

Welcome Epsilon Eta Chapter

The weekend of October 15, 1999 was an exciting weekend in the lives of twenty-eight men attending Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Maryland. Recently, these men became the newest initiates into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi. During the Initiation Ceremony, which took place on Friday, October 15, brothers from Penn State Altoona and the University of Maryland watched as twenty-six undergraduates and two faculty members became fully initiated brothers.

The weekend culminated with the Chartering Banquet, at which nearly 120 people were in attendance. Parents, girlfriends, fellow Greeks and Alpha Sig Brothers all joined Grand Junior President Bob Cabello in welcoming Epsilon Eta as the newest chapter in Alpha Sigma Phi.

The constant theme throughout the entire weekend was that it was "only the beginning" for Epsilon Eta. The initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi drew to a close the long journey these men at Salisbury had taken to receive their charter. The men at Salisbury have an exciting and full year ahead of them as they continue to establish themselves as Salisbury State University's premier fraternity. Congratulations!



LEADERSHIP IN THE NEW MILLENIUM

As 1999 draws to a close, it is once again time for the Alpha Sigma Phi Annual Academy of Leadership and Ralph F. Burns New Member Program. Both programs are scheduled to take place January 21-23, 2000 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis.

In just a few short months, HSP's from Alpha Sigma Phi Chapters nationwide will come together to share leadership and brotherhood at The Academy of Leadership. This program was developed seven years ago, back in 1993, to bring leaders together to think about their fraternity experience and to help develop ways to make others experiences more positive. Academy of Leadership is a unique program comprised of three days of intense education and goal setting for chapter presidents. During the conference, participants will attend forums hosted by experts. Brothers will also have the opportunity to be a part of society discussion sessions with their peers.

Alpha Sigma Phi also recognizes that an important part of leadership means teaching our new members how to become successful brothers in the future. Thanks to the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program, we are now able to do just that. The Ralph F. Burns New Member Program was piloted back in 1998 to encourage involvement and development in newer members and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood. This year, new member classes from 20 chapters are expected to attend.

We hope to see every chapter represented at these two programs as we prepare to bring the "Old Gal" into the new Millennium!

UNIV. OF MICHIGAN LEADS BY EXAMPLE

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. - In an attempt to dispel attitudes about the Greek system and alcohol, the University of Michigan's Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Alpha Phi sorority worked together to dispel stereotypes Saturday at the first Alcohol Free Party held at Palmer Field.

"We wanted to have an event that would mix the Greek and University communities which would be open to every student," said event co-coordinator Scott Schwartz, president of Alpha Sigma Phi.

"I think the event mixed together both communities," said Schwartz, an LSA junior. The five-hour event was highlighted by the appearance of pop star Brian Perry, and included appearances by student bands Twilight and Seymour. "Good friends asked us to participate," said Seymour member John Woodruff, a music junior.

Students could also try their hand at being gladiators by adorning gear and battling one another. "This is a good image to give of the Greek system - that we're involved in things other than what the stereotypes portray," said LSA junior Jill Newell, an Alpha Phi member.

The alcohol-free party fell on the one-year anniversary of the death of University student Courtney Cantor, who died from injuries sustained after falling from her sixth floor Mary Markley Residence Hall window. Although alcohol was never ruled a factor in her death, she was seen drinking at a Phi Delta Theta fraternity party prior to her fall. Event planners considered this "completely coincidental," said co-coordinator Alison Rutz, an Alpha Phi member and LSA junior. "We had the event today because there was no football game. Sorority rush is over, and we did not find out until the planning was complete that the events coincided," Rutz said.

There was a united atmosphere, people listening to music, playing pickup football - a really chill environment," Rutz said. "The idea was to be during the day, an informal gathering - not a party per se - just to

show there is more to the Greek life than alcohol," she added. Erasing stereotypes was a common theme for many members of the Greek community present.

"This promotes a good name for the Greek system," said LSA sophomore Mike Lawrence, an Alpha Sigma Phi pledge. "I came to support the good event and the good music," LSA sophomore Demmy Spounias said.

Although the event did not draw a large crowd, LSA sophomore Jason Ramos said "it was a success with the amount of people present. I don't know if anyone heard about it - I only knew because my roommate was involved in the planning."

