

MEMO

DATE: January 12, 1999
TO: Grand Council
FROM: Drew M. Thawley, Director of Expansion
RE: Colony, Bloomsburg University
Recommendation for Action



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As Alpha Sigma Phi continues to pursue men of high caliber through the expansion program, it my pleasure to recommend the approval of the Bloomsburg University colony for full chartering rights and privileges.

One statement that is persistently vocalized when discussing some of Alpha Sigma Phi's premier chapters is, "this group is redefining what fraternity means on their campus; they are truly leaders in their Greek system." These same sentiments apply to the colony at Bloomsburg University.

As you review their Petition, you will find that all requirements are met, and that the men in the colony have worked diligently to become a changing force on the Bloomsburg University campus. They have only one downfall, and while it is not substandard, it is certainly not stellar. The group has a 2.68 GPA (campus GPA is a 2.6), which is well above our chapter requirement of a 2.5 GPA. The issue arises when the chapter is evaluated as individuals.

Of the 35 men desiring to be initiated, 6 men have below a 2.3 GPA. Of those 6 men, one is an initiated brother who transferred from Lock Haven (dead issue) and another has graduated (he was a "founding father" and desires to be an initiated brother). Thus, there are four members of the colony that, in my mind, do not deserve to initiate at this time. Without the above mentioned 6 men, the colony GPA is about a 2.74. The chartering size would then be 30 which is well above the average fraternity size of 21.

In my role as Director of Expansion and as the Chapter Leadership Consultant who worked with the colony in the Fall of 1998, I recommend the following:

- Approve chartering to the Bloomsburg colony.
- Specify that ONLY men with a 2.3 average or higher are permitted to initiate. (giving exception to the one individual who has graduated)
- Inform the group that those below the 2.3 GPA will have to improve their grades in order to be a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi.

The colony is currently the focus of the Bloomsburg campus. All eyes are looking at them for direction as the Greek system makes strides to "clean up their act." These men have won the admiration of their peers, the respect of their fraternal competitors, and the outspoken support of the faculty and administration.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Alpha Sigma Phi Colony
Application for Chartering

Prepared by Michael G. Luna, Jr.
Vice-President of Alpha Sigma Phi

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January 13, 1999

To the Esteemed Members of the Grand Council:

Since you received our chartering petition in the spring of 1998, the brothers of the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi have done many things to establish ourselves as "the most dominant fraternity on the campus of Bloomsburg University." This letter is to inform you of the various activities that we have done as a brotherhood in the 1998 fall semester.

We have continued our involvement with the local American Red Cross Unit by helping them with the blood drives held on the campus of Bloomsburg University. We helped the American Way by planting tulips and helping with construction on one of their houses. We participated in the United Way Aids Walk. We co-sponsored a Halloween party for the Columbia County Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization with Gamma Epsilon Omicron fraternity along with Alpha Sigma Tau and Chi Theta Pi sororities. We ran a Halloween project for the Columbia County Nursing home.

We also had an active role in the activities sponsored by Bloomsburg University. We took our new members to an Anti-Hazing seminar at Bucknell University. We attended a Rape and Assault Vidal along with a Diversity in the Neighborhood seminar both sponsored by the Bloomsburg University Interfraternity Council. Our brothers were also escorts for the campus Trick-or-Treat program for the town children. One of our brothers served on an Ad-Hoc committee whose purpose was to re-write the Bloomsburg University Greek Manual.

As a brotherhood we went on a paintball trip which was followed by a night camping together. On this trip we set chapter goals and spent quality, brotherhood time together.

As the former vice-president and current president I am very pleased with the progress that the brotherhood has made since our colonization. With the foundation that we have laid, I know that our chapter will carry on in a continuous upward trend. I hope that you are as pleased with the progress of our colony as I am. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (570)389-6494 or e-mail me at mgluna@planetx.bloomu.edu. Thank you for your time.

Fraternally,

Michael G. Luna, Jr.
President of Alpha Sigma Phi
Bloomsburg University Colony

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Dear Staurt Steadman:

Enclosed you will find the Fall 1998 QPA's and GPA's of the Bloomsburg University Alpha Sigma Phi colony. Their outstanding participation in campus as well as community wide events has been appreciated. I would like to offer to provide any other supporting information to help their application at this time. The strength of their commitment to their fraternity values is quiet evident as they have raised the expectations for many of Bloomsburg's fraternities.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Osterman
Coordinator of Greek Life

Enclosure: 1

Alpha Sigma Phi, Bloomsburg Colony

Name	Cumulative GPA as of 1/5/99
Todd Smith	2.67
Mike Luna	3.02
Jim Flinn	2.57
Joel Hocking	2.59
Don Holderedge	3.48
Scott Markel*	2.20 (graduated)
Victor Brozusky	2.50
Dave Boell	3.53
Matt Kaminski	2.53
Beau Bressler*	2.27 (Lock Haven Initiate)
Pat Lyons	2.33
Justin Barber	3.00
Tony Stagliano	3.10
Steve Fisher	2.90
Phil Alexander	2.66
Mike Morella	2.45
Jason Granville*	2.12
Seth Fry	2.44
Eric Kerstetter	2.35
Andy Lewis*	2.23
Matt Bill*	2.24
Dave McAndrew	2.94
Cory Mizenko	3.39
Jeremy Thompson	3.38
Josh Weiskopf	2.74
Ed Bollen	3.16
Dan McGarry	2.54
Dave Brocavich	2.33
Kevin Monroe	2.30
Matt Ditzler	2.85
Rich Murphy	3.05
Ryan Dunn	2.63
Keith News	2.89
Chad Mohr*	2.04
Andy Demler	2.48
 TOTAL AVERAGE	 2.68



April 28, 1998

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Brothers of the Grand Council,

It is with great honor that I recommend the approval of the charter petition for the Bloomsburg University Alpha Sigma Phi Colony.

"A true group of gentleman" is a proper way of describing the group we have here at Bloomsburg. These guys have distinguished themselves as the best fraternity on campus in a very short period. These men are leaders on campus, are involved with many service projects and are living the ideals of Alpha, Sigma and Phi.

I feel that Alpha Sigma Phi will be stronger by adding these men to the ranks of brothers.

Fraternally yours,

Theodore R. Kocher, ΓΠ '92
Grand Chapter Advisor

April 28, 1998

To the Esteemed Members of the Grand Council:

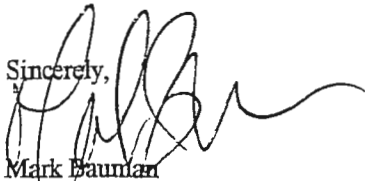
This letter is in reference to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity currently at Bloomsburg University. I was here during their initial establishment and, more recently, I was pleased to have the opportunity to work more closely with them during this Spring semester, 1998. Through my capacity as the supervisor of Fraternities and Fraternal men, I have first hand knowledge of their progress and excellent contribution to Bloomsburg University's Greek community.

