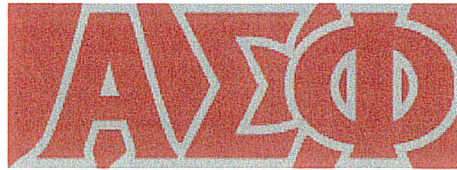


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Members of the Grand Council,

In our adolescence as a colony, most of us had our priorities set as family first, followed by school and then the fraternity. As we grew together and increased the number of brothers, we expected to have weaker relationships amongst our members but instead they became stronger. Fraternity became family, and with each new member we simply become a larger family.

When we look back at our years spent in college, what will we remember? The cramming for exams? Staying up all night to finish that impossible homework assignment? The girl that lived across the hall that you had a crush on? Well maybe we will remember the girl, but I am sure that our memories will be filled with the great times we had being a part of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. As a colony our success has come on many levels. We excel as a group in terms of inter-greek activities, community service, academics, and student activities. As our colony attends these events, we illuminate our brotherhood to the public with pride and commitment projecting a high sense of honor. This exemplifies our roles as being leaders on and off campus.

I believe that our colony, in the following pages, will prove it can be an outstanding chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Thank you for your time to consider our colony's journey into the mystic circle and the quest that follows beyond.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Pawliske
President, Gamma Epsilon Colony
Alpha Sigma Phi, SUNY at Buffalo



University at Buffalo

25 September, 2001

Mr. John Gibson
Alpha Sigma Phi
8645 Guion Rd.
Suite J.
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Dear John,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo. Throughout the last two years, Alpha Sigma Phi has been an upstanding fraternity. Their involvement with various offices on campus as well as their commitment to philanthropies has given the men of Alpha Sigma Phi a positive image in the Greek system.

Their support of the Athletic department can be seen through their relationship with Robert Suglia (Student Relations officer) Robert's responsibility is to attract students to athletic events, with the help of the men of Alpha Sigma Phi, events were able to be set-up and taken down. Although these seem like small tasks, these are very important aspects of programming events and Alpha Sigma Phi were a great help in making those successful events.

In addition to their involvement with athletics, their philanthropy support can be seen through their involvement with Buffalo News Kids' Day. They have also participated in various sorority-sponsored philanthropies with Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Delta Tau.

Alpha Sigma Phi has built a reputation of commitment, respect, and quality that every fraternal man should strive for. I hope that their petition for full status is reviewed carefully and given the consideration they so rightfully deserve. If you have any further inquiries please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Sincerely,

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Melisa L. Dybbro
IFC Advisor
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History of Gamma Epsilon colony at the University at Buffalo

When the quest began, the men of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony were but a group of individuals looking for something more, something bigger than ourselves, but we weren't quite sure exactly what that was. Many sunrises and sunsets passed our horizon, far away seemed the goal, but we continued onward in the face of much adversity. Along the way we helped each other grow as individuals, while becoming a strong and united group of not only friends, but bonded much higher than that. Through the stormy times when the world looked bleak, we stuck together, with the goal in sight always even if the view may have been hindered. Throughout all of the trials and tribulations we have emerged, stronger as a whole and as individuals, than we ever thought possible.

The journey began in the summer of 1999, and as some later members were just crossing the platforms at their respective high schools, the groundwork for the colony was being laid, and the Director of Expansion Drew Thawley sent postcards attempting to recruit new members. As the original group returned to campus from the summer siesta, emails from Gordy Heminger invited those first members to come to the informational meetings alongside him, and then took a few of them to lunch to answer any of their questions about the fraternity, and to explain the details of what it meant to be an Alpha Sig, as he guided the first members of the group to their goal of becoming national members of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Through the combined recruiting effort, the group garnered 30 more members as they officially became an interest group thus beginning the long quest.

Over the course of the next year, we held interest group meetings, and performed various community service projects; such as helping elementary children learn how to ice skate at the Pepsi Center in Amherst, NY; and Habitat for Humanity where we helped a family construct a new home so that they could have a place to live which was a very rewarding experience. Over the course of the fall semester, as the group slowly moved forward to becoming a colony, the next phase of our journey, there were highs and lows,

as members left and new men joined the cause. It was the month of December however, that we of men crossed a long bridge in our journey to becoming a colony. We participated in the Founder's Day dinner, which was an extremely wonderful experience for the group as our goal materialized before our eyes for a brief moment as we met many Alumni from Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, giving us determination to continue onward in our quest, so that someday that would be us sitting in that room with our pins on. Three days later, on December 9th, 1999, 28 members of our interest group became pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, as they were colonized, and the new Gamma Epsilon colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo was re-born, like the symbol the phoenix proudly emblazoned on the fraternities flag, it was risen from the ashes.

Spring semester 2000 proved to be more interesting, as the colony became an active force in Greek life on campus. Our numbers increased by five, during the course of the semester, and our colony continued its community service, as we participated in Habitat for Humanity once again, and being sponsored for the annual Linda Yalem Memorial Run at the University at Buffalo to remember Linda Yalem, a woman who was murdered while running on the bike paths at UB. We also started to take interest in all Greek affairs in general, as members began going to IGC and IFC meetings, and the group participated in many IGC sponsored events, we also made our presence known on campus as we participated in Greek Week and attended other Greek organizations' philanthropy events. All the while, as the semester wore on, we were beginning to become tighter knit, and the goal was closing in as we, unified, gained a sense of direction and purpose. We also said goodbye to our first graduate that spring, as Alan Kruzicki crossed the University at Buffalo platform.

In the summer of 2000, four of our members went to the Alpha Sigma Phi national convention in Indianapolis, IN. It instilled within them a great pride in the fraternity, and enthusiasm to become a full-fledged brother in this outstanding brotherhood. At the convention, we were bestowed citations for Brotherhood Development and Campus Involvement. They instantly brought back all the knowledge

they gained at the convention, as well as their enthusiasm and sense of pride, and instilled it on the rest of us.

In the fall of 2000, we added seven more new members to grow to 37 members in all. We cheered on the University at Buffalo Bulls football team in the fall, while handing out tickets for the student's pre-game food tent and passing out advertising flyers for promotions as the crowd entered the stadium. Once again we participated in Habitat for Humanity, and it fast became a favorite event for our members, as it was both fun and rewarding to help people move into a new home. Another service event was the Community Action Corps "Night Out", a campus organizations' night to raise awareness for homelessness where some of our members constructed cardboard houses. During the cooling fall weather, we all made a pilgrimage to the then colony president John Schlia's house for a brotherhood retreat. During the retreat the new members got to know the original member's more intimately, and the entire colony bonded as it had never before.

In the Spring of 2001, we grew again, this time adding eight more members to the current line-up. We continued to be active in Greek Life, participating in Greek Week for the second time, and winning the prestigious Inter-fraternal Football Championship in our second year playing, a flag football tournament between each fraternity on campus' newest members from the past year. We also continued our community service, doing Habitat for Humanity for the third time and participating in the Buffalo News' annual Kid's Day, a day when the proceeds from every Buffalo News newspaper sold goes towards the Buffalo Children's Hospital and various campus organizations stand on street corners through-out the city selling papers to motorists as they drive to work. With two locations in the city, we helped the UB contingent raise the second most money in all of Buffalo for the kids, second only to the Tops Supermarket chain. At the year's end, we all gathered together for a formal dinner in Rochester, NY to honor the past year's achievements and recognize how far we've come as a group since our odyssey began. James Blayer was honored as the Alpha Sig of the Year for his contributions the past two years, serving as the IFC Vice President and Rush Chairman in 2000-2001, as the Corresponding Secretary for the fall 2001 semester, and as IFC President and Rush

Chairman for the 2001-2002 academic year. On graduation day, we said goodbye to two of our members as Steve Hall and Brian D'Amico graduated the University at Buffalo and became alumni.

Over the summer of 2001, a select few people attended the national convention in Cincinnati, OH. More members than last time attended, and each learned much and was instilled with an unrivaled enthusiasm and pride for the fraternity, standing more ready than ever to finish our long quest to become full brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The fall semester of 2001 had its share of ups and downs as the lowest number of new members in our existence was added, three. However the new members brought with them a great deal to our colony, and continued to instill more enthusiasm into our ranks. More community service was done, as we once again did Habitat for Humanity and had two members participate in the Linda Yalem Memorial Run. We also sponsored a member in the Breast Cancer Walk held in downtown Buffalo. We worked at a few UB football games, and afterwards went inside to cheer on the Bulls, having the most men at a game out of every Greek organization. Then on September 11th, 2001 tragedy struck our nation and we as a colony were all struck with the shock, pride, pain and patriotism that went along with it. Some members rescued an American Flag from the garbage, members rushed to donate blood to the Red Cross, and a sizeable donation was made to the New York City Fire Department.

