

PETITION  
of  
ALPHA SIG CLUB  
at  
THE UNIVERSITY of ARIZONA  
to  
ALPHA SIGMA PHI  
FRATERNITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Tucson, Arizona

WE, the undersigned members of the ALPHA SIG CLUB, do hereby petition ALPHA SIGMA PHI Fraternity to grant this organization the honor of being designated as the GAMMA IOTA chapter of ALPHA SIGMA PHI, and agree, if said petition be granted, to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of ALPHA SIGMA PHI:

JOSEPH LEROY PICARD (Faculty Advisor)

ROBERT CAMPBELL NECK

DANILO BEMETZ MEDIGOVICH

JOYCE LUKE BARBER

RICHARD LE ROY BOE

JOHN WOODWARD NELSON

BERNARD ARTHUR WEILER

HENRY HAROLD BROWN

CHARLES ALLEN CROMERIDGE

TOM JA HELMS

FRANK WALDRON LESTER

ROBERT T. ZIMMERMAN

RICHARD DODDRIDGE LYONS

EDWARD PAUL AUSTIN

WILLIAM RAYMOND LETARTE

EDWARD HENRY JUERS, JR.

PAUL VE LORIS LONG, JR.

ROBERT LOUIS STRICKLAND

WALTER ANTONIO WADOWIAK

HISTORY  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
AT  
TUCSON, ARIZONA

The University of Arizona, located at Tucson, is an integral part of the public education system provided by and for the state of Arizona. Its primary purpose is to provide the inhabitants of Arizona with the means of "acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science, and the arts, including, whenever possible, a technical education adapted to the development of the resources peculiar to Arizona." Financial maintenance of the University is provided for by Arizona state funds, the United States Government, and private grants.

The University is organized in accordance with the Morrill Act of 1862, which created the "Land Grant Colleges." The Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona, passed in 1885, set up the details of its organization and government, and three of the departments of the University: the College of Agriculture, the College of Mines and Engineering, and the Agricultural Experimental Station (in Mesa, Arizona) being organized. The University was opened for students in 1891.

A twenty-year period of slow advancement followed, to be replaced by a decade of rapid expansion. During this decade, the Territory became a State, and the University was improved and reorganized. This policy of expansion, improvement, and reorganization has been continued down to the present day, and has been a decisive factor in keeping the University modern and up-to-date.

The divisions of the University of Arizona include the College of Agriculture, the College of Business and Public Administration, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Fine

ness, the Department of Agricultural Education, the College of Mines, the College of Pharmacy, and the Graduate College. In addition, there are three central departments: the School of Military Science and Tactics, the Department of Physical Education for Men, the Department of Physical Education for Women. Besides these, there are several Departments for Research and Extension. These include the following: the Agricultural Experimental Station, the Agriculture Extension Service, the Arizona Bureau of Mines, the Arizona Game Museum, the Bureau of Business Research, the Bureau of Wildlife Research, the Co-operative Wildlife Research Unit, the Engineering Experimental Station, the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, the Steward Observatory, and the University Extension Division.

The University is accredited by, or has membership in, the following organizations: the American Bar Association, the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, the Association of American Law Schools, the National Association of Schools of Music, and several other local, national organizations. In addition, Arizona is on the list of approved state colleges of the Association of American Universities, and has been since 1924.

The government of the University is vested in the Board of Regents of the University and State Colleges of Arizona, which has the power to control and manage the University and its properties, and to enact laws governing the University.

FRATERNITIES and SORORITIES  
and  
HONORARY SOCIETIES  
at  
THE UNIVERSITY of ARIZONA

## Fraternities and Sororities

### University of Arizona

The University of Arizona is amply provided with some of the best of the nation's fraternities and sororities--their members serving on every major student board and in every major student office on the campus.

The fraternities and sororities are well respected on the University campus for their scholarship promotion; social programs, of which some are outstanding events of the year; for the high caliber of the Greeks that are now active; for the feeling of goodwill found among the fraternities and sororities, the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council; and for the undying devotion of the alumni of the chapters at the University of Arizona.

If the decision is made to make the Alpha Sig Club the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Club will be the youngest and the oldest national fraternity on the campus.

Following are the national fraternities at the University of Arizona:

Acacia	Phi Kappa Psi
Alpha Sig Club (local)	Pi Kappa Alpha
Alpha Tau Omega	Pi Kappa Phi
Delta Chi	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Delta Sigma Phi	Sigma Chi
Kappa Alpha	Sigma Nu
Kappa Sigma	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Lambda Chi Alpha	Tau Delta Phi
Phi Delta Theta	Theta Chi
Phi Gamma Delta	Zeta Beta Tau
Phi Kappa	

Following are the national sororities at the University of Arizona:

Alpha Chi Omega	Delta Gamma
Alpha Epsilon Phi	Gamma Phi Beta
Alpha Phi	Kappa Alpha Theta
Alpha Xi Delta	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Chi Omega	Pi Beta Phi
Delta Delta Delta	

## Honorary Societies

### University of Arizona

The University of Arizona has ninety-three honoraries, clubs, and societies which have various functions and purposes. They range from the Phi Beta Kappa to a local ski-club which, even in the vast Southern Arizona desert, has an active membership. The skiers are fortunate in the fact that 9300 feet Mount Lemmon, in the Santa Catalina Mountains, is less than thirty-five miles from the campus and has snow on its mantle three or more months of the year.

