

Alpha Sigma Phi



**Western Michigan University Colony
Petition Statement
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November 28, 2000

Dear Alpha Sigma Phi Grand Council,

The past two years have been the most incredible years in my entire life. Though initially I could barely pronounce "Causa Latet Vis Est Notissima", the vision of what a fraternity could and should be was all too clear in my heart. From that initial day, my life was changed forever as we strove "To Better the Man".

The bonds of friendship and Brotherhood formed through the creation of this organization will last me for an eternity. I would do anything for each of these men, whom I now call my brother.

Being a founding father is not for everyone. This we found all too often. It takes something more to want something better, to challenge the status quo and create something to be truly proud of. My brothers, here at Western, have done that and more. The dedication, love, and relationships knit by three Greek letters are truly amazing to me. Through times of hardships and failure, as well as success and exaltation, we each have learned more about ourselves as well as what three insightful men envisioned the evening of December 6, 1845.

Equally as important to me has been the bond that now exists between my grandfather, father and myself. Their stories and love for the "Old Gal" have been the foundation of my motivation.

In closing, gentlemen, I am confident that our drive towards excellence will be portrayed within the contents of this petition. While our accomplishments are impressive, I assure you they are merely the beginning. We've seen what the gift of Alpha Sigma Phi can offer, but this charter is needed to ensure our existence as we continue to take Alpha Sigma Phi to new heights.

Thank you for your dedication and service to this beloved fraternity as you ensure a strong and brilliant future for Alpha Sigma Phi.

In Phi-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael S. Gnewkowski".

Michael S. Gnewkowski
President
Alpha Sigma Phi-Alpha One

The logo for Alpha Sigma Phi, featuring the Greek letters Alpha, Sigma, and Phi in a stylized, overlapping font.

The History of Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University

On an October night in the fall of 1999 a new fraternity was born at Western Michigan University. This was not a organization fitting the typical stereotypes of fraternities at Western, this was a different kind of brotherhood.

A Dream

In the fall of 1999 Alpha Sigma Phi sent Bryan Proctor to the campus of Western Michigan University with the hopes of starting an interest group. After numerous days of unsuccessful recruitment, Bryan ran across Mike Gnewkowski. Mike was interested in Fraternity life, but during his first two years at college he was not impressed with the Fraternities on this campus. Mike and Bryan chose the Roadhouse, a local bar and grill, for the first meeting of Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University on October 6, 1998. During the next few days Mike and Bryan recruited seven more brothers bringing total to eight thus far. The interest group then hit the first of many slumps in recruitment and ended the fall semester with eight men and disheartened spirits.

The New Year brought a new semester and a new rejuvenated sense of motivation. On the first Tuesday of the semester the brothers headed to BW-3 for dinner. There, Mike ran into Ike, they had lived next to each other in the dorms during their freshmen year. Ike joined in a heartbeat. All the brothers piled into one car and headed towards campus with the notion of spray-painting letters in the snow around campus. They awoke the next morning to find a picture of one of the brothers on the front page of the university newspaper spray-painting the letters of Alpha Sigma Phi into a snow bank. Boy, were they excited, until the editorials started coming in on "how they were ruining the environment by spray-painting the snow." However, the interest group had picked up two more recruits, bringing the number to ten (one of the original brothers had left school).

Building a Foundation

The ten brothers laid down the founding beliefs and goals of what this brotherhood would become. This fraternity would embody beliefs and values such as scholarship, brotherhood, integrity, and honesty.

Bryan Proctor returned to Western to help recruit and with him was none

The logo for Alpha Sigma Phi, featuring the Greek letters ΑΣΦ in white on a black rectangular background.

other than Ryan Brown. With their help, the first Alpha Sig info night was held. Bryan ordered tons of pizza and two guys showed up. They joined and so did one of their roommates. Over the next few days two more brothers were recruited bring the total to 15. The second recruitment slump hit and even with the help of Bryan and Ryan the interest group remained at a standstill until the end of the winter semester.

Life at Vandercook

The fall of 1999 brought many changes. The biggest change of all was the acquisition of Vandercook Hall. The brothers of Western became the first interest group in the history of Alpha Sigma Phi to have a house of their own. Two more men were recruited during the summer bringing the total to 16 in which 14 lived in the house. The Fall of 1999 also enlightened the men with their first attempt at a formal rush period. A beach theme was chosen and the brothers had rush shirts made out of Hawaiian shirts. This technique led to the recruitment of 10 more gentlemen.

Finally, the first goal of 25 men had been reached and on October 30, 1999 the Western Michigan interest group became an official Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi. The Fall of 1999 allowed time for intramural sports, service events, social events, brotherhood events, serenading, trips to theta, and most importantly fun. The fall semester ended with total of 25 brothers.

The actions taken during the fall of 1999 led to outstanding achievements during the winter semester of 2000. The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi picked up 5 out of the 14 awards given to all fraternities at Western Michigan University during the annual Greek awards. The brothers received awards for community service, campus involvement, IFC participation, risk management, and scholarship. On top of these awards our Grand Chapter Advisor, Mr. Steven Gnewkowski, received the "Golden Bronco" award for best advisor out of all student organizations on campus. Winter rush lead to the addition of 6 more brothers.

Back to the Basics

During the Fall of 2000, the brothers reverted back to the basics: Scholarship and Recruitment. The brotherhood was moving ahead smoothly, but a charter still had not been attained. The two biggest problems facing the Colony were grades and numbers. All other actions became secondary to these primary needs. A large fall rush lead to total of 18 men. In terms of grades, ultimatums were issued to the brothers with unsatisfactory grades. This brings the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi to the present step: petitioning for a charter.



WMU Profile

Western Michigan University

Established 1903

Western Michigan University is a vibrant, nationally recognized student-centered research institution with an enrollment of more than 28,500. WMU is focused on delivering high-quality undergraduate instruction, advancing its growing graduate division and fostering significant research activities.

WMU is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of the nation's Doctoral/Research Universities-Extensive. It is one of only 102 public universities placed in that top category. WMU also has been named one of the nation's top 100 public universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of American colleges and universities.

Undergraduates have 165 program offerings to choose from, while the Graduate College offers 62 master's, two specialist and 25 doctoral degree programs. A number of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels have attained national recognition. The quality of campus life also is enhanced by the existence of more than 300 registered student organizations and a full array of Division I intercollegiate athletic teams.

WMU's commitment to the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge and insight has resulted in initiatives that reward faculty and student research, scholarship and creative activity. Last year, University faculty and staff conducted nearly \$46 million in externally funded research on topics ranging from nuclear physics and mathematics education to developing technology that enables citizens with special need to realize their full potential. Instructional programs are designed to increase students' capacity for learning and service to society as well as meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population.

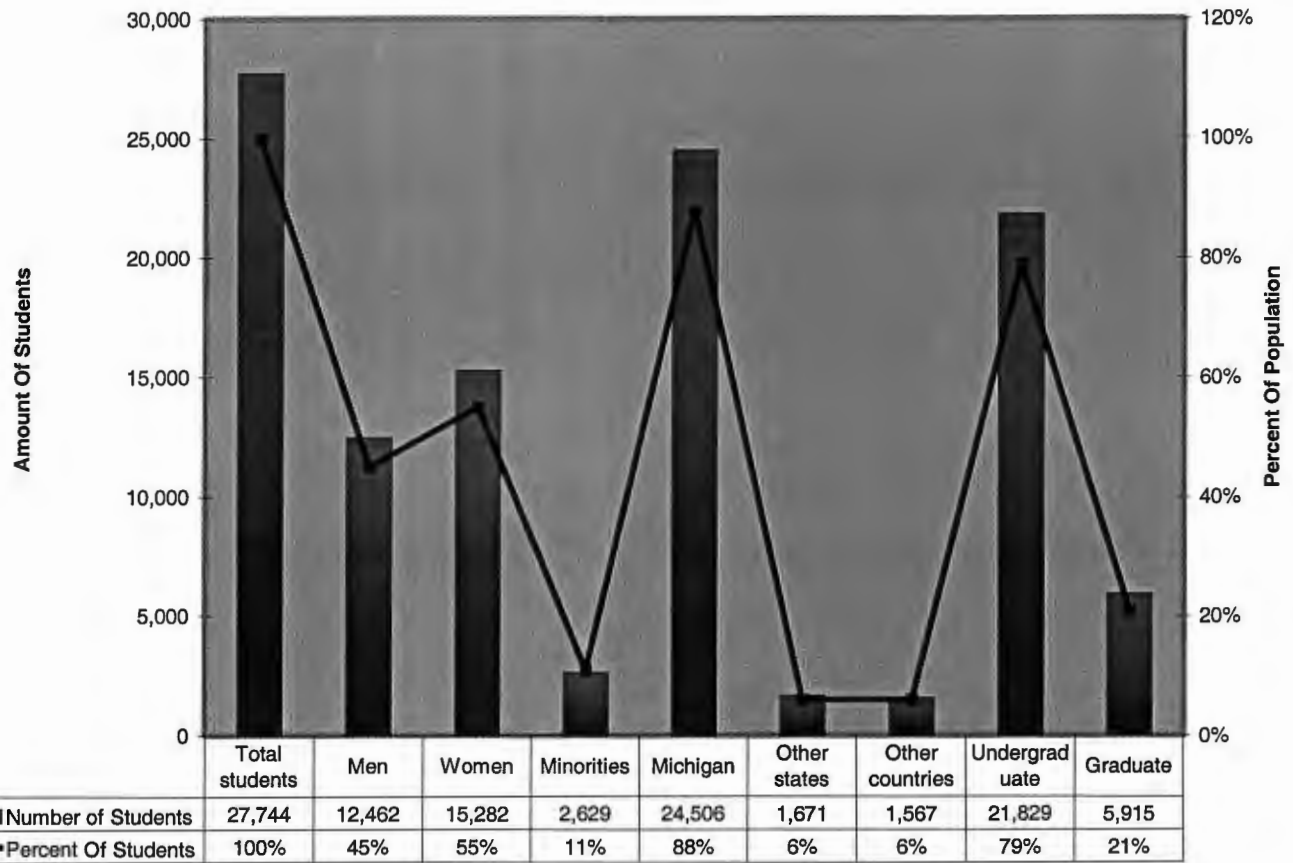
The University attracts students from every state in the union and over 100 other countries. Its more than 1,000 faculty members have been trained at some of the world's finest institutions and they bring to the University a global perspective that enhances the learning environment.

WMU's main campus is located in Kalamazoo, covers more than 550 acres, and includes 125 buildings. A new engineering campus and a Business Technology and Research Park are located on 250 acres, three miles south of the main campus. That campus is due to open in 2001. The University also has six regional centers and two off-campus study sites, which provide primarily graduate and professional education to more than 3,200 students each semester. Those regional centers and sites are located in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Holland, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Traverse City.

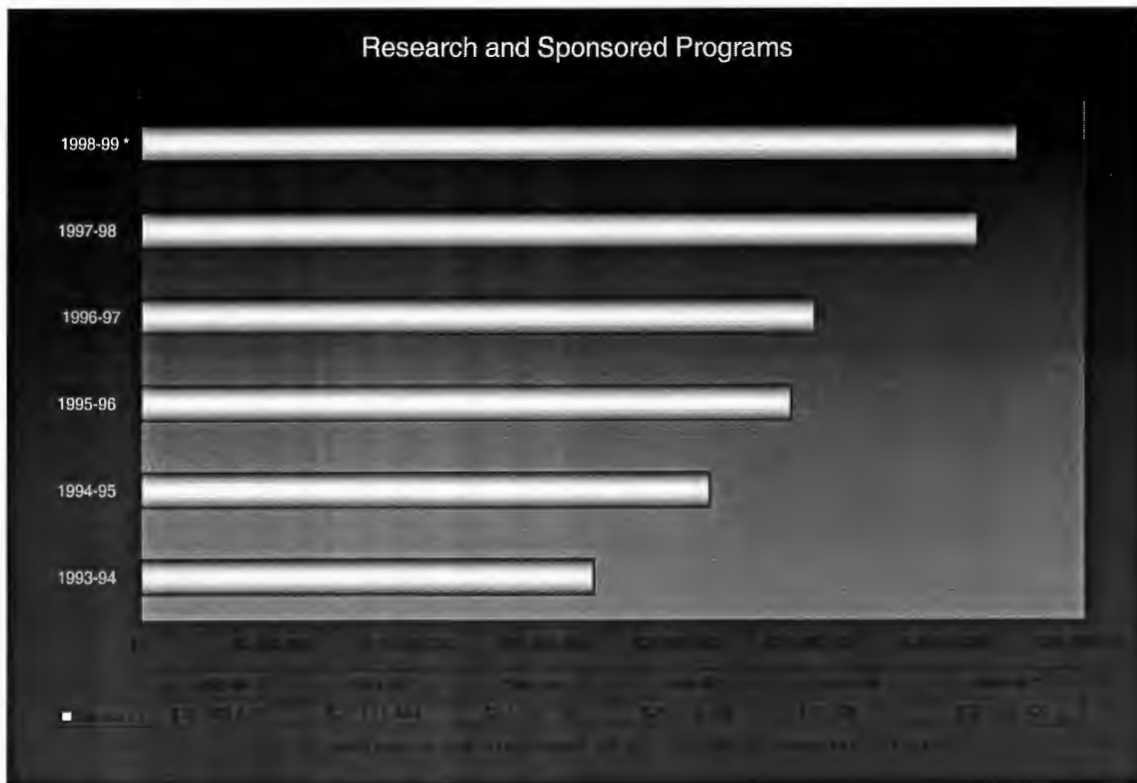
Founded in 1903, Western Michigan College became Western Michigan University when the state designated it as Michigan's fourth public university. While the state's system has grown to include 15 public universities, WMU has maintained its position as Michigan's fourth largest research university.¹

¹ Information in this document can also be found at <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/profile/index.html>

Enrollment

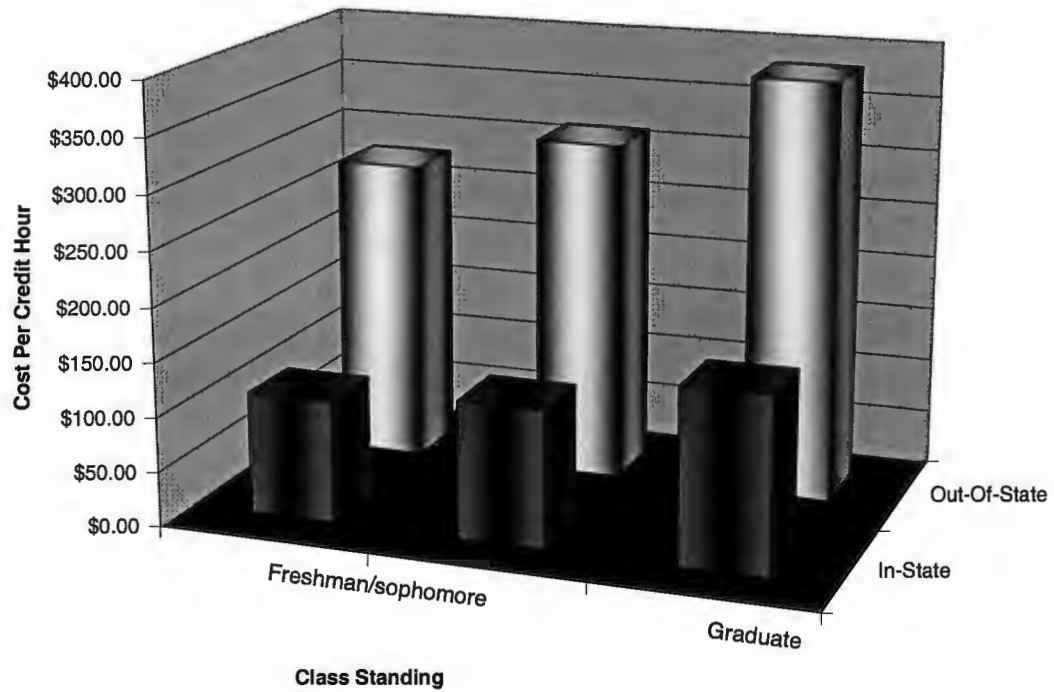


Research and Sponsored Programs



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Student Cost



	Freshman/sophomore	Junior/senior	Graduate
■ In-State	\$111.40	\$124.91	\$159.62
□ Out-Of-State	\$279.60	\$314.03	\$384.22

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Western Michigan University has had a long and rich history with its collegiate fraternities and sororities. Originally founded as debate societies in 1916, then recognized as national organizations in 1950, WMU's Greek-lettered organizations have greatly enhanced the collegiate experience for tens of thousands of students. Fraternities and sororities have provided the University an environment that enhances positive growth and development for students, in addition to offering alternative living-learning communities. These unique communities have fostered life-long friendships and a strong sense of institutional loyalty and support.