Now 44 men strong, the men of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony is the second largest Greek organization on campus, with hopes of continuing our growth into 2002 and beyond. We now stand on the brink of what many have worked so hard to achieve, the threshold of the long journey that has now taken the group two and a half years to reach. Innumerable hours were spent by each member devoted to the cause, and will remain devoted to the fraternity far into the future. The members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony have a united sense of purpose, and are very much unified and passionate about their ideals, ideals that set Alpha Sigs apart from all the rest such as; charity, patriotism, and scholarship. The clouds grew dark along the way, and rain

threatened to wash us away, but only through the combined efforts of each individual working together with a unity of purpose, direction and ideals, were the clouds pushed away by bright acts of charity and excellent unity. Whatever the future holds for us individually we do not know, for the future is unpredictable; however we do know that we will be ready to meet those challenges head on, through both the good and the bad, knowing that even if it is too much for one, we have each member to help us through it all. Through the hours of commitment, we now stand near the end of the final stage of our quest and attaining what we have worked so hard to achieve, our dream of becoming full fledged brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi is now close to becoming a reality as we stand on the brink of making the final commitment that shall bind us all to the Mystic Circle as brothers for the rest of our days, and beyond.

Statement of Academics

The Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony at The University at Buffalo realizes that without the University at Buffalo and the classroom, we would not exist. It is with this in mind, that we hold school as the number one priority for our members. All the members of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at UB know that academics comes first, and all extra-curricular activities are secondary, including the fraternity.

Holding true to the fact that school is the number one priority of any member of the colony, our scholarship program includes study hours for all members, new and old. Our newest members are encouraged to attend fifteen hours per week studying in the library regardless of their GPA. All other members are recommended to attend a number of hours in the library that depends solely on their cumulative GPA at the State University of New York at Buffalo. The Scholarship Committee Chair oversees all aspects of the colony's scholarship program. He sets up times and procedures for study hours, keeps track of every member's GPA and number of hours per week that member is recommended to be in the library, oversees all members attending the study hours, and also may set up tutors to assist members struggling in certain areas of study. The Scholarship Chair or any other member of the Scholarship Committee is present at all study hours to assist brothers and take attendance to give a brother credit for the hours in the library. At the completion of each academic year, Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony awards two scholarship awards to members; the Highest GPA Award and the Most Improved GPA Award.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony has thus far been able to accomplish the following academic achievements:

Colony Cumulative GPA as of 6/1/01: 2.696

Colony Spring 2001 Semester GPA: 2.692

The future goals of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony at the State University of New York at Buffalo include an increase in the GPA of every member of the fraternity. We want other groups on the UB campus to not only respect our achievements in the community, but also our achievements in the classroom. The slogan of Alpha Sigma Phi is "To Better The Man" and that's exactly what we aim to do with each of our members.



University at Buffalo

September 26, 2001

To whom it may concern,

To reiterate Melisa's previous response, with short notice and the current lack of a clerical staff person, we are unable to provide system-wide grade information for the Greek population at UB at this time. However, I have attached the Spring 2001 University grade information for the undergraduate population, past grade information (including Fall 2000) and the Spring 2001 grade information for the UB chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. Melisa Dybbro at 716.645.6125 or myself (same number).

Sincerely,

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Pam Stephens-Jackson, Ed.M.
University Liaison

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University at Buffalo Undergraduate Student Grade Information

S P R I N G 2 0 0 1	Population Size:	QPA:
Undergraduate females	6026	2.8348
Undergraduate males	7020	2.6154
All undergraduate	13046	2.7166
Female Freshmen	1258	2.5449
Male Freshmen	1584	2.2458
All Freshmen	2842	2.3779

Criteria: Full-time (registered for 12 or more credit hours)

Greek-letter Organization GRADE INFORMATION by Semester
University at Buffalo

Compiled: 07/12/01

Organizational Average GPA by Semester									
Organization:	Council:	Fall 1998	Spring 1999	Fall 1999	Spring 2000	Fall 2000	Spring 2001	Fall 2001	Spring 2002
Alpha Epsilon Phi	Panhel	2.8540	2.8170	2.8350	2.8400	2.5607			
Alpha Gamma Delta	Panhel	2.9910	2.8170	3.2660	2.9154	2.6853			
Alpha Phi	Panhel	3.0980	3.1040	3.1300	3.1492	3.1150			
Delta Xi Omega (local)	Panhel	2.6300	2.3370	2.6410	2.8602	2.8353			
Kappa Phi Epsilon (local)	Panhel			3.0250	3.1663	3.2269			
Phi Sigma Sigma	Panhel	3.1340	3.1230	2.9410	3.1844	2.6191			
Sigma Delta Tau	Panhel	3.2765	3.0270	2.8120	2.8984	2.7395			
Alpha Beta Sigma	UCCFS-S	2.0180							
Alpha Kappa Alpha	UCCFS-S	1.4920	2.9800	2.9570	3.0636	2.5713			
alpha Kappa Delta Phi	UCCFS-S	2.2990	2.8000	2.4410	2.2841	2.7011			
Delta Sigma Theta	UCCFS-S	3.0240	2.5610	2.4770	3.1273	2.9303			
Kappa Phi Lambda	UCCFS-S	2.5350	2.6430	2.7460	2.5291	2.4398			
Lambda Phi Delta	UCCFS-S	2.3780	2.4730	2.5570	2.6974	2.7007			
Lambda Phi Epsilon	UCCFS-F	2.4040	2.2020	2.6270	2.6804	2.4345			
Lambda Upsilon Lambda	UCCFS-F	2.5110	2.6055	2.4890	1.5868	2.1384			
Nu Alpha Phi	UCCFS-F								
Omega Phi Beta	UCCFS-S								
Phi Iota Alpha	UCCFS-F		2.6250	2.7700	2.7260	2.1057			
Pi Delta Psi	UCCFS-F	2.7190	2.6840	2.5040	2.4780	2.6844			
Sigma Iota Sigma	UCCFS-S	2.1400							
Sigma Psi Zeta	UCCFS-S								
Zeta Phi Beta	UCCFS-S	2.1120	2.0505	2.2255	1.4635	2.9270			
Alpha Sigma Phi (local)	IFC				2.6593	2.5435			
Delta Sigma Phi	IFC	2.8180	2.7820	2.7450	2.6734	2.4863			
Phi Kappa Psi	IFC	2.6690	2.8000	2.6440	2.7893	2.5266			
Phi Kappa Theta	IFC								
Pi Kappa Phi	IFC			2.7480	2.7216	2.4915			
Pi Lambda Phi	IFC			2.7550	2.6059	2.6829			
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	IFC	2.9290	2.7930	2.8190	2.7012	2.7480			
Sigma Alpha Mu	IFC					2.9295			
Sigma Chi Omega (local)	IFC				2.6281	2.3693			
Sigma Phi Epsilon	IFC	2.3160	2.3580	2.4277	2.3544	2.0366			
Sigma Pi	IFC	1.9477	2.0740	2.0216	2.7751	2.7101			

	Fall 1998	Spring 1999	Fall 1999	Spring 2000	Fall 2000	Spring 2001	Fall 2001	Spring 2002
ALL PANHELLENIC AVERAGE	2.9973	2.8708	2.9500	3.0020	2.8260			
UCCFS Sorority AVERAGE	2.2498	2.5624	2.5673	2.5275	2.7117			
UCCFS Fraternity AVERAGE	2.5447	2.5291	2.5975	2.3678	2.3408			
ALL IFC AVERAGE	2.5359	2.5614	2.5943	2.6565	2.5524			

ALL GREEK AVERAGE	2.5819	2.6309	2.6773	2.6384	2.6077			
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ALL UNDERGRADUATE AVERAGE	2.6600	2.7530	2.7863	2.7811	2.7200	2.7166		
UNDERGRADUATE FEMALES	2.8300	2.8800	2.9142	2.8897	2.8438	2.8348		
UNDERGRADUATE MALES	2.6300	2.6410	2.6746	2.6845	2.6138	2.6154		
ALL FRESHMAN				2.6820	2.4654	2.3779		
ALL FEMALE FRESHMAN				2.7954	2.6075	2.5449		
ALL MALE FRESHMAN				2.5881	2.3536	2.2458		