The University has fifty-six Greek Honorary Fraternities, Societies, and Societies. There are thirty-seven local clubs and societies on the campus.

Following are the main honoraries at Arizona:

- Alpha Delta Sigma (Advertising)
- Alpha Kappa Psi (Men's Commerce)
- Alpha Phi Omega (Service Organization)
- Alpha Zeta (Agriculture)
- American Chemical Society
- American Institute of Electrical Engineers
- American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers
- American Pharmaceutical Association
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Arnold Air Society
- Blue Key (Honorary Upperclassmen)
- Bobcats (Senior Men's Honorary)
- Cash: Gang (Junior Men's Honorary)
- Gamma Kappa Psi (Men's, Men)
- Kappa Psi (Pharmacy)
- Phi Alpha Delta (Law)
- Phi Beta Kappa (National Scholastic Honorary)
- Phi Delta Phi (Law)
- Phi Kappa Phi (National Scholastic Honorary)
- Seafood and Blade (Military)
- Sigma Delta Psi (Athletics, Men)
- Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics)
- Society of Alpha Xi (Science)
- Sophias (Honorary Sophomore Men)
- Tau Beta Pi (Engineering)

HISTORY  
of  
ALPHA SIG CLUB  
at  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

The club was founded on the 14th day of April 1954. The complete organization and ground work was done during the month of May because school let out on the 28th of May. The following members are its founders:

1. Richard Le Roy Moe
2. Charles Allen Groombridge
3. Robert Campbell Beck
4. John Woodward Nelson
5. Danilo Benetz Medigovich
6. Joyce Luke Barber
7. Tom Ja Helms
8. Frank W. Lester
9. Henry Harold Browns
10. Joseph L. Picard Faculty Advisor

Before school let out we elected the club's officers to serve for one year. They were as follows:

President-----Bob Beck

Vice-President----Dan Medigovich

Treasurer-----J.L. Barber

Secretary-----Dick Moe

Rush Chairman----Tom Helms

Social Chairman---Henry Browns

Publisity and Intramurals----Wally Lester

The University of Arizona's Alpha Phi Club emerged from a smoldering, and to the eyes of the ordinary student at Arizona, practically non-existent state and burst into a vigorous flame as we indulged in a series of feverish activities beginning with a homecoming float. The Club was determined that this challenge, which so far we have not successfully could not end with any one success and then drift on its proverbial laurels. Rather we are making plans for the future which will pile successes one upon the other, making a tradition for the coming members of this organization to carry on as long as this fraternal organization shall exist.

Upon assembling in September for the beginning of the 1954-55 academic year, the members of the Club discussed possible activities for the first semester. As our first move in the Arizona fraternity circle, we entered a basketball team in the intramural competition. Our caliber of basketball players was at an all time low; we finished the season with zero win and seven loss record, but we were not disqualified. This was a period of getting used to one another, finding out each others likes and dislikes, and laying a foundation on which to build a strong group; in this we were more interested than winning an intramural championship.

On November 6th, the annual Homecoming parade at the University of Arizona was brightened, so we thought, by the presence of "Arizona's Combines" depicting Texas Tech's Red Raiders being mowed down by coach Warren Woodson's reaping machine. The Red Raiders being mowed beneath the level of the football field and ejected as garbage from the rear of the machine. We won no trophy, but our prize was a better club group and a real feeling of satisfaction.

We built the float at Pic's\* home and it was assembled on the frame of John Holson's '55 Studebaker. We wanted to have a small, low, float in order to enter it in originality. We worked on it for nearly two weeks before the parade, but as the eve of the parade approached, it still was not completed. As it turned out, the fellows who were not attending the homecoming dance worked right through the night and into the early morning dawn, and with the rising of the sun, on a chilly Saturday morning in November, our float rolled out of the driveway and into the street ready for the parade.

The flame of the Alpha Sig Club was burning at its brightest on December 4th when we moved confidently into our first social function, the Black and White Formal. Preceded by a dinner, the dance was, so to speak, a howling success. At this time we decided to make the Black and White Formal a yearly event on or near the date of December 6th in celebration of the founding of Alpha Sigma Phi. Our chaperons for the dance were Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Picard and Mr. & Mrs. George F. Herrick.

The following week in December we made plans for the alumni dinner which was held on December 11th. Grand Marshal, Frank Hargear was the honored guest; Robert J. Quinn, Eta '12, and Joseph L. Picard, Eta '26, the alumni advisors to the club, were also present.

\* A special word of thanks goes to Joseph L. Picard, who as our faculty advisor was right at hand at all times to bolster the spirits when they were low. Pic was a brother in the Eta Chapter at the University of Illinois, a graduate in the class of '27. He went to Illinois from the little town of Arcola, Illinois. After graduation he taught at Illinois for several years and then came to Arizona where he has been teaching for the past twenty-five years. As faculty advisor he has done an outstanding job, and has been the real sparkplug to the organization.

With those feathers in our cap, we started off the new year of 1955 with concentrated efforts toward getting new members and maintaining our scholastic average.

