

The Essence of Brotherhood

Petition for Recognition as a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi

Beta Iota Colony

PETITION FOR CHARTER

We, the Uninitiated Brothers of the Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Tufts University, hereby Petition the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi for Recognition as a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

To demonstrate the merit of our Petition, we have included a comprehensive description of our membership, our activities and our principles. We believe that our period of Colonization has been a rewarding experience in which we have discovered Brotherhood, greater Scholarship, and heightened Dedication to our Alma Mater.

We ask for thorough examination of the Character of Ourselves, our Colony and its History of the last two years. We long to complete our Journey into the Light and Brotherhood of the Mystic Circle.

FOREWORD

Almost two years have passed since the Colonization Banquet of Beta Iota at Tufts University. When we started we were working from a document known as "The Minimum Standards of a Chapter." These are standards which we enthusiastically pursued and easily accomplished. Even though we lost half our members over the first summer of our Colonization period, we had attained these minimums and more within a year. However, we were then informed that standards of operation were not standards of Chartering.

We quickly left those behind and began a much less defined process of convincing the Fraternity that Beta Iota was good enough to be a Chapter. The most important aspect was to prove that Beta Iota would be around for a long time to come. The problems that other current chapters are having has necessitated stricter standards by which a Colony must be measured. We wholeheartedly agree that this is necessary. Unfortunately, this was communicated to us as a change in policy during a difficult time for the Colony.

We have persevered through this and have sought to build up a Brotherhood that will remain at Tufts far into the future. We believe the foundation for this must be the quality of the men chosen. Though we could be larger as the result of our Rushing Activities, we have chosen men based on their suitability as Brothers, and have not unreasonably concerned ourselves with a quota. Beta Iota has grown under this policy and will continue to grow into the future.

Beta Iota Colony is ready to become a Chapter, and this is readily apparent in the text which follows. We present this petition to you with eager expectation and hope that you will enjoy the pages that follow.

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The Essence of Brotherhood

Beta Iota Colony does not have forty members on its Roster. It does have one of the most active Brotherhoods possible. In thirteen weeks of classes this past semester the Colony held twenty five scheduled events. Of course, this does not include the eleven Rush-only events, or the six committee meetings each week, which many times turned into informal parties or bull sessions after the business was done, or the weekly Brotherhood dinners.

We have built a Brotherhood based, not on numbers, but on a common Spirit which binds us together. This is the intangible part of our Brotherhood, the part which can not be adequately described in the two dimensions of ink on paper. Yet this Spirit not only hold us together, it draws others into our group. This semester we have Pledged ten men and are waiting to Pledge five more. These men were inspired by the Brotherhood of Beta Iota and are committed to continuing the exciting traditions of which they have become a part. In just one semester they have replaced every graduating senior and added four more besides. In the coming semester these men will grow under the guidance of those they will replace, as they learn and experience the nature of this underlying Spirit.

This Spirit is simply a never ending drive To Better the Man. The essence of Brotherhood itself. Not just a quaint phrase repeated in monotones, but a Principle the Brothers of Beta Iota have taken to be their own. This Spirit is demonstrated to a Rushee from his first contact with the Colony, and is expected of a Pledge from the moment the Pin is placed over his heart. Each Pledge has responded to these efforts immediately by trying to better himself and his fellow Pledges.

Explanations are inadequate to describe the nature of this Spirit, but a true story might add another dimension to the picture.

This past Fall there was a flu epidemic on campus and it was not long before one of the new Pledges came down with it. He did not make a Pinnacle Week breakfast because he was flat on his back in bed. A number of Brothers and his fellow Pledges visited him when they found out he was sick, but none had so uplifting a visit as the Brother who dropped by at the end of the day. When this Brother entered the room, the Pledge looked up at him and said, "I can't believe it! Everybody has come to see me today. It's been so good!"

This small display of Brotherhood meant a great deal to a Pledge worried about missing a Pinnacle Week breakfast. Certainly visiting a sick friend is no big deal, but when you ask Jon Goldman if he knows what Brotherhood means, he will smile and say "Certainly."

I. COLONY BACKGROUND

Chris Koenders, a Tufts senior, had a friend at Cornell in the Iota Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi who came across Tufts University's name in the back of his "To Better the Man" manual during his Pledge Education. Hearing Chris talk about his desire for an alternative to the stereotyped fraternities already here, he suggested to Chris that he restart the Beta Iota Chapter which had been here until the mid-1970's. Chris talked to fellow seniors John Keller and Jeff Kleegeer, who helped him put the idea into action.

The refounding of Beta Iota Colony became "public" in Lewis Hall Lounge, Tufts University, on March 10, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. A group of interested men responded to a small advertisement in the Tufts Daily which queried, "Interested in starting a Fraternity?" Over thirty men met that day with Chris Koenders, Jeff Kleegeer and John Keller, three seniors who had a dream of restarting "The Old Gal" on our campus.

In a hand-out distributed at the meeting they pointed out three reasons to join a fraternity: "1) social policy changes on campus warrant new social institutions; 2) a fraternity [as they and those of us who joined envisioned it] is an institution that not only provides a 'party' atmosphere, but beyond that, a brotherhood which supports its members academically and socially -- one which fosters a desire to excel in all fields of college life; 3) a fraternity is a lifetime commitment and promotes college loyalties beyond the four years at Tufts."

They then talked about Alpha Sigma Phi and the old Beta Iota chapter. Beta Iota was founded in 1931 as Alpha Kappa Pi, becoming a chapter in Alpha Sigma Phi when the two fraternities merged in 1946. It ceased to exist officially in 1979, due to a widespread drop of interest in fraternities as a whole, and lack of membership at the Beta Iota Chapter

specifically.

Chris and John brought up three reasons why the Beta Iota Colony should be restarted. Apart from the advantages gained from joining any fraternity, they pointed out the added benefits to founding your own: "1) a chance to structure the fraternity to the members' own specifications; 2) the experience gained is not unlike starting a regular business; 3) there is already some positive alumni support, a clear advantage of refounding a chapter versus founding one which has never been on campus."

We had a few more meetings and eventually we were colonized on May 3, 1986. We had planned activities during the summer, but they did not all come to pass. Upon return to school that fall, we discovered quite a few who had been involved in the recolonization had lost interest over the summer. From the original twenty nine who had pledged, two graduated and a staggering eleven men chose to drop out of the fraternity. While this could have been perceived as a completely negative occurrence, one that would have caused many others to choose to abandon the project completely, this did not happen to us. Instead, it served to pare the group down to a more tight-knit, truly interested band of men. This hard working group set out right away to improve and grow, bringing us to the current group of extremely dedicated men.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year at Tufts</u>	<u>Major</u>
David Abel	Senior	Child Study
Kenneth Ankiewicz	Freshman	Engineering
Matthew Birkner	Freshman	Electrical Engineering

Serge Botsaris	Senior	Biology and Psychology
Eric Brown	Junior	American Studies
Tom Cammaro	Sophomore	Electrical Engineering
Brett Clemmer	Senior (non-grad'ing)	Clinical Psychology
Brian Crowley	Junior	Electrical Engineering
Jose de la Hoz	Freshman	Undecided
Avram Dorfman	Freshman	Undecided
Peter Gargalianos	Freshman	Engineering
John Giantis	Senior	Economics and Pol. Science
Jonathan Goldman	Freshman	Undecided
Ian Goldsmith	Sophomore	Biology
Daniel Groszman	Freshman	Undecided
Randy Guthrie	Junior	Electrical Engineering
Michael Hopkins	Sophomore	Economics
David Hung	Senior	Classics and Economics
Brian Kane	Senior	Quantitative Economics
Richard Kilstock	Senior	Pre-Law
Timothy Lohse	Junior	Electrical Engineering
Bruce Perelman	Junior	Undergraduate Studies
Neil Peretz	Junior	Pol. Science and Psychology
Douglas Portnoy	Senior	Pre-Law
David Pucci	Senior	Chemical Engineering
David Sable	Senior	Chemistry
Andrés Sasson	Freshman	Undecided
Mike Schultz	Junior	English
Mark Treitel	Freshman	Undecided
Robert Tormaschy, Jr.	Senior	Undergraduate Studies
Howard Wexler	Junior	Electrical Engineering
Theodore Willson	Senior	Computer Science

B. Biographies

David Abel

When we all talk of the goals of life and the pursuit of happiness serving as the primary goal, we all have our own perceptions of what that happiness represents. For me, striving for academic excellence, and more importantly, dealing with people, are ways in which I can pursue happiness and ultimately have an impact on society.

The key phrase here is impact on society, for to accomplish this one has to assume a leadership role of some sort. A great deal of my life experiences in high school and college have fostered my desire to work with people.

I have lived in Brooklyn for all but one year of my life, and residing in such an urban environment has shaped my personality. One sees injustices such as crime and prejudice. My high school was desegregated and racial tensions ran high. It would have been easy to become preoccupied with the problems surrounding my school. Instead I immersed myself in my work and extra-curricular activities. The latter was especially important as I was able to work with people. I was editor of the school newspaper, an actor in several productions and a member of the orchestra. In addition, I spent a great deal of time volunteering in a local hospital as an EKG assistant, recovery room assistant, and a nurse's aide. This experience gave me the opportunity to assume responsibility. This served as a prime motivation for my determination to become a physician. I wanted (and still do) the ability to heal people.

My upbringing, and especially my parents' attitudes, were influential in allowing me to develop a healthy sense of myself. My parents

encouraged me to think for myself, and taught me that life is not always fair. This is important for the physician to learn as he or she must accept this and see that life goes on even after a tragedy occurs. My father is a dentist and I have seen the rewards one can receive from working with people. My younger brother who, at 17, is 5 years my junior, is also learning to be persistent in his pursuit of happiness and will be attending the State University of New York Business School in the Fall of 1988.

Tufts University was a wonderful way to develop my leadership qualities. In addition to pursuing a bachelor's degree in Child Study, Alpha Sigma Phi has been an incredible experience. I was proud and honored to have been chosen as the first HSP of the Colony. I enjoyed my term as we fought for survival and recognition from the rest of the Tufts Community as a viable and legitimate fraternity. By the time I handed over the title and its responsibilities to Brett Clemmer in January of 1987, Alpha Sigma Phi had proven itself to the rest of the Greek system here. Our contributions to all-Greek events such as our Spring Block Party had gained us recognition from the administration and the Inter-Greek Council, securing our spot in the Tufts community for years to come.

As for my personal plans, I am aiming to enter a field of medicine involving children. I feel I possess the essential qualities to enter medicine, namely compassion, sensitivity and personability. From high school activities to college and fraternity life I have found myself in leadership roles. I look forward to continuing to assume leadership roles and contributing to society.

Kenneth Douglas Ankiewicz

I was born and raised in Lynn, Massachusetts. I attended St. Pius V

school from grades K - 8. During both the seventh and the eighth grade I won the first prize at my school's annual science fairs; in seventh grade for a project on the aerodynamics of an airplane wing, in the eighth grade for a project on inertia and momentum. Also, from the fourth to the eighth grades I was a member of the St. Pius V choir. We performed on all Sundays and feast days at the church which was a part of our school. We also performed at the Kennedy Library, and at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, Massachusetts. In July, 1980, the choir toured Italy and Ireland. In August, 1981, the choir performed with Seiji Ozawa and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in Tanglewood, MA, the summer home of the orchestra. Throughout grammar school I was also a member of the Boy Scouts of America and the Lynn Youth Soccer Association.

After graduating from St. Pius V in 1983, I attended St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA for my freshman, sophomore and junior years. During these three years I was a member of the track team, and participated in all three seasons: cross-country in the fall, indoor in the winter, and outdoor in the spring. Our team won the Catholic Conference Title (Division 1) three years consecutively, and also participated in regional and state competitions.

I had been paying my own way through school since sophomore year, but due to financial difficulties, I transferred from St. John's in the first quarter of my senior year. I spent the remainder of the year at Lynn English High School, a public school. Here I was a member of the track team and the chess club. I was a National Merit Commended student in 1986, and graduated in 1987. In the Boy Scouts I was able to achieve the level of Life Scout.

Throughout high school I worked to support my education. My places of employment have included the Heartland Food Warehouse in Salem, MA, West Lynn Creamer, in Lynn, and the Lynn City Hall Census Office. I also

accepted an opportunity to work for the political campaign of Sandy Tennant, candidate for Mayor of Lynn in 1985.

I am currently a freshman at Tufts University, College of Engineering. I learned about Alpha Sigma Phi from our recently elected HSP, Howie Wexler, who is my student advisor. I had received letters from him over the summer, and was invited to many Alpha Sig events when I arrived at Tufts. The brothers made my transition to Tufts very easy. I was a member of the first pledge class of this year, and have since been elected HA. I have found Alpha Sigma Phi an incredibly enriching experience already, one I know will be open to many more young men in the future.

Matthew Birkner

My name is Matthew H. Birkner and I am currently a freshman at Tufts University. I am a life-long resident of Peabody, Massachusetts, and have a brother, Jim, and a sister, Sue. I am the youngest in my family, so I am still treated as "the baby" when I return home to visit every few weeks.

Here at Tufts I am studying Electrical Engineering, so I am kept pretty busy by my schoolwork. Since there are so many social activities to participate in, I have learned the great importance of time management. I am a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and I have enjoyed being a part of the brotherhood. Personally, I have made a list of goals which I hope to achieve while at Tufts. I have a burning desire to make our fraternity grow and prosper. I realize that I must take initiative, and I am ready to and have already done so. In our recent elections, I was named HC and appointed Public Relations Committee Chairman and hope to start there.

Back at home I have many close friends and I work summers at a local

gas station. Here I have learned much about "the real world" and I have met some truly remarkable individuals. I enjoy fishing, baseball, playing the guitar and working on cars.

In conclusion, I am a person who loves a challenge and strives for excellence. I feel honored to be an Alpha Sig, and I plan to give back my time and hard work to "the Old Gal."

Serge Botsaris

I was born on May 29th, 1966, in Framingham, Massachusetts. I am the only child of a Greek-born professor and a French-born teacher. I spent the first twelve years of my life in Natick, MA where I grew up in a small house. I enjoyed nature and science as a child. At age twelve I moved to Wayland, MA where I spent my junior and senior high school years.

In Junior High I joined the Mathematics Team and the French Club. I excelled in Science and Mathematics, but also enjoyed History and English. I spent my two summers of Junior High School traveling to Europe and visiting relatives in France and Greece. It was in Junior High School, as well, that I met my best friend who I have known for almost ten years.

In High School I continued my involvement on the Math Team, which made it to the New England Championships for two years in a row. I also participated in the French Club and was a member of the Fantasy and Gaming Club. Sophomore year, a few friends and I founded a school newspaper which I worked with through senior year, when I became editor-in-chief. We published an eight to sixteen page newsletter biweekly. Junior year I began working as a salesperson in a local department store fifty hours a week during the summer and thirty hours a week during the school year. This job lasted until the beginning of my

freshman year at Tufts. Senior year I entered the National Honor Society and became a National Merit Scholar. Midway through my senior year I moved in with my father in Acton, MA. My parents had been separated for eight years. I enrolled at Tufts in the fall of 1984.

I entered Tufts with twelve advanced placement credits (the equivalent of 3 full semesters of college) and proceeded to earn my combined biology and psychology degrees. I joined the Film Series, where I later became treasurer. I also participated in the Tae Kwon Do Club, and during my freshman year was the copy and calendar editor of the Tufts weekly newspaper, the Observer. During the spring semester of my sophomore year I helped to found the Beta Iota Colony here at Tufts. Since then, I have helped to raise over \$650 for our colony through T-shirt sales, and organized our charity booth for Tufts Kid's Day, the "Soak-a-Sig" Booth.

During my summer vacations at college I have worked in two different research labs and at two restaurants. I worked at a lab in Cambridge, MA analyzing consumer products for asbestos content, and for the past year and a half I have worked in a membrane separations company as a technician, specializing in ethanol reduction in alcoholic beverages. This year I am applying to medical schools and hope to become a physician. My hobbies include beachcombing, coin collecting, orienteering, reading, archaeology and film.

Eric D. Brown

I am as much of a native New Englander as you can get. I was born in Woburn, Massachusetts on September 8, 1966, and moved to Belmont, MA at the age of three. I attended Belmont public schools through the eighth

grade, at which my time I enrolled in the Belmont Hill School, a private all boys school in my town.

My grades and test scores at Belmont Hill were good enough to get me into Tufts, where I started in the Fall of 1984. After a room switch during my freshman year, I ended up with my now Fraternity brother Dave Pucci. Little did I know the ramifications of having Dave for a roommate. Dave took it upon himself to see that I actually had a social life. By the end of the year, Dave, myself and a few others picked up a name which is still with us now: "The Bones." During my sophomore year I lived with Serge Botsaris, Ted Willson and John Giantis, all of whom are now brothers. This was also a fun year, and we ended it with the notion that we all join a fraternity which was restarting. My junior year was a good news bad news story. The good news was that the Fraternity, which had started out as a bunch of cliques, developed into a tight-knit group with brotherhood as its base. The bad news was that poor study habits in the Fall caused me to do poorly, and though I did fairly well in all but one course in the Spring, I decided to take a semester off at the end of the year, which was this last Fall semester.

I will return to Tufts in January. I have been working since June in a sales/service position, catching up on many hobbies which I had neglected while in college (restoring antique clocks, cars, cycling and model railroading) and nurturing a relationship with a terrific girl from Tufts who I met in December.

I plan to be more organized in January, and my brothers have "offered" to help. Alpha Sigma Phi has instituted a study table on Tuesday nights, and I have been informed in no uncertain terms that I will be "expected."

Looking forward to the future I hope to get involved in real estate, fixing up old houses to rent and sell.

Brett Clemmer

I was born in Washington, D.C. on September 29, 1966, and my family moved around until I was in the second grade. It was then that we moved to Massachusetts, ending up in historic Lexington when I was in the fourth grade.

Though I was able to participate in both drama and sports in junior high school, there wasn't time to do both in high school and I chose sports. I played both football and lacrosse, earning a varsity letter in both. I participated in Lexington High School's Student Leaders Program during my junior and senior years. The program was made up of varsity athletes who also showed academic excellence and were nominated by a faculty member and a coach. We ran a Walk-a-thon for the Charley Davidson Cancer Research Fund at Mass. General Hospital, helped in the running of the physical education department, and tried to learn more about ourselves and group dynamics through special activities, such as a survival course.

I also was a charter member of our high school's chapter of Project B.A.S.E. (Basic Alcohol Safety Education Program). Our school had been chosen to be a chapter for the program's first year. The highlights of this were going to the town's junior high schools to teach Alcohol Education Classes and going to the State House to meet Governor Mike Dukakis and watch him sign the bill into the law which made the program state-wide. (We use some of the materials I acquired in this program for the Alcohol Education portion of our Pledge Education program here at Beta Iota.)

I also enjoyed a very active program for high school students in my church, Grace Chapel, also in Lexington. With a youth group of over a hundred students, we had a lot of fun together. During my last two years there I was able to participate in leadership roles. The summer after I

graduated from high school I was given the opportunity to run the activities of the forty member junior high school youth group at the church. It was one of the most challenging experiences and yet one of the most enjoyable times of my life. I and my staff of college students planned and ran weekly activities including trips to the beach and to Boston, as well as giving a short lesson at the end of each activity.

At Tufts I suffered an unfortunate accident playing football for the Tufts Jumbos during the third week of my freshman year. I broke my nose and both my cheekbones during a tackling drill in practice and suffered some temporary neurological damage. In addition to this, I caught mononucleosis during the second semester of that very same year. It was the combination of these two events, along with my background on the playing field, which has taught me to deal with adversity. This has helped me in all areas of my life, from school to dealing with family crises to helping bring a new fraternity from a position of weakness and anonymity, to its present position of respect on the Tufts campus.

When Alpha Sigma Phi first started at Tufts with the well-known (to us, anyway) one inch by two inch advertisement asking, "Want to start a new fraternity?" I knew that I had found what I had been looking for since I arrived at Tufts. And so I joined right at the start during the second semester of my sophomore year. I was elected to be the first HJP, which I did the best I knew how. Though I left much room for improvement, we were still able to learn a great deal from the successes and failures of those first months of the fraternity.

When the time came for new officers I was elected HSP which I proudly served as for the next year. As I write this biography for our petition, my term has come to an end. I look back and realize that, like the rest of my life, I have not been able to accomplish every goal I set for myself and for the fraternity. Most of them have been met: I see Alpha

Sigma Phi fast becoming the best fraternity -- scholastically, socially, in its fundraising efforts, and in membership -- at Tufts University, I see every pledge class larger than the one before it, I see new members rising up to take over the leadership of the fraternity as those of us who have been filling those positions step aside. Still there are those goals that have not been met yet; however, if I had met every goal I had set, I would always wonder if I had set my goals high enough.

I have always tried to attain the ideal of a better man in Alpha Sigma Phi, and I feel my life is a reflection of this.

Brian Crowley

I was born and raised in Massachusetts and I live very close to Tufts University. My high school career was not really out of the ordinary. I played hockey my freshman year; however, a variety of arm and leg injuries (broken arm, torn ankle ligaments) cut short my sports career. I never really got involved in anything before I came to Tufts. My freshman year I spent adjusting to college life. I decided that I needed more than just school work, a few good friends and the TV. There were a few things I always wanted to do, like join a fraternity, get involved in the martial arts and get involved in the school film group (the Film Series). I knew a few people from Alpha Sigma Phi and they kept inviting me to come by. I did so during my sophomore year and here I am, writing today. I also joined the Tufts Shotokan Karate Club during that year, as well as the Film Series.

I have made lots of new friends while maintaining my old friends and developing a bigger sense of responsibility. In Alpha Sigma Phi, I have held the offices of HS and Inter-Greek Council Representative, and have

just been re-elected as the IGC representative, passing along the HS job to a new Alpha Sig as we hand over the responsibilities of running the fraternity to the younger guys. I am also a member of the Junior Class Council, ~~Secretary of the Karate Club~~ and a member of the publicity committee.

I will remain in the Junior Class Council, even when it becomes the Senior Class Council, and I am especially looking forward to organizing Senior Week. In the Karate Club next year I will be the second highest ranking member. I feel that I have the ability to do all that I set out to do and will continue to do so in the future.

I also feel confident that Beta Iota will make a great chapter and that while I will be an attribute to the fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi will be invaluable to me.