POPULATION SIZE:								
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION	13,881	13,907	13,071	12,478	13,557	13,046		
UNDERGRADUATE FEMALES	7,209	6,492	6,104	5,876	6,262	6,026		
UNDERGRADUATE MALES	6,672	7,415	6,967	6,602	7,295	7,020		
ALL FRESHMAN					4,137	2,842		
FRESHMAN FEMALES					1,822	1,258		
FRESHMAN MALES					2,315	1,584		

* tabulated AFTER Fall and Spring Rush, including new members

Name:	UB Person #:	Last Semester Grades	Overall GPA
Blayer, James	27693493	2.751	2.907
Brelsford, Jeffrey	27537141	3.561	3.17
Buckley, Matthew	27854783	2.594	2.475
Cancel, Seneca			
Carney, Adam	28405785	2.75	2.355
Carpenter, John	28918251	3.132	3.183
Choi, Alex	28694548	2.78	2.202
Cochran, Bryan	27329461	2.334	2.598
Conway, Ryan	27432496	3.312	3.471
DeLine, Erik	27180708	3.5	3.047
DiNizo, Daniel	27456198	3.176	3.386
Doherty, Timothy	27285341	2.767	2.83
Dollard, Mark	29157605	2.932	2.66
Eckstein, Joshua	28248305	3.168	2.77
Ermalowicz, Justin	28982974	2.216	2.517
Farrell, Brett	27818697	3.355	3.355
Finocchiaro, Lite	27950930	1.12	
Futscher, John	28154040	2.3	2.06
Germain, Luke	28217284	1.779	2.267
Grassi, Anthony	28282421	2.751	2.15
Gunnells, Jason	27926930	2.856	2.265
Helmer, Brett	29328234	1.52	2.442
Jarvis, Dan	27452862	3.186	2.815
Keck, Joshua	27582050	3.353	2.675
Kline, Brandon			
Kondra, Nicholas	27029497	2.813	2.185
Kroll, Michael	29101625	0	1.83
Lanuti, Dom	28710758	3.104	3.053
LaRow, Patrick	27415831	2.866	2.193
Lecht, Jason	27592560	3.083	2.987
Marrero, Justin			
Mason, Chris	28161820	3.608	2.779
Mazer, Matthew	27465160	3	3.395
Patel, Rishan	27693024	2.313	3.355
Pawliske, Edward	27674597	1.916	2.332
Pyszczyński, Robert	27064535	2.104	2.175
Regner, Ed	27936036	3.289	3.067
Roy, Rajib	27408390	3.137	2.983
Schlia, John	27879265	2.75	2.686
Scott, Michael	27349629	2.687	2.505
Wheaton, Riley	27245063	2.451	3.048
	Colony Average:	2.692473684	2.696457143



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Office of Greek Affairs

December 14, 2001

Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters
Re: Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. (University at Buffalo Colony)

To Whom It May Concern:

At this time, it is not possible to provide the All-Greek Men's or All Greek averages for Spring 2001. The information is not yet available. It is anticipated that the information will be available for forwarding by the end of next week. Attached please find information, inclusive of Fall 2000 for the entire Greek system, including the Alpha Sigma Phi colony.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 716.645.2055.

Sincerely,

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ALL MALE FRESHMAN					2.5881	2.3536	2.2458		
POPULATION SIZE:									
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION		13,881	13,907	13,071	12,478	13,557	13,046	14,209	
UNDERGRADUATE FEMALES		7,209	6,492	6,104	5,876	6,262	6,026	6,479	
UNDERGRADUATE MALES		6,672	7,415	6,967	6,602	7,295	7,020	7,730	
ALL FRESHMAN						4,137	2,842	4,003	
FRESHMAN FEMALES						1,822	1,258	1,788	
FRESHMAN MALES						2,315	1,584	2,215	

* tabulated AFTER Fall and Spring Rush, including new members

Activities and Accomplishments

On the Net

The Gamma Epsilon colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at the State University of New York at Buffalo has maintained a web site devoted to our actions and membership since the year 2000. The site was begun, maintained and updated by member Jay Lecht and included pictures of the members at social, brotherhood, fundraising and charity events, a list of members, a brief history of the fraternity, and a place with rush information on it. The sites home on the web is <http://wings.buffalo.edu/student-life/greeks/asp/>.

Recently the Gamma Epsilon colony website was given a face lift by former colony President John Schlia. The re-designed web site now features a brief bio on all members which includes their full name, hometown, major and Email information. The site also has pictures of colony functions such as inter-fraternal football, charity events, a brief history of our colony, a ritual page for members only (accessible with a password) with more to be added over time. Members of Alpha Sigma Phi across the country can now check in on the kinds of things we are doing at and around the University at Buffalo. With the continual updating of the site, it will also give those of us currently members a window into future happenings of the colony.

Service

Alpha Sigma Phi at UB has undertaken a variety of service projects to assist interest groups in the Buffalo area. For the past two years, we have participated in the Buffalo News' annual Kid's Day promotion, where the proceeds of sales on that day benefit the Buffalo Children's Hospital. We, along with other Buffalo organizations, braved the cold March mornings of Buffalo at 4am to sit on street corners and sell the Buffalo News to cars passing by for the kids. We were the only group with not just one spot to sell papers, but two. Other service events we have undertaken, include the annual Night Out to raise awareness for homelessness in the Buffalo area, sponsoring a brother in the Breast Cancer Walk, walking in Take Back the Night to raise awareness for rape

and violence towards women, sponsoring a member in the Linda Yalem Memorial Run that takes place once a year at the University, ice skating at the Pepsi Arena in Amherst where we taught several elementary school children how to ice skate and assisted them along the way, as well as multiple visits to Habitat for Humanity.

Brotherhood

Along the way from beginning as an interest group and moving to a colony, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon have also grown as brothers. The membership has grown in size, acquiring 23 new brothers to grow to our current size of 44, the second largest fraternity on campus; and said goodbye to its first alumni, graduating three since our inception.

The past two years we have also gone on retreats to then colony president John Schlia's house in the fall, camping out and strengthening brotherhood ties. We cooked food outdoors on the grill, played football and other games, talked around the campfire until the sun came up, as well as did brotherhood activities such as the initiation ceremony of the newest members entering into the colony this past fall.

We have also gained recognition on the national stage, being given citations by the national headquarters for brotherhood development and campus involvement. We have also excelled on campus, winning the university's annual inter-fraternal football championship, a prestigious event in Greek life at UB, where the newest members of all fraternities on campus from the past year play each other in a flag football tournament.

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Group photo with Kiernan Kreiss

Faculty Advisor

The Gamma Epsilon colony at SUNY at Buffalo does not yet have the position of faculty advisor filled. We have actively pursued candidates in the past, and continue to pursue others, gathering the maximum amount of information possible to make an educated decision as to whom we may select for this position.

Our colony thought we had the search ended when we learned that an engineering professor at UB, Dr. Dennis Malone, who is a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. However due to his current, and serious, medical problems, we've decided not to pursue that avenue any farther, and have begun to construct a tentative list of candidates who also may be qualified for the position.

One of the candidates we are actively pursuing is Mr. Michael Catalano, a full-time staff supervisor at the Health and Sciences library on UB's South Campus. Mr. Catalano not only works for the University at Buffalo, but also works part-time at Erie Community College's North Campus as a student advisor. He has also worked on two political campaigns, a NY State Assembly campaign for Assemblyman Joel Giambro, and a NY State Senatorial candidate Rick Lazio. Mr. Catalano is a man we believe has good morals and ethics, who will spend countless hours helping our colony achieve the kind of success that we are capable of.

We are currently striving to find a faculty advisor that will not merely stand in the position, but who will be an active administrator that has the ideals, morals and character that we as a colony of Alpha Sigma Phi will be proud to have as our voice in the administration. We do not merely want to select someone as an advisor, but someone who will hold the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi within them. We are currently constructing a preliminary list of candidates for this position, and will have an advisor in place by the end of the Spring 2002 semester, and one we will be proud of.

