



**ALPHA SIGMA PHI  
GAMMA PI COLONY  
CHARTER PETITION**



THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY



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Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Dear Friends:

*"History is a sly dog most of the time. It manufactures its great moments in strange, secret places like Freud's study, Hitler's jail cell, a Bethlehem stable... ."* --(LIFE, Feb. '90, The Editors)

Findlay, Ohio - a "strange, secret place"? While I don't know about the appropriateness of such a description for The University of Findlay, I do know that some "great moments" were "manufactured" on campus during the past year. In a historical context, the University continually reviews the past, assesses the present, and sets its course for the future. Academic programs at the University are routinely evaluated, revamped, and changed to meet society's current and projected needs for leadership.

Continued growth in size and prestige was achieved during the past year for two of the University's academic areas in particular - the International Center for Language and Resource Development and the Environmental and Hazardous Materials Management programs, both of which address urgent needs for understanding and assistance ...needs for educated and trained leadership, both now and in the future.

At The University of Findlay, the year 1991 will go down in history as one of the most exciting and progressive years this institution has witnessed. Entries in future historical accounts logging the University's progress may read:

**1991**

- March -** His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama comes to The University of Findlay as one of six stops during an American visit and speaks to an audience of 3,500.
- April -** Diane Kendig, assistant professor of English, is the University's first faculty member to be awarded a Fulbright Award.
- August -** The University's fall semester enrollment nears 3,000, continuing to rise for the fourth consecutive year.
- October -** The first academic building to be constructed in almost 30 years is built. The Kenneth L. Frost Science Center is dedicated during the University's Environmental Education Symposium by keynote speaker Leo P. Duffy, director of the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management at the U.S. Department of Energy. This follows on the heels of the 1989-90 construction of the first new campus building in 30 years - The Phil Gardner Fitness Center.

But accomplishments of the past year will not carry The University of Findlay into the next phase of history. This year's advancements serve as but a foundation on which we can build an even stronger institution. I would hope that years from now the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of The University of Findlay will reflect on 1991 and learn from the drive and determination currently permeating those affiliated with this institution.

It is an exciting time at The University of Findlay and we are honored and awed to be involved with history in the making at a "strange, secret place" like The University of Findlay.

Sincere regards,

Kenneth E. Zirkle  
President

# 1991 State of the University Address



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## THE NEW GAMMA PI HISTORY

The Gamma Pi colony cordially invites you to read our petition for chartering. In the petition you will find many fascinating facts about the colony and about the members involved. We pride ourselves through our diversity and through the leadership we represent around campus. We feel that we now have the strongest fraternity on our campus and this is evident through our involvement on campus and throughout the community.

The Gamma Pi colony started out on December 6, 1990, 145 years after Alpha Sigma Phi started out at Yale University. This was special to the Phoenix class of seven people because we started out with history through our National Fraternity. Then the seven had a mission to see when they could activate the chapter that was absent on campus for nearly 6 years. That is where the alumni helped. They attended nearly all of our early meetings to set goals that were important and obtainable to the new members. We first wanted to see what we could do as a group. "Picture with Santa Claus" was our first fund raiser and it was a great success, not only because we raised a little money for our account, but more importantly because we had all members working as a group. This was when we knew we could accomplish bigger and more rewarding goals.

Our next major goal was to reach the Gamma Pi alumni. We did this by sending a letter to them about us and what we were trying to accomplish. The responses we received were tremendous. The ideas that came in and the support through monetary means and just plain words of congratulations were enough to get the motor running. Now we were ready to start functioning as a fraternity.

Our first and foremost goal was to increase our membership because we knew we had something special going and we wanted more people to be a part of this thing that we knew was going to be special. We had three rush dates in the Alumni Memorial Union where we all invited people we knew and told them to tell friends. This was important because we wanted all people interested in the group to meet the whole group, not just the people they, the rushees, had already known. This strategy was successful because we managed to increase our membership by 14 new people. Though only 10 people remained in the group, we again learned that this fraternity was not for everyone and that we would have to work even harder in the future if we want our retention to remain higher.

With the new members going through their pledging process, the other members had to keep on functioning as a fraternity. We did this by meeting at one of the actives apartments once a week. At the meetings many different topics were discussed ranging from pledging ideas to activities the interest group should attend to trying to obtain a house from The University so the members could have a place to call home. We accomplished all three of those goals. First our pledging process was successful because seven months after they completed their pledgeship we are all proud to

call them brothers. Some of the events we discussed and participated in were seminars on campus about Greek life or leadership, the Annual Bowling Green State University Leadership Conference, and various workshops conducted exclusively for the Gamma Pi Colony. Finally we also wrote a petition to the President's Cabinet requesting a house for exclusive use by the Gamma Pi colony, which we were also successful in obtaining.