At the time of Alpha Sigma Phi's arrival, Bloomsburg's Greek system was experiencing many problems. The development of this organization was a fresh alternative which provided positive and haze free new member education and a close brotherhood. This approach attracted considerable new membership during a time when most other organizations were declining. The brothers have continued this into the current semester and, once again, the results showed increased membership, a commitment to community service, and considerable involvement in the Greek system as a whole. Over the next year, it is my opinion that this organization will become perhaps the most prominent leader in the Greek community. Their approach to Greek life will become one to be emulated and modeled by other organizations. Indeed, my professional colleagues have expressed to me how impressed they are with Alpha Sigma Phi's program.

For these reasons, I am in complete support of Alpha Sigma Phi receiving their charter. The excellence they have demonstrated to me has been unwavering; their involvement has helped me tremendously. I am confident that all of these favorable characteristics will continue far into the future. It is with pleasure that I offer Alpha Sigma Phi my highest respect and recommendation for the receipt of their charter.

I welcome your questions or comments regarding this letter; please feel free to contact me at the address and phone listed below.

Sincerely,



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Dear Member of the Grand Council,

It is my privilege and honor to present to you the Chartering Petition for the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

You may be assured that my fellow brothers, along with myself, have relentlessly pursued to continuously demonstrate at the highest level, the standards of excellence set by Alpha Sigma Phi in regards to leadership, scholarship, gentlemanship, and service. In the past several months, we have proudly grown from a mere rumor among the Greek system with little recognition, to the acclaimed leaders on campus who epitomize the ideals of everything that a fraternity should be.

We are the true leaders on campus. In our brief existence as a colony at Bloomsburg University, we have paved the way for a much-needed reconstruction of Bloomsburg's entire Greek system. Respect for woman, safe social management, high scholarship, community service, and strong interaction with the University, are the tools we use to set distinguished standards of utmost excellence that are unprecedented.

I would also like to take the time to inform you with the utmost pride that Alpha Sigma Phi at Bloomsburg has been bestowed the most eminent of all Greek awards offered by the university. On April 30, 1998, we received the "President's Cup" trophy which is granted to the most prestigious fraternity on campus. The criteria for the award include the strongest campus leaders, the highest scholarship, the best community relations and service, the closest brotherhood, and the fraternity which overall illustrates the direction in which the Greek system needs to be headed. At this "Greek Awards" banquet, we also received the award for most community service hours, as well as a check for one hundred dollars from the university. As president of this colony, I can vow that our prominent standards of excellence have been set, abided by, and are currently being implemented throughout the entire Greek system here.

It is evident that our rigorous work ethic, accompanied by our well-mannered behavior exemplifying class, dignity, and respect, has resulted in great awards. We are incessantly striving to extend the standards by which other fraternities are forced to follow, and we envision continuing to do so for innumerable years to come as a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Faternally,

Todd J. Smith
President

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Petition for Chartering

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Petition Statement

We, the undersigned members of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Bloomsburg University do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant this organization the honor of being designed as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. We agree, if chapter status is granted, to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Rituals of Fraternity

Justin Barber

David Boell

Victor Brozuský

John Caputo

Kevin Fichter

James Flinn

Joel Hocking

Donald Holdredge

Darren Johnston

Matt Kaminski

Jeff Konigsbauer

Jeff Krisiak

Andrew Lewis

Michael Luna

Scott Markel

Mike Morella

Tim Nobles

Todd Smith

Philip Alexander

Matt Bill

Chris DeMarco

Steven Fisher

Seth Fry

Jason Granville

Eric Kerstetter

Tony Staglions

Dave McAndrew

Corey Mizerko

Fernley Thompson

Fish Weiskopf

Todd Smith-President

Michael Luna-Vice President

General Description of Bloomsburg University

Bloomsburg University, as one of 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, embraces the general mission of the system to assure excellence in higher education at an affordable cost. The campus is accessible and attractive, located in the Town of Bloomsburg is near the Susquehanna River and Interstate 80.

Bloomsburg is a coeducational institution, which serves students of diverse backgrounds from Pennsylvania, its surrounding states, and foreign countries. To its community and region, the university is an artistic and educational resource that serves a broad range of community needs in education, health care, business-related services, library resources, and cultural activities. It offers undergraduate programs as well as graduate programs in select areas of strength. There is an emphasis on a strong liberal arts preparation. The university is committed to a program of affirmative action in order to provide equal educational opportunity to all persons.

It is a goal of the university to integrate academic programs, cultural activities, and interpersonal relations to promote intellectual growth and social responsibility among students. The university seeks to extend the academic environment from the classroom into other student activities. It strives to foster openness in communication and involvement in decision making through a participatory governance structure. In this atmosphere, faculty, administration, staff and students attain a genuine respect for one another, a concern for the enrichment of their experiences, and the achievement of their common purpose. The university community is committed to the principles of personal and academic freedom within the framework of ethical responsibilities.

By emphasizing the assimilation, synthesis, and integration of information, it is a goal of the university to develop in its students the characteristics of mental resourcefulness and responsible self-expression as well as the abilities to think critically, clarify values, and demonstrate problem solving skills. While maintaining programs for which Bloomsburg has been traditionally recognized, such as those in business and education, the university has identified strategic directions that include programs in health-related fields; programs that promote student-faculty interaction in teaching, learning, and research; programs that emphasize regional, national, international, and environmental concerns; and programs that incorporate the application of technology into instruction.

Location of Bloomsburg University.

Located roughly in the middle of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg University is within a one-hour drive from such cities as Hazleton, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton; 1.5 hours from Harrisburg; 2 hours from Philadelphia and four hours Pittsburgh. The university is directly off I- 80 and Routes 11 and 15, and is seated just off the banks of the Susquehanna River. The university is built on one of the highest elevations around,

and so offers a dramatic view of the town of Bloomsburg, Susquehanna River, and the valley beyond.

History of Bloomsburg University

An academy “to teach youth the elements of a classical education” was established in Bloomsburg in 1839. The academy continued with varied fortunes until 1856 when a charter was prepared and stock issued to reorganize it as the Bloomsburg Literary Institute. Institute Hall, later renamed Carver Hall after Henry Carver, an early principle, architect, and teacher, was erected in 1867. Today, the gold-domed, red brick building is the university’s landmark.

Largely through the efforts of J.P. Wickersham, superintendent of public instruction, the Bloomsburg Literary Institute officially became the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Norm School in 1869. It continued under this name and organization until 1916 when it was purchased by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and named Bloomsburg State Normal School. The emphasis at the Normal School changed during the early 1920’s from secondary and college-preparatory courses full-time teacher education. In May 1927, the institutional name was changed to Bloomsburg State Teachers College, authorized to grant a Bachelor of Science in Education for teachers in elementary and secondary schools.

Under the administration of President Francis B. Haas (1927-1939), great progress was made in the teacher education program, and a new degree program in business education was initiated.