Inter-Fraternity Council

Alpha Sigma Phi
Phi Kappa Psi
Phi Kappa Theta
Pi Kappa Phi
Pi Lambda Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Chi Omega
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sigma Pi

Panhellenic Association

Alpha Epsilon Phi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Phi
Delta Xi Omega
Kappa Phi Epsilon
Phi Sigma Sigma
Sigma Delta Tau

United Council of Cultural Fraternities and Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha (sorority)
alpha Kappa Delta Phi (sorority)
Delta Sigma Theta (sorority)
Kappa Phi Lambda (sorority)
Lambda Phi Delta (sorority)
Lambda Phi Epsilon (fraternity)
Nu Alpha Phi (fraternity)
Omega Phi Beta (sorority)
Phi Iota Alpha (fraternity)
Pi Delta Psi (fraternity)
Sigma Psi Zeta (sorority)
Zeta Phi Beta (sorority)

Interest Groups

Kappa Sigma Sigma
Sigma Phi Pi
Theta Nu Sigma
Zeta Beta Tau

Groups seeking Interest Group status**Sororities:**

Malika Kambe Umfazi
Lambda Theta Alpha

Sigma Gamma Rho
Sigma Iota Sigma

Fraternities:

Alpha Epsilon Pi
Alpha Phi Alpha
Alpha Tau Omega
Omega Psi Phi
Phi Beta Sigma

Enrollment: 16,683

% in Fraternities: 1%

% in Sororities: 1%

UB Fast Facts

Founded: 1846

Two Campuses

THE NORTH CAMPUS (1,192 acres) houses most of the non-medical disciplines; located in suburban Amherst, New York, it opened in the early 1970s.

THE SOUTH CAMPUS (154 acres), which houses most of the medical science disciplines, is located three miles away in the northeast corner of Buffalo.

Registered degree programs

Bachelor's	More than 100
Master's	115
Doctoral	85

Degrees awarded 1999–2000

Bachelor's	3,009
Master's	1,458
Doctoral	310
Professional (Medicine, Dental Medicine, Law)	425

Enrollment 2000–2001

Full-time undergraduates	14,612
Part-time undergraduates	2,071
Graduate students	8,147
TOTAL	24,830

Faculty

Number	1,985
Number awarded SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching	103
Percent with Ph.D. (or other terminal degree)	98%

2001–2002 Annual Costs*

Tuition

New York State residents	\$3,400
(Out-of-state residents \$8,300)	

Fees	\$1,330
Room and board	\$6,209

TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS FOR

NYS RESIDENTS	\$10,939
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* Costs subject to change. Check our website for updates.

Libraries

Number of libraries on campus	9
Total bound volumes	3 million
Computer access to all digital resources ..	24–7

Sports

NCAA Division I varsity teams	20
Intramural sports	14
Club sports	22

Clubs and organizations

Student clubs	210
Fraternities and sororities	22

Housing and dining

Residence halls	14
Undergraduate and graduate apartment units	414
Total residents	6,634
Dining service locations	23

Financial aid

Percent of students receiving some form of financial aid	70%
Annual financial aid (total) awarded annually	\$124 million

Merit-based scholarships

For fall 2000, merit scholarships were awarded to one of every five new freshmen—more than \$1 million in all.

History of the State University of New York at Buffalo

The State University of New York at Buffalo, formerly the University of Buffalo, was first established as a medical school in downtown Buffalo on May 11th, 1846. Millard Fillmore was named the first Chancellor of the University, and he remained Chancellor until his death in 1847.

Throughout the years, the University became more diverse. The School of Pharmacy was added in 1886, followed by the School of Law in 1891 and then the School of Dentistry in 1892. Throughout its history, UB has been the principal source of trained professional personnel in all of Western New York.

UB would move from downtown Buffalo to the area we now refer to as the Main Street or “South” campus. Over the next decade, there were many renovations done to the buildings of South Campus, and many of those buildings, the most famous which we know as Hayes Hall still remain.

When the campus moved to its new location in 1920, that another school was created, the School of Business, which is today called the School of Management, emerged in 1927. In 1931 came the creation of one of the original graduate degrees, which was in the School of Education, and a student could already get an undergraduate education in the already created School of Arts and Sciences. The next area made was the School of Nursing nine years later.

In 1962 the University was faced with a large problem. It wasn't sure if it would be able to compete with other large schools throughout the US, and it was then forced to become one of the schools within the State University of New York (or SUNY) system. After joining SUNY, there was new hope that with the state funding that entailed, UB could now compete with other major universities around the country. With almost \$700 million given to the school by the state, it began construction of a new campus located in

the Buffalo suburb of Amherst, NY; just about fifteen minutes north of the Main Street campus. The new campus was not intended as a replacement for South Campus, but rather as a compliment to the older campus, however by 1978 the Amherst, or North, Campus had become the central campus with almost 10,000 students enrolled.

Although the two campuses still function as one, they are now essentially divided as two parts to the University. The South Campus still houses the medical school, the oldest school at the University, and has remained on South Campus for more than 80 years. The only other major school located on Main Street is the School of Architecture and Planning. Most other major schools are located on the newer North campus, and most students utilize the North Campus facilities than the aging South.

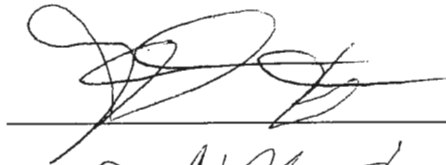
In 1991 the current president of the University at Buffalo, William R. Greiner took the helm of SUNY's "flagship" institution. In the first four years of his presidency, Professor Greiner focused the university community on fulfilling its mission of education, research and public service as it approached a new century. UB has taken a leadership position, particularly in the SUNY system, in preserving the quality and accessibility of public undergraduate, graduate and professional education in the face of ever-shrinking state funding.

The most recent big step the University took was moving its athletic programs all to Division IA, the highest rung on the NCAA sports ladder. This jump up to the top division in college athletics has been good for the school and for the community, giving each something to rally around. With other large Division IA schools visiting the UB campus, it has put UB back on the map and the hope is that this will help the school to grow to become one of the top research institutions in the nation.

The University at Buffalo continues to grow and expand, and will continue in its quest in attaining its goals of excellence in education and research, remaining a low-cost public University. Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony will strive to continue to follow these ideals.

We, the undergraduate members of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Colony, do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant us permission to once again be known as Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Chapter. By signing our names, we swear to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rituals of this Fraternity.