Our final goal for the spring semester was to submit a petition for colonizing to the National Headquarters. We knew this would be the next step toward chartering for the group. Since all of you reading this petition already read that petition, it is safe to say since we did gain colony status that the petition was successful.

What came next was our first summer away from the group that was proud to call themselves Alpha Sigma Phi. We all went our separate ways. However we knew that some of us would meet in Michigan for a Gamma Pi alumni reunion. The alumni representation was fantastic as nearly 1/3 of the brotherhood attended the event. This was neat because the new group of Gamma Pi also had a representation of 1/3 of their group so right there we knew that the two groups would get along. It was one of the best events for the new members because they realized that brotherhood does go beyond four years of school, and in fact that brotherhood was for a lifetime. Again the Alumni were helping to form a group of young men who, in only over a semester of work, were accomplishing feats at incredible speed.

Also in that same summer two active members were able to attend the National Leadership Conference in Pennsylvania. That event was also very important because it was the first opportunity for Gamma Pi members to interact with other Alpha Sigma Phi members, and more importantly, the members who were in the same situation as we were in being either an interest group or colony. We exchanged ideas with the different groups, exchanged different horror stories, and we exchanged phone numbers in case any of us needed support through the months to follow.

We came back in the fall for school to start. We had a house, we had ideas that we learned from the summer, we met brothers from the past who would soon come and visit, we had 16 brothers with the same goal in mind which was to become the best brother that each individual could become. We realized some of the accomplishments that we had completed some of which include: best grades for all Greeks, second largest number of actives and pledges, we gained status of colony, we won the sportsmanship plaque from Greek Week, we did care about each and everyone in our strong brotherhood.

Please enjoy the rest of the Petition, we have worked hard to get where we are now and we feel proud of what we have accomplished. Each officer wrote a part of the petition to give the feeling of togetherness and uniqueness.

-The brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi  
Gamma Pi Colony



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 13, 1991

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of The University of Findlay, I firmly support the colonized chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi and endorse their endeavors in receiving a charter to be officially established on our campus. The leaders and new members of Alpha Sigma Phi, many of whom I know personally, are fine young men. During the past few months I have witnessed dedication and commitment on all their parts to develop Alpha Sigma Phi into an active organization on the Findlay campus. I sincerely hope the national chapter will review their efforts and gladly approve their request for a charter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Kenneth E. Zirkle".

Kenneth E. Zirkle  
President

# FINDLAY

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

December 16, 1991

Mr. John R. Chaney  
Executive Vice President  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Dear Mr. Chaney,

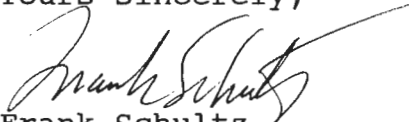
I am most pleased to write this letter of support for Alpha Sigma Phi Gamma Pi Colony and their efforts for chartering. Since their reorganization last year, the Alpha Sigs have had a very positive effect on the campus as well as the fraternity system.

Many of them hold positions of responsibility on campus and have proven themselves to be young men of strong character. Their accomplishments with regard to grade point average and philanthropy work are well noted. The efforts of the men of Gamma Pi chapter have also challenged the existing fraternities to examine their programs and membership to improve the entire fraternity system. Most of all, these men have worked hard to carve out of raw material the ideals and beginnings of a strong fraternity. I believe that their efforts are sincere and deserve the Grand Council's utmost consideration.

The University of Findlay is happy to again have Alpha Sigma Phi active on campus and a part of the campus life, and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with the men of the Gamma Pi Colony.

Best wishes in this endeavor and the upcoming holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Schultz  
Vice President for Student Affairs

cc. Scott Reikofski, Assistant Dean for Student Activities/Greek Life  
Randy VanDyne, Faculty Advisor  
Bob Thoma, Alumni Advisor

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*Office of Vice President  
for Academic Affairs*

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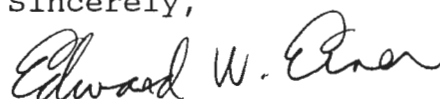
Dear Mr. Chaney:

I hereby recommend that a charter be granted to The University of Findlay, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, during 1992.

As of Spring 1991, this group of gentlemen had attained an average grade point average of 2.762, the highest average among Greeks as well as all campus males. These men are leaders on campus and active in the Findlay community. They definitely make a positive contribution to our campus life.

We would sincerely appreciate your positive consideration be given in this decision.

Sincerely,



Edward W. Erner, Ph.D.  
Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and  
Dean of the Faculty

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December 17, 1991

Mr. John R. Chaney  
Executive Vice President  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 West William Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Dear John,

I am happy to write this letter of support for the petition for chartering from the Gamma Pi Colony. It has been a while since you and I first sat down to discuss the possibility of recolonizing the chapter here, and I am most pleased to have witnessed the progress made toward this end.