Jose de la Hoz

I was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but at the age of three, I moved to the United States. I spoke only Spanish when I was young and could not communicate with any of my schoolmates in Miami, Florida, where I still live today. I learned to work diligently as I studied the English language. After several years of hard work, I began to excel in school.

I attended Gulliver Preparatory School in Miami. I was a very active member of my high school community. Academically, I stayed on the high honor roll for my entire four years, was a member of the National Honor Society, and graduated in the top five percent of my class.

I was involved with many of the clubs in my school. I was Vice President of the French Club, a four year member of the Language Club, and Vice President of the French Honor Society. I enjoyed my activities and

studies of the French Language very much. Each year, I would participate in a state-wide French competition for my high school and I earned high honors.

In the summer after my junior year I attended Georgetown University Summer School. It proved to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Not only did I learn in the classroom, but I learned much about life in general as well. A particularly rewarding experience was the community service I did in my spare time teaching English to foreign students.

I have always given my best effort in everything that I have done. I plan to continue this trend in college. Already I have become active in football intramurals and am proud to have been extended a bid and become a pledge of Alpha Sigma Phi. The fraternity has made my first semester at Tufts very enjoyable. I am enthusiastic about the future of the fraternity and see myself taking an active leadership role.

Avram Dorfman

I have lived for most of my life in Kennebunk, Maine. Kennebunk was where I found the beginning of my education. Through various reports and experiences, my parents had decided by the end of my fourth year at the local elementary school that the system was inadequate and that I wasn't being allowed to perform to my potential. Though I otherwise lived the life of a normal child, competing in little league baseball and soccer, my parents decided that I should go to a private school in Portland. In fifth grade I found myself at this new school, Waynflete. This was where I first experienced the competitiveness that came with an accelerated educational environment.

In sixth grade (considered junior high at Waynflete) I found myself competing aggressively in areas such as mathematics and science. In athletics I was able to continue with soccer, but lacrosse now replaced baseball. These continued throughout Middle School, along with intramural swimming during the Winter. Middle school also introduced to me the concept of foreign languages. I chose Latin and later switched to French. I found myself getting A's in this new language.

After my freshman year at Waynflete, I returned to the Kennebunk public school system as a result of both financial stress and a new highly regarded educational system in the High School there. There I avidly studied Math and the Sciences, enjoying good grades throughout three years of Chemistry and one year of Physics. I also received a small scholarship for having the highest grade in my Calculus class.

At Kennebunk High I was forced to leave lacrosse for lack of a team and decided to take up tennis. I have played tennis since age eight, but had never before competed. I have also enjoyed skiing and sailing since age eight and even before.

Although I entered high school with a very negative attitude towards History and English, I eventually learned to control this and bring my C's up to B's by graduation.

During the fall of my senior year I coached a fourth to sixth grade soccer team, which proved to be one of my last ventures into the world of soccer. My tennis team was the League Champion team for both my junior and senior years, and even made it through the first round of the state tournament during my junior year.

Through the process of college admissions I found my way to Tufts University, having also been granted acceptance to Boston University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Soon after my arrival on campus I learned that although common, my preconception of a fraternity being a

group of loud obnoxious drinkers who would make you do humiliating things was not always true. Having been introduced to the members of Alpha Sigma Phi at Tufts, I found a group of friends who didn't believe in hazing or forced drinking. They saw my interest and I accepted my bid enthusiastically. Through the months of pledging, I further assured myself that I had made a successful choice in associating myself with Alpha Sigma Phi.

Having endured a semester of Engineering at Tufts, I have found little of interest and intend to transfer to the Liberal Arts College. With a possible career in Economics and a likely minor in Foreign Languages, I hope that I have molded my future well. Should this not be the case, I am confident that I will receive excellent guidance from both the Tufts community and Alpha Sigma Phi.

Peter Gargalianos

My autobiography begins almost 19 years ago, however, my own recollections go back to age 6 or 7, and they get progressively better. I was born on Friday, July 4, 1969 in Lynn, Massachusetts, a large city just north of Boston. During my academic career, I have attended Busy Bee Nursery School and Lynn Woods Elementary School. I furthered my studies at Pickering Junior High School, which is where I found out that I went to Nursery School with the daughter of famous Red Sox left fielder Carl Yazstremski. Like I said, my memory was very fuzzy before elementary school.

I spent my high school years at St. John's Preparatory School. Playing saxophone in the school band was a very rewarding experience. While in the band I held offices of Student Conductor and Vice President and also

travelled with the band to Philadelphia, New York and Canada. Although much of my free time was spent rehearsing, I found time to become involved in the Spanish Club as the Social Activities Coordinator.

Outside of school, I was intensely involved in Troop 80 of the Boy Scouts. During my nine years as a Boy Scout I achieved the rank of Life Scout and held numerous offices including Assistant Senior and Senior Patrol Leader, and Assistant Scoutmaster. I am still an active member and while at home I assist in the planning of events and outings.

Currently I am a Freshman Engineering major at Tufts University. I am pursuing a career in either Mechanical or Aeronautical Engineering. Since coming to Tufts, I have become involved in the Concert Board which plans concerts on the campus. Also, I am training to become a D.J. on the campus radio station. In addition to these things I am an active member of Alpha Sigma Phi. I have just been elected to serve as the Prudential Committee Member-at-Large for the next year, and was appointed the Fundraising/Service Committee Chairman. The Fraternity has been a very rewarding experience for me thus far, both as a social organization and as something I can rely on for just about anything. Alpha Sig provides things ranging from academic help to a place to 'hang out' whenever I want. I have high aims for myself and the fraternity as a whole. During my career at Tufts I hope to make Alpha Sigma Phi as beneficial for future members as she has been for me.

John N. Giantis

I, John Giantis, was born on February 9, 1966 in Frankfurt, West Germany. I am 145 lbs., 5'9", and my looks have often been compared to those of actor Tom Cruise.

After completing elementary school with straight A's in Newbury, MA, where my family eventually settled, I attended The Brookwood School, a prestigious private school, in Manchester, MA for Junior High. One satisfying accomplishment at Brookwood was the honor of having the highest grade point average in the eighth grade.

Upon completing junior high, I entered Governor Dummer Academy, the oldest private boarding school in the United States, for my high school years. I pursued many interests including; playing lead saxophone in the Jazz Band, yearbook photographer, and Sports Editor for the school newspaper. My proudest accomplishment was the opportunity to Captain both the Varsity Cross Country Running Team and the Track Team.

During the summers of high school; I worked for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, worked as manager of an ice cream parlor, and was photographer for a medical products magazine.

I graduated from Governor Dummer Academy in June 1984 and entered Tufts University in September of that year. I am a double major in Economics and Political Science, and expect to graduate in May 1988 with honors.

In addition to Alpha Sigma Phi, I have pursued a wide variety of co-curricular activities at Tufts. These activities include:

- a.) Resident Tutor for Tufts (1 of 10) in Economics, French, Writing and Test taking strategies
- b.) Tour Guide for Tufts Admissions Office. Promoted to Tour Captain (1 of 6 chosen from 60 guides); help select and train new guides
- c.) Member of the Tufts Tae Kwon Do Club
- d.) News Reporter for the Tufts Daily, a school newspaper

My activities off the Tufts Campus have been very rewarding as well. These activities include:

- a.) Intern at E.F. Hutton, Boston, MA. Observed and participated in the

operations of the securities markets

b.) Intern at Bank of New England, Boston, MA. Learned and analyzed basic functions of the Foreign Exchange Markets

c.) Sales associate for Newbury Marketing Inc. Responsible for ordering and processing delivery of products.

My participation in Alpha Sigma Phi has been extensive as well. I pledged in the spring of 1986, and was excited at the prospect of being a Founding Father. I have served on the Alumni Relations committee and have been HSC since the fall of 1986. Details of scholarship program are in the scholarship report.

After graduation, I anticipate going to law school, concentrating in corporate law.

Several of my hobbies include competitive running, travelling and driving fast, expensive foreign cars.

Jonathan Michael Goldman

I Was born on November 17, 1969 in Queens, New York and have since lived in Dix Hills , New York. I attended Commack High School South and graduated in the top five percent of my class.

Academically, I was very involved with my school. I was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. I was a member of the three time County Champion Math Team and also received recognition in the National Science Olympiad Competition. Other academic achievements of mine include High Honor Roll for four years, commendation as a National Merit Scholar, and a New York States Regents scholarship.

Athletically, I was also very active in my school community. I was a

member of the cross country team as well as wrestling, winter track, and spring track. I also participated in weight training and wrestling intramurals.

I was active in several community activities such as a blood drive, food drive, and fund raising for various charities.

During my high school years, I always held a job. For my sophomore year I was head busboy at a top local restaurant. For my junior and senior years I was an automotive parts counter man.

I enjoyed being an active member of my high school community and I plan to continue this tradition by becoming very active in the Tufts community.

In college, while I have only been here for three months, I have become a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. I have also participated in football intramurals and hold a part time job.

Alpha Sigma Phi has been an important aspect of my life in my first semester at Tufts. I have a great love of the fraternity and plan to be a very active member for the next four years.

Ian Goldsmith

The first event that I clearly remember was trying to comfort my mother when she was sick. I suggested a number of things to make her feel better: playing games with me, or reading me stories. That was when I was three years old, sixteen years ago. At that time I lived with my family in Englewood, New Jersey and continued to live there until I was five, when we moved to Scarsdale, New York where we have remained since. I entered Quaker Ridge Elementary School when we had moved. During my years at Quaker Ridge I played soccer and baseball during the

school year, in addition to my school work. During the summers I went to camp, and went sailing. Junior high school was basically a continuation of elementary school, and organizations were not around until high school.

Once in high school, I began to get involved. I founded a gaming club whose membership increased during my four years to more than forty members. In the club I held officer positions for all four years. I was also an active participant in the Drama Club, Debating Team and United Nations club. During my high school years I did a number of things. One summer I worked in a neuro-optomology lab at the Valhalla Medical Center. After a short period of training I worked unmonitored for the remainder of the summer on the preparation of a number of different staining techniques. The following summer, I worked at J.C. Penney's and was soon viewed as a hard worker who was also responsible. Consequently, though they could not make me a managerial assistant as a summer worker, they assigned me tasks that would usually be assigned to that position.

Now I am a sophomore at Tufts University and in addition to being a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi, something of which I am proud, I also participate in the Fencing Club. Just as I have heavily participated in activities in the past, so intend to continue to do this in the future.

Daniel Groszman

I was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 27, 1968. I lived there for one year and then moved to Washington D.C.. Then, I moved to Argentina for four years. I speak Spanish fluently as it was my first language. My family and I moved back to the United States and settled in Woodbridge Connecticut, where we live now.

I graduated from Amity Regional High School in the top five percent of

my class. An active member of my high school community, I participated in the Spanish club, Latin club, and tennis team.

Outside of school, I was involved with the Yale Frontiers of Applied Science. This is a prestigious organization which I earned admittance to through submission of a complex application. This introduced me to the world of Engineering at the Science and Engineering departments of Yale University.

I was a volunteer at the West Haven Veterans Hospital. I enjoyed working closely with those in the health profession. I also gained a great amount of satisfaction by helping to make patients comfortable.

I have always been one to get involved in the world around me. In college, I hope to continue this trend.

At Tufts, I have been involved with football intramurals and hold a part time job. Although I am involved in a highly challenging engineering program, I still find time to be a well rounded person.

I am excited about becoming involved with Alpha Sigma Phi. I am happy to get in on the ground floor of something that is so incredible. I have great enthusiasm for our attainment of a charter and the acquisition of a house.

I hope to assume a leadership role in the fraternity and help shape Alpha Sigma Phi into the best fraternity that Tufts has ever seen.

Randolph Guthrie

I was born in Heidelberg, Germany on January 29, 1967. I then lived in Heidelberg for the next two years as my father was in the army. We then moved to New York City where I still live today. I am presently a senior at Tufts University and will graduate this Spring with a bachelors degree in

Electrical Engineering.

Before coming to Tufts, I attended a private school in New York City. This school gave me one of the largest opportunities of my life. They have an exchange program with Fordham University, which allowed me to take courses that counted towards both my high school and college degrees. This will make it possible for me to graduate with a four year engineering degree in only three years.

My main interests are computers, electronics, tennis, skiing and reading. While computers and electronics may not seem like the most exciting interests in the world, I find them very intellectually and financially rewarding. My expertise in computers has led to two extremely good summer jobs. During the summer of 1986 I worked in the public finance group of Merrill Lynch and during the summer of 1987 I worked in the fixed income division of Goldman Sachs, one of the premier investment banks in the country.

I first became interested in Alpha Sigma Phi in February of 1986 and have been an enthusiastic colony member ever since. While it has not been my privilege to be an officer of Alpha Sigma Phi, I have always tried to put forward more than my share of work towards the running of the fraternity. I have also found that what I have received from Alpha Sigma Phi has always been far greater than my contribution.

I furthermore would like to express the wish that I and the other graduating colony members become brothers before the end of the year. I feel that I can say with absolute certainty that the Beta Iota chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi will be active on the Tufts campus ten years from now as well as a hundred. We have all worked very hard to create something from nothing and it would be the most rewarding thing in the world to be granted a charter this semester.

David S. Hung

I was born in Keelung, Taiwan on June 26, 1966, and have been a permanent resident in the United States for seventeen years. I am looking forward to becoming an American citizen this June.

Throughout my life, I have lived around the Boston area, which I think is the greatest city in the world. During my early youth, I used to live in East Cambridge which was a very ethnic neighborhood. It was considered a "rough" place to live but still a happy one. I used to love playing stick ball and touch football with my friends after school. Unfortunately, I've lost contact with most of my friends there except Tom, who has been my friend since the first grade.

After the sixth grade, my parents sent me off to a tiny boarding school called Eaglebrook. There, I really got interested in sports which was required for all students. I like all kind of sports and am a fanatic about the Boston Celtics. My favorite sports, though, are Soccer, Baseball, and Wrestling. In all three, I have played for at least five years throughout my years in Junior High and High School. In my senior year, I won the League Championship in Wrestling for my weight class and came in second in New England. The only thing I regret about Tufts is that they don't have a wrestling team.

Presently, I am a Classics and Economics major, and hope to graduate in May. I love studying Classics, especially reading about Roman history and translating Latin poets. My favorite poets are Catullus and Ovid, if anyone has heard of them. Unfortunately, I'm not too enthusiastic about Economics but I figure I have to do some work while I'm in College.

After college, I'm not too sure what I'm going to do with my life. I'll probably end up working in a bank or in a consulting firm. I'm not too

interested in teaching Latin, but perhaps I will in my later years. When I become financially secure, I would like to go back to Eaglebrook and teach there and become a Wrestling Coach.

One of the most satisfying things about College is the Fraternity I've joined. It's great to have thirty-five brothers to hang around with and talk to someone about your problems. The Fraternity probably has gotten me here thus far, and I hope to keep in touch with my brothers after I graduate. My goal for the fraternity is to get a house and to make it stronger. I would like to come back ten years from now knowing that I would receive a warm welcome.

Brian J. Kane

I was born in Boston, Massachusetts on September 14, 1966. I progressed through the public school system with remarkable success. In high school I accumulated many academic honors. I was cited for excellence in Math, Spanish, and Music. I was also named to the National Honor Society in my senior year and received of the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. In addition to striving for scholastic achievements, I was also involved in the music department. I sang in the Concert Choir for three years after school. I held roles in over ten musical and dramatic productions at Concord-Carlisle High School. In addition to these performances, I also directed a one-act play during my junior year.

At age sixteen I was hired as a bagger at Stop & Shop supermarkets. I have never been unemployed since that day. A few months later I was promoted to cashier.

Outside of both high school and work, I was very active in my church prayer group. My sister got me involved at the end of my sophomore year

and I soon rose to a leadership role. I participated in the planning committee and led several meetings myself. The adult advisors of this group also asked me to direct a musical for them. I helped write and produce this production, as well as direct it. At the end of the summer I had to cancel the show for lack of support from the people involved. This experience taught me the meaning of commitment and the importance of meeting one's responsibilities. That winter, of course, I went back and brought the show to completion amid requests for encores.

After arriving at Tufts, I found that academic demands for time severely limited my time for other activities. Currently, I maintain a 3.23 Grade Point Average, and I am well respected within the Economics department here. However, I continue to work to pay for my education. Freshman year, I worked at the University library. At years end, disappointed with the lack of challenge in my job, I returned to Stop & Shop, where I was soon promoted to shift supervisor. This meant that I was responsible for as many as twelve people and \$40,000. In my senior year I left Stop & Shop to work as a Teaching Assistant for the Economics Department. I currently work as one of two Teaching Assistants for a class of 120, teach three classes a week, prepare and grade exams, as well as aid students outside of class. In addition to working and studying, I also have been a member of the Tae Kwon Do club for three years, advancing to the rank of blue belt.

In my sophomore year, some of my friends told me of an opportunity to help start a new fraternity. I saw this as an excellent opportunity to make a difference at Tufts. I joined and worked as a Prudential Committee Member-at-Large and as Pledge Educator. However, at the end of 1986, I saw that we were in trouble, and had not realized even one small part of our potential. I decided to run for HJP to bring Alpha Sigma Phi to the forefront of the Tufts community. At the end of my term I look back and

realize that I have made many mistakes, but have fulfilled most of my goals. We have doubled in size in the past year, have become an organized brotherhood, and a recognized part of Tufts campus. Alpha Sigma Phi is now a fraternity on the move, with new men and new ideas for the future. Looking back, I am filled with pride in Alpha Sigma Phi and joy for the people I have touched in my life.

Richard Kilstock

When I sat down to write a brief autobiography for the fraternity, I initially decided to write about my childhood in London and the like. However, I decided that my most recent history in America (especially with the Fraternity) is much more important than a bunch of dribble about my love for King Arthur and James Bond. At any rate, I was born in Hampstead on February 11, 1966.

I attended University College School for Junior High School and High School in London until 1981. At UCS (that's almost USC) I was captain of the Rugby team and Vice-minister of the school's Parliamentary Debate Team. When I moved to the United States in 1982, I attended Dwight-Englewood High School where I was captain of the soccer team and led the Mock Trial Team to the State Championship Tournament.

At Tufts, I have been an active participant on the Rugby team for four years, a re-founding member of our Fraternity, and a social dynamo. In my junior year abroad, I returned to England and attended Oxford University. At Oxford I was co-captain of the lacrosse team. In addition, it was at Oxford that I found my true calling, football. I was captain of the special teams and kicker/punter for the semi-pro team, the Oxford Bulldogs. I was so successful (to my great surprise) at American football that this

spring I plan to attend the open try-outs for the Los Angeles Raiders, to be held in Davis, California. If I do as poorly as I expect in Davis, I am considering returning to England (in lieu of law school) and entering the Royal Airforce Officer Training Program with the intention of flying Harrier jump jets or, better yet, participating in the European Space Agency's Space Program.

Nothing wrong with reaching for the stars, eh men?

Timothy Lohse

I am a native Californian who came back east and more specifically to Tufts to escape and begin anew. My High School career was quite average and I wanted a chance to do better. During the last year in High School, I rowed for a club in San Francisco. In order to be part of the team, I had to make a very large commitment. Twice per week, I had to wake up at 2:45 A.M. and drive forty five minutes to get to practice. Then we would practice for about two hours and then I would drive back home and go to school. From the moment I stepped into the shell (crew boat) I fell in love with the sport. The morning practices all seem worth it to me. Our boat did fairly well during the season, but not exceptionally so. Then it was off to Tufts and the crew program. I knew that I was not in good shape, but I decided to stick it out. Had I been thinking rationally, I probably would have quit crew, but something made me stick it out and continue. Due to the fact that I was one of the weaker oarsmen, I consequently did not feel much comraderie. I sought another place for friendship.

About this time, a friend of mine suggested that I look into Alpha Sigma Phi. I had honestly never considered a fraternity, but decided to give it a look. What I found was a bunch of people who were very friendly

and brotherly. I saw a chance to really make a difference in the Fraternity and I also saw a chance to meet new people. At the end of my first semester of sophomore year, I joined Alpha Sigma Phi and have never regretted the decision. I spent much of my sophomore year learning about the Fraternity and becoming more involved. During this time, crew had begun to turn around for me. My dedication to the sport had paid off, in the form of an award which recognized the most dedicated oarsman on the team. At the end of sophomore year, both crew and Alpha Sigma Phi were doing well and I was ready for junior year to begin.

When I returned to school for junior year, I had a dilemma. Both crew and the Fraternity were becoming increasingly important things in my life. Crew gave me a sport in which I could excel and prove to everyone else that I was capable. Alpha Sigma Phi gave me a sense of belonging and a chance to prove that I was a leader. I had thought briefly about quitting one of the two. But, each is much too important to me, so I decided that I would do both. Our crew team this year is looking at a possible National Championship. In the fraternity, I have held the positions of Prudential Committee Member-at-Large and Alumni Relations Committee member. Just a few weeks ago, we had elections for new officers. As of Founder's Day, I will have assumed the title of HJP of Alpha Sigma Phi. I am looking forward to the responsibility and the challenge. My college career has been a series of challenges that I have overcome. Challenges have never frightened me away from anything yet, and I do not believe that it will throughout the rest of my life.

Varsity Letter

Bruce Perelman

I was born in Los Angeles, California on June 24, 1967. I grew up in

Culver City, which is a suburb of Los Angeles. I received all of my pre-college education in Culver City. During High School, I studied hard and participated in a variety of extra-curricular activities. I graduated with a 3.84 grade point average as Salutatorian of my class and received an award for being the varsity athlete with the highest G.P.A. In addition, I was granted the American Legion Award, the Bank of America Social Science Award, the Exchange Club Award, and the Jewish War Veteran's Award. During my high school career, I also studied abroad in Spain (1985-1986), Japan (summer 1984) and Australia (summer 1983).

Aside from academics, I was very active in sports. I received varsity letters in Water Polo, Wrestling, and Swimming. I was given the coach's award in Swimming. I enjoyed all of these sports both for the pleasure of competition and the physical exercise. While I no longer compete, I still enjoy the activities. Outside of the pool and the mat, I was also involved in numerous organizations. I was a member of the computer club for three years, where I held the positions of President, and Treasurer/Fundraising Committee Chairman. I was given the Outstanding Service Award for my efforts in the club. I was also a member of the Chess club, holding the office of President for six semesters and I was school chess Champion for two years. I was a member of the Spanish club and Chirons (an honorary service club) for one year.

