



Alpha Sigma Phi Colony
at
Binghamton University

Petition For Charter





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Letter From The Founder



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December 5, 2002

Mr. John B. Gibson Jr.
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Dear Brother Gibson & The Grand Council,

As current Vice-President, former President and Founder of the Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Binghamton University it is my honor to have my name attached to the document we are presenting to you at this time. Over the last two and a half years I have had the opportunity to see this colony grow from an idea I had with a couple of friends to the outstanding organization you see before you today.

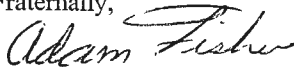
To begin with I would like to comment on why I chose to start a fraternity and then proceed to explain how I came to choose Alpha Sigma Phi, or rather how it chose me. I came to Binghamton University looking to start a new life with new friends and as I searched around for what the campus had to offer I noticed that Greek Life lacked something. It lacked quality, integrity, and most of all true brotherhood. I had not decided whether or not I would join a fraternity but I also knew that none of the options available to me were ones I would ever consider. And so it came to be that along with three friends we decided to start our own fraternity based on the foundations of brotherhood, community service, and philanthropy.

As for how Alpha Sigma Phi chose me, that is an interesting story. Approximately 15 minutes into my search for a fraternity I received an instant message from a friend in Maryland asking me what I was up to. I replied and she mentioned that a friend of hers, Ethan Kraus, had been part of a group that started up a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi at Maryland University. Subsequently, I received a call from both Ethan and Matt Mattson who I began talks with about the values I was looking for in a fraternity and if they matched those of Alpha Sigma Phi. Fast forwarding many conversations and two years of hard work, sweat and dedication from many brothers and we arrive at the scene of something purely inspirational; a group of men that have come together under the common purpose of uniting as brothers while at the same time giving back to the community that we are now a part of.

This colony has not only become the leading fraternity on campus but we have been the example time and time again of what a fraternity should be. Our efforts in the areas of community service and philanthropy have received praise from all we have worked with. We have gone against all stereotypes that a fraternity receives in today's society and are an example of an organization that can succeed without hazing its' new members. Academically we have the highest average GPA of all social fraternities on campus and are also the only social fraternity over a 3.0 GPA.

I am proud to be a brother and an officer of this colony. I can hardly wait for the day when we can stand before you and accept our membership into the fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Faternally,



Adam H. Fisher
Colony Vice-President, Founder



Letter From The President



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January 8, 2003

Mr. John B. Gibson Jr.
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Dear Brother Gibson and Grand Council,

It is not only with a great sense of honor that I write this letter to you but also with a greater sense of excitement. As this letter affords me the opportunity to do what I do best, which is brag about our Fraternity to you. Since my term began late in the spring semester of 2002, the Colony at Binghamton University has grown by leaps and bounds. From our humbled beginnings this semester, we have grown in size and strength. Our Colony has furthermore moved into the role as one of the most proactive Fraternities on campus.

Over the course of this semester we have initiated seven new members into our Colony. This may seem like an ordinary task at any of our school that enrolls 12,000 students, but it becomes extra ordinary when you take into consideration that the average New Member Class size consisted of two or three members this fall. And, we can only wait with anticipation for next semester's new member class because it promises to be even bigger. I would not be over-estimating if I made the prediction of a fifteen person New Member Class consisting of all high quality gentlemen. One other point of information that I think is apropos is the fact that we have not had any pledge de-pledge while involved in our New Member Education Program. In fact, all members are left with an immense sense of accomplishment and trust in their newfound Brothers. We also like to boast about the emphasis we put on academics while new members go through our New Member Education Program. During this program we have seen numerous participants' grades increase. As you can tell, we put major emphasis on striving to improve ourselves and take the mission of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to heart as we strive: "To Better The Man."

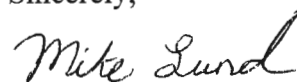
This year has already lived up to the excitement we had at the end of last year as we looked with anticipation towards this year, and promises to get even better. The Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Binghamton University have taken Greek Life by the reins as we try to revamp Greek Life on campus. Since the spring semester of 2002 the Colony has been recognized with full status on the Inter-Fraternal Council. Completing all the requirements and taking a leadership role our Brothers have gained the respect of the other IFC Chapters as well as serve as a role model for other potential IFC candidates. At the Inter-Fraternal Council elections held this December, Alpha Sigma Phi has further stepped into two more leadership roles. We had two Brothers

elected to the seven person executive board. With Brothers taking responsibilities as IFC Secretary and Rush Chairman, we not only gain two more votes on IFC matters but also gain a major say in how Greek Life is promoted on campus. With one of the major problems the IFC is facing being low recruitment, the Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi will have the most influential part in reaching the untapped resources and promote Greek Life to the non-stereotypical Frat Brother. As a Chapter we realize that through the promotion of our values we can recruit active new members as opposed to "Letter Brothers." And we feel, through this, we can change Greek Life in Binghamton into any other than ordinary or stereotypical.

I would be doing a disservice to the Colony as well as you, if I did not convey to you how much the Brothers of the Binghamton Colony have already benefited from being a part of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. I could not feel satisfied on a personal level if I had not conveyed how much I have taken from my membership of Alpha Sigma Phi. I know I have gained lasting support and friendships from not only my Brothers at Binghamton but also with Brothers from Bowling Green, Hartford, Cornell, Rutgers and Indiana as well as members of the national staff, Jeremy Rodgers and Jim Vanek. The Colony at Binghamton University have obtained so much, from and each other, that our experiences have left an indelible mark on each one of us for life, and we now cannot wait to uncover the rest of the hidden meanings of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. As we forge our way into the future; being our Brothers' keeper, we want to continue to contribute to our University and the Community, while supporting, promoting and living the values of Alpha Sigma Phi.

On a final note, I would like to address the absence of our Greek Advisor's and Chapter Advisor's letters of recommendation. On the point of our Greek Advisor, Binghamton University just lost our advisor to another university, but has filled the position temporarily until we find a full time replacement. Therefore our New Greek Advisor has had to hit the ground running and thus did not have the time to write a letter of recommendation about an organization he has just come into contact with. I can assure you that, by the time you receive this letter, our Greek Advisor would not mind commenting on our action within the IFC as well as on campus. As for our Chapter Advisor Letter of Recommendation, for the past few months we have been meeting with Tomas Nirchi to discuss the possibility of him being our Chapter Advisor. As per my last conversation with Tom, as well as Jeremy Rodger's meeting with him, I am fairly certain that Tom will be our Advisor. It is due to these reasons why those two sections were omitted from our final petition. Lastly, I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Lund".

Michael R. Lund
President, Fall 02 – Spring 03
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
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Recommendations



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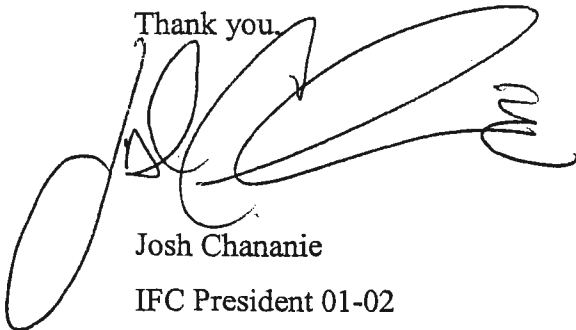
To the Alpha Sigma Phi Administrative Office,

It gives me great pleasure as the Inter Fraternity Council President of Binghamton University to write to you about your Binghamton chapter. In my year as president they have made amazing progress. Once given the opportunity to become part of the IFC your chapter has set the standard on this campus for what it is to be fraternity gentlemen. Their attendance and participation at campus and fraternity/sorority events has been nothing but outstanding. They are always willing to lend a hand to me no matter what the situation.

As President I have been in constant contact with them wanting to hear of their every move to help make this transition a smooth one. Service and Philanthropy are their two top priorities. I can honestly say that they do more service and philanthropy as a chapter than the rest of the entire IFC. As I stated before their involvement in the IFC and Greek community have been nothing but positive and they continue to do only good things. Since becoming members they have taken the position of leaders on this campus and have directed their primary focus on rush.

In my eyes, in about a year or two, I see your chapter being the most prosperous on this campus. I have been with them since the beginning and it has been a pleasure working with them. They really are a great group of gentlemen and they wear your letters proudly because they exemplify everything that it is to be Greek. I would take them all as brothers in my fraternity any day.

Thank you,



Josh Chananie

IFC President 01-02

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The IFC at Binghamton has been committed to weeding out those organizations that do not deserve to be a part of our Greek community. For this reason, we have been pleased to welcome the men of Alpha Sigma Phi to our campus. They have presented the image of a fraternity that is needed and I am sure will continue to do so well into the future. As a member of a fellow fraternity on campus, Chi Phi, I have witnessed the development of this colony. I will share in their enjoyment when they become a chapter.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Aaron Eric Schwartz".

Aaron Eric Schwartz
IFC President 2002-2003

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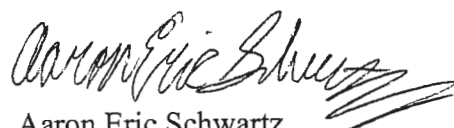
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Most Sincerely,



Aaron Eric Schwartz
IFC President 2002-2003



Roster





The roster of brothers in the colony of Binghamton University is as follows and is arranged in the order in which the brothers joined.

Alpha Class – Founding Fathers

1. Adam Fisher – Founder
2. Randall Smith – Founder
3. Randy Tanner – Founder
4. Lance Gitlin – Founder
5. Michael Calderon
6. David Kahan
7. Christopher Grassi
8. Scott Harris
9. Eyal Tanel
10. Jordan Grill
11. Jonathan Blum
12. Eric Puleio
13. David Smith
14. Ian Alberts
15. Michael Lund
16. Adam Stein
17. David Cohen
18. Garret Fruchtman
19. Yaron Markfeld
20. Adam Factor
21. David Curren
22. Adam Nadel
23. Jeremy Chester

Beta Class

1. Luis Miranda
2. David McAleese
3. Mark Duthe
4. Sean Colgan
5. Logan Everett
6. Jordan Gerson
7. John Fellin
8. David Mok
9. Matthew Caraccio
10. James Pohl



Gamma Class

1. Todd Grober
2. Michael Bernstein
3. Gustavo Gomez
4. Almon Tse
5. Marshall Voizard
6. Zach Mann
7. David Natani
8. Igor Zamkovsky
9. Gil Efrati

Delta Class

1. Ben Chee
2. Michael Tannousis
3. Jason Strumwasser
4. William Ng



History Of The Binghamton Colony





October 2000 – Adam Fisher, Randy Tanner, Randall Smith, and Lance Gitlin come up with the idea to start a fraternity. Adam Fisher discovers Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

March 2001 – Alpha Sigma Phi welcomes their first visit from Nationals; Matt Mattson.

September 21, 2001 – 25 members of the Alpha Class go to Cornell to receive their pledge pins.

November 16, 2001 – 12 members of the Beta Class go to Cornell to receive their pledge pins.

February 4, 2002 – IFC recognizes Alpha Sigma Phi colony as a provisional member.

March 10, 2002 – 9 members of the Gamma class go to Cornell to receive their pledge pins.

April 13, 2002 – Gamma Class completes the first semester of the new member education program for the Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University.

June 1, 2002 – Alpha Sigma Phi colony moves to 23 Henry St.

October 6, 2002 – 4 members of the Delta Class go to Cornell to receive their pledge pins.

Prudential Committee Members -

Presidents:

1st – Adam Fisher – 2 Terms

2nd – Mike Lund

Vice-Presidents:

1st – Randy Tanner

2nd – Mike Lund

3rd – Adam Fisher

Treasurers:

1st – Lance Gitlin

2nd – Mark Duthe

3rd – Ian Alberts



Community Service and Philanthropy





Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Binghamton University prides itself on its continued efforts to give back to the community and university through community service and fundraising events. The colony's original founders have shown a strong dedication to service events and have instilled this value in the rest of the colony. We want to show our university and community that Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity is a quality brotherhood; one with strong morals and that is motivated to improve the community in which we all live.

Some of our community service events for the spring of 2002 have included volunteering at nursery schools both on and off campus, participating in Habitat for Humanity, and helping with the Broome County Special Olympics. These events brought us closer together as brothers, and gave more meaning to being a part of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

After having such a successful spring semester, the Alpha Sigs of Binghamton University were looking forward to our most exciting and successful semester yet. Our Fall of 2003 semester involved numerous service and fundraising events. We have participated in a cleanup of the Susquehanna Riverbank, which was both productive and enjoyable due to the teamwork of our brothers. Twenty-two brothers worked together to pull approximately 500 pounds of garbage from the riverbank in three hours. We raised four hundred dollars for CHOW (Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse), in the name of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity by having fifteen brothers walk in the CHOW walk. We also teamed up with members of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority to create a campus/community-wide canned food drive and the food was donated to the CHOW foundation.

We also held a campus wide basketball tournament, with the help of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. All of the proceeds from this event went towards a September 11th Scholarship for Binghamton University Students. A similar fundraising event will take place with the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, in which all proceeds will go towards the same Scholarship Fund.

In the future we only plan to increase our involvement in community service and fundraising events. We have numerous ideas in the works including candy sales, a President's Run, and a Greek Community Service Event. Along these lines we are working to develop an annual event to raise money for Canine Companions for Independence. Additionally, we are looking to team up with and assist various campus organizations with their service and fundraising events as well.

We encourage and strive for high brother participation at all of our service events, and make every event enjoyable whenever the Alpha Sigs are involved. We are proud to wear the letters of Alpha Sigma Phi, and we will continue to wear them proudly as we show our university and community what it means to be a part of this brotherhood.



Living Our Values





Our colony at Binghamton University strive to embody the values that Alpha Sigma Phi is based upon. Not a day goes by when the brothers at the Binghamton Colony do not find ways to live up to everything Alpha Sigma Phi stands for.

“To foster education, to maintain charity, to promote patriotism.” Some brothers of the Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University participate in the GEAR UP program, which is a volunteer outreach program to tutor and mentor middle school children. In coordination with Chabad, Sigma Delta Tau, and Phi Sigma Sigma, our colony has helped raise over \$1,000 and 400 cans for CHOW this holiday season. Our efforts have earned us an article in the official Chabad newsletter, in which one of our brothers was interviewed. Our brothers have taken part in events such as Habitat For Humanity, the CHOW walk, the Special Olympics, a Susquehanna Riverbank cleanup, and volunteering at two nursery schools. After the tragedy on September 11th, 2001, our colony was the first Fraternity in Binghamton to begin raising money toward the relief effort. We teamed up with the Asian Student Union to raise money and with their help we also gave out ribbons to all students who made a contribution. Almost all of our brothers took part in this year’s candlelight vigil, in memory of last year’s event. This year, with the help of Beta Theta Pi, we donated \$100 to the Binghamton University September 11th scholarship fund.