From the beginning the alumni support has been terrific, and their willingness to pitch in, give direction, and, when appropriate, to stand back and let the collegiates work and learn has been one of the most valuable assets to this colony. I know that the undergraduates have a very positive relationship with the alumni and feel comfortable turning to them for guidance and support--something that does not occur as often as it should in most chapters.

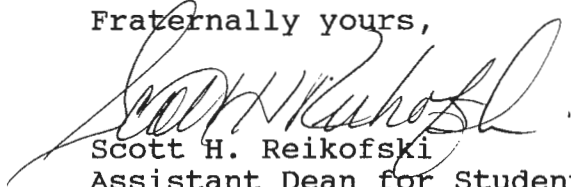
The undergraduates have worked hard to try to get the tasks completed for chartering. They have established themselves as a positive force on campus, built a solid and positive reputation, set the groundwork for sound financial management and scholastic achievement, and have recruited some of the best men on campus. They are by far the most diverse group on campus with regard to both personnel and academic majors, and have set a prime example of how a fraternity should be functioning. Their effect on the other fraternities has been very positive--not threatening but able to challenge them to better themselves as well as the fraternity system.

I am aware that they are a little smaller than your Grand Council would prefer, but all indications are that they will have a very strong spring pledge class and they will continue to grow as they will only lose two to graduation this spring.

In the past ten years, I have been part of many colonizations, and this one is by far one of the smoothest and most affirmative I have witnessed. I whole-heartedly support the granting of a charter to this group. They have proven themselves to be men of whom Alpha Sigma Phi and The University of Findlay can be very proud.

Best wishes for you and your staff for a terrific holiday and a successful and prosperous new year.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott H. Reikofski", written over the typed name.

Scott H. Reikofski  
Assistant Dean for Student Activities/Greek Life

cc. Frank Schultz, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Randy Van Dyne, Faculty Advisor  
Bob Thoma, Alumni Advisor  
Ted Kocher, Chapter President

# UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

*Findlay, Ohio*

## The University

The University of Findlay (formerly Findlay College) is a private coeducational institution with 1,630 full-time students. Founded in 1882 by the Churches of God, General Conference, it emphasizes preparation for careers and professions within an educational program that blends liberal arts and career education. Students of many denominations attend Findlay, and religious participation is a matter of personal choice.

The largest programs at Findlay are in business, education, and equestrian studies. Special programs include majors in bilingual-multicultural studies (Spanish and Japanese), hazardous materials management, nuclear medicine technology, pre-veterinary medicine, equestrian studies, and equine management. The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in more than fifty different majors. The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in equestrian studies, equine management, and hazardous materials management; the Associate of Arts degree is available in nine majors. A Master of Arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) and bilingual education is offered. Opportunities for internships and work-related experiences are available in most major fields.

The majority of Findlay students come from Ohio and the surrounding states of Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. About twenty other states are also represented. Because of the Intensive English Language Institute located on the campus, a significant number of international students are part of the total student body.

Students live in six modern residence halls, and two-person rooms are typical. All students eat meals in an attractive dining hall. Social life at Findlay centers on student organizations, fraternities, and sororities. Findlay has three officially recognized fraternities—Sigma Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi—and two sororities, Delta Zeta and Sigma Kappa. Each has its own house near campus. Organizations include department and interest clubs, the newspaper, the yearbook, musical groups, the radio station, Circle K, and Aristos Eklektos (honors).

Athletic programs offer intercollegiate competition in eighteen different sports. The nationally recognized sports program at Findlay comprises ten intercollegiate sports for men and eight for women. Varsity sports are baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, and wrestling for men, and basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball for women. Findlay competes in the NAIA and seeks NCAA Division II status. Athletic scholarships are available. Croy Physical Education Center has a 25-meter swimming pool and exercise and weight rooms. The Gardner Physical Fitness Center is a state-of-the-art facility.

Student services include career and placement counseling, a health center, academic tutoring and personal counseling, and study skills assistance through the Tri-S (Supporting Skills Services) Center.

## Location

Findlay, Ohio, is within easy driving distance of Toledo, Columbus, Detroit, and Fort Wayne. Interstate 75 and the Ohio Turnpike (Interstates 80 and 90) are the major highways serving the area. Airports in Toledo, Columbus, and Detroit are convenient. The town of Findlay has 38,000 residents and is home to Marathon Oil Corporation and Cooper Tire and Rubber Company. The Findlay campus consists of 25 acres, near the downtown area, plus the 70-acre campus-owned farm, housing the Center for Pre-Veterinary and Equine Studies. Recreational facilities are located on and near the campus. Parks, bike trails, and other outdoor recreational activities are available. The campus location also provides opportunities for students who want business-related and social service agency experience. The University has established strong relationships with the community, which supports the athletic and cultural events on the campus. Besides the full program of on-campus activities, off-campus trips to cultural and entertainment events are regularly scheduled. The city of Findlay, which has an excellent business climate, offers part-time job opportunities, volunteer service organizations, and the chance to be involved with the larger civic community. Findlay is a friendly Midwestern town, and the campus shares that outlook.