Councils:

IFC: the InterFraternity Council is the local student agency responsible for representing fraternities most of which are in the National Interfraternity Conference.

NPC: the National Panhellenic Council is the local student agency responsible for representing sororities most of which are in the National Panhellenic Conference.

NPHC: the National Pan-Hellenic Council is the local student agency responsible for representing fraternities and sororities most of which are in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

GAMMA: Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol is an organization created by the Greek community to provide alternatives to activities involving alcohol.

Sororities in the NPC:

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Phi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Xi Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Pi Beta Phi
Sigma Kappa
Chi Omega
Sigma Lambda Gamma

Fraternities in the IFC:

Alpha Sigma Phi (Colony)
Alpha Tau Omega

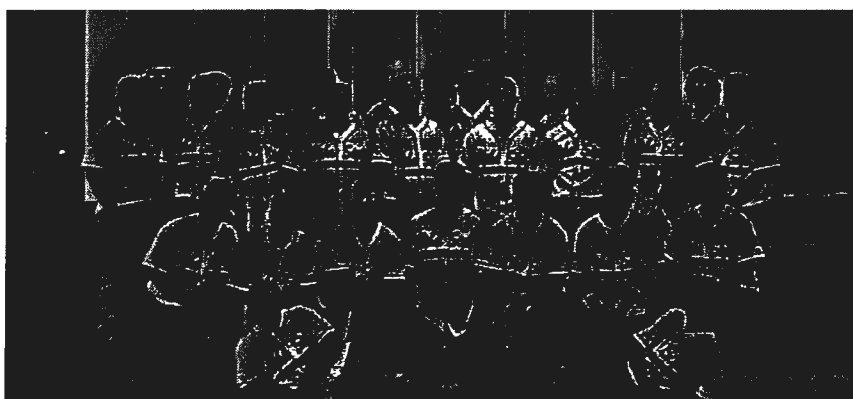


Delta Chi
Delta Tau Delta
Delta Sigma Phi
Phi Kappa Tau
Phi Sigma Kappa
Lambda Chi Alpha
Theta Chi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Chi
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sigma Lambda Beta
Sigma Nu
Sigma Pi
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Organizations in the NPHC:

Alpha Phi Alpha
Delta Sigma Theta
Iota Phi Theta
Kappa Alpha Psi
Omega Psi Phi
Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Delta Psi
Phi Eta Psi
Sigma Gamma Rho
Zeta Phi Beta

$\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$



The Roster of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Western Michigan University

Alpha Class-Founding Fathers

1. Mike Gnewkowski
2. Jeff Phillips
3. Nathan Franklin¹
4. Chris Lee*
5. Brian Conway
6. Chris Conway
7. Brian Eikenberry²
8. Cullen Geisler
9. Chad Sattler
10. Tom Mize
11. Robert Gosbin
12. John Lennon
13. Jeremy Putnam

Beta Class-Founding Fathers

14. Andrew Giron
15. Jason Price
16. Shaun Evans
17. Chris McDermott
18. Curtis Beckman
19. Rob McMahon*
20. Chris Gagnier*
21. Ryan Miller
22. Ryan Demetrak*
23. Eric Szczembara*
24. Chris Henson³

Gamma Class-Charter Members

25. Alberto Arraya
26. Stephen Phenicie
27. Curtis Pelham

28. Phillip Creglow

29. Dave Drost*

30. Arturo Bonomie

31. Rudi Destis

32. Emre Cila

Delta Class-Charter Members

33. Eric White

34. Matt Zajechowski

35. Eric Betke

36. Jason Smith

37. Mike Guilbaut

38. Eric French

39. Martin Roschman

40. James White

41. Brian Hartwell

42. Scott Steenwyk

43. Martin Super

44. Kevin Weber

45. John Seymour

46. Chaz Venz

47. Dave Cillbraise

48. Seth Vansyckel

49. Andy Powers

50. Marc Adkins

Grand Chapter Advisor:

Steven Gnewkowski, University of
Michigan '68

Graduate Advisor:

Louie Dactyl, Tri-State Univ. '96

¹ No longer attends WMU

* Pending a Cumulative GPA of 2.3

² Alumni of WMU

³ Presently on military leave

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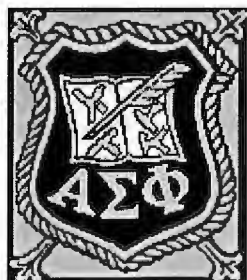
Name: Michael Steven Gnewkowski
Hometown: Mt. Pleasant, MI
Major/minors: Construction Engineering, Math
Nickname: Gnewk, Prez, Big Dog
Date of Birth: 10-21-77
Place of Birth: Mt. Pleasant, MI
Positions held: President
Hobbies: Perpetuating Brotherhood, Sports, Travel
Why did you join AΣΦ?: The opportunity to leave my mark and establish an organization of excellence backed by a rich history.



Name: Jeffery Ryan Phillips
Hometown: Troy, MI
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering, Math, Physics
Nickname: Philly
Date of Birth: 06/28/78
Place of Birth: Rochester Hills, MI
Positions held: Vice President, Social Chairman
Hobbies: Mountain Biking
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be part of creating an outstanding organization and brotherhood at Western.



Name: Nathan Todd Franklin(1)
Hometown: Reed City, Michigan
Major/minors: Business
Nickname: Nate Dog
Date of Birth: 4-15-78
Place of Birth: Big Rapids, Michigan
Positions held: Treasurer
Hobbies: Skiing, Golf, and Soccer
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To have a reason to be connected to my friends and WMU.



Name: Christopher V Lee (*)
Hometown: Troy, MI
Major/minors: Manufacturing Engineering/Chinese
Nickname: Lee
Date of Birth: 11-20-78
Place of Birth: Brooklyn, NY
Positions held: Service / Philanthropy
Hobbies: Golf
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be a part of something different and special.





Name: Brian Conway
 Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
 Major/minors: Computer Information Systems (CIS)
 Nickname: B
 Date of Birth: 9-26-79
 Place of Birth: Kalamazoo, MI
 Positions held: Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Service, Philanthropy, Intramurals
 Hobbies: Computers, Athletics, watching WMU athletic events
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To be a part and create a fraternity bigger and better than what Western has.



Name: Chris Conway
 Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
 Major/minors: Secondary Ed, History / Social Sciences
 Nickname: L' Jab
 Date of Birth: 9-26-79
 Place of Birth: Kalamazoo
 Positions held: Risk Manager President elect
 Hobbies: Sports
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: Belong to something I believe in.



Name: Brian Eikenberry(2)
 Hometown: Allendale, Michigan
 Major/minors: Food Marketing
 Nickname: Ike,
 Date of Birth: 3-4-78
 Place of Birth: Muskegon, MI
 Positions held: Vice president
 Hobbies: Hockey,
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: Because mike's sister is hot



Name: Cullen Geisler
 Hometown: Livonia, MI
 Major/minors: Integrated Supply Management
 Nickname: Big Nasty
 Date of Birth: 2-6-79
 Place of Birth: Garden City, MI
 Positions held: New member educator, Sergeant at Arms, Prudential member at large.
 Hobbies: Sports, Professional Wrestling, hanging out
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted to start a new direction in Greek life on campus





Name: Chad Sattler
Hometown: Caro, MI
Major/minors: Finance
Nickname: Oldman
Date of Birth: 11-04-77
Place of Birth: Caro, MI
Positions held: Treasurer
Hobbies: Fantasy Sports, Basketball, Football, Music
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To build something new and different



Name: Tom Mize
Hometown: Niles, Michigan
Major/minors: Biomedical Sciences
Nickname: Tomas, Budmeiser
Date of Birth: 12-27-79
Place of Birth: Niles, Michigan
Positions held: Recruitment Chairmen, Marshall
Hobbies: Water skiing, fun
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To leave my mark at Western.



Name: Robert Gosbin
Hometown: Niles, Michigan
Major/minors: Political Science
Nickname: Bobby, Robert
Date of Birth: 3-14-80
Place of Birth: Niles, Michigan
Positions held: Brotherhood Development, Marshall, Chapter Relations
Hobbies: Hunting, animals
Why did you join AΣΦ?: Friends for life.



Name: John Lennon
Hometown: Gladwin, MI
Major/minors: Computer Information Systems
Nickname: Beatle
Date of Birth: 10-11-79
Place of Birth: Sheridan, WY
Positions held: Corresponding Secretary, Sgt. At Arms, Vice-President
Hobbies: Backpacking, Camping, Music
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be a part of something bigger and start a tradition.

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Name: Jeremy Putnam
Hometown: Lapeer, Michigan
Major/minors: Computer Information Systems
Nickname: Puts
Date of Birth: 9-22-78
Place of Birth: Lapeer, Michigan
Positions held: Webpage Designer, New Member Ed. Assistant
Hobbies: Computers, gaming, playing the guitar
Why did you join AΣΦ?: Chance to find direction with my life.



Name: Andrew Girton
Hometown: Niles, MI
Major/minors: Exercise Science
Nickname: Dr Dre, Drew
Date of Birth: 2-29-80
Place of Birth: Ann Arbor
Positions held: New Member Educator, IFC Delegate
Hobbies: Football, Volleyball, Weight lifting, Rollerblading
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be a part of something unique and special, and to leave my mark of integrity and beliefs within these walls



Name: Jason Price
Hometown: Baldwin, MI
Major/minors: Phys. Ed/ Elementary Ed.
Nickname: Gumby
Date of Birth: 6/20/79
Place of Birth: Big Rapids, MI
Positions held: Intramural Director
Hobbies: Basketball
Why did you join AΣΦ?: For non-drinking, gentlemen, and Brotherhood



Name: Shaun Evans
Hometown: Howard City, MI
Major/minors: Business management and marketing, Psychology
Nickname: Mookie
Date of Birth: 7-8-80
Place of Birth: Fort Wayne, IN
Positions held: Scholarship Chairman, Brotherhood Development, Vice President
Hobbies: Basketball, Video Games, Reading, Writing
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be a part of something special and help it become the best.

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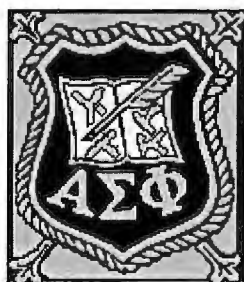
Name: Christopher McDermott
Hometown: Taylor, MI
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering, Math, Physics
Nickname: BC
Date of Birth: 8-24-81
Place of Birth: Taylor, MI
Positions held: Prudential member at large, IFC Judicial Board, Alumni Chairman, Fundraising Chairman, Parent Chairman,
Hobbies: Keystone Leadership Society, Sports, Hanging out
Why did you join $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$?: I wanted something the other Fraternities didn't offer. I wanted brotherhood, lifelong friendships. I feel that Alpha Sigma Phi gave me the things I wanted, things such as substance free housing and a great group of brothers.



Name: Curtis Beckman
Hometown: Dowagiac, Michigan
Major/minors: Undeclared
Nickname: Beckman, BGA
Date of Birth: 4-12-79
Place of Birth: Dowagiac, Michigan
Positions held: Merchandising Chair, Prudential Member Elect
Hobbies: Water sports, jetskiing
Why did you join $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$?: To get crazy with close friends.



Name: Rob McMahon(*)
Hometown: Wyandotte, MI
Major/minors: Aeronautical Engineering
Nickname: McShaft
Date of Birth: 6-10-81
Place of Birth: Wyandotte, MI
Positions held: none
Hobbies: Band, skydiving
Why did you join $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$?: For a greater understanding of Brotherhood



Name: Chris Gagnier (*)
Hometown: Wyandotte, MI
Major/minors: Engineering management
Nickname: Gagnier
Date of Birth: 4-5-81
Place of Birth: Wyandotte, MI
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Ice skating, Jazz, Saxophone, Cars
Why did you join $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$?: To be involved in something better than the general trend.

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Name: Ryan Miller
Hometown: Niles, MI
Major/minors: Biology/ Secondary Education
Nickname: Miller
Date of Birth: 10/18/79
Place of Birth: South Bend, IN
Positions held: Sargent at Arms
Hobbies: Skiing, drums, sports, weight training
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted to be a founding father so that I could try to break the stereotype of a fraternity.



Name: Ryan Demetrak (*)
Hometown: West Bloomfield, MI
Major/minors: Computer Information Systems
Nickname: Trak
Date of Birth: 05/04/81
Place of Birth: Pontiac, MI
Positions held: House Coordinator
Hobbies: Clubbing, cards
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To change the style that greek life is. To better gentlemen.



Name: Chris Henson(3)
Hometown:
Major/minors:
Nickname: ~Military Leave~
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Positions held:
Hobbies:
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?:



Name: Alberto Arraya
Hometown: Costa Rica
Major/minors: Computer Science
Nickname: Beto
Date of Birth: Costa Rica
Place of Birth: 3-12-79
Positions held: Webpage Designer
Hobbies: Computers, gaming, hangin with friends
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To have a group to belong to.

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Name: Steven Phenicie
Hometown: Mattawan, Michigan
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering
Nickname: Scuba Steve
Date of Birth: 1-14-80
Place of Birth: Portage, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Scuba diving, travel
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted to be a part of this brotherhood.



Name: Curtis Pelham
Hometown: Jackson, MI
Major/minors: Elementary Education
Nickname: Dumpling
Date of Birth: 5-20-81
Place of Birth: Jackson, MI
Positions held: Risk manager, Gamma Class President
Hobbies: hanging out with friends, swimming.
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I believed in the values that this fraternity stands for.



Name: Phillip Creglow
Hometown: Jackson, MI
Major/minors: Political Science
Nickname: DC (dirty creglow)
Date of Birth: 11-27-80
Place of Birth: Jackson, MI
Positions held: Treasurer
Hobbies: Football, Politics, College Republicans
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I joined to experience brotherhood and Greek life.



