

the TOMAHAWK

of Alpha Sigma Phi

NEWSLETTER

Where Do Things Stand?

Our chapters and colonies have been hard at work recruiting men to join the organization this fall. As of October 7th, the following men have been recruited and have completed the paperwork needed to be recognized as a new member of the Fraternity. If the number listed is lower than actually recruited, that means that there are new members that still need to complete their Bio Form.

Akron	2	Miami (FL)	3
Alabama	7	Murray State	13
Appalachian State	4	NJIT	4
Arizona (Interest Group)	53	Northwood (Interest Group)	11
Arizona State (Colony)	19	NC State	15
Augusta State (Colony)	6	Northern Michigan	4
Bowling Green	14	Ohio Wesleyan	6
Cameron (Interest Group)	16	Purdue	4
Cal State Chico	11	Rensselaer	3
Cal State Fresno (Colony)	2	Rio Grande	1
Colorado State (Colony)	3	Salem State	7
Central Michigan	5	Salisbury	1
Clemson	9	San Francisco State (Colony)	26
Elmhurst	1	Seton Hall	7
Georgia Tech. (Interest Group)	38	Sonoma State	20
Hartford	6	Stevens Tech.	6
Illinois	28	Trine	1
IIT	9	UNC-Asheville (Colony)	8
Indiana	1	Virginia Tech.	7
IU – South Bend (Interest Group)	4	Wake Forest	6
Marshall	5	Washington	10

East Carolina, Charleston, Marietta, and MIT on the horizon!



Next semester, the Fraternity will begin expansion efforts at four colleges/universities we once called home - East Carolina University (Delta Eta

Chapter), University of Charleston (Gamma Mu), Marietta College (Delta Chapter), and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Beta Beta Chapter). As you may have read in recent

publications, the organization is growing and currently stands at 91 chapters, colonies, and interest groups. One

of the organization's priorities has been to return to campuses we once called home. With efforts at these three campuses, the total number of "closed" chapters drops to 61 which are 10 less than just two years ago.



If you would like to recommend a potential new member for any of these schools or you would like to learn more about volunteering to work with one of these re-starts, please send an email to tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org.



Delta Establishes Alumni Association and Endowment

Brothers from Marietta College's Delta Chapter have formed the Delta Alumni Association for all alumni of the Delta Chapter. An active chapter from 1860 to 1993, Delta has a proud heritage with links missing in recent years. The idea of starting an alumni association was sparked following two recent reunions and the recognition of the chapter's 150th anniversary in 2010. The objective, as with all alumni associations, is to renew and sustain the bonds of brotherhood experienced while at Marietta. An organizational meeting was held in June at the Fraternity Headquarters in Carmel, Indiana. To set-up an Alumni Association and to begin the process of establishing a Chapter Endowment with the Foundation. For more information on either, please contact Dean Haine, Marietta '59 at deanhaine@mac.com.

Expansion efforts to re-start the Marietta Chapter will begin this spring when Fraternity Staff travel to campus to begin to recruit the re-founding class. Strong interest from students has already been expressed to Fraternity Staff. If you would like to recommend a potential or are interested in serving as a volunteer on the Delta Chapter Council, please send an email to

tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org.



(Left to Right) Brett Ashton, Marietta '80, Dale Wartluft, Marietta '60, Elliott Thrasher, Marietta '60, Stacy Evans, Marietta '66, Dean Haine, Marietta '59, Paul Loub, Marietta '89, Ken Eickhoff, Marietta '57, Walter Stitt, Marietta '46, Bill Satterlee, Marietta '57, Bob Monter, Marietta '59, Gary Fitzgerald, Marietta '58, and Ron Rulof, Marietta '60.

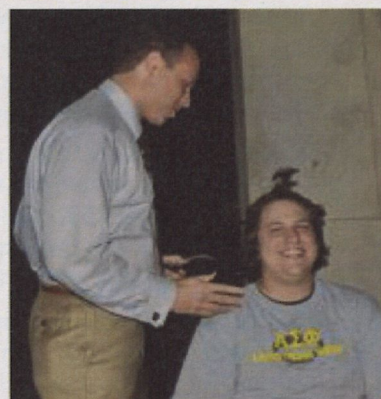


(Above) The Epsilon Chi Chapter at Capital University participating in LIVESTRONG Day 2011 (below) Grand Chapter Advisor Aaron Duncan, Ohio State '05 shaving a head.

Capital Rallies for LIVESTRONG Day

15 years ago LIVESTRONG founder and chairman Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer and pledged to fight and live as a survivor. He created the Lance Armstrong Foundation – now known publicly as LIVESTRONG – to help fellow survivors.

