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OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI

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At the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute



# The Next Step

## From the Grand Senior President



"There is at least one point in the history of any company when you have to change dramatically to rise to the next level of performance. Miss that moment and you start to decline." — Andrew Grove, Former Chairman, Intel Corp.

While Andy Grove did not have fraternities in mind when he made this statement, I believe his observation has great relevance to Alpha Sigma Phi.

Today, we stand at a point in our history that demands dramatic, bold, and innovative change to rise to that next level of performance and ensure the continued relevance of our Brotherhood. Are we ready to do what must be done to avoid decline? I believe we are. We have the vision:

*Be the co-curricular organization of choice for discerning undergraduate men, through the provision of an enriching brotherhood experience and a full range of character and leadership development opportunities that are:*

*Relevant, Replicable, and Recognizable*

We have a strategic plan that describes our goals for the next five years, and lays out a road map to achieve our vision.

And now your national staff has completed an impressive implementation plan that describes the nuts-and-bolts changes necessary to ensure success. All we need now is the courage to execute this plan, and the conviction to stay the course.

Courage will come from knowing that our purpose "To Better the Man" remains a noble endeavor and has relevance in today's world...perhaps more relevance than ever.

Conviction will come from the power of our values as we begin a national dialogue around what they are and what they mean to life in the 21st Century. That dialogue has begun as our undergraduates participate in character and leadership development programs such as the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute and the Academy of Leadership, both funded by your generous Presidents' donations.

Our values—Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism—are the foundation upon which we will build the new Alpha Sigma Phi. These values are being integrated into every aspect of our fraternity: educational curriculum, operational manuals, award programs, scholarship programs, and much more.

So, stay tuned in to our progress through these pages, e-news, and our Web site at [www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org). Send us your thoughts and observations, or volunteer to support one of the many new opportunities to impact the lives of our undergraduates. You'll be helping ensure Alpha Sigma Phi remains a positive force in our society for another 160 years!

Yours in the Mystic Circle,

Mark D. Still, Washington '75  
Grand Senior President

# Editor's Comments

## Being Alpha Sigma Phi

Balmy is a state of mind.

The YMCA directors at Camp Wilson in west-central Ohio described the weather during the Burns Institute this past January as "unseasonably warm" and "balmy."

To this Floridian, it was cold. Nights in the 20s. Days in the 40s. And snow showers.

Along with Grand Marshal Rich Ritter, Toledo '91 / Ohio Wesleyan '93, and Fraternity CEO Drew Thawley, Ohio Wesleyan '94, I bunked with some 50 new Alpha Sigs in a true cabin-in-the-woods experience.

And I found that brotherhood is a state of being.

These new brothers brought with them a myriad of perspectives from college majors to personal beliefs, faith traditions and upbringings.

And many of them came without really understanding why they were there. But they left with a profound appreciation of what Alpha Sigma Phi represents and how they are responsible for ensuring those around us know, by our actions, the ideals for which we stand.

Silence. Charity. Purity. Honor. Patriotism. Values defined in a unique Alpha Sig construct. Values that, by the end of the weekend, became challenges for everyday life.

During those 48 hours, I saw young men think harder and believe deeper than what they were prepared for. I saw them explore, debate, and accept our fraternal ideals that put a young man on the path to become a better husband, father, friend, and citizen.

I saw them understand trust, integrity, and honor. I saw them encourage each other in intellectual debate and in physical challenge as they tackled the camp's high ropes course.

I saw them challenge themselves, understanding as they left the camp that Alpha Sigma Phi, our values, and our purpose for being are guides for living and making positive contributions to our colleges, our country, our families and to each other.

They left believing that brotherhood is a state of being. Of being Alpha, Sigma, and Phi.

YITMC,

Jeffrey R. Hoffman  
Member-at-Large '76

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to hear about our national expansion efforts. From what I understand, business is booming, and that is in no small way because of the work done by Will Lasher, Tri-State '01, at Fraternity Headquarters. We are fortunate to have such a committed group of professionals working for the Fraternity. Kudos for a job well done! I hope to continue to hear about chapters receiving their charters, and the fire of the Old Gal spreading throughout our nation!

In Phi,  
Barry Olson, Grand Valley '97  
Delta Beta Xi '05

*Thanks for your note! Yes, things do seem to be going well in the Expansion Department. We've got the University of Toledo Chartering on April 8, a brand new interest group at Baldwin-Wallace, and it appears new expansion opportunities left and right. Expect these items to be well covered in future additions of the Tomahawk.*

Dear Editor,

This past January I attended the Ralph Burns Leadership Conference. I had an amazing time meeting my brothers from all over the nation. The conference taught me so much more about the Fraternity than I already knew and gave meaning to the words that I hear that describe who we are and what we stand for as Alpha Sigs. It also showed me that there is so much more to Alpha Sigma Phi than the walls of my chapter, Delta Chi. Sharing ideas with brothers from other chapters made the experience even more memorable and gave me another perspective on how to get certain things accomplished.

My question to you is what other conferences does Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity offer that I can attend that will better me as an Alpha Sig and expand my knowledge about the Fraternity as Ralph Burns did?

In Brotherhood,  
Alex Kefaloukos, Elmhurst '04

See Grand Chapter & Leadership Conference on page 18.

Dear Editor,

Our chapter seems to be on a roll. We just held a fundraiser that brought in nearly \$4,000, recently welcomed six men into our brotherhood, and just sent seven of our men to the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute. Where can I find additional resources to help keep our chapter on this path? Are there manuals available?

Thank You,  
Jarod Toomey, Southern Indiana '06

*I would strongly encourage you to visit the Resources section of the Fraternity's Website; [www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org). You'll find officer handbooks, the Fraternity's New Member Education program, and much, much more. Those without internet access should contact Fraternity Headquarters; they can provide you a whole list of available manuals and resources. Thanks for your question!*





## Ohio State Roasts Wolverines for The American Cancer Society



It was extremely cold on the night of November 17, but that didn't stop the brothers of Zeta from keeping school spirit alive, as well as raising more than \$300 for The American Cancer Society. The annual "Wolverine Roast" was held this year to raise funds for the American Cancer Society in honor of Esther Bergsman, the late mother of Jeffrey Bergsman, Ohio State '02 who has been an invaluable member of the Zeta Chapter. We like to think that we had a part in this year's fantastic win against The University of Michigan by enhancing spirit and love for our Alma Mater: The Ohio State University.



## Lawrence Tech. Brothers Work Super Bowl XL

As football fans and commercial enthusiasts gathered with friends and family to watch Super Bowl XL, brothers at the Gamma Psi Chapter at Lawrence Technological University put on aprons and went to work at Ford Field to raise funds for their chapter.

Since re-chartering in 2004, the members of Gamma Psi have made fundraising one of their top priorities. For the last two seasons, the group has also worked with the Michigan International Speedway (MIS), which hosts the NASCAR Nextel Cup and Busch series.



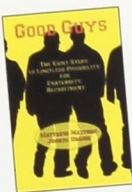
The group effort at MIS has helped them raise almost four thousand dollars over the past two years.

After a lengthy application process, the chapter was selected to work concession stands at Ford Field for the 2005 football season. The men were then selected from dozens of Detroit-area non-profit organizations to receive a coveted spot to work Super Bowl XL.

The chapter made several thousand dollars at this year's game. Money raised will be used to support chapter operations, events and philanthropic initiatives.



# Good Guys Finish First



*Good Guys: The Eight Steps to Limitless Possibility for Fraternity Recruitment*, the first book published about getting a higher-quantity of higher-quality

members in college fraternities, was released this February.

The authors, Matt Mattson, Grand Valley '96 and Josh Orendi, Bethany '96 are the co-founders of Phired Up Productions, LLC, a company that specializes in delivering fraternity recruitment training solutions.

"Fraternity members are told to do year-round, values-based recruitment, but in the past we've fallen short of giving them the tools to get results," says Mattson, the CEO of Phired Up. "This book finally delivers the how-to that our collegiate brothers are looking for."

The authors say they are looking to revolutionize the fraternity world through values-based growth and education. *Good Guys* delivers a universal plan for positive fraternal change through recruitment.

"Greek Advisors, headquarters staff members, alumni advisors and most importantly, undergraduate leaders need to read this book," says Orendi. "Today's fraternity men are receptive to new ideas and structure, we are hoping to deliver both in a successful format."

To learn more about *Good Guys*, the authors and Phired Up Productions, LLC, visit [www.PhiredUp.com](http://www.PhiredUp.com).

## Published a book?

We'd like to hear about it and place your book in our Fraternity Library with other books published by Alpha Sigs. Send your press release and a copy of the book to: Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Attn: Tomahawk, 710 Adams Street, Carmel, IN 46032-7541

# 2005-06 Recruitment Numbers

Successful chapters and colonies maintain a strong and healthy level of membership to operate and perpetuate the chapter. The following was collected as of March 17, 2006.

	Fall Recruits	Spring Recruits	Total Membership
Albright College	3	8	33
American University	2	4	16
Appalachian State University	12	4	33
Barton College	0	3	16
Bentley University	0	15	51
Bethany College	0	5	19
Bowling Green State University	23	4	55
Central Michigan University	2	4	15
Clemson University	31	11	26
College of Charleston	3	0	17
Cornell University	0	11	53
Elmhurst College	5	5	25
Grand Valley State University	12	0	30
Hartwick College	3	0	18
Illinois Institute of Technology	11	3	25
Indiana University	7	1	12
Iowa State University	7	5	33
Lawrence Technological University	5	1	28
Lindenwood University	10	9	32
Lock Haven University	0	3	15
Longwood College	0	7	17
Marshall University	7	6	37
McDaniel College	6	13	38
Miami University of Ohio	2	3	37
Michigan State University	5	4	33
Missouri Valley State College	6	2	30
Missouri Western State College	6	3	26
Murray State University	17	10	84
New Jersey Institute of Tech.	6	1	21
North Carolina State University	12	7	39
Northern Michigan University	0	7	28
Ohio State University	3	2	21
Ohio Wesleyan University	4	10	44
Otterbein College	0	15	32
Penn State Altoona	9	4	23
Pennsylvania State University	11	6	52
Presbyterian College	5	10	23
Purdue University	8	6	60
Radford University	3	0	32
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	0	1	13
Rutgers University	1	13	36
Salisbury University	4	0	27
Slippery Rock University	8	0	25
SUNY - Binghamton	2	12	37
Stevens Institute of Technology	4	9	40
Tri-State University	5	4	20
University of Akron	10	8	29
University of Buffalo, SUNY	3	2	29
University of California, Berkeley	6	0	10
University of Findlay	4	5	21
University of Hartford	2	8	21
University of Illinois	11	9	110
University of Maryland	4	11	52
University of Miami	11	4	24
University of Michigan	7	3	34
University of North Carolina - Charlotte	12	13	47
University of Rio Grande	4	0	16
University of Southern Indiana	13	2	12
University of Toledo	14	16	48
University of Virginia at Wise	7	8	32
University of Washington	14	0	38
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	7	7	45
Wake Forest University	2	4	31
West Virginia Wesleyan	1	0	25
Western Michigan University	2	1	10
Westminster College	6	0	18



Brotherhood

# Burns Leadership Institute

Leading the way in  
Values-Based Education



*Ralph Burns*  
**LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE**

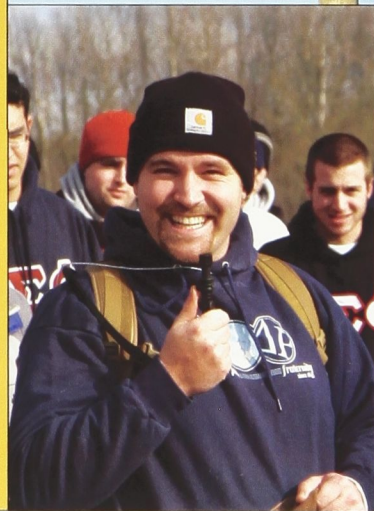
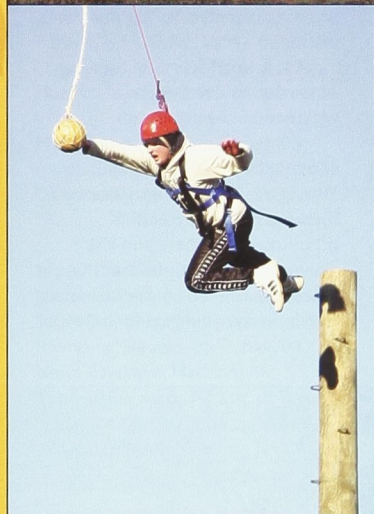
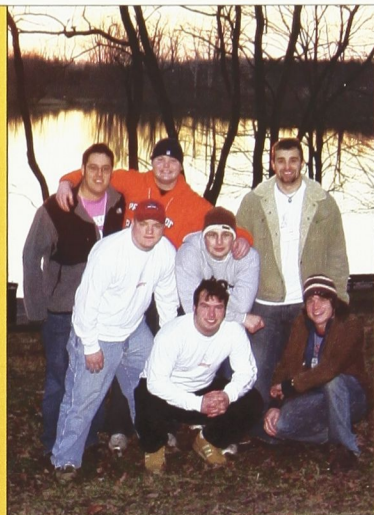
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"I've been witness to the positive impact that the Burns Institute is having on Alpha Sigma Phi chapters and Alpha Sigs themselves.