Name: David Drost(*)
Hometown: Lapeer, MI
Major/minors: Meteorology
Nickname: D^2 (D squared)
Date of Birth: 11-2-80
Place of Birth: Plantation, FL
Positions held: none
Hobbies: Scubadiving, Snowboarding, Surfing
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To start a new aspect of Greek life

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Name: Arturo Bonomie
Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering
Nickname: Chico
Date of Birth: 10-13-79
Place of Birth: Baquisimeto, Venezuela
Positions held: Public Relations Coordinator
Hobbies: Basketball, guitar, and snowboarding
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: What it stands for, and the opportunity to be a Founding Father.



Name: Emre Cila
Hometown: Auburn Hills, MI
Major/minors: Aviation Science/ Aviation admin
Nickname: Shaggy
Date of Birth: 6-6-81
Place of Birth: Minneapolis, MN
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Wind Surfing, off-roading, fishing (master baiter)
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I thought the guys were cool



Name: Eric White
Hometown: Troy, Michigan
Major/minors: Integrated Supply Management
Nickname: White
Date of Birth: 2-8-78
Place of Birth: Troy, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Movies, being a gentleman
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To live brotherhood.



Name: Matt Betke
Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
Major/minors: Chemical Engineering, Math
Nickname: Dutch, Mr. Clean
Date of Birth: November 16, 1981
Place of Birth: Kalamazoo, MI
Positions held: Historian, Recruitment Chair
Hobbies: Sailing, Soccer, Running and Reading
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I loved the brotherhood that the guys here showed. They really lived up to the standards that they told me Alpha Sigma Phi had. That impressed me very much.

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Name: Eric James French
Hometown: Tawas City, Michigan
Major/minors: Chemical Engineering
Nickname: Frenchy
Date of Birth: 8-22-82
Place of Birth: Tawas City, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Music, Sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: I really felt a bond with the men.



Name: Scott Robert Steenwyk
Hometown: Holland, Michigan
Major/minors: Business
Nickname: Ringo
Date of Birth: 1-9-82
Place of Birth: Holland, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Sporting Events and women
Why did you join AΣΦ?: This organization is amazing and I wanted to be a part of that.



Name: James Marlon White
Hometown: Gaines, Michigan
Major/minors: Psychology
Nickname: Ray Ray
Date of Birth: 4-24-82
Place of Birth: Gaines, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To have a great time in college.



Name: Matt B. Zajechowski
Hometown: Royal Oak, Michigan
Major/minors: Computer Science
Nickname: Day Day
Date of Birth: 9-15-82
Place of Birth: Royal Oak, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Computers, gaming, and sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: "To better the man"

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Name: Martin Roschman
Hometown: Kalamazoo, Michigan
Major/minors: Physics and Mathematics
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 11/27/79
Place of Birth: Vail, Colorado
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Skiing
Why did you join AΣΦ?: It has provided me with friends and activities I never would have otherwise had.



Name: Jason Smith
Hometown: Jackson, MI
Major/minors: Broadcast/ Cable Production
Nickname: Little G
Date of Birth: 10/10/1982
Place of Birth: Jackson, MI
Positions held: Public Relations
Hobbies: Sports, Poetry, Music
Why did you join AΣΦ?: The greatest group of guys I've ever met



Name: Michael James Guilbault
Hometown: Livonia, Michigan
Major/minors: Undecided
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 1-23-82
Place of Birth: Livonia, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Cars, movies, and brotherhood
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To better the man.



Name: Brian Christian Hartwell
Hometown: Madison Heights, Michigan
Major/minors: Biochemistry
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 9-10-82
Place of Birth: Madison Heights, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Music, Singing
Why did you join AΣΦ?: It matched what I wanted in my life.





Name: Martin John Super
Hometown: South Haven, Michigan
Major/minors: Business Administration
Nickname: Super
Date of Birth: 4-7-82
Place of Birth: South Haven, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: A little bit of everything
Why did you join AΣΦ?: The ethics and quality of this fraternity.



Name: Kevin Webber
Hometown: Charlotte, MI
Major/minors: Special Education, Communication
Nickname: Web
Date of Birth: 11-23-81
Place of Birth: Little Rock, AR
Positions held:
Hobbies: Lifting, Weights, Hanging With Brothers
Why did you join AΣΦ? I joined so I could leave my mark at WMU



Name: Charles Stephen Venz
Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Major/minors: Aeronautical Engineering
Nickname: Chaz
Date of Birth: 3-3-82
Place of Birth: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Friends, sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: It amazed and fit me perfectly.



Name: John Seymour
Hometown: Portage, Michigan
Major/minors: Cable Productions
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 12-12-80
Place of Birth: Portage, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Electronics, playing the guitar
Why did you join AΣΦ?: The quality of the men.





Name: Seth Vansyckel
Hometown: Sterling Heights, Michigan
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 1-2-79
Place of Birth: Sterling Heights, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Mountain Biking
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To finish my college career on a high note.



Name: Andy Powers
Hometown: Traverse City, MI
Major/minors: Undecided
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 3-25-81
Place of Birth: Traverse City, MI
Positions held: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society member, AMSA
Hobbies: Guitar, Music, Skiing, Golf
Why did you join AΣΦ?: Brotherhood



Name: Marc Adkins
Hometown: Plymouth, MI
Major/minors: Undecided
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 10-17-81
Place of Birth: Dearborn, MI
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Snowboarding, music
Why did you join AΣΦ?: Brotherhood



Name: David Cilibrise
Hometown: Livonia, MI
Major/minors: Undecided
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 10-24-80
Place of Birth: Warren, MI
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Guitar, Drums, Snowboarding, hockey
Why did you join AΣΦ?: The pursuit of brotherhood, leadership and v
virtue.





Name: Louis Dactyl
Hometown: Sterling Heights, MI
Major/minors: Speech Language Pathology Graduate Student
Nickname: Count Sauce A-lot
Date of Birth: 2-14-78
Place of Birth: Detroit, MI
Positions held: Graduate Advisor
Hobbies: Clubbing, Dominoes
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?:



Name: Steven Gnewkowski
Hometown: Dearborn, Michigan
Nickname: Mr. G
Date of Birth: 1-28-50
Place of Birth: Dearborn, Michigan
Positions held: Grand Chapter Advisor
Hobbies: Writing, music, and skiing
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To have a group to identify with.



**The
Constitution of the
Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
At
Western Michigan University
As drafted by its
Founding Fathers**

Preamble

We the Brothers comprising the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Western Michigan University, establish this Brotherhood in order to: Ameliorate men and our community; Exemplify Honor and Integrity; Be true Gentlemen; Maintain Excellence in Academics; Promote Patriotism and Pride; Propagate a Love for our Alma Mater. By ensuring and maintaining the qualities set forth by this Fraternity we can secure a prosperous future for both the Colony and her lifelong Brothers.

Article I-Name

The formal name of this organization shall be known as the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Western Michigan University. For the purposes of recognition on the Western Michigan University campus and in the surrounding communities, we will be known as Alpha Sigma Phi.

Article II-Mission

Section I-Education and Scholarship

The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University will strive for excellence in the fields of scholarship and education. Each Brother will be obligated to maintain the high standards of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section II-Brotherhood

The mission of this Colony, as set forth by the founding fathers of the Western Michigan University Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi is as follows: we pledge ourselves to build this colony on the basis of leadership, scholarship, and service. This colony will ensure each member a rich environment by which our relationships based on mutual love, respect, and support build our Brotherhood. We will seek a deeper awareness and understanding of each other as well as our community. Each man invited into this fraternity will be judged without prejudice or persecution. Together as a Brotherhood we will strive to promote our ideals abased upon "To Better the Man."

Section III-Service and Philanthropy

The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University will endeavor to dedicate its time, energy, and resources to benefit others within the surrounding communities of Kalamazoo, Western Michigan University, and the Greek system of Western Michigan University.

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Article III -Membership

Section I: Members of this Fraternity shall be properly pledged Brothers of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Western Michigan University beginning with the date of colonization, October 30, 1999 and ending upon the date which this fraternity ceases to exist. All members initiated on the date of October 30, 1999 will be known as the "Founding Fathers" of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University. Members initiated after Colonization shall be known as "the Founding Fathers the Chapter" until chartering is conferred.

Section II: All duly initiated new members of this fraternity shall be considered Brothers and receive all the accompanying rights of Brotherhood.

Section III: Membership shall be acquired only through the acceptance of an invitation extended by the Fraternity in accordance with the By-laws of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, Western Michigan University.

Section IV: In order to be initiated as a Brother of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University, new members must complete the New Member Education Program and fulfill its requirements.

Section V: The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Western Michigan University will not discriminate against any man interested in this organization based on age, race, creed, color, religion, or sexual preference, however, he will need to demonstrate virtues favorable to this Brotherhood and meet the requirements set forth by this Colony and Western Michigan University.

Section VI: Membership in said Fraternity may be limited, suspended, or revoked through a judicial process consistent with the constitution and By-laws adopted by the Colony and the National Fraternity.

Section VII: The Prudential Board may only recommend the suspension of a member of this Fraternity if a three-fifths (3/5) majority of the Prudential Board is in agreement with the suspension.

Article IV -Meetings

Section I: Chapter meetings of the Colony shall be held weekly at a pre-stated time throughout the academic year of Western Michigan University. The Prudential Board may choose to cancel, reschedule, or add Chapter Meetings when they deem it necessary.

Section II: The Brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony may add additional Chapter Meetings by petition of the general assembly containing signatures of two-thirds of all members in good standing (see By-Laws).

Section III: Policies, consistent with colony policy as stated in this constitution and bylaws, may be assessed by the prudential board for absence from a fraternity event or meeting.

Article V -Officers and Elections

Section I: The elected officers of this Colony shall be the President Elect, Vice President Elect, Treasurer Elect, Two Elect Members At Large of the Prudential Committee, Recording Secretary Elect, Corresponding Secretary Elect, Interfraternal Council Representative(s) Elect, Rush Chairman Elect, Social Chairman Elect, Scholarship Chairman Elect, Service Chairman Elect, Sergeant at Arms Elect, Marshal Elect, Public Relations Elect, New Member Educator Elect, Historian Elect, Fundraising Chairman Elect, Athletic/Intramural Chairman Elect, Brotherhood Development Chairman Elect, and the Parent/Alumni Correspondent Elect.

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Section II: To be eligible for election to one of the said positions of this Fraternity the Brother must be in good standing according to the By-laws and policies of the fraternity.

Section III: The privilege of voting in said Fraternity shall only apply to duly initiated Brothers in good standing.

Section IV: For elected positions of the Prudential Board and any other elected position specified in the By-laws of this Fraternity there shall be no more than two candidates at the final election for each such position. Procedures for determining the final two candidates shall be conducted fairly and in accordance with the By-laws of said Fraternity.

Section V: Elections for said positions shall be held the second Sunday of October each and every year. From that point until the day of induction, the third Sunday in January, Elect members shall correspond and work along with their respective future position.

Section VI: This Fraternity shall not accept votes by proxy for elections or any other fraternity vote. If a member wishes to vote but is unable to attend the appropriate meeting they shall place their vote in a sealed envelope and submit it as instructed by fraternity policy.

Article VI: Committees

Section I: Standing Committees of this fraternity shall consist of the Prudential Board, Recruitment Committee, Social Committee, Service and Philanthropy Committee, Brotherhood Development Committee, and Fundraising Committee.

Section II: The Prudential Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Two Members at Large. The Vice President shall Chair the board and abstain from all votes with exception to breaking a tie.

Section III: The Prudential Board shall be the executive committee of the fraternity and whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the financial, managerial, and operational aspects of the fraternity.

Section IV: Prudential Board Meetings are open to all members of the fraternity who wish to attend on the condition of silence, however, the Vice President has the right to remove visiting members on the grounds of unprofessional behavior.

Section V: The Vice President and the Committee Chairmen are responsible for the managerial actions of their respective committees.

Section VI: The Prudential Board can create Special Committees to perform specific tasks. These committees must be approved by the General Assembly if they are to exist for a duration of longer than one month.

Section VII: The Judicial Board shall review and enforce the Constitution and By-laws, and be comprised of the President, the Vice President, and three elected officials. The President shall serve as the Chairman of this board.

Section VIII: Each special committee shall elect within themselves their own Chairman. Ties shall be decided by the vote of the Vice President.

Article VII: Finances

Section I: The revenues of this fraternity shall be derived from member's dues, fundraising activities, sponsorships, and any donations consistent with the ideals of this fraternity.

Section II: The finances shall be handled by the Prudential Board and Treasurer in a combined effort

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Article VIII: Hazing

Section I: No member shall engage in conduct with prospective brothers that is not consistent with the ideals, both implied and stated, of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Section II: Every person, whether prospective brother or initiated member shall be treated in accordance with their rights as a human beings and citizens of the United States of America. This fraternity will not tolerate or condone the harassment, abuse, or violation of any of these rights by any member or prospective brother of this fraternity.

Section III: If any prospective brothers or members feel that they have been physically or psychologically abused in any way it is their right to contact an advisor who will bring their case to the attention of the Prudential Board, General Assembly, or National Headquarters, as they see fit, in order to bring about an equitable solution.

Article IX: Amendments to the Constitution

Section I: Amendments may be brought to vote in the general assembly by action of the Prudential Board or by any member in good standing accompanied by a petition signed by fifty percent of all members in good standing of the fraternity.

Section II: Amendments to this constitution shall be ratified and adopted upon receiving the assent of a four-fifths majority of all members of this fraternity who are in good standing.

Section III: Upon ratification, members of the general assembly, by a simple majority, shall vote to establish the activation date of the just ratified constitutional amendment.

The By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University Chapter

Preamble:

We, the Pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Western Michigan University Chapter, adopt these by-laws to further the foundation provided for under the Constitution of our Fraternity. These by-laws are intended to adhere to the spirit of that Constitution, and to promote the common goals that are one and the same for the Fraternity.

Article I: Continuance of By-Laws

These by-laws ratified by the Colony of Western Michigan University shall automatically continue, unabridged and unaltered, to govern the Fraternity when said colony receives the National Charter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, unless amended in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

Article II: Supremacy of Constitution

If the thoughts, words, or ideals espoused within these by-laws are found to be in conflict with the thoughts, words, or ideals of the Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University Chapter, then the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the Constitution on every occasion.

Article III: Scholarship

Section 1: To be a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University you must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.30. If a brother's cumulative GPA falls below a 2.30, he will be placed on academic probation for one semester. If he is unable to raise his cumulative GPA above a 2.30 by the end of that one semester, he will be referred to the Judicial Board.

Section 2: If a brother's semester GPA falls under a 2.30 that brother will be placed on academic probation the following semester. If a brother has three straight semesters under a 2.30 he will be referred to Judicial Board.

Section 3: A brother on academic probation can only play on one intramural team, attend three social events, participate in four brotherhood events, and can not attend formal or semi-formal.

Section 4: To hold an elected position in Alpha Sigma Phi a brother must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.

Section 5: New members are required to do four study hours a week. Two at the house and two on their own.

Section 6: Mid-term check ups will be done at the half waypoint of every semester by the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section 7: Voting rights shall be suspended until probation is ended and the Brother is restored to good standing.

