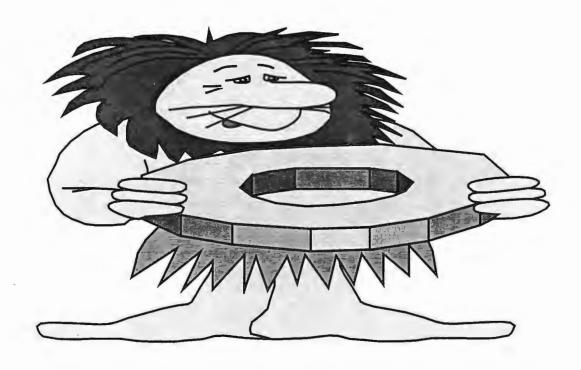
# Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

"Keeping The Brotherhood Alive"



THE HISTORY OF THE COLONY

University Southern Indiana Colony Est. December 02, 1995

# **Petition for Chartering**

from The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony

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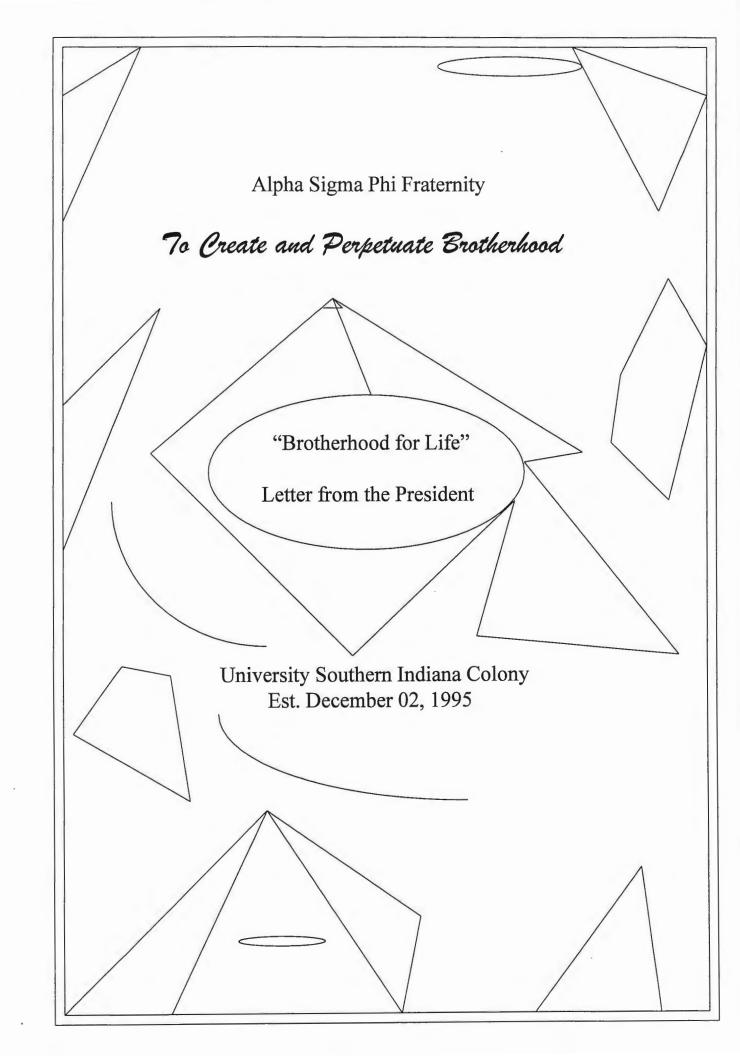
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We, the undersigned members of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant this organization the honor of being designated as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. We agree, if chapter status is granted, to abide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

Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi
University of Southern Indiana Colony



September 30, 1997

Members of the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity:

It is with great pleasure to write to you this letter on behalf of the University of Southern Indiana Colony. As the current and founding President of this colony I have been able to see the dynamic and enthusiastic minds of each individual represented by the colony. It has been a sheer privilege to be a part of this particular organization. Every member of this body has not only proven to administer all the qualities that an Alpha Sigma Phi member must endure, but has achieved every inner quality that his own self can put forth.

I have seen many triumphs, tears, failures, and joyous times from this colony - but what makes this colony special, is that we are one family - and family holds a stronger bond than friends. Each individual member that are presented in this petition sign<sup>ifies</sup> their true allegiance to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and to their brothers. As a group, they are true leaders in the field of excellence, brotherhood, and dedication. Their hearts and souls of fraternal life has been with great poise and stamina.

This petition not only lays the foundation that Alpha Sigma Phi expects from its members, but this petition portrays the principals, morals, and values that each member from this colony obtains.

I feel, from the bottom of my heart, that the University of Southern Indiana Colony is ready to strive forward and be a part of a brotherhood that is forever growing; a brotherhood that is special; a brotherhood that is in your heart; and a "brotherhood for life."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fraternally,

Mathew J. Stilger

Matthew J. Stilger HSP

## The University of Southern Indiana

The University of Southern Indiana is located in Southwestern Indiana on Highway 62 about seven miles west of downtown Evansville, a metropolitan area with a population of 280,000. In it's 26th year of existence, USI currently has over 8,000 students. It has been documented that USI is one of the Midwest's fastest growing public schools. The faculty teaching staff consists of professors, not teaching assistants. Students also have the opportunity to receive personal attention. The student/faculty ration is 18:1. Students can enroll in one of the five schools: Business, Education and Human Services, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Health Professions, or Science and Engineering Technology.

The campus sets on 300 acres, plus over 1400 acres that are sat aside for the university to expand on when the time becomes necessary. The campus has eight academic buildings, including the Health Professions building, which opened two years ago, and the Newly expanded University Center. Students housing consists of furnished apartments. The apartments include two bedrooms, two bath, a kitchen, dining room, and a living room. Furniture and appliances, refrigerator and stove, are also furnished. Students have a choice of living in regular, academic, or wellness apartments. Academic apartments observe more strict guidelines relating to the observance of quiet hours. Wellness housing are buildings in which smoking is not allowed within the apartment.

USI is a Division II school athletically and is a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference. There are fourteen men's and women's athletic teams and clubs. The teams are called the "Screaming Eagles" and the team colors and red, white, and blue. In 1995, the USI Men's basketball team won the Division II National Champions, and were runner-up in 1996. The Lady Eagles finished as the Division II Basketball runner-up for 1997.

USI has over 80 clubs and organizations from service clubs and academic honorary societies to political clubs and choral groups are available to students along with intramural sports and fitness programs. The Multicultural Center supports equality and diversity for all students.