Outside of my High School community, I enjoyed working in the Boy Scouts of America. During my time in the Scouts I held the offices of: Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scout Master. For my Eagle Scout Project, I organized three free immunization clinics with the cooperation of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. I was very proud to have been able to help so many needy people. For my efforts, I received commendations from the Mayor of Culver City and from

the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and the Mayors Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles. Charity work has always been important to me, and I am happy to be continuing this in Alpha Sigma Phi.

During my time in Culver City, I also received several awards from the community. Among them were; Daughters of the American Revolution Award (1985) for dependability, leadership, service and patriotism, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Community Service Award, the City of Culver Commendation for service to the Needy, and the Lions Club Youth Citizen of the Year Award for 1984.

I am currently a Junior at Tufts University. My work here has been far more academically and socially oriented. I am trying to maintain a high G.P.A., in order to take part in a work program in Latin America this summer. However, I have found time to take an active role in Alpha Sigma Phi. I am currently proud to have originated the role of Fraternity Photographer in the group. It is a fun and rewarding role which will provide us with many memories for the future. I am proud to be a member of this growing Fraternity and would love to see us chartered this Spring.

Douglas Portnoy

I was born on February 21, 1966 in Great Neck, New York. I enjoyed an undistinguished childhood until the age of six when my father decided to accept a job in London, England. I soon found myself on the Queen Elizabeth II bound for South Hampton Dock. I was too young to understand what was happening to me. At first I thought the cruise was a nice vacation, but after a few weeks in a hotel in London, I realized that the stay was not temporary. My parents found a nice house in the country and I proceeded to acquaint myself with the English lifestyle.

My parents were faced with a difficult decision. Should they send my brother, sister, and I to a British school and convert our loyalties, or find an American school where we would fit in better and maintain our American personalities? My parents decided on the latter and after a month of living in England, I found myself going to school on an American Air Force base. There were bowling alleys, hot dogs, and a baseball field; all a young American needed. Of course, school was important also, and I was enrolled with other American children. I spent eight years in the country, and during that time I was educated in three different American schools.

In 1979, my family moved to London. It is here that we have found a permanent home. I went to the American School in London for high school, enjoying the small classes and outstanding courses. I also had a tremendous amount of fun taking school and athletic trips to Europe. Many of our opponents were other American schools in Europe so that as a tennis team member, I was able to travel to Brussels five times, Paris twice and Frankfurt once, all in five years. Besides this, I took trips to Scotland and Ireland.

I decided to go to Tufts University for my undergraduate studies mainly due to the strong impression I got while visiting the school. I am presently a senior and plan to go to law school next year. I have enjoyed being in Alpha Sigma Phi and hope we will gain a charter before I have to leave Tufts. My hobbies include volleyball, tennis, and people.

Varsity

David Pucci (on next page)

The name: Dave Pucci

The Mission: To fully describe twenty one years of living, loving and learning in 500 words or less.

Of all the assignments I have had this semester, this one seems to be the most difficult to complete. I do not know why, I have done this type of thing one hundred times before and usually do pretty well too. I have won great fame and fortune in several speech/essay contests over the years; so this should be easy, right? After all, I have a sufficiently detailed background: Until I was seventeen, I lived in a small suburb of Boston, called Milton, Massachusetts, which I tend to describe as "a nice place to visit but you would not want to live there." In Milton's public schools, I did the typical tour of duty: editing the school newspaper, getting elected to Student Government each year, lettering in both Soccer and Wrestling, playing piano and drums for the Jazz, Concert and Marching Bands, making honor roll every term -- you know, the usual 'good kid' routine. Even when my family and I moved to Laconia, NH in my senior year of high school, the routine continued: getting elected to the National Honor Society, acting in drama club productions, representing the school on a statewide television quiz show (where our team went all the way to the final round before suffering defeat), as well as continuing many of my previous activities. Upon coming to Tufts, things stayed pretty much the same. Majoring in Chemical Engineering, I continued to overextend myself academically and extracurricularly: managing the weekend movies for the Tufts Film Series, advancing to brown belt in the Tae Kwon Do club, studying Jazz Piano with the famous Art Matthews, representing my classmates in the student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. . . and the list continued.

But these are just activities. How can I attempt to describe the human animal known as Dave Pucci in a more characteristic sense? Maybe

if I described how I planned and executed the burial of a keg at the annual Tufts Spring Fling outdoor concert? How about the time my friends and I were snow bound for two days in a ski lodge with only a bag of chips and a case of warm root beer. Or maybe I should mention how I lost my virginity in a walk-in closet? . . .No, perhaps the best thing to do would be to describe my experience in Alpha Sigma Phi. In the past two years I have served as Sergeant-at-Arms, Rush Chairman, and presently as Marshal for the Beta Iota Colony. In these positions I have seen many changes in our membership and our members. I remember when 30 of us went home for the summer vacation and less than 20 came back in September. I remember our early problems with rush and alumni relations. I remember brother versus brother disputes, and discussions about blackballing procedures. But I also remember how we learned to bond together against an anti-Greek administration, a disorganized Inter-Greek Council, and a generally apathetic student population to establish a new and lasting presence on this campus. I remember our new pledge class who could see that the Beta Iota chapter was not only here to stay, but had more to offer them than any other fraternity on campus. I have seen us, as a brotherhood, develop some new friendships among ourselves and with others, along the way earning the respect of other fraternities and organizations as well as the general student population of Tufts. Unfortunately, I have not yet seen the best part of the Fraternity -- official recognition as a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. That would make this biography complete.

David Sable

I was born on April 13, 1966 in a large hospital in Cambridge. I

moved through the Cambridge School System until my family and I decided to move to Newton, Massachusetts. In high school, I moved through several institutions, until I found my home in a small private high school outside of Newton. There, I had an undistinguished career, preferring to focus on Academics and my small group of friends. I did well enough to attend the college of my choice. My father influenced me to study medicine, and so I chose Tufts University.

I arrived at Tufts in the fall of 1984, ready to take on the University. After spending my freshman year engaged in debauchery, I soon settled down in the Chemistry laboratories. There, I was able to pursue independent experiments and win the respect of my peers and professors.

Often, I would socialize with the 'famous' doctors at Tufts. This illustrious career was temporarily interrupted when I blew up the Chemistry Building (to the accolades of my friends). Actually, I was just an innocent bystander, but that ruins a good story. I have been successful enough in my studies since that time to be able to graduate in just a few short weeks. Next semester, I have been hired by a professor at Tufts to do research for him. I will also take graduate level courses while I work.

During my sophomore year, my good friend (and occasional idol) Dave Pucci told me of an opportunity to help start a new fraternity on this campus. I gladly took part in this new project, hoping to make a mark, probably black, on this campus. While studies and explosions have kept me from being as active as I would have liked, the 'Old Gal' still holds a place in my heart. I plan to remain active next semester as I will still be on the campus. It would mean a great deal to me to become an initiated brother at Tufts before I travel to some far off graduate school to become world famous in my research (or at least rich).

I was born in Barquisimeto, Venezuela and spent my early years in the nearby city of Valencia. When my father took a graduate Business course in Stanford, my family moved to San Francisco for a year. The academic transition was not taxing in that I had attended an American school in South America, and this was only first grade. There we had a taste of the good life and the dizziness of freedom set in. Within a couple of years we had moved to Miami, where I attended Gulliver Preparatory School.

In High School, I balanced many extra-curricular interests while being a member of the National Honor Society and ranking tenth in class of 146. Soccer was the spice of my high school years, which climaxed during my senior year when I was co-captain and we captured the district title. Also, as a Senior I ran cross country. Never had I encountered anything more demanding, mentally or physically. Due to my eager inexperience, I passed out during my first race on a shadeless 95 degree course. But by the end of the season, I was in the best condition I've ever been. Today, I retain a great respect for the distance runner.

The French language was another love of mine. I was an active member of the French club and the summer after my sophomore year I was blessed with the opportunity to study French in Lausanne, Switzerland. The following summer I turned academic again, this time at Tufts. During a six week program for High School pre-seniors, I earned credit in introduction to Psychology and Engineering Design. I got such a sweet taste of Tufts that, well, here I am.

Finally, acting, a latent talent which I only began exploring as a sophomore, is my greatest love. I enjoyed endlessly every one of the several plays I was involved in and was honored with the best actor award in 85-86.

Today at Tufts, I have ambitiously followed through with my high school loves. I played for the J.V. soccer team and am a member of the Traveling Treasure Trunk, a children's repertoire theater company. I plan to study abroad in Paris my junior year and continue exploring other possibilities of interest. And, thus, I have become a Pledge of Alpha Sigma Phi; it opens a world of opportunities for new experiences.

Michael L. Schultz

My name is Mike Schultz. I went to Newton North High School, in Newton, Massachusetts. I had high hopes for academic and social achievement at Tufts University. Not until this year, my junior year, did every thing come together when I became a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The past three years I have had the opportunity to observe many fraternities on campus, but I was reluctant to join. Alpha Sigma Phi was the only fraternity which truly exemplified what "Brotherhood" really meant. I felt very comfortable and very welcomed by the other members. I realized that this sense of friendship and working together in an attempt "To Better the Man" was what I was missing from my own college experience. Fortunately, the brotherhood gave me the opportunity to join the Fraternity.

I have taken an active role in the fraternity. I was elected as Rush Chairman, Sergeant-at-Arms and Corresponding Secretary at our last meeting before Founder's Day. I hope to work with the Brotherhood and National Headquarters to continue Alpha Sigma Phi's reign as the best Fraternity on campus.

I have enjoyed a lot of success at Tufts. Earning Dean's List the last three semesters, I hope to graduate Magna Cum Laude in English.

Extra-curricularly I have also enjoyed many activities. Freshman year my class elected me as the Freshman Class President. I also became involved with the Admissions Office giving tours, and since second semester of my freshman year, I have been one of the three Tour Guide Coordinators. I am responsible for choosing new tour guides, training them, and making sure that the program runs smoothly and effectively. I hope to continue with the Admissions Office next year, both as a Tour Guide Coordinator and as a Senior Interviewer.

Currently I am Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tufts Student Resources (TSR). TSR is the largest, non-profit, completely student run organization in the country, with annual revenues exceeding \$350,000. TSR has fourteen divisions ranging from two snack bars and a convenience store to renting telephones and refrigerators, and a laundry/linen service. I oversee the President in making sure the organization is running smoothly. Along with the Board of Directors, I approve all new divisions and large expenditures. I hope to be re-elected to my second year as Chairman next April.

I have joined the Yearbook and I have been a member of the Varsity Lightweight Crew team for three years. Next semester, I am planning to work with a non-profit organization in sponsoring a book fair in Downtown Boston for my internship program. I plan to graduate in May, 1989. Right now, I am planning to pursue a career as a Special Events Marketer.

I see Alpha Sigma Phi really taking off. My first goal is to work towards obtaining a Charter. I would also like to see the Fraternity get a house, which would give an additional cohesion to the Brotherhood. If everyone in the Fraternity works together, and we have the backing from National, nothing can stop us. We want to continue "To Better The Man."

I grew up in Hyde Park, a middle-class section of Boston. My father was stationed in Hawaii for a year and I attended first grade there. We moved back to Boston as a divorced family. These pre-high school years were dangerous times for me because that was the time when the city of Boston was experiencing racial integration and forced bussing. Consequently, there was a lot of racial violence. I was a white person who didn't hate blacks and for that reason I was hated by some whites.

I took the entrance examination for Boston Latin Academy, which is one of the best public schools in the city. I passed and attended 7th and 8th grades there. During the summer between my 8th grade year and freshman year in high school, racial violence in the city escalated. I was mugged three times and the last nearly killed me. This was ironic, since I had been studying martial arts for three years; won competitions, received trophies and was in the newspaper.

Because of the violence my mother decided to send me to Vermont to live with my grandmother and attend Brattleboro Union High School. I continued to make Honor Roll in advanced college preparatory classes. While in high school I excelled in all areas of my life. I was on the Debate Team for four years and won the State Championship, I was editor of the school literary magazine, travelled to Montreal, Canada with the International Club, played intramural Floor Hockey, was on the summer track team, tutored students in Math and Spanish, and participated in our annual Model United Nations Program.

In addition to these activities, I mowed lawns and shovelled snow. When I turned 16 I was able to get a "real" job as a dishwasher in a hotel/restaurant. I was promoted to Assistant to the Maintenance Supervisor and learned about maintaining a restaurant and hotel. I began

my career as a professional dancer when I was sixteen; I created, promoted, managed, and was a member of the Marvelous Break Force. Our dance crew performed extensively throughout New England, taught classes, won many competitions and appeared on Boston TV.

I came to Tufts with a four-year scholarship in Electrical Engineering from Air Force ROTC. It was difficult adjusting, but being in AFROTC gave me an edge because I had gone through an intensive training program that summer with other freshman from Tufts - so we were very good friends. I soon grew accustomed to what was expected of me. I was the Newsletter Chairman of the Tufts Tri-Service Organization (TTSO) first semester and was elected to Vice-President second semester. I was a member of the Arnold Air Society which is a private honor society within AFROTC. I was also Captain of my dormitory Volleyball Team. In addition, I led a Tri-Service early morning exercise program and worked part-time as a security guard.

My second semester freshman year, Neil Peretz, who I knew from Army ROTC, told me about this terrific new Fraternity that was being started and asked me if I wanted to get in on the ground floor. After having seen how other fraternities on campus were run, I was not interested. Yet out of respect for Neil, I gave it a chance, saw the potential, and jumped at the opportunity. Two years later, I am glad I did!

The summer between my freshman and sophomore year I was fortunate enough to attend the Alpha Sigma Phi National Leadership Conference and Convention at the University of Michigan with Dave Abel, our first president, and Brett Clemmer, our second president. I loved the leadership training that we got in the seminars and was very impressed with the comraderie and friendship of everyone who was there.

Sophomore year arrived and I was adjusted. I was elected President of TTSO, was in an exciting new Fraternity that everyone on campus was

talking about, had great summer experiences to share with friends, and had decided to apply for a pilot's slot in the Air Force. However, it was during this semester that things started to go down hill. I found myself unable to keep up with the homework, in great emotional anguish and financially drained. For these (financial, academic, and personal) reasons, I requested a disenrollment from AFROTC and received an Honorable Discharge. I also took a leave of absence from Tufts.

Since then, I have recovered financially, emotionally and spiritually, and have continued in my personal growth. I travelled to Georgia to produce an Outward Bound type program, have become 100% fluent in Spanish on my summer job, helped my mother remodel our new house, discovered a deep appreciation for Philosophy and have continued to participate in and contribute to the Fraternity. I am very happy in my new job as Secretary/Administrative Assistant at the Massachusetts Eye and Infirmary where I will soon be promoted to Admissions Officer. I also hope to return to school by the end of next year, to finish my education.

I look forward to the day when Beta Iota Colony will receive its charter once again and rejoin the Fraternity in its full capacity. Toward that goal I am very eagerly dedicated.

Mark A. Treitel

I, Mark A. Treitel was born on December 7, 1968. My family resides in Port Jefferson, New York. I now live in Bush Hall at Tufts University. I am a Freshman. My academic courses are Chemistry, Calculus, Biology, English, and Judaic Studies. I am going to double major in Biology and Creative Writing. I am also in the Pre-Med program at Tufts. I wish to graduate with honors from the University.

I have been a part of many activities here at Tufts, and also at my High School in Port Jefferson. My major activities in High School included Financial Editor of our High School Yearbook. In that job, I raised \$2000 singlehandedly, enough money to pay for the costs of the yearbook. I was also an editor on our school literary magazine, and had some of my writing published in the magazine. I wrote for the school newspaper for three years. I had the honor of being asked to attend the C.S.P.C.A. Convention at Columbia University for Journalism, for the past four years.

Besides my interest in literary clubs, I also participated in sports during my four years. During my Freshman, Sophomore and Senior years, I was a leader on the track team. During my Junior year, I was on the Winter Track team. I still have great interest in sports.

Outside of school, I was also very involved in my synagogue. I was a board member of United Synagogue Youth on a chapter, divisional and regional level. I have travelled to Toronto and Los Angeles as a delegate for the International Conventions. As a regional board member, I was the Editor-In-Chief of the Regional Newspaper for 1000 people. The work in that group showed me how to work with large organizations, and how to get myself organized.

My work experience has been varied. In the summer of 1986 I was a research assistant at Stony Brook University in a program for talented Science and Math Students. I worked in the field of plant evolution and genetics using state-of-the-art computers to do work in Fractal Dimensions.

This past year I worked in an office, sorting through old X-rays, so that the silver from the X-rays is kept, while the documents are burned. The job was long and boring. It taught me to have patience, and not to always pay attention to things I don't like doing.

This past summer I worked in summer camp as a Co-Counselor. This

job proved very rewarding, as I was teaching kids how to live without their parents. It was a little hard since many kids were only seven or eight years old. The work in the end paid off, and the kids ended up loving me. I missed some of them when I went away to college.

At college I quickly got my act together. I ran for ~~Dormitory Vice-President~~ and won. I tried out for a comedy improvisational group. I joined the Inter Dormitory Council. I now am a strong leader in that council. The people respect me there and we have a good time kidding around. I also joined the Hillel group on campus. They liked my work so much that I was offered a board position, but I had to decline the position because it interfered with my Fraternity work.

In the Fraternity I was elected Pledge President. I put a lot of work into the position, but I also had a lot of fun these past few months. I quickly gained the respect of the leaders in the Fraternity, and they kept asking me to put in more and more work. I was elected HP. I am looking forward to my job, and hope to get as much Alumni support as possible.

My goal is to make Alpha Sigma Phi the premier fraternity on campus. I want to make a name for Alpha Sig by having it's brothers become more known around the campus. Once each brother is respected by the community, then there is no problem in having the whole fraternity accepted within the community.

I also want to make a name for myself on campus, whether it be as President of the Fraternity or as President of the I.D.C. people will know the name Mark Treitel by the end of 1991.

Howard Jay Wexler

I was born in Hollywood, Florida and raised in Sayreville, New Jersey.

I am 5'9" tall, weigh 145 lbs, have dirty blonde hair and blue eyes.

The first of my great accomplishments in life was to become Captain of the Safety Patrol in 6th grade. In 7th grade I transferred from public to private school, Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, New Jersey. I continued at Rutgers Prep. until I graduated from High School.

During my High School years I had many accomplishments, including; Class Representative on the Student Council, Newspaper Photography Editor, Varsity Cross Country team, Central New Jersey Math League, Computer Club, Ski Club, and the Creative Cards Club (where we played poker with the residents of an old-age home once a week).

Outside of school I was a volunteer at Perth Amboy General Hospital, working on the Emergency Room and the Geriatrics Ward. I was also the system operator for a public electronic bulletin board system.

During the summers of High School, I was a Computer Consultant for a motion picture production firm located in New York City. I set up and maintained their computer systems for two and a half years, working on Sundays during the school year and full time during the summers.

I graduated Rutgers Prep in June, 1985, and entered Tufts University College of Engineering the following September. My proposed major is Electrical Engineering with a minor in Engineering Management. I had a GPA of 3.4 last semester, and a cumulative average of 3.02.

Some of my accomplishments outside of Alpha Sigma Phi here at Tufts have been Dormitory Government Floor Representative, Dormitory Government Vice President and Chief Engineer at Tufts University Television Station.

I pledged Alpha Sigma Phi in the fall of my sophomore year. I had looked at all of the other fraternities on campus, and found that Alpha Sigma Phi had the most to offer, especially the opportunity to come into a fraternity on the ground floor. I was elected Brotherhood Chairman about

two months after I was pledged, and spent my second semester promoting Brotherhood. I was elected to the position of Social Chairman for the fall of 1987 semester. The social events of the semester went very well. (For reports of both the Brotherhood Activities and the Social Activities see below.)

At the last members meeting before Founder's Day I had the extreme honor of being elected to the office of the President of Beta Iota. I hope that I will lead Alpha Sig well as it continues to establish itself as the best fraternity at Tufts.

Ted J. Willson

I was born in Worcester, MA, and have lived in a suburb of it most of my life. As long as I can remember, I have always had a strong interest in Math and Science. I went to a small high school which was fortunate to receive a grant to purchase a mini-computer. There were no teachers who really knew that much about it, and both teachers and students sort of played around with it, seeing what they could figure out. This method of 'hacking' as they called it, started a habit for me which has not ceased to this day. Through it all I have learned a great deal, and occasionally gotten into mild trouble for touching things I shouldn't have. I am now a senior at Tufts, and rather a knowledgeable one, I think.

When I first came to Tufts I never considered joining a fraternity. Then, my sophomore year there were ads in our college newspaper for the re-founding of Alpha Sigma Phi. Many of my friends joined right from the start, but I was hesitant. I didn't think there was really any benefit, and that it could be a waste of my time. My junior year, the apartment I lived in with several of the brothers was a part-time "house." As a result, I

met everyone in the Fraternity long before my initiation as a pledge during my senior year. I have not checked any records, but I believe I was the oldest pledge of any fraternity on campus.

My immediate plans for the future are to get a job after graduation and get some money together. In a few years I would like to come back to school, maybe part-time, and get at least a masters degree. In the meantime, I will take advantage of my youth and good looks, meet beautiful women, and enjoy life.

III. STATISTICS

A. Scholarship Ranking Compared to the Tufts Community

Although Tufts does not compute a Campus Grade Point Average, it is generally considered by faculty and other administrators to be approximately a 2.8 on a 4 point scale, equivalent to a B- average. However, Alpha Sigma Phi in the most recent semester achieved a 3.08, which is well above the estimated school average.

This coming semester we are looking forward to averaging in the most recent pledge class's grades into our average. As this group is very bright (to the point, at times, of embarrassing older members), they should bring new standards of academic excellence to the traditions of the Old Gal at Tufts.

B. Scholarship Ranking , Pledge Class Size Compared to other Fraternities

The Tufts Inter-Greek Council did not provide scholarship averages or

rankings of its members this year. However, after talking with each of the other I.G.C. representatives, it has been determined that the scholarship ranking of Alpha Sigma Phi is in the top four out of a possible total of eleven fraternities.

The pledge class size of all the fraternities has also been another statistic that has not been provided by the Tufts Inter-Greek Council. It is known that each fraternity needs approximately 16 new pledges each year. Alpha Sigma Phi, however, has pledged 11 future brothers in one semester, so, comparatively, we are doing better than most of the other fraternities.