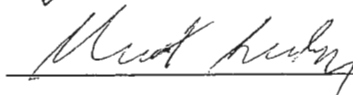
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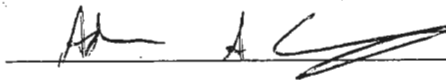
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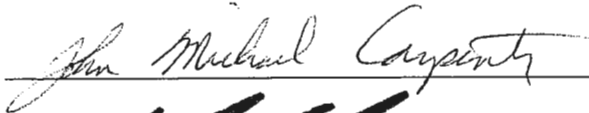
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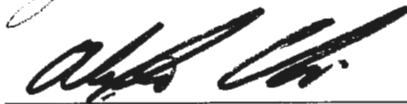
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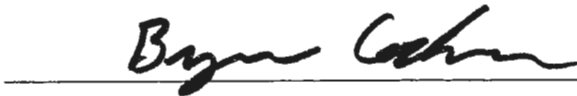
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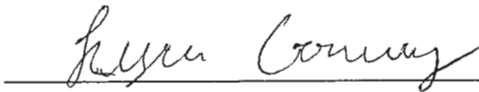
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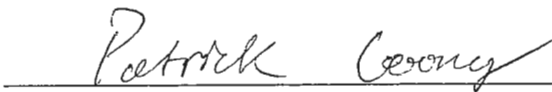
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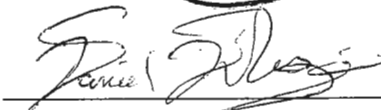
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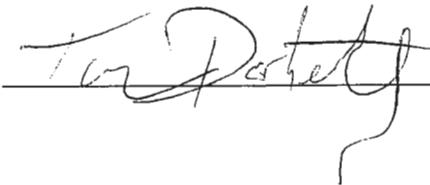
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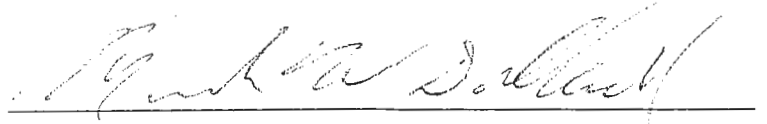
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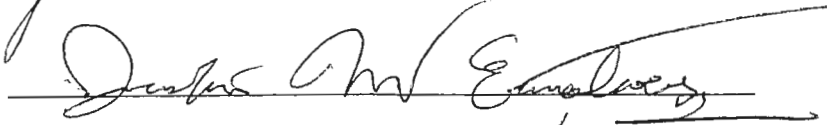
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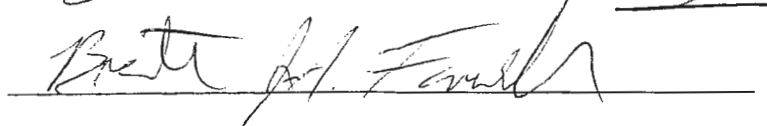
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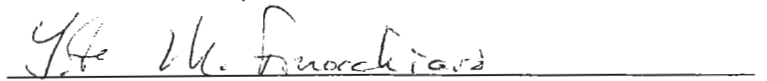
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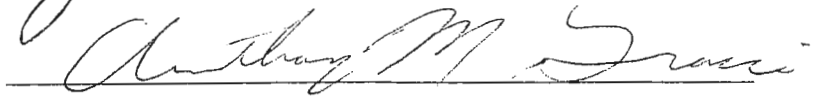
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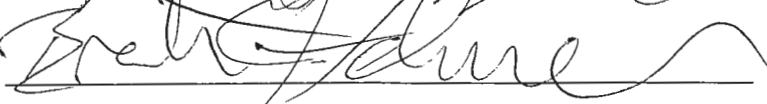
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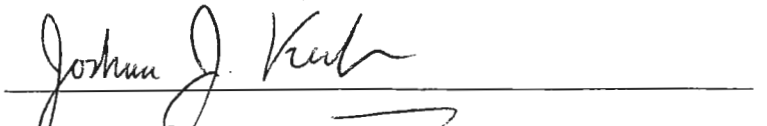
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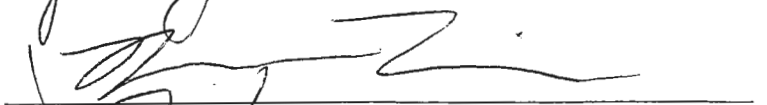
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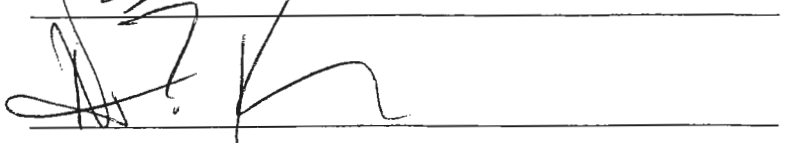
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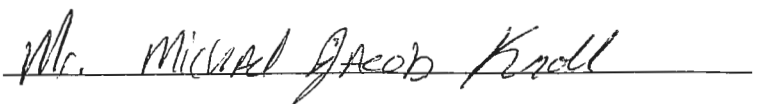
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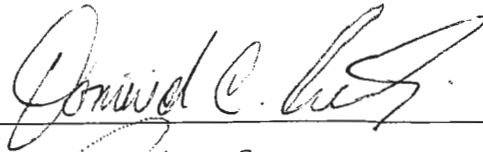
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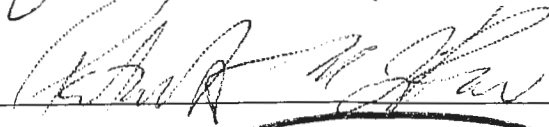
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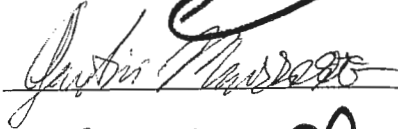
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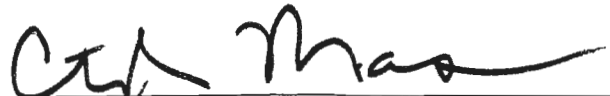
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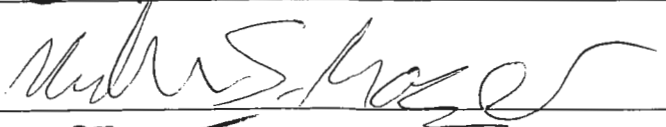
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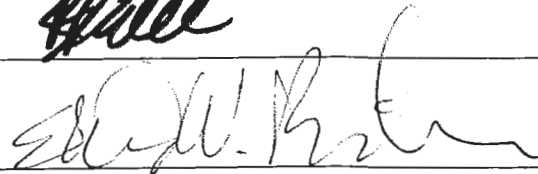
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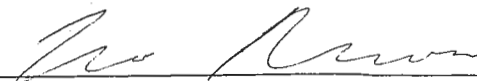
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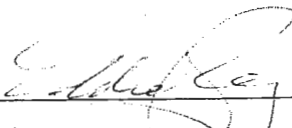
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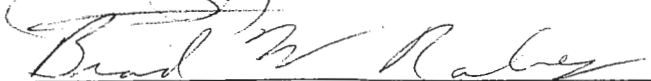
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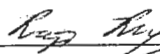
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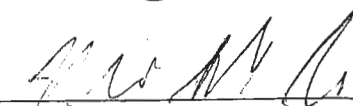
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The Constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi (ΑΣΦ)

State University of New York at Buffalo

Preamble:

We, the members of the University at Buffalo colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, in order to provide a foundation and give structure so that future years may thrive, prosper, grow, and continue to exemplify the ideals of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the United States of America, do hereby choose to adopt this constitution and agree to live by the ideals advocated within.

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as Alpha Sigma Phi Colony of the State University of New York at Buffalo. At the time when a charter is granted, this organization shall be known as Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this colony shall be to coordinate its members in such a manner "To Better the Man". More specifically, this purpose extends to promote the growth of brotherhood and encourage its individuals to become role models to society. Similarly, this purpose includes its members upholding high academic standards, community service, and the installation of such high ideals of honor, integrity, and chivalry.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Members of this Fraternity shall be properly initiated males of the State University of New York at Buffalo beginning with the date of colonization, December 9, 1999 and ending upon the date which this Fraternity ceases to exist. All members initiated on the date of December 9, 1999 shall be known as "Founding Fathers" of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Chapter at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Section 2: All duly initiated new members shall be considered brothers of said Fraternity and receive all the accompanying rights of brotherhood including, but not limited to, those mentioned in To Better The Man: A Handbook For Successful Brothers.

Section 3: Membership shall be obtained only through the acceptance of an invitation extended by said Fraternity in accordance with the by-laws of the Fraternity.

Section 4: There shall be absolutely no discrimination on any basis. This includes but is not limited to race, creed, religion (or lack thereof), or sexual orientation. Any member found in violation of this section shall be subject to substantial judicial action, including possible expulsion of said Fraternity.

Section 5: Membership in said Fraternity may be limited, suspended, or revoked through a judicial process stated and described in the by-laws and consistent with the adopted constitution of said Fraternity.

Section 6: The prudential board may only recommend the suspension of a member of this Fraternity if a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the prudential board is in agreement to the suspension.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: Regular general meetings of said Fraternity shall occur **at least** once every two weeks at a pre-stated time throughout the academic year of the State University of New York at Buffalo. In the event of a holiday, school vacation, or other major conflicting event, the prudential board reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a regularly held meeting.

Section 2: Regular H-Officer meetings of said Fraternity shall occur **at least** once every two weeks at a pre-stated time throughout the academic year of the State University of New York at Buffalo. In the event of a holiday, school vacation, or other major conflicting event the, the H-Officers reserve the right to cancel or reschedule a regularly held meeting.

Section 3: In the event that the conditions of sections one and two are not met, the Fraternity shall draft a letter to national headquarters stating the circumstances and request for help, if needed.

Section 4: A general, full meeting of said Fraternity, in addition to or in place of a regularly scheduled meeting, may be called by the prudential board or by vote of the general assembly requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members in good standing of said Fraternity.

Section 5: Any and all meetings of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Buffalo shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as outlined in To Better The Man new member manual. When a situation is not covered in the manual mentioned above, the Fraternity shall reference Robert's Rules of Order and decide accordingly.

Section 6: Penalties, consistent with the attendance policy stated in this constitution and the by-laws, may be assessed by the prudential board and/or by

vote of the H-Officers (one-half (1/2) majority), for absence from a Fraternity event or meeting.

Article V: Officers and Elections

Section 1: The elected officers of this colony shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, two Members at Large, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Social chairman, Sergeant-At-Arms, Marshal, Historian/Editor, Scholarship Director, Alumni Chairman, and New Member Educator.

Section 2: The H-Officers of said fraternity shall be the President (HSP), Vice President (HJP), Treasurer (HE), Recording Secretary (HS), Corresponding Secretary (HCS), Scholarship Director (HA), Marshal (HM), Sergeant-At-Arms, (HC), Historian/Editor (HR), and Alumni Director (HP).

Section 3: The prudential board of said fraternity shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and two Members at Large.

Section 4: To be eligible for election to one of the above positions of said Fraternity, the brother must be in good standing according to the by-laws and policies of said Fraternity. This includes duly initiated new members.