# University of Southern Indiana Registered Clubs and Organizations

Alpha Sigma Alpha

Alpha Sigma Phi

Amateur Radio Club

American Advertising Federation

American Chemical Society

American Society of Civil Engineers

Alpha Delta Mu

Alpha Kappa Lambda

Association of Nursing

**Baptist Student Ministry** 

Black Student Union

Campus Crusade for Christ

Cheer Team

**Chthonic Society** 

Collegiate Democrats

Collegiate Republicans

Communications Arts Club

Dance Team

Data Processing Management Association

Delta Sigma Theta

Delta Zeta

Economic and Finance Club

Fellowship of Collegiate Christians

**History Club** 

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

Interfraternity Council

International Students Club

Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Chi Omega

Lambda Chi Alpha

Medieval Society

Mu Gamma Pi

**New Horizons** 

Newman Catholic Student Organization

Occupational Therapy Class of 1998

Order of Omega

Paintball Club, USI

Panhellenic

Personnel Club

Phi Beta Sigma

Phi Delta Theta

Physical Education Club

Pi Sigma Alpha

Political Science Organization

Psi Chi

Public Relations Student Society of America

Rho Lambda

Rugby Club, USI

**SURE** 

Science and Ecology Club

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Theta Tau

Sigma Zeta

Social Work Club

Sociology Club

Southern Indiana Marketing Association

Strange Puppy Society

Student Alumni Association

Student Ambassadors Association

Student American Dental Hygienists Association

Student Chrisitian Fellowship

Student Education Association

Student Government Association

Student Occupational Therapy Association

Sunshine Club

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Transition Student Magazine

USI Screaming Eagles Pep Band

Writer's Union

## **Interfraternity Council Views of Greeks**

Moe Stephens, President of Interfraternity Council, Phi Delta Theta

The Greek system is small. Although we are small, it helps the chapters to be closer together and rely on each other. Greeks have a good reputation on campus. Most students do not think Greeks are better than they are. Students have a choice of being Greek or not. The Greek system does need to grow.

Matthew J. Stilger, Vice-President of RUSH, Alpha Sigma Phi

The Greek system at USI has both good and bad qualities. One of the good qualities is for the most part, all of the chapters get along well. This provides for a close-knit Greek community, something many colleges lack. One of the bad qualities is the small size of the Greek system. I would like to see not only every chapter increase their size but also new Greek organizations expanding to USI. The Fall RUSH was probably one of the most successful RUSHes at USI.

Mark Hollis, Vice-President of Scholastics, Lambda Chi Alpha

Our Greek system is small, yet has a lot of potential. We have a lot of strong chapters in the Greek system. We are growing. There are still communication problems between chapters, although it has been showing improvement. Greeks are the leaders on campus and it shows.

Chad Rollings, Vice-President of Programs, Lambda Chi Alpha

Our Greek system is not as strong as it should be. The are certain organizations holding us back. This problem seems to prevent us from growing. There is close communication with most Greeks. Being Greek gives us a lot of opportunities and you get to know a lot of people.

The following is the quotes of each individual that was interviewed for our campus reaction to Greeks at the University of Southern Indiana.

Tiffanie Smith-2nd year-" I get along with most of the Greeks, but the Greek system is not for me. I could not be forced to like someone just because she is my Greek sister."

Audra Bruner-2nd year-"I like the Greeks really well. Many of my friends are Greek."

Chris Banet-3rd year-"I think the Greeks party a lot just among themselves. I wouldn't ever pay to have friends just so I could party with them."

Rich Muchler-2nd year-"The Greeks help the community by raising money for different organizations. However, they seem to party a lot and are stereo-typed as beer drinkers."

Tammy Pate-3rd year-"Greek organizations are very non-academic. The are mainly social organizations that get together to have a good time."

Nate Smith-1st year-"I don't like the Greek Organizations or people who are a part of them. They don't seem to study very much, but they seem to party a lot."

Jaime Christie-2nd year-"I don't like the Greek organizations here. They're nothing compared to the ones at larger school. All of the Greeks are stupid and hang out only with themselves."

Nittan Naidu-2nd year-"I like the Greeks, but I wouldn't join a Greek organization. I feel they're for people who need support. If you're an individual, you don't need support from others."

Dan Neff-2nd year-"I think the Greeks are all right. They do some good things for the community. However, they do seem to get drunk and party a lot."

Cheryl Gaither-2nd year-"The Greeks are okay. I get along with most of them, but they seem kind of stuck up and dingy, and mainly keep to themselves."

Cindy Christie-3rd year-"There are good and bad points to Greek organizations. They help the community, but they also party too much. I think they haze too much also."

Jessica Myers-1st year-"I really like all of the Greek organizations. I have a lot of friends who are Greek and I get along really well with them. Being Greek is a good way to be a part of something worthwhile because they do a lot for the community."

Curt Tarwacki-1st year-"I like the Greeks really well and get along great with them. More people need to get involved in these organizations."

Rachel Bradley-1st year-"If you're Greek, people automatically label you as being stuck up and a big partyer. Most preconceived thoughts about the Greeks are bad, but once you get to know the people in the organizations your opinions change."

Robert Shields-3rd year-"The Greeks are all right. They're individuals just like anyone else. There are pros and cons to the organizations. If too many of them get together at one time, it can cause problems."

Todd Strahly-3rd year-"I think the Greek organizations are good, but they're very small. They seem to party a lot and are non-educational."

Alex Wells-3rd year-"I really like the people who are in the Greek organizations, but the organization itself in pretty lame. They don't even begin to compare to the ones at big schools. They need to get their own houses."

We found that most of the students on campus like most of the Greek people. However, some have had some bad experiences and do not like some Greeks. While some people think that the Greeks do some good things for the community, most people associated them with beer drinking and partying. The other major stereotype is that the Greek system at USI is not the same as larger schools. They feel that it is a way to buy your friends and help you socially, but hinder you academically.

# The Constitution of The University of Southern Indiana Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

#### Preamble

We, the active members of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, in order to provide for effective management and legislation in the operation of the Chapter, do hereby adopt and approve this Constitution.

## Article I: Name, Purpose, and Objectives

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the ????? ????? Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.
- Section 2. The purposes for which this fraternity is formed are to foster education, maintain charity, and promote patriotism.
- Section 3. The objectives secondary to its purpose are to promote culture and scholarship, assist in the building of character, promote college loyalties, perpetuate friendship, cement social ties, and develop true brotherhood among its members.