Today, universities are grappling with how to help Greeks improve their image, and it's encouraging to know that Alpha Sig is leading the way in values-based education. Other national fraternities have attempted to offer the same level of programming to similar percentages of their undergraduate population without much success, but Alpha Sigma Phi has been willing to explore new venues and entertain needed curriculum changes to make the program viable and valuable. The Burns Institute helps to make Alpha Sigma Phi an exceptional fraternity and it helps good men become better men."

— Grand Councilor Mike Young, Murray State '94, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at Murray State University.





# Brotherhood

Each January since 1998, a couple hundred Alpha Sigs have ventured off campus to get away from their hectic lives, to share in brotherhood, develop leadership skills and learn a little bit more about the Old Gal. Since its inception, 1,195 newly initiated Alpha Sigs have graduated from the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute. This represents more than 21% of our initiates in the same time frame. In 2006, 29% of our newly initiated brothers graduated from the Burns Institute. Forty chapters were represented during this year's Institute.

More than 1 in 5 of today's Alpha Sigs under the age of 29 is a graduate of the program.

## How did it all begin?

During the 1990's, it was apparent by the downward trend in recruitment numbers and risk management violations that the Fraternity needed to start investing heavily in the youngest members of

our chapters. If positive change was to occur at the chapter level, we needed to present the idea of a values-based fraternity early... ideally this would occur within 12 months of being initiated into the Brotherhood. The Burns Institute was conceived in 1993 by the Grand Council's Chapter Services Task Force. David Gatzke, UCLA '89, a Fraternity Headquarters staff member at the time, is credited for introducing the idea to call it the Ralph F. Burns New Member Program, now called the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute.

## What does it aim to accomplish?

The Institute is a leadership and character development program designed to allow newly initiated attendees to explore their fraternal (and collegiate) experience as one that will add value to their lives by empowering them to become better men.

All along the way, attendees are asked to challenge themselves, whether it be mentally or physically.

## What happens at a camp in 12-degree weather in the middle of "nowhere"?

Men arrive on a Friday, get settled into their respective cabins and are introduced to dozens of brothers from chapters within their geographic region. The group meets in large and small groups throughout the weekend as they participate in a curriculum that introduces the idea of "fraternity" as something much larger and more influential than a simple social outlet.



2006 Burns Leadership Institute Attendees in Jackson, Michigan.



Men are welcomed to expand their fraternal horizons as they actively learn about the real-life application of our five fraternal values: Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism. Alumni facilitators introduce new concepts in large groups, and then smaller groups, led by experienced undergraduate facilitators, dig deeper and deeper into each concept. Two features of the weekend happen on Saturday, when each individual challenges himself on a high ropes course (in mid-winter!), a giant swing or some other extreme challenge. Then, after warming up and downing some good camp food, volunteers arrive to share their story of brotherhood during the Fireside Chats; an important component of the Institute.

All along the way, attendees are asked to challenge themselves, whether it be mentally or physically. Although our brothers arrive with a variety of expectations, they assimilate with each other and with the curriculum in a way that leaves them satisfied, challenged and provoked to approach their fraternal experience with character and accountability.

### **How is it paid for?**

The Burns Institute is fully funded by a grant from the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Each year the Fraternity makes a grant request to fund the Burns Institute. The grant request is evaluated by the Foundation's Grants Committee. With funds allocated, the Fraternity staff produces and directs the Institute within the allowed budget. The only expense incurred by the attendees is the cost of driving to and from the camp. All food, lodging, curriculum materials and facilitator assistance is funded through the grant.

## **2006 Institute Participating Chapters**

Albright College  
Bentley College  
Binghamton University  
Bowling Green State University  
Central Michigan University  
Elmhurst College  
Grand Valley State University  
Hartwick College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Indiana University  
Lawrence Technological University  
Lock Haven University  
McDaniel College  
Miami University (Ohio)  
Missouri Valley State College  
Missouri Western State College  
Murray State University  
New Jersey Institute of Tech.  
Penn State Altoona  
Presbyterian College  
Purdue University  
Ohio State University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Otterbein College  
Salisbury University  
Slippery Rock University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Tri-State University  
University of California—Berkeley  
University of Findlay  
University of Hartford  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami (Florida)  
University of Michigan  
University of N.C.—Charlotte  
University of Southern Indiana  
Western Michigan University

## **2006 Institute Volunteers & Fireside Presenters**

### **Indiana Site:**

Mark Still, Washington '75  
Jeremy Rodgers, Murray State '99  
Jimmy Byars, Murray State '03  
Adam Moore, Murray State '05  
Stephen Saia, Murray State '04  
Mark Deaton, Murray State '03  
\*Peter Murphy, Purdue '69

### **Ohio Site:**

Rich Ritter, Toledo '91 /  
Ohio Wesleyan '93  
Jeff Hoffman, Member-at-Large '76  
Charlie Benore, Ohio State '03  
Tomas Donovan, Lock Haven '02  
Mike Finelli, Bowling Green '03  
Dallas Gerber, Ohio State '04  
Michael Smercina, Tri-State '04  
Brenden Fannin, Miami University '05  
\*Franklyn Wahl, Bowling Green '66  
\*Don Morgan, Purdue '57

### **Michigan Site:**

Nick Hudson-Swogger, Ohio  
Wesleyan '96  
Barry Olson, Grand Valley '97  
Dave Doerr, Central Michigan Univ. '04  
Matthew Garvey, Ohio Wesleyan '04  
Wes Goodman, Ohio Wesleyan '03  
Matt Maurer, Bowling Green '03  
Aaron Shumaker, Bowling Green '03  
\*Stephen Rogers, UC—Berkeley '34  
\*Rodney Rusk, Central Michigan '93

### **New York Site:**

Jonathan Crim, UNC—Charlotte '99  
Scott Gallagher, Ohio Wesleyan '93  
Lawrence Stewart, McDaniel '04  
James Capinera, Hartford '03  
Thomas Reynolds, NJ Inst. of Tech. '03  
Lawrence Lapan, Stevens Tech. '04  
William Merunka, Stevens Tech. '03  
\*John Mickowski, Stevens Tech. '64

### **North Carolina Site:**

Jim Vanek, University of Michigan '98  
Rick Buss, UNC—Charlotte '90  
William Butler, Presbyterian '05  
Sean McGee, Clemson Colony  
Justin LaRoche, UNC—Charlotte '06  
\*Don Blevins, Marshall '70  
\*Matt Bowles, Bowling Green '01  
\*Benjamin Hodge, Wake Forest '78

\*Fireside Presenter

# Vision Continued



An Intense Learning Experience



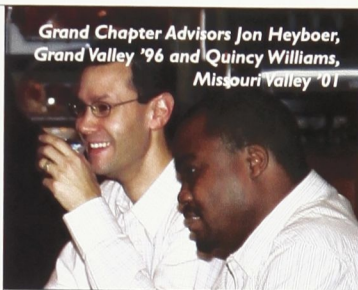
Today, success relies heavily on a person's ability to lead themselves through the moral and ethical pitfalls of modern society. When a person has mastered his own ability to make values-based decisions, others will more easily follow his lead.

The Presidents' Academy of Leadership is an intense experience designed for the leaders of chapters, colonies and interest groups. The Academy is held in a safe environment that allows attendees to share thoughts and information, and to build confidence to face the sometimes lonely task of leading with integrity in surroundings that have not always welcomed such ideas.

Since its inception in 1993, more than 650 Alpha Sigs have attended the Presidents' Academy of Leadership (formally the Academy of Leadership). This equates to three out of five, or 64% of our chapter, colony and interest group leaders. This year, 37 chapters, five colonies and one interest group were represented during Academy. The first session (for presidents only) was held January 13–15, 2006. The second session (for presidents and Grand Chapter Advisors) was held February 3–5, 2006. In recent years, one session has been dedicated to both the undergraduate president and Grand Chapter Advisor.

### **What does it aim to accomplish?**

The Academy focuses on key commitment areas that offer hands-on experiential activities as well as ample discussions and networking time to address individual concerns. The informal gatherings, brotherhood activities and personal discussions are relevant and important complements to the structured experience that focuses on developing leadership skills and a vision to move their chapter/colony



/interest group towards achieving our organization's mission.

### **Where does the Academy take place?**

For the last several years the Presidents' Academy of Leadership has taken place at Fraternity Headquarters in Carmel, Indiana (just fifteen minutes outside of Indianapolis). For most, this is the first opportunity they've had to visit the Fraternity's home. The building highlights the thousands of men who've come before those currently in office and the responsibility each has to carry on the good name of Alpha Sigma Phi as they return to their respective campuses to lead positive change at their local chapters.

### **How is it paid for?**

The only expense incurred by the attendees is \$50, which includes training materials, meals, hotel accommodations and travel reimbursement. The Presidents' Academy of Leadership is funded by a grant from the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Similar to the Burns Institute Grant, the Fraternity makes a grant request for the Academy which is reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Committee. Both the Burns Institute and the Academy of Leadership are evaluated for their effectiveness through survey tools and specific staff follow up. With feedback and survey data, curriculums are modified for effectiveness.

## **2006 Academy Participating Chapters**

Albright College  
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Ohio Wesleyan University  
Penn State Altoona  
Penn State University  
Presbyterian College  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rutgers University  
Salisbury University  
Slippery Rock University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
The Ohio State University  
Tri-State University  
University of California – Berkeley  
University of N.C. – Charlotte  
University of Hartford  
University of Findlay  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami (Florida)  
University of Toledo  
Virginia Tech.  
West Virginia Wesleyan  
Western Michigan University

# Depression:



More than the Blues

Ten percent of the U.S. population age 18 or older have a diagnosed depressive disorder. That translates into nearly 19 million people, and 6 million of these victims are men. Unfortunately, at 27%, college-aged young adults (18–24 years old) have the highest prevalence of diagnosable mental illness.

## **What is Major or Clinical Depression?**

Major or Clinical depression is not a passing mood, a character flaw or a sign of personal weakness. It cannot be willed away through sheer will power. Clinically depressed students cannot "pull themselves together and snap out of it." Throughout the course of our lives, we will sometimes harbor a "bad mood" or fall into a "blue funk," especially when we are faced with changes: starting school, moving to a new city, leaving friends behind or the death of a loved one. Clinical Depression is more intense than a "mood" or "funk"—these will disappear in a few days, but depression lasts for two weeks or longer.