We had rush party after rush party, most of which were held in a room in the Student Union Memorial Building, which we used for all of our meetings. A few of our parties were held at the homes of the Picards and Quilns. We had a little trouble with the follow-up on our men, but when Bill Holmes came out in March we soon got straightened away and our rush program started functioning very smoothly. We had an outstanding rush party in Sabino Canyon in which the energetic members and guests went mountain climbing. Since this was one way to separate the men from the boys, we consequently have a strong group of men. At the end of the first semester our achievements were still going strong as we finished 4th in scholarship among the 22 fraternities at the University of Arizona.

By this time we began to feel more confident in our work and decided to try to find a house. We appointed a committee to look into the situation, and they found a guest ranch which was located seven miles off the campus, in the Tucson Mountains. Among other things the house has a swimming pool, a tennis court, and a games room which could be used for dances. This we have put to good use. The group liked it so much, even though it was seven miles out, that we immediately took a lease on it for the rest of the school year. When this was done twelve men immediately moved out to our fraternity home. The Alpha Sig house promptly became the topic of conversation on the campus; what, a fraternity house with a pool?

Our success was too good to last however, and around the first of March Bud Doolan, one of the Alpha Sigma Phi alumni here in Tucson, passed away. It was a terrible set back to the group. We did not send flowers to the

funeral, but instead, put the money into our building fund in memory of Bud Doolen. We had just recovered from this shock when we lost Bob Quinn, who was our founding father, and who wanted more than anything else to see us installed. This was a sad month in the history of our club, but as it drew to a close we broke back into the glory. Our club won its first intramural trophy in fencing, the first trophy which was ever offered by the University of Arizona in fencing. We beat Phi Gamma Delta by one-and-a-half points. Individual awards went to Paul Austin and Wally Lester, who placed second and third respectively. Henry Browne placed in the finals.

On March the 28, 1955, the following men were elected to serve as the first officers of the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi:

President----Joyce Luke Barber

Vice-President----William Raymond Letarte

Treasurer----Charles Allen Groombridge

Secretary----Robert T. Zimmerman

As of April 2, 1955, the following men were groomed for our initiation to take place on the 7th of May 1955:

1. Joseph Leroy Picard
2. Robert Campbell Beck
3. Danilo Benetz Medigovich
4. Joyce Luke Barber
5. Richard Le Roy Moe
6. John Woodward Nelson
7. Bernard Arthur Weller
8. Henry Harold Browne
9. Charles Allen Groombridge
10. Tom Ja Helms

11. Frank W. Lester
12. Robert T. Zimmerman
13. Richard Dodridge Lyons
14. Edward Paul Austin
15. William Raymond Letarte
16. Edward Henry Juers, Jr.
17. Paul Veloris Long, Jr.
18. Robert Louis Strickland
19. Walter Antonio Wdowiak

## Financial Statement

### Alpha Sig Club

Alpha Sig Club is an organization founded for those of the highest character who are capable of meeting the financial obligations set forth in the Constitution, and those financial obligations which are necessary for living in a house, if they desire to live at the fraternity home.

The dues as required by members under the present constitution are \$10 per month. Two dollars of this \$10 are required to be placed in the Alpha Sig Club Building Fund, which would require the signatures of the faculty advisor and the Club treasurer to withdraw the funds. The initiation fee is presently \$5 per man. There are no pledge fees and each man is furnished a club pin and Alpha Sigma Phi Pledge Manual at the time he is initiated.

As of April 7, 1955, the financial statement is as follows:

Cash Balance	\$503.93
Building Fund	238.93
Dues & Sundry Charges in Arrears	260.00*
Accounts Payable	134.41

\* Includes \$84.00 which is uncollectable money from inactive members which the University requires the Club to list as members until they are completely depledged which isn't possible for this organization to do until it is a national fraternity.

The April dues and house charges are now due and are not included in the dues and sundry charges in arrears listed above.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION  
OF  
MEMBERS  
OF  
ALPHA SIG CLUB



The above pictured men are Alpha Sigs as of April 4, 1955. From left to right:

Row I: Frank Waldron Lester, Danilo Beneta Medigovich, Edward Henry Juers, Jr., Henry Harold Browns, Charles Allen Groombridge, and James Patrick Braggers.\*

Row II: Ricky Doddridge Lyons, Robert Campbell Beck, Joe H. Wolf, Jr.\*\* Robert T. Zimmerman, Walter Antonio Wdowiak, Tom Ja Helms, and Paul Ve Loris Long, Jr.

Row III: Joseph Leroy Picard (Faculty Advisor), John James Kaminsky,\* Richard La Roy Moe, William Raymond Letarte, and Robert Louis Strickland.

Row IV: Bernard Arthur Weiler, John Woodward Nelson, James Seavy Griffith,\* Edward Paul Austin, and Joyce Luke Barber.

\* The above men so designated are being petitioned for initiation by the Club because of grades below 3.0, and Griffith is a transfer student.

\*\* Will not be initiated because of grades.

BERNARD ARTHUR MILLER: R. 2328 E. Abel St., Tucson, Arizona;  
Col. R. Same; B. August 10, 1936, Chandler, Arizona; Nat. Orig.  
German; Rel. Presbyterian; Major, Education, Class of 1950;  
Org. Ski Club, Armor ROTC; Prepared at Roswell High School;  
No other colleges attended; Plans after grad, Teacher of  
Psychology in high school.