#### Article II: Responsibility

The University of Southern Indiana Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity shall adhere to all U.S.I. policies, regulations for the City of Evansville, the laws of the State of Indiana, and the Constitution and laws of the United States of America.

#### Article III: Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The University of Southern Indiana Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity shall hold membership and abide by all policies of the University of Southern Indiana Interfraternity Council.

### Article IV: Membership

- Section 1. Membership in the Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi is open to any properly registered undergraduate male student at the University of Southern Indiana regardless of race, national origin, religious preference, age, handicap, veteran status, or political belief.
- Section 2. Categories of Membership:
  - a.) Active
  - b.) Associate
  - c.) Academic Associate
  - d.) Alumnus
- Section 3. Definitions of Membership
  - a.) Active any undergraduate male at the University of Southern Indiana who has completed all required responsibilities of associates and is in good standing with the University and Chapter.
  - b.) Associate any undergraduate male currently completing all required associate responsibilities of the Chapter.
  - c.) Academic Associate any member who does not meet the academic or financial obligations of the Chapter. Academic Associate members lose all privileges and benefits of active status. The status of Academic Associate shall not last any longer than one semester unless the Chapter agrees to make further arrangements.
  - d.) Alumnus Any initiated active member who is no longer enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Southern Indiana or any active member in good standing who achieves second is semester senior status, 100 credit hours or more at the University of Southern Indiana, and wishes to declare himself an alumnus.

Section 4. No member shall be a member of another Greek letter social Fraternity except of a professional or honorary nature.

#### Article V: Chapter Meetings

- Section 1. Meetings of this Chapter shall be held <u>at</u>

  <u>least</u> once a week during the academic year

  with the exception of conflicting holidays.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, or by the Prudential Committee upon the request of an active member.
- Section 3. All meetings shall be governed by <u>Roberts</u>

  <u>Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition</u> and policies of the University of Southern Indiana.
- Section 4. A quorum to hold a meeting shall consist of a simple majority of the total active membership.
- Section 5. Only active members have the right to vote.

#### Article VI: Officers

- Section 1. The elected officers of this Chapter shall be all officers and committee chairmen.
- Section 2. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the active membership present.
- Section 3. Office Requirements and Election Procedures
  - a.) Only undergraduate students carrying <u>nine</u>
     (9) or more hours may hold an office or committee chair position.
  - b.) Nominations for all elected offices and committee chairs shall be held during the second meeting in November of the fall semester.

- c.) Elections shall be held during the third meeting in November, one week after nominations are held.
- d.) Officers shall assume their duties at the first meeting after elections.

#### Section 4. Vacancies in Office

- a.) In the event of the President vacating his office, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of President and a Vice-President will be elected at the next regular meeting.
- b.) In the event that the Vice-President wishes not to accept the Presidency, a President must be elected at the next regular meeting.
- c.) In the event of a vacancy in any other office, an election will be held at the next regular meeting.
- d.) In the event that an appointed office becomes vacant, it will be filled by a majority vote of the Chapter.
- e.) Any lower ranking officer may be nominated for a higher office.
- f.) No Academic Associate member may retain his office.

#### Section 5. Duties of Officers

a.) President - shall preside over all meetings; he shall cast <u>no</u> votes at regular Chapter meeting except in the event of a tie. He holds a position on the Prudential Committee and co-signs all checks written by the Treasurer for Chapter purposes. He is responsible to the Grand Council, University, and Interfraternity Council as the official

representative of the Chapter. He also is <u>required</u> to attend all Greek Presidents' Round tables scheduled by the Greek Advisor.

- b.) Vice-President shall assist \_ President. He presides over meeting in the absence of the President. He chairs Prudential Committee and responsible coordinating for and overseeing all committee activities insuring that they perform their assigned duties. The Vice-President will also serve as an assistant to the House Manager by seeing to it that all housing rules and regulations are being obeyed.
- c.) Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and keep the records of the Chapter. He is responsible for posting the minutes of each meeting. He shall keep accurate membership and attendance records. He shall give notice of special meetings.
- d.) Corresponding Secretary communicate all correspondence to the Chapter at each meeting. He complete and submit all reports which are requested by National Headquarters, and see that all correspondence is answered acknowledged. Specifically, the shall Secretary be Corresponding responsible for all biographical data applications, credit card sheets, National membership reports etc. completely filled out and sent to National Headquarters.
- e.) Treasurer shall keep and maintain financial records of the Chapter, collect dues from all members, pay all outstanding debts, present a financial status report at the first meeting of each month, and submit a detailed budget

at the beginning of each semester. The Treasurer, along with the President, signs all checks written for Chapter purposes. He shall be responsible for preparing yearly financial reports in conjunction with the advisor. He holds a position on the Prudential Committee.

- f.) Editor shall submit material for Fraternity publications by the appropriate deadlines. He shall also be responsible for putting together, along with the Historian, an annual Chapter scrapbook.
- g.) Marshall shall be in charge of all ritualistic equipment and ceremonies conducted by the University of Southern Indiana Chapter. He shall see that the property of this Chapter is cared for at all times and shall keep an accurate inventory thereof.
- h.) Sergeant-at-Arms shall be in charge of maintaining order within the Chapter meeting outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition. He is also responsible for insuring that the Chapter room is in proper condition, applying disciplinary action within the Chapter, and chairing the Judicial Committee upon the request of the Chapter. The Sergeant-at-Arms also serves as a member of the Prudential Committee.
- i.) Historian shall photograph all Chapter events to be placed in the annual Chapter scrapbook as a relic of the Chapter's activities. The Historian also is in charge of the yearly Chapter composite.
- j.) Associate Educator shall be responsible for the education of all associates in matters dealing with the Greek system and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity as a National

organization and as a local Chapter. The Associate Educator is responsible for scheduling all meetings and activities for the associate member class.