Clinical Depression can not only affect your mood, but may also

have a negative impact on your body, thoughts and behavior. It can change your eating habits and keep you from going to class, work or hanging out with friends. It can drive you to abuse alcohol or drugs. Sometimes it can keep you from getting out of bed in the morning. In a worst-case scenario, you may entertain thoughts of suicide or physical harm. We at Alpha Sigma Phi have mourned the loss of several brothers who have recently taken their own lives. So, it is important that we understand this illness and realize that it is treatable. Eighty percent of those seeking help get better, many within just a few weeks.

Depression comes in a number of different forms; these are most common:



**Mood Depression** is often referred to as “the blahs” and may last from a few hours to a few days. Most students experience these moods on occasion and they are not typically associated with lasting consequences. People endure these periods as they would the common cold.

**Major Depression** will interfere with your ability to study, work, eat, sleep, participate in campus activities or socialize with friends. It may last two weeks or longer, and these intense episodes can occur once, twice or several times throughout one's life.

**Dysthymia** is a less intense form that also involves long-term chronic symptoms like those listed above, but is less severe. It will keep a student from functioning at their full capacity and keep them from feeling their best.

**Bipolar Disorder**, also known as Manic-Depression, causes a student to experience cycles of depression with alternating cycles of euphoria, elation and increased activity. Though not as prevalent as other forms of depression, left untreated, this illness could worsen to a psychotic state.

## Causes of Depression

The causes of depression are complex and may involve a combination of genetic, physiological, psychological and environmental factors. Some forms of depression run in families, suggesting that vulnerability to depression can be inherited. In some families, major depression seems to occur from generation to generation, but it may also occur in people with no family history of depression.

A serious loss, difficult relationship, financial problems or any stressful change in a student's life can trigger a depressive episode. (And later episodes of depression are typically

precipitated by only mild stresses or no stress at all.) Students who suffer from low self-esteem or who consistently view themselves and the world with pessimism are prone to depression. Although students react differently to life's events, psychological and environmental stresses can contribute to the onset of depression.

Some common stresses in college life include:

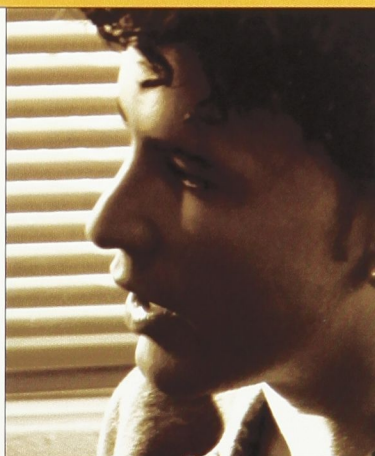
- Greater academic demands
- Being on your own in a new environment
- Changes in family relations
- Financial responsibilities
- Changes in your social life
- Exposure to new people, ideas and temptations
- Awareness of your sexual identity and orientation
- Preparing for life after graduation

Researchers have also recently discovered that physical changes in the body can be accompanied by mental changes as well. A prolonged medical illness such as stroke, heart attack or even hormonal changes can lead to depression.

## Getting Help

First and foremost, recognize that you may suffer from depression and need help. We know that one of Alpha Sigma Phi's core values is Silence, but that doesn't mean that we are to be silent about our struggles with depression. If you think you are depressed, seek out a qualified health care or mental health counselor. Bring along an understanding fraternity brother, friend or family member if you are anxious about the appointment.

The first step in treating depression will be a physical examination by a doctor because certain medications or medical conditions (such as a viral infection) can cause symptoms of depression.



*“I knew I was depressed but thought I could pull out of it by myself. Unfortunately, friends reinforced this attitude by telling me to just toughen up. When that didn't work, I felt even worse because I had failed again.”*

A doctor can rule these out through an examination and lab tests. If these are ruled out, the physician, or a psychiatrist or psychologist will perform a psychological evaluation.

Treatment will depend on the outcome of the evaluation. There are a variety of medications and psychotherapies that are used to effectively treat depression and some milder forms can be treated by psychotherapy alone. Students with more moderate or severe forms of depression most often benefit from antidepressant medications, but most do best with a combination of both: medication for relatively quick symptom relief and therapy to learn more effective ways to deal with life's problems.

# Our Values: Silence

## Where to Get Help

- Your family doctor
- School counselor
- University or Medical School affiliated programs
- Mental health specialists (check the yellow pages under "mental health," "health," "suicide prevention," "crisis intervention services," "hotlines" or "hospitals")
- Community mental health centers
- Hospital psychiatric departments and outpatient clinics
- Family service or social agencies
- Clergy

In times of crisis, a call to a hotline or a visit to an emergency room can be extremely beneficial. An emergency room doctor and staff will be able to provide temporary help and will tell you where and how to get further help.

## Suicidal Thoughts

**If you are thinking about suicide or know someone who is talking about it, get help now:**

- Call 911.
- Go to the emergency room of the nearest hospital.
- Call and talk to your doctor now.
- Ask a friend or family member to take you to the hospital or call your doctor.

## Symptoms of Depression

- Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood
- Feelings of hopelessness, pessimism
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities that were once enjoyed, including sex
- Decreased energy, fatigue, being "slowed down"
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering, making decisions

- Insomnia, early-morning awakening or oversleeping
- Appetite and/or weight loss or overeating and weight gain
- Thoughts of death or suicide; suicide attempts
- Restlessness, irritability
- Persistent physical symptoms that do not respond to treatment, such as headaches, digestive disorders and chronic pain

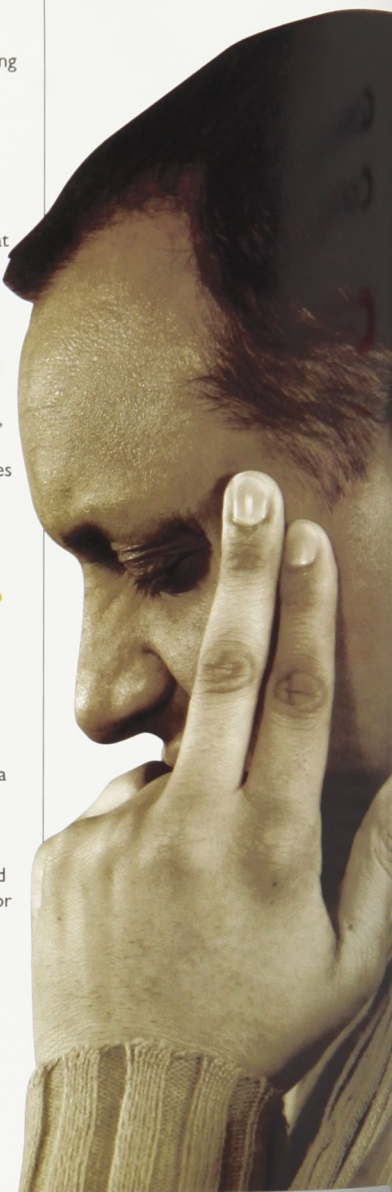
Not everyone who is depressed experiences every symptom. Some people experience a few symptoms, some many. Severity of symptoms varies with individuals and also varies over time.

*(From the National Institute of Mental Health)*

## How to help someone who may have depression

If you have a friend who seems depressed and may need help, here are some things you can do:

- Tell the person that you are concerned about him or her.
- Talk to the person about seeing a counselor or doctor.
- Take the person to see the counselor or doctor.
- If the doctor offers the name and phone number of a psychiatrist or counselor, call the number and help the person make an appointment.
- Take the person to the appointment. "Be there" for the person after he or she starts treatment.
- Contact any of the organizations listed under "For More Information." ★



## For More Information

National Institute for Mental Health [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance [www.DBSAlliance.org](http://www.DBSAlliance.org)

National Mental Health Awareness Campaign [www.nostigma.org](http://www.nostigma.org)

Campus Blues [www.CampusBlues.com](http://www.CampusBlues.com)



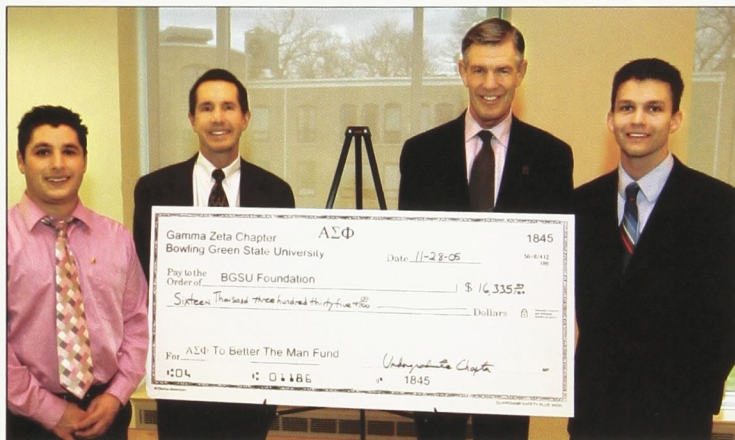
# Gamma Zeta Makes \$90,000 Contribution to BGSU

**C**urrent members of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity have united with chapter alumni to make a significant contribution to future students' educational experience at Bowling Green State University. The chapter has reached the \$90,490 mark in its \$300,000 "To Better the Man" fundraising campaign.

On Nov. 28, the Gamma Zeta chapter presented two checks to the University. The first, for \$16,335, was raised by undergraduates in the chapter and represents pledges over the next five years. The second, for \$74,155, came from alumni pledges.

Attending the ceremony were chapter alumni from as far back as 1950. Bill Cameron, a founding member of the group, and Joe Zimmerman, a 1979 graduate, helped make the alumni check presentation. Former chapter presidents were also in attendance, including Gordy Heminger, Steven Swaggerty, Aaron Shumaker, Rocco Sciarabba and current chapter president Steve Dutton. Sciarabba and Shumaker, both current undergraduate students, co-presented the undergraduate check on behalf of more than 40 chapter members present at the ceremony.

"It was very beneficial to see undergraduates contribute so much," commented Ed Leedom, a 1989



BGSU graduate and president of the Gamma Zeta Association. "It was a phenomenal effort on their part."

Most of the \$300,000 to be raised will go toward scholarships, with \$48,000 dedicated to endow a campus leadership program open to any BGSU student. Resources will be given to Student Affairs annually in the form of matching funds. Other initiatives to be funded include a leadership scholarship, individual academic scholarships, recruitment scholarships and housing scholarships. "I would like this campaign to show that Greeks make a positive contribution to BGSU and that we're about much more than the stereotypes; we're about something positive," said Steve Dutton, current president of the fraternity.

Also at the event, Joe Zimmerman received the prestigious Delta Beta Xi award in recognition

of Zimmerman's outstanding alumni service to Alpha Sigma Phi. "The Greek experience was a turning point in my life and the leadership experiences I had as an undergraduate helped develop my character, making me who I am today. Giving to this campaign is a way to repay the University for the opportunities I received as an undergraduate member of the Greek community," said Zimmerman. ★

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
<http://giving.bgsu.edu>

Or contact campaign co-coordinators:

Kevin Konecny  
[kkonecny@umich.edu](mailto:kkonecny@umich.edu)

Joe Zimmerman  
[jjzimmer855@aol.com](mailto:jjzimmer855@aol.com)

# Endowments

Everyone leaves footprints  
in the sands of time.

Our prints are made by the  
imprints of our lives on others.

# Your Footprints

**A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character. For shapes of kindness. For length of compassion. For width of personal warmth. For generosity. For values.**

When we leave positive impressions behind, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones. We give them footprints to follow.

Thoughtful estate planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand, to help others recall our priorities. For example, consider the effect of a plan that includes provision for family members and resources for charitable organizations like the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation.

#### **An estate gift makes a positive statement.**

When you include the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in the final disposition of your estate, you declare to your family and friends that you believe in and care about the mission of the Old Gal. Your parting gift becomes a clear declaration of your values.