In 2008, at the Fraternity's 50th Grand Chapter in Louisville, Kentucky, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity adopted the Lance Armstrong Foundation as the Fraternity's national philanthropy. Since August 2008, chapters have raised tens of thousands of dollars and donated hundreds of hours towards the fight against cancer. Here are just a few of the events conducted to support the Fraternity's National Philanthropy:



The Epsilon Chi Chapter held its 2nd annual LIVESTRONG week at Capital University. The week included numerous events that raised awareness and money for the LIVESTRONG Foundation. During the week, the Chapter collected money from the local community, allowed students to throw food items at Alpha Sigma Phi and Student Government President Brent Bowers for donations, co-sponsored a carnival night with University Programming, and also co-sponsored a Black Light Dance with Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. However, the highlight of the week was the Cuts for Cancer cookout event. The Chapter invited the entire Capital community out for a night of food and fun, while providing the opportunity to bid on shaving an Alpha Sig's head and gift card from local organizations during the silent auction. The Epsilon Chi Chapter collected over \$1200 in just three hours, making this year's total of \$2900 raised for the week exceed the Chapter's previous year performance of \$2550. It is safe to say that the Epsilon Chi Chapter has begun an annual tradition that will continue to support the fight against cancer.

If your chapter has news or events you would like to share in a future publication. Please send a brief write-up and photos to: tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org.

CLVEN Update: Complete a CLVEN Application

Click to Download the CLVEN Chapter Assessment Form

CLVEN – the Fraternity's National Housing Corporation is up and running. While CLVEN's initial focus will be to establish and be an ongoing catalyst for communication of housing related issues for formed housing corporations and interested alumni groups, funds may be available to provide limited support to chapters wishing to complete housing renovations or pursue other housing projects. The Housing Corporation would like to obtain the information listed on this form, along with a detailed description of the project you are seeking financial assistance that would include a line-item budget. CLVEN may vote to provide financial assistance, based on available funds and meeting established criteria as determined by the CLVEN Board of Directors. If your chapter/House Corporation is interested in applying for potential funding from CLVEN, please complete the attached form and return it to Fraternity Headquarters by Friday, October 28, 2011.



The Fraternity's Foundation



The Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation, the largest unrestricted endowment in the Greek world, has officially changed its name to the Alpha Sigma Phi Foundation. To illustrate the name change, a new logo with a new tagline – Invest · Give · Build – has been created. The name simply states what the Foundation does, what the Foundation stands for, and for what the Foundation is striving to achieve.

It had become apparent through interactions with members that the former name, "Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation," was not well understood and inhibited a willingness by our members to invest, give, and build in the Fraternity. The word "educational" is limiting and does not accurately reflect the greater impact of today's Foundation and all of the ways in which our members can be engaged. More significantly, the Foundation clearly caters to more than just those members who wish to give in the educational ambitions of its younger Alpha Sigs. The Foundation exists to provide all Alpha Sigs and those within the Alpha Sig community the opportunity to invest, give, and build in a fraternal experience that seeks to make good men better men.

In the 65 years since its creation, a lot has changed within the Foundation, the Fraternity, philanthropy, fraternal and educational fundraising, and communications. While not radical by any stretch of the imagination, this re-focusing will better position the Foundation to invest, give, and build in a better Fraternity.

News and Notes

- Pi Chapter at the University of Colorado, Boulder is being re-started. Efforts began the week of October 3rd.
- Jim Blachek, Lock Haven '87 has been appointed the new Grand Chapter Advisor for the Epsilon Nu Chapter at Binghamton, SUNY.
- Arizona State University's chartering petition was approved by the Grand Council. They will charter this fall.
- The University of California at Davis charter later this fall. Their chartering petition was recently approved by the Grand Council.
- Augusta State University will become the first chapter ever to be chartered in the state of Georgia. Their petition was approved during the Grand Council's recent meeting.
- Delta Omicron Chapter at Illinois State University is being re-started. Efforts began the week of October 3rd. Contact Jeremy Horne at jhorne@alphasigmaphi.org for more information.
- Jim Blachek, Lock Haven '87 has been appointed the new Grand Chapter Advisor for the Epsilon Nu Chapter at Binghamton, SUNY.
- Dallas Montgomery, Purdue '04 has been appointed the new Grand Chapter Advisor for the Alpha Pi Chapter at Purdue University.
- The Fraternity currently has staff at Indiana University – South Bend recruiting a group of men who will become Founding Fathers.
- Brian Thomas, UC-Berkeley '06 has been appointed the new Grand Chapter Advisor for the Colony at San Francisco State University.
- Jim Miles, William Paterson '99 has been appointed the new Grand Chapter Advisor for the Colony at William Peterson University.