“To encourage culture, to encourage high scholarship.” The Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University has absolutely no cultural barrier. Our brothers come from many different backgrounds, and we try to add more diversity after each new member education period. We feel that our colony benefits from this rich diversity, because it allows us to educate each other about our different cultural backgrounds. Our colony is the only social fraternity on campus with over a 3.0 average GPA. We feel very proud to have this quality, and only hope to raise the bar each semester for ourselves, as well as for other fraternities on campus.

“To assist in the building of character, to promote college loyalties.” The brothers of our colony all add something special to this brotherhood. Several of our brothers have taken leadership positions in and outside of the fraternity. This leadership is often contagious, spreading to all brothers in the colony. The interaction between brothers has also improved everyone’s social skills with each other as well as with other people in their lives.

“To perpetuate friendships, to cement social ties within its membership.” The brothers of our colony at Binghamton University constantly enrich the brotherhood by participating in various activities together. Several of our brothers have formed Alpha Sig intramural sport teams, in which we compete against our fellow Binghamton University students. Many of our brothers are also members of The Chabad House, and attend every Friday as a group. Last winter our colony had a Winter Banquet, at which brothers of the Adelphi Interest Group and RPI Chapter attended. This event allowed us to meet during the holiday break and interact with brothers from other chapters. This past summer, small



groups of brothers to attended Met and Yankee games together, in addition to a barbeque we held in a local park. Recently we held our 2nd Annual Winter Banquet and four brothers from the Adelphi Interest Group were also in attendance. We continue to grow as members of our community, but more importantly, we continue to grow together as brothers.

“And to foster the maintenance of college homes by chapters for their undergraduate members.” This semester, many of the brothers have had the opportunity to organize living arrangements in a number of different houses off campus. Twelve brothers obtained a loft in the downtown district of Binghamton and it has become a place for brothers to regularly convene. Additionally, there are two other houses containg four and six brothers as well. These new communal living environments have greatly increased the communication among the brothers and has more importantly brought us closer together.

This colony was started on the foundations of high scholarship and community service. Our colony wants to change the misconceptions many people have about social fraternities. We never refer to ourselves as a “frat”; we are a fraternity. The Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University continues to grow strong, and we hope to increase our positive influence on each other and the community each year. We live our values each and every day.



Brotherhood Development





The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Binghamton University has developed its sense of brotherhood through many different events, activities, and gatherings. The brothers of the colony at Binghamton University have, as of this writing, engaged in a brotherhood development seminar, many community service events, a winter formal, weekly meetings, sports activities, and weekly dinners together. Through these various events we have developed strong relationships with each other.

During the brotherhood development seminar we learned much more about one another, the history of Alpha Sigma Phi, and what we expect to do within the fraternity to build a foundation for its future. Our participation in community service events brought us together through teamwork and just having a fun time with each other. During the 2002 winter break, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Binghamton had a winter formal, at which brothers got together outside of school for a dinner and dancing. Another of our methods for building brotherhood is playing sports together. We enjoy playing football together every Sunday and participating in on-campus intramural sports. In addition, we all eat together before our weekly meetings. We believe that by continuing to participate in events and traditions such as these we can increase the development of our brotherhood, keeping it strong for many years to come.

As Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, we are always there for each other. Our bonds are based in love like those of a strong family. From this point on, nothing can come between us; this is the true feeling of brotherhood. Brotherhood constitutes strong emotional feelings, which is proven when one man puts his brothers first. While brotherhood can always be improved, our Brotherhood is the strongest it has been and will continue to grow.



Educational Activities





From the very beginning academics has been emphasized as a foundation for our future success as a fraternity in addition to our individual success. We have embraced this aspect of our foundation and used it to catapult our colony to a level of success few thought would be possible so fast. Our colony average GPA is currently above a 3.0, which happens to be the highest of any social fraternity on campus. We pride ourselves on this accomplishment but realize there is always room for improvement.



We have filtered this emphasis on academics to our new member education program. In social fraternities new members often see a decrease in GPA during the program period. However, our colony does not believe this to be the case. During the new member education period, potential members spend several hours a day in the library working on their studies or with tutors in order to better themselves academically. Also, during the new member education program an assistant new member educator keeps a close eye on the work and study habits of the new members by having them record all of their grades. Our scholarship chairman goes above and beyond what is expected of him to help any brother or new member with any scholastic problems they may encounter. He has a program for locating mentors and tutors for any brother who requests or is in need of academic assistance.

Our community service events promote academics as well. We have visited a couple of nursery schools and worked with the children in various areas. By helping the children with art projects and singing songs with them, we showed the children that learning could be fun and enjoyable. Fostering education and maintaining high academic standards compels Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University to strive to educate the community and be the best that we can be.



Operational Retreat





Early in Spring Semester of 2002, our colony discovered that we lacked a cohesiveness that would allow us to survive as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. The main cause of this was the fact that we got too caught up in trying to improve the colony's operations when we should have been concentrating on improving our brotherhood.

With this in mind, we organized a retreat for the brothers with the goal of improving the brotherhood and solidifying the bonds necessary to cultivate the future of the colony into that of a chapter worthy of Alpha Sigma Phi. The retreat began early one Saturday morning and lasted until late in the night. We covered a range of activities from interviews, to better understand each other's backgrounds, to group discussions about the meaning of brotherhood and our goals for the future.

During the interviews the brothers had a chance to learn about each other's backgrounds, interests, hobbies and other information that would allow for more insight into their brothers' personalities. We used this as an icebreaker and it was followed by a large luncheon, which facilitated more conversation among the brothers. From there we held numerous group discussions on what the future of our colony was going to be, what values we wanted our member education program to be based on, what values we wanted to base our every day operations and activities on, and how we wanted to be perceived in the community at large as well as what level of involvement we wanted in our Greek community.

The rest of the day contained numerous activities designed to stimulate conversation and bring the brotherhood closer together. The success of this retreat cannot be under-appreciated. This particular event was a turning point in the history of our colony and put us back on track, leading us to the point at which we find ourselves today. As a result of the strengthened brotherhood, we were able to take on every challenge that came our way and we successfully overcame all of them. However, the most important result was the bonds that were forged that day. From that point on the bonds among the brothers have only strengthened and we have all gained friendships that can last us our entire lives.

We plan to hold similar events in the future. There will always be room for improvement and an operational retreat has proven to be an effective manner in which we can address and needed improvements. Currently, plans are in the works to hold a bigger retreat during the beginning of the 2003 Spring Semester.



University/Greek Community Background Information



Greek Background

Binghamton University was founded as Triple Cities College in 1946. From there, it became incorporated into the State University of New York four years later. Today, more than 12,000 students attend this university. In terms of clubs and organizations, there are over 170 of them registered with the Student Association. Students can join a political club, ethnic club, student government, or even a social club. Currently, in Greek life there are 35 sororities and fraternities at Binghamton University. Greek membership on campus is a rewarding experience where one can make long-lasting friendships and bonds. By getting involved in Greek life, one may develop new leadership skills, pursue community service projects, strive for academic achievement, and become a good citizen. With so many different chapters at Binghamton with different goals and values, there are plenty of opportunities for an individual to enter Greek life if they so desire.

However, it has become apparent that many people do not wish to take part. Greek recruitment has been on the decline at Binghamton, but we seek to change this not only for ourselves, but others as well. Fraternity life here has a reputation for being simply a front for wild, irresponsible, and illegal behavior. While this reputation is not entirely true, it is not unfounded either. The few chapters most responsible for portraying this image have been expelled from the official system on campus over the past year, and Greek life in general has shown some recovery.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Binghamton has been on the forefront of this recovery. Being recognized by the Inter-Fraternal Council has afforded Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton the opportunity to play an instrumental role in regards to this change. While we do hope to inspire change and improvement in other chapters on this campus, all of the brothers of this colony chose Alpha Sigma Phi because of its unique set of values. It was in this colony that we saw the chance to lay a new foundation; a new model for Greek Life.



Greek Culture





“Culture” refers to the arts and other manifestations of collective human intellectual achievement. However, Greek Culture has many negative connotations. “Frat” brothers are seen as loud obnoxious guys who like to drink and chase women. We at Alpha Sigma Phi have made and continue to make strides to change this image.

The word “frat” will never come from a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi. We are part of a fraternity, and using the word fraternity in its entirety moves away from the negative associations of the word “frat.” Alpha Sigma Phi is a fraternity, a brotherhood.

The importance of doing well in school is one aspect of bettering the man. Traditionally, social fraternities are more concerned with social events than school. This is not the case with Alpha Sigma Phi. We stress the importance of education, and are currently the only social fraternity on the campus of Binghamton University with an average grade point average greater than 3.0.

We at Alpha Sigma Phi have realized that community service is an excellent way to foster brotherhood, to show the community we care, and to make a difference. Through the myriad of community service events in which we have participated, we have changed the views of many students by actively showing them we wish to make a difference.

Diversity is another vehicle we use to actively change Greek culture. Many fraternities are not ethnically diverse, however we believe one of the crucial aspects of bettering the man is to learn from your brothers. Diversity of culture and race in our colony broadens our views and teaches us the importance of acceptance. The best way to learn about other cultures is to belong to a diverse brotherhood.

Lastly, by stressing education, community service, diversity, and respect for yourself and others, we at Alpha Sigma Phi strive to not only better ourselves, but also to better those around us. We as a brotherhood, and only as a brotherhood, have the power to change Greek Culture.



Membership Education Philosophy/Program





Overview

The New Member Education Program is designed to educate potential new members in the ways and values of Alpha Sigma Phi, evaluate their character and commitment to these values, and create lasting bonds within the pledge class as well as those between brothers and the new members. Through doing this, the Colony at Binghamton University instills in them the mission of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; to Better the Man. Throughout their journey, they will be charged with this end and this end alone. The education process lasts eight weeks, with the first seven weeks each concentrating on a point of the pledge pin, and the final week bringing all the teachings and accomplishments together. Lastly, the Colony at Binghamton University strongly supports the national organization moratorium against hazing and at no time allows or stands for hazing its potential members. Our brotherhood was not founded on scare tactics or the degradation of a person and never will permit these types of actions to be practiced. Our program is made to Better the members who participate not belittle.

Week 1

As the pledge program begins, new members must prepare themselves to be “worthy of the hidden teachings of Alpha Sigma Phi.” This includes familiarizing themselves with each of the brothers as well as bonding with each other to form a unity that will sustain them throughout the pledge process.

Week 2

During the second week, pledges learn to govern themselves “with a high sense of honor.” This includes taking pride in Alpha Sigma Phi and learning to conduct themselves as representatives of our fraternity. Also, each pledge is assigned a “big brother”, who is a current member of the chapter. Each big brother communicates directly with their pledge and ensures that they are progressing properly through the rest of the program. The big brother serves as a model and a mentor for each new member. The big brother is the first person the new member turns to for questions and support.

Week 3

The third week focuses on devoting themselves “to the principles of charity and patriotism.” New members learn the importance of giving back to the community in the form of giving to charities and volunteering for various community services. Every semester we select a specific community service event that the new members take part in. For example our last new member class participated in the CHOW walk for hunger.

Week 4

Although scholastic achievement is part of our new member program, during the fourth week the importance of high academic performance is stressed. New members are taught



to strive to set high standards for themselves and see that they can encourage each other to maintain these standards.

Week 5

During the fifth week new members are taught to develop a love and loyalty to their Alma Mater. By learning about their campus, new members will develop a deeper respect for the school and in turn know the importance of contributing to it in a positive way.

Week 6

While the underlying theme of each week is the forming of a bond between new members it is particularly stressed in the sixth week. Coinciding with the sixth point pledges learn the importance of relying on each other and their brothers. They are also taught that it is up to each of us to assist and encourage our brothers to become better men and follow the principles to which we all pledged.

Week 7

The seventh week coincides with the seventh point: "To impress in your heart and mind that initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will bind you to her as a brother all through life." The idea that there is a network of Brothers that will be there for them is reinforced as well as stressing all of the responsibilities of a Brother of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Week 8

The eighth week is pinnacle week in which all material that has been taught to the new members is studied and reviewed. Pledges are encouraged to reflect on how far they have come since entering the new member program. Events are designed to allow for this reflection. The importance of unity between the new members and current members is reinforced as well as the values of Alpha Sigma Phi.



Operational Improvements





Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Binghamton University started out as an interest group of fewer than 30 gentlemen. From a group of friends discussing matters at the campus dining hall, we have grown into a valid business, with treasury, efficient meetings, and committee structures. It is through these upgrades in our operations that we have built the foundation for a strong and functional chapter and can set goals for further improvements in the future.

When the interest group began, we would eat together on Sundays at a central dining hall, and discuss fraternal matters afterwards. This gave us the opportunity to bond as brothers, and exchange information about the weeks to come. As the need for finances became apparent, we began collecting small amounts of money at these meetings and recording who paid and who owed.

To recruit new members for the group we ran interest meetings out of brothers' dorm rooms. Once we had acquired a dedicated interest group we ran a single night of individual interviews with each potential new member and selected twelve who were brought to Cornell soon after and inducted as pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi. These members immediately became brothers of the colony and were given no further member education except for the common educational programs that the whole group participated in.

The following semester, our meetings moved to a reserved room on campus. We followed parliamentary procedure, and used the "To Better the Man" book as a guide for proper Alpha Sigma Phi rules and regulations. With the volume of topics we needed to cover and our inexperience in formal meetings, these often took as long as two hours. We began designing a meeting structure, which included topics such as officers' reports and new business, until we found one that suited us best.

We also instituted semester dues that semester and formed an official treasury with a bank account and meticulous bookkeeping. With our new recognition in the IFC, we were able to run a full rush and new member education program. At the end of that semester we wrote and ratified our constitution.

Now we hold our chapter meetings at a loft where 12 brothers reside. We consider this loft to be our "house", although technically it is only a central point of gathering. We eat dinner every Sunday together at 6:00pm, and begin our weekly chapter meetings from 7:00pm to roughly 8:00pm at the loft. Our chapter meetings run very smoothly, allowing each brother enough time to get their ideas across, without excessive time. We understand that people have busy schedules and have work to do, so running our chapter meetings in an organized manner helps keep us on schedule.

We still have further improvements to look forward to. Crossing into the mystic circle of Alpha Sigma Phi will introduce us to ceremonies that will require us to obtain and preserve many chapter artifacts as well as uphold and pass down the actions and meanings of the ceremonies. We also look forward to establishing an official chapter house where even more of the brothers can live together. To achieve these goals, we will follow the same patterns we have done so far: delegating responsibility and operating as



structured business while still remembering that we are all brothers when everything is said and done.