#### **An estate gift provides needed funding.**

Estate gifts are especially valuable, not only because they tend to be larger than annual gifts, but because they often come at critical times. They provide that extra boost to the budget that can make the difference between program advancement and program retrenchment.

Estate gifts can be designated for a specific purpose or they can be unrestricted for use where needed most. They can fund endowments that perpetually provide an ongoing witness to your friends and loved ones that you believe in the work of Alpha Sigma Phi.

#### **An estate gift encourages imitation.**

There's something about a well-planned estate gift that influences others to "go and do likewise." As friends and family members plan their own estates, they may recall your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Ted Kocher, Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation president, is available to provide you with the information and materials you need to include charitable giving in your overall estate plan. You can reach Ted at (317) 843-1911 or [ted@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:ted@alphasigmaphi.org). ★

[www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org)



# It's Never Too Early... or Late

... to Invest in the Future of the Old Gal

**I t is not uncommon for someone who has reaped benefits from an organization to re-invest in that organization. For first-time donor Bradley Saul, Ohio Wesleyan '01, the desire to reinvest surfaced at the ripe old age of 24.**

Bradley started as a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan University (Epsilon Chapter) and was initiated in 2001. Shortly after initiation Brad transferred to Ohio State (Zeta Chapter) and became active with the undergraduate chapter. He graduated in 2004 with a degree in business administration and currently works in the Civil Rights Division for the Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

"Several of us went to the National Leadership Conference in Cincinnati. It was there that I really got a sense of the national scope of our fraternity as I met brothers from all over the country."

This experience at the Conference encouraged him to become a more involved and committed member of Alpha Sig. Now he has a brother who is currently the president-elect of the

fraternity at Ohio State. Bradley had seen the Conference's impact on his brother's life as well.

"Somebody, somewhere made an investment so my brother and I could attend the Conference. It only made sense for me to invest in the Loyalty Fund so that future brothers could take advantage of those same programs."

## **Reconnecting: The Ties That Bind**

General Motors Engineering and Technical Expert Jim McLeish, Lawrence Tech. '73 got disconnected over the years, especially after Gamma Psi Chapter closed at Lawrence Tech. in the 1980s. But Jim recently reconnected.

"Lawrence Tech is in the northern suburbs of Detroit, and many of the chapter Alumni have found careers in the auto industry here in Motown. Many brothers still live in the area and they keep in touch regularly. This continued association led some of the Alumni to get the Gamma Psi chapter reactivated at LTU. After several years of work, the colonization effort was successful and it was the initiation ceremony and re-chartering banquet that reconnected me with the Old Gal."

This important event for the new actives became a homecoming that attracted Gamma Psi alumni from

across the country. Brothers who had not seen each other for 25–30 years reconnected that night.

"A number of officers from the Alpha Sig national Headquarters also attended the Gamma Psi re-chartering banquet. We discussed how I had lost contact over the years and I provided my current address to update their mailing list. Soon I began to get copies of the *Tomahawk*, and when the solicitation for the Educational Foundation came, I was happy to contribute to enable another chapter to open and grow."

So whether you are one of the "lost sheep" recently returned to the fold, or one of the roaring "young lambs" that have entered the workforce, every brother's participation is invaluable. As Bradley Saul puts it:

"Whether you are young or well established—donate. Give back and offer a younger brother the same opportunity that we had to know the Old Gal. If everyone pitched in, even a little, it would help a lot." ★

Gentlemen

# Start Your Engines

The last time Alpha Sigma Phi held Grand Chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina, the World Wide Web as we know it didn't exist yet, Goof Troop premiered on ABC, Home Alone 2 and Wayne's World were top-grossing films, and Eric Clapton was leading the charts with "Tears in Heaven." Plenty has changed since 1992, and the men of Alpha Sig have changed as well. There is a new generation of young men coming to college campuses... a generation very different from the one they follow.

Every two years there is only one event that creates this much excitement, opportunity and camaraderie. It's a tradition that has continued for almost a hundred years. On August 3, the 49th Grand Chapter will be called to order in Charlotte, North Carolina. Grand Chapter and the 29th National Leadership Conference will take place August 3-5 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Charlotte.

Here is your opportunity to interact with brothers from across the country as we gather to conduct the business of our beloved Fraternity while learning how to put our five values into action at the Leadership Conference.

Delegates of Grand Chapter are charged with the responsibility of shaping the Fraternity's future through legislative action. Additionally, they select and install the next Grand

Council. Our Leadership Conference Attendees will be just as busy attending highly interactive workshops, speakers and hot topic sessions. This year's conference will also include special sessions for our active alumni who are members of Chapter Councils, Associations and/or Housing Corporations. Of course everyone in attendance can expect to celebrate the achievements of brothers and chapters, and share in singing and brotherhood. ★

**Discover** Charlotte, a city that's quietly making a name for itself with its hopping nightlife, to-die-for dining, pro sports and acclaimed shopping. Charlotte's southern culture represents a colorful spectrum—the fine artwork of the Mint Museum to the engine-racing thunder of NASCAR that draws more than one million visitors each year.



# August 3-6, 2006

**Early Registration  
Due: May 30, 2006**

**Final Registration Due:  
July 8, 2006**



**Our Theme** is simple; Gentlemen Start Your Engines... Making our five values public was the easy part. Learning how to capitalize on this moment is why we choose this as the theme for this year's Grand Chapter & Leadership Conference. Our Fraternity is presented with an unprecedented opportunity – you don't want to miss this Grand Chapter.

## Schedule Highlights

For a complete schedule, please visit our Web site at: [www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org). This schedule is subject to change.

### Thursday, August 3, 2006

- Grand Chapter & Leadership Conference Opening Ceremonies (begin sharply at 2:00 p.m.)

### Friday, August 4, 2006

- Etiquette Dinner, sponsored by the Educational Foundation (begins at 5:45 p.m.)
- Black Lantern Processional (begins at 10:00 p.m.)

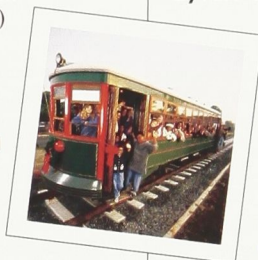
### Saturday, August 5, 2006

- Group Photo (at 9:00 a.m.)
- UNCC (Delta Zeta) House Dedication & Ribbon Cutting @ UNCC Campus (begins at 9:45 a.m.) *Tentative as of April 4.*
- Grand Council Reception and Celebration of Brotherhood Banquet (begins at 6:00 p.m.)

### Sunday, August 6, 2006

- Ritual Exemplification (begins at 9:00 a.m.)

**Stay** with us in the heart of Charlotte. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will make all hotel reservations based on the default dates of Thursday, August 3 – Sunday,



transportation arrangements.

**By Air:** Charlotte Douglas Intl.

Airport (CLT). The Charlotte Airport is served by the city bus service (CATS) and taxi services (20-minute distance/~\$21 dollar rate). The hotel does not have a shuttle available.

**By Land:** Chapters and colonies can contact Fraternity Headquarters to obtain a list of those participating in their area to arrange car pools.

**Registration** is now available online at [www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org). For those who do not have access to the Web, please contact Fraternity Headquarters. Registration was mailed the week of April 3 to undergraduate chapters, colonies and interest groups. Registration costs and packages can be found on the registration form or on the Web site.

**Dress** is business casual during daytime hours; coat & tie (or equivalent for ladies) for evening banquets and ritual exemplification.



August 6, 2006, unless otherwise specified on your registration form. Please contact Fraternity Headquarters if you need accommodations outside the Grand Chapter dates or have questions about hotel accommodations. Additional information about the hotel can be found on our Web site at [www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org).

**Transportation** will not be provided by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Conference attendees will need to make their own



# The Legacy of Leaders

A growing number of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity brothers are taking the leadership skills that they have acquired and are putting them to greater use by serving the larger student population as leaders.

**O**ver the years at the University at Buffalo, many Alpha Sigs have held positions of responsibility within the university. For Nicholas Colacicco, that legacy proved to be an inspiration as he sought to become President of the Inter Greek Council.



**Nicholas Colacicco, Buffalo '04**

"Since the time I joined the fraternity, I have looked up to those brothers who held these prominent

positions. As a member of Alpha Sigma Phi," says brother Colacicco, "I wanted to help not only the chapter, but the Greek system as a whole."

Changing how Greeks are viewed within the university and by the outside world was a major reason for Nicholas' desire to become the President of the Inter Greek Council. It took time and a good bit of patience acting as Alpha Sig's representative for the Council for a year to help Nicholas become more acquainted with the Greek system. But the older brothers took him under their wing and guided him in the right direction during his

campaign.

Since becoming president of the Inter Greek Council, Nicholas says he has taken many risks with the help of his e-board to set and reach new financial goals. He created and implemented a new payment system that collected dues in a timely fashion, improving the organization's cash flow and, ultimately, its bottom line.

"I like giving back to Greeks in a positive way that can be seen by all. Greek Week this year is shaping up to be a great success, and hopefully it will raise greater interest in Greek life and bring more new members into our mystic circle."

It's Nicholas' desire that the younger brothers within the chapter will take an interest in what he has accomplished and will want to help perpetuate the growth of the overall Greek population at the University at Buffalo.

"Joining Alpha Sigma Phi has been a positive experience and she will always be impressed into my heart and mind as a brother throughout my entire life."



**Brad Roberson, Barton '03**

Brad Roberson ran for Student Body President because he saw that there was a need of better leadership and higher

expectation of goals within the Student Government Association of Barton College.

"In the past few years, SGA has been considered a 'joke' on campus with a lack of strong dedication. I knew that if I ran and won that I could change the face of the Student Government Association."

The brothers of the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Barton College helped him campaign by spreading Brad's name throughout the campus and by voting for him on Election Day. "They supported all my ideas and also backed me up throughout every campaign speech and rally that I participated in." When Brad won the election, he began to take the Student Government Association to the next level.

"I have improved Barton College by attending all meetings that I was expected to attend. Through those meetings, I voiced the concerns and ideas of the student body and because of this, the college changed several events to make it more student centered."

Brad says he feels that his involvement with Alpha Sigma Phi helped prepare him for his successful year as Student Government President, and he has taken the leadership skills that he learned and has put them to use during his tenure.

"In my fraternity, I served as secretary for one year in 2003 and



I have served as Alumni Director for the past two years in 2005 and 2006. These offices have helped me become a better leader and because of this, I wanted to take what I have learned from my fraternity to the SGA of Barton College."



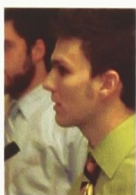
**Michael Schiffman, Binghamton '05**  
Although Michael Schiffman was only recently elected Student Body President at Binghamton

University, and will not be taking office until the summer of 2006, he is thankful for all of the help that he received from the Alpha Sig community in his successful campaign.

"My brothers helped a great deal with my campaign. They helped spread my platform by word of mouth, and on the day of the election their help was invaluable. They spent the entire two days handing out flyers for me. Between these two physical activities and the support they gave me during this very stressful time, I cannot thank them enough."

Like the others in this profile, Michael has a sincere desire to make a significant difference on campus. He has held other positions of responsibility on campus – as a freshman he was President of a building on campus, and as a sophomore he was the President of a Residential Community on campus. And once again, Michael's involvement with Alpha Sig helped prepare him for these leadership positions.

"During my pledge education period, I learned a great deal about leadership and respect. These two qualities will certainly be of great value to me during my upcoming term."



**Aaron Schumaker, Bowling Green '03**

Senior Aaron Schumaker first became interested in becoming student body

president at Bowling Green State University during the summer of 2004.

"As I learned more about the position, I saw a great opportunity to step into a higher leadership position at Bowling Green State University and I thought that I could do a good job."