Section 5: For any elected position there shall be no more than two candidates at the final election for each such position. Procedures for obtaining the final two candidates shall be conducted in accordance with the by-laws of said Fraternity,

Section 6: This fraternity shall not accept votes by proxy for any and all Fraternity votes. If a member wishes to vote but is unable to attend the appropriate meeting he shall place his vote in a sealed envelope and submit it to a member at large.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1: Committees of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo shall consist of the Prudential Board, Rush Committee, Pledge Committee, Social Committee, Community Service Committee, Fundraising Committee, Brotherhood Development Committee, Scholarship Committee, Public Relations Committee, Risk Management, and Parent Relations, House Committee, and Financial Committee.

Section 2: The Prudential Board, whose members stated above, shall be the executive and judicial committee of the Fraternity. Such responsibilities of said committee include, but are not limited to, the financial and operational aspects of the fraternity.

Section 3: Meetings of the Prudential Board are open to all members of said Fraternity who wish to attend on the condition of silence on the part of the visiting member. Due notification will be given to the general assembly of when meetings will be held.

Section 4: Election of Committee Chairs, except Social and New Member Educator, shall be in accordance with the rules specified in the by-laws of said Fraternity.

Section 5: Committee Chairs are held solely responsible for the managerial actions (or lack thereof), of their respective committees.

Section 6: Special committees can be created by the Prudential Board and General Assembly to perform specific tasks. If the duration of said committee(s) is to be longer than one month, their creation shall be affirmed or rejected by vote (one-half (1/2) good standing member majority) at the next regularly scheduled full general meeting.

Section 7: The Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Prudential Board. All other chairmen are Chairmen of their respective committees.

Section 8: The Treasurer is head of the financial committee.

Article VII: Finances

Section 1: The revenues and finances of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University at Buffalo shall be derived from member dues, fundraising activities, and any donations consistent with the ideals of said Fraternity.

Section 2: Finances shall be handled through a combined effort of the Prudential Board and Financial Committee.

Article VIII: Hazing

Section 1: No initiated member of said Fraternity shall perform any conduct that is not consistent with the ideals, both implied and stated, of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Section 2: Every person, whether prospective brother or duly initiated member, shall be treated in accordance with their rights as human beings and citizens of the United States of America. This Fraternity will not tolerate or

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

Section 3: If any prospective brother(s) or duly initiated member(s) feel that they have been physically or mentally abused in any way, it is their right to contact an advisor who will bring their case to the attention of the Prudential Board, General Assembly, National Headquarters, and or another law enforcing agency (such as the police) as he sees fit, in order to bring an equitable solution.

Article IX: Suspension Of This Constitution

Section 1: This constitution may be suspended, in full or in part, by a four-fifths (4/5) majority vote of the members in good standing with the general assembly.

Section 2: Upon suspension of this constitution, the Prudential Board will guide the actions of said Fraternity with the aid of active advisors and National Headquarters. An advisor shall be present at every Prudential Board meeting throughout the suspension.

Section 3: The suspension of this constitution shall last no longer than three school months and shall be accepted or rejected by a one-half (1/2) majority vote by the general assembly at the first meeting of each month throughout the suspension.

Article X: Amendments To The Constitution

Section 1: Amendments may be brought to vote in the general assembly meeting by action of the Prudential Board or by any member in good standing accompanied by a petition signed by fifty percent (50%) of all members in good standing of the fraternity.

Section 2: Amendments to this constitution shall be ratified and adopted upon receiving the concurrence of a four-fifths (4/5) majority of all members of the Fraternity who are in good standing.

Section 3: Before ratification, members of the general assembly, by a simple majority, shall vote to establish the activation date of the to be ratified constitutional amendment.

Article XI: Ratification Of Constitution

Section 1: Ratification of this constitution requires a majority vote of ninety percent (90%) of all members in good standing with Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Section 2: Upon ratification, copies of this constitution shall be forwarded and filed with National Headquarters of Alpha Sigma Phi, the Dean of Student Affairs of the University at Buffalo, the serving Sergeant-At-Arms and Recording Secretary of said Fraternity. This constitution shall also be available upon request to any brother.

Article XII: Scott Clause

Section 1: The spirit and purpose of the above articles in this, the constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, to be determined through the wisdom of its H-Officers, shall govern the actions of said Fraternity at times when specific guidelines are not stated.

This constitution is hereby adopted this 30th day of April 2000.

Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon Colony

By-Laws

Preamble:

We, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Colony endorse and will abide by these by-laws to further promote the foundation provided for this Fraternity under the Constitution of said Fraternity.

These by-laws adhere to the spirit, goals, rules, and regulations of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Article I: Continuance of By-Laws:

These by-laws passed by the Gamma Epsilon Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi shall certainly continue, unabridged and unaltered, to govern the Fraternity when said colony receives the National Charter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity; however, they may be altered in accordance with procedures outlined in these by-laws.

Article II: Supremacy of the Constitution:

The constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony, takes precedence over these by-laws if there are found to be within these by-laws any conflicts regarding words, thoughts, or ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Article III: Membership:

Section 1: To maintain active membership and good standing in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Colony, a member must:

- a) Be a male undergrad student of The State University of New York at Buffalo
- b) Not be affiliated with another social Greek organization.
- c) Maintain a GPA of 2.30 on a 4.0 grade scale.

Section 2: All members must also maintain any and all standards set by The State University of New York at Buffalo as well as those of the Inter-Fraternal Council of The State University of New York at Buffalo.

Section 3: Any member who fails to meet the scholastic and academic standard of said Fraternity, University, and/or Inter-Fraternal Council shall be placed on probationary membership not to exceed one semester in duration.

Section 4: Rights and duties of a probationary member shall be:

- a) Adherence to the same attendance policy as a member in good standing.
- b) Payment of any and all personal financial obligations to said fraternity as well as the national organization.
- c) Social privileges shall be limited at the discretion of the probationary committee.
- d) Member may appeal.

Section 5: If a probationary member does not resolve the reason for which he was placed on probation in the appropriate time period the Fraternity shall recommend suspension of that member's membership to the national organization.

Section 6: Rights and duties of a suspended member shall be the same as those of the probationary members.

Section 7: If a suspended member continues to fail in meeting the necessary standards for membership in said fraternity the Colony shall follow the procedures recommended by the national headquarters.

Section 8: All members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent not only with regards to these by-laws but consistent with the spirit and purpose as well.

Article IV: New Members:

Section 1: All men wishing to become a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Epsilon Colony shall meet the following prerequisites before receiving a bid:

- a) Be a male student of The State University of New York at Buffalo
- b) Not be affiliated with another social Greek organization.
- c) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30 on a 4.0 grade scale.

Section 2: Membership in said Fraternity can only be obtained by acceptance of an invitation offered by the general assembly of said Fraternity.

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

- a) The general assembly shall vote at a formal, full Colony meeting.
- b) Voting shall take place during the pledge period at the discretion of the New Member Educator.
- c) No prospective member(s) shall be present at the voting session.
- d) Each prospective member shall have at least one brother speak on his behalf.
- e) Voting shall be anonymous.
- f) Votes shall be counted by the Marshall and an advisor of said Fraternity.
- g) If an advisor cannot be present then the Sergeant-At-Arms shall be the second counter.

- h) An invitation is not extended to a prospective member if ten percent (10%) of brothers in good standing vote to deny the invitation. It is the responsibility of the president to inform the general assembly who is in good standing, i.e. eligible to vote.

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

Section 5: A prospective member who is extended an invitation to become a full member of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony has a time period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours from the date he was notified of the invitation to accept or decline said invitation. Requests for an extension of this period shall be evaluated and decided on a case-by-case basis by the Prudential Board.

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

Section 7: If a prospective member declines said invitation, the invitation remains open and valid until termination of undergraduate studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo

Article V: Elections:

Section 1: Elections of officers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony shall occur during the second-to-last meeting on the fall semester (in December). Newly elected officers shall take office that following January. The term of office shall be for one year and run from January to December. An exception shall be the voting of the position of pledge educator, which will be once a semester at the second-to-last-meeting of the semester.

Section 2: Nominations of a member for an officer position requires a second from another member in good standing of said Fraternity.

Section 3: Votes shall be counted by the Marshal and an advisor of said Fraternity.

Section 4: If an advisor of said Fraternity cannot be present then the Sergeant-At-Arms shall be the second counter of votes.

Section 5: Although displaced officers shed their duties and responsibilities of their specific office upon transfer of that office to the newly elected officer, the displaced officer does maintain the obligation to the well being of the Fraternity, which includes, but is not limited to, the insurance that the new officer understands and accepts his duties and responsibilities.