Biographical Information



Colony Member Biography

Name: Adam Fisher

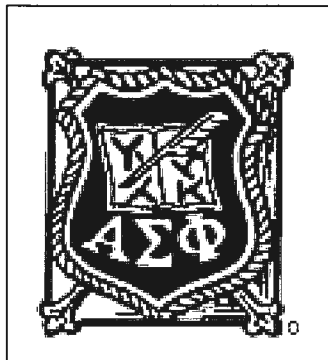
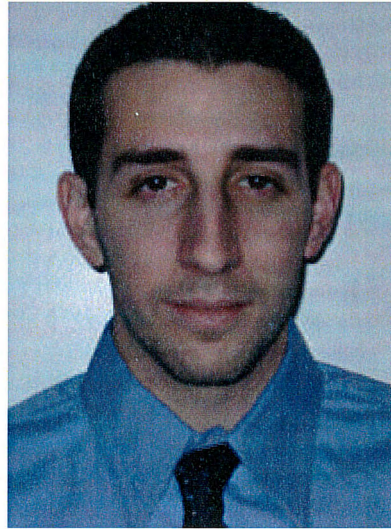
Date of Birth: January 25th, 1982

Address: 23 Henry Street, 3rd Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Phone Number: (607) 723-1669

Year: Junior

Major: Business Finance



Hobbies/Interests:

Participating in intramural sports on campus, watching television, and reading books.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

I found the school to be of a high academic caliber in addition to not being overly expensive. I felt it would be the best education for my money.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

My reason for starting this colony was to create a type of brotherhood and organization that could not be offered by any of the current fraternities. I was looking for an organization that was based on brotherhood and at the same time gave back to the community.

Future Plans:

I plan to graduate as a Junior at the end of Spring Semester 2003 and then move on to the 1-Year Fast Track MBA Program offered by the School of Management here at Binghamton University. From there I may attend law school, which I would use to supplement my MBA in order to gain an executive position in a business firm.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Randall Smith

Date of Birth: August 28th, 1982

Address: 23 Henry St. 3rd Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

Phone Number: (607) 723-1669

Year: Junior

Major: Accounting



Hobbies/Interests:

Playing football, basketball, baseball, watching these sports, hanging out with friends, listening to music.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It was a good school for the money. The Business school is very well known for its excellence.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I saw what was on campus and was not thrilled about the Greek Life. When Adam brought to me the idea of being able to start something based on my beliefs, I couldn't say no. It has been a great experience and hope to continue with it for years to come.

Future Plans:

After college, I hope to become a successful accountant in either one of the "Big 4" firms, or a mid-sized firm. I want to be married with two or three kids and hopefully open my own accounting firm.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Randy Tanner

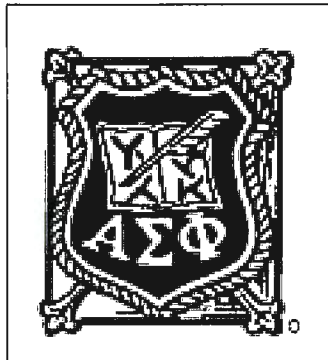
Date of Birth: April 2nd, 1982

Address: 4750 Bedford Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Phone Number: (718) 769-4039

Year: Junior

Major: Business Management (Marketing)



Hobbies/Interests:

Watching and playing almost every sport, listening to many different genres of music, spending time with friends and family, devoting time to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and doing well academically.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

I found the university to be inexpensive, have a good reputation, have a very good school of management, and be relatively close to home.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Founded it along with three others in hopes of starting something unique on campus that would be unlike any other fraternity at Binghamton University.

Future Plans:

I plan to have a family in the years to come and work successfully in the field of marketing.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Lance Mathew Gitlin

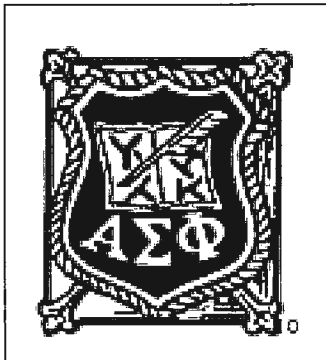
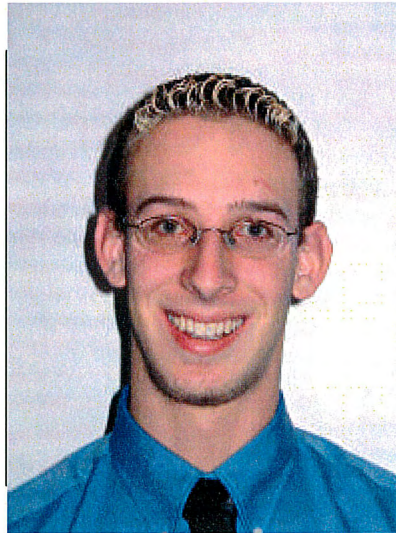
Date of Birth: February 6th, 1982

Address: 2465 East 27th street
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Phone Number: (718) 332-6831

Year: Junior

Major: Marketing



Hobbies/Interests:

Swimming, basketball, flag football, cars, and audio equipment.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It is the "Ivy league" of SUNY schools.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I did not feel that the fraternities on campus matched my values. I wanted to help start something that would give back to the community. Anyone can join a fraternity, but not many can say they are a founding father.

Future Plans:

I hope to obtain a good job in advertising. I would like to take a trip cross-country before I settle down with a wife and have some kids.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Michael Calderon

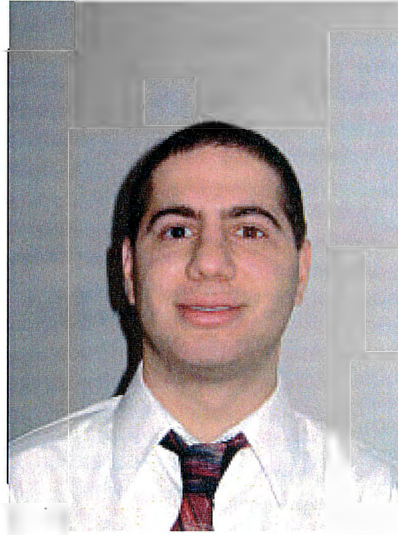
Date of Birth: April 12th, 1982

Address: BU Box #06315
PO Box 6006
Binghamton, NY 13902-6006

Phone Number: (607) 355-3763

Year: Junior

Major: Marketing



Hobbies/Interests:

Attending sports events (mostly Yankees games) and traveling.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It's a good school, has a good reputation, and I knew some people who were going here too.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

To meet new people who are nice.

Future Plans:

Rich, successful, married, and with two or three children.

Colony Member Biography

Name: David Kahan

Date of Birth: May 19th, 1982

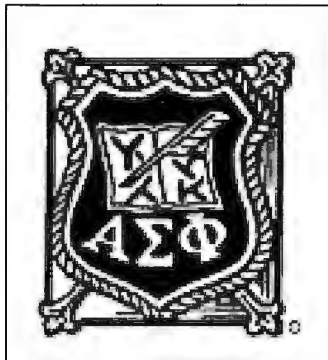
Address: 78-51 220th Street
Bayside, NY 11364

Phone Number: (718) 464-7435

Year: Junior

Major: MIS and Finance

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Hobbies/Interests:

Basketball, baseball, house music, sports cars, and video games.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

To attend the School of Management; also it is not too far from home

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

A great opportunity to build relationships and learn to work as a team to fulfill a common, ultimate goal.

Future Plans:

To work in a sports agency, sports management, or investment banking.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Christopher Grassi

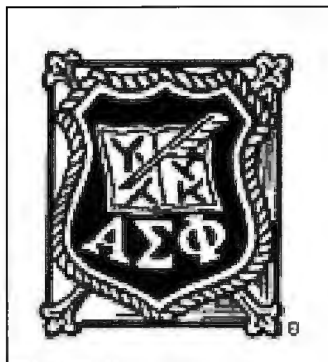
Date of Birth: February 21st, 1982

Address: 102-29 Davenport Ct.
Howard Beach NY, 11414

Phone Number: (917) 603-8022

Year: Junior

Major: Computer Engineering



Hobbies/Interests:

Community service, music, reading, attending fraternity functions, hanging out with friends, and playing softball.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It is a top SUNY school with a good reputation for producing quality students. They also have a very good engineering program designed toward my interest

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I saw the chance to be part of something great that was just starting here on campus and I wanted to make a difference in this University's Greek Community and in University Life as a whole.

Future Plans:

I plan to have a respectable life and work a reputable job that I enjoy. I also hope to be able to support a family along with having a successful relationship.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Scott Harris

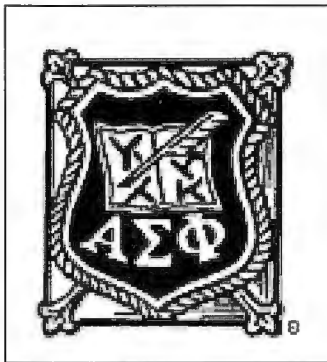
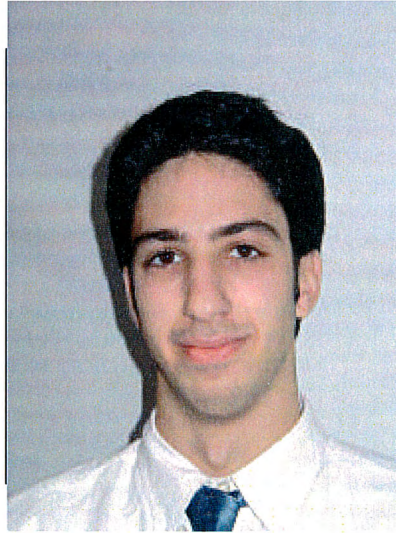
Date of Birth: June 4th, 1982

Address: 75 Grand Blvd.
Binghamton, NY 13905

Phone Number: (917) 318-4095

Year: Junior

Major: Biology



Hobbies/Interests:

Basketball, Hockey, chess, avioding reading.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

The value of education you receive from Binghamton and it is close to home.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

To be a part of a strong brotherhood and to give back to the community.

Future Plans:

Med school.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Eyal Tanel

Date of Birth: November 9th, 1982

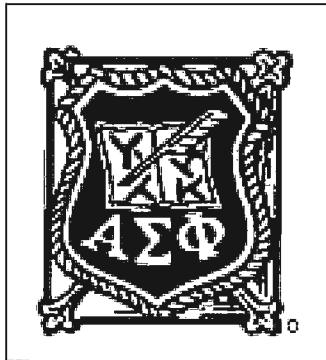
Address: 75 Grand Blvd.
Binghamton, NY 13902

Phone Number: (917) 751-1176

Year: Junior

Major: Liberal Arts

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Hobbies/Interests:

Basketball, sports, watching television, and reading.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

The value of education you receive from Binghamton and it is close to home.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

To be a part of a strong brotherhood and to give back to the community.

Future Plans:

I plan on finishing college and moving on to a job in the field of business or possibly teaching.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Jordan Grill

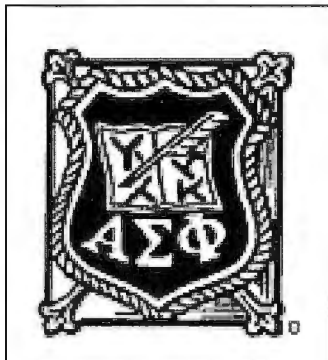
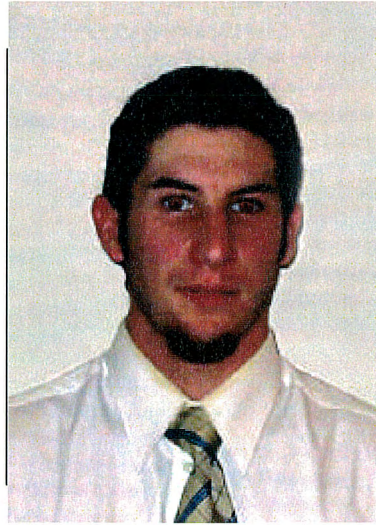
Date of Birth: August 10th, 1982

Address: 176-44 80 Rd
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

Phone Number: (718) 591-4402

Year: Junior

Major: Business Management



Hobbies/Interests:

Sports, politics, music, playing the drums, and travel.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Binghamton offers a highly regarded management program. It is reasonably priced and the desired distance from home for which I was looking.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I was looking for a fraternity that stressed more than solely socialization. I was looking for a way to get involved in community projects with people with whom I could also have a lot of fun.

Future Plans:

I would like to help people manage their finances. Eventually, I would like to hold a prominent role in a financial organization.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Jonathan Scott Blum

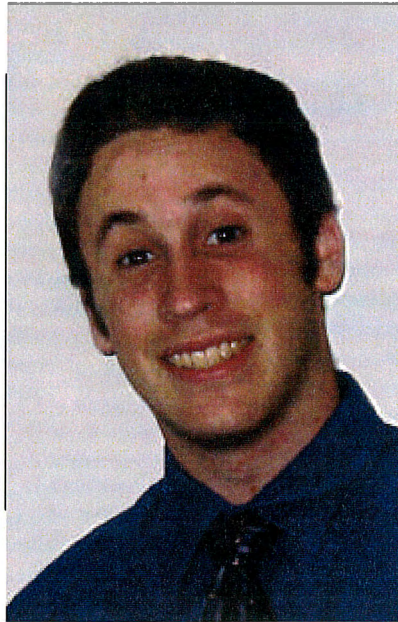
Date of Birth: August 17th, 1982

Address: 4 Grand Blvd. Apt #1
Binghamton, NY 13905

Phone Number: (607) 729-4756

Year: Junior

Major: Management



Hobbies/Interests:

Most sports, DJing, camping, juggling.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Its fine academic reputation, the proximity to New York City, and its low tuition.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Our colony is full of brothers who truly care for each other. It feels good to be in an organization you know will support and help you.

Future Plans:

After graduation, I want to go traveling and then obtain a job in marketing.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Eric Ludovico Puleio

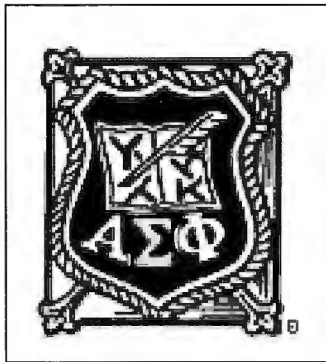
Date of Birth: February 10th, 1982

Address: 27 Millford Drive
Lattingtown, NY 11560

Phone Number: (516) 674-3293

Year: Junior

Major: Business – Finance, Marketing, and
Human Resource Management



Hobbies/Interests:

Sailing, Football, Traveling, Weightlifting, Music.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Strong academics, value of program, one of the best tuition rates in USA, multiple scholarships, the down to earth, hard-working people.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Brotherhood, to better my brothers, to better myself, to make a difference in the community, to change Greek life, to actively affect the direction of Alpha Sigma Phi on our campus.