- k.) Scholarship Chairman - shall take charge of the Chapter's scholarship program, supervise tutorial programs, programs, library hours, Chapter reference material, test files, reports to the National Headquarters on the status of the Scholarship Program. He chairs the Scholarship Committee, and is responsible for turning in grade reports and the overall chapter average.
- 1.) Alumni Chairman shall be responsible for providing communication between all local and area alumni Brothers and the Chapter. He is responsible for informing alumni and distinguished others of important Chapter events. He is also responsible for coordinating an Alumni Day or Weekend once a semester.
- m.) Rush Chairman shall be responsible for establishing rush goals, scheduling all rush activities, securing lists of potential associates, supervising follow-up rush, conducting rush workshops, keeping brothers informed of rush activities, seeing that all rush regulations are followed, evaluating all rush programs, and inspiring the Chapter to excel at its rush program.
- n.) Social Chairman shall be responsible for providing a well-rounded social program based on an approved budget and in compliance with all University, IFC, state and local regulations. He is in charge of all functions with sororities and other fraternities as well as all Special Events in reference to Homecoming, Formal, Date Parties and any

- other special event deemed necessary during a semester.
- 0.) Service/Philanthropy Chairman - shall be responsible for organizing projects for the Chapter that may benefit either the campus, community, or our National Philanthropy, Canine Companions Independence (C.C.I.). He shall fill out and submit all of the registration and award forms necessary for participation.
- p.) Fund-raising Chairman shall be responsible for organizing and implementing all fund-raising activities conducted by the Chapter. He sees that all laws and regulations are followed.
- q.) Brotherhood Chairman shall be responsible for arranging all brotherhood events, including annual events, in an effort to create and perpetuate brotherhood.
- r.) Public Relations Chairman shall be in charge of advertising in the campus newspaper and making, copying, and distributing fliers to the campus community about upcoming Chapter events. The Public Relations Chairman is also in charge of all T-shirt sales.
- s.) Athletics Chairman shall be responsible for organizing Chapter teams for competition in Intramurals, notifying team members of game times, and fielding team members for each and every event. At Chapter meetings, he announces upcoming contests, events, and results. The Athletics Chairman is also responsible for registering all teams and choosing up teams.

- t.) Risk Management Chairman shall be responsible for making sure that the Chapter's official risk management policy as well as IFC and FIPG risk management policies are being adhered to at all times.
- u.) Courtesy Chair shall be responsible for sending greeting cards, cards of thanks, and any other appropriate acknowledgment on behalf of the Chapter. Such instances include: Founder's Days, Chapter initiations, and special recognition ceremonies.
- v.) IFC Representatives shall be responsible for attending all Interfraternity Council meetings and relaying the information to the Chapter. They represent the opinions of the Chapter to the University.
- w.) House Manager - shall be in charge of seeing that all housing regulations are obeyed, maintenance or cleaning the open areas in the stairwell and laundry each relevant posting all Chapter information on the bulletin board, reporting any problems in the house. House Manager and Risk Management Chairman will work closely in regulating all Chapter, local, state, and National policies.
- Section 6. Officers of the University of Southern Indiana Chapter can be removed from office for violation of University regulations or negligence of office. If an elected officer is found to be in violation of University regulations or in negligence of office, he shall stand for review by the Judicial Committee and if found negligent or in violation he will then stand for recall through an election by a majority of the Chapter's active membership. The officer in

question shall continue to perform the duties of his office unless a decision against him is determined by the recall election.

#### Article VII: Advisors

## Section 1. Categories and Duties of Advisors

- a.) Academic Advisor(s) shall be selected from the faculty of the University of Southern Indiana. The advisor shall be selected on the basis of whom the members believe will best aid the academic status of the Chapter. The advisor shall be utilized for academic guidance, selection of classes, and early registration procedures. The advisor shall be approved or removed by a majority vote of the active membership present.
- b.) Activity Advisor(s) - shall be selected from the faculty or staff of University of Southern Indiana. advisor shall be selected on the basis of whom the members believe will best aid in the coordination of activities for the The purpose of the advisor Chapter. shall be to work closely with the members in coordinating activities to insure that they are conducted in compliance with University policies and obey all local, state, and national regulations. He is responsible for working with Treasurer to see that yearly financial reports are completed. The advisor shall be approved or removed by a majority vote of the active membership present.
- c.) Alumni Advisor(s) shall be selected from the surrounding area. The advisor shall be selected on the basis of whom the members believe will best aid in guiding the Chapter toward its stated

objectives. The Alumni Advisor may sit in on Chapter meetings and facilitate officer or Chapter retreats. The advisor shall be approved or removed by a majority vote of the active membership.

#### Article VIII: Committees

- Section 1. The standing committees of the Chapter shall be as follows:
  - a.) Prudential Committee
  - b.) Judicial Committee
  - c.) Scholarship Committee
  - d.) Service Committee
  - e.) Fund-raising Committee
  - f.) RUSH Committee
  - g.) Social Committee
  - h.) Brotherhood Committee
- Section 2. Definition of Standing Committees:
  - The Prudential Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, ex-President, and two elected from the members active by a majority membership Nominations and elections for these two at-large positions shall take place immediately following election officers and committee chairmen on the third Chapter meeting in November. Vice-President shall serve as Chairman. The Prudential Committee shall deal with programming policy, all matters of budgeting, finance and making and subsequent recommendations to Chapter.
  - b.) The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven members. This committee shall be composed of the Sergeant-at-Arms who serves as chairman, President,

Scholarship Chairman, Risk Management Chairman, and three other members appointed until the committee consists of seven brothers uninformed of the violations.

- c.) The Scholarship Committee shall be headed by the Scholarship Chairman, and is to be made up of no less than two other members. The committee is in charge of assisting the Scholarship Chairman in providing a well-balanced scholastic program. The committee will also present an award each semester to a member of the Chapter with the most improved scholastic achievement.
- d.) The Service Committee shall be headed by the Service/Philanthropy Chairman and is to be made up of no less than two other members. The duties of this committee are to assist the Service chairman in the planning and execution of all service and philanthropic projects.
- e.) The Fund-raising Committee shall be headed by the Fund-raising Chairman and is to be made up of no less than three members. The committee plans and executes fund-raising projects with the approval of the Prudential Committee and the Chapter.
- f.) The RUSH Committee shall be headed by the RUSH Chairman and is to be composed of from three to five members. The duties of this committee are the implementation of the Chapter's RUSH program each year.
- g.) The Social Committee shall be headed by the Social Chairman and is to be made up of no less than two other members. The committee plans all activities and programs with other Greek social organizations and also is in charge of

Homecoming, Formal, and any other special social events that benefit the Chapter.

- h.) The Brotherhood Committee shall be headed by the Brotherhood Chairman and is to be made up of no less than two other members. The Brotherhood Committee is responsible for all activities within the committee that exclude non-members.
- Section 3. All Active members are <u>required</u> to be available to serve on at least one committee.
- Section 4. A quorum for a committee meeting is constituted by a majority of committee members.
- Section 5. Special Committees, consisting of three or more members to perform special or current duties which cannot be referred to one of the standing committees, may be appointed by the Vice-President. Special Committees shall only deal with matters of current importance and shall cease to exist when their mission is accomplished.
- Section 6. Standing and Special Committees shall be directly responsible to the Vice-President. It shall be his duty to see that committees function properly and fulfill their function. The Vice-President has the right to recommend that a committee chairman or entire committee be submitted to review by the Judiciary Committee for negligence of duty.