JOHN WOODWARD NELSON: R. 1335 Birch St., Denver, Colorado;  
Col. R. P. O. Box 967, Tucson, Arizona; B. April 30, 1933,  
Denver, Colorado; Nat. Orig. Scotch and English; Rel.  
Congregational; Major, Business Administration, Class of 1956;  
Org. None; Prepared at East High School, Denver, Colorado;  
Attended University of Colorado, summer of 1953; Plans to  
enter service after college.

EDWARD PAUL AUSTIN: R. 1521 Third St., Manhattan Beach, Calif.;  
Col. R. Box 9693, University of Arizona; B. April 13, 1936,  
Pasadena, California; Nat. Orig. French, English, Dutch; Rel.  
Luthern; Major, Civil Engineering, Class of 1958; Org. Luthern  
Student Association; Prepared at Mira Costa High School, Man-  
hattan Beach, Calif.; No other colleges attended; Plans to do  
graduate work at UCLA after graduation.

JOYCE LUKE BARBER: R. 2921 W. Cypress St., Phoenix, Arizona;  
Col. R. Box 9028, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona;  
B. July 18, 1930, Tolleson, Arizona; Nat. Orig. German, English;  
Rel. So. Baptist; Major, Personnel, Class of 1956;  
Org. Masons; Prepared at Phoenix Union High School, Phoenix,  
Arizona; No other colleges attended; Plans to do Personnel  
Management Work after college.

RICHARD DODDRIDGE LYONS: R. 3525 N. Wilson, Tucson, Arizona;  
Col. R. Same; B. May 14, 1936, Huntington, New York; Nat. Orig.  
English, French; Major, Chemistry, Class of 1958; Org. Air Force  
ROTC, Ski Club; Prepared at Tucson High School, Tucson, Arizona;  
No other colleges attended; Plans to be a doctor, Rel. Episcopalian.

ROBERT CAMPBELL BECK: R. 1321 Hollywood Drive, Anchorage, Alaska; Col. R. Cochise Hall, Room 106, University of Arizona; B. March 13, 1928, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Nat. Orig. Scotch, English; Rel. Non-denominational; Major. Electrical Engineering, Class of 1956; Org. Sophos, Chain Gang, Student Union Activities Board, ADEE; Prepared at Colorado Spring High School; No other colleges attended; Has no plans for the future.

ROBERT T. ZITMERMAN: R. 1029 N. Vine, Tucson, Arizona; Col. R. Same; B. April 15, 1935, Tucson, Arizona; Nat. Orig. Swiss, German; Rel. First Christian; Major. Chemical Engineering, Class of 1958; Org. San Jose I.C.; No other colleges attended; Plans to follow vocation after graduation.

RICHARD LEROY MOLE: R. 1218 N. Martin Ave, Tucson, Arizona; Col. R. Same; B. October 15, 1934; Nat. Orig. Norwegian; Rel. Lutheran; Major. Government Service, Class of 1956; Org. Traditions Committee, Election Committee, Student Union Activities Committee; Prepared at Abercrombie High School, Abercrombie, North Dakota; No other colleges attended; Plans to attend law school after graduation.

WILLIAM RAYMOND LETARRE: R. 256 Old Warren Road, Swansea, Massachusetts; Col. R. Box 9650, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona; B. March 28, 1925, Salem, Massachusetts; Rel. Roman Catholic; Major. Foreign Trade, Class of 1957; Org. Newman Club; Prepared at Salem High School, Salem, Massachusetts; Attended University of Maryland and Cambridge University.

WALTER ANTONIO WDOIWLAK: R. 3 Highland Ave., Ludlow, Massachusetts; Col. R. Box 9095, University of Arizona; B. December 4, 1929, Milbrahan, Massachusetts; Nat. Orig. Polish; Rel. Roman Catholic; Major. History, Class of 1958; Org. Newman Club; prepared at Ludlow High School, Ludlow, Mass. Plans to teach after graduation.

ROBERT LOUIS STRICKLAND: R. 818 E. Seneca, Tucson, Arizona;  
Col. R. Same; B. April 20, 1936; Nat. Orig. American; Rel.  
Presbyterian; Major. Business Administration, Class of 1958;  
Org. Armor ROTC; Prepared at Tucson High School, Tucson, Arizona;  
Plans to become a corporation accountant after graduation.

TOM JAMES ELLIS: R. 8160 California Ave., Southeast, California;  
Col. R. Rt. 9, Box 984, Tucson, Arizona; B. May 24, 1933; Nat.  
Orig. Welsh; Rel. Methodist; Major. Mechanical Engineering,  
Class of 1955; Org. A.S.M.E.; Prepared at Fort Collins Public  
Schools, Fort Collins, Colorado; Attended Pepperdine College;  
Plans to work in Venezuela.

PAUL WELONIS LONG, Jr.: R. 309 Seventh St., Kingman, Arizona;  
Col. R. Rm. 306 Cochise Hall, University of Arizona; B. June 17,  
1933, Kingman, Arizona; Nat. Orig. Dutch, English; Rel. Protestant;  
Major. Anthropology, Class of 1958; Prepared at Mohave County  
Union High School; Plans to work after college.

FRANK MALDROM LESTER: R. 611 Country Club Road, Camp Hill,  
Pennsylvania; Col. R. Box 9273, University of Arizona;  
B. September 3, 1933; Nat. Orig. French, English; Rel.  
Presbyterian; Major. History, Class of 1956; Prepared at  
Camp Hill High School; Attended Valley Forge Military Academy;  
Has no future plans.