Chapter and Colony Updates

Barton College

The Alumni Brothers of Atlantic Christian/Barton College's Gamma Lambda Chapter had another very successful Nags Head gathering this past spring. 25-30 years ago, a few brothers from the Chapter started going to the beach every year to fish. Other members of the chapter heard



about it and joined in. This event has grown through the years and now happens at the same time every year (the weekend before Mother's Day). Now over 50 Alumni consistently show up every year for golf, the beach, the food, the brotherhood . . . all of which is a 'Recipe' for success! The event begins on Thursday night and runs until Sunday. A red pig cooker is always hot, the Alpha flag is always flying, the music is always playing and the brotherhood couldn't be stronger! The Gamma Lambda Chapter is represented by brothers from the 1960's through to the most recent graduates!! If you want information on attending the 2012 Alpha Sig Nags Head weekend please contact Whit Coolbaugh: call (252) 289-0105 or email: wcoolbaugh_13@hotmail.com

Virginia Tech

One of the Chapter's recent alumni Corporal Ben Kiernan, Virginia Tech '04 was asked to throw out the first pitch at the Pittsburgh Pirates game in honor of September 11 and our Armed Forces. Brother Kiernan was recently injured while serving in the line of duty overseas but has rebounded significantly. [Click here](#) to watch Brother Kiernan throw out the first pitch.



Westminster College

This past spring, Alpha Nu teamed up with Sigma Kappa Sorority and held a "Sr. Prom" dance at the retirement home across the street from the chapter house. Brothers worked the room mingling and dancing with those in the retirement home. The nurses there were very impressed with the chapter and were very appreciative that they were there for the evening. The Chapter plans to continue the event again next spring.

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Founders Day Campaign Begins

Today, Alpha Sigma Phi stands among the best fraternities in American and garners national

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recognition for preparing our men with a co-curricular experience that gives them an advantage over others and makes them better prepared to enter the workforce.

for every new brother

As we approach our 166th Founders Day

we are now an organization of 50,000 members, united by a clear vision of purpose, potential, and commitment dedicated to the proposition that we need to create a stronger organization for future Alpha Sigs. This is now all possible because 166 years ago, three men sought to change the status quo and wanted to create an organization that added value to the lives of its members.

In honor of our 166th anniversary, this Founders Day you are being asked to contribute \$166 towards the Campaign For Every New Brother. Your contribution will support those new members who saw something in Alpha Sigma Phi that they could not find anywhere else. Those chose to join our organization because of you – had it not been for you, your time, and the effort that you put forth as an undergraduate then these new members may

have never gone Greek, or if they had may have never reached their full potential or been exposed to the opportunities that only Alpha Sigma Phi can offer.

Please act now and make your gift of \$166 today by visiting the Fraternity's website or sending your donation to Fraternity Headquarters. Your donation will support the education and development of the organizations newest members – more than 700 have joined Alpha Sigma Phi just this fall. There is no better gift you can give to your organization this Holiday season then to support this Campaign For Every New Brother. The impact of your gift will be put to use immediately and will help the Fraternity offer the best educational experience possible. This year's Founders Day Campaign runs through December 31st.

Make Your Donation Now
(<https://secure.qgiv.com/?key=alphasigmaphi>).

The campaign officially began on November 6th and to date we have raised \$40,000. Track its progress and see a list of donors on the Fraternity's website.

\$166,000

\$40,000 raised

Undergraduate Founders Campaign 1845 Challenge

be put into a drawing and if selected – up to 20 of your chapter or colony's new members will attend Grand Chapter 2012 in Chicago for FREE. That's right; the Foundation will pay the \$200 registration fee for up to 20 of your chapter or colonies new members to attend Grand Chapter in August 2012.

All you need to do to participate is collect \$18.45 from each member in your chapter or colony and send those funds to the Foundation at 710 Adams Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032. Not only will your organization be recognized on Facebook and in the next Tomahawk, but we'll also enter your chapter and colony into the drawing to be a part of Grand Chapter 2012. For more information, please contact Steve Latour at slatour@alphasigmaphi.org or at 317.843.1911 x235. The deadline to submit \$18.45 is December 31st. The drawing will take place during Academy of Leadership January 13 – 15, 2012 in Indianapolis.

You may not have \$166 available, but do you have \$18.45? Here is the challenge – can you get everyone in your chapter or colony to donate \$18.45 to the campaign For Every New Brother? If so, then your chapter or colony will

Lindenwood Hosts 10th Annual Softball Game – Raises \$2K for Brother Fighting Cancer

For the 10th year in a row the Lindenwood Chapter again hosted the Alumni vs. Active Softball Game. More than thirty alumni participated in the daylong event which included a bounce house for their children, coloring station, and lunch after the game. Lead by Chapter President Tyler Counts all of the undergraduates were in attendance and gave it their best effort, but couldn't put one in the win column. The final score 15 to 11 which meant the alumni were 10 – 0 having won every game since the event started in 2001.