#### Article IX: Finances

- Section 1. The revenue of this Chapter shall be derived from dues as set forth by the active members of this Chapter and from funds generated through fund-raising activities.
- Section 2. All revenues shall be controlled by the Prudential Committee with recommendations coming from the Treasurer.

- Section 3. Distribution of dues and other revenue will be as follows: Checking, General Saving, and an Educational Fund.
- Section 4. Revenue will be budgeted for the following purposes: National Assessments, IFC dues, RUSH, Social, Brotherhood, Ritual, Scholarship and Awards, Associate Education, Intramurals, Alumni Relations, Editor/Historian and Photography, Advertising, Supplies, Social Service Projects, and other necessary purposes that the Chapter deems appropriate.
- Section 5. The dues will be collected at the beginning of each semester by the Treasurer.
- Section 6. Indebtedness to the University of Southern Indiana Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity by any Chapter member may be handled in accordance with the National Constitution and By-Laws regarding the expulsion and suspension for non-payment of dues.

### Article X: Constitutional Procedures

- Section 1. This Constitution of the University of Southern Indiana Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may be amended in part or in full by a 3/4 majority vote of the active membership present. The amendment shall be submitted in writing, read before the Chapter meeting, and tabled for one week. At the following meeting, both the old and the proposed amendment shall be copied for all the members to observe, discuss, and act upon. The Amendment will then be submitted to the Office of Student Life for the Dean of Students to approve.
- Section 2. Any provision of this Constitution which is found to be in conflict with the current National Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity shall be declared non-operative.

Section 3. A copy of this Constitution shall be file with the Executive Director of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the University of Southern Indiana Dean of Students, the Greek Advisor, the Interfraternity Council, and the Chapter's Advisor(s).

# By-Laws for The University of Southern Indiana Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

#### Finances and Fines

- a.) Five dollar fine for missing a meeting without obtaining an excuse from the President or Vice-President prior to the meeting and contacting the Secretary with the excuse.
- b.) Any IFC Representative missing an IFC meeting is responsible for paying the fine.
- c.) Any active who is in debt to the Chapter must go before the Prudential Committee to make arrangements for payment of the debt.

#### Meeting Procedures

- a.) Consuming food, smoking, or chewing tobacco is not allowed at Chapter meetings or meetings concerning Fraternity matters.
- b.) There will be a brief period for announcements at the conclusion of new business.
- c.) Tardiness to a meeting is a loss of voting privileges. After fifteen minutes, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall refuse entrance to a member late for a meeting. 41/855 properly excused
- d.) Verbal warnings at a meeting will be given by the Sergeant-at-Arms for:
  - 1.) Disrespect of speaker
  - 2.) Talking or whispering
  - 3.) Speaking out of turn
- e.) Two verbal warnings at a meeting means the Sergeant-at-Arms shall ask the member to leave the meeting. The member shall also be responsible for paying a five dollar fine.
- f.) Mandatory events, which include any Chapter meeting and any ritual service, that are missed result in a five dollar fine.
- g.) Persistent cases of tardiness or absences will be referred to the Prudential Committee for consideration of judicial action.

#### Committee Meetings

- a.) Chairman is in charge of time, place, day and turning in attendance reports to the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- b.) Committees must have a calendar of events submitted at least three weeks before the end of the semester.

#### Officers

- a.) The President is responsible for distributing copies of the By-Laws as they change.
- b.) To run for an elected office or committee chair, one must have a 2.1 cumulative grade point average.

#### Fund-raising

a.) During any raffle sponsored by the Chapter, no Brother, relative, or significant other is eligible to win any prize.

#### Social

a.) A maximum of five guests for our Chapter, approved by the President beforehand, will be allowed at socials or mixers with other Greek organizations.

#### Academic Associate Brothers

- a.) May not vote.
- b.) May not participate in any ritualistic activity.
- c.) May not attend Chapter workshops.

#### Bidding

a.) Any registered male undergraduate enrolled at the University of Southern Indiana may be extended an invitation to become an associate with the Chapter by a 3/4 vote of the active members present.

#### Initiation

- a.) To be eligible for initiation as an active member, an associate must have completed one semester at the University of Southern Indiana, and every prospective initiate must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better from this institution.
- b.) Associates without a 2.25 may complete their associate responsibilities. An associate will be voted to the status of Academic Associate at the same time the vote for Active Brotherhood is taken. The same rules apply to this vote as to the Brotherhood vote. Once the associate's cumulative grade point average is 2.25 or better, he may be initiated at the next scheduled initiation.
- c.) The status of Academic Associate shall not last longer than one semester at which time the Academic Associate may make further arrangements if the Chapter agrees.
- d.) Academic Associates may not vote or attend any ritual ceremony, but they may attend all social events of the Chapter.

#### By-Law Amendments

a.) The By-Laws of this Chapter may be amended by a simple motion made during any Chapter meeting as long as the motion carries with a 3/4 majority vote in favor.

# University of Southern Indiana Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Judicial Board Policies and Procedures

#### Purpose

The purpose of Alpha Sigma Phi Judicial Board shall be to investigate and take action against any active brother(s) or associate(s) of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, University of Southern Indiana Chapter, in connection with any and all offenses of misconduct relating to the University of Southern Indiana and/or Alpha Sigma Phi, U.S.I. Chapter. Hereafter, and throughout this Constitution, the University of Southern Indiana's Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter Judicial Board shall be referred to as 'the Judicial Board.'

# Article I The Judicial Power

The Judiciary Power of the Alpha Sigma Phi Judicial Board shall be vested in one Judicial Board consisting of and chaired by the Sergeant-at-Arms, President, Scholarship Chairman, Risk Management Chair, and three other elected members until the Judicial Board consists of seven members not involved in the violation.

# Article II Responsibility and Authority of the Judicial Board

- Section 1. The Judicial Board shall have the responsibility and authority to investigate any and all reported incidents of misconduct and/or any criminal or University infractions involving an active or associate of Alpha Sigma Phi, University of Southern Indiana Chapter.
  - Section 2. Definition of Responsibility: Each and every member and associate of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity is responsible for both individual and group actions. It shall be the responsibility of each member or associate to conduct himself appropriately according to all rules, regulations, and conduct codes of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the University of Southern Indiana, and the state of Indiana.