C. Campus Competition

Alpha Sigma Phi has been actively involved in many campus competitions involving both Greek and non-Greek organizations. Some of the activities in which our fraternity participated include:

a. Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority Pie Throwing Contest: Members of the Tufts community are encouraged to throw pies at sisters of this sorority. Traditionally held in the spring of each year on "fraternity house row," Alpha Sigma Phi made sure there was adequate representation in both numbers and brothers who can throw well. Due to many gifted throwers in our fraternity, Alpha Sigs made a very positive impression in the eyes of the other Greeks.

b. Chi Omega Sorority Pizza Eating Contest: This contest is held in the fall of the academic year. Whichever Greek's representative can eat the most pieces of pizza in ten minutes wins pizza for the fraternity. Brian Crowley tied for second place this year (the competition was tough). Judging from the appetites of our newest brothers, we should win first place next year.

c. Hospital Bed Racing: This race is open to all members of the Tufts

community, and Alpha Sigs were much in evidence. The object of the race is to push somebody around a half mile circle in a hospital bed in the fastest possible time. The Alpha Sig contingent came in second to a group of Emergency Medical Technicians who happen to be Tufts students.

IV. RUSH

The purpose of Alpha Sigma Phi is "to better the man." In accordance with this philosophy, we at Beta Iota attempt to rush quality young gentlemen who are, in the eyes of the brothers, good for Alpha Sigma Phi and, hopefully men whom Alpha Sigma Phi will be good for as well. In the past three years we have had a very large number of interested rushees, all of whom, if pledged, would have at least doubled our membership roster. However, we feel that it is better to have a smaller, tighter group of quality brothers, than to have an immense group of loosely connected men, who, in the long term, will lose interest, as well as cause internal dissent, bringing about an early end to our chapter. Over the past few semesters, we have pledged a wide variety of Tuftonians with an equally wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Our members come from several different states, mostly in New England, New York, and New Jersey, although several others come from as far away as California and Florida. Many of our members major in the Engineering Sciences, for which Tufts' reputation is well known and respected. Additionally, an equal percentage of Beta Iota Colony consists of Liberal Arts majors varying from everything from Classics to Biology, English to Economics, and Psychology to American Studies. Truly, a diverse bunch, and those of us involved with Alpha Sigma Phi at Tufts are constantly looking for new

members who will add even more diversity and excellence to our membership. (We could really use a new pledge who is intensely interested in Custodial Science so we can better deal with our "house" on the mornings following parties.)

In the past, our Rush events have been as varied as the rushees in attendance. We try to hold events that are characteristic of our Brotherhood. This serves to both give the rushee an impression of what we are like, as well as to get every brother to enthusiastically attend. Early Rush events, like the Campus Center Rush Receptions, Semi-formal Wine and Cheese nights, parties, and Barbecues, were more of a showcase of what Alpha Sigma Phi was like nationally, than what we had to offer as a newly refounded colony. As we began to develop into a more firmly defined brotherhood, our events began to reflect our own specific interests: Alpha Sig night at Kenmore Square Billiards Hall, our Rush Trip to Harvard Square (where several small groups of brothers and rushees went to different stores, video arcades, and restaurants), Monday Night Football (with pizza, of course), a Buffalo Wings party, Sunday morning (or rather, early afternoon) Brunch, Movie Nights (both VCR and Theatre presentations), and we even rented a Video Cam-corder and made the first Beta Iota rush video (complete with many beautiful women). We have also had events which have pitted brother against rushee to find out about competitiveness, sportsmanship, and potential skill: Football scrimmages (with accompanying BBQs), Poker nights (nonmonetary betting only!), and a miniature golf tournament (where we set up a nine hole golf course in different rooms of an on-campus apartment - complete with a water hole in the bathtub). Many future events are on the agenda - Red Sox or Bruins games, frisbee golf tournament, 3 Stooges Party, and Pasta night. Hopefully, our future events will be as successful and fun as our past ones have been.

Our rush events are generally nonalcoholic (with the only exception being invitation only Rush Parties) and are designed to allow a relaxed and easy way for rushees to meet the brothers and find out about Alpha Sigma Phi (and vice versa). If alcohol is served, it is responsibly and sparingly dispensed and non-alcoholic alternatives are always available. After all, many of our members do not drink anyway, so to have alcohol-oriented rush events would misrepresent our brotherhood. In all events, a conscious effort is made to ensure that no rushee feel compelled to violate any personal convictions he may have, as well as to assure that each rushee feel welcome and wanted. To insure that all our brothers achieve this end, the Rush Chairman is responsible for holding a Rush Seminar for all new members (with a refresher session for all old members) before Rush events are held. This Seminar reviews the basics for effective rushing: making good first impressions, getting potential rushees interested and bringing them to events, knowing the benefits of fraternity life and Alpha Sigma Phi, being friendly, polite, and positive, etc. A transcript of a recent agenda for a Rush period is included at the end of this report.

Once a person becomes interested in us, he can become eligible for a bid by attending a minimum of three Rush Events (although, the more attended, the better) and clearly displaying an interest in entering the Mystic Circle. Once these criteria are met, the Rush Chairman will present the candidate's name to be voted on during the New Business section of the weekly Business Meeting. If a majority of the members in attendance feel they know a candidate well enough, a bid vote is then held by written ballot. If not, the candidate's name is withdrawn until the following Business Meeting, allowing the brothers a chance to better know the candidate. Additionally, the candidate is informed by a brother (either the brother who feels that he knows the candidate the best, or the Rush

Chairman) that his name was presented but the entire brotherhood did not yet know him well enough, and he is then encouraged to come to as many future events as possible.

Before voting on a candidate begins, one minute of supportive comments, one minute of negative comments, and five minutes of general discussion are allowed, if needed. The written ballots are then tallied by the Rush Chairman, and the Recording Secretary. If the potential bid receives a number of "yes" votes equal in number to two thirds of the total number of brothers (rounded up if divided unevenly), he is given a bid. If the potential receives too many "no" and "abstention" votes, his name is removed from contention.

A bid is given to an accepted candidate by a single brother (usually the brother who feels he knows the candidate the best, or the rush chairman) who is informed of the proper bidding procedure: get the candidate alone at a convenient time for both people, ask about any objections he may have, handle the objections, offer the Bid, and be quiet. The brother then informs both the Rush Chairman and the President of the candidate's decision. If the candidate accepts, a celebration is held as soon as possible (always within a day or two). If he declines, he can only become eligible for a future bid by meeting the above criteria again, and verbally expressing his desire to be reconsidered.

After each Rush Event and bid offer, it is the responsibility of the Rush Committee to evaluate the relative success or failure of each one. Usually the best way to accomplish this is to talk to the newest pledges informally about what they liked or disliked about events and occurrences, and who or what made them accept their bid. Invariably, the reason most rushees become pledges is because of the brothers themselves.

Although we have previously lacked the planning and resources for Summer Rush, we have formulated plans for its implementation this

coming summer. Several "geographic representatives" will be appointed by the Rush Committee, and they will serve as contacts to the Rush Chairman for different geographical regions (i.e. any area that several brothers will be able to meet on a particular day during the summer vacation like Venice Beach, CA; Central Park, NY; or Revere Beach, MA). In these different regions, the geographic representative will be responsible for overseeing the contact of incoming freshmen by personal letter, and wherever possible, by phone calls or in person, about the time, date, and place of events. The events to be held will be very informal in nature, and will espouse the values of Tufts, its Greek system, and Alpha Sigma Phi. Both parents and prospective freshmen will be invited. Hopefully, this early start will result in a better image for Beta Iota, as well as a bigger and better contact for potential rushees.

TRANSCRIPT OF RUSH SEMINAR AGENDA:

I. KNOW YOUR COMMITMENT:

This section lists the rush events to be held, their dates and times and a brief explanation of the event and its purpose.

II. GET PEOPLE THERE:

A. Essential to the idea of a fraternity is the right to SELECT its membership... bring down guys that you would like to have as your brother.

B. Leave no stone unturned... talk to roommates; hallmates; friends; people in your classes, clubs, and athletic teams; transfer students; commuters...

C. Don't be apologetic or sheepish about inviting someone to a Rush Event. It is a compliment that you would consider a person highly enough to ask him to think about joining your fraternity.

D. GET EXCITED ABOUT Alpha Sigma Phi!! (If you aren't, who will be?)

- * Think about why you joined.
- * Think about the value of belonging to the Fraternity.
- * What makes Alpha Sigma Phi different from other fraternities at Tufts.
(Why do YOU think it is better... after all, you joined.)

III. SELLING:

A. Make a Good First Impression:

- Dress appropriately (no sweatsuits or tutus)
- Greet each rushee with a firm handshake and a smile.
- Remember his name (this is easier than you think!)

B. Be Sincere

-People can smell horseshit a mile away... so if someone asks you a question, tell him what you honestly think. Don't quote To Better The Man unless you agree with what you are saying.

-If someone stumps you with a question, try "I don't know" or "I've never really thought about that," don't make something up. Try to turn it around with a "Well, I'm not sure, what do you think?"

C. Be positive and patient:

-POSITIVE: Don't criticize other fraternities or other rushees. "If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing."

-PATIENT: If you already "know" a potential rushee and you dislike him, try to find something positive in him anyway. You may be surprised at what you see. Besides, you don't have to spend an entire eternity with some loser - introduce him to someone else and move on.

D. Ask open ended questions:

"I would not speak so much about myself if there were anyone else I knew so well." -H. D. Thoreau

It's true, people love to talk about themselves, or something that interests them... Let them!! This way, you can find out a little more about them.

-Try questions like: "What activities are you involved/interested in?" or "What are you looking for in a fraternity?"
(Don't try: "what's your major?" or "nice day, isn't it?" You won't have a very long conversation, and you don't really care anyway.

E. Don't abandon anyone

-No one likes being alone in a crowd of strangers. Be sure a rushee is introduced to another person before you move on.

-Don't congregate in large groups. There is nothing more intimidating or scary than feeling as if you are on the outside of a group, or that no one wants to talk to you. NEVER turn your back on people (or bend over, for that matter).

-Make it easy for a person to enter your conversation. Make the first move.

Lastly, and most importantly,

F. MEET EVERYBODY

Keep circulating. Every brother should at least shake hands with every rushee.

** Remember, you have the right to like or dislike anybody you choose, for any reason at all. BUT, also realize that rushees have the same option....
The only way to truly decide about a person is to give them a chance.

V. SCHOLARSHIP

A. REQUIREMENTS

Beta Iota at Tufts has basic academic requirements in order to ensure that each pledge and his brother maintains the highest possible Grade Point Average. Specifically, three important requirements are addressed by the Scholarship Committee to achieve these scholarship goals:

- 1) Highest possible Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) for the Brotherhood
- 2) Minimum G.P.A. that each individual brother must maintain : 2.50
- 3) Minimum G.P.A. that pledges maintain during semester they are pledged: 2.50

Our colony had done tremendously well in the academic rigorous environment of Tufts University. Last semester, the overall grade point average of the chapter was 3.08, which is a solid 'B' average. If an individual brother falls below the minimum set standard for a given semester's work, then that brother is called before the Scholarship Chairman in order to determine solutions to alleviate this academic problem.

The three requirements outlined above are obtained by following a close regimen of "Programs," which will be discussed in section two.

B. PROGRAMS USED TO ATTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GOALS

1) Bi-Weekly study table at the school library. Each Tuesday and Sunday nights, any brother who needed to study was encouraged to do so with his brothers. The "study table" lasted for three hours per session, and as a reward for attending, those brothers received free pizza provided by the Scholarship Committee. It didn't take long before the lure of free pizza spurred many brothers to come to the library as well. One result of the study table was that many Tufts students would see ten to fifteen Alpha Sigs studying together, which further enhanced our reputation.

2) Test/Research File. This reference tool has been very helpful to the brotherhood. The brothers understand that this reference is not a substitute for studying, but it can ease apprehension about the test format of a particular professor as well as show a brother where to concentrate his study efforts.

3) Study Guide/Study Tips Pamphlets. The purpose of these two

pamphlets was to inform brothers where to get academic help both inside and outside the brotherhood. A copy of the Study Guide is included with this report.

4) Academic Resource Center. This center is operated by Tufts University, and it provides academic advice to the students. It has a staff of academic tutors that help students free of charge. This valuable center is strongly recommended to the brothers by the Scholarship Committee.

5) Grade Parties. There is one grade party each semester to celebrate the academic winners and losers of the past term. Specifically, there are four categories in which brothers can be awarded:

- a) Highest Grade Point Average
- b) Lowest Grade Point Average
- c) Most Improved Grade Point Average
- d) "Eric Brown" Memorial Award

While the first three categories are self-evident in their purpose, the fourth may not be as clear. It is named after a member who achieved the highest G.P.A. in the brotherhood with the fewest number of classes.

C. CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Career development is the third major area over which the Scholarship Chairman has jurisdiction. The Beta Iota program is structured to complement the programs available at the Tufts Career Planning Center. Both alumni brothers and parents of brothers are a valuable source of contacts, especially in getting that important interview or hot job tip. With this combination, Alpha Sigma Phi Beta Iota Colony Brothers should be able to get those desired jobs. With our first group of seniors entering their second semester, we intend to concretize this program. We will include seminars on include seminars on interview skills, resume writing, and job hunting. These sessions will be led by

parents and alumni with business experience. We also hope to cultivate any alumni contacts with influence in the business world, and the graduate school arena.

STUDY GUIDE

I. Education at Tufts

A. Two Types

1. Classroom Education
2. Extra-Curricular Education

II. Classroom Education

A. Classroom Education/Studying

1. There are three kinds of studying
 - a. Study on a regular basis(Sunday through Thursday)
 - b. Study only when needed (a big test the next day, etc.)
 - c. No studying at all
2. Part 'a' above, study on a regular basis, is the most sensible of the three choices. Why?
 - a. Doing the work when it is assigned can mean many fewer headaches at midterm and finals time. (When a professor says, "Read the book for Monday," you'd better read the book for Monday; otherwise, the following Monday, you'll have 2 books to read, since undoubtedly, he will assign another one as well.)
 - b. If one studies only when it is absolutely necessary, he is cheating only himself.
 1. You don't grasp the material fully by cramming
 2. By rushing to get the job done on time, the result is often less than what you would have like. (Oh, I got a C, I should had an A," is a common complaint at Tufts.)
 3. By studying continuously, this problem would be avoided:

resulting in the A you deserve.

c. If you are one of those individuals who never studies, stop here and leave. We don't want "dumb dummies" in Alpha Sigma Phi.

3. Where to go if you need help?

a. Professor or TA - take advantage of these guys; not enough people visit their professors enough at Tufts.

b. Academic Resource Center (A.R.C.): for a tutor in a particular area. Again, go to the ARC, not enough students use the service.

c. Test File: for an idea on how questions will be phrased.

d. Talk to a brother who knows a lot in an area.

III. Extra-Curricular Education

A. To do extra-curricular activities, you need time. To have extra time for extra-curricular activities, you have to do your work on a regular basis.

1. Simply "Blowing off your work to party" is not, repeat, NOT acceptable. The load of work can only get larger and larger with this attitude.

2. However, by doing your work on a regular basis, you can have weekends and weeknights open to socialize, should the occasion arise, as it were.

B. What to do for Extra-Curricular Activities:

1. Ok, now you have all this time from good study habits; What do you do now?

a. Join several of the 125 Student organizations or dormitory government, etc. The main idea is that now you can develop in another area besides academics.

VI. CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Since we restarted Beta Iota Colony at Tufts, we have strived to be active on campus and in the community for several reasons. First, to increase our visibility on campus. Second, to give a better public image of both Alpha Sigma Phi and the other fraternities on campus, since fraternities have been looked at in a negative manner of late. Third, to give Tufts a better name in surrounding towns, since student off-campus housing and parking problems have caused strife between residents and students recently.

For the past two years, we have organized and run an on campus event in October which we call "Mocktails on the Quad." In order to support this event, we have asked for help from the Dean's Office and other groups opposed to excessive drinking, and then enlisted the help of a student disc jockey. Various Alpha Sigs "tended" bar, serving such non-alcoholic drinks as Piña Coladas, Bloody Marys, and Strawberry Daiquiris. The drinks were free, and this past year, our gregarious pledge class gave out over 750 drinks in what is becoming a campus tradition.

Another annual event at Tufts is Kid's Day, an event sponsored by the University for local youngsters, which includes films, a barbecue, arts and crafts, and booths from various student organizations. This was where we came in last year. Someone came up with the incredibly intelligent idea of running a sponge throwing booth, "Soak a Sig." The idea was to take a piece of plywood, paint a picture of a clown on it, and cut a face-sized hole in the location of the clown's face. Small children, (and, occasionally, Alpha Sigs) then threw sopping wet sponges at the faces of the hapless individual who happened to be the clown for that half-hour. Winners were given small prizes, and Alpha Sigs were given towels. The day was, needless to say, a lot of fun for both the big kids (us) and the little kids

(especially that one with the annoyingly accurate pitch).

We have also been known to lose lots of blood for a good cause. No, not a holy war or some other such nonsense, but to replenish low blood reserves at the local Red Cross. Twice a year, a campus wide blood drive is held, and each time a group of at least fifteen brothers shows up, in letters, of course, to donate blood, or help out in some way if they are unable to give blood. During the spring semester of 1987, we even managed to coax a reluctant Randy Lewis to contribute his pint.

In November, 1987, a group of twenty Alpha Sigs went to a local community shelter in Medford, MA, and spent the day cleaning and painting their basement. The local merchants provided the brushes and paint, and we provided the rest. Within a matter of a few hours, the basement looked like new, all ready for everyone from the small children to the senior citizens who would spend many fun hours there. A group of weary yet somehow more colorful Alpha Sigs headed home.

That same month, Beta Iota Colony put together a gala event with the help of the Inter-Greek Council. They provided help in a monetary sort of way, and we provided more than 150 hours of labor, leadership and organization. With this, we converted the Elizabeth Van Heusen Mayer Campus Center into an eighteen hole miniature golf course, complete with sand and water hazards, and a nineteenth hole dance club with a live band. We somehow managed to raise lots of money for the campus scholarship fund and have an unbelievable amount of fun at the same time.

So it has been with most of our events; while helping out either the community or the campus, or just gaining more recognition and respect on campus, we inadvertently have lots of fun (not to mention success!). With these many successes, it would be foolish to stop now, so we have started to work with a soup kitchen for the homeless in Somerville, MA, and have already rolled up our sleeves in preparation for the spring blood drive.

VII. ALUMNI RELATIONS

As a chapter that was once an extremely active part of the Tufts community, the Beta Iota colony has a rich heritage that it is actively tapping. Alumni of Beta Iota range from a local political power to professionals throughout New England to one of the former "Mayors" of Tufts University. In keeping with the tradition of Tufts University as a very prestigious and renowned institution with a history dating back to the mid-nineteenth century, the age and experiences of the Alumni that have become active in assisting the recolonization of Beta Iota range from the aftermath of World War Two to more recent decades and encompass many different walks of life.

During the first full semester of Beta Iota's recolonization, an Alumni Relations committee and Chairman were appointed in an effort to tie Beta Iota's illustrious past to the vision of the new colony. Brother Ray Yorke, Brother Robert E. Miller, and Brother Chuck Vohs were the first alumni contacts to do this. These alumni not only taught some of the pledge education classes, but also provided quite a few insights about the Beta Iota of older days. Controversy over the deed of the Alpha Sig house that the school leased to a sorority after Beta Iota went inactive in the past decade also brought the new Beta Iota colony in contact with John Zamparelli. He is a Beta Iota alumnus with many ties to the present school administration and local governments around Tufts.

Alumni attendance at Homecoming in 1986 provided a spontaneous way for Alpha Sigs to meet. Many alumni saw our Homecoming float and searched us out during the Tailgate party to meet the new generation. The Alpha Sig festivities attracted several returning alumni, as well as the attention of the Undergraduate community. Such a turnout illustrated the potential of Beta Iota colony even before the first newsletter.

The Alumni Relations committee also initiated a drive to meet more Tufts Alpha Sig graduates. The committee authored a letter to all Beta Iota alumni in the New England area. The entire fraternity combined their enthusiasm for Alumni Relations with a desire for pizza in a party that ended up with over one-hundred folded, addressed, and stamped letters to alumni, ready for the whims of the U.S. Postal Service. The letter was sent to the alumni, and every member of the Colony received a list of Alumni to call personally.

The letter and calls included an invitation to a reception that the Beta Iota Colony held in the school's Alumnae Lounge. All the Colony members donned coats and ties to meet some local alumni who took the time to investigate the rebirth of the "Old Gal" in Medford. One alumnus even brought a slide projector and gave the colony members a taste of some of the past wild deeds of Alpha Sigs on campus. These stories have continually inspired our colony ever since. Equally important, several of the alumni present decided on their own accord to investigate the present status of the ASP (alumni) Corporation and the deed of the old Alpha Sig house. At this point, legal investigations are still proceeding.

Handwritten Thank You Notes were sent to all alumni who attended the reception in an effort to show a token of our appreciation and to keep them involved with the colony. We also included an invitation to the Spring Black and White Formal and a reminder about Homecoming '87. An added bonus to the Black and White, which we did not know when we sent out the notes, was that Grand Councilor Chuck Vohs would attend with his lovely wife.

The Alumni Relations Committee coordinates a newsletter to be distributed through national headquarters to all Beta Iota Alumni. The newsletter is now one of the oldest traditions of the newly-formed Beta Iota Colony. While each editor adds his own touches to the newsletter, an

underlying theme of humor and timeliness continues to permeate each of the several issues per year that the Colony publishes.

The announcement concerning Homecoming '87 was followed up this year with a more detailed schedule of events. The Alumni Reception the night before the Homecoming and the "Touch Football" game between Colony members and Alumni after the Homecoming game were both a success; yet they were eclipsed by the activities at the Second Annual Alpha Sig Homecoming Tailgate/Barbecue at the football game.

The Committee has some new goals and plans for Alumni Relations, including a re-emergence of Alumni in Pledge Education, lots of Alumni attending the Charter Banquet, more action by the Alumni Corporation, and the foundation of an annual "Sig Bust" sometime around Founder's Day. Overall, the ties to Beta Iota's past have helped to add vision and nostalgia to the goals of the Colony.

The next big challenge will be the construction of a new alumni network based on the first large graduating class of the recolonized Beta Iota Chapter, the class of 1988.