Article VI: Officers:

Section 1: The standing officers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony shall be those listed in the constitution of said Colony.

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

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

Section 4: Removal of an officer of said Fraternity may be suggested by the Prudential Board and voted by the general assembly. Officers may be

removed from office for reasons of negligence of duties, conduct improper of an officer and an embarrassment to the Fraternity, incapacitation, and actions, or lack thereof, that are detrimental to the Fraternity as a whole. Disciplinary action by The State University of New York at Buffalo and/or by the legal system of the United States of America may then ensue.

Section 6: Removal of office by the general assembly requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the brothers in good standing.

Section 7: Officers removed from office by decision of the Prudential Board may be reinstated by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the general assembly.

Section 8: Vacant officer positions may be filled by election by the general assembly.

Article VII: Committees:

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

Section 2: The committee in addition to those outlined in the constitution is the pledge committee, rush committee, and public relations (web advisory) committee. The pledge committee will consist of the pledge educator, big brothers and any brother who wish to participate. The rush committee will consist of brothers who want to help plan rush for the next appropriate semester.

Section 3: Committee goals and duties are consistent with those duties of the respective chairman.

Section 4: Actions and decisions of each committee may require approval and may be declined or canceled by the H-Officers of said Fraternity.

Section 5: Actions and decisions of the prudential board, including judicial decisions, may be overruled or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general assembly.

Section 6: Committees, with the approval of the prudential board or the general assembly may adopt policies that aid in the governance of the Fraternity.

Section 7: The prudential committee shall also serve as the probationary committee, whose duties include, but are not limited to, delegating decisions based on brothers who are on probation actions.

Section 8: The president, with approval of the prudential board, may appoint members to special committees to further the best interests of the Fraternity.

Section 9: Budgets for each committee must be submitted for the following semester a month before the end of that current semester and voted on by the financial committee of said Fraternity.

Article VIII: Attendance Policy:

Section 1: The attendance policy of said Fraternity is as follows. Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony will use a point system.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Point Value</u>
General and H-Officer Meetings	2
Study Hours	1 point per hour
Social Event	1
Setup & Cleanup of Social Event	2
Community Service	3
Rituals	5

Section 2: Every active brother in good standing will start each semester with zero points. For each event(s) not attended in a given semester, a brother will accumulate the amount of points designated for that event(s).

Section 3: If a brother goes above five (5) points in any given semester, he will be placed on probation.

Section 4: It is possible for a brother to make up (subtract) points. This can be done in the following ways: Attending double study hours (where if a brother needs to make up (subtract) 3 hours, then he attends 6 hours) and/or setting up a brotherhood development event.

Section 5: The questionable brother has the right to appeal to the probationary committee.

Section 6: The prudential board reserves the right to modify point values of events and/or add and delete events as necessary. A two-thirds (2/3) vote by the general assembly can also modify the point values as well as add and delete events from the above table.

Section 7: If the attendance record does not improve by spring semester 2000, then a system of cash demerits will be implemented.

Section 8: Excuse from any given event must be submitted at least twenty-four (24) hours to the corresponding secretary, who maintains discretion of attendance.

Article IX: Study Hours:

Section 1: The amount of time recommended to a brother for study hours goes by his cumulative GPA given by The State University of New York at Buffalo.

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Recommended Study Hours</u>
less than 2.00	15
2.01 - 2.5	12
2.51 - 3.0	10
3.01 - 3.50	5
greater than 3.5	3

Section 2: Every brother and new member is encouraged to attend study hours at least three (3) hours a week.

Section 3: It is recommended that all new members attend study hours fifteen (15) hours per week, regardless of GPA, until initiated as brothers.

Section 4: If a brother's course of study does not warrant attendance at study hours (i.e. architecture and studio hours), then he may attend equal amounts of lab hours or other equal work time.

Section 5: Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony will give two (2) scholarships annually. The highest GPA scholarship and the most improved GPA scholarship, given to a brother with the highest GPA or whose GPA most improved, respectively, can only be won once.

Section 6: All judgments and decisions in regards to the above scholarships of said Colony (including prize amounts) are at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Article X: Meetings:

Section 1: A quorum of over half (1/2) of the members in good standing of said fraternity must be present at a meeting or order for a voting session to be held.

Section 2: All meetings, Colony and h-officer, shall have posted minutes no later than the next full Colony meeting.

Section 3: Penalties, in accordance with fraternity policy and article VIII of these by-laws, may be assessed for the absence of a member from a fraternity meeting or event.

Section 4: All meetings of said Fraternity shall take place at a neutral location (i.e. the undergraduate library or a lecture hall on campus) rather than at a brother's house.

Article XI: Dues:

Section 1: This fraternity shall pay, and hold its members liable for, any and all dues assessed on Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony by national headquarters and The State University of New York at Buffalo (including its inter-fraternal council).

Section 2: Change in local dues shall be set no later than three (3) months preceding the final due date of such specified amount.

Section 3: A brother has a right to request a receipt from the treasurer of said Colony of any transaction.

Section 4: At every general meeting, the treasurer will report said Colony's financial status.

Section 5: All members who do not have the ability to pay their dues, or any part thereof, must present an alternate payment plan to be approved by the financial board. The economic good standing of that member is contingent upon adherence to that previously presented and approved payment plan.

Article XII: Suspension of these By-Laws:

Suspension of these by-laws as an entire document shall not occur.
Alternation of these by-laws must be done in a manner consistent with the amendment procedures as outlined within these by-laws.

Article XIII: Amendments:

Section 1: These by-laws may be expanded, contracted, or altered in any way if done so by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of all brothers in good standing.

Section 2: Amendments to these by-laws must also be consistent with the thoughts, words, and ideas advocated within the constitution and said amendment may be struck down if found to be in conflict with the constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Epsilon Colony or national headquarters.

Article XIV: Record Keeping:

Current, updated copies of these by-laws shall be maintained by the recording secretary of said fraternity and made available upon request to any and all members of said fraternity.

Article XV: Ratification:

This document, and all the ideas espoused within, shall be presented for ratification on Sunday, November 5, 2000 at a meeting specially called for this purpose. This document shall be considered ratified upon receiving the approval of four-fifths (4/5) of all members present at said meeting. If

ratification does not occur at said meeting, the by-laws shall be presented at the next colony meeting and shall require the approval of four-fifths (4/5) of the present quorum.

Vision for the Future

The State University of New York at Buffalo's colony of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity has done some incredible things thus far, and the members couldn't be anymore excited and thrilled to be a part of them. It is with this excitement that we look towards the future and how we can prominently lead Alpha Sigma Phi through out the rest of our years by becoming active members and alumni. Our vision is a simple one, yet of great importance. Simply put, our vision for the future is to "create and perpetuate brotherhood" while "bettering the man". In other words, Alpha Sigma Phi at UB would like to increase the number and quality of its membership, be recognized even more on campus, and contribute even more within our community.

Our five-year goals on the path to achieving our vision include increasing the number of students in the University at Buffalo's Greek community as a whole. Currently, only one percent of the University's population of 16,683 undergraduates participates in Greek life and it is somewhat feasible that we could increase that number to five to ten percent. We feel that this is important because in enlarging the number of students active in the Greek community, we also will strengthen and enlarge our own membership as well. In addition to strengthening all of Greek life, enlarging the percentage of students who participate would also help to dismantle the negative stereotypes many people have of Greek life. Our goals include being more active on campus in order to contribute to and give back to UB, which is important because it shows that our members do not take education and freedom for granted. Another one of our goals is to have a house of our own either on a "Greek Row" on the University campus or that headquarters takes more of a role in. A house for the fraternity on or very close to campus would be a worthy goal because it would help to solidify our values and help us achieve our goal of dismantling Greek life stereotypes by being more visible to students in a large group.

Our immediate goals for the next year include setting up and having a philanthropy (community service) event. So far the members have thought of a "Battle

of the Bands” or a “3 on 3 Wheelchair Basketball tournament” event. Both of these would include not only the men of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at UB, but other Greek organizations and the Buffalo community working together for a worthy cause. The members also plan to further improve their scholastic achievements by attending more study hours, and to further develop our brotherhood by spending more time with one another attending more retreats and brotherhood events such as trips to Darien Lake, camping, and bowling to list a few.