Student government at Bowling Green is involved in just about every facet of student life on campus. They represent students on everything from academic issues, to services offered on campus, to the role that students play as Bowling Green community members.

"Being student body president is a huge responsibility, but that's what attracted me to the position. I have grown a great deal from my experiences at Bowling Green and this was an opportunity to give back to an institution that had already given me so much."

Aaron has also worked closely with the permanent residents of Bowling Green to improve crosswalks close to campus on two of Bowling Green's busiest roads. According to Aaron, "None of this would have happened if student government failed to improve the relationship with residents of Bowling Green."

Aaron feels that his stint as president of the Gamma Zeta chapter as a sophomore prepared him for the office of student body president. ★

## Student Body Presidents

**Barton College**  
Brad Roberson, Barton College '03

**Binghamton University**  
Michael Schiffman, Binghamton '05

**Bowling Green State University**  
Aaron Schumaker, Bowling Green '03

**Missouri Valley College**  
Karl Jackson, Missouri Valley '03

**University at Buffalo, SUNY**  
Nicholas Colacicco, University at Buffalo '04

## Interfraternity Council

**Albright College**  
Salaam Bhatti, Albright '05 (Recording Secretary)

**Binghamton University**  
Andrew Koch, Binghamton '04 (Vice President)  
Amro Samra, Binghamton '05 (Recruitment Chairman)  
Devon Stoll, Binghamton '04 (Public Relations)

**Bloomsburg University**  
Kevin Fitzgerald (Recruitment Chairman)  
Daniel Moyer (Treasurer)

**Bowling Green State University**  
Mark Emerson, Bowling Green '05 (V.P. of Internal)  
J. Eric Heilmeier, Bowling Green '04 (President)

**Lawrence Tech. University**  
Brandon LaCourciere, Lawrence Tech. '04 (Judicial Chairman)

**Longwood College**  
William R. Weaver, Longwood '03 (President)  
Curtis R. Wilson II, Longwood '05 (Exec. Board Member)

**Marshall University**  
Devin Perry, Marshall '03 (V.P. of Programs)

**Missouri Western State College**  
Lance Cornelius, Missouri Western '04 (Vice President)  
Seth Logston, Missouri Western '05 (Director of Recruitment)

**Ohio Wesleyan University**  
Jason Ramsey, Ohio Wesleyan '04 (Scholarship Director)

**Penn State Altoona**  
Raffi Astourian, Penn State Altoona '04 (President)  
Joe LaRose, Penn State Altoona '05 (Recruitment Chairman)

**The Ohio State University**  
Brian Hopkins, Ohio State '05 (Director of Justice)

**Salisbury University**  
John Ridenour, Salisbury '03 (Scholarship Director)

**University at Buffalo, SUNY**  
Christopher Senska, Buffalo '04 (President)

**University of Hartford**  
Jim Capinera, Hartford '03 (V.P. of Membership)  
Jeff Romano, Hartford '03 (V.P. of Communication)

# Epsilon Rho

## Appalachian State University

Alpha Sigma Phi welcomes Epsilon Rho and 35 new brothers into the Mystic Circle.

**O**n January 28, 2006, Epsilon Rho welcomed 35 new brothers into the Mystic Circle and became the 135th chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Looking for more in the college experience and wanting to promote a higher moral standard among men, David Stafford, Appalachian State '06, then a sophomore at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, requested the assistance of two friends, Brooks Lockhart, Appalachian State '06 and Chris Daniels, Appalachian State '06 (photographed far right on page 23 holding the new charter), who shared the same vision to aid in

starting an Alpha Sigma Phi chapter at ASU. Stafford explained to the Headquarters' Staff that they found Alpha Sigma Phi to be, "a fraternity of high moral value and ethics, and is just what our campus needs to instill values, self-worth and brotherhood back amongst the campus of Appalachian State University." He also added, "Our idea was to create a brotherhood of men from all walks of life. Not just the rich, or the popular, or the best-looking men; we were looking for any and all men of similar beliefs to help us create this brotherhood. We became your not-so-typical-fraternity and it is my belief that, to this day, the men at ASU still carry this idea."



While building a fraternity of men with high character they established several great traditions. They have become known as the Greek scholars on campus. They might be best known amongst the Greeks for achieving the highest grade point average amongst all fraternities on campus for the last several semesters.



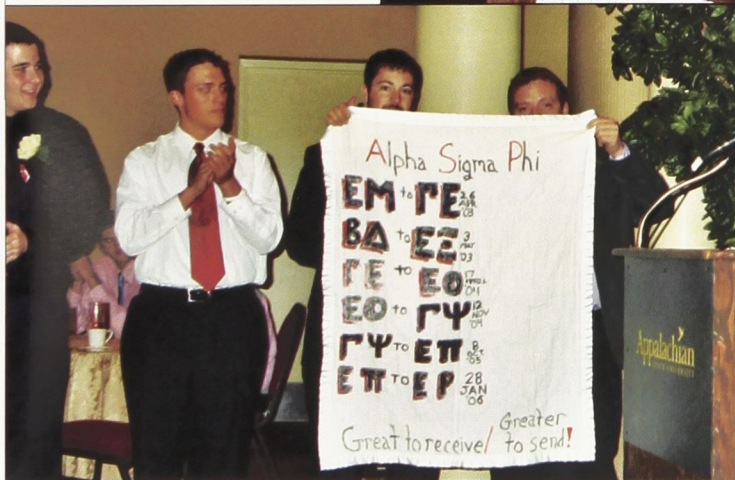


# Chapter Profile

The Boone Community might best know Alpha Sigma Phi for its "Christmas for the Kids." As a colony, they began this philanthropic event to assist those families in the community who wouldn't be able to put gifts under the tree on Christmas Day. The brothers solicit local businesses, friends and families for cash donations, then they take the children they are sponsoring shopping for Christmas gifts. After they shop, the group wraps the gifts and delivers them along with a meal to the family. Over the last three years, the brothers have collected nearly \$10,000. Jeff Arrowood, Appalachian State '06 and current chapter president, said, "Christmas with the Kids is my proudest moment as an Alpha Sig. We delivered a meal and gifts to one family and the mother was so grateful, that not a single one of us left there without shedding a tear."

The Epsilon Rho Charter was presented by Grand Junior President Scott Grissom, University of Oklahoma '78 at the Broyhill Conference Center on the campus of ASU. Upon receiving the Official Charter of Epsilon Rho, Arrowood

said, "The Charter Presentation Ceremony is when it all hits you; you look out into that crowd and see the guys who started Alpha Sigma Phi at ASU and then the members that followed after them and realize this has been a hard journey, but here we are. And as the Charter is presented you look in the eyes of these guys and see the tears begin to roll down their faces." ★



Above: Zach Hegedish, Miami University '05 presents the Alpha Badge to Appalachian State Chapter on behalf of Miami University the most recently chartered chapter.

Left: Receiving new chapter blanket: Paul Carson, Appalachian State '06, Tom Greene, Appalachian State '06, Ryan Ammann, Appalachian State '06 and Jeff Arrowood, Appalachian State '06 holding blanket.

# Alumni News



**Epsilon Chapter, Ohio Wesleyan University**

Submit Association and individual news to [news@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:news@alphasigmaphi.org).

## **Epsilon Chapter, Ohio Wesleyan University**

Photo: In July 2005, Nick Hudson-Swogger, Ohio Wesleyan '96; Drew Thawley, Ohio Wesleyan '94; Mark Baldwin, Ohio Wesleyan '96; and Steve Baker, Ohio Wesleyan '96 spent a weekend on Mt. Washington in New Hampshire; home of the highest wind ever recorded in North America.

**Karl Shrom**, Ohio Wesleyan '96 – (Columbus, OH) Engaged March 7, 2005 to Leah Borin (Alpha Chi Omega, Miami University). Wedding planned for summer 2006.

## **Zeta Chapter, The Ohio State University**

Zeta Chapter will celebrate their 98th Anniversary Sig Bust on April 22, 2006 in Columbus. Planning for the remarkable 100th Anniversary celebration is well under way. Please contact the Alumni Association or undergraduates to be a part of the steering committee.

**Pete LuPiba**, Ohio State '97 – LuPiba departed in February for a nine-month tour in the Middle East with the U.S. Navy Explosive Ordinance Disposal. We wish him well and thank him for his service to our country and his commitment to the value of Patriotism.

## **Iota Chapter, Cornell University**

**Clifford T. Argue**, Cornell '63 – (Mercer Island, WA) Retired from Alaska Airlines after 34 years in the airline industry (21 years at Alaskan Airlines/13 years with Continental Airlines).

**Alejandro Badio**, Cornell '85 – (Miami, FL) Co-founded the DaVinci Center. This is a privately owned center dedicated to hands-on surgical training with an emphasis on surgical and arthroscopy techniques.

**Todd D. Kantorczyk**, Cornell '92 – (Wayne, PA) Moved recently to start a new job as an attorney at Mako, Gold, Katcher, and Fox.

**J. Gollan Root**, Cornell '60 – (Holyoke, MA)

Just recently retired, moved, became a grandfather and gave his daughter away at her wedding.

## **Mu Chapter, University of Washington**

Mu Chapter will celebrate their 94th Anniversary Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Mu Chapter House. A reception is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Following dinner will be the presentation of scholarships and awards. Those interested should contact: Bob Strecker, GCA, MCAA Executive Director, 206-778-1826.

**Chris Owusu**, Washington '02 - Accepted a position at Greenlake Financial Home Loans. It is a small mortgage/financial firm in Seattle.

**Mark Sternik**, Washington '01 - Accepted a position at Coldwell Banker Associates. He is now a certified Real Estate Agent that can sell houses, condos, land, and rentals anywhere in the state of Washington.

## **Alpha Theta Chapter, University of Missouri**

On September 30, 2006, the University of Missouri will take on the Colorado Buffaloes! All Brothers and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this event in Columbia. If interested, please contact Jeff Parker at (800) 677-1238, ext. 2288 or at [JDParker@rehabcare.com](mailto:JDParker@rehabcare.com).

## **Alpha Rho Chapter, New Jersey Inst. of Technology**

Despite just having purchased a Chapter House two years ago, the chapter is now in danger of losing it. The city has discussed re-zoning all of the houses along "Fraternity Row" as part of a large-scale redevelopment plan for the area around NJIT's campus. NJIT is proposing a "Greek Village" as part of a redevelopment plan and will award housing to organizations based on a new evaluation process. The Alumni Association is closely working with the undergraduate chapter to help them meet this new challenge.

## **Alpha Sigma Chapter, Wagner College**

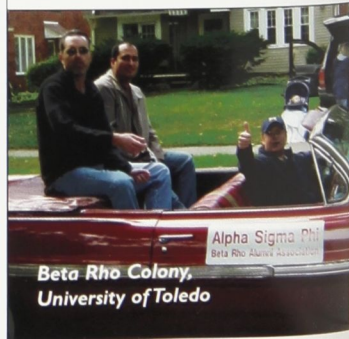
We're still here! As a result of some unfortunate incidents in the '80's the chapter was closed. However, the Alpha Sigma Alumni remain close and very loyal to Wagner. Since the late 60's, Walter Pagan, Wagner '61 has marshalled 40-50 brothers to meet annually at a NY Giants game in the Meadowlands. Each September a large number of Brothers get together to both lead and support the Sal Alberti, Wagner '57 "Wagner Golf Classic." Currently there are five Brothers serving on the Wagner Board of Trustees. Not surprisingly, four of these are former HSP's: Alfie Paladino (HSP), Wagner '61; John Campi (HSP), Wagner '62; Fred Williamson (HSP), Wagner '64; Ron Bibbo, Wagner '64; Jeff Forchelli (HSP) Wagner '66. Recently Paul Feeney, Wagner '64 has taken over as Treasurer of the Alpha Sigma Alumni Fund which supports the Wagner Athletic program, and sponsors the James Robb, Wagner '49 Memorial trophy presented to the outstanding offensive player at the Wagner Homecoming Game each year.