VIII. FINANCES

We are happy to say that we have accomplished every event, Charity and Social, that we set out to do this past semester. Furthermore, we have done this without a deficit. We plan to continue to keep these financial records stable and on line for next semester. During this past semester, we also set up an alumni savings account which will hopefully be used to purchase a house and any other necessary expenses that will further promote the fraternity. Presently we have approximately \$200 in our checking account. The dues for this past semester were set at \$150. We have always kept a policy that those who are financially burdened are

put on payment plan that is comfortable for them and acceptable to the fraternity. The dues for next semester are going to be increased to \$165 in order to allow us to do the things that we want to do.

Over the past semester, David Hung was the Treasurer and found the job rewarding, but tedious. The new treasurer is Ian Goldsmith who keeps an immaculate checking account along with his neat appearance. He is one of the most hard-working and trustful members of the fraternity. The brothers do not have to worry about having their funds being squandered on the dog track while Ian is in charge.

Overall Budget

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Social	\$1388.00
Brotherhood	\$482.00
Alumni	\$450.00
Rush	\$550.00
Fundraising	\$-350.00
HSP Allocation	\$ 50.00
HJP Allocation	\$ 50.00
Administrative costs	\$ 25.00
Scholarship	\$175.00
Over run allowance	<u>\$360.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3300.00

Individual Budgets

SOCIAL	
\$150.00	Party 9/2
\$136.00	Party 9/3
\$80.00	Party 9/4

\$150.00	Party 9/6
\$136.00	Party 9/25
\$136.00	Party 10/10
\$150.00	Party 10/24
\$150.00	Party 11/14
\$150.00	Party 12/5
\$100.00	Clean-up
\$50.00	Cost over runs
\$1388.00	TOTAL

RUSH

\$250.00	1st rush week
\$250.00	2nd rush week
\$50.00	Pre-rush
\$550.00	TOTAL

BROTHERHOOD

\$135.00	Party
\$42.00	Barbecue
\$90.00	Barbecue
\$150.00	Refreshments
\$65.00	Retreat
\$482.00	TOTAL

SCHOLARSHIP

\$56.00	Copy Card
\$19.00	Files, misc.
\$80.00	Grades Party
\$175.00	TOTAL

ALUMNI	
\$75.00	1st mailing
\$75.00	2nd mailing
\$200.00	Homecoming
\$100.00	Tailgate Party
\$450.00	TOTAL

The following things were not included in the budget, but were added to it as the semester went along, and were not forgotten in next semesters budget.

I.G.C. Dues	\$200.00
Parent's Reception	\$100.00
Country Club Dance Party	\$100.00
Mocktails	\$150.00
Giraffe Dinner (Semi-formal)	\$200.00

The following items experienced cost overruns during the semester:

Dinner at Restaurant	\$200.00
Unpaid Dues	\$300.00
Lack of Fundraising	\$300.00

All overruns were counterbalanced by the following:

Pledge Class Dues	\$800.00
Cancelled Party (11/14/87)	\$150.00

Financial Records

SOCIAL

<u>Events</u>	<u>\$1388.00</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Welcome Home Party	188.36	9/02/87
Welcome Home Party II	60.93	9/03/87
Social Party	80.00	9/04/87
Nuts and Bolts Party	150.00	9/05/87
Caribbean Party	237.00	10/10/87
Daylight Savings Party	121.87	10/24/87
<u>Founder's Party</u>	<u>243.00</u>	<u>12/04/87</u>
Balance (Deficit)	\$206.84	12/05/87

RUSH

<u>Events</u>	<u>550.00</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Copies	4.93	9/03/87
Printers	15.75	9/10/87
Beer + Ice	131.75	9/17/87
2 Kegs	70.00	9/17/87
Film	22.43	9/18/87
Golf	43.49	9/19/87
Dinner/Lanai Islands	228.05	9/20/87
Mon. Nite Football	18.75	9/21/87
Pre-Rush Party	111.06	11/19/87
Decorations	13.65	11/19/87
Drinks	40.00	11/20/87
Brunch	35.00	11/21/87
<u>Pizza + Beer</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>11/22/87</u>
Balance (Deficit)	(\$271.28)	12/05/87

BROTHERHOOD

<u>Events</u>	<u>482.00</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Barbecue	78.63	9/05/87
Wine + Cheese	103.32	9/11/87
Retreat	38.46	9/12/87
Poker Night	39.00	10/3/87
BBQ + Movies	35.00	10/6/87
Quad Dance	85.98	10/17/87
Deposit/Stephen James	100.00	10/22/87
Decorations	13.88	11/11/87
<u>Banquet Overdue</u>	<u>102.00</u>	<u>11/11/87</u>
Balance (Deficit)	(\$124.27)	12/05/87

ALUMNI RELATIONS

<u>Events</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Envelopes	10.86	9/15/87
Copies	20.48	9/21/87
Envelopes + Copies	35.29	9/28/87
Tailgate	135.63	9/31/87
Cloth for float	11.50	9/31/87
Wine	35.80	11/11/87
<u>Coke for reception</u>	<u>12.86</u>	<u>11/11/87</u>
Balance (Deficit)	\$187.58	12/05/87

FUNDRAISING/SERVICE

<u>Events</u>	<u>(350.00)</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>T-shirt</u>	<u>-22.00</u>	12/04/87
Balance (Deficit)	(\$328.00)	12/05/87

SCHOLARSHIP

<u>Events</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Pizza Break	7.35	9/13/87
Pizza Break	8.50	9/15/87
<u>Grades Party</u>	<u>59.60</u>	<u>11/07/87</u>
Balance (Deficit)	\$99.55	12/05/87

<u>Slush</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>Dates</u>
HSP Allocation	50.00	12/04/87
HJP Allocation	50.00	12/04/87
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>12/04/87</u>
Balance (Deficit)	\$0.00	12/05/87

Accounts Receivable

The only people in our chapter at the time of the writing of this petition, who owe us money are David Abel and Tom Cammaro. Both of these members are on a payment plan that is suitable to the fraternity. The administration of Tufts University also owes us \$300 for various events that they have agreed to sponsor. We have not yet received this money, but are expecting it upon our return in January. These two things constitute the only accounts receivable.

IX. PLEDGE EDUCATION

A. Pledge Education Program

Week 1

1. Teach Chapter 1 of To Better the Man (TBTM)
2. Set time for weekly Pledge Meetings
3. Elect Officers
4. Pick/Assign Big Brothers
5. Assign Fundraising Project
6. Assign Service Project
7. Assign Class Project
8. Signatures and Interview Sheets with Active Members
9. Sign up for Intramural Team

Week 2

1. Quiz: TBTM Chapter 1
Pledge Creed Summary
Greek Alphabet
Reasons for Being
2. Pledge Meeting
3. Teach Chapter 2 of TBTM
4. Learn Fraternity Songs: Sweetheart Song, For He's An Alpha Sig
5. Guest Speaker
6. Big Brother/Little Brother Sleepover
7. Brothers' Meeting -- Parliamentary Procedure
8. Seminar by a Brother on ALCOHOL AWARENESS
9. Study Table

Week 3

1. Quiz: TBTM Chapter 2
2. Pledge Meeting
3. Teach: Chapter 3 of TBTM

Beta Iota History

4. Brothers' Meeting -- Sing Songs in Meeting with Big Brothers
5. Officers' Seminar on Duties of Officers
6. Guest Speaker
7. Seminar by Brother on SCHOLARSHIP
8. Study Table
9. Fund Raiser Due

Week 4

1. Quiz: TBTM Chapter 3

Beta Iota History

2. Teach: Chapter 4 of TBTM
3. Pledge Meeting
4. Brothers' Meeting
5. Big Brother/Little Brother Dinner
6. Visit One Alumni
7. Seminar by Brother on TIME MANAGEMENT
8. Study Table

Week 5

1. Quiz: Chapter 4
2. Teach: Tufts History
3. Pledge Meeting
4. Brothers' Meeting
5. Big Brother/Little Brother Sleepover

Week 5, (cont'd)

6. Service Project Due
7. Seminar by Brother on LEADERSHIP
8. Study Table

Week 6

1. Quiz: Tufts History
Practice Final
2. Pledge Meeting
3. Brothers' Meeting
4. Party for Brotherhood thrown by Pledge Class
5. Class Project Due
6. Study Table

PINNACLE WEEK

Sunday

- 8-9 P.M. Study Table
- 9-11 P.M. Pledge Final Exam
- 11 P.M. Scavenger Hunt List passed out

President asks them to think about what Alpha Sigma Phi means to them

Monday -- History Day ¹

- 7 am Wake up for breakfast (Big Brothers responsible for Little Brother waking up each day during Pinnacle Week)
- 8 am Breakfast
- 6-8 P.M. Dinner with Brothers and Guest Speaker

Monday, (cont'd)

8-9 P.M. SongFest with Normal Clothes

9-11 P.M. Study Table

11-12 am Time with Big Brother

Midnight Bedtime

Tuesday -- Beta Iota and Tufts History Day

7 am Wake up for Breakfast

8 am Breakfast

5:30 P.M. Dinner with Brothers (Everyone dressed up)

7-8:30 Make-up Exam (if needed)²

9-11 Study Table

11-12 Time with Big Brother

Midnight Bedtime

Wednesday -- Chapter Operations Day

7 am Wake up for Breakfast

8 am Breakfast

11:30 am Lunch with Brothers

5 P.M. Dinner

7 P.M. Big Brother/Little Brother Outing and Scavenger Hunt Scoring³

11-12 Study Table

Midnight Bedtime

Thursday -- Open Day (Any Questions)

8 am Breakfast

5 P.M. Announce that they all passed, Silent Dinner

8 P.M. Induction/Initiation Ceremony

10 P.M. Celebration

¹ Each day of Pinnacle Week brothers may ask members of the pledge class questions pertaining to the subject of that day.

² All members of pledge class must pass the Pledge Final Exam so that the entire class can be initiated. This is done to help the Pledge Class work together. It has never taken any of our pledge classes more than twice for them to all pull together and study to ensure unanimous success for the class.

³ All items on Scavenger Hunt List are legally obtainable and attainment of them will not endanger the pledges in any way.

The Point System below is used to assure full participation by ALL members of the Pledge Class.

Point System

Week 1:

Attendance at Pledge Meeting	50
Attendance at Brothers' Meeting	50
Interview Sheets Successfully Completed	25

Week 2:

Attendance at Pledge Meeting	50
Attendance at Brothers' Meeting	50
Recite Alphabet	10
Perfect Score on Quiz	35
Attendance at Seminar	20
Study Table	50

Week 3:

Attendance at Pledge Meeting	50
Attendance at Brothers' Meeting	50
Perfect Score on Quiz	35
Attendance at Seminar	20
Study Table	50
Successful Fundraiser	75

Week 4:

Attendance at Pledge Meeting	50
Attendance at Brothers' Meeting	50
Perfect Score on Quiz	35
Attendance at Seminar	20
Study Table	50
Visit with Alumni	60

Week 5:

Attendance at Pledge Meeting	50
Attendance at Brothers' Meeting	50
Perfect Score on Quiz	35
Attendance at Seminar	20
Successful Service Project	75
Study Table	50

Week 6:

Attendance at Pledge Meeting	50
Attendance at Brothers' Meeting	50
Perfect Score on Quiz	35
Study Table	50

Week 6, (cont'd)

Successfully Done Class Project 75

Party for Brothers 50

FINAL: 500

TOTAL POINTS 2000

**NEEDED FOR INITIATION/INDUCTION:
1700 POINTS & 85% ON THE PLEDGE FINAL**

Extra Ways to Gain/Lose Points

Gain:

Being President, or Service or Fundraising Chairman 50

Being Vice President or Treasurer 20

Each intramural Game attended or participated in 10

Each intramural victory participated in 20

Answering questions correctly during Pinnacle Week 5

At discretion of Pledge Educator variable

Lose:

President: for each pledge's absence at

Pledge Business Meetings -2

Service Chairman: for each pledge's absence at

Pledge Class Service Committee meetings -2

Fundraising Chairman: for each pledge's absence

at Pledge Class Fundraising Committee meetings -2

Missing question asked during Pinnacle Week -2

B. Responsibilities of Pledge Class Officers

President -- runs all Pledge Class Business meetings, oversees Pledge Class Project, responsible for success of Pledge Class as a whole

Vice-President -- oversees two Chairmen, coordinates Alumni trip, runs "PledgePru" (see below)

Treasurer -- handles all money: raised by Pledge Class, appropriated by Brotherhood for Pledge Class, any dues collected by Pledge Class

Service Chairman -- responsible for success of Service Project, runs Service Committee meetings

Fundraising Chairman -- responsible for success of Fundraising Project, runs Fundraising Committee meetings

C. Pledge Class Committees

PledgePru -- Made up of President, Vice President, Treasurer; meets as needed to determine matters of money, scheduling, and attendance or other problems among the Pledge Class

Service Committee -- Made up of one half of Pledge Class; meets weekly to plan Service Project, responsible for success of that project

Fundraising Committee -- Made up of other half of Pledge Class; meets weekly to plan Fundraising Project, responsible for success of that project

*Each of the above two committees is dissolved and the pledges in it added to an acting Brothers' Committee upon completion of their project

Pledge Class -- The Pledge Class must act as a committee chaired by the President in order to plan Party for Brothers, as well as acting as the Brotherhood does for "Business" Meetings.

D. My Life as a Pledge

I entered the Pledge Education with trepidation. Although I knew about the anti-hazing law, I had seen the movies "Animal House" and "Revenge of the Nerds", and was not sure what I would go through in the next seven weeks. I soon learned that the movies were just fiction, and Pledge Education was to educate me, not hurt me. When I arrived at the first pledge education meeting I knew only a few of the pledges. In the next seven weeks I would get to know these pledges like they were my own family.

I had only met the Pledge Educator, Mr. Portnoy, once or twice before. I did not know if he would work us hard, or not work us at all. I soon learned that he would not make pledging easy for us, but he would also become a friend to us all. He started the meeting with electing a Pledge President. I said I would like to be the Pledge President, and I was appointed to the position.

So here I was, a new Pledge President, but that did not excuse me from doing the work involved in Pledge Education. In fact, because I was President, it forced me to work harder than normal, making sure I was the perfect pledge. I studied the Greek Alphabet and Reasons for Being.

I learned most about the Fraternity when I spent time with the brothers, in their apartment. Even though I was a pledge, they did not treat me like I was dirt. I was still a human being, bettering myself, on my way to becoming an Alpha Sig. I liked the way the brothers treated the pledges, the more they showed us their kindness, the more I wanted to be one of them.

For our education, we had to study for a test every week, eat dinner with the rest of the pledges, listen to a lecture about the Fraternity, attend Brothers' meetings, attend study tables and our Committee

meetings. We also partied all night, went to midnight movies, bullshitted for hours, picked up girls, and built floats for Homecoming. Not all of this was required for our Pledge Education, but the more I did, the more I learned, and the more I bettered myself.

The most fun we had during our education were the community project and the fundraiser. Our community project was Mocktails, where we served non-alcoholic drinks for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. We spent that afternoon together listening to music from the D.J., making drinks, serving beautiful women and giving those same women invitations to our party.

The next major event we did was a fundraiser. We did "tuck-in's" in conjunction with Halloween and Homecoming. A "tuck-in" is when you tuck a girl or guy into bed. All of the pledges had a great time staying up late hours, finding gorgeous girls, reading them "The Little Engine that Could" in reggae, reading them a Sesame Street story, (each pledge using a different voice), and singing them the Alpha Sig sweetheart song. I do not know how many phone numbers I received when I sang the words "Whose Alpha Sig Girl are You?" Fun was had by all.

I wore my Pledge Pin proudly around Tufts as well as the surrounding Boston area. Everyone asked me what fraternity I was in and I always said with a smile on my face "Alpha Sigma Phi." During Pinnacle Week, we all wore our suits and ties and pins with smiles on our faces. Although most of us were sick with the flu, it did not stop us from completing our scavenger hunt.

So we were inducted as members into the colony, and those days were the best days of my life. To relive those precious moments, we have a picture of all the inducted pledges, with our Pledge Educator Doug Portnoy, our HSP Brett Clemmer, and Chuck Vohs. This picture is worth more to me than a thousand words.

-- Mark Treitel

X. LEADERSHIP

A. Leadership in the Fraternity and on Campus

Dave Abel:

Besides being the first HSP of the Beta Iota Colony, Dave Abel has excelled both academically and extracurricularly here at Tufts University. Dave has always been an avid participant in intramural sports, making up with spirit what he may lack in skill. Dave Abel was recently inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa society. He also was a proven leader in his Dormitory Government. Fortunately, due to his outstanding academic work, Dave Abel has the opportunity to enter any medical school that he wants.

Ken Ankiewicz:

Although Ken is a freshman at Tufts University this year, he has already shown some leadership qualities. Ken was elected by his dorm-mates to be a Dorm Government Representative. He has been elected as the Scholarship Chairman of Alpha Sigma Phi. Active in his pledge class, Ken has the potential to be one of the best leaders on campus.

Matt Birkner:

Matt is also a freshman this year, and has been elected to the position of Secretary of Alpha Sigma Phi. Matt has been one of our most active new members, leaving him little time to pursue his interests in music and the guitar. Matt has proven leadership qualities that promise an active role in Alpha Sigma Phi in the future.

Serge Botsaris:

Serge was one of the original members of the new Beta Iota colony. He

has been very active in the Fraternity as a Fundraising/Service Chairman and has also done a lot in the Tufts community. Serge has been a charter member and recently treasurer of the Tufts Film Club. He was the calendar and copy editor for the Observer, the weekly newspaper of Tufts University. He was also the organizer of several charity booths at Tufts University.

Eric Brown:

Eric has been very active in Alpha Sigma Phi as the Marshal and has been recently appointed as the Brotherhood Chairman. He has been a member of the Tufts University Marching Band. Eric is also involved in the Armenian Club and the Tufts Film Series, and has worked as a Sales Representative for a family box company during this past semester while he was on a leave absence.

Brett Clemmer:

As well as being the HJP and HSP of Alpha Sigma Phi, Brett has also been very active in the Tufts Community. Brett was Vice President of his Dormitory Government during the first semester of his freshman year. The following semester, he became the President. Brett has also been active in the Tufts Christian Fellowship, holding the offices of Large Group Leader, Vice President, and President.

Brett was instrumental in organizing one of the largest charity events in the history of Tufts. Our Campus Center was transformed into an eighteen hole golf course for the first annual IGC Country Club Dance Party. Hundreds of people danced to a popular local band's music as others played miniature golf. All proceeds were donated to charity.

Brian Crowley:

Brian has been an active brother as HS of Alpha Sigma Phi. In the Tufts community he has been a member of the Tufts Inter-Greek Council, representing Alpha Sigma Phi.

Brian has been a member of the Junior Class Council and will be a member of the Senior Class Council next year. He also has been very active in the Tufts Shotokan Karate Club, holding the positions of Secretary and Publicity Committee Chairman, and he will be the second highest ranking student in the club next year.

Avram Dorfman:

Avram is also a new member of the Beta Iota Colony. He has assumed an active role already in the fraternity system and was elected to the position of HR. He is also a driver for the Tufts Safety , which provides free taxi service to the students of Tufts during the evening hours.

Peter Gargalianos:

Peter was also recently pledged as an Alpha Sig. He has been elected to the Prudential Committee as one of the Committee Members-at-large and has assumed the role of Fundraising/Service Chairman.

Within the Tufts community, he is seeking a leadership position in the Tufts University radio station, WMFO, and has already been promoted to the position of Disc Jockey. Peter is also an active member of the Tufts University Concert Board, and has been instrumental in the planning of several successful concert events this semester.

Jon Goldman:

Jon is new to Alpha Sigma Phi but has already been elected to the Prudential Committee as the Member-at-Large. He has also assumed the role as social chairman of the fraternity. He has already demonstrated his

talent with people by becoming a leader in his dorm's student security committee.

John Giantis:

Within Alpha Sigma Phi, John has been Scholarship Chairman since last year. He has been instrumental in starting an exam file, a scholarship program, and a resource list for all new members.

Within Tufts, he has worked as a tour guide. After a year, he was promoted to tour captain. This was one of six positions in the organization responsible for organizing schedules, meetings, and evaluations. He also worked as a resident tutor during his junior year, tutoring in French, English, and Economics. He has also been active in the Tae Kwon Do club, and has written a collection of articles for the Tufts Daily. Furthermore, he has worked in the Tufts internship program for both the Bank of New England, and E.F. Hutton.

Ian Goldsmith:

Ian has served Alpha Sigma Phi as Brotherhood Chairman in the past semester, though only a Sophomore. Previously he organized several special events for the President. In his brief time in Alpha Sigma Phi, he has repeatedly displayed his leadership abilities. This has led to his recent election as Treasurer, where he will continue his stellar career.

Within the Tufts community, he has been a member of the fencing team. Where his teammates have benefitted from his skill, spirit and leadership. He also has taken courses at a level far above his sophomore standing.

Randolph Guthrie:

Randy has been an active member of the Brotherhood Committee and a willing participant in our events. He has also displayed enthusiasm when asked to perform special assignments.

At Tufts he has been an academic leader, finishing a four year program in just three years. He has also used his considerable computer expertise to assist his classmates.

Mike Hopkins:

Mike has been active in Alpha Sigma Phi since he was pledged over a year ago. He has held the positions of Sergeant-at-Arms, and Alumni Relations Chairman. He has become an outspoken leader in Alpha Sigma Phi, unafraid to express his opinion. In the future, he will lead through action and experience over the next two years.

He has also been active in the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Tufts University. He maintains a scholarship from the Navy and despite a brief period of academic difficulties has continued to gain respect within the program. He has also participated within the intramural program on campus.

David Hung:

Dave was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi. Since that time he has been active as a committee member and as a quiet yet respected brother. In the fall of 1986 he was elected Treasurer, and has organized the financial records, maintained a continuous positive balance, and assisted brothers in financial difficulty.

As a double major in Classics and Economics, he has worked with the faculty on many occasions. He has held various jobs in the Chemistry department, and done research for the Classics department. He has advanced to brown belt within the Tae Kwon Do club. He has also trained with Olympic class wrestlers while at Tufts.

Brian Kane:

Brian was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi. He has displayed leadership ever since becoming involved. He was elected to the first Prudential Committee as a Member-at-Large. In the Fall he was also elected Pledge Educator, leading the first Pledge Class of the Colony. Subsequently, he was elected Vice President where he reorganized the committees, and built Brotherhood and morale within the fraternity.

Brian has held jobs on and off campus in his four years at Tufts. He has worked as a clerk for the library, a shift supervisor at Stop and Shop, and most recently as a Teaching Assistant for the Economics department. He has risen to the level of Blue belt within the Tae Kwon Do club.