Upon the appointment of Dr. Haas as State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1939, Dr. Harvey A. Andruss, and then Dean of Instruction and former Director of the Business Education Department, was appointed president, a position he held until his retirement in 1969. During World War II, the U.S. Navy V-12 Office Training Program was conducted on the Bloomsburg campus. As a result, a campus building was named Navy Hall. In 1957, a division of special education was instituted, and today, Navy Hall still houses the program.

Major expansion in facilities, faculty, and student body followed. Undergraduate full-time enrollment rose from 1,743 in 1960 to 6,184 in 1992.

In 1960, the institution’s name was changed to Bloomsburg State College. Authorization soon followed to grant the Bachelor of Arts degree for liberal arts programs in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Graduate study, leading to the master of education degree, also was inaugurated. In 1968, approval was received for the Master of Arts degree, in 1976 for the master of business administration, and in 1982 for the Master of Science in nursing.

A cooperative doctoral program in elementary education began in 1982. Bloomsburg is a strong, multi-mission institution offering curricula in the liberal arts, business, nursing,

allied health sciences and teacher education. Degree programs are offered at the associate, baccalaureate, and master's level in addition to the cooperative doctoral program. Commonwealth legislation created the State System of Higher Education on July 1, 1983, and the institution became Bloomsburg University. Dr. James H. McCormick, Bloomsburg president, became the system's interim chancellor and later the first permanent chancellor.

Degrees Conferred at Bloomsburg University

Bloomsburg University offers 64 undergraduate degree programs in a wide range of disciplines including the arts, sciences, humanities, business, health care and education. The university also presents a strong graduate program in 19 areas of study, offers 11 supervisory certificate programs for educators and offers educational opportunities in a wide range of subjects through its continuing and distance education programs. Bloomsburg is a teaching rather than a research institution. That means that the 383 members of the faculty are with students not only in lectures, but in classes and labs as well. The university does not use graduate students or teaching assistants in classes.

In addition to their chosen area of study, Bloomsburg requires a sequence of general education courses to ensure all students receive a thorough liberal arts education. The university offers a variety of support services, including academic advisement, developmental instruction, career counseling and accommodative services for students with special needs. The university also has one of the nation's most respected honors programs for gifted students.

Specifically, Bloomsburg University offers the following degrees to its students:

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting
- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology
- Bachelor of Arts in Art
- Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Bachelor of Arts in Biology
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Business Education and Office Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Clinical Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Science, Computer and Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Science, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Earth Science
- Bachelor of Science in Geology
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Business Economics

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Education – Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Education – Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science in Education – Secondary Education
- Bachelor of Arts in English
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance and Business Law
- Bachelor of Arts in Geography
- Bachelor of Science in Adult Health
- Associate of Science in Health Services
- Bachelor of Arts in History
- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science – Broad Area Program, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in French
- Bachelor of Arts in German
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Computer and Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Marketing
- Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication
- Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Music
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Office Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Bachelor of Arts in Physics
- Bachelor of Science in Physics
- Bachelor of Science in Health Physics
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science, Radiological Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Education – Special Education
- Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Bachelor of Science in Interpreting
- Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts
- Allied Health Preparatory Program – Pre- Physical Therapy

- Allied Health Preparatory Program – Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Allied Health Preparatory Program – Pre-Cytotechnology
- Allied Health Preparatory Program – Pre-Pharmacy
- Dual-Degree Program: Bachelor of Arts in Physics or Mathematics from Bloomsburg University and Bachelor of Science in an engineering discipline from The Pennsylvania State University or Wilkes University

Number of Students and Faculty at Bloomsburg University

Bloomsburg University is home to 6,812 undergraduate and 626 graduate students. The 383 faculty and 459 staff service the university on a year-round basis. Enrollment at Bloomsburg University is 62 percent women and 38 percent men. About 85 percent of all students at Bloomsburg University come from Pennsylvania. About 44 percent of Bloomsburg's full-time undergraduate degree students live on campus; the rest live off-campus or commute. On-campus housing consists of seven dormitories, clustered around recreational, dining and activities facilities on lower campus. Upper-level students primarily use an apartment complex on upper campus. All new freshmen are guaranteed on-campus housing, except for students who live nearby and commute.

Dorm rooms are primarily double-occupancy, are fully furnished and are wired for telephone lines. Two buildings are also wired for Ethernet computer connections; the remaining five have their own computer labs in common areas. Incoming students complete a poll to help match them as closely as possible to a compatible roommate. Specialty housing interests, such as areas with specific academic programs and health, are available.

Plans for the Future Growth of Bloomsburg University

The Continuous Improvement program has recently been implemented at the university. Bloomsburg University, in cooperation with the State System of Higher Education (SSHE), is beginning this effort at a full-scale level. Continuous Improvement or CI is a participate problem solving process which focuses on improving and refining the quality of university services and processes. Empowered teams of participants use a data collection and analysis process to implement solutions, which increase quality services to internal and external clients such as students and fellow colleagues. Three teams formed the pilot project, which began in September 1996. The expansion of this effort started in January 1997 and has continued to the present.

The new Harvey A. Andruss Library is scheduled to open in the summer of 1998. Among the features of this building will be:

- Four levels encompassing 105,000 square feet

- Study seating for more than 1,000 students and faculty
- Stack space for more than 400,000 volumes
- 18 group study rooms for 6-12 students
- 500 public-access connections for personal computers, with laptops available at the Circulation Desk and conduits for future connections
- Personal computers to access the library's online catalog, CD-ROM, national and international databases
- Word processing rooms and equipment on all levels
- Lobby space for local, regional and national traveling exhibits
- Night study room for student use when the library is closed
- Meeting room with facilities for audio-visual and television programs
- Exhibit space for the University Archives and Special Collections
- Browsing Collection
- Faculty study and committee reading room
- Up-to-date equipment for viewing more than 1.7 million microfilms in the library's collection
- A classroom and computer laboratory with interactive capabilities for Reference Services
- Outdoor reading area overlooking the western hills
- Intercoms on all levels for queries to Circulation and Reference Desks
- Open access to current periodicals as well as pre-1987 journals presently in storage
- Three Tiffany and four Spense stained glass windows from "old" Waller Hall
- A porch reminiscent of the Long Porch from "old" Waller Hall

Description of the Greek Community at Bloomsburg University

The Greek system at Bloomsburg University is weak and strong in many aspects. With the right role model, it has the potential to become a dominant force on campus. The weakness comes from the feuding between the different Greek organizations. Granted, you will always have different organizations that do not like each other but sometimes it goes too far. There are two Greek advisors at Bloomsburg. One is in charge of all the sororities and one is in charge of all the fraternities. These two people are only temporary. Bloomsburg is currently looking for one person to run both the sororities and fraternities. There is now a replacement Greek advisor. He is doing a very good job in helping all of the Greek organizations. They are just some of the problems that us as Greek organizations face at Bloomsburg University. The strong point is that people are trying to solve those problems. The IFC is making a constant effort to find solutions to the problems that the fraternities face. The sororities, along with the NPC, work with the fraternities and the IFC to help solve the problems too. I believe that Alpha Sigma Phi can make a difference in the Greek community. With our standards and beliefs, Alpha Sigma Phi can have a positive impact on Bloomsburg. For not only being on campus for one full year, Alpha Sigma Phi has grown to be the second largest fraternity on campus. We also have the highest grade point average out of all other fraternities on campus. Us as brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi feel we can change the Greek society.