Future Plans:

To work in Finance, Marketing, or Human Resource Management, to ultimately own and run my own business, to travel the world, and to make a difference

Colony Member Biography

Name: David Adam Smith

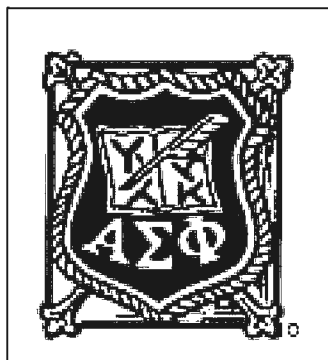
Date of Birth: April 20th, 1982

Address: 488 Langley Ave.
West Hempstead, NY 11552

Phone Number: (516) 489-5072

Year: Junior

Major: Finance



Hobbies/Interests:

Playing sports (volleyball, football, and bowling), movies, going out with friends, video games, and collecting Pez dispensers.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Binghamton is the most elite of the SUNY schools. It is academically challenging and at the same time offers many extracurricular activities. There is a high percentage of Jewish students at Binghamton which makes me feel more comfortable and accepted by the school.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I wanted to join a brotherhood that would help me grow as a person and have a lasting impact on my life. I wanted to improve myself on many levels and offer my capabilities to the fraternity to make it better and stronger. I wanted to get involved in more activities, such as Community Service.

Future Plans:

I plan to graduate in Spring 2004 and find a job, preferably in New York City. Then I would want to pursue my MBA to further my education.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Ian Scott Alberts

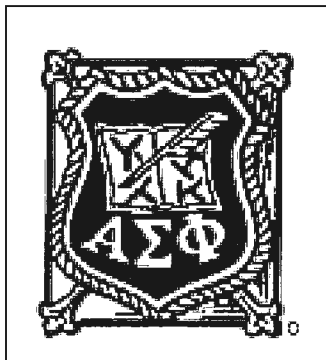
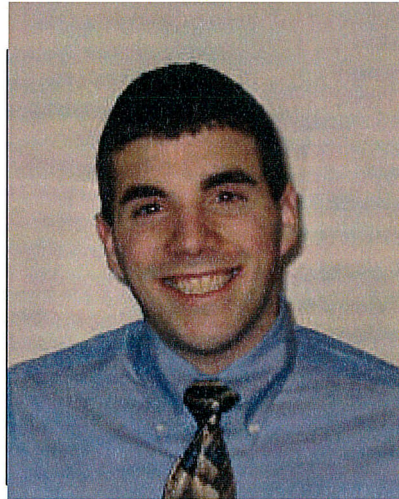
Date of Birth: October 24th, 1981

Address: 4 Grand Blvd.
Binghamton, NY 13905

Phone Number: (607) 729-4756

Year: Spring 2003

Major: Accounting



Hobbies/Interests:

Hanging out with my friends, watching baseball, playing flag football, watching television, and playing video games.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It is a great SUNY school with an excellent undergraduate business program.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi: To better others and myself through the acts and bonds of brotherhood; to give back to the community through many events.

Future Plans:

To work at the Accounting Firm, Berdon, starting in the fall of 2003; to become a CPA and live a long, happy life.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Michael Robert Lund

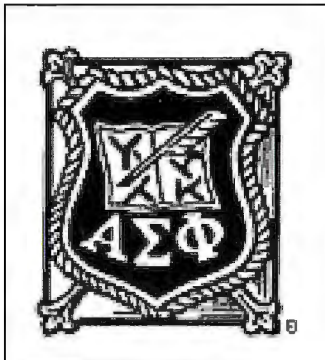
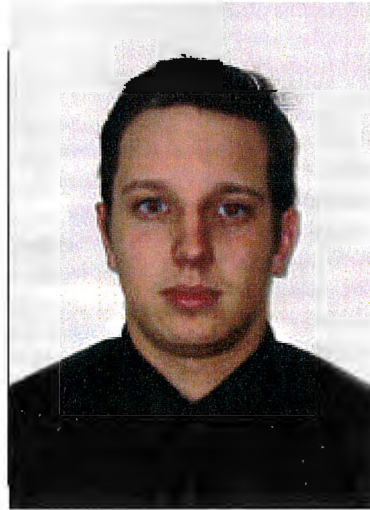
Date of Birth: March 19th, 1982

Address: 28 Tulip Dr.
Brewster, NY 10509

Phone Number: (845) 279-3122

Year: Junior

Major: Business Management with
Concentrations in Management of
Information Systems and Leadership



Hobbies/Interests:

Ultimate Frisbee, racquetball, bowling, computers and electronics, Inter-Fraternal Council Rush Chairman, Colony President.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Affordable and also a great reputation.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

A friend of mine joined and introduced me to some of the guys and I just fell into it. The guys were great and I saw myself as having the same values.

Future Plans:

First, I am going to strive to maintain meaningful lifetime friendships. And second, I want to be able to make enough money so I don't have to worry about money.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Adam Craig Stein

Date of Birth: November 6th, 1983

Address: 1621 Cynron Lane
East Meadow, NY 11554

Phone Number: (516) 361-7278

Year: Sophomore

Major: Political Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Hockey, Soccer, Law, Politics, the Stock Market, Real Estate, and Holocaust Remembrance.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

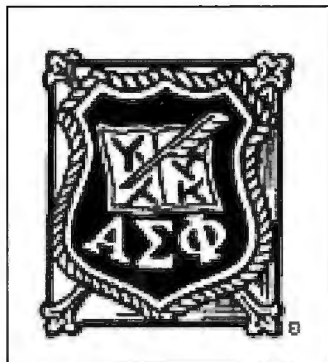
Binghamton is a good school academically and socially. I believe that the academic program at Binghamton University will prepare me just as well for law school as most other Universities.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

The concept of being part of a true brotherhood, while having the chance to watch it grow and develop was intriguing. Coming into college, I challenged myself to become a more responsible, mature individual and with the support and friendship of my pledge brothers and the values of Alpha Sigma Phi, I have become a more focused, more mature, and a more responsible gentleman.

Future Plans:

I plan on going to either Law School or Business School after Binghamton University, leading a financially successful life and eventually entering into the political arena.



Colony Member Biography

Name: David Adam Cohen

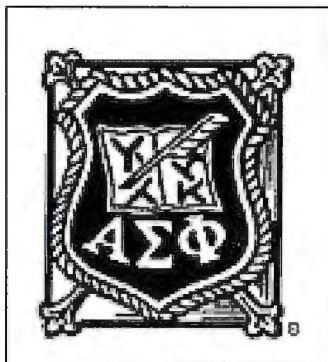
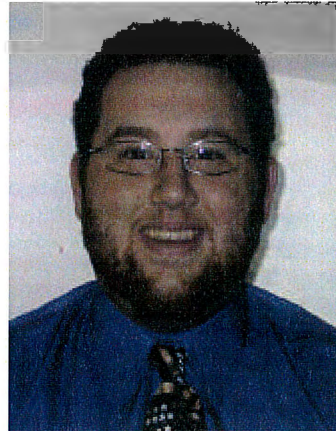
Date of Birth: April 7th, 1983

Address: 103 Sideview Ave
Staten Island, NY 10314

Phone Number: (718) 494-2161

Year: Sophomore

Major: Management with dual
concentration in Marketing and Human
Resources



Hobbies/Interests:

Computers, Videogames, music, Hockey,
football & all things that go vroom.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Cheap education, far enough from home, but
not too far.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

As a founding father I was looking for a
fraternity with values close to my own.
Those being: loyalty, an atmosphere that
fosters education, and a real sense
brotherhood.

Future Plans:

After graduating I plan on working full-time
while getting my masters at Baruch in New
York City. Eventually I would like to get
married and have a large family and a
beautiful home.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Garrett Michael Fruchtman

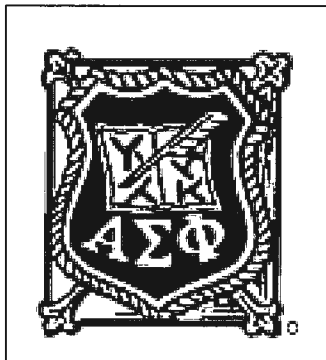
Date of Birth: March 21st, 1983

Address: 35 Evans Street
Staten Island NY, 10314

Phone Number: (718) 983-6688

Year: Sophomore

Major: Political Science



Hobbies/Interests:

E46 Fanatic, BMW Enthusiast, Auto-Cross Racing, Drag-Racing

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Binghamton is close enough to home, the price is just right, the campus size fits my personality perfectly and I was accepted here.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I thought Alpha Sig would give me the opportunity to create lasting bonds with fellow men that would last all throughout life, as well as help give back to the community at large.

Future Plans:

Complete college, then head to graduate school, get married, have kids, and live a long and happy life.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Yaron Markfeld

Date of Birth: April 28th, 1982

Address: 728 Mulberry Place
North Woodmere, NY 11581

Phone Number: (516) 791-9298

Year: Junior

Major: Chemistry

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Hobbies/Interests:

Binghamton Roller Hockey Team, Flag Football, Chemistry Research, Ping Pong.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Great school for an affordable price, and my cousin attended here and had the time of his life.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

An amazing group of people who I can proudly call brothers for now and forever.

Future Plans:

Medical School, become a doctor, and a family with many pets.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Adam Vincent Factor

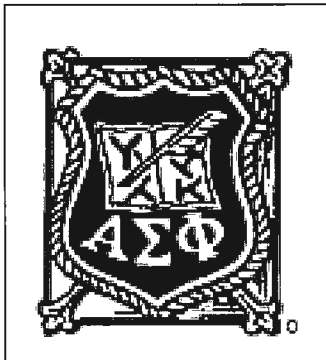
Date of Birth: May 24th, 1983

Address: 103 Hy Vue Court,
Newburgh, NY 12550

Phone Number: (845) 561-4864

Year: sophomore

Major: English/creative writing



Hobbies/Interests:

Playing piano, writing, and games of all kinds.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

A combination of the right cost, distance from home (far but not too far), and a good selection and variety of courses taught by quality staff.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

The brothers uphold their fraternity values, there is no hazing, the emphasis on scholarship and service, and the fact that it attracts friendly, supportive, and non-judgmental people who are great to have as brothers.

Future Plans:

Go to grad school and get a masters or degree in writing (possibly teaching). Travel around the world a bit. Get a good home for myself, with a family, and provide for my parents and family.

Colony Member Biography

Name: David Curren

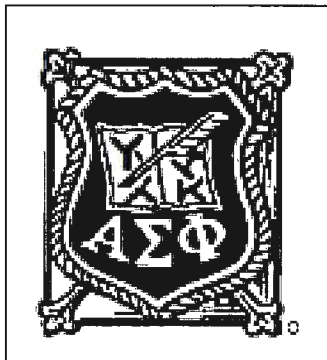
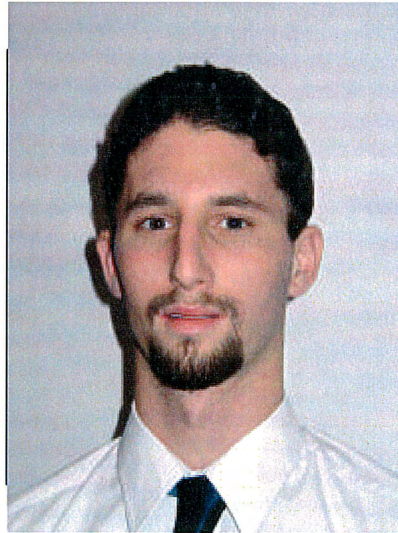
Date of Birth: February 18th, 1982

Address: 40 Old Queens Blvd.
Manalapan, NJ 07726

Phone Number: (908) 770-5800

Year: Junior

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Running, reading, most team sports.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

No particular reason, it was just the way things worked out.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I lived with some of the original members, and they turned me on to it

Future Plans:

Software design with a small company, starting a family, although I wouldn't mind moving around a bit.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Adam Brett Nadel

Date of Birth: July 2nd, 1982

Address: 739 Craft Court
Franklin Square, NY 11010

Phone Number: (516) 481-0975

Year: Junior

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

- Listening to music
- Watching and playing sports

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

- Binghamton University has a well-formed undergraduate computer science department
- Fairly close to home

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

- To be a brother of the other members of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University, and to assist them in every way possible as well as better myself academically and socially

Future Plans:

- Graduate with a B.S. in computer science
- Apply for computer science jobs located in New York City

Colony Member Biography

Name: Jeremy E Chester

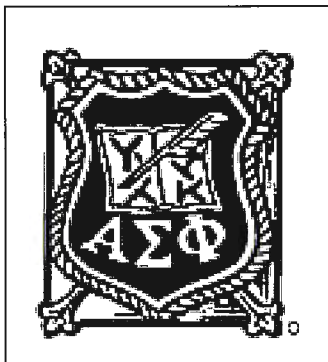
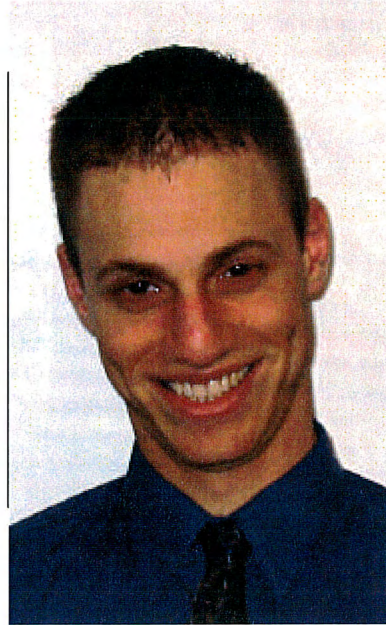
Date of Birth: January 3rd, 1982

Address: 5646 Melvin St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Phone Number: (412) 901-3908

Year: Junior

Major: Biochemistry



Hobbies/Interests:

Football, basketball, running, guitar, bass guitar, politics, sculpture, reading.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Academic reputation, social life, public school, wanted to be in New York State.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

To start something positive, to make friends, to have fun, and to better myself.

Future Plans:

Medical school, medical career, travel in Europe, start a family, positively impact society, and change the course of history.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Luis Scott Miranda

Date of Birth: February 27th, 1982

Address: 108-24 63rd Road
Forest Hills NY, 11375

Phone Number: (718) 896-5884

Year: Junior

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Volleyball, Saxophone, computer game programming, and volunteering at the nearby middle school.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Binghamton University offers a strong computer science program, and the tuition is very reasonable.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I knew coming into Binghamton that I wanted to leave my mark here somehow. I believe joining this Fraternity has done just that, because we have brought something great to the Greek Community. We are a brotherhood that concentrates on community service, fundraising events, and high scholarship. At the same time, we are still considered a "social" Fraternity.