By The Numbers Top Five Recruiting Chapters

Recruitment and growth is one of Alpha Sigs top priorities. While much of the focus in recent months has been on the expansion of our organization to new campuses and campuses we once called home, the organization is trying to put just as much emphasis on seeing our current chapters grow in size and strength. As of November 3, 2011, here are the top five recruiting chapters so far this academic year:

1. University of Illinois (33)
2. University of Washington (22)
3. Sonoma State University (20)
4. Clemson University (17)
5. Bowling Green State University (16)

By The Numbers Top Five Recruiting Colonies

Starting a new chapter takes an extraordinary amount of effort and time and is something we have not always been able to do with much consistency. Building strong chapters means creating strong colonies that are focused on growth and building a chapter on their campus that has a healthy balance of business operations and brotherhood. As of November 3, 2011, here are the top five recruiting colonies so far this academic year:

1. University of Arizona (58)
2. Georgia Tech. (35)
3. University of Colorado, Boulder (28)
4. San Francisco State University (24)
5. Arizona State University (19)

What made the event even more special is that the chapter was able to raise \$2,000 through donations to support Alfonso "Paco" Garcia, Lindenwood '97 who is fighting Stage 1 Esophageal Cancer and has 2 little kids and a wife that is going to school and trying to work. Neither has been able to work while Paco is going through Chemo. The Brothers voted unanimously to raise funds to help Paco and recently sent a check for \$2,000, t-shirts, and a framed picture of all of the guys who participated in the game. To learn more about Paco's fight visit www.caringbridge.com.



Grand Chapter Registration

Undergraduate and Alumni registration is now available on the Fraternity's website. If undergraduates and alumni register before April 15, 2012 you'll save \$100 off the cost of your registration. [Click Here](#) to download the registration forms.

This August, men from around the country will gather and share in camaraderie, participate in the rich experience of our storied society, and celebrate everything that – even after 166 years of the greatest achievements and steepest challenges – still makes Alpha Sigma Phi the most unique, authentic, and purpose driven organizations on the planet.

Those who gather for this memorable event will leave with a renewed sense of purpose carrying with them the individual and collective responsibility to keep the Old Gal alive and to continue to help the organization make no little plans for the future.

2011 Distinguished Merit Recipient – In His Own Words

From Arthur B. Keys, Bethany '64, "The Bethany Chapter is certainly going through some interesting times and I have no doubt the reorganization will make the group even stronger and more viable. It is nice to note that even after 166 years; the Fraternity is active, viable, and attractive to a new generation of members. I couldn't be more proud of being an Alpha Sigma Phi."

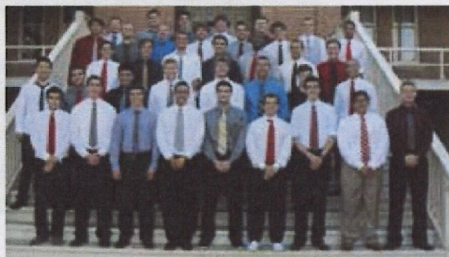
"I also wanted to thank the Grand Council for bestowing on me the honor of the Fraternity's 2011 Distinguished Merit Award. I am humbled that my life-long contribution to helping the world's more vulnerable populations is being recognized in such a public and tangible manner. I have always tried to live my life according to the tenants of the fraternity: to Better the Man, the creation and perpetuation of brotherhood founded upon the values of character... Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism." Editor's Note: We recently learned that the wrong photo of Brother Keys was printed in fall 2011 Tomahawk magazine. This picture is of Brother Keys. Brother Keys, we apologize for this mistake.



Chapter and Colony Updates

Arizona Colony

Nearly sixty men strong the Fraternity now officially recognizes a Colony at the University of Arizona. Greek Life Staff told Fraternity Headquarters that this Colony was the



most successful new colony at Arizona in recent memory. Since Fraternity Staff left at the end of September the new colony has been focusing on brotherhood development and becoming more active in the Arizona Greek community. The new Colony has also been involved in some community events recently participating in the Greek-or-Treat with Chi Omega, helping the Boys and Girls Club with set up for their event, as well as participated in Cat Walk.

Maryland

On June 29, 2011, John "Johnny" S. Brungot, Maryland '09 passed away. To honor him and his contributions to the chapter, the Epsilon Delta Chapter held the first Johnny B. Horror Show on the Row

News and Notes

- The Fraternity has been approved to start a new chapter at the University of California – Irvine during the winter 2014 term.
- Next fall, the Fraternity will begin expansion efforts at the University of South Florida. This will be the first time the Fraternity will add a new chapter in Florida since 1952.
- More than 35 undergraduates participated in the Georgia Tech. Colonization Ceremony on November 1st. Georgia Tech. now becomes the second group in the State of Georgia.
- On Friday, October 28th the men at the University of Arizona were colonized becoming an official Colony of the Fraternity. The Arizona Colony is a re-start, so when the group re-charters they will re-take their old designation of Gamma Iota.