## Majors and Degrees

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in the following majors: accounting; art; art therapy; athletic training; bilingual-multicultural education; biology; business administration; business education; communications (advertising emphasis); communications (broadcast journalism emphasis); communications (publications emphasis); communications (public relations emphasis); comprehensive religion, philosophy, and Christian education; comprehensive social science; computer science; economics; economics-finance; elementary education; English; English-speech education; hazardous materials management; history; marketing; mathematics; medical technology; nature interpretation; nuclear medicine technology; philosophy; physical education; political science; premedicine; pre-veterinary medicine; psychology; religion; science; social work; sociology; Spanish; Spanish bilingual-multicultural studies; Spanish-business; speech; speech-English education; systems analysis; theater performance; theater production; theater-speech education; technical writing; and writing. A criminal justice emphasis is available in political science, psychology, social work, and sociology. Findlay has a dual-degree B.A./B.S.E. program with the engineering schools of the University of Toledo and Washington University in St. Louis.

The Bachelor of Science degree is granted in equestrian studies, equine management, and hazardous materials management.

The Associate of Arts degree is available in accounting, business administration, community social service, computer science, equestrian studies, general social studies, hazardous materials management, religion, and secretarial science.

## Academic Program

Findlay operates on the semester system. Students must complete at least 124 semester hours with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 to earn a bachelor's degree. Liberal arts distribution requirements and competence requirements in English, reading, and library use must be fulfilled. The Freshman Seminar introduces students to living and learning at Findlay and gives them the opportunity to work with the same teacher and student group in two related courses. Faculty members for the Freshman Seminar are specially selected. The Foundations Program offers students the chance to develop those skills in writing, reading, and thinking needed to ensure their success as college students. Study skills, time management, and careful academic advising are included. Students are selected for this program at the time of admission. The honors

program provides additional challenge and individualized attention and advising to those students who qualify on the basis of academic credentials. Foreign study and travel programs are offered by various departments.

The Equestrian Program is one of the preeminent programs of its kind and serves more than 100 students from throughout the United States. The instruction, both in the classroom and on horseback, makes use of the expertise of recognized national equestrian champions. The pre-veterinary medicine program, using the same farm facilities, offers the advantages of hands-on experience with livestock and an internship program in a distinctive curriculum. Both programs have a placement rate much higher than the national average.

The Nuclear Medicine Institute provides the training necessary to qualify students for careers in nuclear medicine technology.

Findlay initiated the first four-year degree program in the country geared exclusively to the training of systems analysts. The computer science programs are designed to meet the changing business and computer needs of the 1990s and include technical writing as a major field.

Findlay's newest major in hazardous materials management is the first bachelor's degree program in this important field. This exciting program includes internship, summer work, and career opportunities in environmental services.

Findlay's writing programs have gained national recognition. Technical and creative writing courses are available.

#### Academic Facilities

The focal point of the Findlay campus is Old Main, which houses classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, the Computer Center, facilities for various student activities, and Ritz Auditorium. Shafer Library has 112,000 volumes, 650 periodicals and journals, government publications, microforms, and other print and nonprint media. It also houses the Mazza Collection of original art illustrations for children's books. The Computer Center has fifteen terminals for student use connected to the central system. A microlab in the library has fifteen Apple IIs and twenty-two IBM PCs. Other academic buildings include Brewer Science Hall, with a greenhouse and the Newhard Planetarium, and Egner Fine Arts Center, which houses ceramics and printmaking facilities, a 300-seat theater, and WLFC-FM, the student-operated radio station. Approximately 300 horses are housed and trained at the Findlay Center for Pre-Veterinary and Equine Studies each year. The center offers first-rate facilities, including barns and indoor and outdoor riding arenas.

#### Costs

Tuition for the 1991-92 year totals \$8880 for most programs, \$11,380 for the equestrian program, and \$9640 for the pre-veterinary medicine program. Room and board cost \$3928. The estimated cost for transportation, books, and supplies is \$1000.

#### Financial Aid

Eighty percent of Findlay students receive financial aid. Assistance is based on need as well as scholastic achievement. Factors used in determining aid are the Financial Aid Form (FAF) need analysis report, the grade point average, class standing, and ACT or SAT results. Federal and state programs are used along with specific scholarships that include sibling grants, alumni grants, and various departmental awards. The FAF of the College Scholarship Service must be filed. Notification of aid awards is made on a rolling basis. Work-study jobs are available. Additional scholarships for members of minority groups, high-achieving students, and student-athletes are being offered, including the Ruth Corwin Endly Honors Scholarships, which are no-need awards. Prepayment and extended payment plans are available.