Future Plans:

Continue to intern with IBM over the next few summers. I would like to attend a graduate school in New York City. If things do not go as planned, I hope to join IBM full time after graduation. I will always be there for Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University.

Colony Member Biography

Name: David Christopher McAleese

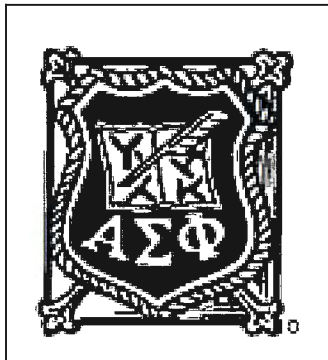
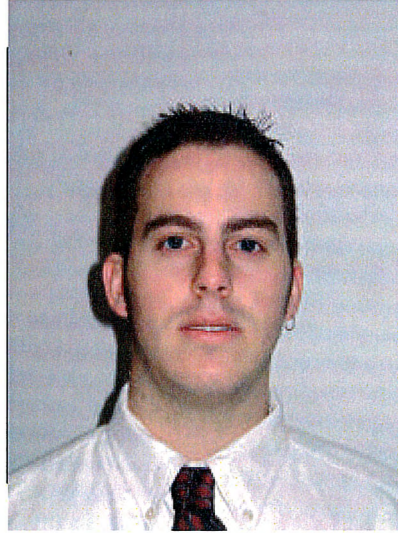
Date of Birth: May 29th, 1982

Address: 619 Hillside Lake Rd.
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Phone Number: (914) 204-7093

Year: Junior

Major: Urban and Regional Planning



Hobbies/Interests:

Sports, cars, history, and having fun.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It was the best school that I could afford and the size I was looking for.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I was impressed by the brotherhood and wanted to contribute to the community. It was also a way in which I could make a difference within the Greek system.

Future Plans:

Graduating, finding a good paying job in urban planning and starting a family.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Mark Curtis Duthe

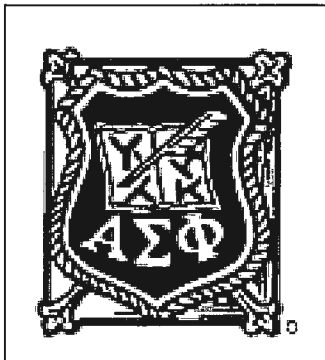
Date of Birth: December 10th 1980

Address: 64 Clay Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

Phone Number: (585) 768-6465

Year: Senior

Major: Human Development



Hobbies/Interests:

Sports, guitar, stocks, collecting fine wines, tour guiding, hanging out with brothers, friends, and family.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Great academics at a very affordable price. There was always a lot to do on campus and it has so much to offer.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

A family away from home, a close brotherhood with some of the best guys I have ever met, as well as a fantastic social outlet.

Future Plans:

I would like to get a job in New York City, Boston, or my hometown Rochester in the field of human resources. I would like a family with one or two kids. Most of all I want to be happy. When it comes down to it that's what really matters.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Sean Colgan

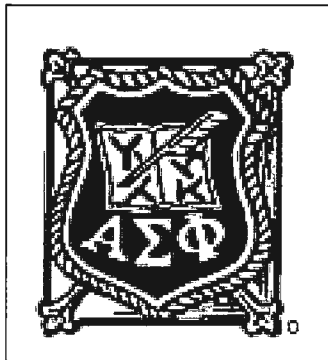
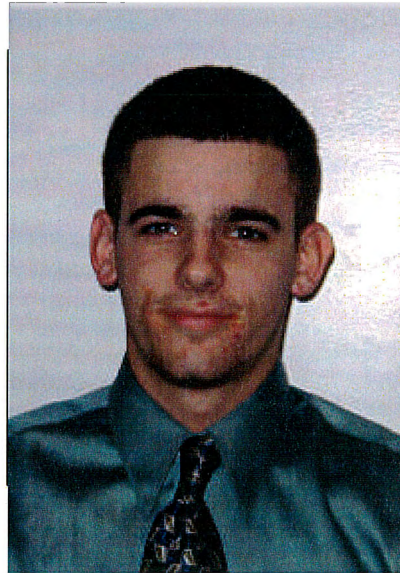
Date of Birth: March 15th, 1982

Address: 85 Pequot Lane
East Islip, NY 11730

Phone Number: (631) 277-2248

Year: Junior

Major: Political Science/Environmental
Economics



Hobbies/Interests:

Baseball, music, running, environmental awareness.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Cost effective; good reputation; not overburdening; not far from home.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

An opportunity to find myself more involved with the University and community; a great bunch of guys to associate with and call "my friends for life."

Future Plans:

To have a successful family and to pursue a career in environmental education and awareness.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Logan James Everett

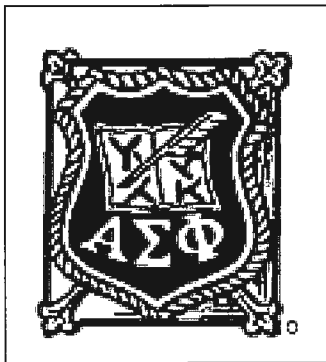
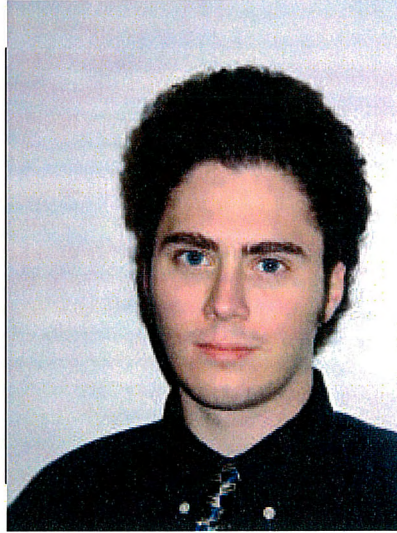
Date of Birth: October 22nd, 1983

Address: 29 Greenlawn Road
Sound Beach, NY 11789

Phone Number: (631) 209-0089

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Computers, chemistry, modern and alternative music, and reading novels.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It was the most affordable school I applied to and it has an excellent program in Computer Science.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I liked spending time with the people who were already involved and I was interested in the concept of starting something new that would leave a lasting impression on the campus.

Future Plans:

I would like to see as much of the U.S. and the rest of the world as possible. I will eventually settle down somewhere and work for a software company, hopefully Sun Microsystems in California.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Jordan Todd Gerson

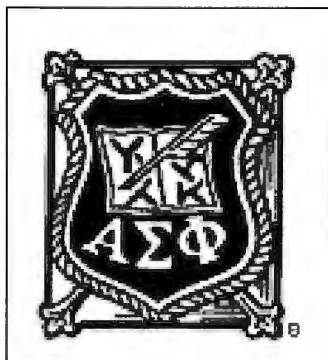
Date of Birth: July 20th, 1982

Address: 14003 Wethersfield Terr. Ct.
Chesterfield MO 63017

Phone Number: (314) 453-0505

Year: Sophomore

Major: Judaic Studies



Hobbies/Interests:

Wrestling, movies, reading, watching TV, and listening to music.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

I was born on the east coast and my parents were raised in NYC. They had told me that Binghamton was a good school, so I applied and then visited the school. Since I liked it best out of all the schools I visited, I enrolled.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I wanted to be a part of something positive on campus and when I met all of the brothers, I knew that these were "good guys" and I knew I would fit in best with them.

Future Plans:

I plan to go to Seminary for Rabbinical School, get ordained as a Reform or Conservative Rabbi and while at seminary I plan to get my doctorate in Jewish Studies.

Colony Member Biography

Name: John Joseph Fellin VI

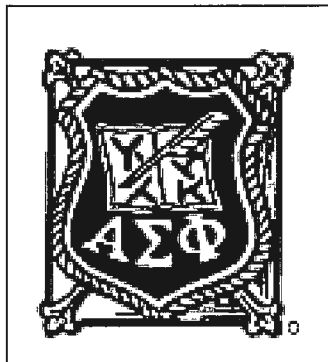
Date of Birth: June 3rd, 1983

Address: 3959 Sally Lane
Oceanside NY 11572

Phone Number: (516) 322-4989

Year: Sophomore

Major: Philosophy, Politics, and Law



Hobbies/Interests:

All sports, especially basketball, I also love music and cooking.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

The price of the education compared to the level of education far exceeded the private schools I applied to of the same caliber.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

The fraternity was just beginning here, and I saw an opportunity to expand my leadership skills, and make a group of new friends in a different than normal setting.

Future Plans:

I would love to attend law school, become a practicing real estate lawyer, and eventually pursue a dream to go into the restaurant business like my father.

Colony Member Biography

Name: David Mok

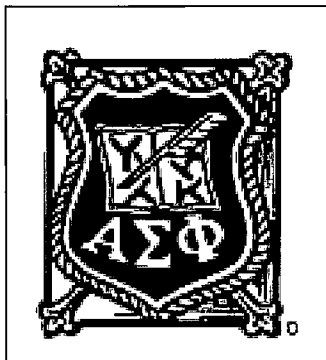
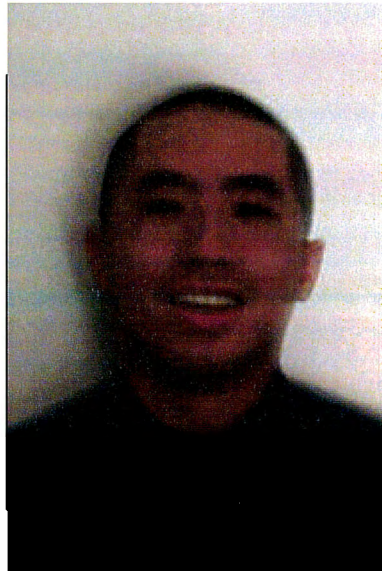
Date of Birth: May 8th, 1982

Address: 171 East Broadway Apt#2E
New York, N.Y. 10002

Phone Number: (212) 677-4465

Year: Junior

Major: Financial Economics/ Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Computers, basketball, weight lifting, any kind of sport, and hanging with friends.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton: This was not my first choice but I wanted to leave the city so I decided to come here. Also it was not too far from home.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Found a brotherhood that was well developed and could relate with the members really well. Values are very strong and I find myself believing in all the ideals behind Alpha Sigma Phi.

Future Plans:

Working in a company that pays well enough to support a family consisting of a wife and children. Keeping in touch with brothers and friends. Overall: to be well established.

Colony Member Biography

Name: James Edward Pohl

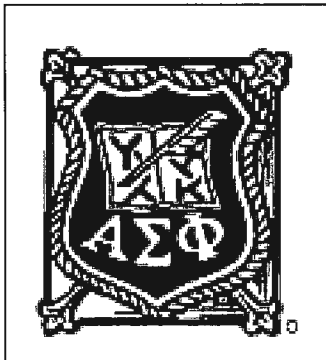
Date of Birth: October 10th, 1983

Address: 11 Homestead Drive
Latham, NY 12110

Phone Number: (518) 783-9279

Year: Sophomore

Major: BS in Computer Engineering



Hobbies/Interests:

Computers, electronics, basketball, track and field, military, problem solving, and carpentry.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Did not receive enough financial aid from other colleges. Needed to save money for my little sister's college fund by going to a public school. Binghamton was the only public school in the Northeast that offered a BSoCE program.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Looked around at the other fraternities on campus and found none to be for me. The Alpha Sigma Phi colony being started here was what I was looking for in a fraternity; brothers, and something productive to spend my college time doing.

Future Plans:

I plan to move to the Washington DC area after graduation and to find a job at an engineering firm. When I am twenty-three and able to do so, I hope to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an agent or an engineer in the support staff

Colony Member Biography

Name: Todd Scott Grober

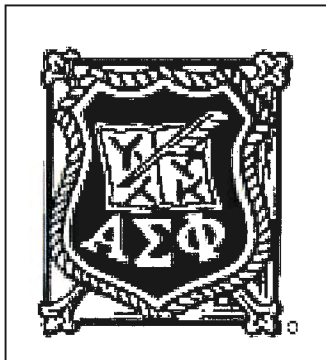
Date of Birth: February 24th, 1983

Address: 205 Elizabeth Ave
Oceanside, NY, 11572

Phone Number: (516) 766-8140

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Basketball, Football, Baseball, Cars, Action, Comedy.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Best State School in NY. I was looking for a well rounded education.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I strongly believe in the values and virtues of this fraternity and I plan to live by them at all times.

Future Plans:

I would like to be a member of the FBI and eventually the NSA through my BS degree in Computer Science. Once I get a good job established I will start thinking about a woman in my life and a family.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Michael Bernstein

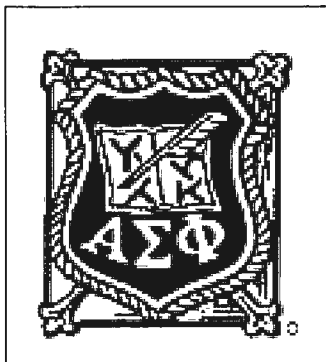
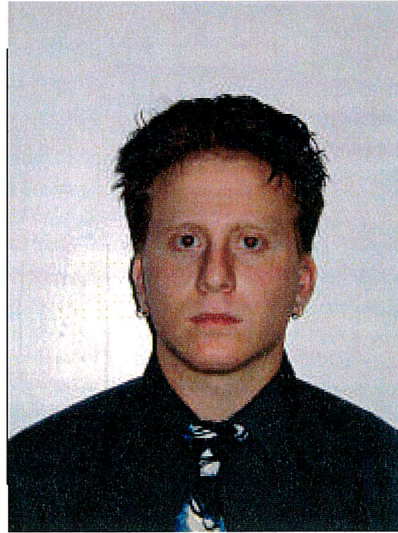
Date of Birth: November 8th, 1983

Address: 25-15 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354

Phone Number: (718) 939-4447

Year: Sophomore

Major: Biochemistry



Hobbies/Interests:

Basketball, football, working out, video games, wrestling, friends, movies, and going online.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

It was the best school I got into and it is one of the best SUNY schools in New York State. My cousin also attends this school and had a big influence in my coming here.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

The guys in the fraternity already were very kind to me and they have the highest GPA on campus. I also wanted to be a part of the making of this chapter at Binghamton University.