Reminders

Burns Institute Applications

Chapter and Individual Applications to attend the Burns Institute are due to Fraternity Headquarters by Monday, November 21, 2011. Space is limited, so send your materials as soon as possible.

Academy Registration

If the newly elected President, Recruitment Director, and Membership Education Director are registered by December 6, 2011, then the Fraternity will waive the \$100 per person registration cost. As soon as elections occur, please have these men complete the registration form and return it by December 6th.

Renew – National Alumni Gathering

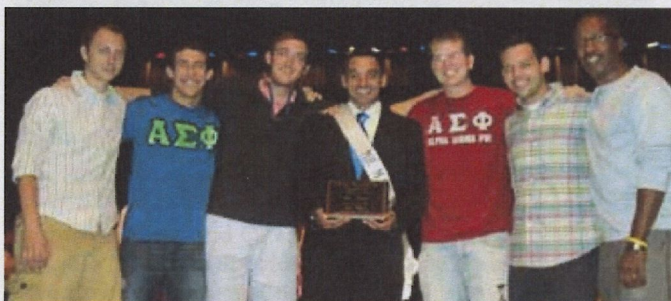
This February, alumni from around the country will meet in Las Vegas to show in Brotherhood and take in the sights and sounds of Las Vegas. Registration and information are available on the website. Early Registration is due December 6th.

Chapter and Colony Updates



Tribute Event. The chapter rented a giant inflatable movie screen and popcorn machine and hosted a horror movie on Greek row in honor of Johnny. More than 70 participated and watched one of his

favorite movies, Poltergeist. It took getting approval from the police, DFSL, University Stamp Reservations, and Campus Recreation to be able to host the event. In a true Johnny-style ending, the movie's climax was complemented by someone kicking out the plug (by accident) of the movie screen, causing the entire screen to deflate. The chapter plans to host a philanthropy version of the event next year earlier in the fall. Before the event was held, Epsilon Delta Brothers, close friends of Johnny, and George Brungot (Johnny's father), gathered in the front yard of the chapter house to plant a star magnolia tree in memory of Johnny. In the spring the chapter plans to have a plaque placed at the tree in Johnny's honor.



Murray State

The Delta Tau Chapter at Murray State University has had a busy but successful semester thus far. With an initial recruitment effort of 15 members, the brotherhood decided to continue to push and has taken a second pledge class of 7 men for the fall. While recruitment has been a big focus for the brothers at Murray State, the chapter has also been involved with other ventures on campus. In September, Brother Alonzo D. Crawford, Murray State '09, competed in the Mr. MSU competition and was crowned Mr. MSU by the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi. Later in the month, the chapter participated in Murray State's Greek Week where they were partnered with Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Delta Pi. The three organizations collectively won the 2011 Greek Week.

The brotherhood has also been busy on the philanthropic front. This semester, the chapter has raised \$500 for LIVESTRONG with the event SwingHard and has also raised \$400 for the Calloway County Heart Walk, benefitting the American Heart Association.

New Jersey Institute of Technology

The Alpha Rho Chapter participated in the Newark, New Jersey Breast Cancer Walk on October 16th, 2011 where over 12,000 participants walked and an excess of \$345,000 was raised.



Left to right: David W. Peyton, NJIT '09, Christopher J. Walsh, NJIT '09, Timothy W. Tham, NJIT '10, William T. Barry, NJIT '11, Andrew M. Nolan, NJIT '10, Nicholas J. Yacullo, NJIT '11, Scott Z. Margolies, NJIT '08, Jordan C. Brosch, NJIT '09, Mohammed A. Hossain, NJIT '11, and Joseph R. Bergantino, NJIT '11.

Oregon State Colony

The colony has a place to now call home on campus and this fall made it official with the addition of an official sign for the front yard. Grand Chapter Advisor Kris Yates, Oregon State '01 worked with Fraternity Headquarters for the standard house sign template and then created this sign and gave it to the colony earlier this fall.



Plattsburgh

The Brothers of the Delta Xi Chapter at SUNY Plattsburgh held their first annual LIVESTRONG week with various events. Monday was a business run to get sponsorship and donations from as many local businesses as possible. Tuesday was the faculty run where brothers asked their Professors to sponsor them as they rode a stationary bike for a period of time the last day of the week. Wednesday was an event called Pie a Phi which was done in collaboration with Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority where Greek members were pied in the face for a \$1 donation. Thursday was a "Can Jam Tournament" with the Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon where teams of two competed for a few small prizes. Friday is the

last and biggest event called "Bike-a-thon." This is their 3rd annual event where brothers ride a stationary bike for a period of time to represent the constant struggle against cancer. The Delta Xi Chapter raised about \$1200 during their week of events.