Event coordinators hope to continue this event in the future and increase the number of participants. "Any event that attracts both Greeks and non-Greeks is a step in the right direction," Schwartz said. "Hopefully a non-Greek organization will help plan the event in cooperation with a Greek organization in the future," he added.

FOUR NEW COLONIES EXPECTED BY SEMESTER'S END

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO- in only Three weeks the Buffalo Interest

Group has grown to over 28 men.

They will be colonized on Nov. 4.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY-

This semester has proven to be extremely successful for these fine men.

They will be colonized on Oct. 30.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE- Not only did many men in this Interest Group help Lead the Otterbein football team to an unprecedented early season, but they did it while meeting Colonization requirements. They will be colonized On Nov. 20.

BENTLEY COLLEGE (Waltham, Mass)

Although no Colonization date has been set, this young group is redefining what it means to be Greek on their campus. They will be Colonized in the very near future.

GOOD NEWS FROM GAMMA PI

This semester is looking very promising for the Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi at University of Findlay. The University recently began renovations to the chapter house. Although unfinished, the Dean of Students has been working closely with the chapter to make sure the task is completed. The members of Gamma Pi say that they have begun to see better recruitment numbers as a result of the house renovations.

In other news, Gamma Pi has also reinstated its own Alumni Board. The first meeting was called to order on Sunday, September 26, 1999 and was followed by a Black Lantern Processional, the Ritual of Omega, and the pledge instillation.

Finally, Gamma Pi HSP DJ Keiser has been nominated for 1999 Homecoming King. Homecoming was scheduled for the weekend of October 1, 1999. On Saturday, October 2, Christopher Millay, the Homecoming King for 1998 and also a four year member of Alpha Sigma Phi, crowned the new king. Keep up the good work!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November, 1999

15 *Risk Management Educational
Certification Due*

December, 1999

6 *Founder's Day*

15 *Academy of Leadership
Registration Due*

23 *Winter Break. HQ closed
until January 3, 2000*

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PHI CHAPTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY



The Brothers of Phi Chapter at Iowa State University have been undergoing great change in the last few months. Last year their corporation board purchased a new structure to call home. The remodeling process began early this spring with the hopes of being fully operational by August 1, 1999. As with most remodeling jobs, setbacks occurred and work got behind schedule.

This fall, after a few weeks of living out of hotel rooms, Brothers moved into their new home a week before classes started. Unfortunately, there were still many things yet to be finished. Construction workers on hand to wake them up bright and early in the morning and no working toilets or showers only added to the frustration. Although the chapter experienced many minor setbacks, a great deal of effort came from all Brothers to help make this semester a successful one for Phi Chapter.

The Grand Opening of the new Chapter House was on October 23rd, with many friends, family, and alumni of Phi Chapter on hand to share in the excitement. Along with this Grand Opening came the dedication of the structure as "Thurston Manor", in honor of Stanley G. Thurston Phi '66.

The Grand Opening of Phi Chapter's structure has created an excitement in the Undergraduate Brothers that is being built upon for the coming months as they are looking forward to a long and successful stay in their new home.



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*To all chapters who turned in their
October reports of Membership on
time...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.*

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

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

The Educational Foundation of Alpha Sigma Phi is proud to announce that three new members will be joining the ranks of trustee. These men are G. Robert Evans, Wagner '50; William Christ, Davis & Elkins '59; and Norman Hadsell, Ohio Wesleyan '57. Each of these men has distinguished themselves as successful brothers within their respective careers.

Brother Evans served as Chairman of the Material Science Corporation based out of Chicago. William Christ, the second of three new additions to the Trustees, currently is Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Hershey Food International. The third and final Trustee to be named to the Educational Foundation Board of Alpha Sigma Phi is Norman Hadsell. Brother Hadsell recently retired as Senior Vice-President for McDonald & Company Securities located in Cleveland, OH.

In committing to serve as a Trustee to the Educational Foundation, these men become part of a dynamic group dedicated to serving Alpha Sigma Phi. This list includes past congressmen, lawyers, investment analysts, and a host of CEO's and successful businessmen. The mission statement of the Educational Foundation is "Impacting Brotherhood for Life" and Brothers Evans, Christ, and Hadsell are welcome additions to the already outstanding Board of Trustees which serves the Educational Foundation of Alpha Sigma Phi.

On a final note, you will have the opportunity to meet and share brotherhood with each of these stellar men at the National Leadership Conference and Grand Chapter in Washington, D.C. See ya in 2000!