Richard Kilstock:

Rich was another founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi. However, he went abroad soon after its founding. A year and a half later he returned with enthusiasm. He has since been an active committee member and a spirited brother.

He has been a respected member of the Rugby club for his entire time at Tufts. While abroad he also played lacrosse, rugby, and football. When not displaying his athletic prowess, he is charming the women of Tufts.

Tim Lohse:

Tim joined Alpha Sigma Phi last fall and immediately displayed both leadership and enthusiasm. He was quickly elected to the Prudential Committee as a Member-at-Large. This training will be useful in his new position as Vice President. His quiet strength has inspired the brothers in the past and will lead them into the future.

Outside of Alpha Sigma Phi, he has been a leader on the crew team for the past three years where he has won awards for his dedication. Though his skill was sometimes lacking, his heart carried him through.

Bruce Perelman:

Bruce was recently pledged to Alpha Sigma Phi. His abilities behind the lens, led him to be elected Fraternity Photographer. He is the first one to have filled that position. His pictures will leave us memories for years to come.

Outside of Alpha Sigma Phi, he has spent much of his college career abroad. He has travelled in Spain, Japan and Australia. He has also been active within dormitory intramurals and government.

Neil Peretz:

Neil was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi and has since been on almost every committee. He has chaired the Alumni Relations committee and been our representative to the Inter-Fraternity Council. He is an outspoken and respected member of our Fraternity.

Neil is a lieutenant in the United States Army ROTC and has attended airborne school and cold weather survival school. He has received awards for both physical fitness and academic ability from the Army. Neil was also Treasurer of the Tufts Tri-Service organization and a member of the Student Development Committee. Outside of the Army, Neil has been a member of H.U.G. (Help Undergraduates Scholarship Fund) and a member of the Tufts Center Board, which plans campus events. He is also a member of the Tufts Film Series and has been a representative in Dormitory Government.

Douglas Portnoy:

Doug was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi as well as its first Secretary. He was the Colony's second Pledge Educator and was

instrumental in developing the current Pledge Program. He has also led Alpha Sigma Phi in several intramural competitions.

He has been a member of Tufts varsity volleyball team since his arrival at Tufts. He is also a member of the Pre-Law Society, and next year he will be attending the Law school of his choice!

David Pucci:

Dave was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi as well as one of its emotional leaders. He has been an active member of several committees and has been Chairman of the Rush Committee. Our colony has doubled in size during his time as Rush Chairman.

He is a member of the Tufts branch of the National Society of Chemical Engineers. He has been a member of the Film Series for three years and most recently worked as a Night Manager for the organization. He has risen to the level of Brown belt within the Tae Kwon Do club. Dave has worked for dormitory security for two years, done experimental research for Dr. Sussman, and various other jobs for the department. He is currently employed by the campus store "After Hours."

David Sable:

Dave was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi and has been and active committee member. He has been responsible for several of the most innovative ideas of the Rush Committee.

He has been academically active within the Chemistry department at Tufts. He has done independent research for several professors and has taken several graduate level courses. Next semester he will be doing graduate work full time for the department. He has been a member of the Tufts Film series for three years and most recently has been a Night Manager for the organization.

Michael Schultz:

Mike was recently pledged to Alpha Sigma Phi and soon displayed his talents. His efforts during the most recent rush period earned him the position of Rush Chairman for the coming year. He also holds the positions Sergeant-at-Arms and Corresponding Secretary.

Mike was the Freshman Class President during his freshman year. He has been a Tour Guide for four years and now he is one of three Tour Guide Coordinators which selects and trains new Tour Guides. He is Chairman of the Board of Tufts Student Resources which has a budget of over \$350,000. Mike is a member of the yearbook club and the Varsity Lightweight Crew Team. He also led an Exploration (a student run class) this past semester.

Mark Treitel:

Mark was President of the most recent Pledge Class of Alpha Sigma Phi. He will chair the Alumni Relations committee in the coming semester. Though he has only been a pledge for a short time he has already demonstrated potential for the future.

Mark, though just a Freshman, was elected Vice President of his Dormitory Government. He is also a member of the Inter-Dormitory Council. He is active in the Tufts chapter of Hillel (a national Jewish organization).

Robert Tormaschy:

Rob was a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi. He has been an active committee member often leading the way in our Rush efforts. He has also taken the initiative in finding a house for the Colony, meeting with the University Bursar and comptroller as well as researching town records.

Rob was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps during his freshman and sophomore years. He was President of Tufts Tri-Service organization during his sophomore year. He continues to provide valuable insight into the underlying nature of group dynamics.

Howard Wexler:

Howie was the first pledge of Alpha Sigma Phi's Colony at Tufts. He soon demonstrated his talents as Chairman of the new Brotherhood committee by merging and directing the Brotherhood on a one on one basis. His personable approach and skill in social interaction proved valuable. From there he went on to head the Social Committee. He also worked as a Prudential Committee Member-at-Large. His dedication and ability led him to be elected President for the year to come. His leadership and vision will guide the Fraternity in the coming months.

Howie was Chief Engineer of Tufts Television during his freshman year. He was a member of Dormitory Government during his first two years rising to the level of Vice President during his sophomore year. He is a member of I.E.E.E. (the professional society of Electrical Engineers) and a member of the International Society of Hybrid Microelectronics. He has also worked as a waiter for Chi Chi's and as a bartender for Tufts.

Theodore Willson:

Ted was recently a pledge of Alpha Sigma Phi, where he was the Pledge Class Service Committee Chairman. He was the leader of the Pledge Class Service Project, Mocktails, which was tremendously successful. He has been very active on the Brotherhood Committee, organizing many of our recent events.

Ted has been employed by Tufts computer services since sophomore year rising to the position of Lead User Consultant. His help has been

invaluable to Alpha Sigs in trouble with their programs. He has also worked periodically for Tufts dining services.

B. Committee Structure and Objectives

Beta Iota Colony has a Committee structure which consists of the Fundraising, Social, Brotherhood, Alumni Relations, Rush and Public Relations Committees. Each of these organizations has a particular set of goals which are established at the start of each semester. These goals are set in a series of meetings that are held by the Vice President. First, the HJP talks to the Prudential Committee about the goals for the individual committees and for the fraternity as a whole, which have traditionally been formulated on the first Brotherhood retreat of the semester. The Prudential Committee is responsible for overseeing these goals. Then the HJP holds a meeting of all his chosen Committee Chairman. (The HJP appoints all Committee Chairman, with the exception of Rush, subject to the approval of the entire Fraternity.) This group discusses the recommendations of the Prudential Committee, and adds their own ideas. After a general outline has been drawn up, the group talks about any specific problems they see. Then each Chairman meets with his committee to formulate a specific plan to meet the goals of the group. The committee members also get a chance to add any goals or events that they specifically feel the Fraternity should accomplish. Each Chairman reports back to the HJP with an outline of the results of his committee's discussion. Over the semester, it is the job of the HJP to monitor each committee's progress towards their targets. Periodically, he has the option of calling a Chairmen's meeting to evaluate progress and reevaluate goals. In the past, this meeting has been crucial for retargeting the entire structure towards the true goals of the Brotherhood.

Each committee has the responsibility of planning all events that fall under their jurisdiction. However, the entire Brotherhood is responsible for the execution of each event. Though most events do not require the work of each individual brother, this system encourages wider participation and a more even distribution of the work load.

What follows are the goals that have been formulated for each committee.

The Fundraising Committee, which is also involved in any charity projects we undertake, was given a target sum of \$600 (with a \$350 minimum). They were also assigned responsibility for one charity event. They chose United Way as our charity and began working closely with Brett, our president on the Country Club Dance Party. They also decided to reprint the T-shirt, 'Rock Hard Cafe', which had proven so successful last semester. They organized and monitored the sale of this product, issuing each brother a share of T-shirts. They also worked with the HSP on the Country Club Dance, which was tremendously successful as an Inter-Greek project. They organized a day to travel to the West Medford Community Center to paint it. Next semester, they will be responsible for a booth at Kid's Day, getting the Brotherhood to donate blood, raising money for the Fraternity through new T-shirt sales, and organizing work days to defray chartering expenses (We hope!!).

The Brotherhood Committee is responsible for organizing events to build unity and spirit among the members. Since it's inception, it has worked to break down the cliques within the group and has been remarkably successful. It planned the retreat to Stage Fort Park this past semester, insuring that it would be attended by Lennie, our National representative. They also organized several barbeques, movies nights, football games, and 'brothers only parties.' For next semester, they intend to further integrate our new members and hold the seniors' interest in the

Old Gal. Their plans for next semester include, among other activities, a ski-weekend, several parties, dinners, and a retreat.

The Social Committee is responsible for all activities that involve the Tufts community. In the past, this has meant planning the many parties that we have held and maintaining an image in the school. For the next semester, they hope to add an event with a sorority to our calendar. The Public Relations Committee will also take over responsibility for our image on the Campus. (They will be better able to target the administration, and other Greeks.)

The Rush Committee is responsible for recruiting new members for the Brotherhood. Under the recent leadership of Dave Pucci, they have added fourteen men to our roster. They have tried to execute events which are both indicative of our brotherhood, and interesting to possible rushees. This past semester they organized two Rush periods, one which started immediately after classes began and included a football game, a barbeque, a party, Monday Nite Football and Miniature Golf. The second period, in mid- semester, included more football, a Sunday Brunch, a Wine and Cheese party, and Buffalo Wings and Pizza Nights. We intend to repeat this pattern next semester and hope for still better results.

The Alumni Relations Committee is responsible for frequent contact with our alumni through newsletters and events. This past semester they prepared both a newsletter and an invitation/newsletter for Homecoming. During Homecoming, they organized an alumni reception, float building, and a tailgate party for the football game. They followed up the invitations with phone calls to local alumni which drew more interest than positive response. For next semester they plan to publish two newsletters, hold an alumni event, and establish a business network between seniors and alumni.

We have established a Public Relations Committee which will be

responsible for publicity for all our events, and maintaining positive relations with those around us. They will draw and print all of our invitations and posters, maintain an updated calendar of our events, and strive for better relations between the fraternity and the community, administration and other Greeks.

The Prudential Committee follows the guidelines in 'To Better The Man'. They are responsible for the budget, judicial matters, bylaws, policy, and so forth. They meet weekly to discuss all aspects of the fraternity, and make recommendations at each business meeting. They also summon people to discuss problems and new ideas.

All committees meet weekly and are open to any member of the Brotherhood. The members are distributed evenly among the five committees, and are asked to state their preferred choice of committee. The HJP and HSP are ad hoc members of each committee. The Prudential Committee is organized and elected according to the guidelines as set in our Constitution and 'To Better The Man'.

C. Officers' Files

We, the members of Beta Iota Colony take the training of our officers seriously, since they are the leaders of our organization. We have set up the terms of office to support our position; our officers hold a term which begins on December 6 and runs for one full year. By this system, we provide continuity of leadership during the summer vacation months.

OFFICER FILES:

President:

Being the HSP of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi has been the hardest, most time-consuming, most frustrating undertaking I have ever had in my long and experienced 21 years of life. It is also the most amazing, most educational, most emotionally rewarding job I have ever had.

The President of Beta Iota is a job that will give you experience ranging from dealing with 40 college males who think with their hormones more than their heads, to dealing with an administration that loves to hate its fraternities, to dealing with an "Inter-Greek" Council which is run like a high school class council more than a group of young adults, to dealing with a budget of thousands of dollars in a year (which includes trying to get all the money that people owe you so you can have your budget in the first place), to dealing with the National Headquarters, Lenny, Randy, et. al., who want to help us more than anything, but can't understand how Tufts is different from a State University . . . and the list goes on.

Let me try to run through some of the various aspects of being the President and then maybe add some personal thoughts at the end, in case I become famous someday and run for President of the U.S. or something.

The Position. What does the position mean? The HSP is responsible for everything that happens in the Fraternity. He is responsible for all of her actions and all of her members actions when they are in any way connected with Fraternity activities. He is responsible for making sure the officers do all of their jobs, and that the Fraternity is headed in the right direction. Possibly the most visible part is this: you represent the Old Gal to the rest of the campus. When someone finds out that you are the President, they will judge the entire Fraternity by you. Think about it and never forget it. It is not something to be conceited about. It is an awesome responsibility to your Brothers and one in which you can not let them down. If you are an

administrative whiz, a friend to all that know you, and are overseeing a fraternity which is functioning smoothly in every way, but people think you are a jerk and that therefore Alpha Sigs are all jerks, too, you are useless as a president.

He is NOT responsible for: doing all the work himself, never allowing anyone to fail, flunking out of school because of Fraternity business taking up too much time, deciding who will be the most popular or giving money out of his pocket to cover expenses because others have not paid their dues.

Of course, the kind of person you are will determine the style with which you lead the Fraternity. But through it all there are a number of important things to remember:

1. Though it would be more difficult without you, you are not indispensable, and the fraternity could actually get along without you, so DON'T GET TOO COCKY (a little is OK).

2. You don't run the functioning of the fraternity, the HJP does. You are responsible for guidance and direction. If HJP doesn't do his job, you get him off his butt and make sure he does. But DON'T THINK YOU RUN EVERYTHING.

3. You are Mr. Alpha Sig. The greatest way YOU WILL LEAD is BY EXAMPLE. If you don't pay your dues on time, nobody else will. If you don't respect the rules of the Fraternity nobody else will. If you are a screw-up, everyone else will be screw-ups too. If you get good grades and still remain active in the Fraternity, you are an example all will try to live up to.

4. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE the PERFECT President. Don't ever stop trying, but don't ever be upset with your performance unless you know it wasn't your best.

This, then, is "the attitude". Confidence, not conceit. Unwavering

honesty, with yourself as well as your brothers. Leading by example. And never stop trying to be the best.

Another important thing to remember is the whole philosophy of Brotherhood. You are not President Hot Shot, the best of the Alpha Sigs. You are a brother just like everyone else, chosen to fill a role within the Brotherhood. The HM is just as important as the HSP, for example, you just do different things.

Now that you've got the attitude down, let's move on to some of the specifics of the HSP's duties. First of all, read the officer's manual. Memorize it and use the checklist as often as you can to gauge your own performance. You will probably never do all of those things in that list, but you will constantly be reminded of ways to improve yourself and your leadership of the Fraternity.

Next, business meetings. This will probably not be the most enjoyable part of your week, let me assure you. The key to running a smooth business meeting is knowing where to draw the line. On the one hand you need to have people respect each other and you at least enough so that you can get to all of the business that needs to be dealt with without taking two hours to do it. On the other hand, people also need to feel comfortable, after all, this is a Brotherhood Meeting too. Keeping everyone completely quiet while someone is talking and running strictly by Robert's Rules will only result in your brothers not listening to you when you do have something important to say, not wanting to go to business meetings, and eventually, simply not going whenever they can find any excuse whatsoever. An indirect result of this will also be a general dislike for you, as this is the time that everyone sees you together each week and they can all grumble to each other about you.

So how do you strike this delicate balance??? First of all, you need a Sergeant-at-Arms with whom you have talked and understands how you

like your meetings run. If things get out of hand, let him tell everyone to be quiet or get out. For some reason people don't dislike the HC when he says that, but they don't like the HSP when he does. Also, realize that this is one of the few times when some of these people see each other and they are simply going to talk, whether you like it or not. If you respect them and don't jump on them for every noise you hear, more likely than not they will respect you and keep their conversations and comments to a minimum until after the meeting.

MONEY. This is one of the stickier subjects you will have to deal with. You are the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity, and therefore second only to the Treasurer where money matters are concerned. You should go over every budget, know who owes what, know account balances . . . in short, you should know everything that is going on in the Fraternity that has to do with money. Everything.

But you also have to deal with the fact that these are college students who don't always have as much money on hand as they need. There are three important things to help you deal with this. First of all, all charges and dues etc. must be well advertised to everyone from whom they will be expected. This includes the next semester's dues, as well as telling rushees of their financial obligations, reminding people of extra costs like the Black & White or the IGC Ball, and things like ski trips and movies. Second, if parents believe in Alpha Sigma Phi, their son will have a much easier time when he calls home asking for "a little extra money for some fraternity stuff." The Parents' Reception we had last semester went over incredibly well, and other things such as a bi-semesterly Parents' Newsletter may help even more. Remember, you're the official Alpha Sig to them too. Third, don't forget, these are your brothers you are dealing with. Chances are that nobody is trying to get away with anything, they're just low on money. It is important to get it straight that arrangements

can always be worked out, but be firm in the point that we are all equal and in the end have to pay the same amount of dues. As for other events, the Fraternity should be able to help out when someone needs it.

There are millions of other specific little things that I could write about. Little problems you may or may not come across. You will have many times where you will be faced with a situation you've never been in before, or have to make a tough decision that even you don't like. But that is why your brothers chose you. They have the confidence in your ability to take on these situations and use good judgement in dealing with them. A good hint someone once gave me was go with the most conservative answer first, and then consider wilder and riskier things until you come up with the riskiest answer that will definitely work. Then go one answer riskier.

Use the older brothers who are still around. They've been through it all before, and will definitely have a more experienced (though not necessarily better) perspective on it. Also, never ignore someone just because they are usually just blowing hot air. Once in a while they will stumble upon a bona fide great idea that you will kick yourself for missing. I guess it comes down to this: Listen to everybody carefully, then make your decision and accept responsibility for it. Give credit to those who contribute and they'll do twice as much next time.

Well that's it for this installment, I'm sure I'll think of a whole bunch more to say as I fall asleep tonight and I'll add it later on. Just remember, nobody will ever ask you to do more than your best, just make darn sure you're doing it.

Respectfully submitted, Brett A. Clemmer. 11/28/87

Recording Secretary:

The secretary is an integral part of the fraternity's governmental structure. The first and foremost duty is to record the minutes of each weekly Brothers' Meeting. It is through this recording that all officer reports can be checked and various ideas and valuable suggestions can be found. They also hold all rules set down by the Brotherhood at the meetings. Taking the roll call at each Brothers' Meeting is also required. This record is important for determining which brothers need to be urged to attend more meetings and disciplined for missing them.

Other jobs that are easier may seem less important but by no means are. The President will come up with an agenda and give it to the Secretary so that he can give one to every brother at each Brothers' Meeting. A copy of the minutes should be made for each brother of the last meeting's activities. Filing is another secretarial job. All minutes, agenda, letters received by various officers, etc. have to be kept and put on file. Finally, it is important to be at every meeting and show a lot of Fraternity Spirit! Then again, why run for the position of Secretary if the spirit wasn't there?

Respectfully submitted, Brian T. Crowley 11/28/87

Prudential Committee Member-at-Large

The job of Pru Committee Member-at-Large is not a difficult one. You have to attend the Pru meeting once a week, and talk to the brothers to get a feeling of what they want. You are an elected representative, so you should represent the wants and desires of those who elected you and not only your own wishes.

As the Pru Committee Member-at-Large, you will see all of the workings of the Fraternity right before your very eyes. This position is an excellent way to learn how to organize and run a fraternity. All legislative and judicial matters come before the Pru committee, so you have a chance

to make the rules for the fraternity and shape the Fraternity into what you want it to be.

As a member of the Committee which has much control over the fraternity regulations, you must remember to keep an open mind, and listen to all sides of the argument. If you feel that it is necessary, you have the responsibility of becoming a devil's advocate so that the other members can see things from a different side of the coin. You must be unbiased and remember that every rule you make will reflect on the entire Fraternity.

There will be times when the Prudential Committee becomes a judiciary committee. At these times, you must remember that you are not to judge the person on what you think about him, but on the facts that are presented before the Pru Committee. You cannot be biased. It is at times like these when the job of the Prudential Committee Member-at-Large may become difficult. Fortunately, this rarely happens.

All I can say to you is to do the best job you can. If you ever need any help with your position, the HJP can help you out. He is the Chairman of the Pru Committee. Otherwise, enjoy the respect and leadership that has been given to you by the rest of the fraternity.

- Respectfully submitted,

Howie Wexler

Inter-Greek Council Representative:

Here at Tufts University, the Inter-Greek Council has just been established. It was the Inter-Fraternity Council until sororities were allowed into the council, hence the name change. At this time, representatives are very important because the Constitution for the Council is still under development. It is these people that will set policy

for a long time to come. There are 14 houses on the Council, each with one vote. It is sometimes difficult to get fourteen different organizations to agree on one topic.

At each meeting, something important is usually accomplished. Now that the Constitution is under way, there is a lot more talk going on. Once it is passed, accepted by all fourteen houses and approved by the administration, the Constitution should give the I.G.C. complete power over the Greek system. For now, however, work will have to continue on the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted, Brian T. Crowley 11/28/87

D. Retreats

Beta Iota's retreats have served as fundamental in our progress. At both of our retreats so far, we have used this time to review past performance to make the most of our successes and shortcomings, and then to plan the future with the valuable insight we have gained. Both were held at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. The first retreat was during the summer of 1986 shortly after three of our brothers had returned from the National Convention. They, along with Randy Lewis, shared their experiences from the Convention. It was during this first retreat that we established our present committee structure. The Brotherhood was still in its infancy since we had only come together during the second half of the previous semester and there had been a long summer vacation. We needed some structure to create cohesion and unity of purpose. For this reason, we implemented committees consistent with Randy's suggestions which to this day have proven to be the backbone of our organization.

Our second retreat was held during the summer of 1987 at the

beginning of the school year. We already had a strong year and had proved to ourselves the importance of establishing a strong foundation. Now it was time to concentrate on expanding the Brotherhood. Lenny Payne led a presentation on open-ended questions as the vital element in getting to know people; after all, the most common reason that people cite for having joined a fraternity is the men that they knew in the fraternity. Since this time we have had a semester to begin using his ideas and have had great success in pledging many new members.

At the second retreat we began the dialogue of how the fraternity exists "To Better the Man." We all set personal goals for the semester and implemented a program of posting 3 x 5 cards on our bulletin board which contain our goals so that we can always have in mind the purpose of helping each other with these. We see our next retreat as setting the groundwork for developing internal leadership in each and every brother.

XI. BROTHERHOOD AND SOCIAL

The Alpha Sigma Phi Brotherhood Committee has been very active since the recolonization. We have been planning and organizing all sorts of events that promote Brotherhood. Its success can be seen in how we changed from a very divided fraternity into a close-knit group of men.

Since we were colonized near the end of the Spring semester in 1986, there was very little opportunity to hold many Social or Brotherhood events before the summertime, but we did manage to hold a few events.