There are sixteen fraternities on campus. They are: Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Chi Lambda, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Sigma Xi, Lambda Sigma Upsilon, Kappa Alpha Psi, Zeta Psi, Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Rho, Acacia, Gamma Epsilon Omicron, Delta Omega Chi, Beta Sigma Delta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Iota Omega, and Alpha Sigma Phi.

There are also eleven sororities on campus. They are: Delta Epsilon Beta, Chi Sigma Rho, Chi Upsilon Sigma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Iota Chi, Chi Theta Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Theta Tau Omega. There are also two coed fraternities.

There is the honors fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi, and the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi feel that we can have only a positive effect of the Greek system of Bloomsburg University.

Description of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Bloomsburg University

The colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Bloomsburg University was founded on the same principles and morals as the first chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi was founded on at Yale University. We believe that by being a brother at Alpha Sigma Phi that you should not only better yourself, but all of your surrounding brothers as well. We do not believe in hazing. During our pledge period we want our pledges to become knowledgeable of the history of Alpha Sigma Phi. All of the brothers have a strong belief in bettering the man. The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi at Bloomsburg University come from an elite group of individuals. After not even a full semester on campus we have grown to the second largest fraternity on campus with thirty-three brothers. The brothers consist of four seniors, ten juniors, twelve sophomores, and six freshmen. We have built a strong foundation for Alpha Sigma Phi.

With the youth of the brothers, we have a brotherhood that is one that will last for years to come. Already we have been looked upon to be a positive influence on the Greek system. Both the Greek advisor and the president of Bloomsburg University have called upon us to make the Greek system better. Each brother is expected to abide by the constitution and by-laws that were set by the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi. We pride ourselves in being a gentleman's fraternity. We want to raise the standards of the fraternal system. We also take great pride in being different from the other fraternities. We want to rise above the rest into a class of our own. The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi want to become the best at Bloomsburg, and we will let nothing stand in our way of achieving that status.

The Constitution of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

PREAMBLE:

We, the brothers of the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, in order to provide for effective management and judicious legislation in the operation of the colony, and to provide a structure within which this colony may grow successfully in the pursuit of the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, do hereby adopt and approve this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this colony shall be to organize its membership in such a manner as to foster greater academic achievement, to promote community and campus service, to create a more productive individual in society, and to teach ideals of integrity, honor, and chivalry within the hearts and the minds of its members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members shall be duly initiated male students at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, during the period of colonization, which began on September 17, 1997, and ends upon the initiation date of the founding fathers. "New Member" male students of the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania shall be considered as brothers. Upon initiation, membership will consist of new members and initiated Brothers.

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

Section 3. Membership shall be granted by virtue of acceptance of invitation extended by the vote of the undergraduate membership.

Section 4. Membership may be suspended or revoked through a judicial process overseen by the Prudential Board.

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 other major conflicting events as approved by the President. Location and time of meetings shall be at the discretion of the President.

Section 2. Special meetings of the colony may be called only by the President, or at the request of fifty percent (50%) of the active members.

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

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary/Public Relations Chairman, Treasurer, two Members-At-Large of the Prudential Board, Rush Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Service/Philanthropy Chairman, New Member Educator, Editor/Webmaster, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Intramural Chairman, Brotherhood Development Chairman, Historian, Social Chairman/Risk Management Officer, Parent/Alumni Director, and secondary Interfraternity Council Representative (if the President or VP are unable to attend).

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

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

- a) Prudential Board
- b) Rush Committee
- c) Service/Philanthropy Committee
- d) Social Committee
- e) Parent/Alumni Committee
- f) Brotherhood Development Committee

Section 2. The Prudential Board shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and two Members-At-Large. The Vice President shall serve as chairman. The Prudential Board shall be responsible for all matters of finances, budgeting, judicial concern, and management of the general operation of the fraternity.

Section 3. The Rush Chairman shall be chairman of the Rush Committee; The Service Chairman shall be chairman of the Service Committee; The Social Chairman shall be chairman of the Social Committee; The Alumni/Parents Director shall be chairman of the Parent/Alumni

Committee. The Brotherhood Development Chairman shall be chairman of the Brotherhood Development Committee.

Section 4. Special Committees can be appointed to handle issues not relevant to the defined committees of Alpha Sigma Phi.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

Section 1. The revenues of this colony shall be derived from the members' dues, the colony's fund-raising projects, and any donations.

Section 2. The Prudential Board shall manage all finances.

ARTICLE VIII. HAZING

Section 1. Alpha Sigma Phi is the fraternity "To Better the Man" and all of her functions and actions should exhibit this as listed in the *Code of Conduct*.

Section 2. Every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and not harassed, tormented, abused, or violated by another human being.

Section 3. No activity construed even in the slightest way as abusing someone physically, psychologically, or sexually or placing someone into circumstances such that the person's dignity, individuality, or beliefs are compromised, will be tolerated by this brotherhood.

ARTICLE IX. HOUSING

Section 1. The chapter house (satellite or otherwise) for the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will be Alcohol-free.

Section 2. No alcohol regardless the age of the person will be permitted on or in chapter premises.

Section 3. This Article can not be suspended or amended in any way.

ARTICLE X. SUSPENSION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1. This clause hereby allows for the opportunity for the membership to suspend the constitution and by-laws of this fraternity only when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES

Section 1. The active members may amend this Constitution of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity in part or in full.

Section 2. A copy of this constitution shall be filed with the National headquarters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Greek office at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, the Interfraternity Council at the same institution, and the Prudential Board.

This constitution has been duly reviewed and approved by the Prudential Board of the colony at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and the undergraduate membership of the colony. It is understood that each member of this organization has a duty to uphold this constitution and to maintain the integrity of the chapter in all situations that may occur.

By-laws of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

PREAMBLE:

These By-laws are the statutes for the government of the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, enacted in conjunction with the Constitution of the Colony to more fully define the powers, duties and functions which are authorized thereunder.

Article I. Membership

Section 1. To maintain active status, a member of the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity must:

- a) Be a male student at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
- b) Not affiliated with another Greek social/general fraternity.
- c) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30 if in the Alpha class and a cumulative GPA of 2.50 for classes thereafter.
- d) Attempt to complete required community service hours.