Article IV: New Members

Section 1: All persons wishing to become a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University, shall meet the following prerequisites before receiving a bid:

- a) Must be a male full-time student of Western Michigan University
- b) Must not be affiliated with another social or secret Greek society
- c) Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at Western Michigan University or a previous institution

Section 2: Membership in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University can only be obtained by acceptance of an invitation offered by the general assembly.

Section 3: An invitation is extended to a prospective member under the following conditions:

- a) The general assembly shall vote at either a Chapter Meeting or in a special meeting called strictly for the purpose of extending invitations.
- b) The Recruitment Chairman shall chair any special meeting.
- c) No prospective members shall be present at the voting session
- d) Each prospective member must have at least one Brother speak to the assembly on his behalf
- e) The vote to extend a prospective member an invitation must be unanimous.

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Section 4: The class of a New Member is determined by the date of that member's pinning ceremony.

Section 5: A prospective member who is extended an invitation to become a full member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University has a time period not to exceed one (1) week from the date he was notified of the invitation to accept or decline said invitation. Requests for an extension of this period shall be evaluated and decided on a case by case basis by the Prudential Board.

Section 6: A prospective member who is offered an invitation and declines has the right to do so without explanation.

Article V: Brotherhood Development

Section 1: No brother shall consume or have alcohol in his possession in the Alpha Sigma Phi House. Those in violation of this policy shall be banned from living in the fraternity house of said fraternity.

Section 2: No brother shall consume alcohol while displaying the letters or insignia of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity on him.

Section 3: "For He's an Alpha Sig" is to be sung only to brothers for special occasions.

Section 4: Disputes and concerns between brothers are to be mediated by the Brotherhood Development chair.

Section 5: Two events must be held in the name of the Brotherhood Development Committee each semester and must involve promoting brotherhood. One event must incorporate at least 1/3 of the committee budget, this event is to be made so that every member is able to attend and has to be away from the place of the chapter meeting.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1: Committees are the responsibility of and under the direct control of each individual committee chairman.

Section 2: A committee's goals and duties shall be consistent with the duties of the respective chairman.

Section 3: Actions and decisions of each committee may be overruled or amended by the Prudential Board of said Fraternity, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly.

Section 4: Actions and decisions of the Prudential Board, including judicial decisions, may be overruled or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly.

Section 5: Committees, with the approval of the Prudential Board or the general assembly, may adopt policies that aid in the governance of the Fraternity.

Section 6: The President, with the approval of the Prudential Board, may appoint members to special committees to further the best interest of the Fraternity.

Article VII: Officers

Section 1: The standing officers of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University shall be those listed in the Constitution of said chapter.

Section 2: Additional officer positions may be added or officer positions removed by amendment to the Constitution or these by-laws of this Fraternity.

Section 3: Duties of each respective officer shall be based on but not limited to those duties and responsibilities as described in the Alpha Sigma Phi Officers Guide. Written Fraternity policy, as well as precedent, shall also be taken into consideration in executing the duties and responsibilities of an officer position. Additional responsibilities may be placed on an officer by the Prudential Board or by the General Assembly.

Section 4: An officer of said fraternity may be removed from office by decision of the Prudential Board or by action of the General Assembly. Officers may be removed from office for any of the following reasons: negligence of duties, conduct improper of an officer and an embarrassment to the Fraternity, incapacitation, disciplinary action of Western Michigan University, violation of State or Federal Law, or actions, that are detrimental to the Fraternity as a whole.

Section 5: Removal from office requires recommendation by the Prudential Board and requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the General Assembly.

Section 6: Officers removed from office by decision of the Prudential Board may be reinstated by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the General Assembly.

Section 7: Vacant officer positions may be filled by appointment from the Prudential Board, or by a recommendation of the General Assembly. If a position on the Prudential Board becomes vacant that position must be filled at the next full Chapter Meeting by a vote of the General Assembly. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly may overturn other appointments to officer positions by the Prudential Board.

Article VIII: Chapter Meetings

Section 1: A quorum of over half (1/2) of the members in good standing of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University must be present at the Chapter Meeting for a voting session to be held.

Section 2: The Chapter Meeting's dress code, entry into the Chapter Room, and meeting conduct shall be determined by the chapter's Sergeant At Arms.

Section 3: In order to vote at a Chapter Meeting, a Brother must bear the pin of Alpha Sigma Phi over his heart.

Section 4: If any active Brother misses more than three Chapter Meetings in the same semester, he shall be sent before the Judicial Board for review.

Article IX: Dues

Section 1: This fraternity shall pay, and hold members liable for, any and all dues assessed on Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University Colony by National Headquarters and Inter-Fraternal Council of said fraternity.

Section 2: The final due date for local dues shall be the third Sunday of the Fall and Winter semesters each and every year.

Section 3: Local dues shall be set no later than five (5) months preceding the final due date of such specified amount.

Section 4: Local dues, upon chartering, shall be no less than fifty dollars (\$50) and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).

Section 5: All members who do not have the ability to pay their dues, rent owed to the fraternity, and other costs, or any part thereof, must develop a payment plan with the assistance of the treasurer to be approved by the Prudential Board. The financial good standing of that member is contingent upon adherence to that previously presented and approved plan.

Section 6: All members whose payments are delinquent thirty (30) days and who do not

honor their payment plans for dues, rent, and other costs are considered not in good financial standing, and will be suspended from fraternity activities until a payment is made, but not less than two weeks.

Article X: Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendments to the Bylaws of the Western Michigan University Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi can only be passed in one of the following manners.

First, a proposal for each Bylaw may be submitted to the Prudential Committee in writing to be voted upon and passed on to a Chapter meeting by simple majority of the Prudential Committee. Once the proposal is passed by the Prudential Committee it shall be brought in front of the brotherhood at a Chapter meeting and can only be passed as a Bylaw with a vote of 2/3 majority of all active brothers in good standing present at the Chapter meeting.

Or

Second, a proposal for each Bylaw with an attached petition signed by 50% of the active brothers in good standing may be brought to a Chapter meeting and voted upon by the brotherhood. Each Bylaw can then be passed by a vote of 2/3 majority by all active brothers in good standing present at the Chapter meeting.



Positions in Alpha Sigma Phi:

President: Michael S. Gnewkowski

Vice President: John Lennon

Treasurer: Chad Sattler

Prudential Members at Large: Chris McDermott, Curtis Beckman

Corresponding and Recording Secretary: Brian Conway

Recruitment Chairman: Tom Mize

Risk Management Chairman: Chris Conway

New Member Educator: Cullen Geisler

Social Chairman: Andrew Girton

Sergeant At Arms: Ryan Miller

Marshall: Robert Gosbin

Editor: Andrew Girton

Service and Philanthropy Chairman: Brian Conway

Fundraising Chairman: Chris McDermott

Scholarship Chairman: Shaun Evans

Public Relations: Arturo Bonomie

Western Student Association Representative: Jeremy Putnam

IFC Representative: Chris Conway

Intramural Chairman: Jason Price

Webpage Design: Alberto Arraya

Merchandise Chairman: Curtis Beckman

Grand Chapter Advisor: Steven Gnewkowski

Graduate Advisor: Louie Dactyl

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Election Results for Alpha Sigma Phi



~Positions to be sworn in on January 21, 2001~

President Elect: Chris Conway

Vice President Elect: Shaun Evans

Treasurer Elect: Phil Creglow

Elect members of the Prudential Committee: Curtis Beckman, Cullen Geisler

Corresponding Secretary Elect: Matt Zajechowski

Recruitment Chairman Elect: Matt Betke

Risk Management Chairman Elect: Curtis Pelham

New Member Educator Elect: Andrew Girton

Social Chairman Elect:

Sergeant at Arms Elect: Ryan Miller

Marshall Elect: Tom Mize

Editor Elect: Matt Betke

Service and Philanthropy Chairman Elect: Brian Conway

Scholarship Chairman Elect: Eric French

Public Relations Elect: Jason Smith

IFC Representative Elect: Andrew Girton

Intramural Chairman Elect: Jason Price

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Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University Budget Breakdown

Housing Fund	\$26,900.00
Rent Payment to WMU	(\$14,250.00)
Insurance	(\$500.00)
Servicemaster	(\$1,695.88)
Household Supplies	(\$521.59)
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	\$9,932.53

Recruitment Budget	\$345.00
Sig-E-Que	(\$117.84)
Rush Week	(\$172.38)
Optional Rush	(\$49.26)
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	\$5.52

IFC Budget	\$345.00
Member Dues	(\$345.00)
New-Member Dues	(\$168.00)
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	(\$168.00)

Historian	\$69.00
Film	(\$8.17)
Camera	(\$23.00)
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	\$37.83

Scholarship Budget	\$92.00
Steak & Beans	(\$15.80)
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	\$76.20

Risk Management	\$46.00
Phone	(\$61.46)
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	(\$15.46)

Social Budget	\$345.00
Pumpkin Carving	(\$51.00)
Nuveau Room	\$125.00
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	\$419.00

Formal Budget	\$1,150.00
T-Shirts	(\$230.00)
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	\$920.00

Brotherhood Budget	\$230.00
Bowling	(\$45.00)
Dinners	(\$117.42)
Football	(\$40.00)
President's Cup	(\$75.72)
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	(\$48.14)

New Member Budget	\$115.00
Spray Paint	(\$19.59)
Welcome Dinner	(\$61.16)
Pinning Food	(\$62.19)
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	(\$27.94)

Administration Budget	\$92.00
Receipt Books	(\$12.70)
Copies	(\$22.54)
Supplies	(\$53.50)
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	\$3.26

Philanthropy Budget	\$115.00
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	\$115.00

Service Budget	\$69.00
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	\$69.00

General Fund	\$2,500.00
Scholarship	(\$100.00)
Grills	(\$96.71)
Volleyball	(\$50.87)
Impact	(\$45.00)
Calendar	(\$50.00)
Speaker	(\$100.00)
Paint Supplies	(\$131.45)
Keys	(\$50.00)
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	\$1,875.97

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Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University Dues Breakdown

		# of Members	Total
Brotherhood	10	23	\$230
Development			
Recruitment	15		\$345
IFC Dues	15		\$345
New Member Education	5		\$115
Scholarship	4		\$92
Service	3		\$69
Philanthropy	5		\$115
Risk Management	2		\$46
Administration	4		\$92
Historian	3		\$69
Social	15		\$345
Formal/Semi-Formal	50		\$1,150
In-House Total	\$131		\$3,013
Parlor/Insurance	35	4	\$140
Out-of-House Total	\$166		\$3,153

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LEASE AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to rent from the Western Michigan University chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Room _____ of Vandercook Residence Hall, 650 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 for a period of six months beginning on or about November 1, 2000, and ending April 30, 2001, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed a copy of the sample lease agreement that has been executed between Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Western Michigan University.
2. I agree to abide by the terms of the lease, the specific Rules and Regulations set forth in Paragraph 32 thereof, and such other rules as the fraternity may from time to time establish.
3. I agree to promptly pay rent to the fraternity for the use of the described premises in the following manner (circle one):

Each Month (\$175.00) commencing November 1, 2000

Fall Semester (\$350.00)

Entire school year (\$1,050.00)

4. I understand and agree that any fines assessed by the University for violations or damage caused by me or found to exist in my room, shall be payable by me personally and shall not be the responsibility of the fraternity.
5. My deposit of \$_____ accompanies this signed agreement and shall be applied toward my rent.

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Dated: _____

Signed: _____

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74. Agreement Signatures. All parties to this Agreement signed this Agreement on the _____ day of _____, 2000, have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth above.

LESSOR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Date: 8/27/00

By: [Signature]
Lowell P. Rinker

[Signature]
Witness

Its: Assistant Treasurer

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TENANT
ALPHA SIGMA PHI
HOUSE CORPORATION

Date: July 29, 2000

By: [Signature]

[Signature]
Witness

Its: PRESIDENT

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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

December 3, 2000

Mr. Stevan Veldkamp
Assistant Director of Student Activities & Leadership Programs
Western Michigan University
2420 Faunce Student Services Building
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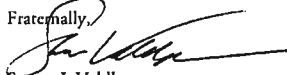
Dear Grand Council Members,

To live for brotherhood, develop leadership skills and helping the community are traits of an outstanding fraternity -- the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony has proven that they have mastered these traits. Strong continual efforts in recruitment of new members, proven leadership skills and an accomplished community service record all make the colony worthy of chapter status.

Moreover, Alpha Sigma Phi is already leading the charge in sending leaders out into the Greek and campus communities. Members are involved in many other student organizations on campus and won our campus Greek Award for Campus Involvement at our 2000 Greek Night of Excellence Awards Banquet. Alpha Sigma Phi, also, won the Community Involvement award for having the most hours spent in community service during the 1999-2000 academic school year. It is outstanding that such a young group recognizes that long term growth comes from entrenching itself in the community.

I have had the pleasure of working with the leadership of the colony, helping them out whenever they seek it. The colony's consistent communication with me as Greek Advisor, their programming, community service, commitment to our risk management policy, and their demonstration of living their public ritual, have been exceptional. I fully support them becoming a chapter.

Should you have any questions in regards to granting them a charter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (616) 387-2115.

Fraternally,


Stevan J. Veldkamp
Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs
Greek Life Advisor

Cc:
Diane Swartz, Dean of Students
Sandy Barry-Loken, Director of Student Activities & Leadership Programs
Samantha Picard, Greek Graduate Assistant
Ryan Blank, IFC President
Sarah Duncan, NPC President

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December 6, 2000

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
National Headquarters
8645 Guion Road, Suite J
Indianapolis, IN 46268-3028

Gentlemen:

It is appropriate that as Alpha Sigma Phi celebrates the 155th anniversary of its founding, a select group of young men dedicated to the same principles as the original founding fathers are petitioning The Grand Council to charter a chapter at Western Michigan University.

As Grand Chapter advisor I have had the privilege to witness first hand the birth of a new chapter. I have watched with admiration the tireless effort and unwavering commitment of these individuals to establishing a new standard for excellence on campus.

Since colonizing on October 30, 1999, the group has grown in both numbers and stature. They have participated in community service projects, attended leadership training, improved their scholastic standing, and created a supportive environment that allows each man the opportunity to reach his personal potential. They have also networked extensively with other chapters and learned the methods and mechanics of running a successful chapter. Their efforts have not only bettered the man, they have also bettered the local public perception of Greek life as the first substance-free fraternity at WMU.

In my judgement, this group has earned the right to call themselves Alpha Sigs, and to be initiated into the Mystic Circle. It is therefore without reservation that I endorse the petition to charter the WMU Colony.

Please let me know if you require any additional information, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Gnewkowski
Theta '67

ΑΣΦ

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
and Dean of Students



Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-5326
616 387-2150
FAX: 616 387-2554

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

December 11, 2000

Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
8645 Guion Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268-3028

Dear Members of the Grand Council:

I am pleased to write on behalf of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. They are in the process of seeking a charter for their organization. As Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, it gives me great pleasure to recommend this organization to you. The motto "to better the man" aptly describes the initiatives and accomplishments of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University. Allow me to enumerate.

During the past two years, Alpha Sigma Phi has recruited 49 men into the only alcohol-free chapter house on our campus. Currently 30 members reside in the on-campus facility. The members of Alpha Sigma Phi are known as gentlemen on campus and take great pride in this reputation. Over the course of the past two years, they have received the following recognitions at Western Michigan University:

- Received Greek award for most service hours to our community
- Received Greek award for involvement on campus (each brother is involved in at least one other campus organization)
- Received Greek award for Interfraternity Council dedication
- Received Greek award for Risk Management

The members of Alpha Sigma Phi have distinguished themselves in their efforts "to better the man." They have taken the need to improve their scholarship seriously. At the same time, they have demonstrated leadership in campus involvement and community service without losing sight of the importance of brotherhood.

As Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Alpha Sigma Phi has my wholehearted support in the quest for a charter. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 616.387.2150.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane K. Swartz".

Diane K. Swartz, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/
Dean of Students

The Alpha Sigma Phi (ΑΣΦ) logo, consisting of the Greek letters Alpha, Sigma, and Phi in a stylized font, set against a black rectangular background.



A shot of the Sig rafting team.



Some of the ladies that rafted with us.

Rafting in West Virginia



"Have no fear, Alpha Sigs are extensively trained in survival."



"To build and perpetuate Brotherhood"

ΑΣΦ

Spring Formal 2000



The Gentlemen of the Western Colony



President and Vice President



Brotherhood for life!



The lovely ladies of the Alpha Sigs!



Gentlemen at all times.



WMU Advisor of the Year



Philanthropy



Success



Thanks to Pi Beta Phi for their friendship.



The sign to our first house!

Brotherhood



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Alpha Sigma Phi



Western Michigan University Colony
Petition Statement
July 2001



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650 B Oakland Drive • Kalamazoo, Michigan

July 13, 2001

Dear Alpha Sigma Phi Grand Council,

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University have faced a lot of challenges since our colonization in October of 1999. I'm pleased to say that even though times might have seemed tough we held our heads up high and faced each challenge together, as a brotherhood.

One challenge we had to face was raising our dreadful gpa. At one point it was at a horrible 2.29 overall. The brothers knew something had to be done so we made some hard choices (but right ones) and raised the house gpa to a 2.6 (sixth among the fraternities at Western Michigan University).

Another challenge was when former president Mike Gnewkowski graduated. The word on campus was that with out him we would fail. They could not have been more wrong. We have proved that this fraternity is not just one man's dream, but a dream of thirty-eight men.

This fraternity means a lot to every single brother in this fraternity. Each man is proud to wear the letters on campus. For us this is more then just a group of men hanging out, it is a brotherhood.

Please, when you are looking at this petition and deciding on whether we should charter or not, please do not just look at things we have done but look at the things we are going to do. This Colony is made up of a fantastic group of men with great things awaiting them in the future.

On a side note we were not planning on sending this petition in, until the end of August. On the advice of Mr. Matson we decided to send it in earlier then expected. So that means we could not get all the information from the new members from the previous new member class. For that I am sorry. However, that does not mean that this is a lax effort. This petition we are submitting is only one piece of the puzzle from these past two in half years. We are so very excited for what is to come in the future for this organization and we hope that you too share this same excitement.

In Phi-

Shaun C. Evans

Shaun Christopher Evans
President

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The History of Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University

Some say it was destiny some say it was fate, however, on an October night in the fall of 1998 a new fraternity was erected at Western Michigan University. This was not an organization fitting the typical stereotypes of fraternities at Western; this was a different kind of brotherhood ones with dreams and a strong desire for success.

A Dream

In the fall of 1998 Alpha Sigma Phi sent Bryan Proctor to the campus of Western Michigan University with the hopes of starting an interest group. After numerous days of unsuccessful recruitment, Bryan ran across Mike Gnewkowski. Mike was interested in Fraternity life, but during his first two years at college he was not impressed with the Fraternities on this campus. Mike and Bryan chose the Roadhouse, a local bar and grill, for the first meeting of Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University on October 6, 1998. During the next few days Mike and Bryan recruited seven more brothers bringing total to eight thus far. The interest group then hit the first of many slumps in recruitment and ended the fall semester with eight men and disheartened spirits.

The New Year brought a new semester and a rejuvenated sense of motivation. On the first Tuesday of the semester the brothers headed to BW-3 for dinner. There, brothers met with potential new members for an evening of laughter and enjoyment, a night of brotherhood. All the brothers and potential new members piled into a couple cars and headed towards campus with the notion of spray-painting letters in the snow around campus. This event was a huge success and the potential new members were hooked. They awoke the next morning to find a picture of one of the brothers on the front page of the university newspaper spray-painting the letters of Alpha Sigma Phi into a snow bank. Boy, were they excited, until the editorials started coming in on "how they were ruining the environment by spray-painting the snow." However, the interest group had picked up two more recruits, bringing the number to ten (one of the original brothers had left school).

Building a Foundation

The ten brothers laid down the founding beliefs and goals of what this brotherhood would become. This fraternity would embody beliefs and values such as scholarship, brotherhood, integrity, and honesty.

Bryan Proctor returned to Western to help recruit and with him was none other than Ryan Brown. With their help, the first Alpha Sig info night was held. Bryan ordered tons of pizza and two guys showed up. They joined and so did one of their roommates. Over the next few days two more brothers were recruited bring the total to 15. The second recruitment slump hit and even with the help of Bryan and Ryan the interest group remained at a standstill until the end of the winter semester.

Life at Vandercook

The fall of 1999 brought many changes. The biggest change of all was the acquisition of Vandercook Hall. The brothers of Western became the first interest group in the history of Alpha Sigma Phi to have a house of their own. Two more men were recruited during the summer bringing the total to 16 in which 14 lived in the house. The fall of 1999 also enlightened the men with their first attempt at a formal rush period. A beach theme was chosen and the brothers had rush shirts made out of Hawaiian shirts. This technique led to the recruitment of 10 more gentlemen.

Finally, the first goal of 25 men had been reached and on October 30, 1999 the Western Michigan interest group became an official Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi. The Fall of 1999 allowed time for intramural sports, service events, social events, brotherhood events, serenading, trips to theta, and most importantly fun. The fall semester ended with total of 25 brothers.

The actions taken during the fall of 1999 led to outstanding achievements during the winter semester of 2000. The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi picked up 5 out of the 14 awards given to all fraternities at Western Michigan University during the annual Greek awards. The brothers received awards for community service, campus involvement, IFC participation, risk management, and scholarship. On top of these awards our Grand Chapter Advisor, Mr. Steven Gnewkowski, received the "Golden Bronco" award for best advisor out of all student organizations on campus. Winter rush leads to the addition of 7 more brothers.

Fall 2000

During the fall of 2000, the brothers reverted back to the basics: Scholarship and Recruitment. The brotherhood was moving ahead smoothly, but a charter still had not been attained. The two biggest problems facing the Colony were grades and numbers. All other actions became secondary to these primary needs. A large fall

recruitment lead to a total of 18 men. In terms of grades, ultimatums were issued to the brothers with unsatisfactory grades. After grades were released the brothers hoped to hear that their hard work in the classroom had paid off. However, though their hard work did show improvement it was still not up to expectation of the fraternity to submit a petition to charter.

Winter 2001

The winter semester brought a pleasant change to the fraternity one that was much needed in the areas of committee chairs and other various positions. Winter recruitment meet campus average of five men however, due to time constraints three of these young men had to withdraw from their pledge ship. As the semester progressed many successful social events happened including three substance free parties at the house. As the year and semester came to a close we enjoyed our second annual black and white formal along with awards for Most Improved GPA, our Scholarship Program and also for our Community Involvement. With having overcome many obstacles and enjoying much success over the years it brings us to this wonderful opportunity of submitting a petition for our Charter.



WMU Profile

Western Michigan University

Established 1903

Western Michigan University is a vibrant, nationally recognized student-centered research institution with an enrollment of more than 28,500. WMU is focused on delivering high-quality undergraduate instruction, advancing its growing graduate division and fostering significant research activities.

The Carnegie Foundation classifies WMU for the Advancement of Teaching as one of the nation's Doctoral/Research Universities-Extensive. It is one of only 102 public universities placed in that top category. WMU also has been named one of the nation's top 100 public universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of American colleges and universities.

Undergraduates have 165 program offerings to choose from, while the Graduate College offers 62 masters, two specialist and 25 doctoral degree programs. A number of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels have attained national recognition. The quality of campus life also is enhanced by the existence of more than 300 registered student organizations and a full array of Division I intercollegiate athletic teams.

WMU's commitment to the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge and insight has resulted in initiatives that reward faculty and student research, scholarship and creative activity. Last year, University faculty and staff conducted nearly \$46 million in externally funded research on topics ranging from nuclear physics and mathematics education to developing technology that enables citizens with special need to realize their full potential. Instructional programs are designed to increase students' capacity for learning and service to society as well as meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population.

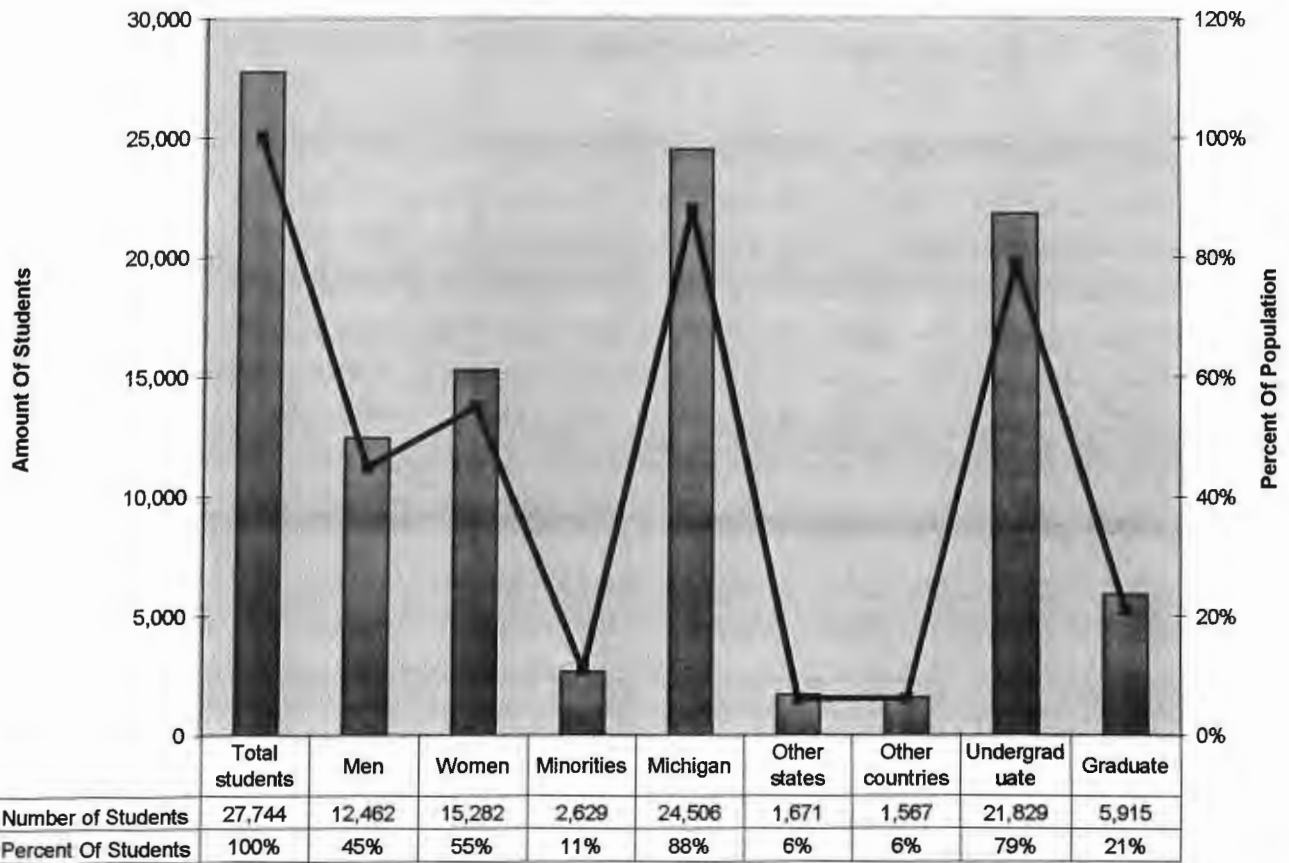
The University attracts students from every state in the union and over 100 other countries. Its more than 1,000 faculty members have been trained at some of the world's finest institutions and they bring to the University a global perspective that enhances the learning environment.

WMU's main campus is located in Kalamazoo, covers more than 550 acres, and includes 125 buildings. A new engineering campus and a Business Technology and Research Park are located on 250 acres, three miles south of the main campus. That campus is due to open in 2001. The University also has six regional centers and two off-campus study sites, which provide primarily graduate and professional education to more than 3,200 students each semester. Those regional centers and sites are located in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Holland, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Traverse City.

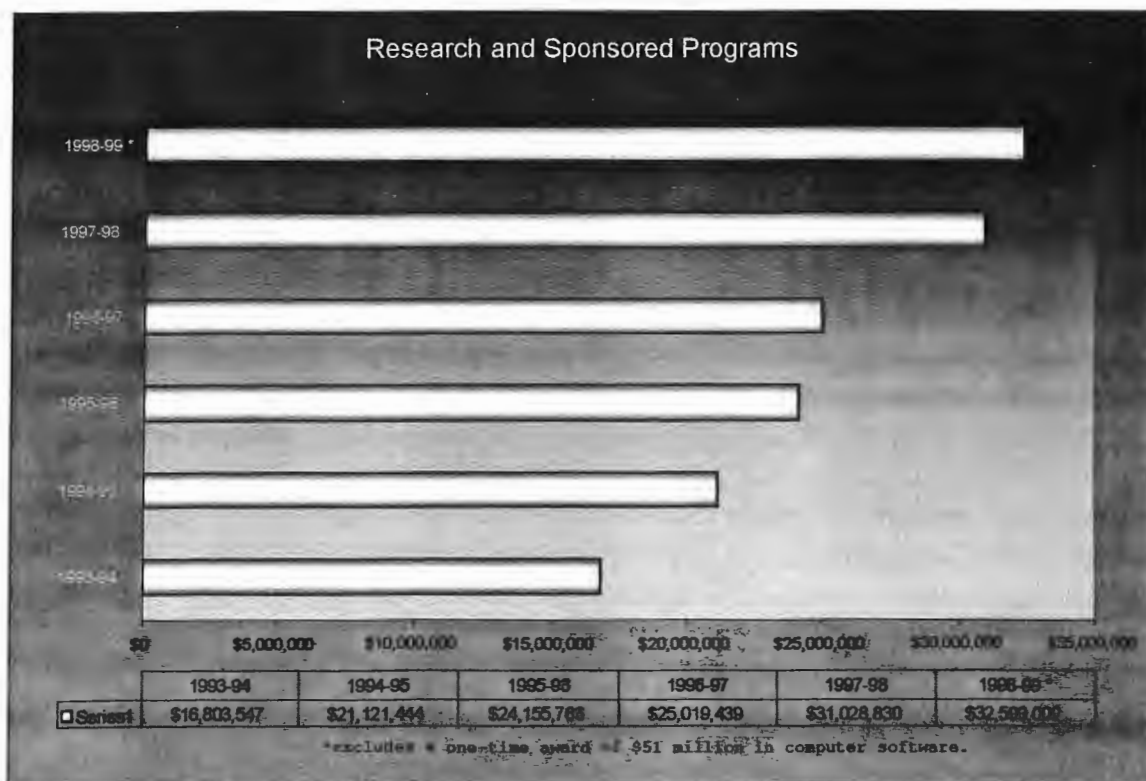
Founded in 1903, Western Michigan College became Western Michigan University when the state designated it as Michigan's fourth public university. While the state's system has grown to include 15 public universities, WMU has maintained its position as Michigan's fourth largest research university.¹