Future Plans:

I plan to be very successful, have a beautiful wife and adorable kids.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Gustavo A. Gomez

Date of Birth: June 14th, 1983

Address: 136 apple Gordon Rd
Ferndale, NY 12734

Phone Number: (845) 292-4559

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Computers, programming, clubs, music, collecting music, creating music, photography, and video games.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

The school is only an hour and a half away from my home, and more affordable than most schools I applied to.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I was able to make a bond, and create friendships with the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony quickly and believed in the morals.

Future Plans:

I plan to travel most of the world and hopefully to settle down later in life.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Almon Tse

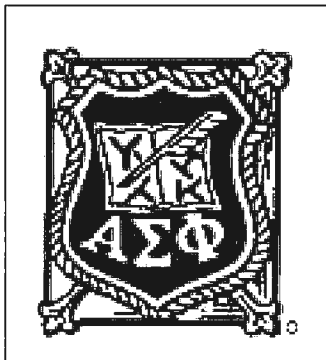
Date of Birth: October 9th, 1983

Address: 102-40 63rd Road
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Phone Number: (718) 275-6198

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Snowboarding, Inline Skating, Computer assembly and design, Reading, Classical Music

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

I chose Binghamton University because it is the best state school in New York. I wanted to go into business and IT, so Binghamton was a clear choice. Binghamton's engineering and business schools are among the finest in the country.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I joined Alpha Sigma Phi because it was different from the other fraternities on campus. What drew me to Alpha Sigma Phi was the emphasis on scholarship, community service, and philanthropy as well as its goal to change the negative image of Greek organizations on campus.

Future Plans:

I plan to graduate with a B.S. in management, concentrating in MIS and a minor in Computer Science. From there I would like to attend graduate school to pursue an MBA. I hope to get a job as either an investment banker or business consultant.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Marshall R. Voizard

Date of Birth: March 2nd, 1983

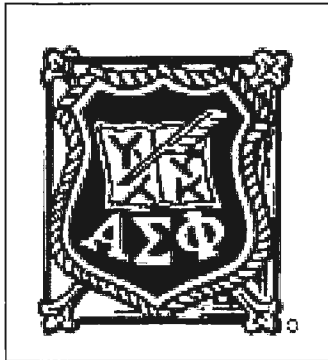
Address: 1 University Place
East Northport, NY

Phone Number: (631) 757-6252

Year: Sophomore

Major: History

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Hobbies/Interests:

German, rugby, computers, and history.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Binghamton has a strong liberal arts program.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Brotherhood.

Future Plans:

Graduate school.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Zach Mann

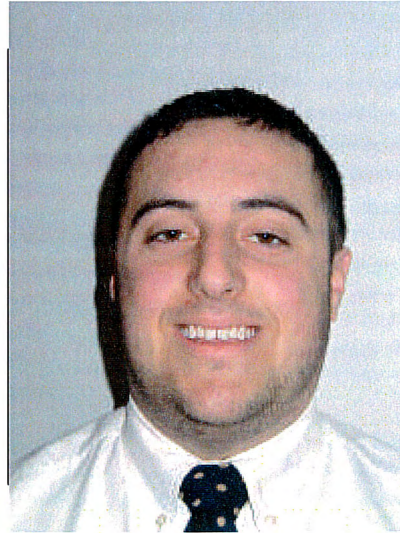
Date of Birth: April 2nd, 1982

Address: 28 Sheppard Lane
Stony Brook, NY 11790

Phone Number: (631) 751-0431

Year: Junior

Major: Political Science (Hebrew Minor)



Hobbies/Interests:

Volleyball, guitar, being with friends, laughing and regurgitating lines from movies.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Binghamton is a good education for a reasonable cost. Also, my sister went here and I found the student body to be very down to earth.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

Ever since my Freshman year, the members of the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University have been men who I am proud to call friends – each one is a true gentleman who represents the best aspects of Greek life.

Future Plans:

Possibly pursuing my doctorate in History and teaching at the college level.

Colony Member Biography

Name: David Natani

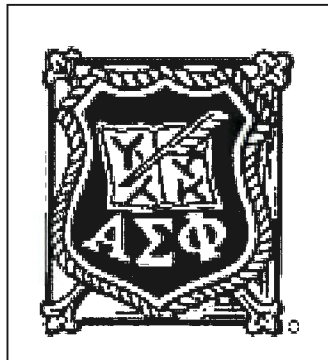
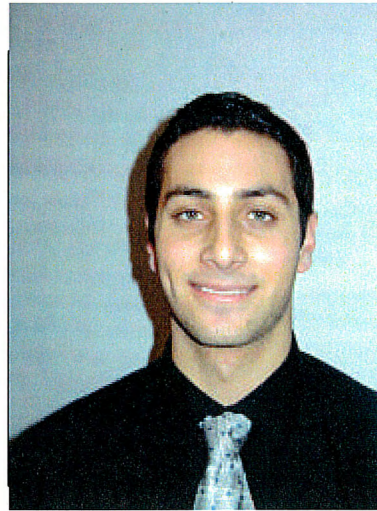
Date of Birth: August 3rd, 1983

Address: 1570 E.14th
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Phone Number: (718) 288-2847

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Computers, watching *The Simpsons*, eating, and watching movies.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

I wanted to get away from home, and liked it when I visited.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I initially came for something to put on my resume, but then when I met the people and found out what it was about I was really turned on to joining.

Future Plans:

Hopefully I will have a high paying office job and be married.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Igor Zamkovsky

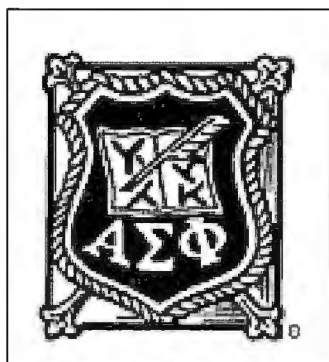
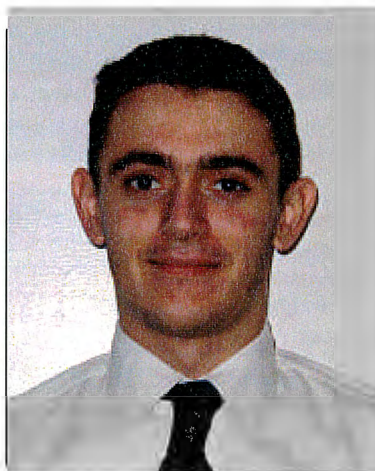
Date of Birth: September 3rd, 1984

Address: 2117 70th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11204

Phone Number: (718) 234-3437

Year: Sophomore

Major: Management



Hobbies/Interests:

Sports, music, and spending time with the brothers.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Great value for my money, excellent academics, and good distance from home.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

To make friends, improve myself as a person and give back to the community around me.

Future Plans:

I plan on attending business school and receiving my MBA after I graduate. I just want to be happy and that will probably come through a family and a job that I love

Colony Member Biography

Name: Benjamin Chee

Date of Birth: February 13th, 1983

Address: BU # 09765 PO Box 6009
Binghamton, NY 13902

Phone Number: (607) 355-5577

Year: Sophomore

Major: Biology



Hobbies/Interests:

Basketball, snowboarding, just hanging around having a good time, sports.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

A good, inexpensive, quality education.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I chose Alpha Sigma Phi because I wanted a band of Brothers that are laid back and gentlemanly and have the same morals and values that I have.

Future Plans:

I plan on finishing college, becoming a doctor, and being a leader in the Fraternity.

Colony Member Biography

Name: Jason Strumwasser

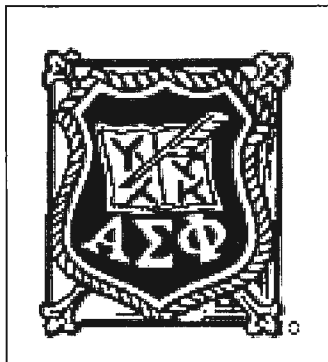
Date of Birth: June 24th, 1983

Address: 18 Murray Street
Binghamton, NY 13905

Phone Number: (607) 722-8162

Year: Sophomore

Major: Political Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Playing sports, hanging out with friends, digital photography.

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

A great school for the money and my older brother goes here.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I chose Alpha Sigma Phi because I wanted a group of friends and it was a totally different kind of fraternity.

Future Plans:

I plan on graduating from college and going to law school; being a fraternity leader.

Colony Member Biography

Name: William Ng

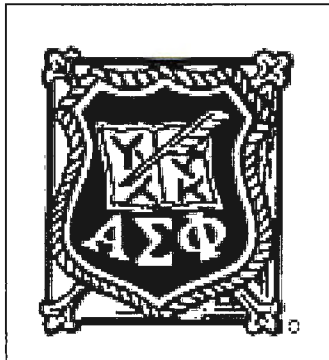
Date of Birth: March 4th, 1983

Address: 220-04 Kingsbury Ave
Bayside, NY 11364

Phone Number: (718) 468-8509

Year: Junior

Major: Political Science



Hobbies/Interests:

Hanging out with friends and family, and playing sports

Reasons for Attending Binghamton:

Great academic reputation.

Reasons for Joining Alpha Sigma Phi:

I chose Alpha Sigma Phi because I wanted to be part of a Brotherhood that believed in the same values I did.

Future Plans:

I'm looking forward to possibly attending law school in NYC. I hope to be a true leader and uphold the values of fraternity.



Advisors



Greek Advisor Information

Jack Causseaux

Undergraduate: University of Western Florida

Graduate: University of Western Florida

Initiated into the Delta Eta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity at the University of Western Florida

Started career at Binghamton University as Assistant Director of Campus Activities and has assumed the role as Advisor for the Inter- Fraternal Council, until a permanent replacement can be found. The rest of Campus activity staff members have taken responsibility for other Greek councils on campus.

Contact Information

Office: 607-777-2811

E-mail: Jack@binghamton.edu



Vision For The Future





“The future is merely the past with a new outfit” – Carla Fulton

Today, there are a number of stereotypes associated with fraternities such as rape, drug addiction, and alcohol abuse to name a few. A fraternity is always looked at this way and it is difficult to convince people otherwise. However, our colony has begun to change that perception by staying true to ourselves and the promise each of us made when we joined this organization. We have committed ourselves to creating an organization founded on brotherhood and giving back to our community.

The creation of a strong brotherhood is not an easy task and a fraternity can quickly lose sight of their original purpose if they do not constantly work to make themselves better each and every day. The brothers of this colony strive to do everything possible to better themselves in all of their daily activities. We are unrelenting when it comes to checking ourselves and re-evaluating how we conduct our business as well as our personal lives.

With this in mind, we see ourselves becoming the leading fraternity on campus within the next year or two. We want to set the standards of excellence that we truly believe any fraternity can achieve. Over the past year we have proven that a fraternity can be successful and achieve all of its goals without the use of hazing during its new member education program. This will continue in our fraternity and it has become an aspect of our activity of which we are very proud.

We plan on becoming the leaders of our Greek Community and at the same time work to pick up and revitalize those fraternities and sororities on our campus that are not living up to what a Greek Organization should be. The Greek Community, when running properly, can increase the quality of life on a college campus and be a positive impact on the future of the students. This is something we have begun working towards and we have made efforts in areas that other fraternities have shied away from. Rather than working alone and keeping to ourselves, we have extended our hand to other fraternities and sororities, regardless of what council they are a part of, to organize community service and philanthropy events.

What the future holds for us, obviously we do not know for sure, but we fully intend to work against the quote above. The past does not have to dictate the future and our actions to this point have proven that. But there is always room for improvement and we will continue to work hard and stay true to the beliefs and values of Alpha Sigma Phi.



Closing Statement





Throughout this petition, we have presented our goals, our accomplishments, and our methods for achieving both. We have given insight into how we run our colony and how that will translate into running a fully functional chapter. While we greatly desire to be awarded a charter for the effort that has gone into this process, we have also learned that we are already a brotherhood in the literal sense.

Petitioning for Charter has been a task in which the means are just as important as the ends. Creating this document has required plenty of collaboration between brothers, as well as much personal introspection for many of us. It has allowed us to examine where we fit into the bigger picture of Greek Life, both nationally and on our campus.

We see ourselves now as riding the crest of a larger wave of change. It has become clear to us, through policies set forth by the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi and through developments in the Greek System at Binghamton, that the typical “frat” stereotypes that prevailed in the past several decades are on their way out. “Risk Management” is not just a term to be thrown around; it is a real concept to avoid the physical and legal risks that accompany the behaviors so commonly associated with Fraternities.

We are truly a modern social fraternity, bringing social aspects to constructive projects such as community service rather than stressing social ties based on illegal or irresponsible activities. We have run many successful philanthropy and community service events, which have been not only productive, but incredibly fun as well. We have used these events to bond together as a brotherhood and to network with other groups, leaving a lasting positive impression. It is always important for us to balance both our enjoyment of college and our responsibilities.

With all this to be proud of, we must still remind ourselves that this is all to be but a footnote in the journey to come. Once the strength of our brotherhood is confirmed by receiving our charter, there are whole new directions to go in. In the coming years we will begin to have alumni of our chapter who will establish their own organization and continue to aid the growth of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton and, hopefully, participate directly in the National Organization.

We have hopefully shown through all of this that we have adopted the values of Alpha Sigma Phi. This can be seen in our service activities, our new member education program, and even down to our day-to-day operations. We claim to the Grand Council now that we have prepared ourselves for the hidden teachings of Alpha Sigma Phi; we are prepared to take the values that we have lived by these past semesters and bind ourselves to them for life.

***Constitution
Of
Alpha Sigma Phi Colony
At Binghamton University***

Preamble

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University form this brotherhood: to create and perpetuate social ties, to strive for academic excellence, to “better the man”, to maintain a high sense of charity, to service the community, and to facilitate a love and respect for our alma mater. In striving for these values we will continue to grow as individuals and as a brotherhood.

Article One: Name

The chapter designation of the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall be determined upon reception of its charter. (This article will automatically be amended at said time)

Article Two: Mission

Section One: Brotherhood

We, the brothers of the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University, will seek a greater knowledge of each other, our chapter, and our fraternity. Let all who read this document and enter the brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at Binghamton University know that he will be judged without prejudice, racism, bigotry, or be persecuted for his heritage. Together, as men, we will strive “To better the man.”

Section Two: Academics and Intellectual Pursuits

We, the brothers of the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University, hereby pledge ourselves to achieve the highest possible level of academic excellence and intellectual prowess. As brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University, we agree to maintain a high level of learning in the classroom as well as learning about our community, our alma mater, and ourselves.

Section Three: Service

We, the brothers of the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University agree to serve others through hard work and perseverance. In this pledge we shall strive to improve the welfare of others on our campus, and in our community. We will maintain a high level of respect and dignity during all service events.

Article Three: Regulations

Section One:

All brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall recognize and abide by the rules and regulations stated in the code of conduct of Binghamton University, affirmed in the Student Handbook.