Section 2. To receive a bid for membership in the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity a prospective must:

- a) Be a male student at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

- b) Have a cumulative 2.50 grade point average or higher (high school or collegiate).
- c) Not be affiliated with another Greek social/general fraternity.

Section 2a. Section 1c and 2b of Article I can not be amended or suspended unless the National Organization dictates a change or the amendment is to raise the GPA requirement.

Section 3. A bid for membership into Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony is extended to those who receive a four-fifths (4/5) vote from the present general assembly.

- a) No abstention for membership voting is permitted.
- b) Prospective members will be voted on individually.
- c) Bids by proxy must be given directly to the Marshal prior to the voting session.
- d) At least fifty percent plus one of the membership must be present to hold a voting session.
- e) The Marshal shall count the ballots and shall report to the membership whether or not a bid will be extended to the prospective member.
- f) Should an individual be extended a bid to join the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony, he maintains the right to turn the invitation down without question.
- g) Should an individual not be given a bid, the Rush Chairman will notify him as an act of courtesy.
- h) An individual who wishes to become a member of the Colony may accept the bid within four weeks of receiving it.

Section 4. All members of the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Colony must maintain the standards established by the Bloomsburg University, the Interfraternity Council, and the Colony regarding education and scholarship.

Section 5. Should a member fail to meet the scholarship standards or the general requirements and/or responsibilities of the Colony, he shall be placed on probation for the time period of one semester, and given "Associate Membership."

- a) An "Associate Member" is allowed but not required to attend meetings of the general assembly.
- b) All voting rights shall cease.
- c) An "Associate Member" must remain financial responsible to the local and national fraternity.
- d) An "Associate Member" has one semester to meet the scholastic requirements.
- e) If an "Associate Member" does not meet the scholastic requirements of the chapter, he shall be suspended from all activities and

functions of the colony until his cumulative GPA is above the required 2.30 for up to one year.

- f) A suspended member is relieved of financial obligations to the local and national fraternity. All paperwork for suspension must be submitted to the National Headquarters.
- g) If a suspended individual does not raise his GPA above 2.30, the individual will be made an alumnus. All paperwork must be completed and submitted to the National Headquarters.

Section 6. A member may request in writing to the prudential board "Inactive Member" for a duration not to exceed one semester for the following reasons:

- a) Internship
- b) Student teaching
- c) Leave of absence from school
- d) Military leave

Section 7. An "Inactive Member" will be financially responsible for

National dues but not for local dues. An "Inactive Member" will be able to attend events of the local organization by invitation only.

Section 8. All members of the colony must abide by all federal, state, local, university, Interfraternity Council, and fraternity laws and code of conduct.

Article II. Officers

Section 1. The officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Editor, Historian, and New Member Educator. The Chairmen shall be the Social Chairman, Brotherhood Development Chairman, Service/Philanthropy Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Rush Chairman, Parent/Alumni Director, and Intramural Chairman. The President or Prudential Board for the benefit of the brotherhood may create officer and Chairman positions beyond those listed here.

Section 2. All Officers shall perform the duties of their respective positions as set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter Officers Guide. Should an officer's position not be described by the guide, that officer will accept the responsibilities bestowed upon him by the President, the Prudential

Board, and/or the general membership and shall abide by the general rules and laws applicable to any officer of the brotherhood.

Article III. Committees

- Section 1. The Rush/Recruitment Committee, headed by the Rush/Recruitment Chairman, will organize and educate all rush activities and events for the Colony. The committee may restrict events to members only, or open events to local Sororities to help coordinate the activities. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
- Section 2. The Service and Philanthropy Committee, headed by the Service and Philanthropy Chairman, will organize and execute service and philanthropic projects for the brotherhood of our colony. The committee may restrict said projects for the Brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. In the case of a philanthropic event, the Prudential Board will determine where the moneys raised from these activities will be donated. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
- Section 3. The Social/Risk Management Committee, headed by the Social Chairman, will organize and execute social events for the Brothers of the Colony. The committee may restrict said projects for the Brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to protect the health of those attending functions hosted by Alpha Sigma Phi.
- Section 4. Parent/Alumni Committee, headed by the Parent/Alumni Chairman, will organize and execute events for the Brothers, Alumni and Parents of the Colony and shall keep Alumni and Parents informed as to the goals and events decided and acted upon by the membership. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
- Section 5. The Brotherhood Development Committee, headed by the Brotherhood Development Chairman, will execute and organize development retreats, the mediation and well being of the

Brotherhood, and the education and leadership of the Colony. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Section 6. Any Special Committees will be appointed by the President and shall operate as long as deemed necessary by the President. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations established by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Section 7. All members of the general assembly with the exception of the President and the Vice President must maintain an active role in one of the standing committees described in Article III, Sections 1 through 5.

Article IV. Prudential Board

Section 1. The Prudential Board has been established to manage the financial, judicial, and managerial affairs of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The members of this board will include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) members at large, with the Vice President being the chairman.

Section 2. The Prudential Board will periodically review the Constitution and the by-laws of the Colony and make suggestions to the general assembly as to the improvement of the above mentioned. All amendments will be reviewed by the Prudential Board, and shall be approved by the general assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Section 3. All Prudential Board meetings will be closed with minutes posted each week.

- a) Financial meetings will be open to those requiring funds.
- b) Guests may be invited into the meeting, only by the Vice President, for purposes of discussion relevant to the meeting.

Section 4. The Prudential Board should meet once a week during the school year and once a month during the summer.

Section 5. In order to protect the Foundation and Image of the Colony, at any time the Prudential Board may hold a hearing to determine whether an individual brother has stepped beyond the beliefs and values of our colony. If such a hearing takes place, the Prudential Board should hold a hearing within one week of the reported incident. Any member of the brotherhood may attend this hearing, unless the accused

requests a private meeting. During the hearing, the accused will be allowed to state his case followed by a questioning period by the Prudential Board. The Prudential Board as well as the accused individuals may have witnesses to their case, who will be required to follow the above mentioned procedures on testimony and questioning. The Prudential Board will convene for an appropriate amount of time to discuss the issue and make a judgment.

- a) If found innocent, the case is dropped.
- b) If found guilty, the Prudential Board will apply an appropriate measure upon the individual(s) that applies to the severity of the case.
- c) If the guilty party feels that the judgment was made unfairly, he may appeal the General Assembly with a written statement and an appearance at the next meeting of the General Assembly.
 - 1) A vote by secret ballot will immediately following the hearing to overturn the judgment of the Prudential Board.
 - 2) If the General Assembly votes to overturn the punishment of the Prudential Board, the Prudential Board will reassess its ruling.
 - 3) The same process can again challenge a reassessed ruling.
 - 4) The General Assembly may also choose to overturn the case in its entirety, therefore relieving the brother of all punishment and further investigation.
 - 5) A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to overturn a punishment or decision by the Prudential Board.