¹ Information in this document can also be found at <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/profile/index.html>

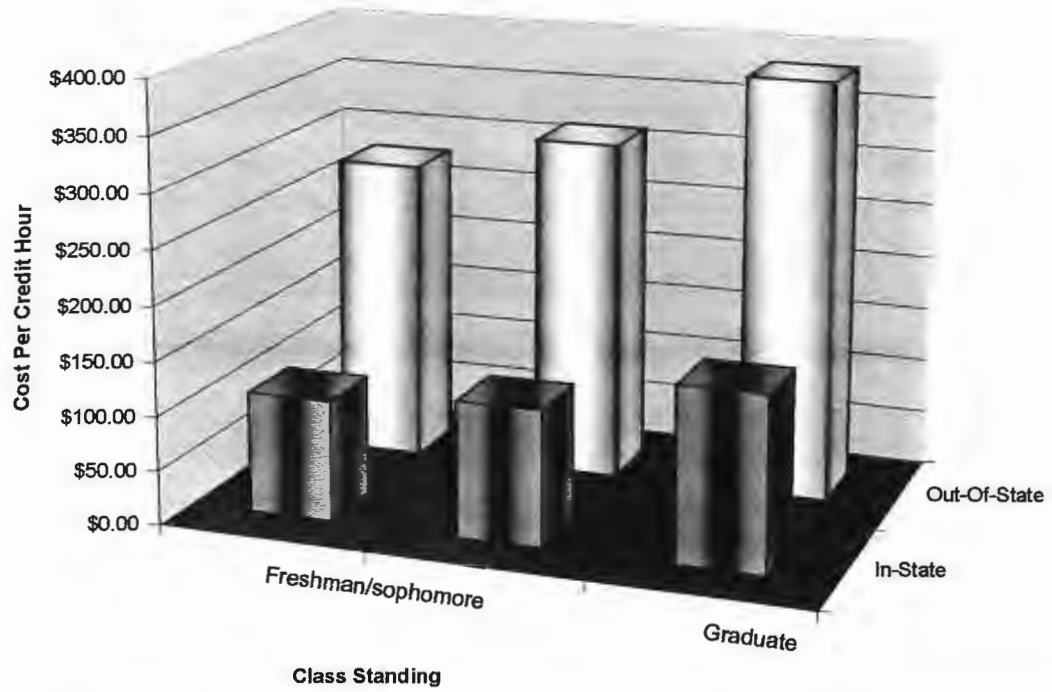
Enrollment



Research and Sponsored Programs



Student Cost



	Freshman/sophomore	Junior/senior	Graduate
In-State	\$111.40	\$124.91	\$159.62
Out-Of-State	\$279.60	\$314.03	\$384.22



Student Activities & Leadership Programs

Greek Life



Western Michigan University has had a long and rich history with its collegiate fraternities and sororities. Originally founded as debate societies in 1916, then recognized as national organizations in 1950, WMU's Greek-lettered organizations have greatly enhanced the collegiate experience for tens of thousands of students. Fraternities and sororities have provided the University an environment that enhances positive growth and development for students, in addition to offering alternative living-learning communities. These unique communities have fostered life-long friendships and a strong sense of institutional loyalty and support.

Councils:

IFC: the InterFraternity Council is the local student agency responsible for representing fraternities most of which are in the National Interfraternity Conference.

NPC: the National Panhellenic Council is the local student agency responsible for representing sororities most of which are in the National Panhellenic Conference.

NPHC: the National Pan-Hellenic Council is the local student agency responsible for representing fraternities and sororities most of which are in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

GAMMA: Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol is an organization created by the Greek community to provide alternatives to activities involving alcohol.

Sororities in the NPC:

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Phi
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Xi Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Zeta
Pi Beta Phi
Sigma Kappa
Chi Omega
Sigma Lambda Gamma

Fraternities in the IFC:

Alpha Sigma Phi (Colony)
Alpha Tau Omega
Delta Chi

Delta Tau Delta
Delta Sigma Phi
Phi Kappa Tau
Phi Sigma Kappa
Lambda Chi Alpha
Theta Chi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Chi
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sigma Lambda Beta
Sigma Nu
Sigma Pi
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Organizations in the NPHC:

Alpha Phi Alpha
Delta Sigma Theta
Iota Phi Theta
Kappa Alpha Psi
Omega Psi Phi
Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Delta Psi
Phi Eta Psi
Sigma Gamma Rho
Zeta Phi Beta



The Roster of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at
Western Michigan University

Alpha Class-Founding Fathers

1. Jeff Phillips
2. Brian Conway
3. Chris Conway
4. Cullen Geisler
5. Tom Mize
6. Robert Gosbin
7. John Lennon
8. Jeremy Putnam

Beta Class-Founding Fathers

9. Andrew Girton
10. Jason Price
11. Shaun Evans
12. Chris McDermott
13. Curtis Beckman
14. Chris Gagnier
15. Ryan Miller

Gamma Class-Charter Members

16. Alberto Arraya
17. Stephen Phenicie
18. Curtis Pelham
19. Phillip Creglow
20. Emre Cila

Delta Class-Charter Members

21. Matt Zajechowski
22. Matt Betke
23. Jason Smith

24. Mike Guilbaut
25. Eric French
26. James White
27. Brian Hartwell
28. Scott Steenwyk
29. Martin Super
30. Seth Vansyckel

Epsilon Class-Charter Members

31. Shannon Vanleuwen
32. Robert Gonczy

Alumni

1. Brian Eikenberry
2. Arturo Bonomie
3. Mike Gnewkowski
5. Chad Sattler
6. London Shavers

Academic Advisor

Greg Little John

Grand Chapter Advisor:

Steven Gnewkowski, University of
Michigan '68



Name: Jeffery Ryan Phillips
Hometown: Troy, MI
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering, Math, Physics
Nickname: Philly
Date of Birth: 06/28/78
Place of Birth: Rochester Hills, MI
Positions held: Vice President, Social Chairman
Hobbies: Mountain Biking
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To be part of creating an outstanding organization and brotherhood at Western.



Name: Brian Conway
Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
Major/minors: Computer Information Systems (CIS)
Nickname: B
Date of Birth: 9-26-79
Place of Birth: Kalamazoo, Mi
Positions held: Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Service, Philanthropy, Intramurals
Hobbies: Computers, Athletics, watching WMU athletic events
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To be a part and create a fraternity bigger and better than what Western has.



Name: Chris Conway
Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
Major/minors: Secondary Ed, History / Social Sciences
Nickname: L' Jab
Date of Birth: 9-26-79
Place of Birth: Kalamazoo
Positions held: Risk Manager President elect
Hobbies: Sports
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: Belong to something I believe in.



Name: Cullen Geisler
Hometown: Livonia, Mi
Major/minors: Integrated Supply Management
Nickname: Big Nasty
Date of Birth: 2-6-79
Place of Birth: Garden City, MI
Positions held: New member educator, Sergeant at Arms, Prudential member at large.
Hobbies: Sports, Professional Wrestling, hanging out
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted to start a new direction in Greek life on campus



Name: Tom Mize
Hometown: Niles, Michigan
Major/minors: Biomedical Sciences
Nickname: Tomas, Budmeiser
Date of Birth: 12-27-79
Place of Birth: Niles, Michigan
Positions held: Recruitment Chairmen, Marshall
Hobbies: Water skiing, fun
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To leave my mark at Western.



Name: Robert Gosbin
Hometown: Niles, Michigan
Major/minors: Political Science
Nickname: Bobby, Bobert
Date of Birth: 3-14-80
Place of Birth: Niles, Michigan
Positions held: Brotherhood Development, Marshall, Chapter Relations
Hobbies: Hunting, animals
Why did you join AΣΦ?: Friends for life.



Name: John Lennon
Hometown: Gladwin, MI
Major/minors: Computer Information Systems
Nickname: Beatle
Date of Birth: 10-11-79
Place of Birth: Sheridan, WY
Positions held: Corresponding Secretary, Sgt. At Arms, Vice-President
Hobbies: Backpacking, Camping, Music
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be a part of something bigger and start a tradition.



Name: Andrew Girton
Hometown: Niles, MI
Major/minors: Exercise Science
Nickname: Dr Dre, Drew
Date of Birth: 2-29-80
Place of Birth: Ann Arbor
Positions held: New Member Educator, IFC Delegate
Hobbies: Football, Volleyball, Weight lifting, Rollerblading
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To be a part of something unique and special, and to leave my mark of integrity and beliefs within these walls



Name: Jason Price
Hometown: Baldwin, MI
Major/minors: Phys. Ed/ Elementary Ed.
Nickname: Gumby
Date of Birth: 6/20/79
Place of Birth: Big Rapids, MI
Positions held: Intramural Director
Hobbies: Basketball
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: For non-drinking, gentlemen, and Brotherhood



Name: Shaun Evans
Hometown: Howard City, MI
Major/minors: Business management and marketing, Psychology
Nickname: Mookie
Date of Birth: 7-8-80
Place of Birth: Fort Wayne, IN
Positions held: Scholarship Chairman, Brotherhood Development, Vice President
Hobbies: Basketball, Video Games, Reading, Writing
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To be a part of something special and help it become the best.



Name: Christopher McDermott
Hometown: Taylor, MI
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering, Math, Physics
Nickname: BC
Date of Birth: 8-24-81
Place of Birth: Taylor, MI
Positions held: Prudential member at large, IFC Judicial Board, Alumni Chairman, Fundraising Chairman, Parent Chairman,
Hobbies: Keystone Leadership Society, Sports, Hanging out
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted something the other Fraternities didn't offer. I wanted a brotherhood, lifelong friendships, and an organization deep with meaning



Name: Curtis Beckman
Hometown: Dowagiac, Michigan
Major/minors: Undeclared
Nickname: Beckman, BGA
Date of Birth: 4-12-79
Place of Birth: Dowagiac, Michigan
Positions held: Merchandising Chair, Prudential Member Elect
Hobbies: Water sports, jetskiing
Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To get crazy with close friends.



Name: Chris Gagnier (*)
 Hometown: Wyandotte, MI
 Major/minors: Engineering managment
 Nickname: Gagnier
 Date of Birth: 4-5-81
 Place of Birth: Wyandotte, MI
 Positions held: N/A
 Hobbies: Ice skating, Jazz, Saxaphone, Cars
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To be involved in something better than the general trend.



Name: Ryan Miller
 Hometown: Niles, MI
 Major/minors: Biology/ Secondary Education
 Nickname: Miller
 Date of Birth: 10/18/79
 Place of Birth: South Bend, IN
 Positions held: Sargent at Arms
 Hobbies: Skiing, drums, sports, weight training
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted to be a founding father so that I could try to break the stereotype of a fraternity.



Name: Alberto Arraya
 Hometown: Costa Rica
 Major/minors: Computer Science
 Nickname: Beto
 Date of Birth: Costa Rica
 Place of Birth: 3-12-79
 Positions held: Webpage Designer
 Hobbies: Computers, gaming, hangin with friends
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: To have a group to belong to.



Name: Steven Phenicie
 Hometown: Mattawan, Michigan
 Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering
 Nickname: Scuba Steve
 Date of Birth: 1-14-80
 Place of Birth: Portage, Michigan
 Positions held: N/A
 Hobbies: Scuba diving, travel
 Why did you join ΑΣΦ?: I wanted to be a part of this brotherhood.



Name: Curtis Pelham
Hometown: Jackson, MI
Major/minors: Elementary Education
Nickname: Dumpling
Date of Birth: 5-20-81
Place of Birth: Jackson, MI
Positions held: Risk manager, Gamma Class President
Hobbies: hanging out with friends, swimming.
Why did you join AΣΦ?: I believed in the values that this fraternity stands for.



Name: Phillip Creglow
Hometown: Jackson, MI
Major/minors: Political Science
Nickname: DC (dirty creglow)
Date of Birth: 11-27-80
Place of Birth: Jackson, MI
Positions held: Treasurer
Hobbies: Football, Politics, College Republicans
Why did you join AΣΦ?: I joined to experience brotherhood and Greek life.



Name: Emre Cila
Hometown: Auburn Hills, MI
Major/minors: Aviation Science/ Aviation admin
Nickname: Shaggy
Date of Birth: 6-6-81
Place of Birth: Minneapolis, MN
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Wind Surfing, off-roading, Aviation Computer games
Why did you join AΣΦ?: I thought the guys were cool



Name: Matt Betke
Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI
Major/minors: Chemical Engineering, Math
Nickname: Dutch, Mr. Clean
Date of Birth: November 16, 1981
Place of Birth: Kalamazoo, MI
Positions held: Historian, Recruitment Chair
Hobbies: Sailing, Soccer, Running and Reading
Why did you join AΣΦ?: I loved the brotherhood that the guys here showed. They really lived up to the standards that they told me Alpha Sigma Phi had. That impressed me very much.



Name: Eric James French
Hometown: Tawas City, Michigan
Major/minors: Chemical Engineering
Nickname: Frenchy
Date of Birth: 8-22-82
Place of Birth: Tawas City, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Music, Sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: I really felt a bond with the men.



Name: Scott Robert Steenwyk
Hometown: Holland, Michigan
Major/minors: Business
Nickname: Ringo
Date of Birth: 1-9-82
Place of Birth: Holland, Michigan
Positions held: Western Student Association Representative
Hobbies: Sporting Events
Why did you join AΣΦ?: This organization is amazing and I wanted to be a part of that.



Name: James Marlon White
Hometown: Gaines, Michigan
Major/minors: Psychology
Nickname: Ray Ray
Date of Birth: 4-24-82
Place of Birth: Gaines, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To have a great time in college.



Name: Matt B. Zajechowski
Hometown: Royal Oak, Michigan
Major/minors: Computer Science
Nickname: Day Day
Date of Birth: 9-15-82
Place of Birth: Royal Oak, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Computers, gaming, and sports
Why did you join AΣΦ?: "To better the man"



Name: Martin Roschman
 Hometown: Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Major/minors: Physics and Mathematics
 Nickname:

~ Military Leave ~

Date of Birth: 11/27/79
 Place of Birth: Vail, Colorado
 Positions held: N/A
 Hobbies: Skiing

Why did you join AΣΦ?: It has provided me with friends and activities I never would have otherwise had.



Name: Jason Smith
 Hometown: Jackson, MI
 Major/minors: Broadcast/ Cable Production
 Nickname: Little G

Date of Birth: 10/10/1982
 Place of Birth: Jackson, MI
 Positions held: Public Relations
 Hobbies: Sports, Poetry, Music

Why did you join AΣΦ?: The greatest group of guys I've ever met



Name: Michael James Guilbault
 Hometown: Livonia, Michigan
 Major/minors: Undecided
 Nickname:

Date of Birth: 1-23-82
 Place of Birth: Livonia, Michigan
 Positions held: Recording/Responding Secretary
 Hobbies: Cars, movies, and brotherhood

Why did you join AΣΦ?: To better the man.



Name: Brian Christian Hartwell
 Hometown: Madison Heights, Michigan
 Major/minors: Biochemistry
 Nickname:

Date of Birth: 9-10-82
 Place of Birth: Madison Heights, Michigan
 Positions held: N/A
 Hobbies: Music, Singing

Why did you join AΣΦ?: It matched what I wanted in my life.