Section Two:

All brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall recognize and abide by all nationally adopted clauses, regulations, bylaws, and amendments.

Section Three:

All new brothers, initiated brothers, and alumni of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall respect the established laws and amendments.

Section Four:

The President shall represent the chapter in all external matters and is hereby the appointed voice of the fraternity. If the President is unavailable or unable to serve in this capacity, the Vice-President shall assume the aforementioned role. If the Vice-President is unable to serve in this capacity, the duty shall be passed through the set chain of elected officers as follows: Treasurer, Marshal, Sergeant-at-Arms, Recording Secretary, Editor, Corresponding Secretary, Scholarship Director, Alumni Relations Director, Prudential Committee Members at Large.

Article Four: Membership

Section One:

Members of any pledge class from September 21, 2001 until the date of reception of our charter shall be known as the "Founding Fathers".

Section Two:

All duly initiated pledges of this fraternity shall be considered Brothers, and receive all rights and benefits of the title.

Section Three:

In order for a pledge class to initiate they must complete all requirements of the pledge education program.

Section Four:

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University, in accordance with the National Position Statement on Racism and Religious Discrimination shall not discriminate against any rush, pledge, or brother based on age, race, creed, color, religion, or sexual preference.

Section Five:

Membership of this fraternity may be limited, suspended, or terminated through the judicial process adopted by the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University or in accordance with the by-laws of this fraternity.

Section Six:

The Prudential Committee may only recommend the suspension of a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University if a four-fifths majority of the Prudential Committee is in agreement with the suspension proposal. In the event of a four-fifths majority vote, the Prudential Committee shall present their decision to the fraternity body as a whole. This action will be followed by a Prudential Committee explanation, followed by discussion facilitated by the Chapter Advisor. A four-fifths majority vote of brothers in good standing will be required to make active the Prudential Committee Recommendation.

Article Five: Officers and Elected Officials

Section One:

The elected officers and officials of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall be:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Scholarship Director
- Marshal
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Editor
- Two Members-at-Large
- Social Chairman
- Community Service Chairman
- Pledge Educator
- Alumni/Parent Relations Chairman

- Two Rush Chairmen
- Athletics Chairman
- Webmaster

Section Two:

The voting members of the Prudential Committee are as follows:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Treasurer
4. Two Members-at-Large

Section Three:

The Vice-President shall only vote on Chapter issues in the event of a tie, or if his vote will make the difference in passage or termination of a bill

Clause One: The Vice-President shall chair all chapter Meetings

Clause Two: The President has the power to veto a bill or proposed amendment.

Clause Three: A veto may be overruled with a two-thirds majority of attending chapter members

Section Four:

In order for a brother to be eligible for an office he must be considered a “brother in good standing” in accordance with the by-laws of this fraternity.

Section Five:

The final elections will be open to all nominated brothers upon their acceptance of the nomination. The process for determining the candidates will be conducted in a fair and just manner, and in accordance with the by-laws of this fraternity.

Section Six:

Elections for said officers will be held on the first chapter meeting in April to be effective May 1 to allow time for a smooth and thorough transition of power.

Section Seven:

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall not accept votes by proxy. All votes will be conducted by means of secret ballot. The method of counting the votes shall be in accordance of the by-laws of this fraternity.

Article Six: Committees

Section One:

The standing committees of this fraternity will consist of and be chaired by the following:

1. Prudential Committee – Vice-President
2. Rush Committee – Rush Chairmen
3. Social Committee – Social Chairman
4. Service Committee – Community Service Chairman
5. Fundraising Committee - Treasurer
6. Alumni/Parent Relations Committee - Alumni/Parent Relations Chairman
7. Pledge Education Committee – Pledge Educator
8. Website Design Committee - Webmaster

Section Two:

The President will chair the Prudential Committee meetings and abstain from all votes with the exception of breaking a tie.

Section Three:

The Prudential Committee meeting shall be held at a predetermined and announced time and location. The meeting will be open to all members, but only members listed in Article 5, Section 2 shall be allowed to speak without the endorsement of a prudential member.

Article Seven: Chapter Meetings

Section One:

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University will be required to attend a weekly chapter meeting. This meeting must be held at a pre-determined time. The Prudential Committee has the right to cancel, reschedule, or add a chapter meeting if needed, if and only if twenty-four hours notice can be given.

Section Two:

All Chapter meetings will be conducted under parliamentary procedure as stated in “To Better the Man,” or in accordance with the by-laws of this fraternity. Two-Thirds quorum is required to poll.

Section Three:

Attendance is mandatory and expected at all chapter meetings. Exceptions and penalties will be assessed in accordance with the by-laws of this fraternity.

Section Four:

The Vice-President shall chair all chapter meetings and will run the meeting with the agenda established at the Prudential Committee meetings.

Article Eight: Alcohol and Hazing

Section One:

Any undue physical or psychological stress will be considered hazing, and hazing will not be tolerated in any way, shape, or form within the brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi at Binghamton University. All people shall be treated in accordance with respect, dignity, and integrity at all times.

Section Two:

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University, will provide an alcohol free social environment for its members and the Greek community.

Section Three:

If any prospective brother or members feel that they have been physically or psychologically abused in any way, it is their right and duty to inform the President or advisor who will bring the case to the attention of the Prudential Committee.

Article Nine: National and Chapter Code of Conduct

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University, in order to create and perpetuate a values-based organization of gentlemen, do hereby adopt the National Fraternities' Code of Conduct as Stated in "To Better the Man."

Article Ten: Finances

Section One:

The funds of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University shall be derived from its members' dues, fundraising, sponsorships, donations, and grants consistent with the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section Two:

The Treasurer shall manage all the finances, and shall be overseen by the Prudential Committee.

Clause One: All checks must be signed by both President and Treasurer in order to be valid.

Clause Two: A statement of finances and money spent must be presented each month to the Prudential Committee. The statement must be written and each member must be presented a copy of his own.

Clause Three: Any brother of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University has the right to audit all financial records at anytime. The limit for these audits shall be twice per month.

Article Eleven: Amendments to the Constitution

Section One:

Any brother may propose an amendment to the constitution. Amendments may only be proposed during a regularly scheduled chapter meeting. The amendment must be submitted in written form to every brother in attendance at the chapter meeting.

Section Two:

A vote of four-fifths majority of all brothers in attendance is required to ratify an amendment.

Section Three:

The activation date of a newly ratified amendment will be decided by a simple majority vote.

Section Four:

An amendment to the constitution or any governing by-laws shall not be retroactive and shall only apply to future events after the determined activation date.

Article Twelve: Ratification

Section One:

Ratification of this document will require a four-fifths majority vote of all brothers in good standing in the fraternity.

Section Two:

This document will take effect immediately after its ratification.

Alpha Sigma Phi

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Colony at Binghamton University

Chapter By-Laws

**Garret Fruchtman (AF2001)– Committee CoChairman
John J. Fellin (BF2001)–Committee CoChairman**

ARTICLE ONE: Membership

- I. Active Brothers
 - a. All brothers seen as fulfilling the requirements of the fraternity will be considered active brothers.
- II. Requirements for maintaining active status
 - a. A brother who is considered financially responsible (having paid all monies on time) will be considered an active brother.
 - b. All brothers adhering to the code of conduct of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will be considered active brothers
 - c. All brothers who fulfill the requirements of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Colony at Binghamton University point system will be considered active.
- III. Inactive Brothers – Bad standing
 - a. An inactive brother is defined as one, who by his own actions or inaction has been temporarily or permanently removed from the daily business of the fraternity. This may be done by means of the judicial process outlined by the Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Binghamton University.
 - b. A financially irresponsible brother. A brother who is financially irresponsible will be defined as one who keeps outstanding debts to the fraternity treasury.
- IV. Restrictions: Brother in bad standing
 - a. A brother in bad standing may not:
 - i. Wear any article of clothing bearing any official symbol of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity inc., or any article bearing the letters AΣΦ.
 - 1. Any items designed to promote the fraternity rush are excluded, during the rush program, and only during the rush program. This allows even the brothers in bad standing to promote the fraternity.
 - ii. Participate in any social events sponsored by said fraternity.
 - iii. Attendance at official chapter meetings remains mandatory for a brother in bad standing. However, the voting, motioning, and acclaiming privileges of the brother in bad standing are revoked until such time as he is fully and unconditionally reinstated.
 - iv. No brother in bad standing may serve as an officer of the fraternity, or as the head of a fraternity committee. A brother in bad standing is also permanently prohibited from holding the office of H.S.P, the chapter presidency, or H.J.P. the chapter vice-presidency.
- V. Means for achieving bad standing

- a. A brother may achieve bad standing for failure to pay semester dues to the treasurer by the date set forth by the prudential committee.
 - i. A payment schedule may be worked out between a brother and the treasurer. This will lead to exemption from the above stated clause, as long as the schedule is adhered to.
 - b. A brother may be placed in bad standing, as a result of another brother submitting a grievance to the Sergeant at Arms, and having this grievance validated by judicial process.
 - c. Failure to participate in a significant number of fraternity events, as outlined by the following “point system”
 - i. All brothers, to maintain good standing must achieve 25 participation points to remain active. Points are dealt as follows:
 - 1. Each weekly chapter meeting attended is worth +2. Each missed is worth -1.
 - 2. Community service projects will award +2. As well, 3 points will be deducted from any brother who fails to attend ANY community service event in one semester.
 - 3. Philanthropy projects award +1.
 - 4. All other fraternity events for which attendance is taken will award +1. This includes certain, but not all committee meetings, rush events, and social events.
 - 5. Failure to show at any event to which a brother has given their commitment without advance cancellation will result in the loss of 1 point.
- VI. Reinstatement from bad standing
- a. A brother in bad standing will only be eligible for reinstatement once all of his outstanding debt, or judicial punishments have been paid, or have expired.
 - b. Any brother in bad standing who wishes to be reinstated must send a formal letter of intent to the president of the chapter asking for his reinstatement and offering the fraternity his apologies.
 - c. A simple majority vote, at a meeting with quorum will be sufficient for reinstatement. The chapter president may not refuse reinstatement to any brother who has completed his sentence, or paid his outstanding debt.

ARTICLE TWO: Officer Responsibilities and Position eligibility

- I. An officer of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, Colony at Binghamton University, will be defined as any brother of active status, who has been elected by his peers to serve in one of nineteen different leadership positions. Those positions are listed in the constitution, and their requirements of service and eligibility are outlined below. Only undergraduate brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Binghamton University shall be permitted to hold elected office.
 - a. **HSP – The Chapter President**

- i. Chairs all official chapter meetings, and is considered the Chief Executive officer of the fraternity.
- ii. Serves on the prudential committee
- iii. Has the power to veto any bill or amendment to the constitution or by-laws.
- iv. Does not vote on rush bids, or any other business issues, unless his vote is necessary to break a tie.
- v. Represents the chapter in all exterior, and official matters. He is the public voice of the fraternity.
- vi. Adheres to all further job requirements as stated in the “To Better the Man” handbook.
- vii. Eligibility:
 - 1. A brother who has never been in bad standing.
 - 2. A brother who has been active for at least two semesters.
 - 3. He must live in the chapter house, except under certain binding circumstances, such as a housing contract signed prior to his election.
 - 4. Must accumulate 5 more points than the semester quota.

b. HJP – Chapter Vice-President

- i. This man is in charge of all day-to-day business of the chapter, and is considered the Chief Operating officer.
- ii. Is the chairman of the Prudential committee.
- iii. Keeps order at meetings in the event that the Sergeant-At-Arms is engaged in judicial review.
- iv. Must also fulfill all requirements outlined in the “To Better the Man” handbook.
- v. Eligibility
 - 1. A brother who has never been in bad standing.
 - 2. A brother who has been active for at least two semesters.
 - 3. He must live in the chapter house, except for certain binding circumstances.
 - 4. Must accumulate 5 more points than the semester quota.

c. HE – Treasurer

- i. The treasurer is the Chief Financial officer of the fraternity. All fraternity money, bank accounts, and financial practices are at his sole discretion. He is under the supervision of the prudential committee.
- ii. He must uphold all the practices of the treasurer as described in the *chapter finances*, and *running your chapter* sections of the fraternity handbook.
- iii. The treasurer serves on the prudential committee.
- iv. Eligibility
 - 1. A brother who has never been in bad standing.
 - 2. A brother who has been active for at least two semesters.
 - 3. Must accumulate 5 more points than the semester quota.

d. HS – Recording Secretary

- i. Responsible for maintaining and updating all records in regards to the “point system”
 - ii. Records attendance and minutes at all chapter meetings.
 - iii. Assists the president and sergeant-at-arms in tallying votes.
 - iv. He must uphold all the practices of the Recording Secretary as described in the *Running your chapter* section of the fraternity handbook.
 - v. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be active for at least one semester.
- e. **HCS – Corresponding Secretary**
 - i. Corresponding secretary is in charge of all communications with the Grand National chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, as well as other external entities associated with our chapter.
 - ii. He must uphold all the practices of the Corresponding Secretary as described in the *Running your chapter* section of the fraternity handbook.
 - iii. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be an active brother for at least one semester
- f. **HA – Scholarship director**
 - i. In charge of maintaining and supervising the academic activities of the brothers.
 - ii. Responsible for the creation and maintenance of the fraternity test bank and textbook library.
 - iii. Responsible for organizing study groups if requested by brothers, and seeking tutoring for a brother who is faltering in his studies.
 - iv. He must uphold all the practices of the Scholarship director as described in the *Running your chapter* section of the fraternity handbook.
 - v. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be an active brother for at least one semester.
 - 2. Must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- g. **HM – Marshal**
 - i. He must uphold all the practices of the Marshal as described in the *Running your chapter* section of the fraternity handbook.
 - ii. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be active for at least on semester
- h. **HC – Sergeant-at-arms**
 - i. Is responsible for the maintenance of all official chapter archives and documents.
 - ii. Is responsible for the storage and upkeep of all fraternity paraphernalia.
 - iii. Is in charge of maintaining order at all chapter meetings
 - iv. Serves as the reviewer of all grievances, and also serves the fraternity as prosecutor in judicial review. Supervises the selection

of the judicial board, but does not personally select the judicial board (see Judicial Review, Article Three).

v. Eligibility

1. Must be an active brother for at least two semesters.

i. HR – Editor

- i. He must uphold all the practices of the editor as described in the *Running your chapter* section of the fraternity handbook.
- ii. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be an active brother for at least one semester.

j. HP – Alumni Relations Director

- i. He must uphold all the practices of the Alumni Relations Director as described in the *Running your chapter* section of the fraternity handbook.
- ii. Eligibility
 - 1. This position may only be held by a rising junior or senior as defined by Binghamton University, who has been active for at least one semester.

k. PAL - Prudential Committee members at large

- i. Serve as the vicars/representatives of the general assembly of brothers to the prudential committee. These two men, along with the HSP, HJP, and HE, are the only members who may vote on prudential committee matters.
- ii. Serve the interests of the brothers above their own in these matters.
- iii. Council and reach out to any brother who is in need of assistance
- iv. Supervise the actions of brothers in bad standing.
- v. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be an active brother for at least one semester.

l. Social Chairperson

- i. Is responsible for all fraternity social events.
- ii. Chairs the social committee.
- iii. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be an active brother for at least one semester.

m. Community Service Chairperson

- i. Is responsible for organizing all fraternity community service events.
- ii. Chairs the community service committee.
- iii. Eligibility
 - 1. Must be active in a majority of community service events in the semester prior to his election. Must have a true sense and love for service.
 - 2. Must be an active brother for at least one semester.

n. New Member educator

- i. In charge of the education and training of new members in all aspects of life within the mystic circle.
- ii. Responsible for the mental and physical well being of non-inducted pledges.
- iii. Eligibility
 - 1. Must have a clear and concise knowledge of the practices of the fraternity, and of the member education program.