# Article III Members of the Judicial Board

#### Section 1. Members of the Judicial Board

- a.) The Judicial Board shall consist of seven voting members of Alpha Sigma Phi and two alternates.
- b.) In the event, that the accused or accuser are members of the Judicial Board, then alternates shall be appointed to replace them during necessary judicial proceedings.
- c.) All At-Large members of the Judicial Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the general membership.
- d.) All members of the Judicial Board shall serve for a term of one year. If a member should graduate, become inactive, or leave the University or Fraternity for any other reason prior to the expiration of their term, they shall be replaced by one of the alternates. The alternate's vacancy shall be filled according to the procedures for regular Judicial Board membership.
- e.) Alternate members shall have full responsibility in the absence of a regular member.
- f.) There must be seven members of the Judicial Board present to take any action on a case.

# Article IV Procedures for Filing Charges

# Section 1. Procedures for Filing Charges

a.) Any Active, Associate, or Advisor of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may initiate charges against any Active(s) or Associate(s) of the Fraternity.

- b.) These charges or allegations are to be presented to an Advisor of the Fraternity for review. The Advisor will make a determination as to whether the charges are valid. If the Advisor finds probable cause in the allegations, he/she shall forward the case to the Judicial Board for a hearing.
- c.) The Judicial Board shall notify the individual(s) involved, in writing, of the charges against them along with the name of the accuser and any pertinent evidence.
- d.) Evidence must be presented to an Advisor within 14 days of the violation or within 14 days of the time at which the individual(s) involved in an incident are notified.
- e.) At least one Advisor must find probable cause in an incident before it is forwarded to the Judicial Board.

# Article V Hearing Procedures

- Section 1. The Judicial Chairman shall choose words appropriate to ensure honesty and truth throughout the proceedings and have all involved promise to do the same.
  - a.) In the event that the accused or accuser is the current Chairman or presiding officer, then the lowest roster numbered Judicial Board member in attendance shall become the presiding officer.

#### Section 2. Procedures

- a.) The Chairman or presiding officer of the Judicial Board shall read the charges to the accused.
- b.) The accused shall enter a plea to the charges.

- c.) The accuser(s) shall present their evidence of the alleged violations.
  - 1. The Judicial Board shall have the opportunity to question the accuser(s).
  - 2. The accused shall have the right to question the accuser(s).
- d.) The accused shall present his evidence to the alleged incident(s).
  - 1. The Judicial Board shall have the opportunity to question the accused.
  - 2. The accuser(s) shall have the opportunity to question the accused.
- e.) Witnesses for the accuser may be called.
  - 1. The Judicial Board may question the accuser's witnesses.
  - 2. The accused may question the witnesses for the accuser.
- f.) Witnesses for the accused may be called.
  - 1. The Judicial Board may question the witnesses for the accused.
  - 2. The accuser may question the witnesses for the accused.
- g.) The accuser(s) shall have the opportunity to give any additional information pertaining to the alleged incident(s).
- h.) The accused shall give a summary of the incident.
- i.) The accuser(s) shall provide their summary of the incident.
- j.) The Judicial Board shall hold deliberations.

- Section 2. Findings of the Judicial Board
  - a.) A majority of the Judicial Board is required to return a guilty verdict.
  - b.) The Judicial Board shall read their finding of guilt or innocence to the accused.
  - c.) The Judicial Board shall read their sanction to the accused.
  - d.) The Judicial Board's decision is binding.

# Article VI Rights of the Accused

- Section 1. Rights of the Accused
  - a.) The accused has the right to an advocate. The advocate must be an Active member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.
  - b.) The accused has a right to be informed of any and all charges in writing.
  - c. The accused may present witnesses on their behalf. If the witness is not a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Judicial Board shall make a ruling of whether to hear the testimony based on relevancy to the case.

# Article VII Offenses and Possible Sanctions

#### Section 1. Offenses

- a.) The following is a list, but is not limited to, possible judicial offenses.
  - Any action or offense that causes dishonor or disrespect to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
  - 2. Misuse of Fraternity funds

- 3. Hazing
- 4. Destruction of Fraternity property
- 5. Disregard for seriousness of ritual events
- 6. Failure to pay dues or Fraternity fines
- 7. Drug Use
- 8. Theft
- 9. Sexual Harassment/Assault
- 10. Rape
- 11. Disrespect to Active Brothers, Associates, or Advisors
- 12. Assault upon another member of the Fraternity
- 13. Conviction of an alcohol or drug-related offense while leaving or en route to a Fraternity related function, or while wearing Alpha Sigma Phi letters, or that resulted in an accident occurring in the University community.
- 14. Misrepresentation or abuse of Fraternity name or letters

#### Section 2. Sanctions

- a.) The following is a list of possible sanctions that the Judicial Board may determine. The list is not inclusive of all sanctions available to the Judicial Board, but rather a guide for consideration and reference.
  - 1. Community service hours
  - 2. Counseling/Substance Abuse program

- Disciplinary Probation (This includes: banning from social functions, loss of voting privileges, and banning from intramural sports activities. It may also, at the recommendation of the Judicial Board, include suspension from meetings and Fraternity projects).
- 4. Suspension for a specific time period.
- 5. Indefinite suspension. (This shall be an automatic referral to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity National Headquarters. This referral shall include the endorsement of the Chapter for permanent removal from the Fraternity.)

## Article VIII Amendments

#### Section 1. Amendments

- a.) Amendments can be made to the Judicial policies by the Judicial Board, subject to the final approval of the Prudential Committee.
- b.) The general membership may propose amendments/suggestions to the Judicial Board for consideration.
- c.) A majority vote is required by the Judicial Board to pass an amendment. The amendment shall then be forwarded to the Prudential Committee for final approval.
- d.) Seven members of the Board are required to take action on any proposed amendment.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at USI began in the Spring of 1994 with the local fraternity under the name of Delta Sigma Chi. Delta Sigma Phi fraternity was founded by a group of 20 freshmen that took their fresh idea to the Student Life office. The group talked to the Dean of Student Life about what it would take to start a new fraternity on the campus of USI. The idea built from this day. The Student Life office contacted the National Headquarters of many fraternities. From this Delta Sigma Chi had to choose which organization had values that were similar to itself. Delta Sigma Chi fraternity came out of the gate with a head of steam. First, we petitioned to the IFC to become members. From there, Delta Sigma Chi won the annual Greek Week in the time participated. After Greek Week, Delta Sigma Chi had it's first annual retreat. This retreat was held at one of the members camps. At this retreat much was accomplished, including a decision by the group to pursue the Alpha Sigma Phi National Organization. This was very exciting to every member of Delta Sigma Chi. That summer, Delta Sigma Chi became an Alpha Sigma Phi interest group with two members attending the Alpha Sigma Phi National Conference in Charleston, S.C.