Name: Martin John Super
Hometown: South Haven, Michigan
Major/minors: Business Administration
Nickname: Super
Date of Birth: 4-7-82
Place of Birth: South Haven, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: A little bit of everything
Why did you join AΣΦ?: The ethics and quality of this fraternity.



Name: Shannon Vanleuwen
Hometown:
Major/minors:
Nickname:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Positions held:
Hobbies:
Why did you join AΣΦ?:



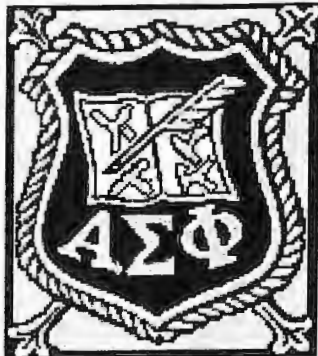
Name: Robert Gonczy
Hometown:
Major/minors:
Nickname:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Positions held:
Hobbies:
Why did you join AΣΦ?:



Name: Seth Vansyckel
Hometown: Sterling Heights, Michigan
Major/minors: Mechanical Engineering
Nickname:
Date of Birth: 1-2-79
Place of Birth: Sterling Heights, Michigan
Positions held: N/A
Hobbies: Mountain Biking
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To finish my college career on a high note.



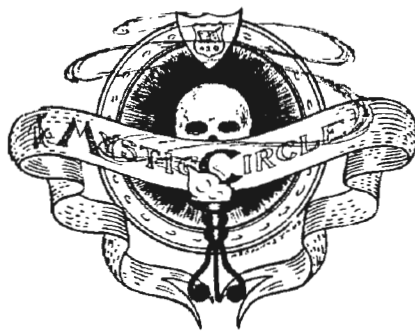
Name: Louis Dactyl
Hometown: Sterling Heights, MI
Major/minors: Speech Language Pathology Graduate Student
Nickname: Count Sauce A-lot
Date of Birth: 2-14-78
Place of Birth: Detroit, MI
Positions held: Graduate Advisor
Hobbies: Clubbing, Dominoes
Why did you join AΣΦ?:



Name: Greg S. Ampey-Littlejohn
Hometown:
Major/minors:
Nickname:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Positions held:
Hobbies:
Why did you join AΣΦ?:



Name: Steven Gnewkowski
Hometown: Dearborn, Michigan
Nickname: Mr. G
Date of Birth: 1-28-50
Place of Birth: Dearborn, Michigan
Positions held: Grand Chapter Advisor
Hobbies: Writing, music, and skiing
Why did you join AΣΦ?: To have a group to identify with.



**The
Constitution of the
Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
At
Western Michigan University
As drafted by its
Founding Fathers**

Preamble

We the Brothers comprising the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Western Michigan University, establish this Brotherhood in order to: Ameliorate men and our community; Exemplify Honor and Integrity; Be true Gentlemen; Maintain Excellence in Academics; Promote Patriotism and Pride; Propagate a Love for our Alma Mater. By ensuring and maintaining the qualities set forth by this Fraternity we can secure a prosperous future for both the Colony and her lifelong Brothers.

Article I-Name

The formal name of this organization shall be known as the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Western Michigan University. For the purposes of recognition on the Western Michigan University campus and in the surrounding communities, we will be known as Alpha Sigma Phi.

Article II-Mission

Section I-Education and Scholarship

The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University will strive for excellence in the fields of scholarship and education. Each Brother will be obligated to maintain the high standards of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section II-Brotherhood

The mission of this Colony, as set forth by the founding fathers of the Western Michigan University Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi is as follows: we pledge ourselves to build this colony on the basis of leadership, scholarship, and service. This colony will ensure each member a rich environment by which our relationships based on mutual love, respect, and support build our Brotherhood. We will seek a deeper awareness and understanding of each other as well as our community. Each man invited into this fraternity will be judged without prejudice or persecution. Together as a Brotherhood we will strive to promote our ideals abased upon "To Better the Man."

Section III-Service and Philanthropy

The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University will endeavor to dedicate its time, energy, and resources to benefit others within the surrounding communities of Kalamazoo, Western Michigan University, and the Greek system of Western Michigan University.

Article III - Membership

Section I: Members of this Fraternity shall be properly pledged Brothers of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Western Michigan University beginning with the date of colonization, October 30, 1999 and ending upon the date which this fraternity ceases to exist. All members initiated on the date of October 30, 1999 will be known as the "Founding Fathers" of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University. Members initiated after Colonization shall be known as "the Founding Fathers the Chapter" until chartering is conferred.

Section II: All duly initiated new members of this fraternity shall be considered Brothers and receive all the accompanying rights of Brotherhood.

Section III: Membership shall be acquired only through the acceptance of an invitation extended by the Fraternity in accordance with the By-laws of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, Western Michigan University.

Section IV: In order to be initiated as a Brother of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University, new members **must complete the New Member Education Program** and fulfill its requirements.

Section V: The Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Western Michigan University will not discriminate against any man interested in this organization based on age, race, creed, color, religion, or sexual preference, however, he will need to demonstrate virtues favorable to this Brotherhood and meet the requirements set forth by this Colony and Western Michigan University.

Section VI: Membership in said Fraternity may be limited, suspended, or revoked through a judicial process consistent with the constitution and By-laws adopted by the Colony and the National Fraternity.

Section VII: The Prudential Board may only recommend the suspension of a member of this Fraternity if a three-fifths (3/5) majority of the Prudential Board is in agreement with the suspension.

Article IV - Meetings

Section I: Chapter meetings of the Colony shall be held weekly at a pre-stated time throughout the academic year of Western Michigan University. The Prudential Board may choose to cancel, reschedule, or add Chapter Meetings when they deem it necessary.

Section II: The Brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony may add additional Chapter Meetings by petition of the general assembly containing signatures of two-thirds of all members in good standing (see By-Laws).

Section III: Policies, consistent with colony policy as stated in this constitution and bylaws, may be assessed by the prudential board for absence from a fraternity event or meeting.

Article V - Officers and Elections

Section I: The elected officers of this Colony shall be the President Elect, Vice President Elect, Treasurer Elect, Two Elect Members At Large of the Prudential Committee, Recording Secretary Elect, Corresponding Secretary Elect, Interfraternal Council Representative(s) Elect, Rush Chairman Elect, Social Chairman Elect, Scholarship Chairman Elect, Service Chairman Elect, Sergeant at Arms Elect, Marshal Elect, Public Relations Elect, New Member Educator Elect, Historian Elect, Fundraising Chairman Elect, Athletic/Intramural Chairman Elect, Brotherhood Development Chairman Elect, and the Parent/Alumni Correspondent Elect.

Section II: To be eligible for election to one of the said positions of this Fraternity the Brother must be in good standing according to the By-laws and policies of the fraternity.

Section III: The privilege of voting in said Fraternity shall only apply to duly initiated Brothers in good standing.

Section IV: For elected positions of the Prudential Board and any other elected position specified in the By-laws of this Fraternity there shall be no more than two candidates at the final election for each such position. Procedures for determining the final two candidates shall be conducted fairly and in accordance with the By-laws of said Fraternity.

Section V: Elections for said positions shall be held the second Sunday of October each and every year. From that point until the day of induction, the third Sunday in January, Elect members shall correspond and work along with their respective future position.

Section VI: This Fraternity shall not accept votes by proxy for elections or any other fraternity vote. If a member wishes to vote but is unable to attend the appropriate meeting they shall place their vote in a sealed envelope and submit it as instructed by fraternity policy.

Article VI: Committees

Section I: Standing Committees of this fraternity shall consist of the Prudential Board, Recruitment Committee, Social Committee, Service and Philanthropy Committee, Brotherhood Development Committee, and Fundraising Committee.

Section II: The Prudential Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Two Members at Large. The Vice President shall Chair the board and abstain from all votes with exception to breaking a tie.

Section III: The Prudential Board shall be the executive committee of the fraternity and whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the financial, managerial, and operational aspects of the fraternity.

Section IV: Prudential Board Meetings are open to all members of the fraternity who wish to attend on the condition of silence; however, the Vice President has the right to remove visiting members on the grounds of unprofessional behavior.

Section V: The Vice President and the Committee Chairmen are responsible for the managerial actions of their respective committees.

Section VI: The Prudential Board can create Special Committees to perform specific tasks. These committees must be approved by the General Assembly if they are to exist for duration of longer than one month.

Section VII: The Judicial Board shall review and enforce the Constitution and By-laws, and be comprised of the President, the Vice President, and three elected officials. The President shall serve as the Chairman of this board.

Section VIII: Each special committee shall elect within themselves their own Chairman. Ties shall be decided by the vote of the Vice President.

Article VII: Finances

Section I: The revenues of this fraternity shall be derived from member's dues, fundraising activities, sponsorships, and any donations consistent with the ideals of this fraternity.

Section II: The finances shall be handled by the Prudential Board and Treasurer in a combined effort.

Article VIII: Hazing

Section I: No member shall engage in conduct with prospective brothers that is not consistent with the ideals, both implied and stated, of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Section II: Every person, whether prospective brother or initiated member shall be treated in accordance with their rights as a human beings and citizens of the United States of America. This fraternity will not tolerate or

condone the harassment, abuse, or violation of any of these rights by any member or prospective brother of this fraternity.

Section III: If any prospective brothers or members feel that they have been physically or psychologically abused in any way it is their right to contact an advisor who will bring their case to the attention of the Prudential Board, General Assembly, or National Headquarters, as they see fit, in order to bring about an equitable solution.

Article IX: Amendments to the Constitution

Section I: Amendments may be brought to vote in the general assembly by action of the Prudential Board or by any member in good standing accompanied by a petition signed by fifty percent of all members in good standing of the fraternity.

Section II: Amendments to this constitution shall be ratified and adopted upon receiving the assent of a four-fifths majority of all members of this fraternity who are in good standing.

Section III: Upon ratification, members of the general assembly, by a simple majority, shall vote to establish the activation date of the just ratified constitutional amendment.

The By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University Colony

Preamble:

We, the Pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Western Michigan University Chapter, adopt these by-laws to further the foundation provided for under the Constitution of our Fraternity. These by-laws are intended to adhere to the spirit of that Constitution, and to promote the common goals that are one and the same for the Fraternity.

Article I: Continuance of By-Laws

These by-laws ratified by the Colony of Western Michigan University shall automatically continue, unabridged and unaltered, to govern the Fraternity when said colony receives the National Charter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, unless amended in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

Article II: Supremacy of Constitution

If the thoughts, words, or ideals espoused within these by-laws are found to be in conflict with the thoughts, words, or ideals of the Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University Chapter, then the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the Constitution on every occasion.

Article III: Scholarship

Section 1: To be a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University you must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.30. If a brother's cumulative GPA falls below a 2.30, he will be placed on academic probation for one semester. If he is unable to raise his

cumulative GPA above a 2.30 by the end of that one semester, he will be referred to the Judicial Board.

Section 2: If a brother's semester GPA falls under a 2.30 that brother will be placed on academic probation the following semester. If a brother has three straight semesters under a 2.30 he will be referred to Judicial Board.

Section 3: A brother on academic probation can only play on one intramural team, attend three social events, participate in four brotherhood events, and can not attend formal or semi-formal.

Section 4: To hold an elected position in Alpha Sigma Phi a brother must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.

Section 5: New members are required to do four study hours a week. Two at the house and two on their own.

Section 6: Mid-term check ups will be done at the half waypoint of every semester by the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section 7: Voting rights shall be suspended until probation is ended and the Brother is restored to good standing.

Article IV: New Members

Section 1: All persons wishing to become a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University, shall meet the following prerequisites before receiving a bid:

- a) Must be a male full-time student of Western Michigan University
- b) Must not be affiliated with another social or secret Greek society
- c) Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at Western Michigan University or a previous institution

Section 2: Membership in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University can only be obtained by acceptance of an invitation offered by the general assembly.

Section 3: An invitation is extended to a prospective member under the following conditions:

- a) The general assembly shall vote at either a Chapter Meeting or in a special meeting called strictly for the purpose of extending invitations.
- b) The Recruitment Chairman shall chair any special meeting.
- c) No prospective members shall be present at the voting session
- d) Each prospective member must have at least one Brother speak to the assembly on his behalf
- e) The vote to extend a prospective member an invitation must be unanimous.

Section 4: The class of a New Member is determined by the date of that member's pinning ceremony.

Section 5: A prospective member who is extended an invitation to become a full member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University has a time period not to exceed one (1) week from the date he was notified of the invitation to accept or decline said invitation. Requests for an extension of this period shall be evaluated and decided on a case by case basis by the Prudential Board.

Section 6: A prospective member who is offered an invitation and declines has the right to do so without explanation.

Article V: Brotherhood Development

Section 1: No brother shall consume or have alcohol in his possession in the Alpha Sigma Phi House. Those in violation of this policy shall be banned from living in the fraternity house of said fraternity.

Section 2: No brother shall consume alcohol while displaying the letters or insignia of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity on him.

Section 3: “For He’s an Alpha Sig” is to be sung only to brothers for special occasions.

Section 4: Disputes and concerns between brothers are to be mediated by the Brotherhood Development chair.

Section 5: Two events must be held in the name of the Brotherhood Development Committee each semester and must involve promoting brotherhood. One event must incorporate at least 1/3 of the committee budget; this event is to be made so that every member is able to attend and has to be away from the place of the chapter meeting.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1: Committees are the responsibility of and under the direct control of

each individual committee chairman.

Section 2: A committee's goals and duties shall be consistent with the duties of the respective chairman.

Section 3: Actions and decisions of each committee may be overruled or amended by the Prudential Board of said Fraternity, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly.

Section 4: Actions and decisions of the Prudential Board, including judicial decisions, may be overruled or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly.

Section 5: Committees, with the approval of the Prudential Board or the general assembly, may adopt policies that aid in the governance of the Fraternity.

Section 6: The President, with the approval of the Prudential Board, may appoint members to special committees to further the best interest of the Fraternity.

Article VII: Officers

Section 1: The standing officers of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University shall be those listed in the Constitution of said chapter.

Section 2: Additional officer positions may be added or officer positions removed by amendment to the Constitution or these by-laws of this Fraternity.

Section 3: Duties of each respective officer shall be based on but not limited to those duties and responsibilities as described in the Alpha Sigma Phi Officers Guide. Written Fraternity policy, as well as precedent, shall also be taken into consideration in executing the duties and responsibilities of an officer position. Additional responsibilities may be placed on an officer by the Prudential Board or by the General Assembly.

Section 4: An officer of said fraternity may be removed from office by decision of the Prudential Board or by action of the General Assembly. Officers may be removed from office for any of the following reasons: negligence of duties, conduct improper of an officer and an embarrassment to the Fraternity, incapacitation, disciplinary action of Western Michigan University, violation of State or Federal Law, or actions, that are detrimental to the Fraternity as a whole.

Section 5: Removal from office requires recommendation by the Prudential Board and requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the General Assembly.

Section 6: Officers removed from office by decision of the Prudential Board may be reinstated by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the General Assembly.