#### Faculty

The 14:1 student-faculty ratio results in small classes—usually fewer than 30 students. Professors know the students and are concerned and caring, a special benefit for students. Every student has a faculty adviser. Faculty participation in campus activities is ongoing.

#### Student Government

The Student Government Association (SGA) and the Campus Programming Board are involved in planning and implementing student activities. The SGA provides leadership experience for students and enhances cooperation between faculty, administration, and students. A representative from the SGA sits on the Board of Trustees. The Campus Programming Board plans activities for recreation and cultural enrichment, including free weekly movies and Homecoming and Family Weekend.

#### Admission Requirements

Applicants to Findlay should have a college-preparatory high school background, including 4 years of English, 2 to 3 of mathematics, 2 to 3 of social studies, and 2 of sciences. A foreign language is recommended but not required. Applicants should have a grade point average of at least 2.0. Results of the ACT or SAT and high school transcripts should be submitted with the application for admission. There is no application fee. Transfer students should be eligible to return to the institution last attended and must submit transcripts of all college work. Each applicant for admission is considered on an individual basis. Decisions are made on a rolling schedule. The application deadlines are August 1 for fall semester and December 15 for spring semester. A campus visit is strongly recommended. Early admission and advanced standing programs are available. For students not meeting regular minimum admission requirements, Findlay has a Foundations Program, which provides skill building and careful academic advising during the first semester of the freshman year. Findlay is an equal opportunity institution in admission and employment.

#### Application and Information

Application forms and other information may be obtained by contacting:

Office of Admissions  
The University of Findlay  
1000 North Main Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840  
Telephone: 419-424-4540  
800-548-0932 (toll-free)



Old Main.



Name: Ted Kocher  
Class: Senior  
Hometown: Chardon, Oh. 44024  
Hobbies: Basketball, football, announcing, reading terrorism books  
Biggest Accomplishment: Being named to Who's who in American  
Colleges & Universities and Alpha Sigma Phi

Name: David Wright  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Brecksville, Oh.  
Hobbies: Boating, skiing, football, theatre, singing  
Biggest Accomplishment: Founding the Gamma Pi Colony

Name: Barry Alspach  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Bucyrus, Oh.  
Hobbies: Basketball, Football, and cards  
Biggest Accomplishment: Buckeye Boys State and founding the Gamma  
Pi Colony

Name: Tim Forlow  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Celina, Oh.  
Hobbies: Cars, baseball, and music  
Biggest Accomplishment: Played on state acme baseball team

Name: Bill Verlest Jr.  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Paris, Pa.  
Hobbies: Alpha Sigma Phi, 60's music, D.J. on air, acting  
Biggest Accomplishment: Alpha Psi Omega, Pi Kappa Delta

Name: Jason Spaide  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Nevada, Oh.  
Hobbies: Collecting comics and Alpha Sigma Phi  
Biggest Accomplishment: Starting the colony of Gamma PI

Name: Brian Spears  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Bucyrus, Oh.  
Hobbies: Running, collecting cards, lifting  
Biggest Accomplishment: Regional qualifier and league champion in  
track

Name: John Glockner  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Barberton, Oh.  
Hobbies: All sports and Alpha Sigma PHI  
Biggest Accomplishment: Becoming a member of the Gamma Pi Colony



Name: Rick Reynolds  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Delphos, Oh.  
Hobbies: Resident assistant, coaching, basketball and Alpha Sigma Phi  
Biggest Accomplishment: Coming to school and doing well

Name: William Crownover  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Mansfield, Oh.  
Hobbies: Baseball, football  
Biggest Accomplishment: Entering the Gamma Pi Colony

Name: Tim Chrulski  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Lorain, Oh.  
Hobbies: Drums  
Biggest Accomplishment: Becoming a member of the Gamma Pi Colony

Name: Mike Collett  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Xenia, Oh.  
Hobbies: Football, sports in general  
Biggest Accomplishment: Starting nose tackle for The University of Findlay football team

Name: Tom Skellie  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Walbridge, Oh.  
Hobbies: Basketball and football  
Biggest Accomplishment: Becoming a member of the Gamma Pi Colony and playing college football

Name: Vijay Talwar  
Class: Senior  
Hometown: Bangalore, India  
Hobbies: Raquetball, tennis, and swimming  
Biggest Accomplishment: Coming to America

Name: Stephan Dickerson  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Dayton, Oh.  
Hobbies: Football, track, and weightlifting  
Biggest Accomplishment: Playing college football and becoming a Resident Assistant

Name: Kevin Doolittle  
Class: Junior  
Hometown: Fairview, Oh.  
Hobbies: Football and soccer  
Biggest Accomplishment: Going to the quarter finals in state competition in soccer

Name: Donald Batt  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Dupont, Oh.  
Hobbies: Running, weightlifting, dating and sports  
Biggest Accomplishment: State champion in the 800 meter run in 1991