Section 6. The Prudential Board will enforce an attendance policy at the General Assembly meetings. The first and second excuse will be considered an academic leave. The third absence will result in a loss of voting privileges for the remainder of the semester. The fourth absence in a semester will result in a dismissal hearing in front of the Prudential Board. Other obligations such as military service, court appearances, or special circumstances determined by the President will be excused, however the brother should make all possible effort to make non-excused meetings.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Committee meetings, Prudential Board meetings, and General Assembly meetings will be held on a regularly scheduled basis each week or as deemed necessary by the chairman of each individual meeting during the school year.

Section 2. Attendance by all members is mandatory for the General Assembly meetings as defined in Article 4, Section 6. Attendance policies for all other meetings are determined by the chairman of the meeting.

Section 3. A quorum consisting of fifty percent plus one of the active membership must be present in order to act upon any legislation.

Section 4. A majority vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a general motion unless otherwise specified for matters described in this constitution.

Section 5. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a constitutional by-law change.

Section 6. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of the present brotherhood is required to offer a bid to a prospective member.

Section 7. All meetings will follow general parliamentary procedures as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order to ensure orderly meetings.

Article VI. Officers and Chairmen

Section 1. All permanent standing officer and Chairman positions shall be decided by yearly election by the membership. A majority vote is required by each candidate in order to win the election to that position.

Section 2. Elections shall be held in the month of November of each year. The term of office shall be for the period of one year, beginning on January 1, following the election.

- a) Nominations for officer and chairman positions shall be made by the membership at the first weekly general assembly meeting in November. A member may not nominate himself. The nomination becomes official when the nominee accepts the nomination.
- b) Nominees shall present speeches to the membership during the second weekly general assembly meeting in November. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall establish the guidelines for candidates' speeches and/or debates and/or question and answer periods.
- c) During the third weekly general assembly meeting, the membership will vote on all officer and chairman positions. A majority vote by the present membership is required for a candidate to win an officer or chairman position.
- d) At the last meeting of the fall semester, the officer transition ceremony of Alpha Sigma Phi will take place.

Section 3. All officer and chairman elections shall be by secret ballot, and counted by an active advisor of the colony.

Section 4. The President retains the power to appoint members to special positions and committees for purposes of fulfilling a specific temporary or short term goal with approval of the Prudential Board.

- a) Any member may challenge the President's appointments to the Prudential Board.
- b) An appointment can last no longer than one year before a re-appointment is needed.

Section 5. Any officer or chairman may be impeached if an officer or chairman is negligent in his duties and/or in violation of university, state, federal, or Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters regulations. The Prudential Board will host an investigation and make a ruling. A ruling may be appealed to the General Assembly and overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly.

- a) An officer under investigation shall be temporarily suspended from the duties of his office until due process has taken place.
- b) An officer may resign before being impeached.
- c) If the President is under investigation, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President until due process has taken place.

Section 6. In the event that an officer or chairman is removed from his office or resigns or is unable to effectively fulfill his duties, the President shall appoint, with approval of the Prudential Board, a member to replace the officer until the next yearly election. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Prudential Board will set a time and date for a special election.

Article VII. Dues

Section 1. The Prudential Board shall determine the appropriate amount of dues that each member must pay, at which time the general assembly will vote to amend the dues. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly is required to amend the dues.

Section 2. Local dues are currently set at one hundred dollars (\$100) per semester.

Section 3. Dues will be paid at the first weekly meeting of each semester.

Section 4. Special Assessments: Under such circumstances that a member may have difficulty paying the full amount of dues at one time, that member may opt to accept an alternative payment plan provided by the Prudential Board, which will extend a maximum period of the current semester.

Section 5. Should a member be unable to pay the full amount of dues, even with respect to the Special Assessments Clause, within the same semester the individual will be suspended from all chapter activities and functions for a maximum of one year.

a) If he does not become financial in good standing, the chapter will petition the Grand Council for suspension from Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity.

b) All paperwork must be filed appropriately with the National Headquarters.

Section 6. Should a person whose membership has been suspended due to financial difficulties wish to rejoin the membership, he must repay all his outstanding debts to the brotherhood, be approved for re-admittance or for release of suspension by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the membership, and apologize in person to the entire brotherhood.

Article VIII. Point System

Section 1. Each brother will begin the semester with 15 points. Brothers will lose or gain points for their participation in different activities.

Section 2. The recording secretary will keep track of the points in logbook or on a computer.

Section 3. The following actions will be taken if a brother falls below:

10 points, brother will receive a written warning

7 points, brother loses social privileges

5 points, brother loses voting privileges

3 points, brother will be required to go before prudential board

Section 4. Points will be deducted for the following reasons:

Missing a chapter meeting 2½ points

Tardiness to meetings or events . . . ½ point

Committee meeting 1 point

Mandatory Events 2 points

Unpaid balance to chapter

(after notification from treasurer) . . . 3 points

Uncompleted Service Hours 4 points

Missing an event the brother signed

up for 2 points

Section 5. One point will be added for the following reasons (each point category may only be used once a semester:

1) Paying dues on time

- 2) 3.0 or better for the previous semester
- 3) Participating in voluntary events such as intramural sports, etc
- 4) Eating dinner with brothers in commons
- 5) Outstanding performance determined by prudential

board

Section 6. This article may be used in place of Article 4, Section 6 (general meeting attendance) at the Presidents' discretion.

Article IX. Housing

Section 1. Under no circumstances will alcohol be allowed in or on chapter premises as defined by the National Organization and the chapter.

Section 2. Under no circumstances will the chapter host a social function with alcohol present at the chapter house as defined by the National Organization and the chapter.

Section 3. Under no circumstances will brothers be allowed to have or consume alcoholic beverages in or on chapter premises as defined by the National Organization and the chapter.

Section 4. Regardless of the age of those living in the chapter house, the procession and/or consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the chapter house.

Section 5. Those violating the Alcohol-free policy within one year will be subject to:

- a. 1st warning: \$200 fine, loss of voting privileges for one month, social probation for one month.
- b. 2nd warning: \$200 fine, loss of voting privileges for one semester, social probation for one semester.
- c. 3rd warning: Suspended by the chapter for one year, chapter will petition Grand Council to suspend violator indefinitely.

Section 6. This article can not be suspended or amended unless the National Organization dictates a change.

Article X. Amendments

Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or the By-laws will be presented to the Prudential Board. The Prudential Board will then present the amendment to the brotherhood at the next General Assembly meeting.

Section 2. A two-thirds vote of the membership may amend the Constitution and/or By-laws of this Colony.

Article XI. Upholding the By-laws

Section 1. All members of this brotherhood shall do their utmost to uphold the justness and the integrity of each of these by-laws, and to obey them to the best of their ability.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each brother to report to the Prudential Board any violation of these by-laws by a fellow member. Responsibility falls upon each member to act in the manner that is best for the brotherhood, namely insuring that his fellow brothers do not disrespect the laws and traditions which have been set by the brotherhood both within this Constitution and as decided upon by the membership.