The first official function of the Alpha Sigma Phi Beta Iota Colony was our Pledge Ceremony and the celebration that followed. Tom Welsh performed the Ceremony. During that day, Tom spoke to all of us individually and asked us about our goals for the fraternity and ourselves.

We were all excited about being pledged.

After the Pledge Ceremony that night, the new pledges of Beta Iota Colony proceeded to have a party at one of the dorms on campus. A great time was had by all of the brothers, their dates, and close friends.

Later that night, the Alpha Sigs participated in one of the oldest traditions on the Tufts campus - we painted the cannon with the words "Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity - We're Back!!!" The cannon is traditionally the place where upcoming events and announcements are painted by students at three or four o'clock in the morning. By doing this, we let the entire Tufts community know that we were back.

The second major event of our first month was the Colonization Banquet, which was held at the Stephen James House Banquet Hall, located in Porter Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A D.J. entertained Chuck Vohs, Randy Lewis, Tom Welsh, and the rest of the brothers and their dates. Everyone had a great time. The event lasted until about 1:00 in the morning.

At the time of our colonization, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi were divided into about seven or eight different cliques of people. We realized that if the fraternity was to survive we would have to bring everyone together into one solid unit. We decided that an intense Brotherhood program would be the best way to promote unity among the brothers.

Within the past year and a half, there have been over twenty-five planned and scheduled Brotherhood Events. These include the serious events, like the retreats, and the fun events, like ski trips, weekly Friday night dinners at the dining halls, or Alpha Sig night at the Boston Garden. Although it took a lot of legwork to get all of these events together, they have substantially increased the Brotherhood of the Beta Iota Colony.

We started off the new year (fall 1986 semester) with a retreat to Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Approximately sixteen of

the brothers attended. During the retreat, Randy Lewis gave us a talk on leadership and helped us get started on our committees. We then broke up into our new committees and began to plan our first full semester at Tufts University. The committees that were formed were: Social, Fundraising/Service, Rush, and Alumni Relations. After this work was completed, we went for a refreshing swim in the cool September waters of Gloucester bay. A "gourmet" barbecue lunch followed the delightful swim. Then we met as a group to discuss our future goals for Alpha Sigma Phi. On the last page of the new edition of To Better the Man before the Appendix section is a picture taken by Randy Lewis on this retreat! There are about 7 members sitting up on a huge rock, enjoying the sun and the Brotherhood which we were beginning to nurture. This retreat was also successful for raising our motivation for our first Rush Event. The reception took place that evening in our student center.

Homecoming was the next big event on the Tufts social calendar, so we decided to build a float for the parade. The theme for this year's Homecoming was P.T. Barnum, who was the generous donator of our beloved mascot, Jumbo the elephant. After long deliberation, we decided to build a clown in honor of the man's famous circus. We created "Ethel the Clown" out of chicken wire and paper maché on Howie Wexler's car, "Ethel". The brothers worked all night in the rain, and eventually Ethel was born. However, the finished product resembled a demon far more than a clown, so she was renamed "Ethel the Demon Clown". Everyone had a great time making the float. We did not win any prizes in the parade, but more than a few people were shocked to see an Alpha Sig float. During the course of the weekend, we also met several alumni of Beta Iota Chapter. We met them at the football game and the ensuing tailgate party and learned about some of our past history.

One of the more successful events of the fall semester was the

scavenger hunt. In order to promote Brotherhood, and break up the cliques in our new found group, we made up teams of people who did not know each other that well to work together on the "hunt." The winning team received an award and the praise of all. The event was a great success and brought the brothers of the fraternity together to work for a common goal. After the scavenger hunt, we indulged in the local ritual of painting the cannon, as we had many times in the past.

December is a very short month at Tufts because of exams and vacation. Therefore, we only had time for one event that month. We decided to hold a campus-wide party at Hillside 440's on December 6 in honor of Founders' Day. Beer, punch, non-alcoholic beverages, and food were made available to the hordes of people who attended the party. Eric "Downtown" Brown provided the music that kept people dancing until the sunrise. A good time was had by all.

At the end of the semester, one of our Founding Fathers, John Keller, graduated and returned to Switzerland. The Brotherhood decided to get him a gift before he left, in recognition of all that he had done for us and for Alpha Sigma Phi. We purchased a Sony Discman portable C.D. player for him. It was our way of saying "Thanks."

We opened up the new semester with a Welcome Back party at Hillside 440's on January 13, our first day back. The brothers, their dates, and close friends attended, and we caught up on each others activities over winter break.

To begin "Brotherhood Month," as we had designated the first four weeks of the semester, we held a Fraternity Dinner at the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham, Massachusetts on January 16. They served delicious Italian food. We told the waitress that it was Dave Pucci's birthday, so she brought him a cake. Of course he was very surprised as his birthday was really not for several months. About twenty of us

attended the dinner. We decide that we would make the Fraternity Italian Dinner a "semester-ly" tradition.

On January 22, we were going to play pool at Lanes and Games Pool Hall in Arlington, Massachusetts. However, that day a snowstorm blanketed the ground with about a foot of snow. We decided to cancel the trip to the pool hall and have a snowball fight and watch some movies. Neil Peretz was the Snowball king. John Giantis came in a close second, with his amazing accuracy winning a couple of wagers. Later that night, we bought some beer and played cards in the Hillside 440's.

January 25th was the most important football day of the year - the Super Bowl. We held an Alpha Sig Super Bowl night in Brian Crowley's room. It was difficult getting so many people into his dormitory room, but that made it all the more memorable. Refreshments were provided. There was even a little bit of wagering going on over the game.

On January 29, we held a "Alpha Sigs at the Garden" night. The Boston Bruins hockey team plays at the Boston Garden. On this night, they were playing against the Montreal Canadians. It was a very good game - close until the very end. About 15 of the brothers attended the game. We took the T (subway) to the game, and even got our name on the scoreboard when it said "The Boston Bruins welcome Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity." We were really excited about that one. We had classes the next day so we called it a night when we got home at 11:30.

The next Brotherhood Event that was held was a ski trip up to Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire on January 31, 1986. A couple of carloads of Alpha Sigs left at 6:00 in the morning to make the trip. On the way to the slopes, Brett's car slid into a snow bank, completely on its own, of course. Fortunately nobody was really hurt in the accident, but this was the beginning of Brett "Slick" Clemmer's accident phase. At the slopes, skiing was at its prime of the season. It was sunny, and there were Alpha Sigs

all over the slopes. A couple of us even tried racing.

On February 7, we held another all campus party at Hillside 440's apartment. Randy Lewis was in town for this one. Although attendance was good, it was not the colossal success we expected. We discovered that long weekends are not the best times to have parties.

The finale of the intensive brotherhood was the Black and White Formal and Dance, held at the Stephen James Banquet Hall, the same place we had our Colonization Banquet. Chuck Vohs attended with his wife. The room was decorated in Black and White, and the members looked dapper in their tuxedos. A D.J. was hired to provide music for the event. The Brotherhood Committee learned a lot about organizing formal events at this Black and White, like preparing formal invitations and organizing rides to and from the event for those brothers that do not have cars on campus. The Black and White formal was a great ending to a great Brotherhood Month. Rush started the next day.

On February 27, we had a Brotherhood/Rush outing to Chinatown and Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston. We had dinner at a restaurant called "Moon Villa." After eating some delicious Chinese food, we went to Nick's Comedy Stop. The comedians kept us laughing all night. After the show was over, we headed back to the Tufts campus and painted the cannon.

March was a short month because of the week-long spring break vacation. On March 7, we held a poker night at Hillside 440's. A couple cases of beer and a bunch of guys had a great time that night. Brett was the big winner that night. The poker game broke up and we spent the rest of the night enjoying the beer and the brotherhood. Needless to say, Sunday morning was not a good one for most of the players.

The following week was the last week of school before the Spring Break vacation. In honor of all of those who were not going South for the vacation, we decided to throw a Tropical Spring Break Party at Brett's

apartment, Hillside 470's. The party was a huge success. We bought 200 Hawaiian leis and handed them out at the door. "Hawaiian Punch", beer and soda were available to drink. This was the first party that we held at Brett's apartment because only 1/3 of the people in the apartment were Alpha Sigs. Howie Wexler provided the dance music. It was a great way to end school before the vacation.

After we got back, we planned an Assassin Game for the weekend of March 28. Assassin is a game where everyone has to kill somebody with a water pistol. It is a game of elimination, so play continues until there is only one person left. Brian Kane was the winner of the game, making his final kill at the weekly Brothers' meeting on Monday night! He won a case of Corona beer. A couple of interesting show-downs occurred over the weekend, but none as interesting as Brian Crowley and Eric Brown's electric water-gun fight that turned into an aquatic massacre outside the Hillside apartments. The battle turned into an all-out water fight. About 7 or 8 brothers ended up completely soaked that day.

April was a busy month for Alpha Sigma Phi. We held a weekend retreat up at Weir's Beach, NH, at Dave Pucci's Motel. A couple of interesting things happened that weekend. Brett continued his accident phase that weekend, but in a good way. While walking back to the motel from an arcade down the street, Brett lost his footing and fell into a ditch at the side of the road. At the same time, Dave Pucci's old high school friend Christy was driving by and felt sorry for the injured Brett. This incident was the start of a four month long relationship for Brett. We stayed there the whole weekend, dividing our time between having fun and working on goals and other business matters.

The next weekend we held a barbecue. The weather was a little cloudy, but that did not stop us. We played frisbee and threw a football around until it got dark outside. Later that night, we rented a few movies

and watched them at the Hillside 440's.

The following weekend was Spring Fling Weekend. This is Tufts' biggest event of the Spring semester. A huge outdoor concert was held on the President's Lawn. Alpha Sigma Phi at Tufts became a legend at this concert. We performed the impossible and totally unbelievable. Everyone always says, year after year, that a keg should be buried in the grass during the concert, but nobody had ever done it -- until now. Certain members of Alpha Sigma Phi happened upon a keg, buried underneath the grass, while they were spreading out their blankets. Liquid refreshments were provided for many Tufts students.

The following week was reading period before final exams. In order to help relieve the tensions of the brothers, we held Exam Sports. For an hour or two each day, we threw a football around, wrestled or played pinball. It helped break up the study time and relieve the "study stress" that was building up in all of us.

After exams, it was party time! A group of Alpha Sigs road-tripped down to the lovely New Jersey shore to Howie Wexler's beach house for a week of partying, suntanning, picking up women, and celebrating the end of another school year. Howie's mother asked us to help out and paint the house. That activity in turn broke out into several paint fights.

That summer, there were no official Alpha Sig events, but quite a few road trips were made between the brothers for mini-weekend vacations and get-togethers.

September was a very busy month for Alpha Sigma Phi at Tufts. Alpha Sig found a new home for that year--the A410's Latin Way Apartment where four of the brothers live.

Incoming freshmen arrived on Wednesday, September 2nd. In order to introduce the new Freshmen to Alpha Sigma Phi, we had a group of brothers move the freshmen at the larger dorms into their new "home".

We took it upon ourselves to introduce the new freshman class to college social life and held four parties before classes had even started. The first one was on Wednesday, September 2nd. Invitations were printed to this "Welcome Class of '91" party and passed out to the freshmen that we met that day. The next two nights we held a "Welcome Back, part II," and a "Hawaiian" party. The parties were a great way to meet potential rushees. It turns out that most of our newest members met us at these parties.

The grand finale to Orientation week was the Alpha Sigma Phi "Nuts and Bolts" party on Sunday. The idea behind the party is simple. All of the men at the party get a bolt, and all of the women get a nut. There are many different sizes of each. The object is to go around the room and find the member(s) of the opposite sex that have the nut your bolt fits. It is a great way to meet people. Everyone took home one of the cards which we passed out that said "I got screwed at Alpha Sigma Phi by: . . ."

On Labor Day, September 7, the day before classes, Alpha Sigma Phi went to the Red Sox game. Lennie Payne was in town for a Colony visit, so we brought him along. The Red Sox were playing against the New York Yankees. Though the "good guys" (the Red Sox) lost, Lennie was introduced to the Beantown sports scene.

The following weekend, on September 13, we held another retreat at Stage Fort Park to work on committees and goals for the upcoming semester with Lennie. Lennie gave us a formal presentation on our Colony Evaluation. Afterwards, we held a touch football game and had a rock-climbing contest. Rush started later that week, and the retreat prepared us for it. We ended up holding an extremely successful rush.

October was another busy month for Alpha Sigma Phi. On October 3, we held a poker night at the A410's Latin Way apartment. Matt Birkner, one of the new pledges at the time, was the big winner that night.

The following week, on October 9, we held a dinner at the Chateau

Restaurant and a Candlepin bowling night. We played 2 games on a couple of lanes and made a lot of noise. Then we came back and rented movies to show at the A410's.

The next night we held a Columbus Day party, in honor of the long weekend. There was Reggae music, and Tequila sunrises were served as the main drink. The party was a great success. Usually when we hold parties on long weekends they are small, but the apartment was packed for this one.

The following weekend was Parent's Weekend at Tufts University. Alpha Sigma Phi held a parents reception on Saturday the 17th of October at 6:00, and refreshments were provided. This reception gave the parents a chance to meet the rest of the Fraternity. Later that night, the parents were invited to a Pledge Ceremony. Chuck Vohs performed the Ceremony. We received very positive responses from all of the parents that attended. It gave us the chance to dispel some of the myths about fraternities. A pledge party/celebration was held after the initiation.

We held a Daylight Saving's Party on Saturday, October 24. The extra hour gave us even more time to celebrate life that night. The clean up crew ended up going to an all-night pancake house at three or four in the morning.

Homecoming weekend was October 31-November 1. This year's theme was "Spirit", so we decided to make "The Spirit of Jumbo", an elephant ghost made of sheets and chicken wire on Howie Wexler's new car, Roxanne. Again, the float did not win any awards, but we placed a close second. The weekend also gave us the chance to meet some new alumni.

Our formal event of the Fall semester is called the "Giraffe" dinner. The Dinner was held at our usual formal gathering place: Stephen James House Banquet Hall on November 10. The brothers and dates ate dinner and danced the night away.

To end Greek Week, the Inter-Greek Council held the Annual IGC Ball. This year, like last year, Alpha Sigma Phi, sponsored a hotel room for the night, where the members and dates could go to freshen up and hang out during the Ball.

The final event that we held before this petition was written was the Founder's Day /Transferring of Offices/Pearl Harbor party on December 5th. We held a dinner and a short ceremony, during which we transferred offices. The departing officers made a brief speech and gave their replacement a gift to help them in their term. Hopefully, this event will become a tradition which will draw Alumni to the Campus. Afterwards, the officers went out to celebrate either the gain or loss of responsibility at our Pearl Harbor Party. We served kamikazees and provided Hawaiian leis at the door.

We have already planned two ski weekends, four parties, a dinner night, a formal night, two pizza and movie nights, and many other events for next semester.

A note on our alcohol policy: We believe that alcohol should not be the only available drink at any event, and we make soda readily available for anyone who wants it. In fact, it is even easier to obtain a soda. Food is always available at parties.

Contrary to common policy of most fraternities at Tufts, we do not charge an admission fee to any of our parties. We also do not hold any 'open' parties--invitations are printed for all events. All parties have a theme to draw the center of attention away from alcohol. Bartenders are always officers of the fraternity. There are also at least three designated sober people at each event. In the event that one of our guests goes overboard, he is escorted home by a brother. By following these guidelines, we believe that we are not promoting alcohol abuse in any way, but promoting the good atmosphere that is found at an Alpha Sig party.

In the upcoming semester, we hope to strengthen the brotherhood that we have created. Our goal of unifying the group has been fulfilled. We will also increase our campus recognition by continuing our theme parties. We have come a long way since we were colonized, and we are definitely ready for our charter.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. National Meetings

ALPHA SIGMA PHI NATIONAL CONVENTION

"THE PINNACLE VISION"

SUMMER OF 1986: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

It was the summer of 1986 and Beta Iota Colony was in its genesis; everyone was excited about this new cause. Because we were still in our infancy, we saw the National Convention as an excellent opportunity to give us strength in building our foundation and instrumental in giving us direction for future development. David Abel, our first president, Brett Clemmer, our second president, and Robert Tormaschy, all were able to attend this inspiring event. It was a 14 hour trip by car that formed a strong friendship between the three of us. We arrived, and quickly found that we had chosen a fraternity of distinction - the men were all very friendly, responsible, and committed to excellence.

The planning of this convention was perfect. The three of us decided to divide our participation across the board to be able to cover as many different seminars as possible. I attended a Rush workshop, Time Management Seminar, participated in forming the Code of Conduct, as well as other programs. Of particular interest to me was the lecture entitled

"Alpha Sig Gentleman and Women" which was given by some man whose name now escapes me. His basic premise was that two people (a man and woman in a relationship) have as much right to each other as they are responsible to and for each other. Everyone at the convention also attended a presentation/discussion of insurance and legal issues concerning fraternities and alcohol.

I very much enjoyed the singing tradition of Alpha Sigma Phi. Tim Schulien, a brother from Ohio State, wrote a new Alpha Sig song which Brett and Dave helped to present to the general assembly at the Closing Banquet.

We were all sad to leave behind this great experience, yet eager to bring back our ideas to share with our fellow Colony Members. During the road trip home we shared with each other about our feelings and impressions we had gotten and planned the next semester, including our first retreat which you have already read about under the "Leadership" section of this petition.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

"COLLEGE OF CHARACTER"

SUMMER OF 1987: BETHANY COLLEGE

During the summer of 1987, four Alpha Sigs from the Beta Iota colony attended the National Leadership Convention held at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia. Brett Clemmer, Brian Kane, Howie Wexler and John Giantis made the trip, originating in Massachusetts, to the middle of nowhere where we all had one of the greatest experiences of our lives.

The trip started with Brian, Brett, and John, who were all in Massachusetts over the summer. They drove to Brett's house in Connecticut where Brett's mom made a delicious dinner for them. After that they drove to New Jersey to Howie's house. The next morning at about 5:00 A.M., we

began our long journey to the wilderness of West Virginia, through the long and monotonous roads of Pennsylvania. We arrived rather quickly, due to a fortunate lack of alert State Troopers along the way.

During the first free time, Brother Schulien from Ohio State University was having a meeting for all of those who were interested in singing during the various events during the weekend. Since Alpha Sigma Phi is traditionally the "Singing Fraternity" and since one of our number had sung with Tim the year before, we decided to join Brother Schulien in his efforts.

That night was the Black Lantern Processional. Among the four of us, Brett was the only one who had ever participated in the Processional before. The rest of us did not know how beautiful it would be. We were in awe at the end of the event.

The following day was the beginning of the workshops. The four of us split up and attended different workshops so we could get a very wide perspective of the different facets of the fraternity. Some of the workshops were very interesting and helpful. We attended many of them and took prolific notes. At the break times, we got together to discuss what we had learned in the workshops.

That night was the Alpha Sig Night at the Races. We all had a really good time and won enough to have a free meal at McDonald's in Wheeling. We also had a chance to taste Pittsburgh's very own Iron City Beer, which tastes like its name.

The next day was more meetings and workshops. During the course of that day, one of the brothers from the Cornell Chapter overheard us and some of the problems that we were having with parties, Rush, and other organizational problems. They made the effort to sit us down and talk with us about our problems. They provided us with so many helpful ideas, many of which we have already implemented. Their eagerness to help out meant

a lot to all of us.

That night was the Initiation Ceremony, which we were not able to attend. Instead, all of the Colonies and pledges met in Old Main 104 to discuss how everything was going and what we thought of the conference so far with Randy Lewis. We were happy to learn that we were not the only Colony in our position, and that we in fact seemed better off than most of the other colonies.

After the Colony meeting we joined the Chapters at the Initiation Reception party. It was unfortunate but understandable that we could not participate in such an exciting ritual. In time, I know that we will.

The next day we were able to participate in more meetings. The legal aspects of the Fraternity were never really discussed until after the workshops on legal liabilities and insurance. These were very helpful in showing us just what could happen in the event of an accident during a Fraternity-sponsored event.

Later that night was the final banquet in Pittsburgh. The four of us, along with the rest of the Alpha Sig Chorus, were able to sing our new songs to the rest of the fraternities at the close of the dinner and ceremonies. It was a very touching moment for all of us.

One of the events that sticks out in mind from the final banquet was the singing of The Sweetheart Song to the wife of Brother Burns on the telephone, who was unable to attend the evening's event.

In the morning, we had a very "inspiring" talk by Christine Lyman on AIDS, condoms, and other sexual issues. Afterwards, we were to return home to the lovely state of New Jersey. We met a lot of people at the convention, including friends that we still keep in touch with and that helped us out a lot. We also learned a lot about running our Fraternity and meeting the needs of our Brothers.

That day, when we left on our eight hour drive to New Jersey to

Howie's house, we all felt a little sad, a little grateful, and a very tired from a weekend that we will all remember.

B. Intramurals

Although many Alpha Sigs were high school athletes, some even *good* high school athletes, we have not been able to participate as fully as we would like to in the Tufts Intramural Program.

The major cause of this has been the lack of organization of the program itself. It often happens that a game will be scheduled and only one team or no officials will show up. This is very frustrating, as both our volleyball teams and our football team can attest to. The end result of this is that no one wants to commit their time when they are not sure if they will actually play or not. Everyone is very busy academically and it is hard to feel good about budgeting time for something which may or may not happen.

Those times when things have worked out have been a lot of fun for all involved. We had the makings of a great co-ed volleyball team last year, with three former Varsity Volleyball Team players in the Fraternity organizing the Alpha Sigma Phi-Alfa Omicron Pi team. Unfortunately, we were eliminated from playoff contention due to a forfeit caused by miscommunication about the time of a game.

There is hope in sight, however. This year the intramural program is being run by students instead of a part-time coach as in the past. Already we have seen an improvement in the organization of the program and are looking forward to participating during the Spring semester.

It is important to note that the lack of Intramurals has not meant a lack of team sport play by Beta Iota. We enjoy "touch" football (except

that third downs are tackle) on every Sunday afternoon that the weather permits, and late last spring played softball on a couple of different Saturday afternoons. Alpha Sigs enjoy sports on retreats too, and all Rush periods have a touch football game as part of the way we evaluate rushees' competitiveness, effort, and ability to be a "team player."

XIII. FUTURE GOALS

The following is a list of goals of the Fraternity compiled from a paper submitted from each and every member on the goals for the next year.