In conclusion, Alpha Sigma Phi at the State University of New York at Buffalo wishes to be the most esteemed fraternity on campus both in the classroom and in the community. We want parents and school administrators to recommend Greek life and especially Alpha Sigma Phi as the organization that makes it so great. In order to accomplish this realistic and achievable goals, we are implementing the new “member recruitment” program that Mr. Joshua Orendi spoke to the colony about for the Spring 2002 semester. We are also heavily involved with the IFC and IGC on campus, which benefits us by uniting with other Greek organizations to get more students involved in Greek life as well as a united group pushing for the school to build us all a Greek Row. Also, to help accomplish our goals, we plan on having more structured meetings that focus on philanthropy and community service as well as fundraising. The future is a dream; a dream that all members of Alpha Sigma Phi at UB will strive to achieve to the best of their ability.

Closing statement

Two and a half years have the men that are now a part of Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Epsilon colony at the State University of New York at Buffalo walked ever closer to reaching a goal that is now very much within their reach. Some times we questioned why we did the things we did, good or bad, and other times we wondered why we didn't do things we should have done. That is life however; a constant game of questions, asking yourself if you made a right decision there, "what if" you'd done something differently there. In our efforts to wonder "what might've been" we often lose track of the most important fact; that we have made it through this far, no matter what those decisions were, no matter what those questions are, and we are here. It is at this point that the Gamma Epsilon colony now resides. All the questions are falling like toy soldiers before us, and around us all the times we wondered "what if" dissipate into thin air as we realize we're finally at the point we've strived to be at for so long.

The quest to reach the gates to the Mystic Circle was a long one, and a challenging one. Along the way each man has learned not only who he is, but who his fellow members are; their strengths and weaknesses, their high's and low's. We've become a major part of each others lives, and for that reason many of us will stay in each other's lives long after we leave UB behind us. It is through Alpha Sigma Phi that we've grown stronger both academically and socially, and become well-rounded men, for in being in each others lives, we each offer each other parts of ourselves, and take in parts of others. It is through Alpha Sigma Phi that many of us have in fact, become better men, proving that the moniker "To Better the Man" is a well deserved one for this fraternity. I also think that former Vice President Pat LaRow was exactly right when he quoted from another Alpha Sig that "You don't choose this fraternity, it chooses you." It's easy to see which men are Alpha Sig's and which aren't by the stuff he's made of, and the values he holds to himself. I myself strongly believe that every man in the Gamma Epsilon colony, and any Alpha Sig brother I've ever met has that same stuff, those same values, and the same strong pride in everything they hold dear, particularly our letters, and I'd be proud

to call them “brother” for the rest of my life and not think twice about it if the chance is allowed to me.

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity has given us a lot more than we could ever hope to repay in a single lifetime. It has given us goals, it has strengthened our values, it has improved our academics, and it has made us all-around better men prepared to enter the “real world” after graduating from college. The fraternity has taken the things Mom and Dad always taught us and told us, put them in a crucible, and helped refine them. It has taken all of our skills and talents and given us the strength to know them, and surrounded us with people who could help us improve those talents and skills. The enthusiasm and pride we feel for the letters every time we look at them is a symbol for the amount of respect we give to this fraternity for taking our lives and bettering them. The most important thing Alpha Sigma Phi has brought into our lives so far however is brotherhood. Knowing that you have someone there for you no matter the odds, no matter what, and that you are there for others in the same way, knowing that if you fall, you have someone that’s going to catch you and help you back up. For all of these things that Alpha Sigma Phi has given us, we shall be grateful.

So now we stand before you, petitioning to be granted a charter to become full brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and you will make the decision as to whether or not we have those values, if we have that special something that all Alpha Sigs have, and if we will in fact be initiated into the Mystic Circle. Mr. Josh Orendi once described the process as much like courting a woman, and I would agree with him. We’ve now brought you the engagement ring, all we need is for the answer ‘yes’ to proudly bind ourselves as official brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi.



University at Buffalo

25 September, 2001

Mr. John Gibson
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Dear John,

Philanthropy is an important aspect of Greek life. Many alumni can often recount the freezing cold weather during a highway pick-up or bonding that occurred during one of the many philanthropies that their organization participated in. The men of Alpha Sigma Phi colony at the University at Buffalo were able to create one of those lasting memories during the 2001 Buffalo News Kids' Day.

Kids' Day is an annual fundraiser through the local newspaper the Buffalo News. It's one day where the profit from the sale of newspapers goes to the local children's hospital. Greek life has been participating in Kids' day for over a decade, but unfortunately the previous three years (1997-2000) Greeks have seen a large decline in sales. It wasn't until this last year (2001) that we were able to make more than the previous year. This is in part due to the commitment of members of the Greek organizations, especially the men of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Alpha Sigma Phi had a majority of its members out that freezing cold February morning. They were one of the most participating organizations and they were able to raise over 800 dollars! This is a huge accomplishment (newspapers are sold for at least one dollar) and I hope this accomplishment doesn't go without recognition.

If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to contact me via phone (716-645-6125) or email (melisadybbro@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,

Melisa L. Dybbro
Buffalo News Kids' Day, University at Buffalo Coordinator
IFC Advisor



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Division of Student Affairs
Student Unions and Activities

Dear Alpha Sigma Phi,

My position at this University provides me with the opportunity to enhance school spirit and pride through increased student involvement at athletic events. Undoubtedly, throughout every season a few memorable events occur capturing the high level of student excitement found frequently at other colleges saturated with tradition and national recognition.

During the football game on November 3rd student attendance was minimal, as anticipated for the time of the season. However, the excitement from your organization more than compensated for lack of students as chants were yelled and bells rung continuously through the duration of the contest.

It is moments like this and groups such as yourself the greatly add to the collegiate atmosphere of our athletic events. I sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm and encourage you to begin your own tradition of being leaders within the campus community by continuing to show your support at our athletic events.

Once again, thank you for all your support and efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Suglia'.

Rob Suglia
Student Relations Coordinator

cc: Pam Stevens-Jackson, University Liaison for Greek Affairs
Melisa Dybbro, Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs



At the National Leadership Conference. (left to right) Justin Ermalowicz, John Schlia, Jason Gunnels, James Blayer, John Carpenter, Brett Helmer, Pat LaRow, Nick Kondra



With our Alumni Advisor, Kiernan Kreiss. (Top Row) Justin Ermalowicz, Mark Dollard, Brian Cochran, (Middle Row) Ed Pawliske, Kiernan Kreiss, Jason Gunnels, (Bottom Row) Adam Carney, Mike Kroll



Selling Newspapers for Buffalo News Kids Day. (left to right) Dom Lanuti, Pat LaRow, John Futscher, Rajib Roy, Alex Choi, John Schlia, James Blayer, Dan Jarvis, Brian D'Amico, Mike Kroll



Celebrating our victory in New Member Football.



Our Formal in Spring 2001 where we were presented with the trophy for winning New Member Football.



Josh Keck and Rob Pyszczyński dancing in the basement of our house.

Statement on the Use of Alcohol

On the issue of alcohol we at Gamma Epsilon colony encourage all of our members to drink responsibly and not abuse the use of alcoholic beverages, to ensure their safety and well-being, as well as prevent detrimental effects to their grades at the University and good standing with the colony. The use of alcohol is an important issue with which not only our colony, but many Greek organizations across the nation have been stigmatized with. As a colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, we are striving to erase those negative stereotypes that others associate with Greek life, by holding our members accountable for their own actions, and not allowing them to abuse alcohol in a manner that interrupts the normal functions of their lives. We feel that the use of alcohol by those individuals of legal age and in purely social atmosphere to a point is fine; however it is when the line is crossed that things become a problem. We strive to hold that line and prevent these problems from occurring, so that we as a colony can be looked at in a positive light by those in the community, the university administration, and by our peers.

Gamma Epsilon Colony at Play

One of the biggest strengths of the brotherhood that we share as members of Gamma Epsilon colony of Alpha Sigma Phi is that even when we are not at colony functions, we are hanging out together anyways. All of us as members are close friends with other members, constantly getting together during our leisure times, however few they may seem, at the University at Buffalo.

When the time comes to kick back and have fun, the colony does everything and anything, ranging from rock climbing to playing softball together at the Amherst Pepsi Center to going out together on Friday nights. The colony has done many things together out of pure enjoyment such as; frequent trips to Darien Lake (including a yearly trip to Frite Fest), camping, bowling, softball, football, dart tournaments, and just plain getting together on the weekends to go out on the town. The colony also contains teams in various intramural sports offered through the University including: floor hockey, indoor soccer, flag football, softball and basketball.

Many individuals at the University acknowledge that of all the Greek organizations on campus, Alpha Sigma Phi seems to be the most unified, because many of us were friends even before the colony existed, and others became fast friends with those already in the colony once they joined. Because of this, we have a lot of fun together regardless of whether its at a social event, a philanthropy event, a meeting, or a service project.