DANILLO BEBENZ MEDIGOVICH: R. 2701 W. Philmore St., Phoenix,  
Arizona; Col. R. Box 9649 University of Arizona; B. March 3,  
1933; Nat. Orig. Serbian, French, Indian, Mexican; Rel.  
Non-denominational; Major. Political Science, Class of 1955;  
Org. Vice President Cochise Hall, Student Union Public Relations,  
Students for democratic action; Prepared at Phoenix Union High  
School; Plans to enter the Air Force after graduation.

EDWARD HENRY JUERS, JR.: R. 1160 Oak St., Redwing, Minnesota;  
Col. R. 1601 E. Second St., Tucson, Arizona; B. November 7, 1936;  
Nat. Orig. German; Rel. Presbyterian; Major, Physics, Class of 1958;  
Org. Army ROTC; Prepared at Central High School; Has no future plans.

HENRY HAROLD PAUL BROOME: R. 4136 Carrol Ave., Chicago, Illinois;  
Col. R. Box 9384, University of Arizona; B. September 16, 1933;  
Nat. Orig. French; Major, Foreign Trade, Class of 1955; Org. Kappa  
Kappa Psi; Attended University of Illinois; Will enter the service  
after graduation.

CHARLES ALLEN GROOMBRIDGE: R. 23086 Columbus East Detroit, Michigan;  
Col. R. Box 9455, University of Arizona; B. July 6, 1933; Nat. Orig.  
French, English, Irish; Rel. Methodist; Major, Accounting, Class of  
1956; Prepared at East Detroit High School; Attended Wayne University;  
Plans to enter field of accounting after graduation.

A D D E N D U M

The following men are members of the club but are not eligible to be initiated because of University regulations:

JAMES PATRICK BRAGERS: R. 468 East 147th Street, Bronx 55, New York; Col. R. Navajo Hall, Rm. 142; B. November 8, 1927; Nat. Orig. Belgian, Irish; Rel. Roman Catholic; Major Personnel; Class of 1956; Org. Newman Club; Prepared at Samuel Gompers High School, Bronx, New York. Plans: Work in corporation personnel. (petitioned and awaiting University approval).

JAMES SEAVELY ORLIFITH: R. 131 Pomar Lane, Santa Barbara, California; Col. R. SUPO Box 9071; B. July 30, 1935; Nat. Org. Welsh, English; Rel. Protestant; Major, Anthropology; Class of 1957; Attended Williams College; Org. Radio Station W M S; Prepared at Teacher School; Plans: M.A., P.H.D., Museum work. (petitioned and awaiting University approval).

RICHARD EDWARD INMAN: R. 1415 Lee Blvd., Berkley, Illinois; Col R. East Stadium Dorm; B. March 18, 1936; Nat. Orig. German, Italian, Polish, English; Rel. Roman Catholic; Major Marketing; Class of 1958; Prepared at Proviso High School, Maywood, Illinois. (petitioned and awaiting University approval)

JOHN JAMES KAMINSKY: R. 402 East 136th Street, New York, N.Y; Col R. Navajo Hall. B. July 6, 1928; Nat. Orig. Czechoslovakian; Rel. Roman Catholic; Major; Metallurgical Engineering; Class of 1958; Org. Newman Club; Prepared at Bronx Vocational High School; Attended New York City Community College, 1953. Plans: Metallurgical Engineering. (petitioned and awaiting University approval).

JOSEPH WOLF. (petitioned and awaiting University approval)

In addition, there are a few men who have pledged their support to the Alpha Sig Club but, due to University regulations, cannot be claimed as official members of the Club:

ROBERT MARTIN

PHILIP MARCOURT

RICHARD SALLI

CHRIS TURNER

REX SMITH

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION  
From  
UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS  
at  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

University of Arizona  
Office of the President  
Tucson 25, Arizona

April 7, 1956

Dear Mr. Burns:

The Alpha Sigma Club here at the University of Arizona is petitioning the National Fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi for a charter to be granted to the University of Arizona group. I am writing in support of this request.

Already the Committee on Student Activities and Eligibility of the University has given very careful consideration to the operation of the Alpha Sigma Club for some time now, and, on the basis of all the pertinent considerations, approved the Club in May, 1954, as a local fraternity. Then on April 5, 1956 this same committee approved the installation of a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. The committee has stated that it believes that the standards and leadership of the group justify approval.

I believe that eighteen to twenty men have been qualified for initiation as charter members. Each man is required to have a grade average of 3.0 or better. During the first semester of the current academic year the Alpha Sigma Club ranked fourth among twenty-five fraternities here on the campus. It has good faculty advisement, chiefly in the person of Dr. Joseph I. Picard, who was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Illinois.

The Alumni Secretary of the National Fraternity, Mr. William H. F. Holmes, Jr., has spent a great deal of time here on the campus working with the Club during the past year.

I am thoroughly convinced that this Club warrants recognition by the National Fraternity, providing the national organization sees fit to recognize it.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Richard A. Harvill  
Richard A. Harvill

Mr. Ralph W. Burns  
Executive Secretary  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Student Union Memorial Building  
Tucson

8th April 1955

Office of the Director

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
24 West William St.,  
Delaware, Ohio

Gentlemen:

It is with great deal of pleasure that I write you concerning the local club on our campus, known as the Alpha Sig Club, which is petitioning for membership in Alpha Sigma Phi.