Name: Brian Burre  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Huron, Oh.  
Hobbies: Watersports and Emergency Response Training  
Biggest Accomplishment: Emergency Medical Technician Certification

Name: Steve Robeson  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Findlay, Oh.  
Hobbies: Running  
Biggest Accomplishment: Varsity Cross Country for the University of Findlay

Name: James Simison  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Xenia, Oh.  
Hobbies: Football and Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Pi Colony  
Biggest Accomplishment: Going to college and playing football

Name: Brandon Crownover  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Mansfield, Oh.  
Hobbies: Sports, fishing, and cars  
Biggest Accomplishment: Becoming a member of the Gamma Pi Colony

Name: Jason Diebley  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Arcadia, Oh.  
Hobbies: Art and environmental issues  
Biggest Accomplishment: Published a book with fellow classmates

Name: Jason Romp  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Oregon, Oh.  
Hobbies: Running, fishing, and fast music  
Biggest Accomplishment: Regional track meet qualifier in 3200 meter run and becoming a member of the Gamma Pi Colony.

Name: Wade Balser  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Antwerp, Oh.  
Hobbies: Track, cross-country, and basketball  
Biggest Accomplishment: Making it to state in cross-country and track

Name: Brian Sickinger  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Ashtabula, Oh.  
Hobbies: Music, football, basketball, ping-pong, and pool  
Biggest Accomplishment: being accepted to North Texas University

Name: Craig Stachecki  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Detroit, Mi.  
Hobbies: Football, sports in general, fishing, and waterskiing  
Biggest Accomplishment: Playing college football

Name: Chad Frysinger  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Roanoke, In.  
Hobbies: Waterskiing, iceskating, swimming, and hunting with my dog  
Biggest Accomplishment: Becoming a Resident Assistant

Name: Ron Palsgrove  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Piqua, Oh.  
Hobbies: Running  
Biggest Accomplishment: Running cross-country in college athletics

Name: Chester Yeager  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Wilmington, Oh.  
Hobbies: Running and Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Pi Colony  
Biggest Accomplishment: Making it to college and being able to run  
track



# FINDLAY

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

## M E M O R A N D U M

To: All Greek Organization Presidents & Advisors

From: Scott H. Reikofski, Assistant Dean for Student Activities/Greek Life

Date: October 30, 1991

Re: Spring 1991 Grade Point Averages

Attached please find the greek chapter grade point averages for the Spring 1991 semester. Please note that your grades have been calculated in the following additional way.

Quality hours are the number of credit hours for which the student was registered.

Quality points are computed by taking the grade received in that particular course and multiplying it by the corresponding grade value (A=4;B=3;C=2;D=1;F=0) and adding the points received for the total number of classes.

Quality GPA is number of Quality Points divided by the number of Quality Hours. This process puts more emphasis on the grades as related to the number of credit hours. Therefore someone taking more hours has more of an effect on the chapter grade point average. This is also the process that most national offices use to compute grade point averages.

The Mean (X) Grade Point Average is actually the numerical average of the gpa within the chapter (all gpa's added up and divided by the number of members within the chapter). Grade Point Averages figured this way give equal emphasis to each person, whether he/she is taking 12 credit hours or 18 credit hours. This is also the way the chapter GPA has been computed in the past.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

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|                            | Quality<br>Points | Quality<br>Hours | Quality<br>GPA | XGPA  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| Delta Zeta                 | 610               | 237              | 2.57           | 2.554 |
| Sigma Kappa                | 911               | 330              | 2.76           | 2.742 |
| Panhel Average             | 1521              | 567              | 2.682          | 2.648 |
| University Women's Average |                   |                  |                | 2.922 |
| Alpha Sigma Phi            | 797               | 288.5            | 2.762          | 2.71  |
| Sigma Pi                   | 1120              | 445              | 2.516          | 2.509 |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon          | 1063              | 463              | 2.295          | 2.266 |
| Theta Chi                  | 830.5             | 354              | 2.346          | 2.294 |
| IFC Average                | 952.6             | 387.6            | 2.479          | 2.444 |
| University Men's Average   |                   |                  |                | 2.694 |

Number of members in each sorority/fraternity in Fall 1991 Semester

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Delta Zeta Sorority          | 19 |
| Sigma Kappa Sorority         | 19 |
| Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity   | 29 |
| Sigma Pi Fraternity          | 33 |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity | 23 |
| Theta Chi Fraternity         | 22 |