The fall of 1994 was the first time that the name of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity was known at USI. The Alpha Sigma Phi interest group acquired a house on the Greek Court. This house held 14 spots and was completely full. The group had their first RUSH and picked up nine guys. During RUSH, however, the group received RUSH infractions because they were not informed of the formal RUSH rules. This was an obstacle that the group would struggle with but would overcome. This made the group stronger. The group continued to work together and again won the annual Greek Week for the second straight year. The group had its first annual Thanksgiving dinner. The group also had their second annual retreat at the same camp.



The fall of 1995 was a good year for Alpha Sigma Phi at USI. The year began with Alpha Sigma Phi having the largest RUSH at USI. The RUSH brought the number of members at USI up to 40 members. This group worked hard and received colony status in December of 1995. During this year Alpha Sigma Phi colony participated in the Tri-State AIDS walk and the MS Walk also. The group also put in time with the Vanderburgh Humane Society, sponsoring a dance to raise money for the humane society. The group participated in the Eagle Gran Prix for the first time and won. The group was awarded with the honor of "Fraternity of the Year." The group also had the "Greek Man of the Year," John Mullen.

The fall of 1996 was again a good year for Alpha Sigma Phi at USI. The year began with a small number of members returning but was revitalized with a good RUSH. The group participated in the Tri-State AIDS walk. The group also had its annual Thanksgiving dinner. During the year the group has participated with the humane society. The year also contained good numbers in the G.P.A. category. The Alpha Sigma Phi colony at USI has worked hard and brought the group's G.P.A. up.

The fall of 1997 has been a semester of much hard work by the colony at USI. The group has banded together to present this charter petition. This year the group has gone on a canoe trip, and participated in intra-mural athletics. The group had an event open to the campus called "Eicher Barn Blow-out." This event had a wonderful turnout and was a tremendous success. The group plans outings with the humane society. The group also has plans of having the annual Thanksgiving dinner, the annual retreat, another Greek Week championship, and sights of winning many other awards.

### Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Fall Semester Budget Report 1997

### Fall of 1997 Semester Budget

Beginning Balance	1104.77
RUSH Events	
Pizza Party 82.00	
Pizza Party 74.37	
Spaghetti Dinner 133.35	
Sam's Club 65.90	
Eicher Barn Food 55.00	
Security @Eicher 128.00	
RUSH Total 566.62	_566.62
	=566.15
Association Expenses	-12.65
	=553.89
IFC Dues \$5 per member	-150.00
	=403.89
Incoming Dues \$10*30 members	$\pm 300.00$
	703.89
Charter Expense	<u>-600,00</u>
	=103.89
Incoming Dues \$20*30 members	+600.00
	=703.89
Room Rental for Mixer	-100.00
	=603.89
Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey	<u>-50.00</u>
Ending Balance	=553.89

### University of Southern Indiana Colony Description of Meeting Place

Due to the lack of fraternity and sorority houses, all but one chapter uses campus classrooms. Many organizations use classrooms located in the Orr Center building. For the past three years, we have met in room 2004 of the Orr Center. The room seats a maximum capacity of 50 people. The room is prepared by the Sargeant-At-Arms with the chairs being placed into a circle. The Executive Officers set towards the front of the room. The President sets in the middle of the officers, with the Vice-President seating directly to his left. The Treasurer sets directly to his left. The Recording Secretary sets to the right of the President. The Sargeant-At-Arms sets in front of the door to maintain order and entrance to the meeting.

The circle promotes equality among the brothers and enables the brothers to feel more comfortable when speaking. We try to make the meeting room a serious, fraternal, and yet still maintaining a level that all the brothers feel comfortable to speak up and voice their opinions.

### University of Southern Indiana Colony Officers

President Matt Stilger

Vice- President Travis Kemper

Treasurer Jeff Stoller

Recording Secretary Craig Rodewald

Corresponding Secretary Jason Trester

Associate Educator Ryan Wertz

Scholarship Chair Brian Mullen

Marshall Dave Acres

Sargent at Arms Tim Jones

Social Chair David Tooks

Rush Chair Scott Patrick

Intramurals Scot Pinkstaff

Risk Managment Ken Holmes

Faculty Relations Craig Rodewald

Faculty Advisor Mr. Tim Mahoney

# Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

"It's Where I Belong"



MEMBERS BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

University Southern Indiana Colony Est. December 02, 1995

Matthew Jason Stilger

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Lanesville, IN 47136

School Address 922 University Ct. Evansville, IN 47712

Class Senior

Major Advertising/ Business Minor

G.P.A. 2.49/4.00

Motto:

No mountain is too tall if you keep turning the pedals.

### Marc McCardle

Home and School Address 5013 Shady Ct. Evansville, In. 47712

Class Senior

Major Communications

G.P.A. 2.40

Motto Live life to it's fullest

### Jeffrey Thomas Johnson

Home and School Address 5013 Shady Ct. Evansville, In 47712

<u>Class</u> Junior

Major Communications

<u>G.P.A.</u> 2.00

Motto Carpe Diem James Bentley Norman

School Address

5013 Shady Ct. Evansville, IN 47712

Class

Senior

Major

Advertising

G.P.A.

2.25

### Ken E. Holmes

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Class Senior

Major Radio/ TV

G.P.A. 2.48

### Michael Andrew Cress

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Class

Senior

<u>Major</u>

CIS

G.P.A.

3.9

Travis S. Kemper

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<u>Class</u> Junior Second Semester

Major Elementary Education

G.P.A. 2.25-2.50

Motto Determination is the key

### Craig Michael Rodewald

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922 University Ct.

Evansville, IN 47712

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Class:

Junior

Major:

Elementary Education/History Minor / Kindergarten Endorsement

G.P.A.: 2.1/4.0

Motto:

Live each day as though it were your last, for there may never be a tomorrow.

### Brian Daniel Mullen

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<u>Class</u> Senior

Major Chemistry

<u>G.P.A.</u> 3.50/4.00

Motto
Chemistry never fails!

#### Samuel David Acres

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School Address 362 J South Rosenberger Avenue Evansville, IN 47712

Class Sophomore

Major Marketing

 $\frac{\text{G.PA}}{2.3}$ .

Motto "Work hard and everything else will fall into place."

### Trent William Lindley

Home Address

840 W. Ralston Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46217

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356 S. Rosenberger Rd. Evansville, IN 47712

Class

Sophomore

Major

**Business** 

G.P.A.