Colony Officers

The H Officers:

HSP: Todd Smith
HJP: Mike Luna
HE: James Flinn
HS: Joel Hocking
HCS: Victor Brozusky
HA: Justin Barber
HM: Tim Nobles
HC: Chris DeMarco
HR: Andrew Lewis
HP: Steven Fisher

The Committee Chairmen and Members

Social Chairman/Risk Management Officer-
Brotherhood Development Chairman-
Historian-
Intramural Chairman/IFC Athletic Chairman
IFC Representative-
Public Relations/Faculty Relations Chairman

Scott Markel
Don Holdredge
Philip Alexander
Eric Kerstetter
Mike Luna
Victor Brozusky

Recruitment Chairman-
Recruitment Committee-

Tony Stagliano
Josh Weiskof, Corey Mizenko,
Dave McAndrew, David Boell

Service Chairman-
Service Committee-

Victor Brozusky
Jermey Thompson, Seth Fry,
Kevin Fichter, Mike Morella

Scholarship Chairman-
Scholarship Committee-

Justin Barber
Darren Johnston, Matt Bill,
John Caputo, Matt Kaminski

Fundraising Chairman-
Fundraising Committee-

Jeff Konigsbauer
Jason Granville, Steven Fisher
Chris DeMarco, Tim Nobles

Chartering Banquet Chairman-
Chartering Banquet Committee-

Dave Boell
James Flinn, Todd Smith
Mike Luna, Joel Hocking

Meeting Place of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony

Since we do not have a house yet, we must have our chapter meetings, prudential board meeting, ceremonies, and rituals somewhere else. That other place is in the student union complex on our campus. It is called the Kehr Union Building. This building is the focal point of student life at Bloomsburg University. Located inside of this building is many offices that range from student activities to the office of the vice president of student life. There is also a small snack bar in which students can eat. Our general chapter meetings are held in a medium sized conference room that has a long narrow table at which we all can see and communicate with each other rather easily. This room is removed from the main traffic areas of the building do to a long hallway that allows us to have complete privacy during our regular chapter meetings.

Our candle light and bid ceremonies are held in a room that is called the Kehr Union Ballroom. This room can be darkened rather easily and is large enough for our entire chapter to fit comfortably along with guests if the event calls for such. We also have held a few rush activities in this room because of its size and because of it being easily found by all students who attend Bloomsburg. Many of the other campus organizations also use this room because of its many capabilities to turn for a large ballroom into a small quite place with the simple closing of a foldable wall. This wall can separate this large room into three smaller rooms.

Our prudential board meetings are held an hour before the chapter meeting is scheduled. The vice-president runs the prudential board meeting. The first order of business is to take care of any financial situations. At this time, any money that the brotherhood owes to a brother is given to him. Also brothers must pay their dues at this time in the meeting. Next we take care of old business, then new business. Any big decisions or problems that the brothers might have are taken care of at this time.

Robert's Rules of Order run the chapter meetings. The president runs the meetings, while Sargent of Arms is in control of keeping the brothers under control. After the president gives his report, each officer gets their chance to speak. The order goes: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, service/fundraising, new member educator, editor, intramural. After the officer and committee reports are done we ask for old business and then new business. Our chapter meetings last, on an average, an hour long.

We are in the process of finding a chapter house. We were not able to find one for the fall of 1998, so we are doubling our efforts to find one for the spring of 1999. We will definitely find a chapter house by the fall of 1999. Once we get a house, our meetings, ceremonies and rush activities will be held in it.

Alumni

Since we have only been on campus for one year, we only have one alumni. He is Jeff Frank. Jeff served as vice president of Alpha Sigma Phi while at Bloomsburg University. He was in the Alpha class and played a major role in starting the Alpha Sigma Phi colony. Union Camp Corporation now currently employs him. He is making 42,500 dollars a year while working 50-60 hours a week. He was recently in California, where he attended training for his new job. Other than working Jeff is active in the rescue squad and spends time with his significant other Shannon. With his new job Jeff just bought a new car. He is looking to buy his own home in the near future.

Faculty Advisor Endorsement

Name: Theodore Robert Kocher

Birth Date: May 22, 1970

Parents: Ted Kocher
Barbara Barnes

Immediate Family: Lisa Hall (married with three kids)
Rand Barnes (younger brother)

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Hobbies: Basketball and Baseball fan

Schooling: Chardon High School, class of 1988
University of Findley, class of 1992

Major: Communications

Why Alpha Sigma Phi: The challenge of being involved with a new group
The building of lasting friendships
A learning experience

Accomplishments in Alpha Sigma Phi: Chartering member
Founding president (Junior to senior year)
Chartering in 14 months

First Impressions of Alpha Sigma Phi: "What am I getting myself into?"
Fear and Uncertainty but mostly excitement!

What I am most proud of about my experience with Alpha Sigma Phi:
How quickly the chapter chartered,
Brothers from my chapter who have
still stayed involved

Other Activities in College: Radio – Sports Director
Announced for sporting events
STAR – Students for Alumni Relations – President

Career: Worked for Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters as Director of Alumni Services from July '92 to July '94.

Duties included visiting with alumni, raising money, producing publications and working with volunteers.

Director of Alumni, University of Findley, from July '94 to February '97.
Duties included regional events and publications.

Presently: Assistant Director of Development, Bloomsburg University.
Duties include fundraising (from alumni, parents, and friends of the university), and establishing scholarships (athletic).

Marriage: Lisa, October 1995

How Alpha Sigma Phi helped with my career: Got me my first job
Helped me look at things in a more of a business-like manner
Produced connections
Leadership

What I feel my duties are as Faculty and Grand Chapter Advisor of Alpha Sigma Phi Bloomsburg Colony:

Overall guidance for the colony
There to aid in any manner, answering any and all questions
Help in establishing housing

My goals for Alpha Sigma Phi Bloomsburg Colony:

Always to be the top Fraternity at Bloomsburg and for Alpha Sigma Phi to raise the other Fraternities on campus to a higher level.
High academics within the brotherhood
High membership numbers (30's – 50's)
For the chapter to always be thinking ahead planning for the future and setting proper goals

Personal Goals: Finish my MBA

To have children
To eventually be the Director of Development or to go into consulting
To be financially independent
To always make my family my first priority

How being a Brother of Alpha Sigma Phi has affected my life:

Made a great deal of friends
Instrumental in my career
Opportunity to travel to many cities and states
Taught me to appreciate what I have not what I don't

What I think of my experience with Alpha Sigma Phi as a whole:

Excellent
I wouldn't change a thing
Best experience of my life outside of marriage

Brotherhood Development Report

On the weekend of October 24-26 the brotherhood went on our Fall '97 brotherhood retreat. We went on a camping trip to Red Rock Mountain Campground. Our program was focused on getting and keeping our new brotherhood strong and recruitment of new brothers. We had two Alpha Sigma Phi alumni speakers at the retreat. Jon Highborn addressed recruitment issues and Ted Kosher talked to us about maintaining the strong brotherhood we were developing.