## **Beta Zeta Colony, NC State University**

Our brotherhood is alive and well in the Raleigh area. We have just broken 40 members, and have received formal acceptance into the NC State Greek community through recognition by the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC). We are actively pursuing a chartering date soon, and we would love to see more alumni that are in the Raleigh/Durham area get involved in our efforts. If you are interested in learning more about the Beta Zeta colony, please contact Barry Olson at (919) 513-0754.

## **Beta Theta Colony, Rutgers University**

The 2006 Rutgers Alpha Sigma Phi Scholarship Golf Outing will take place on



**Beta Rho Colony, University of Toledo**





**Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Eastern Michigan University**

## **Gamma Psi Chapter, Lawrence Technological University**

The Gamma Psi Alumni proudly held their 30th Annual Gamma Psi Alumni Grip and Sip Golf Outing at the fabulous Links of Pinewood Golf Course in Walled Lake Michigan on Sept 11, 2005. This fine event was hosted by Gamma Psi alums Tom Komendera, Lawrence Tech. '74 and Tom Venettis, Lawrence Tech. '69. Brothers from Grand Valley State University and Ohio

May 13, 2006, at Country Club of the Poconos at Big Ridge – 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. This event is open to Alpha Sigs from any chapter, friends, relatives, spouses and undergraduates (and their guests). For more information contact: Joe Kunigonis (732) 723-0990.

## **Beta Omicron Chapter, Tri-State University**

**Will Lasher**, Tri-State '01 – Engaged December 21, 2005 to Brooke Martin. Wedding planned for fall 2005.

## **Beta Rho Colony, University of Toledo**

The Beta Rho Association has wasted no time reassembling and actively participating in UT activities. The Association made its first debut at the university's annual Homecoming Parade (photo below left). The Chapter Council and Association have been hard at work helping the chapter develop their re-charter petition. Interested alumni should contact Chad Felgner, President Beta Rho Association at [cgfelgner@buckeye-express.com](mailto:cgfelgner@buckeye-express.com).

**Robert C. Layman**, O.D., Toledo '74 -

Recently received the Ruth and Warren Morris Outstanding Optometrist of the Year Award by the Ohio Optometric Association. He is a past chapter president and Alumni Advisor.

## **Beta Chi Chapter, American University**

The Beta Chi Association is alive and well and back in business. On December 10, 2005 we held a Founder's Day reunion, which was a great way for the chapter to interact with the more than 60 alumni in attendance. Most enjoyed the irony of the ASP house being turned into the public safety building. Regardless of the change, the fraternity's bell is still in the front yard and we gathered after the game to ring it in honor of several alumni who died. It was the death this summer of Ken Markel, American '80, that inspired several of us to get a reunion of the early 80s group together. The Association contact



**Gamma Psi Chapter, Lawrence Technological University**

person is Scott Stein, American '96. He can be reached at: [scott.m.stein@us.pwc.com](mailto:scott.m.stein@us.pwc.com).

**Michael A. Marra**, Col, USAF, American '83 - Received two bronze stars for work in Afghanistan. On December 9, 2005 he was promoted to Colonel of the 86th Contingency Response Group / 86th Airlift Wing based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

## **Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Eastern Michigan University**

Brothers spent the weekend of September 30, 2005 celebrating the 40th anniversary of the merging of Alpha Gamma Upsilon and Alpha Sigma Phi. The event was held at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Ann Arbor, MI. Those who arrived early commandeered a private room and 20 to 30 Alpha Sigs and Alpha Gams reminisced and watched one of the premiere games of the season, Eastern vs. Kent State. In all, 104 brothers, spouses and friends showed up for the evening affair. Brothers from as far away as Indiana, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Texas, California, Oregon, New Mexico, Hawaii and the Netherlands were in attendance. Those interested in participating in the next reunion should contact Carl Meddick at [shag65agu@yahoo.com](mailto:shag65agu@yahoo.com).

Wesleyan also participated. Mark your calendars for the 2006 Grip-n-Sip Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Scramble Sunday, September 10, 2006 in the northwest suburbs of Detroit. Join us for a round of golf and dinner or just the dinner. It's well worth your time. More information available at [www.alphasigalums.us](http://www.alphasigalums.us).

**Gary Mallia**, Lawrence Tech '84 - Is the new Director of IT at UHY Advisors in Southfield, MI. He was promoted in March 2006.

**James McLeish**, Lawrence Tech. '73 - On November 1, 2005, he was appointed to the position of Quality, Reliability and Durability (QRD) Strategist for Global Electrical, Software & Controls (ESC) Engineering.

## **Delta Theta Chapter, Radford University**

**Chris Sigsbee**, Radford '85 is a Network Analyst for the Klamath County Government's IT Department. He transferred from the Klamath County Jail, where he was the Facility Control Systems Technician for seven and a half years. ★

# Chapter News

Please submit Chapter news to [news@alphasigmaphi.org](mailto:news@alphasigmaphi.org).



## American University, Beta Chi Chapter

During a mid-fall visit, the Fraternity President & CEO

Drew Thawley highlighted those areas Beta Chi needed to give additional attention. Since his visit, the chapter has been working hard to improve communication, its university relationship and its campus presence. Seth Wernick, American '99 and Scott Stein, American '96 have led the alumni effort, re-establishing the Beta Chi Association and forming a Chapter Council to assist the chapter in achieving its new goals and objectives.



## Appalachian State University, Epsilon Rho Chapter

On January 28, 2006, the Appalachian State University Colony became the 135th chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, taking the Epsilon Rho designation.

35 undergraduates were initiated into the Mystic Circle. Grand Junior President G. Scott Grissom, Oklahoma '78 presented the chapter with its charter.



## Barton College, Gamma Lambda Chapter

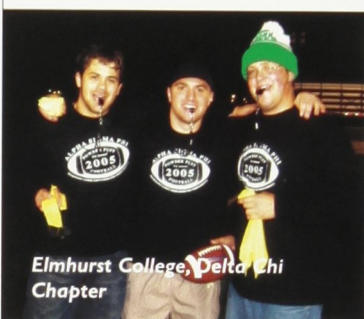
Congratulations to Brad

Roberson, Barton '03 on being elected SGA president for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Gamma Lambda Chapter raised more than \$1,000 for hurricane Katrina relief. Having two brothers from the chapter in New Orleans, the group felt compelled to be the first on campus to act and help make a difference. Faculty Advisor Tony Tilley is being honored by Barton College this spring in a Roast and Toast. The chapter also sends its congratulations to the 2006 pledge class.



## Bethany College, Beta Gamma Chapter

In March of 2005, Stewart Bracher, Bethany '99 was involved in a serious car accident on his way to work at Waynesburg College in West Virginia. A newlywed, married by Grand Chapter Advisor Dr. Larry Grimes, Bethany '61 Stewart suffered severe head injuries at the time of the accident. By May 2005, the chapter had rallied enough support to provide a \$500 check per month to the Bracher family to help cover expenses. The chapter plans to continue to support Brother Bracher and his family until he is back on his feet. Just recently Bracher began therapy—the prognosis looks good.



Elmhurst College, Delta Phi Chapter



## Bowling Green State University, Gamma Zeta Chapter

Gamma Zeta is a force to be reckoned with at BGSU. In October three brothers: Matt Humberger, Bowling Green '03, Aaron Shumaker, Bowling Green '03 and Rocco Sciarabba, Bowling Green '03 were chosen to be on Homecoming Court. Sciarabba was crowned this year's BGSU Homecoming King. Gamma Zeta finished first overall in GPA for the fall semester with a 3.07, and is now the largest fraternity on campus with 55 members.



## Central Michigan University, Delta Rho Chapter

Delta Rho is growing and achieving new heights. The chapter placed second in Greek intramural flag football and is ranked first in intramural Greek basketball. Jason Harvey, Central Michigan '05 received the CMU highest new member GPA award this past fall. The chapter also had its first composite taken since re-chartering in 2004 this past January.



## Clemson University, Colony

During a bittersweet ceremony on November 4, 2005, the Clemson Interest Group officially became a Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi. The brothers of Presbyterian College assisted in their Colonization Ceremony of 31 men. The colony is on track to submit a Petition for Charter by the fall.



## Cornell University, Iota Chapter

The undergraduate Web site ([www.alphasigma-rockledge.com](http://www.alphasigma-rockledge.com)) has been completely redone and revamped for the 2005-06 academic year. Ronnie Meise, Cornell '06 was selected as the 2005 Alpha Sigma Phi Scholar of the Year. Ronnie was selected from 120 applicants as the top

undergraduate scholar in our Fraternity nationwide. The award carried with it a \$4,500 scholarship provided by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity on behalf of a grant from the Educational Foundation.



## Elmhurst College, Delta Chi Chapter

Recently the Delta Chi Chapter held its annual Powder Puff

Football event to raise money for CCI. The chapter also has plans to hold a three on three basketball tournament that will benefit CCI later this semester. Alex Kefaloukos, Elmhurst '04 is co-chairing the Walk for Hope Steering Committee, which is a philanthropic event held by the college to benefit the American Cancer Society. Photo: Referees at the recent Powder Puff Football game to support CCI.



Grand Valley State University



## Grand Valley State University, Delta Phi Chapter

The GVSU chapter has been hard at work reorganizing its chapter operations this year. The group has laid out a tiered plan to get the chapter back on track. With continued support from the chapter's advisors, the chapter should realize its goals by the start of the fall 2006 semester. This past semester, Delta Phi helped raise \$1,300 for the "Battle of the Valleys" competition. In January, the group hosted a walk-a-thon at Allendale Elementary to help encourage kids to be more active. The chapter will head out on its 11th Annual Bike Trip around Lake Michigan in late April. The chapter plans to raise between \$10,000-\$12,000 to donate to CCI. Photo: 2005 Bike Trip participants at the Mackinaw Bridge in Michigan.



## Indiana University, Gamma Chi Chapter

The chapter has used its time this year to get organized and focus on recruitment. Recently Gamma Chi sent newly initiated brothers to attend the



Burns Leadership Institute and also participated in the Presidents' Academy of Leadership. Under the direction of Chapter President Chris Hardy, Indiana '03 the chapter stands poised to really grow in strength and numbers.



## Iowa State University, Phi Chapter

Academic focus has been a top priority for Phi Chapter. For two semesters in a row the chapter has placed within the Greek community's top 10 fraternities at ISU. Merit Badge University, created and hosted by Alpha Sigs February 25 and March 4, was a huge success. During the two weekends almost 600 Boy Scouts are able to earn their Merit Badges through courses put on by Alpha Sigs and volunteers. Profits are donated to CCI. Adam Howard, Iowa State '03 was elected President of the ISU Water-ski Team. Trevor Pearson, Iowa State '03 is the co-chair of Cyclone Alley (ISU Men's and Women's Basketball Cheering section).



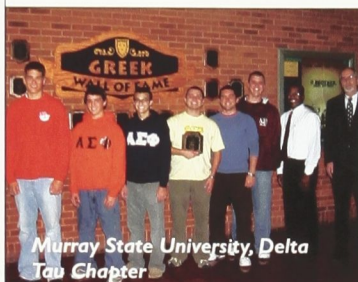
## McDaniel College, Epsilon Xi Chapter

This fall, the brothers at Epsilon Xi won the Brant Cup for Best Greek Organization of the Year. Also in the fall, six new brothers were brought into the Mystic Circle and a plethora of community service events were held, including the ever-popular Senior Citizen Harvest Ball. The chapter proudly hosted their first Sig Bust this past fall. The Black and White formal was the envy of the campus and was held at a five-star restaurant. The chances of a repeat for Best Greek Organization look stronger every day!