- Obtain a Charter; Not only will a Charter allow us to become an official member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, but a Charter will place us on the Inter-Greek Council list for fraternity housing, and give us that final note of credibility: the support of the National Fraternity.

- Obtain a house; With a house, the Beta Iota Chapter would have a centralized meeting place, and, therefore, would be able to promote even more brotherhood.

- Get our money from Tufts University; Tufts University currently owes us between \$35,000 and \$65,000 that they refuse to return to us. When the Beta Iota chapter folded in the 1970s, They gave the profits from the sale of the house to Tufts University to hold under the conditions that they would establish an "Alpha Sigma Phi Scholarship Fund" with the interest of the principal, and that the principal would be returned to the Fraternity in the event of its refounding. Tufts University failed to establish the scholarship until the year that Alpha Sigma Phi was refounded . They also refused to

give us the principal back when we asked for it. We were ready to use the principal as a down payment on a house, but Tufts refused to give it to us, saying that the money entered the endowment fund, and therefore, was not recoverable.

-Establish a working Alumni Corporation; Not only would an alumni corporation provide us with direction, enrich Pledge Education and improve our Career Planning Program, but an Alumni Corporation would assist us in obtaining the money that Tufts University owes us. After all, the money does belong to the Alumni Corporation and not the undergraduate members of the Fraternity.

-Increase our membership; Rush is a twelve month operation. In order to insure the future success of Alpha Sigma Phi on the Tufts campus, we have to continuously Rush new members.

-Further increase the Brotherhood within the fraternity; This is what a fraternity is all about. We have come a long way since we started. Incorporating our new members into the fraternity and keeping the fraternity together requires a constant effort by the Brotherhood Committee.

-Gain more campus recognition; Although most of the Tufts community knows about Alpha Sigma Phi, we need to expand our campus recognition. This is not an easy task, since we do not have a house, but through increased advertising, personal ads and continued large attendance at our parties (if we find the facilities for larger parties), we will accomplish this goal.

-Develop a stronger financial base; With better financial planning, we could avoid some of the financial problems that we have been facing. This year, we are expecting the insurance payments, and planning out the costs of events better than last year. We have learned what the hidden costs are by overshooting our budget this past year.

-Better relations with the Tufts University Administration; Currently the Tufts University Administration holds an anti-fraternity position. We have been trying to promote a good atmosphere with the Tufts administration by sponsoring events on campus with their support, such as Mocktails and the Country Club Dance Party, and by working with the community and promoting a good Tufts-Medford relationship, such as our community service work at the Medford Community Center.

-Improve community relations; As one of our local goals, we try to help Tufts University improve their relations with the surrounding communities by providing community volunteer work and donations.

-Win the Fraternity competition in an intramural sport; Now that the intramural program is back on track, the men of the Old Gal can show their competitiveness and increase our recognition, not as the new guy on the block, but the best and most spirited guy on the block.

XIV. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma phi Fraternity at Tufts University begins on the following page.

**Constitution of the Beta Iota Colony
of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
at Tufts University**

Preamble

We, the students and alumni of Tufts University, and Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, in order to provide for effective management and legislation in the operation of the colony, do hereby adopt and approve this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this colony shall be to organize its members in such a manner as to further scholarship, to promote community and campus service, to provide the means for greater academic achievement, and to create a more productive individual in society, as well as to become a chapter of quality in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members shall be duly initiated male students at Tufts University. During the period of colonization which began May 3, 1986, and ends upon the initiation date of the first members, "duly pledged" male students of Tufts University shall be considered as members.

Section 2. There shall be no discrimination such that race, creed, color, age, or physical handicap will affect a candidate's possibility for membership.

Section 3. Membership shall be granted by virtue of acceptance of invitation extended by vote of the members. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the general membership shall be required to extend this invitation. Two thirds shall be mathematically determined by rounding to the next highest whole number.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Stated meetings of this colony shall be held at least once a week during the academic year with the exception of conflicting holidays and the University-scheduled Final Exam Period. Location of the meetings shall be at the discretion of the President.

Section 2. Special meetings of the colony can be called only by the President, or at the request of fifty per cent (50%) of the active members providing there is at least twelve (12) hour advance notice.

Section 3. The procedure for all meetings shall be governed by those stated in the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 4. A quorum consisting of a majority of membership must be present in order to act upon any legislation.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, two At-Large Members of the Prudential Committee, Rush Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Alumni Chairman, Editor, Pledge Educator, Sergeant-at-Arms, Marshal, two Inter-Greek Council Representatives, and Intramurals Coordinator.

Section 2. Each officer of the colony shall maintain at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average.

Section 3. Elections shall be held at the last business meeting in November. Terms of all offices shall start on or about Founders Day and shall be for the period of one year with the following exceptions: two At-Large Members of the Prudential Committee, Marshal, Sergeant-at-Arms, and all Committee Chairmen. The terms for these exceptions shall be for the period of one semester. Elections for the Fall term of single semester offices shall be during the last business meeting in April. In addition, there shall be elected, at this time, a Summer Rush Chairman.

Section 4. The officers of Beta Iota Colony can be removed from office for violation of University regulations or negligence of office. If an officer is found to be in violation of University regulations, or in negligence of office, he shall stand for recall of election by a two thirds majority of the Colony's Membership. He shall continue to perform the duties of his office until or unless a decision against him is determined by the election.

Section 5. In the event that an office becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment of the Prudential Committee. An exception to this rule is when the office of President or Vice President becomes vacant, at which time a new date for election shall be set by the Prudential Committee.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

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

- A. Prudential Committee
- B. Fundraising/Service Committee
- C. Rush Committee
- D. Social Committee
- E. Scholarship Committee
- F. Brotherhood Committee
- G. Alumni Relations Committee
- H. Public Relations Committee

Section 2. The Prudential Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large. The Vice President shall serve as Chairman. The Prudential Committee shall deal with all matters of programming, policy, finances, and budgeting, and it makes subsequent recommendations to the colony members.

Section 3. The Fundraising Chairman shall be Chairman of the Fundraising/Service Committee; the Rush Chairman shall be Chairman of the Rush Committee; the Social Chairman shall be Chairman of the Social

Committee; the Scholarship Chairman shall be Chairman of the Scholarship Committee; the Brotherhood Chairman shall be Chairman of the Brotherhood Committee; the Alumni Relations Chairman shall be Chairman of the Alumni Relations Committee; the Public Relations Chairman shall be Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. Other Chairmen of Committees shall be appointed by the Vice President, with the approval of the membership.

Section 4. Special committees, consisting of three or more men, to perform special or current duties which can not be referred to one of the permanent Standing Committees, may be appointed by the President or the Prudential Committee. Special committees shall deal only with matters of current importance to the Colony and shall cease to exist when their mission is accomplished.

Section 5. Permanent and special committees shall be directly responsible to the Vice President. It shall be his duty to see that all committees function properly and that they fulfill their functions.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

Section 1. The revenues of this colony shall be derived from the members dues, the Colony's fundraising projects, and donations.

Section 2. All revenues shall be controlled by the membership, with recommendations from the Treasurer, and the Fundraising/Service, and Prudential Committees.

Section 3. Indebtedness to Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may be handled by the Prudential Committee in accordance with this Colony's By-Laws regarding expulsion and suspension for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES

Section 1. This Constitution of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may be amended in part or in full by a three-quarters (75%) vote of active members. The amendment shall be submitted in writing, read before the Colony Membership at a Brothers' Meeting, and tabled for one week. At the following meeting, the amendment shall be discussed and acted upon.

Section 2. A copy of this constitution shall be filed with the Executive Director of Alpha Sigma Fraternity, the Tufts University Inter-Greek Council, and the Greek Advisor at Tufts University.

Adopted this first Day of September in the year 1987.

President

Secretary

The By-Laws of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

These By-Laws are the statutes for the government of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, enacted in conjunction with the Constitution of the Colony. They more fully define the powers, duties, and functions which are authorized thereunder.

I. VISION

The re-founders of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity envision this Fraternity at Tufts University to be an institution that not only provides a "party" atmosphere, but beyond that, a Brotherhood which supports its members Academically and Socially; One which fosters a Desire to Excel in all fields of College Life.

II. ELECTION PROCEDURES

A. In order to be considered as a candidate for an office of Beta Iota Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, a member must be nominated by himself or a fellow member, and the nomination must be seconded by a third party member.

B. Nominations shall be closed by the Chairman of the meeting at such a time as no more members are nominated or express a wish to be nominated.

C. Each nominee shall have two minutes during which to make a speech, during which time no other nominees shall be in the meeting room.

D. At the end of his speech the nominee shall answers questions from the membership for a period not to exceed five minutes.

E. The membership shall discuss the nominees' qualifications at the conclusion of the speeches for a period not to exceed five minutes. During this time the nominees shall not be present in the meeting room, however,

any candidate may, at the discretion of the membership, be recalled to answer further questions.

F. The nominees shall be recalled and a vote shall be taken by secret written ballot. The President and the Recording Secretary shall count the votes and record the vote in the Election Record. This process shall be overseen by a Prudential Committee Member-at- Large. In such a case as the President, Recording Secretary and/or both Members-at-Large are nominees in the current election, members other than these shall be appointed by the membership to tally the votes for that election.

G. To win an election a nominee must acquire a simple majority of votes in his favor. In such a case as no candidate acquires the necessary majority, a re-vote shall be taken including the top two vote receiving candidates. If the total members voting for these two candidates is not equal to or greater than a simple majority, then the next highest vote receiving candidate shall be added to the ballot.

H. An Election Record shall be kept by the Recording Secretary in which all results from elections shall be noted by those members who tallied the votes. This book shall not be "public," but shall be open upon request to any member of the Colony.

III. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

A. All committees shall meet at least once per week during the academic year. The meeting times shall be determined by mutual consent among the members and chairman of each committee and shall be duly publicized. The membership of the Colony shall be distributed evenly among the five committees, and members shall be asked to state their preferred choice of committee. All committee meetings are open to all members of the Fraternity. The HSP and HJP are ad hoc members of each committee.

B. The Fundraising/Service Committee shall be responsible for all Fundraising for the Colony, as well as all Charity Events. There shall be a target amount set by the Prudential Committee for each semester of Fundraising Activities. There shall be a minimum of one Charity Event and one Community Service Event per semester. It is recognized, however, that these are merely minimum goals, and that other opportunities to raise money, perform Charitable Activities, and serve the Community shall be enthusiastically pursued.

C. The Brotherhood Committee is responsible for organizing events to build unity and spirit among the members. They shall plan both formal gatherings of the Brotherhood and their selected friends, as well as encourage informal activities among the members.

D. The Social Committee is responsible for all activities that involve the Tufts community. This shall include planning parties, sorority mixers and maintaining a positive image in the school.

E. The Rush Committee is responsible for recruiting new members for the Brotherhood. They shall plan events which are both indicative of our Brotherhood, and interesting to possible rushees. These events shall be non-alcoholic with the exception of an invitation only gathering which shall be the last event of the rush period. The purpose of this event is to more fully evaluate prospective members in a party situation.

The committee shall plan two periods of intensive Rush activities per semester, as well as maintain a policy of Continuous Rush.

F. The Alumni Relations Committee is responsible for frequent contact with our alumni through newsletters and events. This committee shall put together three newsletters per academic year, as well as publicize all Alumni Events through personal letters and phone calls. They shall seek to enlist Alumni aid in consulting in our career planning program, Pledge Education program, and Lecture Series.

During the Fall semester, the Alumni Relations Committee shall be responsible for planning Alumni events during Homecoming Weekend and planning a Sig Bust on or about Founders Day. During the Spring semester, the Alumni Relations Committee shall be responsible for holding an additional Alumni event.

G. The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible for publicity for all our events, and maintaining positive relations with those around us. The Committee shall draw and print all of our invitations and posters, maintain an updated calendar of our events, and strive for better relations between Alpha Sigma Phi and the community, administration and other Greeks.

H. The Prudential Committee shall be responsible for all budgetary and judicial matters, and the bylaws, policies, and vision of the fraternity. They shall meet weekly to discuss all aspects of the fraternity, and make recommendations at each Brothers' Meeting. They may also summon members to discuss problems and new ideas.

The members of the Prudential Committee shall include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

A. President (HSP)

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity. He shall be the Chairman of all Brothers' Meetings. It is his responsibility to represent the Colony to the public and to National Headquarters. It is his duty to see that all officers and committees understand their responsibilities and their purpose. He must always direct the Fraternity towards its goals, both long and short term. He must preserve harmony between the members, and maintain high standards for all, especially for himself. Finally, he is to delegate. However, one can delegate authority

but not responsibility. He must ultimately accept responsibility for any project the Colony undertakes.

B. Vice President (HJP)

He must assist the President in all his duties and responsibilities. He shall take charge of the Colony in the absence of the President. He is the Chairman of the Prudential Committee, and shall insure that their goals and duties are successfully accomplished. He also heads the Committee structure of the Fraternity. He shall appoint Chairmen, organize Committees and their members, insure that the Committee goals have been communicated and ultimately met by the Chairmen, and shall delegate as much as possible to the Committees. While the President is the head of the organization, the Vice President is the manager of the organization.

C. Treasurer (HE)

He is the financial manager of the Colony. He is responsible for the accounts of the Colony, and must keep an accurate, updated, written record of all the transactions of the Colony. He is responsible for the collection of dues and the issuing of bills. He must also be willing to arrange payment plans with members in financial difficulty. He must work closely with the Prudential Committee and consult with them in matters of importance. He must also keep the membership continuously updated on the financial welfare of the Colony.

D. Recording Secretary (HS)

He shall keep records of all meetings and file them properly. He must make copies of these records available to the general membership. He shall also hold the Election Record, showing it only to members upon their request. He shall maintain files of all records and paperwork of the Colony. He must insure that all records are neat, orderly, private and readily available to the membership.

E. Corresponding Secretary (HCS)

He shall be responsible for all communication between the Colony and Fraternity Headquarters, other Chapters, Alumni Brothers, the University, and any others outside the Colony. He handles all of the reports that must be submitted to the Headquarters. He also reads aloud, in the meeting, all letters from Headquarters and National Officers.

F. Scholarship Chairman (HA)

He shall be in charge of the Colony 's program that encourages and recognizes good scholarship and study habits. He coordinates the tutorial program, chapter reference material, test file and insures that these resources are readily available to members. He is also responsible for the Grade Party to be held each semester. The purpose of this party is to reward good scholarship and encourage those who are having difficulty. He must insure that the Colony never loses the desire or ability to obtain academic excellence.

G. Marshal (HM)

He shall be in charge of all Pledge Ceremonies, formal Colony meetings, Initiation Ceremonies, and all other formal ceremonies. He must study and learn all rituals. He is responsible for all equipment relating to the rituals. He may also call rehearsals, if they are necessary.

H. Sergeant-at-Arms (HC)

He shall be responsible for locating a room for all meetings, especially while the Fraternity does not maintain a house. He must prepare this room for the meetings. He shall maintain order, discipline, and respect at all meetings. He is the assistant to the HM. He shall be assisted in these duties by the weekly winner of the S.N.O.W. award. He shall also maintain the archives of the Colony and its special momentos.

I. Editor (HR)

He shall be responsible for organizing all the material for each Colony

Newsletter and submitting it in completed form for printing. He shall also be responsible for collecting and submitting all material for national Fraternity publications. He shall be a member of the Alumni Relations committee.

J. Pledge Educator

He shall be responsible for the education of all the pledges of the Colony. He shall hold weekly meetings with the pledges at which time he will teach them about Alpha Sigma Phi. He shall insure that the guidelines as set down by the Beta Iota Pledge Education Program are stringently met. He is ultimately responsible for the passage of these pledges from darkness into the light of the Mystic Circle. He will in no way subject the pledges to anything that will degrade them as human beings or lower their self-esteem. His major role is truly to Better the Man, and he should see that all members do likewise.

K. Inter-Greek Council Representative

He shall represent Beta Iota at all meetings of the Tufts Inter-Greek Council. He shall to act as a link between the Colony and the entire Greek system. He shall inform the membership about the plans and events of the organization and the feelings and intentions of the individual organizations. He is to further the interests of Alpha Sigma Phi as given to him by the President and the membership in front of the Council.

L. Intramurals Coordinator

He shall be responsible for registering the Colony for all leagues and events in which they wish to participate. He shall inform members of all deadlines and upcoming sporting events for which the Colony is eligible. He must insure that the Colony is able to fulfill a commitment to participate in an event, once they are registered. This shall include informing members of times and locations, as well as generating an enthusiasm which will lead to full team rosters.

IV. MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURES

A. A male student shall become eligible for a bid by attending a minimum of three rush events (although, the more attended, the better) and clearly displaying an interest in entering the Mystic Circle. Once these criteria are met, the Rush Chairman shall present the candidate's name to be voted on during the new business section of the weekly business meeting.

If a majority of the members in attendance feel they know a candidate well enough, a bid vote is then held by written ballot. If not, the candidate's name shall be withdrawn until the following business meeting, allowing the brothers a chance to better know the candidate. Additionally, the candidate shall be informed by a brother (either the brother who feels that he knows the candidate the best, or the Rush Chairman) that his name was presented but the entire Brotherhood did not yet know him well enough. He should then be encouraged to come to as many future events as possible.

B. Before voting on a candidate begins, one minute of supportive comments, one minute of negative comments, and five minutes of general discussion are allowed, if needed. The written ballots are then tallied by the rush chairman, and the recording secretary. If the potential bid receives a number of "yes" votes equal in number to two thirds of the total number of brothers (rounded up if divided unevenly), he is given a bid. If the potential receives too many "no" and "abstention" votes, his name is removed from contention.

C. A bid is given to an accepted candidate by a single brother (usually the brother who feels he knows the candidate the best, or the Rush Chairman) who is informed of the proper bidding procedure: get the candidate alone at a convenient time for both people, ask about any objections he may have, handle the objections, offer the bid, and be quiet.

The brother then informs both the Rush Chairman and the President of the candidate's decision. If the candidate accepts, a celebration is held as soon as possible (always within a day or two). If he declines, he can only become eligible for a future bid by meeting the above criteria again, and verbally expressing his desire to be reconsidered.

D. In the event that a candidate's name has been presented at three meetings by the Rush Chairman and has failed to receive a bid on all three occasions, that candidate shall be removed from contention for a bid for the duration of the semester.

V. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

A. Budgeting.

All committees shall present a Request for Funds to the Prudential Committee at the end of each semester for the following semester. This Request shall be based on a calendar of events to be submitted concurrently.

The Prudential Committee shall then draw up a budget for the Fraternity based on all of the Requests for Funding. This budget and the corresponding over-all calendar of events shall be presented to the membership for final approval.

B. Dues.

Dues shall be set by the Prudential Committee based on the budget drawn up. This figure shall be presented to the membership for approval concurrently with the budget and calendar.

C. Collection of Dues.

A date shall be set by the Treasurer each semester by which dues must be paid. This date is to be no later than two weeks after the beginning of classes. Members failing to pay the dues by this date without making prior arrangements with the Treasurer shall be subject to a five

dollar (\$5.00) fine. Members failing to pay the dues and the fine by one week after the due date shall be placed on Social Probation.

D. Social Probation.

A member may be placed on Social Probation due to, but not limited to, failure to pay dues or failure to perform the functions assigned to him.

When a member is placed on Social Probation he shall not attend any activities of the Social or Brotherhood Committees, but is expected to attend all business and committee meetings and to perform any tasks assigned to him.

Upon reparation of the offense, as determined by the Prudential Committee or a two thirds vote of the membership, the member shall be taken off of Social Probation and the matter forgotten.

E. Fines

The following fines shall be established:

- 25¢ late fee for any member arriving at a Brothers' Meeting after his name has been called during Roll Call by the Recording Secretary.
- \$5.00 fine for missing a Brothers' meeting without making prior arrangements twenty four hours in advance with a member of the Prudential Committee
- Variable: Chairman may levy fines against members for failure to complete an assigned task or make arrangements thereof. This fine is subject to the approval of the Vice President.

Exceptions: In the case of an emergency these fines may be waived by the President or Vice President.

VI. ALCOHOL POLICY

A. We shall provide free and readily available alternative beverages and food at all Fraternity events.

B. No one is to be pressured into drinking alcohol under any

circumstances. (This particularly pertains to Rushees and Pledges.)

C. We shall serve no intoxicated people.

D. Any person becoming intoxicated at a Fraternity event shall not be allowed to drive any where. Those in this condition shall be found a place to stay or shall be escorted home.

E. At least two sober and responsible members shall supervise all Fraternity events and provide the aforementioned services. In addition, the person delegated to oversee the execution of the event shall remain sober. Sober is defined as abstention from all alcoholic beverages during the function and at least three hours before the function.

F. All events which are not limited to brothers and their personal guests are to be "free admission, invitation only."

G. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Committee planning the event, and ultimately, the Vice President, to assure that the above mentioned policy is enforced.

VII. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any brother while on a leave of absence from the University and academically eligible while still maintaining an active interest in Alpha Sigma Phi, with the potential to fulfill that interest, shall be granted the rights, privileges and responsibilities of an undergraduate member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

VIII. PROCEDURE TO REMOVE A MEMBER

A. A member may bring a complaint against another member before the Prudential Committee. The Prudential Committee shall settle the matter either by a one-on-one solution or by a formal reprimand against either member. If there is a formal reprimand then the process may continue in the future.

B. After completion of the first step with no improvement in the situation, five brothers may stand up and request a Midnight Meeting during the Remarks for the Good of the Society.

C. A Midnight Meeting shall be immediately scheduled within two to three days at which time a formal Blackball Vote will be taken. The business meeting shall then be adjourned immediately.

D. At the Midnight Meeting, to be chaired by the President, the member in question will be given an opportunity to defend himself against the charges of the five members. After both sides have spoken the membership shall vote. The membership shall not vote if there are any members absent and the meeting shall then be rescheduled for the next day. The absent member will be placed on Social Probation and shall be ineligible to vote at, but still required to attend, the next Midnight Meeting.

E. The member shall be removed from the fraternity if two thirds of the voting members vote against him.

IX. SOCIAL NERD OF THE WEEK (S.N.O.W.)

Be it resolved that there shall be voted upon as the last item of New Business each week at the Brothers' Meeting the conferring of the coveted S.N.O.W. Award by majority vote of the membership, as reported by the President to the membership, on the member who, during that week, has shown himself to be the most lacking in Social Graces and that said member shall be appointed the "Special Helper" to the Sergeant-at-Arms, arriving ten minutes early to the next Brothers' Meeting to help set up the chairs.