There were a few weaknesses in the retreat that I believe I learned from. I needed to have a better estimate of how much food to buy for the brothers. We bought too much food and costs could have been kept lower.

There were far more strong points in the retreat however. We loved having two Alpha Sigma Phi alumni. We certainly learned a lot from them. We had a great time having them with us for the weekend. Another strength was that it was quite cold out and I feel that it brought the brotherhood together. We built a fire to keep warm and just got to know everyone better.

After that weekend there has been an indescribable feeling in the brotherhood of closeness. I was really proud of all the brothers and Jon and Ted. We all opened up to each other and it aloud for us to get closer to one another.

Future Goals of Alpha Sigma Phi

At Bloomsburg University, us the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi have many future goals. Our number one goal is to keep up with what we started. All of the brothers are dedicated to making Alpha Sigma Phi the best fraternity on campus. We are currently the second largest fraternity on campus, we want to become the biggest. We want to change the way that people view Greek organizations. Our goal is for people to look at fraternities in a positive aspect instead of a negative one. Another one of our goals is to have the highest grade point average of all fraternities on Bloomsburg University and the highest GPA of all Alpha Sigma Phi chapters across the nation. We will settle for nothing but the best and do everything in our power to do it. Our brothers will do anything in their power to make sure that Alpha Sigma Phi will last forever. We were founded on a set of goals and principles. Years down the road we want our chapter to still carry those goals and principles. We also want to keep up good relations between Alpha Sigma Phi and Bloomsburg University and the town of Bloomsburg. To sum it all up, our main goal is to keep up the values, goals, and traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. We want to be known as one of the, if not, the best Alpha Sigma Phi chapter across the United States.

APPENDICES

Community Service Report

One aspect in which we take great pride in is our community service. Our service chair is very strong. Even though we are considered a social fraternity, we stay balanced with social and service. Each brother is required to complete thirty community service hours a semester. Thirty is the highest amount of hours out of all other fraternities on campus. Those thirty hours can be accomplished with the brotherhood or individually. Our service chair sets up enough projects for each brother to obtain those thirty hours. By chance a brother cannot make all of the projects that are set up, he can make up those hours on his own. We have taken part in various community service projects.

When the Red Cross Blood Drive comes to Bloomsburg University, we help set up and tear down the facilities. This semester we participated in a phone-a-thon to help the Children's Miracle Society of Penn State Geisinger Hospital. They are the two of our main projects. Our other projects include: a Halloween party with the United Way Big Brother/Big Sister Organization, a park cleans up on Earth Day, and helping the Humunitary Society. We also participated in the Walk-a-thon for the United Cancer Society and a campus walk to support the Leukemia Foundation.

As a chapter we feel that community service is where we rise above all other fraternities. Like I stated before, all of the brothers take great pride in community service. We find it very rewarding to help the community whenever possible.

Awards and Achievements of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Bloomsburg

At a recent Greek Awards Banquet at Bloomsburg University, we received various awards. The first award we received was a one hundred-dollar gift certificate from the local hardware store. We received this award for completing a series of forms. Those forms included a copy of our constitution, our budget, and a list of community service hours. We also had to submit various forms listing our brothers and their addresses.

The second award that we received was one for the most community service hours. That award went to the fraternity with the most community service hours throughout the whole year. For winning that award we received a certificate.

Finally the third award that we won was the President's Cup. The President's Cup is awarded to the fraternity and sorority on campus, which best portrays the ideal image of a Greek Organization. This award is based on the following requirements: shows most leadership on campus, most involvement on campus, community service hours, academic achievement, and obeying the rush and pledge rules set by the university. The president of the university, Greek coordinators, and faculty vote on this award. This was a great honor for us to receive this award. The reason it meant so much was because this award symbolizes Alpha Sigma Phi as a whole. For only being on campus not even a full year and to receive this award, was a great honor. It is our goal to receive this award for many years to come.

Alpha Sigma Phi – Bloomsburg University
Spring 1998 Approved Budget

<u>Scholarship</u>	\$200.00
Award for highest GPA	
<u>Recruitment</u>	\$300.00
Rush activities	
Rush T-shirts	
Other expenses for rush	
<u>Brotherhood Development</u>	\$300.00
Brotherhood retreats	
<u>Social</u>	\$500.00
Dinners	
Formals	
<u>New Member Education</u>	\$200.00
New member activities	
<u>Prudential Board</u>	\$100.00
Misc expenses	
<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>	\$150.00
Stamps	
Cards	
<u>Historian</u>	\$150.00
Maintain history chest	
<u>Editor</u>	\$150.00
Stamps	
Paper	
Expenses for newsletter	
<u>Alumni-Parent</u>	\$50.00
stamps	
paper for newsletter	
<u>Service</u>	\$50.00
Award for most community service hours	
Other expenses	

<u>Marshall</u>	\$100.00
Expenses for ceremonies	
<u>Intramural</u>	\$50.00
Misc expenses	
<u>Misc./ Unforeseen Expenses</u>	\$100.00
Misc expenses	
<u>Total</u>	\$2,400.00

Esteemed Members of the Grand Council,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for taking the time to read our chartering proposal. The whole brotherhood worked tremendously hard to submit a proposal that would be to your liking. I hope that our hard work will not go unrewarded. I would also like to take the time to thank you for your patience and support you gave us during our time of chartering. The various visits from the national representatives were a great help in getting started.

Over the past nine months I have seen a group of guys become very close to one another. So close that it was hard to leave each other over the breaks in the school year. Alpha Sigma Phi has already taught me many lessons that have made me into a better man. I was elected vice-president in the Spring of 1997. At the time I was only a second semester freshman. I was very honored that my fellow brothers had enough faith and confidence in me to run the chapter. It is that type of opportunity that Alpha Sigma Phi has to offer. The opportunity to step up as a leader no matter what your age may be. I can not wait to teach my future brothers the same lessons and virtues that Alpha Sigma Phi taught to me.

The proposal in which you just read is a true symbol of the brotherhood that we have at Bloomsburg. All of the brothers came together to write a proposal that described the brotherhood that we have. We tried to make it so it would appease the Grand Council. After our first proposal was denied the brothers did not give up. Instead we rose to the challenge to write an even better one. The period in time when we were writing the second proposal brought our brothers tremendously close to each other.

Once again, I would like to thank you on behalf of the brotherhood and Bloomsburg University for taking the time to review our proposal. I hope that you liked it and strongly consider making our colony into the chapter status. I feel that we can only make Alpha Sigma Phi even stronger than it already is. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 717.389.3996 up until May 10. After that date feel free to contact me at my home, the number is 717.668.4554. or e-mail me at mgluna@planetx.bloomu.edu.

Yours in the Mystic Circle



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