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY  
GREEK GRADE POINT AVERAGES  
Fall 1988 - Spring 1991

| <u>SORORITIES</u> | <u>FALL 1988</u> | <u>SP 1989</u> | <u>FALL 1989</u> | <u>QUALITY<br/>SP 1990</u> | <u>QUALITY<br/>FA 1990</u> | <u>QUALITY<br/>SP 1991</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alpha Omega Alpha | 2.906            | 3.380          | 2.931            |                            |                            |                            |
| Delta Zeta        | 3.157            | 3.138          | 2.799            | 3.255                      | 2.612                      | 2.57                       |
| Sigma Kappa       | 2.809            | 3.40           | 2.620            | 2.920                      | 3.004                      | 2.760                      |
| All Greek Women   | 2.957            | 3.306          | 2.734            | 3.750                      | 2.808                      | 2.665                      |
| All Campus Women  | 3.001            | 3.031          | 2.981            | 2.992                      | 2.911                      | 2.922                      |

| <u>FRATERNITIES</u> | <u>FALL 1988</u> | <u>SP 1989</u> | <u>FALL 1989</u> | <u>QUALITY<br/>SP 1990</u> | <u>QUALITY<br/>FA 1990</u> | <u>QUALITY<br/>SP 1991</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alpha Sigma Phi     |                  |                |                  |                            |                            | 2.762                      |
| Sigma Pi            | 2.280            | 2.177          | 2.360            | 2.548                      | 2.255                      | 2.516                      |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon   | 1.744            | 2.489          | 2.317            | 2.562                      | 2.319                      | 2.295                      |
| Theta Chi           | 2.843            | 2.701          | 2.547            | 2.585                      | 2.527                      | 2.346                      |
| All Greek Men       | 2.289            | 2.455          | 2.382            | 2.565                      | 2.367                      | 2.479                      |
| All Campus Men      | 2.490            | 2.729          | 2.565            | 2.698                      | 2.611                      | 2.694                      |

The formal rush period on The University of Findlay campus for the fall semester of 1991 officially began on the fifth of September and ran for ten days. This fall rush was basically structured from the spring rush of 1991, the only difference being that of the newly obtained house of the Gamma Pi Colony. Prior to this period, an organizational night was held which gave all organizations on campus the opportunity to be seen and to talk with all students on campus. This gave us a great opportunity to show what Alpha Sigma Phi has to offer. We, the rush committee, set up a table with rush flyers, t-shirts, pledge paddles, trophies, pictures, and other Alpha Sigma Phi paraphenalea. On this evening, we received a list consisting of 21 interested males and their phone numbers. After the organizational night was over, all the interested males were invited to the house to meet the rest of the members.

As the formal rush period started, we had a good grasp as to who was really interested in Alpha Sigma Phi. We decided that, with the number of rushees that we had, everyone had to become involved. On the first night of our formal rush period, we used the time while the rushees were there to talk to and become close to two or three rushees per member, giving us a way to keep the rushees excited and motivated as we moved throughout the rush period. Throughout the rush period, the rushees were also introduced to many alumni. This gave them a sense of reassurance that we do have alumni support. The rushees were also informed of the mandatory expectations of the fraternity and also what the pledging process consisted of.

At the conclusion of the formal rush period, we had a total of fourteen pledges. This was the highest of any Greek organization on campus. All rules and regulations of Alpha Sigma Phi, The University of Findlay, and the Interfraternity Council were followed, including the policy of refraining from the consumption of alcoholic beverages. In fact one of our rush functions included a non-alcoholic hairy buffalo party. In addition we also held a Monday night football party, an open house, a semi formal rush night, and a few other activities.

It's obvious by looking at our number of rushees and pledges that our rush was very successful. What may not be seen, though, is that all fourteen men are what we feel to be the best men on campus. Thirteen of the fourteen members originally pledging continued to become members of the Gamma Pi Colony. Through looking at this, it can be seen that the Gamma Pi Colony takes rush the way it should be taken; seriously.

The Gamma Pi colony at The University of Findlay develops its budget through the prudential committee. The budget thus far has been fairly general but, as the group develops, the budget develops with it. This budget is then reviewed by the alumni chapter and each member of the Colony is then informed of the proposed budget. Since the budget is still growing, an annual budget has not been presented to national headquarters yet, but the prudential committee plans on presenting one in the near future. Bob Thoma, the colony's alumni chapter advisor, reviews the proposed budget and gives advice on what might need to be changed or amended.

Monthly dues are paid by the fifteenth of every month. These dues are given to the treasurer or the treasurer's assistant and then deposited and entered into the books. Since the colony adopted the apprenticeship program, the apprentice to the treasurer also helps in collecting dues and other money. Throughout the last semester of the treasurer's term, he explains the operations of the treasury to the understudy. Through this program, the future treasurer is not overwhelmed at the challenging task that lies ahead. At the beginning of every school year, each brother signs a brotherhood contract that pledges that each brother will live by the laws of the fraternity. Through this they understand that fifteen dollar monthly dues will be paid by the fifteenth of every month or the prudential committee will have to take action.