Rutgers

2003 Delta Beta Xi Recipient Mitchell S. Speert, Rutgers '87 presented award to Paul C. Sweetwood, Rutgers '75 with a 2011 Delta Beta Xi Award and Key. Sweetwood was chosen by previous Delta Beta Xi award recipients as part of the 2011 awards selection process. The ceremony occurred on October 16th after the Joseph Kunigonis Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing in the presence of undergraduates, alumni, executive members of the Rutgers Alumni Association of Beta Theta and Rutgers Chapter Council members.



Left to right: Grand Chapter Advisor Sam J. Patel, Rutgers '06, Alex Shoyket, Rutgers '06, Paul C. Sweetwood, Rutgers '75, Steven R. Wingert, Rutgers '75, Mitchell S. Speert, Rutgers '87 and Paul J. Balestiero, Rutgers '86.

UC-Berkeley

This fall the Nu Chapter held a LIVESTRONG fundraiser called Cuts for Cancer, and participated in the Berkeley Project for Community Service. The Thursday before Halloween the Chapter also participated in Trick or Greek, where groups of elementary school kids trick-or-treat down fraternity row and participate in games set up by each chapter house. This fall the Brotherhood Development Director, Seth M. Weinberg, UC-Berkeley '10 has also started a weekly brotherhood night on Wednesday nights where the

chapter holds brotherhood card games or a communal meal to keep the brotherhood connected.

Wake Forest

The Beta Mu Chapter held an Alpha Sig Kickball tournament and raised \$500 for LIVESTRONG and \$353 for the Michael Corrigan Scholarship Foundation. This year at Hit the Bricks, one of the largest philanthropy events on campus, our chapter rose over \$3900 for cancer research. They raised the most out of any fraternity and about 15% of the total money raised. This is quite significant as there were 89 teams registered. At the Wake Forest Homecoming game Brother Roman C. Nelson, Wake Forest '10, won Homecoming King. Another Brother Hamlin L. Wade, Wake Forest '09 was also on Homecoming Court.

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Founders Day 2011

"Yesterday I was on the phone with a friend from high school who happens to live in the apartment above me here at Stanford. As I was talking to him about making plans to see each other before we head home for the holidays, he said to me "Wow, Chris. I don't know what happened in the past 5 years, but you have really matured a lot." I didn't really think about what he had said as I was telling him that I had to go to continue writing my paper.

In His Own Words



At the stroke of midnight, I realized that it was December 6th and decided to write on my Facebook status "Causa Latet, Vis Est Notissima." It struck me there that being a part of this brotherhood really made me a better man. By being a part of something bigger than me, I have learned how to

be selfless, humble and understanding. I realize that I am not a perfect person and I try not to fault others for their imperfections.

This past weekend I had the chance to be a part of the San Francisco State University's Initiation Ceremony. I am gracious and excited that I have a chance of being a part of their chapter council along with Brian, Colt, and Tyler. I am in amazement of the older alumni who showed up to help us out on Friday night. (There was a brother present who was initiated in 1949!) I feel truly honored to see the next generation of Alpha Sigs and help them develop into men of character who exemplify our virtues of Silence, Charity, Honor, Purity, and Patriotism.

So today, I wore my letters with pride and joy. While I may be alone on this campus with my letters, I know that I am truly connected with brothers across the nation.

Without you, my brothers, today would have been just a regular day and I might have been moaning about finals and project deadlines. But today is a day of celebration and enthusiasm as we begin the future of the Old Gal."

We are Nine Years Away

It may be hard to believe that the Old Gal will celebrate its 175th anniversary in just nine years. The Fraternity is stronger today than it was just a year ago, and many times stronger than it was two years ago. While our strength can be attributed to the vision of our Grand Council, our unprecedented success is thanks to you – our members, our volunteers, and our financial supporters.

This year we commemorated our 166th anniversary and all that the Fraternity has become and look forward to its continued success in the months and years to come as we march closer and closer to our 175th anniversary. Until that time, continue to be engaged, give of your time and talent, have courage, and be bold in taking your chapter or colony to new heights. May our Founders Day serve as a reminder that all things are possible within the scope of human endeavor...

A native of Honolulu, Hawaii Christopher C. Lee, IIT '07 is a former Chapter President of Alpha Xi at the Illinois Institute of Technology now studying Design-Construction Integration at Stanford University. Lee is the 2009 Scholar-of-the-Year Recipient.