## Missouri Valley College, Alpha Omicron Chapter

Highlights from the fall include a 2nd place homecoming float design, intramural Greek champions and best overall Fraternity cumulative GPA. Plans are in the works to host the first annual alumni golf tournament next fall. The chapter's alumni recently started the process of building a Chapter Council in an effort to support the undergraduates; those interested in assisting should contact the chapter or GCA.



Murray State University, Delta Tau Chapter



## Murray State University, Delta Tau Chapter

Fifteen Delta Tau Brothers traveled during the fall break to assist with the Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief effort. The chapter was also able to donate \$1,200 to the relief effort. The Greek Wall of Fame at Murray State University is an Award for High Distinction and Achievement in the area of New Membership Education. Alpha Sigma Phi is the only Fraternity to receive the award this year. Photo: Derek Rister, Murray State '06, Chris Powell, Murray State '06, Stephen Saia, Murray State '04, Jimmy Byars, Murray State '03, J. Stephen Turner, Murray State '03, Josh Rhodes, Murray State '03, Mike Young, Murray State '94 and Don Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs at Murray State.



## New Jersey Inst. of Tech., Alpha Rho Chapter

A majority of this chapter's effort has been dedicated to helping those who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Recently members from NJIT made a trip to the Gulf Coast to collect information about the conditions of housing and neighborhoods impacted by the flood to develop a comprehensive information packet that could

be given to homeowners and businesses that would assist them in the rebuilding effort. The group stayed at FEMA Camp in Algiers on the western side of the Mississippi River in tents designed to hold 200 people. The chapter is hoping to go back soon to continue to assist with the relief effort.

Blake Nixon, NJIT '02 has returned from Iraq and has rejoined the chapter. A member of the Army Reserves, Blake had been serving in Iraq since November of 2004. He is a member of the 463rd Engineer Battalion, Company C out of Parkersburg, WV.



## NC State University, Beta Zeta Colony

Our Colony currently stands at 41 undergraduate men. As of last semester we only had 25 pledges, so this increase gets us even closer to becoming a chapter. The colony recently held elections and had brothers step up to hold newly created positions. Our Colony President Matt Stone, NC State Colony begins his second term; we all know he is going to do great things for the colony. The colony is actively looking to expand its service, outreach and philanthropy efforts. Photo: Fall 2005 NC State pledge class.



NC State University, Beta Zeta Colony



## Ohio Wesleyan University, Epsilon Chapter

The Epsilon Chapter has reached its largest size since its re-founding in 1993—44 members! The chapter was recently awarded the Jack Warnock Volunteer of the Year Award from CCI in recognition of donating \$10,000 to sponsor Sam Farmer and Harlo. The chapter also just received the Keep Delaware County Beautiful Community Stewardship Award for their service and work in Delaware County. In honor of that achievement, the city of Delaware is preparing a proclamation declaring an Alpha Sigma Phi Day to recognize the chapter's many accomplishments. Epsilon has raised



McDaniel College, Epsilon Xi Chapter

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Presbyterian College, Alpha Psi Chapter

several thousand dollars at its annual Servant/Date Auction to benefit CCI. Recently, Chris Musbach, Ohio Wesleyan '02 was given the Frank Hargear Award and Robert Gillespie, Ohio Wesleyan '63 was awarded the Delta Beta Xi key.



## Penn State University, Upsilon Colony

On January 10, 2006, the

Grand Council approved the Petitioning for Charter from the Upsilon Colony. The men of Upsilon Colony have been working diligently, with the help of the Upsilon Alumni Association, Fraternity Headquarters staff, and the University to bring Upsilon back to Chapter status. Although the Grand Council approved the colony's re-chartering petition in February, the re-chartering banquet and initiation of colony members has been postponed to the Fall, 2006. Other accomplishments over the past year include renovations and furniture upgrades to the house, leadership development, strategic planning workshops, philanthropic events and successful membership recruitment. In 2006, our operations plan focuses on recruitment and academics.



## Presbyterian College, Alpha Psi Chapter

Alpha Psi started a new tradition this past semester, making Friday

Brotherhood Day. Most recently the chapter adopted a highway and spent Friday afternoon cleaning up the road (photo above). The chapter spent about an hour walking down the two-mile stretch of road picking up trash. The chapter really enjoys spending time with one another: watching movies, bowling and enjoying the occasional cookout. The famous "Hawaiian Party" is tentatively scheduled for April 22.



## Salisbury State University, Epsilon Eta Chapter

This fall the Epsilon Eta chapter held their annual 24-hour Walkathon philanthropy event supporting Canine

Companions for Independence.

At the end of the semester, a few of their brothers were honored at the annual University Leadership awards. Chapter President John Ridenour, Salisbury State '03 was honored as Sig of the Semester. Editor Sujoy Chatterjee,

Salisbury State '04, was honored as the most active newly initiated brother. The chapter plans to host their first Black & White Formal in late spring. Please contact the chapter for additional information.



## Stevens Institute of Tech., Alpha Tau Chapter

Alpha Tau's presence on campus has increased with their

continued participation in Greek Intramural Sports and philanthropic events, which include providing tutoring and review sessions to help out freshmen during finals in key subject areas. Several of our brothers also participated in the Chartering of the Epsilon Rho Chapter at Appalachian State University. We are currently in the planning phase of a campus-wide blood drive, as well as helping out with the Conqueror of the Hill competition, participating in the MS Walk, volunteering at the Hoboken Shelter and volunteering at the Liberty Humane Society for animals.



## SUNY Binghamton, Epsilon Nu Chapter

During the fall semester, the chapter updated its

constitution and racked up 100 hours of community service. The chapter is currently working with alumni to help raise chapter funds. Undergrads have designed a polo with the fraternity's crest on it. Those interested in obtaining one should contact the chapter. Additional community service events are planned for the semester. The chapter plans to participate in Relay for Life, and have already raised over \$500 to give the American Cancer Association.



## Tri-State University, Beta Omicron Chapter

Beta Omicron has set a goal to reach 30 undergraduate members. Recent improvements to the house include repaving the parking lot, some recent room renovations and a remodeled basement. These improvements would not have been possible without the dedication of current undergraduate members, and their outstanding Alumni Association. In early May, the chapter will host its Black and White and are planning a unique brotherhood retreat toward the end of the spring semester.



## University at Buffalo, SUNY, Gamma Epsilon Chapter

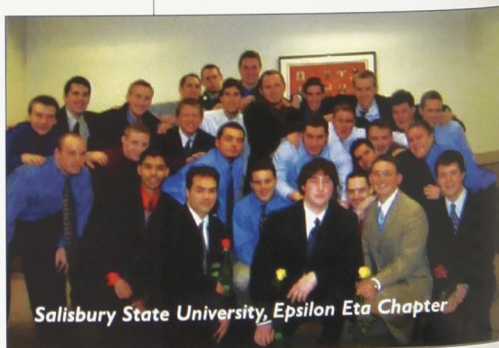
The chapter recently

participated in a philanthropy event for the Little Portion Friary. The Little Portion Friary is a charitable organization that provides shelter and food for the homeless who are currently seeking jobs. Gamma Epsilon was established in 1950, and was recently re-chartered in April of 2004. In late fall, alumni from the original establishment as well as current alumni were invited to the Founders Day dinner. The turnout was excellent and it was a great experience.



## University of Akron, Colony

In the pursuit of a charter, our colony's future, and therefore our priority, is recruitment for the spring semester of 2006. At a university where Greek life is at a standstill and spring, regardless of campus, is a dead period for recruitment, the daunting task that is fraternity growth has challenged our diligence and fortitude—enabling us the unique opportunity to watch our numbers expand as with our brotherhood. We are on the right path.



Salisbury State University, Epsilon Eta Chapter





## University of California – Berkeley, Nu Chapter

Our chapter is currently in a state of reorganization. In conjunction with Fraternity Headquarters, we have begun the process of developing a stronger, leaner, meaner chapter. President Jeff Thompson, UC-Berkeley '06 has been leading the way with renewed effort and commitment to Nu. Alumni interested in assisting with this process should contact the chapter. There is great promise here.



## University of Findlay, Gamma Pi Chapter

The Gamma Pi chapter was quite active in the community this fall

with such things as a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina's relief effort, as well as helping with our city's (Findlay, OH) annual Halloween parade. One of the most successful community service events was the coats-for-kids this past December. The chapter collected coats for one week and brought them to the dry-cleaners, so they could be cleaned before handing them out.



## University of Hartford, Epsilon Lambda Chapter

The Epsilon Lambda Chapter has hit the ground running since the start of the spring semester. A year-long project evoked in the name of campus beautification, as well as a tribute to Warren H. Lewis, Hartford '02 a founding father of the chapter who entered into Omega Chapter on July 27, 2005, is coming close to fruition. The goal is to dedicate several benches in area surrounding a pond on campus. Epsilon Lambda is also proud of Mark Goodell, Hartford '05, who is completing an internship with the Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy. Jim Capinera, Hartford '03 and David Coviello, Hartford '03 have earned spots among Hartford's academic elite by filling two of the five spots on the Hartford College Quiz Bowl Team.



## University of Miami, Gamma Theta Chapter

Over the past two years, the current brothers have overcome substantial debt and dwindling membership to emerge as a rising fraternity in the UM Greek community. On December 3, 2005, nine men were initiated into the Mystic Circle, nearly doubling the size of the fraternity. The new members added a fresh feel to the traditionally local brotherhood with hometowns in Virginia, Texas, Connecticut and New York. We anticipate future prosperous recruitment due to a strong presence in the on-campus residence colleges.



University of Toledo, Beta Rho Colony



## University of North Carolina – Charlotte, Delta Zeta Chapter

This year is an exciting one for the Delta Zeta chapter at UNCC. The ground has recently been broken in the UNCC Greek Housing Project. This will provide the Delta Zeta chapter with a 28-man home and a prime location in the Greek living community. Plans are also underway for the 20th Annual "Pig Pickin'," UNCC's annual alumni weekend, to be held this coming September.



## University of Southern Indiana, Epsilon Gamma Chapter

Epsilon Gamma is on its way up at USI and it has a lot to do with their GCA Bryan Pitney, Murray State '98. The chapter held their first car show to support CCI in early fall and worked hard to raise their GPAs over the semester. In early November, the guys made the trip to Fraternity Headquarters for a retreat and to share in some needed brotherhood. Alumni interested in helping the chapter should contact their GCA.



## University of Toledo, Beta Rho Colony

The Beta Rho colony had a successful fall and spring recruitment, obtaining more than 30 new men, and increasing almost 110%. They have recently set the peak as the University of Toledo's third-largest fraternity. They placed third out of nine in cumulative GPAs, and in fall semester the average amount of community service was 27 hours per man. The colony will re-charter on April 8, 2006, after only 10 short months as a colony. This colony is one of the quickest in the history of the Fraternity.



Wake Forest University, Beta Mu Chapter



## Wake Forest University, Beta Mu Chapter

This past fall, it was announced that Beta Mu had the highest fraternity GPA with a 3.11 on campus from the spring 2005 semester. Several brothers have been tutoring elementary school students in reading and English at Brunson Elementary School in Winston-Salem, NC, totaling more than 10 hours per week of community service. Last summer, Joseph Lazazzero, Wake Forest '05 went on a two-week service trip to work with human rights groups at orphanages in Russia. We are pleased that Neel Patel, Wake Forest '05 will be participating in the same program this summer. Photo: Fall Formal



## Western Michigan University, Epsilon Iota Chapter

The Epsilon Iota chapter has just experienced the changing of the guard as two of the newer members became both the HSP and HJP. The chapter is looking forward to winter recruitment and hopes to be able to find good men who want to share in brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi. ★

# Omega Chapter

(The TOMAHAWK does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of Omega listings. Information from various sources is printed as it is reported to Fraternity Headquarters for recordkeeping purposes. Ongoing efforts to locate brothers without mailable addresses often reveal names of those who have entered into Omega. Some listings therefore are of brothers who have been deceased for some time, but are included for informational purposes and in tribute.)