2. Must have a schedule that permits excessive amounts of time to be spent with the pledges and organizing pledge activities.
3. Must be willing to sacrifice a certain degree of his social life to promote member education
4. May not hold an “H” officer position when elected
5. Must be a brother for at least one semester.

o. Co-Rush Chairmen

- i. The only position that is occupied by two men at one time.
- ii. One of the two chairmen must live on campus.
- iii. Must create and carry out a rush schedule that will be effective in gaining the interest of potential new members. Chairs the rush committee.
- iv. Eligibility
 1. One of the two chairmen must be an active brother for at least one semester.

p. Athletics Chairman

- i. Is responsible for organizing fraternity intramural teams, and gathering the brothers for recreational activities.
- ii. Eligibility
 1. Any brother with an interest in organizing and participating in athletic events is eligible for this position.

q. Webmaster

- i. Is responsible for updating and maintaining the fraternity website, and domain. This must be done on a weekly basis, but all changes to the calendar must be made as soon as the information is provided.
- ii. Eligibility
 1. Must be proficient in computers. Must have a background in computer science.

r. IFC representative

- i. Must attend all weekly IFC meetings with the president and vice president.
- ii. Must relate all IFC business to the members at large at the weekly chapter meetings.
- iii. Eligibility
 1. Any active brother may fill this position.

II. Procedure for chapter elections

- a. All officers shall be elected on the date determined by Article 5, section 6 of the fraternity constitution: “Elections for said officers shall be held at the first chapter meeting in April, to be effective on May 1, to allow for a smooth and thorough transition of office.”
- b. As stated in the fraternity constitution, Article 5, Section 7: “We the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, colony at Binghamton University, shall not

accept votes by proxy. All votes will be conducted by means of a secret ballot.”

- c. The election meeting shall be called to order in the same manner as the weekly chapter meeting.
- d. The president of the fraternity shall be the chairman of this meeting, and does not receive an electoral vote. He may however nominate brothers for office.
- e. All business shall be tabled for this meeting. The only business that will be discussed at an election meeting will be election related.
- f. Election meetings will follow standard meeting procedure, where votes take place.
- g. Any brother in good standing shall be permitted to nominate another brother for office. He does so simply by raising his hand and being recognized by the moderator.
- h. Three ways to be nominated for elected office:
 - i. Caucus – One week before the election, any brother interested in caucusing for the position must hand in a letter of intent in writing to the prudential committee.
 - ii. Nomination – A brother in good standing is nominated by another brother in good standing at the election meeting. The nomination must be seconded by another brother in good standing, and recognized by the moderator.
 - iii. Self-nomination – A brother may raise his hand, and without the burden of nomination, nominate himself for the office. A second is needed.
- i. The voting shall be conducted for each office in the order that the positions are listed in the constitution.
- j. The HC shall proceed with the voting process by asking each nominee if he will accept nomination, and if he will carry out the office faithfully if elected.
- k. Caucuses for the presidency shall each receive five minutes to speak on their own behalf. Nominees shall have three minutes to speak on their own behalf.
- l. Caucuses for the office of HJP shall receive four minutes, nominees three.
- m. Caucuses for all other offices shall receive three minutes, all other nominees two.
- n. Drop downs: Any brother caucused or nominated, who does not gain that particular office, may be re-nominated twice for lower positions.
- o. A drop down may only have one minute to speak, and this minute shall be allotted to his qualifications only.
- p. All nominees shall be asked two questions pertaining to the office they are seeking. One will be fielded from the current holder of that seat, and the other will come from the general assembly.
- q. The order of speakers from the nominated field for any given position will be determined using a simple backwards alphabetical order, by last name.

- r. The HC will call each nominee or caucus to speak, and will conduct the timing of the speech.
- s. To be elected for any office, a candidate must receive 51% of the vote. Secondly in the event of a non-majority vote, the person with the lowest percentage of votes received shall be dropped, and voting will continue without him. If two people each receive the lowest percent of the vote, both candidates are dropped from the running.
- t. If a brother leaves the room during any part of an election for a certain office, he loses his right to vote for that office.
- u. Since all votes are conducted by secret ballot, the candidates may vote for themselves, and shall not leave the room during the voting process.
- v. The president, Sergeant-at-Arms, and recording secretary shall count the votes and tally them, unless they have been nominated for the office being voted upon. Whereas the HJP shall take the presidents place, the Marshal shall take the HC's place, and the Corresponding secretary shall take the recording secretary's place.
- w. The ballots shall be tallied by the Recording secretary, and the results shall be shown to both the HSP, and HC. The president shall inform the chapter of the winner, using the following phrase: "Brothers, we have been successful in electing a new _____, brother _____ . Congratulations."
- x. Should any brother seek the results of the vote, he may do so by motioning, and calling for a poll. This must be seconded.
- y. Upon completion of elections for all offices, the president shall give his address regarding the state of the fraternity.
- z. All officers shall give their officer's reports for the week.

ARTICLE THREE: Violations and Judicial Process

- I. Judicial Review
 - a. Judicial review is the institution established by the fraternity, which deals with code of conduct, and financial violations of inducted brothers.
 - b. Any brother finding significant fault with another brother, may call for judicial review.
 - c. A written letter of protest must be completed by the grieved party, and submitted to the HC for approval. The sergeant-at-arms has sole power in interpreting the letter.
 - d. It is the HC's prerogative to either "Kill" the grievance or present it to the chapter at the following weeks meeting.
 - e. The grievance may only be killed if it is deemed that the charges do not break the fraternity code of conduct, or financial regulations.
 - f. At the chapter meeting, the week following the reception of the formal grievance, the sergeant at arms shall present the case to the fraternity, or announce to the fraternity that a grievance has been received, but subsequently killed.

- g. Following the announcement, no discussion time will be provided. The judicial review will instead be tabled until the following meeting in a week's "cool down period."
- h. Judicial review at the subsequent week's meeting will be conducted as follows:
 - i. A Judicial board of five members established by lottery will be selected by the HC, with a witness by the HSP. These brothers will be notified of their jury duty, and called to meet with the HC and HJP.
 - ii. The five members of the board will elect a foreman out of the group.
 - iii. The judicial board will exclude the following officers:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice-president
 - 3. Treasurer
 - 4. Sergeant-at-arms
 - 5. Prudential committee members at large
 - 6. Defendant
 - 7. Plaintiff
 - i. The judicial board shall hear the case in the audience of the chapter at the next weeks meeting.
 - j. All cases shall be labeled as following:
 - i. Brother _____ V.S. Alpha Sigma Phi, Colony at Binghamton University.
 - k. The HC shall serve as prosecutor, and the defendant shall represent himself, or call on another brother to defend him. If a member of the JB (Judicial board) is called on to defend the defendant, he is hereby exempted from service, and a replacement will be called upon.
 - l. The HJP shall maintain order at judicial proceedings.
 - m. Each side may call witnesses on their behalf, and shall be permitted to enter evidence.
 - n. Upon the request of counsel, and the approval of the judicial board foreman, cross examination will be permitted, though it is not to be standard procedure.
 - o. The judicial board, upon hearing the case shall decide the guilt of defendant, and recommend punishment.
 - p. The punishment handed down by the judicial board shall stand unless overturned by a 4/5 majority of the general assembly.
 - q. Quorum is not needed for this vote. Judicial review may not be tabled for more than the standard cool down period.
 - r. Should there be no override of the Judicial Board's decision, the president of the fraternity shall confirm the sentence and the guilty party shall be duly notified.
- II. Appropriate Penalties, and situations for the application of each

- a. In order to assure the appropriate issuing of punishment, the following precedents are listed in the order of their severity. The least severe punishment is listed as "i."
 - i. Prudential Committee Fine.
 - 1. Any amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the dues for any particular semester.
 - 2. Any brother found in violation of fraternity financial responsibility guidelines are eligible to receive this punishment.
 - 3. This punishment shall not be given for violations of the fraternity code of conduct.
 - ii. Suspension from social activities
 - 1. The guilty party is barred from attending fraternity sponsored events such as: Sorority mixers, fraternity parties, and athletic events.
 - 2. This punishment should be dealt when the guilty party has been found in an infraction violating the fraternity code of conduct.
 - iii. Temporary Suspension
 - 1. Suspension from all fraternity activities and privileges, not to exceed one semester.
 - 2. Being more severe, this punishment should be reserved for those violations which are in moderately severe violation of the fraternity code of conduct.
 - iv. Indefinite Suspension
 - 1. Indefinite suspension bans the guilty party from all fraternity events and privileges until the chapter sees fit for his re-instatement.
 - 2. A vote by the general assembly of brothers is required to reinstate a brother on indefinite suspension.
 - 3. This punishment is reserved for those involved in prolonged financial irresponsibility (see section on bad standing) and for those whose actions have caused the fraternity to lose face in the eyes of the Greek, and/or university community
 - v. Permanent removal from the Mystic Circle
 - 1. This punishment is the most severe, and may only be invoked with the presence of the chapter advisor, in consultation with the prudential committee, and the fraternity general assembly.
 - 2. This punishment shall only be used in circumstances where the brother in question has partaken in acts which are irreprehensible in the eyes of the fraternity.
 - vi. Prudential Committee Prerogative clause

1. This clause permits the prudential committee and its five members to devise a punishment different from those listed above.
 - a. This punishment must also be approved by the general assembly as stated in Article two, Section I, sub-point o, and p.

ARTICLE FOUR: Fraternity Rush and New Member Education Program

- I. Guidelines for fraternity rush
 - a. The fraternity rush shall be held within the time constraints set forth by the inter-fraternity council, and the University.
 - b. Alpha Sigma Phi, colony at Binghamton University, in compliance with the guidelines of the national chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity inc., shall sponsor only a “dry” rush program.
 - c. The rush chairmen, along with their appointed committee shall be in charge of planning, acquiring supplies, and reporting to the treasurer for all funds that they require.
 - d. The rush chairmen shall be given a budget for the program, which will be derived from the accepted budget levied by the chapter.
 - i. Only those men designated as “rush chairmen” shall have the ability to acquire funds from the fraternity treasury.
 - e. Rush wear shall be of an appropriate and gentlemanly nature. No sexually or morally offensive fraternity attire will be permitted.
- II. Chapter meeting regarding men for membership (Bid night)
 - a. This is a special meeting called by the chapter president and the rush chairmen with the sole purpose of inviting men for membership. No other fraternity business shall be discussed, until the bid voting has been completed.
 - b. In accordance with the fraternity mission statement, the ceremony shall be conducted giving full consideration to each man, without prejudice for race, religion, creed, disability, or sexual lifestyle.
 - c. A brother must nominate a man for the bid before his name may be submitted for the vote.
 - d. Five minutes of debate shall follow the nomination of each candidate.
 - e. A vote shall be taken to decide which men shall receive bids. A bid shall be awarded to any man who garners 75% of the votes of the brothers present for the meeting.
 - f. Once the voting has been completed, and the meeting adjourned, no other bids may be considered under any circumstances.
- III. The New Member Education Program
 - a. The new member education program shall be conducted in compliance with all codes and rules of conduct of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Inc.
- IV. Judicial process for non inducted men

- a. In compliance with the colony constitution all un-initiated candidates shall be subject to the rules of judicial process as stated in Article Three.
 - b. All minor offenses shall be dealt with directly by the new member education staff.
- V. Releasing of a candidate from his candidacy
 - a. Alpha Sigma Phi, Colony at Binghamton University, reserves the right to remove any man from his candidacy for membership, should it be decided that he has failed to live up to his requirements as a candidate.
 - b. The New Member Educator reserves the right to remove any man from his program at any time.
 - c. Candidates who are removed by the fraternity are no longer eligible for membership at any future time.
- VI. Resignation of a candidate from his candidacy
 - a. Any candidate, at any time, may resign his candidacy for membership.
 - b. A candidate who has resigned may request reinstatement at a future date, but must go through the normal rush/bid process as stated in the above clauses.
 - c. Any candidate resigning for reasons beyond his control must submit a letter to the fraternity, if he wishes to be considered for membership at a later date.
- VII. Induction for approved candidates
 - a. The New Member Educator, has the sole authority to determine when and if candidates shall cross.
 - b. The induction process shall be conducted in accordance with fraternity tradition.

ARTICLE FIVE: The Fraternity Treasury

- I. The Treasurer
 - a. As stated in ARTICLE TWO the treasurer (HE) shall have authority over all chapter finances.
- II. The Budget
 - a. At the beginning of each semester the HE shall be required to review the fraternity bank accounts and devise a budget that he believes appropriate for the semester.
 - b. The HE shall allocate money to each committee that has been approved by the Prudential Committee.
 - c. Once passed, the budgets can only be amended by a 2/3 vote of the general assembly.
 - d. All monies are to be kept in the hands of the treasurer, or in the official fraternity bank account at all times.
- III. Applying for funds
 - a. Only committee heads may fill out a “request for funds” sheet and submit it to the treasurer.
 - b. Once approved, the treasurer will give the money to the committee head, in the approved amount.

- c. Upon spending, the committee head, or entrusted committee member is required to present the treasurer with a store receipt, and all non-spent funds.
- d. Brothers who do not provide the treasurer with receipts and non-spent monies are liable to incur financial penalties, and or lose their privileges to use fraternity funds.
- e. A brother who lays money out, with the intent to be reimbursed by the fraternity must receive the treasurer's approval for the purchase, and must provide him with a receipt, or that brother will not be reimbursed.