history itself, if history could repeat itself as it so often does. From when it was founded in 1845 to the near failing of Delta Chapter until a new pledge class gave it new life in 1901 to Alpha chapter's re-establishment in 1907. The Gamma Epsilon colony, I believe, is a brief and smaller scale testament to the men who originally kept the flame alive. The symbol the phoenix can not say enough about the fraternity, nor our colony. We first began and at first things were nothing but positive, and at the end of the Fall of 2001 we were probably at the peak of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony. Then we experienced what it was to dip to the valleys. I strongly believe that an event like this would've crippled nearly any other group of men except those with the morals and heart of an Alpha Sig. We stayed together, we held true to each other and the purpose of the fraternity and with that had a new resolve. We've now risen from the black ashes of that semester and sort of re-established ourselves, and along the way, re-established our identity. We did not retreat, we did not surrender, but we kept the ship on course, and I believe it is a testament to the H-Officers of the fraternity who spent almost the entire 2002 year being in office under the blanket of such turmoil and uncertainty. Even after the incident of that Spring subsided, we had to cope with the loss of almost all the original members to graduation, and with such a large loss, could also have faded away. Now, 14 new members later, the colony is as strong as it has ever been.

So now we stand before you, petitioning to be granted a charter to become full brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and you will make the decision as to whether or not we have those values, if we have that special something that all Alpha Sigs have, and if we will in fact be initiated into the Mystic Circle. Mr. Josh Orendi once described the

process as much like courting a woman, and I would agree with him. We've now brought you the engagement ring, all we need is for the answer 'yes' to proudly bind ourselves as official brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi.



At the National Leadership Conference. (left to right) Justin Ermalowicz, John Schlia, Jason Gunnells, James Blayer, John Carpenter, Brett Helmer, Pat LaRow, Nick Kondra



With our Alumni Advisor, Kiernan Kreiss. (Top Row) Justin Ermalowicz, Mark Dollard, Brian Cochran, (Middle Row) Ed Pawliske, Kiernan Kreiss, Jason Gunnells, (Bottom Row) Adam Carney, Mike Kroll



Selling Newspapers for Buffalo News Kids Day. (left to right) Dom Lanuti, Pat LaRow, John Futscher, Rajib Roy, Alex Choi, John Schlia, James Blayer, Dan Jarvis, Brian D'Amico, Mike Kroll



Celebrating our victory in New Member Football.



Our Formal in Spring 2001 where we were presented with the trophy for winning New Member Football.



Josh Keck and Rob Pyszczyński dancing in the basement of our house.