2.0

### Chris S. Hartman

### School Address

352 S. Rosenberger Evansville, IN 47712

Class

Junior

Major

C.I.S.

G.P.A.

2.0

Motto:

"Give 'er Hell"

### Jason Pinkstaff

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<u>Class</u> Junior

Major Political Science

<u>G.P.A.</u> 2.80 Scott Jeffrey Greenfield

Home Address

5707 Jefferson Ave. Evansville, IN 47715

Class

Senior

**Major** 

Chemistry

G.P.A.

3.5

Motto

"You get out of life what you put into it."

### Jeffrey Raymond Stoller

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Class Sophomore

Major Psychology

 $\frac{\text{GPA}}{2.9}$ 

Motto
"Those who fail will succeed"

David Allen Tookes

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 $\frac{\text{Class}}{\text{Sophomore}}$ 

<u>Major</u> International Business Admin.

 $\frac{G.P.A}{2.3}$ 

Motto

I'll see you at the top of the ladder friends and foes.

Jason Levi Trester

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School Address 946 Lane University Dr. Evansville, IN 47712

 $\frac{\text{Class}}{\text{Sophomore}}$ 

 $\frac{\text{Major}}{\text{Business Administration}}$ 

G.P.A 2.5/3.0

Motto

Persistence is the key to survival!

#### Scott A. Patrick

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 $\frac{\text{Class}}{\text{Second semester Sophomore}}$ 

 $\frac{\text{Major}}{\text{Business Administration}}$ 

G.P.A. 2.9

Motto Give 100%, 100% of the time.

#### Scot Pinkstaff

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Home Address 1940 Valleylane Greenfield, In 46140

<u>Class</u> Freshman

Major Business

 $\frac{\text{G.P.A}}{2.0}$ 

 $\frac{Motto}{\text{`` Set the way for others''}}$ 

### Ryan Lawrence Wertz

College Address 356M S. Rosenberger Evansville, IN 47712

Home Address
1805 Hillside Dr.
Franklin, IN 46131

Class Freshman

Major Undecided

 $\frac{\text{GPA}}{2.22}$ 

Motto "Lead by example" Jason Lee Lopp

Home Address !517 E. Spring St. New Albany, In. 47150

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<u>Class</u> Sophomore

Major C.I.S.

**G.P.A.** 2.00

Michael Vernon Pace

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Class Freshman

Major Undecided

G.P.A. 2.25

Motto "Always do your best"

### Timothy Russell Jones

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<u>Class</u> Freshman

Major Accounting

 $\frac{GPA}{3.0}$ 

Motto

"It all comes together in the end."

#### Dan Walker

Home Address 2456 Brandywine Ln. Greenfield, In. 46140

School Address 912 A Eckels Lane Evansville, In. 47712

<u>Class</u> Freshman

Major Marketing

Motto
"Let the good times roll"

### Brad Michael Tanksley

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School Address 912 A Eckels Lane Evansville, In. 47712

Class Second Year Freshman

Major Physical Education

Motto
"Do your best"

Aaron Shay Parkhurst

Home Address 640 South Home Ave. Franklin, In. 46131

School Address 818 B Eckels Lane Evansville, In. 47712

<u>Class</u> Freshman

Major Business

Motto
"Only the strong survive"

#### Scott Davis Pelton

Home Address 7869 N. 100 E. Wilkinson, In. 46186

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<u>Class</u> Freshman

Major Undecided

Motto
"Live out your goals"

Jayson Thomas Chavez

Home Address 1205 Kermit Dr. Nashville, In. 37217

School Address 4441 Trafalgar Square Evansville, In 47714

<u>Class</u> Freshman

Major Business

Motto
"Live life to it's fullest"

### Graduates of the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at USI

John P. Mullen-Spring of 1997, English degree

F. Michael Sizemore-Spring of 1997, Advertising degree

Samuel Byrd-Spring of 1997 of 1997, Biology degree



Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity 8645 Guion Road, Suite J Indianapolis, IN 46268

October 3, 1997

Dear Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity,

It is my pleasure to recommend the University of Southern Indiana Alpha Sigma Phi Colony for charter status.

My work with the chapter began in the spring of 1994 when a small group of men decided to form a new fraternity on our campus. These men wanted a strong brotherhood, an active role in the campus community and to be known for their service to others. The small group of men attracted several new members their first semester in existence. As a local fraternity, they won the annual Greek Week competition. They were consistently represented at Interfraternity Council meetings and quickly became an important part of the Greek community.

When the group selected Alpha Sigma Phi as the national organization with which they wanted to be affiliated, I could not have been more pleased. These men now had a strong foundation on which to build their brotherhood. When the chapter experienced some of the challenges that come from being a new group, the national fraternity supported the chapter and guided them towards a better way of managing a fraternity.

This chapter has struggled, at times, since their formation at USI but each time they have worked together to overcome their obstacles. They are a group of men who now truly know what fraternity means. Alpha Sigma Phi is an asset to our campus and to our Greek community. Matt Stilger, a founding member of Alpha Sigma Phi, is the IFC Vice President of Recruitment. He has attended two Mid-American Greek Council Association conferences and represented the campus and his fraternity well. As current president of Alpha Sigma Phi, he is leading the men towards continued success.

I believe that Alpha Sigma Phi will continue to be a positive force on our campus. The group has matured in the three years since its local founding and I am sure will continue to grow. Without hesitation, I recommend them for charter status with Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity.

Sincerely,

Julie Dunn Crawford

Assistant Director of Student Development Programs

Julie Blen. Crawford



October 6, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to offer this letter in support of chartering the Alpha Sigma Phi colony at the University of Southern Indiana. Since their inception as a colony in 1995, this group has been working hard to earn their charter.

The young men of this organizations are actively involved in the University community and have made many positive contributions. They have members in the Student Government Association, Interfraternity Council and the Students Ambassadors Association.

To stay on track toward their goal of chartering, members have held colony retreats in the Spring of each year 1994 thru 1997.

Their members have helped to raise money for the local Humane Society, Easter Seals, and participated in walks for AIDS and MS. They have also been involved in the campus clean up campaign.

Academically, they have earned the highest grade point average for the past two semesters. The group has been recognized as Fraternity of the Year on two occasions 1995-96 and 1996-1997.

Since beginning the colonization process three of their members have graduated, are gainfully employed and still maintain contact with the chapter.

The members get along well and help each other. They are a fine group of young men who have worked hard to earn this charter. I hope you will grant this petition for charter.

Thank you

Sincerely

Tim Mahoney

Economic Instructor

Chapter Advisor