I am very well acquainted with the Alpha Sig Club, having had an active part in aiding the local men who are alumni of your organization securing outstanding men for membership in the local petitioning group. Therefore, I've kept a close watch on their activities and on their personnel, and I'm happy to report to you at this time that I feel the group is ready for their Charter.

I have also viewed their conduct as gentlemen, and collectively, as they held their meetings in the Student Union building while they were being organized. Their behavior, at all times, has been beyond reproach. I realize that an important factor in your consideration is the way in which official matters are handled by the men, and in all their dealings with us in this respect they have been excellent.

I know that if you so honor this group by accepting them into your national fraternity they will more than justify your action.

Sincerely,

/s/ MARVIN D. JOHNSON

Marvin D. Johnson,  
Director

MDJ:rw

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Office of the President  
TUCSON

April 8, 1955

The Grand Consul  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The members of the Alpha Sigma Club at the University of Arizona have asked that I write to you concerning my attitude, as vice president of the University, toward the installation of the Club as the University of Arizona Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, and I am indeed happy to do so.

It is my opinion that during the past year the Alpha Sigma Club has demonstrated clearly that it is worthy to become a chapter of a national fraternity. This opinion is based upon the record of the Club in scholarly and extracurricular activities and particularly upon the fine attitude of the members and the quality of leadership displayed by the officers.

It is hardly necessary for me to add that the University would welcome with enthusiasm a chapter of so distinguished a fraternity as Alpha Sigma Phi.

I hope very much therefore that the Alpha Sigma Club will be installed as the University of Arizona Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi at such time as the Fraternity may see fit.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert L. Nigent

Robert L. Nigent  
Vice President

University of Arizona

Tucson

April 7, 1955

Office of the Dean of Men

Mr. Ralph F. Burns  
Executive Secretary  
Alpha Sigma Phi  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Mr. Burns:

Tuesday of this week the University of Arizona Committee on Student Activities and Eligibility, of which I am Chairman, considered the status of the Alpha Sigma Club. Your office will be glad to know the committee has officially approved a petition, subject to the approval of the national fraternity, for the installation of a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on this campus May 7, 1955.

During the past year I have had many contacts with the Alpha Sigma Club including the officers, the membership, the alumni, and your own Alumni Secretary, Mr. William H. E. Holmes Jr. Perhaps I understand better than any other University representative the problems and the difficulties which had to be surmounted in order to meet the standards of the University of Arizona. I feel the progress made by the Alpha Sigma Club compares favorably with other new fraternities which have come to our campus since the end of World War II. There is still much to be done but I am glad, as the official advisor of our fraternity system, to inform you that everything seems to be in order.

You have my assurance that I shall continue to work with the chapter and with the Alumni Advisor, Mr. Joseph L. Picard, in helping to develop this fine organization.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Slonaker  
Dean of Men

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LETTERS of RECOMMENDATION  
FROM  
ALUMNI of ALPHA SIGMA PHI  
FRATERNITY

P. O. Box 5192  
Tucson, Arizona  
April 5, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi

Dear Brothers:

This letter is accompanying a petition from a group of boys who wish to bring their Alpha Sig Club at the University of Arizona into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi. I would like to add what I can to aid the acceptance of this group.

The past year has had its ups and downs for the group but when spirits were low, some challenge would present itself and the way the boys handled it was sometimes amazing. It exemplified true fraternal spirit. None of the boys had previous fraternity experience. In established chapters, actives was guide and inspire pledges; but here each man was a pledge in a way. I feel that their progress has been admirable and the standards they have established for themselves are worthy of any chapter of our fraternity.

The boys will do a great deal toward upholding the name of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Arizona and also toward furthering the fraternal way of life on this campus. As a social club they have done much in this respect already.

I heartily recommend that you grant their petition.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Paul Blaklen

Paul Blaklen  
Alpha Pi Chapter #138  
Purdue University, 1948

OFFICE OF THE  
SHERIFF OF THE  
P. O. Box 310  
509-511 Valley National Building  
Tucson, Arizona

March 31, 1955

Alpha Sigma Club  
Box 9366, University Station  
Tucson, Arizona

Gentlemen:

I am advised that the Alpha Sigma Club of the University of Arizona is submitting a petition to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to become affiliated as a chapter of said fraternity.

As you know, I have met with your Club on several occasions, including your dinner meeting at the Union Building, several meetings at the home of your Faculty Adviser, and also at your clubhouse west of Tucson, and have become acquainted with members of your organization and your activities. I have also had occasion to discuss the activities of the Alpha Sigma Club with the Dean of Men at the University of Arizona and have also been advised as to the scholastic standing of the organization for the first semester of the current school year.

From these contacts with the Alpha Sigma Club, I am convinced that your Club would develop into a strong chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. Your group has compiled a good scholastic record, includes men who will be a credit to the Fraternity, and has demonstrated that it has the initiative and determination which will be necessary to overcome the difficulties naturally inherent in establishing a new fraternity in competition to the old established organizations.

It is my sincere hope that Alpha Sigma Phi will approve your petition and that we will have a chapter at the University of Arizona.

Very truly yours,

/s/ A. G. Johnson

Alpha Alpha 39

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April 4, 1955

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Brothers:

In the capacity of Faculty Advisor to the Alpha Sigma Club at the University of Arizona I have had an opportunity to become personally well acquainted with each of the young men in the group. As you know they wish to officially become a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Individually and collectively they are fine young men who warrant I believe your favorable consideration as an organization to carry on the functions and traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Arizona.