Our Ritual – Stronger than Ever

This December, in honor of Founders Day, we wanted to highlight all that has been done in recent years to support the Fraternity's Ritual that directly ties us to our Founders.. Here are highlights of what the Old Gal has done to keep Ritual at the forefront of the Alpha Sig experience:

- Grand Chapter Delegates in 2006 adopt a revised/ updated Ritual Book that includes a Colonization Ceremony, Grand Chapter Advisor Installation Ceremony, and updated Pledge Ceremony.
- 2008 Grand Chapter Delegates adopt a revised/ updated Ritual Book that includes sample Invocations and Benedictions, new ceremony maps, and an updated Senior Service Ceremony. Ritual Education was also fully developed and included in the document – this resource is used by the chapter's Marshal or Ritual Advisor to walk through the Ritual following the Initiation Ceremony.
- The Ritual Book was re-printed in the fall of 2009 and six copies are now distributed to every chapter. The sixth copy is to be used by the Grand Chapter Advisor or Ritual Advisor.
- In 2010, the number of black robes given to a new chapter increases from 10 to 20, and a replica of the Pledge Pin is created and given to each new chapter; in total the Fraternity now provides each new chartered chapter with more than \$5,000 in equipment to conduct our ceremonies.
- Today there are over fifty men who serve as a Ritual Advisor on Chapter Councils. Three years ago there were less than five that held the position.
- The Ritual Education Team is reestablished; alumni are trained and are available to assist with Pledge and Initiation Ceremonies at both colonies and chapters.
- The Fraternity's Annual Report now contains a section specifically for Ritual Exemplifications. Chapters can earn points for conducting the Fraternity's Ceremonies. Those with the highest number of points are eligible to receive the Manigault Award for Ritual – an award created within recent years.

- A Ritual Education Track is added to Elevate – National Leadership Conference. Close to thirty undergraduates participate in the inaugural track lead by three Ritual Education Team members. A Ritual Track is also planned for Grand Chapter 2012.

As the bedrock of the Alpha Sigma Phi experience, ensuring that our Ritual is well cared for and receives our upmost attention are critical to the long-term success of the Fraternity. That is why so much attention has been given to our Ritual in recent years. If you are just as passionate about the Fraternity's Ritual and would like to volunteer on the Ritual Education Team or volunteer to be a Ritual Advisor on a Chapter Council, please send an email to tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org and put "Ritual Team" in the subject. Our goal is to one day have two to three alumni on the Ritual Team within a drive from each chapter. Not only are we then able to service our new groups, we are also able to better support our chapters.

Fraternity to Establish Editorial Board

This spring, the Fraternity will establish an Editorial Board for The Tomahawk. The Editorial Board for The Tomahawk Magazine will play an important role in keeping the magazine fresh and relevant for the various audiences served. Audiences include alumni and undergraduate members of Alpha Sigma

Phi, their families, college and university administrators, faculty advisers, and non-member volunteers at the chapter level. The editorial board will work closely with the magazine's editor and the communications director for Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters.

The face-to-face meeting's purpose is to chart a rolling two-year editorial calendar. If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please send an email to tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org and put "Editorial Board" in the subject.

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Founders Day Campaign – Give \$166 Today

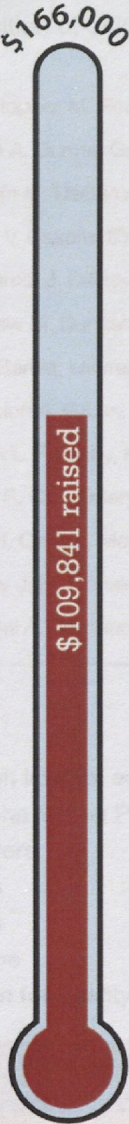
Response to the Founders Day Campaign has been outstanding. Thank you to the hundreds of Brothers – alumni and undergraduate alike – that have contributed to support the Campaign For Every New Brother.

Your contribution will support those new members who saw something in Alpha Sigma Phi that they could not find anywhere else. They chose to join our organization because of alumni like you – had it not been for you, your time, and the effort that you put forth as an undergraduate then these new members may have never gone Greek, or if they had, would have never been exposed to the opportunities that only Alpha Sigma Phi can offer.

Please act now – the deadline is December 31st – and make your gift of \$166 today by visiting the Fraternity's website or send your donation to Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters. Your donation will support the education and development of our newest members – nearly 900 have joined Alpha Sigma Phi just this fall. The impact of your gift will be put to use immediately and will help the Fraternity offer the best educational experience possible.

make a gift

The campaign officially began on November 6th and to date we have raised \$109,841. Track its progress and see a list of donors on the Fraternity's website.