Upon death, a Brother of  $\Sigma\chi\theta$  becomes a member of the Omega Chapter and will forever be honored for his contributions to his family, his community and this Fraternity. Upon entering Omega, a brother's Membership Badge is bequeathed to the national Fraternity for safekeeping. Please send deceased notices and bequeathed Membership Badges to 710 Adams St., Carmel, IN 46032.

## ALABAMA, ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

John F. Sofie '50, Tuscaloosa, AL

## AMERICAN, BETA CHI CHAPTER

Kenneth Markel '80, Bethesda, MD

## BALDWIN-WALLACE, ALPHA MU CHAPTER

George A. Christensen '46, Rocky River, OH  
Norman O. Collart '43, North Olmstead, OH  
Rold N. Horton '54, Severna Park, MD  
Lee M. Wescott '58, Roseland, NJ

## BERKELEY, NU CHAPTER

James H. Conway '50, Mesa, AZ  
William H. Knowles '26, San Mateo, CA  
Milton W. Morrison '37, Oakland, CA  
H. Douglas Mooers '49, Carmel, CA  
William K. Warnock '40, Kentfield, CA

## BETHANY, BETA GAMMA CHAPTER

Randall J. Gebhardt '48, Coatesville, PA  
Richard T. Herrington '54, Mason, OH  
H. Craig Sipe '34, Slingerlands, NY

## CINCINNATI, BETA SIGMA CHAPTER

Lester L. Leever '37, Verona, KY

## COE, ALPHA CHI CHAPTER

John A. Hatt '59, Cedar Rapids, IA  
David W. Hunt '57, Fort Myers, FL

## COLORADO, PI CHAPTER

William E. Deason '30, Greeley, CO  
Charles P. Johnson '39, Casper, WY  
George F. Leahy '51, Tega Cay, SC

## COLUMBIA, LAMBDA CHAPTER

Edward F. Anderson '37, Lake Havasu City, AZ  
William R. Thurston '37, Sedona, AZ

## CONCORD COLLEGE, GAMMA PHI CHAPTER

Kenneth W. Duncan '81, Independence, KY  
Paul R. Sharpnberg '77, Beckley, WV

## CONNECTICUT, GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER

Stanley M. Bockstein '43, Jefferson, MA  
Vincent Ippolito '61, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Dr. Wesley Parke '49, Ormond Beach, FL

## CORNELL, IOTA CHAPTER

Lowell H. Ballinger '60, Chester, VT  
Richard L. Freeman '48, Little Valley, NY  
Albert E. Jones '47, Old Forge, PA  
Leonard W. Lefevre '39, N. Palm Beach, FL  
James D. Verbsky '51, Seabrook, TX

## DAVIS & ELKINS, GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER

Michael C. Christian '72, Newport News, VA  
Herbert M. Lippincott '59, Tulsa, OK  
Frank G. Taylor '59, Summerville, SC  
Stuart A. Werner '49, Miami, FL

## EASTERN MICHIGAN, GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER

James T. Watson '74, Bloomfield, MI

## HARTWICK, BETA XI CHAPTER

C. Austin Dawson '46, Frederick, PA  
Edward F. Simpson '35, Auburn, NY

## ILLINOIS, ETA CHAPTER

W. Leighton Collins '47, Columbia, MD  
H. Kenneth Foute '38, Elmwood Park, IL  
Charles B. Harper '32, Chandler, IL  
Neal E. Hennegan '46, LaGrange Park, IL  
Peter M. Lynch '73, Rochester, NY  
John E. Smith '80, Homewood, IL

## ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ALPHA XI CHAPTER

Robert C. Davis '51, Lady Lake, FL  
Don Suk Han '94, Roanoke, TX

## KENTUCKY, SIGMA CHAPTER

Charles O. Hopkins '48, Monticello, IL  
James E. Scholl '33, Catonsville, MD

## LEHIGH, BETA EPSILON CHAPTER

Edward H. Heilman '59, Reading, PA

## MARIETTA, DELTA CHAPTER

James R. Bales '51, Lafayette, LA  
David V. Mengar '49, Chicago, IL  
Arthur J. Morrow '54, Tarpon Springs, FL  
Charles K. Stoddard '55, Sylmar, CA  
Robert L. Sutton '46, Lowell, OH

## MARSHALL, BETA DELTA CHAPTER

Wayne P. Barrette '39, Pismo Beach, CA  
Clifford W. Slater '38, Powell, TN  
G. Garrison Tawney '39, Looneyville, WV  
Justin Tenperny '96, Scott Depot, WV

## MIAMI, GAMMA THETA CHAPTER

Joseph L. Thompson '52, Jacksonville, AR

## MICHIGAN, THETA CHAPTER

Leslie H. Eames '37, Morris Plains, NJ  
George L. Evans '56, Mansfield, OH

## MILTON, BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

Allen B. Dearborn '48, Racine, WI  
George Geisberger '66, Rockford, IL

## MISSOURI VALLEY, ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

Lawrence A. Larson '50, Henderson, NV  
Frank C. Liggitt '50, Lee's Summit, MO

## NEBRASKA, XI CHAPTER

Howard Ford '47, Madison, WI  
C. James Horacek '26, Olympia, WA

## OHIO NORTHERN, GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER

Jack West '69, Sycamore, OH

## OHIO STATE, ZETA CHAPTER

George H. Johnson '48, Warren, OH  
Harold L. Ripple '40, Midwest City, OK

## OHIO WESLEYAN, EPSILON CHAPTER

Charles E. Brown '40, Toledo, OH  
Robert C. Glass '48, Gulf Shores, AL  
Richard B. Kuhl '40, Deerfield, OH  
Paul F. Mosher '43, Dallas, TX

## OKLAHOMA, ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER

John E. Boxley '55, Oklahoma City, OK

## OREGON STATE, PSI CHAPTER

Rex A. Baggett '59, Phoenix, AZ

## PENN. OMICRON CHAPTER

Robert S. Martin '47, Reading, PA

## PENN STATE, UPSILON CHAPTER

L.J. Hetenyi '40, Tampa, FL  
Charles W. Houghton '30, Orleans, MA  
J. Howard Widenor '20, Wilmington, DE

## POLYTECHNIC, ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

Donald F. Moran '43, Preston, WA

## PRESBYTERIAN, ALPHA PSI CHAPTER

Christian Patte '53, Charleston, SC

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## A Brotherhood of Volunteers

Volunteering is a funny thing. If you do it right, you get more out of it than you ever thought possible. Yet, if you don't do it right, you're left wondering why anyone volunteers for anything.

**A**lpha Sigma Phi has more than 350 volunteers associated with local chapters. Some people serve on house corporations, some on alumni association boards. Many serve as alumni advisors and a select few serve as the chapter advisor, known as a GCA (Grand Chapter Advisor). Most of the people are men, and not all are Alpha Sigs. They are all important.

While 350 may seem like a lot of feet on the ground, we should have more, many more, hundreds more.

If you had a good volunteer working with your chapter, I bet you remember him. Better yet, he probably took such interest in you that he would remember you. Like I said, if you do it right, you get more out of volunteering than you would have expected. Making personal connections with good men is part of that reward.

Any chapter that has been strong (understanding that "strong" is in the eye of the beholder) for any length of time has had devoted volunteers supporting the cause, giving a little

nudge to an errant chapter president, making that brother pay his house bill, lending advice to the brother who sees that the chapter could be better, or coaching the challenger in the back of the room to stand strong and with conviction, but to do so with respect. That type of volunteer intervention is crucial, and it helps strong chapters remain so. Even better, it helps build strength in good men.

Through the decades, there has been a lot of talk about the obvious link between chapter performance and alumni involvement, but we've seldom been able to replicate what a few chapters have to a broader population. Perhaps the most significant evolution in the Strategic Plan is the robust development of Chapter Councils and the needed resource and discipline that must accompany the shift.

By directing significant portions of our budget and energy in the direction of volunteers, Alpha Sigma Phi will realize the path that has been laid down before it. And whether it is the donation of time, talent or treasure, Alpha Sigma Phi alumni, parents and our host campus administrators will contribute to helping our fine brotherhood fulfill its purpose:

To Better the Man, through the creation and perpetuation of brotherhood founded upon the

values of character...Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor and Patriotism.

So if you are one of the hundreds of volunteers we need, please consider your commitment carefully, for not only do our young brothers need your influence, the health of our good old Fraternity depends on it. The Fraternity's professional staff can point you in the right direction.

Yours in Brotherhood,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Drew M. Thawley".

Drew M. Thawley,  
Ohio Wesleyan '94  
President & CEO  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Final Thought: Will Lasher, Tri-State '01, is leaving Fraternity Staff for a position as a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial. To add to his life's journey, he's also engaged to be married. As Expansion Director, Will introduced us to dozens of campuses, established a very strong reputation within the Greek market, and helped to establish new interest groups, colonies, and chapters. Will has represented the very best that Alpha Sigma Phi has to offer the competitive fraternal field. Thank you Will for your dedication to Alpha, Sigma and Phi. Congratulations Brother!



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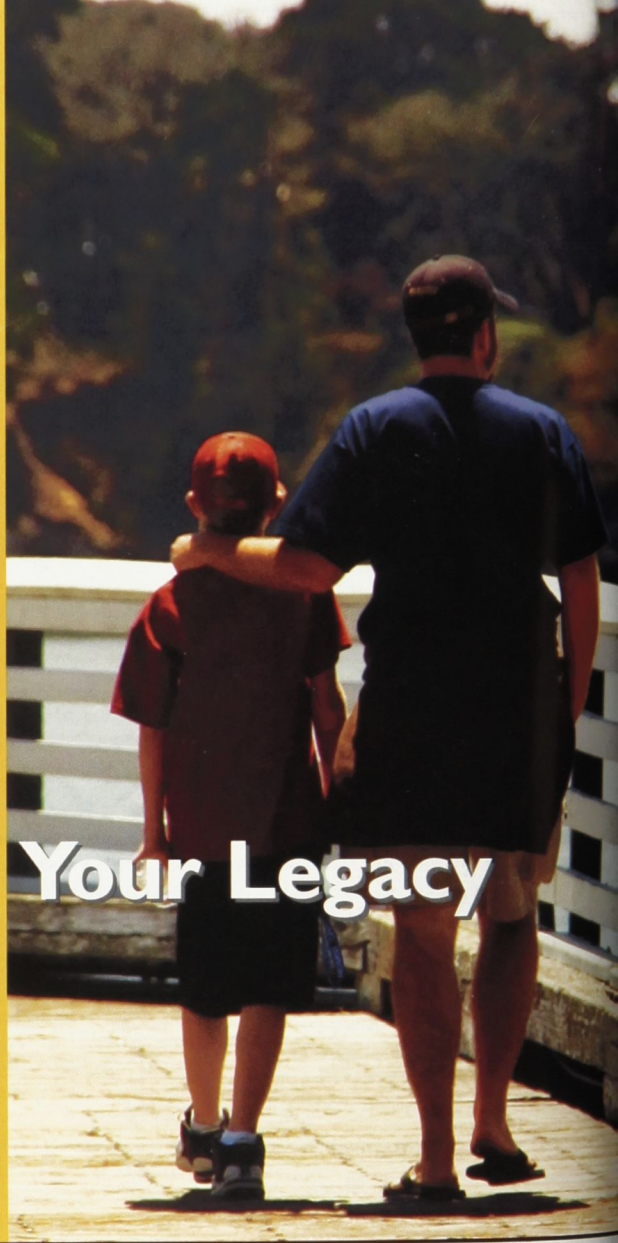
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You will help fill the world with more leaders, with more scholars, with more men who are committed to the principles of integrity, patriotism and good citizenship.

# Leave Him Your Legacy

Please see page 16 for more information on how you can leave a legacy for your family...and your brothers.

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