Section 7: Vacant officer positions may be filled by appointment from the Prudential Board, or by a recommendation of the General Assembly. If a position on the Prudential Board becomes vacant that position must be filled at the next full Chapter Meeting by a vote of the General Assembly. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly may overturn other appointments to officer positions by the Prudential Board.

Article VIII: Chapter Meetings

Section 1: A quorum of over half (1/2) of the members in good standing of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Western Michigan University must be present at the Chapter Meeting for a voting session to be held.

Section 2: The Chapter Meeting's dress code, entry into the Chapter Room, and meeting conduct shall be determined by the chapter's Sergeant At Arms.

Section 3: In order to vote at a Chapter Meeting, a Brother must bear the pin of Alpha Sigma Phi over his heart.

Section 4: If any active Brother misses more than three Chapter Meetings in the same semester, he shall be sent before the Judicial Board for review.

Article IX: Dues

Section 1: This fraternity shall pay, and hold members liable for, any and all dues assessed on Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Western Michigan University Colony by National Headquarters and Inter-Fraternal Council of said fraternity.

Section 2: The final due date for local dues shall be the third Sunday of the fall and Winter semesters each and every year.

Section 3: Local dues shall be set no later than five (5) months preceding the final due

date of such specified amount.

Section 4: Local dues, upon chartering, shall be no less than fifty dollars (\$50) and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).

Section 5: All members who do not have the ability to pay their dues, rent owed to the fraternity, and other costs, or any part thereof, must develop a payment plan with the assistance of the treasurer to be approved by the Prudential Board. The financial good standing of that member is contingent upon adherence to that previously presented and approved plan.

Section 6: All members whose payments are delinquent thirty (30) days and who do not honor their payment plans for dues, rent, and other costs are considered not in good financial standing, and will be suspended from fraternity activities until a payment is made, but not less than two weeks.

Article X: Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendments to the Bylaws of the Western Michigan University Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi can only be passed in one of the following manners.

First, a proposal for each Bylaw may be submitted to the Prudential Committee in writing to be voted upon and passed on to a Chapter meeting by simple majority of the Prudential Committee. Once the proposal is passed by the Prudential Committee it shall be brought in front of the brotherhood at a Chapter meeting and can only be passed as a Bylaw with a vote of 2/3 majority of all active brothers in good standing present at the Chapter meeting.

Or

Second, a proposal for each Bylaw with an attached petition signed by 50% of the active brothers in good standing may be brought to a Chapter meeting and voted upon by the brotherhood. Each Bylaw can then be passed by a vote of 2/3 majority by all active brothers in good standing present at the Chapter meeting.



Goals

What is the goal behind the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University? What is their reason for being? The easy answer to that is to perpetuate brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

Of course if you ask any brother off any chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi they would answer that. What really makes the Western Michigan Colony special? A group guys who each are very distinctly different and bound together by a common goal: Improvement and success.

Each brother can draw from each other's experiences in life to help better one's self. For example one brother from the inner city of Chicago and another from a small country town can talk about different issues and learn from each other.

Every brother brings something different to the table, whether it's ones ability to see the other side of things or doing what is right even though it may not be popular. This is what makes Alpha Sigma Phi at Western great, the brothers coming together as incomplete individuals and coming out a whole. Each so different from one another yet cut from a common mold.

In the following pages will a description of what the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University plans to do for this coming year and goals that some brothers have for the future of the fraternity.

Goals for Next Year

As you can see we all ready have most of next year's events planned out (next few pages). The emphasis this year will be on strengthening the ever-growing brotherhood and spreading out into the community through more service to the city of Kalamazoo. Here is a break down on what we plan to do next year:

Brotherhood: Brotherhood is an everyday thing not just a once a month event. That is the main belief of the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University. Our goal for next year is for a brother to be able to call any brother up at any time for help.

Encourage guys who normally do not hang out together to actually go out and do something. To accomplish this we will be hosting special roundtables and retreats. If this were achieved then it would be the ultimate brotherhood.

Service & Philanthropy: Service will be a big part of our year next year. We want to regain our title of number one in service again. Plus we are planning on doing the philanthropy event the mud tug and another event later on in the year.

Scholarship: Our house g.p.a has risen from a 2.23 two year's ago to a 2.60. We expect more improvement with our mentoring program. The mentoring program is where brothers with good leadership skills and quality g.p.a's are in control of five other brothers to make sure that they study and keep their grades up.

Alumni: Now that we have five alumni we plan to kick off the year with a golf outing for parents and alumni. Plus we have our traditional homecoming weekend for parents and alumni.

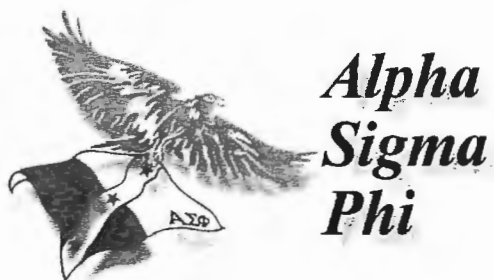
Recruitment: This year's goal is to focus on recruiting quality guys not quantity. Recruitment has all ready begun with chalking the side walk during freshmen orientation and the soon to be sent out phoenix scholarship. Also the events planned for "recruitment" week (on the calendar) are planned to get away from the stereotypical rush where one just goes to the house.

New Member Education: We have high hopes for our new member education program since the new program will be in its second semester. The promotion of brotherhood and the valuable life lessons learned along with the fraternities' history is what our new member program is all about.

Future Goals

1. To work closer as a brotherhood, and to get things accomplished as a group, not individually.
2. To spread the positions out to everyone that is qualified to hold one, and not to have one person hold a number of positions.
3. To make sure that our number one goal for every school year is to have high academic standards.
4. To make sure to follow the rules implemented in the by-laws,

- and the constitution that we have worked so hard on.
5. To make sure we are still recruiting gentleman that are good for the bettering of Alpha Sigma Phi, and not to recruit just because we need guys.
 6. Ensure that our chapter stays on the upward path and becomes known at WMU as the "best of the best" on campus.
 7. Have more "visible" leaders within the chapter.
 8. Spread out more into the community.
 9. Be known for good things that we do around the city.
 10. Develop a brotherhood where you can call someone twenty years in the future because you're in trouble and he would drop everything to help you.
 11. To regain the vigor and rate at which we were first expanded and growing.
 12. Create a formula and stick to it for obtaining our own house.
 13. Make it known to our University and Community that we are not another "party frat", but a group of united, determined gentlemen.
 14. Earn more respect within the Greek community.
 15. Continue our strong community service.
 16. Maintain and improve our brotherhood.
 17. Grow in numbers and in strength within each brother's mind body and soul.
 18. Achieve greatness at Western and on a National level.
 19. Follow in the footsteps of our forefathers in binding ourselves to this fraternity of men.
 20. To be the best that we can be.
 21. To achieve campuses most prestigious award the Standard of Excellence.
 23. To be awarded the Gary A. Anderson Award.
 22. And finally, to achieve Alpha Sigma Phi's most prestigious award the Grand Senior President's Award.



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Positions in Alpha Sigma Phi:

President: Shaun Evans (acting)

Vice President: Shaun Evans

Treasurer: Robert Gosbin

Prudential Members at Large: Thomas Mize, Cullen Geisler

Corresponding and Recording Secretary: Michael Guilbault

Recruitment Chairman: Andrew Gorton

Risk Management Chairman: Curtis Pelham

New Member Educator: Andrew Gorton

Social Chairman: Christopher McDermott

Sergeant At Arms: Christopher McDermott

Marshall: Thomas Mize

Editor: Christopher McDermott

Service and Philanthropy Chairman: Brian Conway

Scholarship Chairman: Eric French

Western Student Association Representative: Scott Steenwyk

IFC Representative: Curtis Pelham

Intramural Chairman: Jason Price

Webpage Design: Alberto Arraya

Merchandise Chairman: Curtis Beckman

Grand Chapter Advisor: Steven Gnewkowski

Academic Advisor: Greg Littlejohn

Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University Budget Breakdown

Housing Fund	\$26,900.00
Rent Payment to WMU	(\$14,250.00)
Insurance	(\$500.00)
ServiceMaster	(\$1,695.88)
Household Supplies	(\$521.59)
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	\$9,932.53

Recruitment Budget	\$345.00
Sig-E-Que	(\$117.84)
Rush Week	(\$172.38)
Optional Rush	(\$49.26)
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	\$5.52

IFC Budget	\$345.00
Member Dues	(\$345.00)
New-Member Dues	(\$168.00)
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	(\$168.00)

Historian	\$69.00
Film	(\$8.17)
Camera	(\$23.00)
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	\$37.83

Scholarship Budget	\$92.00
Steak & Beans	(\$15.80)
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	\$76.20

Risk Management	\$46.00
Phone	(\$61.46)
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	(\$15.46)

Social Budget	\$345.00
Pumpkin Carving	(\$51.00)
Nuveau Room	\$125.00
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	\$419.00

Formal Budget	\$1,150.00
T-Shirts	(\$230.00)
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	\$920.00

Brotherhood Budget	\$230.00
Bowling	(\$45.00)
Dinners	(\$117.42)
Football	(\$40.00)
President's Cup	(\$75.72)
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	(\$48.14)

New Member Budget	\$115.00
Spray Paint	(\$19.59)
Welcome Dinner	(\$61.16)
Pinning Food	(\$62.19)
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	(\$27.94)

Administration Budget	\$92.00
Receipt Books	(\$12.70)
Copies	(\$22.54)
Supplies	(\$53.50)
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	\$3.26

Philanthropy Budget	\$115.00
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	\$115.00

Service Budget	\$69.00
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	\$69.00

General Fund	\$2,500.00
Scholarship	(\$100.00)
Grills	(\$96.71)
Volleyball	(\$50.87)
Impact	(\$45.00)
Calendar	(\$50.00)
Speaker	(\$100.00)
Paint Supplies	(\$131.45)
Keys	(\$50.00)
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	\$1,875.97

Alpha Sigma Phi Western Michigan University Dues Breakdown

		# of Members	Total
Brotherhood	10	32	\$230
Development			
Recruitment	15		\$345
IFC Dues	15		\$345
New Member Education	5		\$115
Scholarship	4		\$92
Service	3		\$69
Philanthropy	5		\$115
Risk Management	2		\$46
Administration	4		\$92
Historian	3		\$69
Social	15		\$345
Formal/Semi-Formal	50		\$1,150
In-House Total	\$131		\$3,013
Parlor/Insurance	35	4	\$140
Out-of-House Total	\$166		\$3,153

LEASE AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to rent from the Western Michigan University chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Room _____ of Vandercook Residence Hall, 650 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 for a period of six months beginning on or about November 1, 2000, and ending April 30, 2001, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed a copy of the sample lease agreement that has been executed between Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Western Michigan University.
2. I agree to abide by the terms of the lease, the specific Rules and Regulations set forth in Paragraph 32 thereof, and such other rules as the fraternity may from time to time establish.
3. I agree to promptly pay rent to the fraternity for the use of the described premises in the following manner (circle one):

Each Month (\$175.00) commencing November 1, 2000

Fall Semester (\$350.00)

Entire school year (\$1,050.00)

4. I understand and agree that any fines assessed by the University for violations or damage caused by me or found to exist in my room, shall be payable by me personally and shall not be the responsibility of the fraternity.
5. My deposit of \$_____ accompanies this signed agreement and shall be applied toward my rent.

C O P Y

Dated: _____

Signed: _____

74. Agreement Signatures. All parties to this Agreement signed this Agreement on the _____ day of _____, 2000, have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth above.

LESSOR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Date: 8/27/00

By: [Signature]
Lowell P. Rinker

[Signature]
Witness

Its: Assistant Treasurer

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TENANT
ALPHA SIGMA PHI
HOUSE CORPORATION

Date: JULY 29, 2000

By: [Signature]

[Signature]
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Its: PRESIDENT

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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

December 3, 2000

Mr. Stevan Veldkamp
Assistant Director of Student Activities & Leadership Programs
Western Michigan University
2420 Faunce Student Services Building
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5356
(616) 387-2115

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity
8645 Guion Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Dear Grand Council Members,

To live for brotherhood, develop leadership skills and helping the community are traits of an outstanding fraternity -- the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony has proven that they have mastered these traits. Strong continual efforts in recruitment of new members, proven leadership skills and an accomplished community service record all make the colony worthy of chapter status.

Moreover, Alpha Sigma Phi is already leading the charge in sending leaders out into the Greek and campus communities. Members are involved in many other student organizations on campus and won our campus Greek Award for Campus Involvement at our 2000 Greek Night of Excellence Awards Banquet. Alpha Sigma Phi, also, won the Community Involvement award for having the most hours spent in community service during the 1999-2000 academic school year. It is outstanding that such a young group recognizes that long term growth comes from entrenching itself in the community.

I have had the pleasure of working with the leadership of the colony, helping them out whenever they seek it. The colony's consistent communication with me as Greek Advisor, their programming, community service, commitment to our risk management policy, and their demonstration of living their public ritual, have been exceptional. I fully support them becoming a chapter.

Should you have any questions in regards to granting them a charter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (616) 387-2115.

Fraternaly,



Stevan J. Veldkamp
Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs
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Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
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Gentlemen:

It is appropriate that as Alpha Sigma Phi celebrates the 155th anniversary of its founding, a select group of young men dedicated to the same principles as the original founding fathers are petitioning The Grand Council to charter a chapter at Western Michigan University.

As Grand Chapter advisor I have had the privilege to witness first hand the birth of a new chapter. I have watched with admiration the tireless effort and unwavering commitment of these individuals to establishing a new standard for excellence on campus.

Since colonizing on October 30, 1999, the group has grown in both numbers and stature. They have participated in community service projects, attended leadership training, improved their scholastic standing, and created a supportive environment that allows each man the opportunity to reach his personal potential. They have also networked extensively with other chapters and learned the methods and mechanics of running a successful chapter. Their efforts have not only bettered the man, they have also bettered the local public perception of Greek life as the first substance-free fraternity at WMU.

In my judgement, this group has earned the right to call themselves Alpha Sigs, and to be initiated into the Mystic Circle. It is therefore without reservation that I endorse the petition to charter the WMU Colony.

Please let me know if you require any additional information, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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December 11, 2000

Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
8645 Guion Road
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Dear Members of the Grand Council:

I am pleased to write on behalf of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. They are in the process of seeking a charter for their organization. As Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, it gives me great pleasure to recommend this organization to you. The motto "to better the man" aptly describes the initiatives and accomplishments of Alpha Sigma Phi at Western Michigan University. Allow me to enumerate.

During the past two years, Alpha Sigma Phi has recruited 49 men into the only alcohol-free chapter house on our campus. Currently 30 members reside in the on-campus facility. The members of Alpha Sigma Phi are known as gentlemen on campus and take great pride in this reputation. Over the course of the past two years, they have received the following recognitions at Western Michigan University:

- Received Greek award for most service hours to our community
- Received Greek award for involvement on campus (each brother is involved in at least one other campus organization)
- Received Greek award for Interfraternity Council dedication
- Received Greek award for Risk Management

The members of Alpha Sigma Phi have distinguished themselves in their efforts "to better the man." They have taken the need to improve their scholarship seriously. At the same time, they have demonstrated leadership in campus involvement and community service without losing sight of the importance of brotherhood.

As Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Alpha Sigma Phi has my wholehearted support in the quest for a charter. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 616.387.2150.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane K. Swartz".

Diane K. Swartz, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/
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