News and Notes

- The Fraternity has hired Jeremy Ried, Elmhurst '07 as a Coordinator of Chapter and Colony Development. As an undergraduate, Jeremy served the Delta Chi Chapter as Vice President, Recruitment Director, Membership Education Director, Marshal, and IFC Representative. He is the first staff member from the Delta Chi Chapter at Elmhurst College.
- Fraternity Headquarters Staff Member Jeremy Horne, Ohio Wesleyan '08 accepted a position with the newly elected Mayor of Findlay Ohio; his last day on staff was November 15th. We knew in July that we were only going to have a few months with him, but we are grateful for his service.
- The Foundation is excited to announce that Jill Carrel, a Butler University graduate, has been hired. Jill will work part-time on Monday and Wednesday as the Stewardship Coordinator. She is a national volunteer for Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women. Jill lives with her husband and two children in Indianapolis. Jill's first day was on December 5th.
- George Alexander, Rutgers '67 was appointed by Grand Council to serve as the Grand Chapter Advisor Pi Colony at the University of Colorado.
- 1st Sgt. Samuel Alameda, USMC Ret. was appointed by the Grand Council to serve as the Grand Chapter Advisor for the Indiana University—South Bend Colony at IU - South Bend. He plans to get Initiated into the Fraternity when the men are Initiated this spring. He is working with other Alpha Sigs to help build the Chapter Council IUSB.
- G. Scott Grissom, Oklahoma '78 was appointed by the Grand Council to serve as the Grand Chapter Advisor for Colony at Cameron University in Oklahoma. Scott is the Vice-Chairman of the Ritual Education Team and is a past member of the Fraternity's Grand Council.
- The Fraternity is looking for men to serve as a Grand Chapter Advisor at either UNC-Asheville or University of Arizona. If you are interested and would like some additional information, please send an email to tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org.

New Elected Presidents

The Fraternity would like to congratulate the following men on being elected to serve their chapter/colony as President. As indicated in the Annual Report elections are to occur in November each fall with the officer installation to occur no later than December 6th to allow for the transition of officers. Here are those men that were reported through the Officer Portal as of December 12th.

Eugene F. O'Donnell, Akron '10

Curtis B. Adams, Albright '10

Johnathan H. Jacobs, Appalachian St. '10

William S. Hammond, Augusta St. '11

Gabriel J. Shapiro, Baldwin-Wallace '10

Alex C. Richardson, Barton '10

Steven E. Johnson, Binghamton '10

Julian Diaz, Buffalo '10

Richard A. Myers, Capital '10

Nicholas J. Stepaniak, Central Michigan '09

Danny S. Dressler, Cincinnati '11

Hudson A. Lewis, Colorado '11

Joshua A. Pawley, Colorado State '11

Christopher M. Poulakos, Elmhurst '10

Dylan A. Dunne, Grand Valley '10

William M. DeCerce, Hartwick '10

Ryan V. Cakora, Illinois '10

Benjamin J. DiGiovoni, Illinois State

Andrew M. Duncan, IU-South Bend

Ivan Garcia, Lawrence Tech.

Brandon A. Gross, Longwood '10

Derek L. Ramsey, Marshall '10

John S. Cline, Maryland '11

Kyle T. Chittim, McDaniel '11

Casey J. McDonald, Miami '11

Gabriel A. Pogliano, Michigan '10

Connor Davis, Montclair State '11

Bradley D. Ezell, Murray State '09

Riley J. Asbury, New Hampshire '10

Patrick J. Cassingham, Northern Michigan '08

Chirag K. Masekar, Ohio State '10

Christopher W. Martin, Ohio Wesleyan '10

Brendan J. Sanders, Oregon State '11

Jake C. Ritzenthaler, Otterbein '11

Harrison A. Levin, Penn State '11

Matthew K. Henson, Presbyterian '10

Charles M. Schuetz, Purdue '09

Sean J. Riordan, Seton Hall '11

James A. Mataras, Stevens Tech. '10

Scott F. Weis, Toledo '09

An V. Truong, UNC-Ashville '11

Christopher L. Tomlinson, UVA-Wise '09

Nathan W. Davis, Virginia Tech. '09

Mike Haderer, Wake Forest '10

Mike L. O'Leary, Westminster '10

Daniel Kerber, Salem State '11

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Role of the Board:

- Ensure that the magazine maintains a high level of editorial integrity and aids in advancing the purpose of Alpha Sigma Phi.
- Help determine topics of interest for readers
- Assist with identifying story opportunities
- Assist with contacting sources for stories
- Assist with writing stories for the magazine
- Review story materials prior to publication for quality and accuracy

Chapter News and Notes



Iowa State - Phi Chapter Cannon, lit up for the holidays.



New Jersey Institute of Tech (NJIT) – The chapter room decorated for the Holidays at Alpha Rho Chapter.



Rio Grande – Held Thanksgiving dinner with the Delta Epsilon Sorority just before Thanksgiving break.

If you have news worth sharing, please send a brief write-up to tbtm@alphasigmaphi.org. Don't forget to include a few photos.