Within the past twelve months following the initial visit of Brother Bill Holmes to the campus, this group has been able to organize and participate in the major affairs of the campus along with the other established fraternal groups.

They have been able to do this under some handicaps such as the lack of a home for the greater part of the year, and the need to acquaint both students and Faculty with a new name among the fraternities.

I can recommend them to you for their attainments in scholarship; for their good personal deportment; for their ambition to engage with other fraternities in the projects which generally strengthen fraternity growth; and for complying satisfactorily with the University of Arizona requirements for establishing a new fraternity on the campus.

In closing I recommend the Alpha Sigma Club to you without any reservations for favorable consideration.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Joseph L. Picard

Joseph L. Picard - Eta 1927  
Faculty Advisor to the  
Alpha Sigma Club

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM  
THE PRESIDENTS OF  
NATIONAL FRATERNITIES  
AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
AND THE  
PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

ACACIA FRATERNITY

Arizona Chapter

Phone 2-9471

819 East Third Street

Tucson, Arizona

April 2, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Gentlemen

We at Acacia are glad to hear that the Alpha Sigma Club is petitioning for its charter from your national organization. Its national affiliation with Alpha Sigma Phi will not only be a tremendous asset to the group itself but to the interfraternity system here at the University of Arizona.

You can definitely be proud of the men in the Club who have worked to build the organization to its present status. These men have not only built the group on a firm internal foundation but have also made a reputation for themselves and consequently the Club in the University activities. The Alpha Sigma Club has men represented on many of the campus committees, they have taken an active part in intramurals and have done exceptionally well in scholarship rating.

Since I know many of the men personally, I feel certain in saying that as a chapter they will never let down the reputation of your fine national organization.

Sincerely

/s/ David Y. Grove

David Y. Grove, President  
Arizona Chapter of Acacia Fraternity

ALPHA TAU OMEGA  
Fraternity  
Epsilon Beta Chapter

University of Arizona  
841 North Tyndall Ave.  
Tucson 11, Arizona

7 April '55

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend to the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi the Alpha Sigma Club of the University of Arizona.

Their organization has been active in campus activities for over a year and I believe that their membership as an active chapter of a national fraternity would be both an asset and a benefit to the fraternity system and to this university.

Yours truly,

/s/ Donald S. Robinson

Donald S. Robinson  
Worthy Master  
E. B. of Alpha Tau Omega

April 5, 1955

To:

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Sirs:

May this letter serve as a recommendation for the local Alpha Sigma Club. I have observed their activities this school year and I believe that they would be a valuable and worthy addition to the fraternity life on the University of Arizona campus.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dough Holzclaw

President, Delta Chi Fraternity

Delta Sigma Phi

Beta Omega Chapter  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona

1727 E. Speedway  
Tucson, Arizona  
4/8/55

Gentlemen,

The Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity of the University of Arizona highly recommends the local Alpha Sigma Colony to the national Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

This group of men have been on campus a relatively short period of time, but have made an excellent contribution to the general campus life, and to the lives of their individual members.

The members without exception are fine men with the qualities required of good fraternity men. They are active in campus affairs, social activities, and have a very fine scholastic record.

Alpha Sigma has exhibited friendly and cooperative spirit in its relations with other organizations on campus.

I highly recommend this local group of Alpha Sigma to the national Alpha Sigma Phi.

Very Truly yours,

/s/ William C. Carey Jr.

William C. Carey Jr.  
President

K A P P A A L P H A O R D E R

University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

Gamma Epsilon Chapter

March 31, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
2 1/2 W. William St.  
Delaware, Ohio

Gentlemen,

We wish to inform you that our experience with the Alpha Sigma Club on this campus has been on the best of relations. All contacts between Kappa Alpha and Alpha Sigma have shown us that they are a well organized and stable local club.

On the basis of our relations with the Alpha Sigma Club, we of Kappa Alpha feel that their presents (sic) at the University of Arizona as a national fraternity would be a worthy (sic) addition to our campus.

We are sure that the Alpha Sigma Club will make an excellent addition to your national organization.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Richard Kennedy

Richard Kennedy  
President  
Gamma Epsilon  
Kappa Alpha

KAPPA SIGMA  
Gamma Rho Chapter  
1325 East Speedway  
Tucson, Arizona

MARCH 31, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Gentlemen:

This letter is an recommendation that the Alpha Sigma Club, located on the University of Arizona campus is well qualified to join a national organization.

They have been active on our campus, and are trying very hard to increase their membership. In my istimation, (sic) they would be an assest (sic) to the fraternity system of the University of Arizona.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Stanley L. Capin

Stanley L. Capin  
President, Kappa Sigma Frat.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA FRATERNITY

Zeta Beta Zeta

1104 East 7th Street

Tucson, Arizona

March 30, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter of recommendation in behalf of your colony on the University of Arizona campus.

I have been watching, with interest, the men in this colony for some time now. I have seen them excel scholastically as well as in sports, and socially as well as in student government. I am firmly convinced that if the University of Arizona colony were installed upon this campus, they will not only become a credit to this university, but to your fraternity as well.

This chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity sincerely hopes you will see fit to install your colony on the university campus.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Dwight Darling

Dwight Darling  
President, Zeta Beta Zeta  
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

DD/jh

Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta

Upsilon Alpha Chapter  
1801 E. First Street  
Tucson Arizona

April 2, 1955

Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

To whom it may concern:

The Upsilon Alpha chapter of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta herein submits its recommendation for the Alpha Sigma Club at this University to the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi.

In our opinion the Alpha Sigma Club has maintained a creditable standing in scholarship and in activities worthy of being granted a charter.

It is our sincere hope that the petition of the Alpha Sigma Club will be given positive consideration.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ J. Emery Barker

J. Emery Barker  
Corresponding Secretary

Arizona Alpha  
University of Arizona

PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY  
715 N. Park Ave.  
Tucson, Arizona

April 2, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi

Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend that the Alpha Sigma Club here at the University of Arizona be granted a charter by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity.

As President of the Arizona Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, I have had several contacts with members of the Alpha Sigma Club. They have participated in various campus activities and have members in nearly all campus organizations and honoraries. By this they have become active and valued participants in all phases of campus affairs.

I feel that this club would be a credit to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, to the fraternity system in general and to the University of Arizona. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I heartily recommend them to you.

Fraternally,

/s/ Joseph J. Burns

Joseph J. Burns  
President

GAMMA - DELTA of PI KAPPA ALPHA  
University of Arizona  
1065 N. Mountain Ave.  
Tucson, Arizona

April 6, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Sirs;

We feel honored to be able to recommend the Alpha Sigma Club of the University of Arizona to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The work of this group has been very noticeable in campus activities. We are sure that they will be an asset to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the University of Arizona. Gamma Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha wishes to see a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on our campus soon.

Fraternally,

/s/ Duane Burr

Duane Burr, EIC  
Gamma Delta of Pi Kappa Alpha

Richard D. Houritsen  
631 2nd Ave.  
Tucson, Arizona  
April 6, 1955

Alpha Sigma Phi  
National Office

Dear Sirs:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend to you the Alpha Sigma Club on our campus. They are a fine group of fraternity-minded men who will uphold the fine ideals that are exemplified by Greeks.

Their scholarship was particularly notable. Their participation in the I.F.C. has been very creditable.

I am sure that the Alpha Sigma Club would be a credit to your national and the fraternity system at the University of Arizona.

I remain,

/s/ Richard Houritsen

Richard Houritsen

President, Beta Theta Chapter

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Nu Fraternity

Epsilon Alpha Chapter  
1023 North Tyndall, Tucson, Arizona

April 8, 1955

The Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Gentlemen,

May this letter serve as a recommendation for the Alpha Sig Club here at the University of Arizona. I personally know most of the members. They are enthusiastic and have great potential. It is my belief that if established nationally they will be an asset to the fraternity.

Yours truly,

/s/ Fargo Nelson

President, Sigma Nu

Arizona Note  
of

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

University of Arizona

April 6, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Sirs:

It was with great pleasure that we heard that your national fraternity is considering initiating the Alpha Sigma Club on our campus. We have had a considerable amount of association with them in the past and would like to recommend that favorable action be taken toward their initiation.

Our group was initiated as Arizona Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon on May 8, 1954, so we know exactly how hard the fellows are working, and how much they will appreciate the rewards of being initiated.

The Alpha Sigma Club has been quite active on campus and succeeded in placing fourth among twenty-two fraternities in scholarship last semester. This is a great achievement on their part and we hope that they will retain the initiative in scholarship, as well as all campus activities, as they have in the past.

Sincerely,

/s/ Fred Kroll

Fred Kroll, President  
Sigma Phi Epsilon

906 N. 1st Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona  
8 April 1953

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

It has been our pleasure during the last year to have known and been associated with the members of Alpha Sig Club here on campus of the University of Arizona.

On the basis of this association, I would personally recommend that you grant a charter to this organization. Their hard work in scholarship as well as in the organization of their group speaks for itself.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Donald L. Simpson  
President - Theta Chapter

ALPHA OMEGON CHAPTER  
Zeta Beta Tau  
1539 East Speedway  
Tucson, Arizona

April 11, 1955

Grand Council  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I would like to highly recommend that the Alpha Sigma colony on our campus be made into a full-fledged fraternity.

Zeta Beta Tau's relations with this group of fellows have been very enjoyable and I think they would be a fine acquisition to the Alpha Sigma Fraternity. The Alpha Sigma colony have represented themselves creditably on the Arizona campus.

In closing I would like to say that I feel confident that your colony will make an excellent name for itself. It has already proven to me that they are a group of fine boys to be proud of.

Sincerely,

/s/ Deal Kurn

Deal Kurn  
President of Zeta Beta Tau

University of Arizona

Associated Students

Tucson

Office of the Graduate Manager

April 1, 1955

Alpha Sigma  
Rt. 9 Box 984  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Boys:

A sincere "thanks" for your valuable participation and your cooperation with the student body officers this past year.

As you well know, a University or College receives its reputation mainly from its students, be it scholastic or social reputation. You have made a good reputation for the University this year, everyone in student government recognizes this. I believe the school's administration has a healthy attitude towards the student body as a result of your actions, on the University of Arizona Campus during the past year.

It has been wonderful knowing so many of you personally, and your value to this campus is much appreciated. Please continue to use your power of organization to further develop the University.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bob Beam  
President, ASUA