The action that is taken is delivered through the enforcement of penalties. These penalties are proposed by the prudential committee and are then passed by a two-thirds vote by the brotherhood. One of the penalties includes being restricted from coming to meetings and functions when one fails to pay the monthly dues on time. Along with this, that person is fined four dollars for missing a meeting. Since the rules were passed by the brotherhood, all members participate in strict enforcement of the financial obligations. Also, fines are not given by the treasurer alone. The prudential committee clears the fines and the treasurer and his assistants collect on them. It is understandable that money can become scarce at times, but the accounts receivable will not exceed six percent for each period. If needed, the individual can sign a promissory note and develop payment plans with the prudential committee within ten days after the billing date. Along with this, the colony does at least one fund raiser a year in order to help with costs.

A few other financial things must be considered also. For example, the accounts payable is kept current. Also, since the house that we live in is college property, payments for housing go to the school, which eliminates housing from the budget. A substantial savings account has been established as a reserve fund and is watched over by the colony's alumni chapter advisor. This savings account is at Diamond Savings in Findlay, Ohio. There is also a checking account there which requires two officer signatures.

The way the books are set up is based on other Alpha Sigma Phi chapter books. Basically, there is a general ledger where all transactions are carried out. Also, there is a separate section to keep track of donations, gifts given out, supplies, and monthly dues. Along with this, there is a section where each member's

personal balances are kept. In this system, each person can see exactly what they owe or what their balance is. With the help of Owen and Ryan, national representatives, a few changes are under way right now which will help develop the bookkeeping system to grow with the group. As an assurance and an informative factor, a financial report is given at every weekly meeting and any brother may look at the books.

The Gamma Pi colony is in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service and other regulatory bodies. The group is filed as a non-profit organization and, as seen in the past, the colony is prompt in delivering payment of pledge fees and other charges payable to national headquarters. Soon, there will be initiation fees, insurance fees, and chartering fees which will be paid to the national headquarters. The financial operations of the Gamma Pi colony are stable and will continue to grow as the colony grows. Through strong brotherhood and good business actions, the treasury will continue to support the group as it has supported the treasury.

## Alumni and Advisement

Alumni involvement and advisement is a key to the continuance of the Gamma Pi Colony. The Alumni rekindled the flame of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Pi Colony here on The University of Findlay campus. The alumni support is vital to us. This support makes our brotherhood strong-first in our house and in our everyday lives.

Our advisor, Randy VanDyne, has attended various Alumni Chapter meetings. Randy attends one every other month. He receives information from the Prudential Committee meetings. He also attends colony meetings, once every couple of months. Randy displays determination in doing his part in establishing the Gamma Pi Colony. The brothers of the Gamma Pi Colony recognize Randy's efforts and appreciate all he has done for the Gamma Pi Colony.

Our Alumni have Alumni Chapter meetings every one or two months. These meeting times depend on what subject is going to be discussed. If a subject of extreme importance comes up the meeting date will be moved to an earlier date.

Our Grand Chapter Advisor, Faculty Advisor, Alumni Chapter President have exceptional lines of communications with the administration at The University of Findlay. They communicate regularly on an informal basis. Bob Thoma, the Grand Chapter Advisor, has been working on campus and converses on a regular basis with the President and a couple of the Vice presidents of the University of Findlay about the progress of the Gamma Pi Colony. This shows support and high expectations for the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Pi Colony by our advisors and by The University. The brothers have given the administration, faculty, and the staff a remarkable indication by having the highest grade point on The University of Findlay Campus for all Greeks and over the all men's grade point average for the campus.

Our effective and functioning Grand Chapter Advisor, Bob Thoma, and our Faculty Advisor, Randy VanDyne, compose our central component for our alumni communication channel. Since we are not located on a large campus and we do not have the need or the research to fulfill the other Advisory positions.

The Alumni and the continued brothers of The Gamma Pi Colony are working hard to have the Phoenix flying again on The University of Findlay campus.

The Pledge Education Program here at The University of Findlay is designed not only "to better the man" fraternally but also academically. Our education program includes the use of study tables (which occur once or twice a week, depending on need) the video collection Where There's a Will There's an "A" and other films that help to enrich the pledging process. This academic awareness carries over from pledge to colony member in many ways, least of which is that in less than one year since our reorganizing of Gamma Pi we have taken over the top spot in grades. The Gamma Pi Colony feels that if a person cannot make the grade in school then that person is not worth the honor of being an Alpha Sig.

We the Gamma Pi Colony of The University of Findlay also take a hard line stance on hazing. We understand that hazing is a very important issue with Alpha Sigma Phi Inc. That is why we structure all events that could constitute hazing around three basic ideals: Brotherhood, Unity, and One. We believe that by hazing an individual we are not fulfilling our goal of bettering the man. In any pledge event there are always colony members present that participate in all the functions. This also helps in making the pledge class an integral part of the greater brotherhood. For instance one such event is our brotherhood walks through our campus and surrounding community. On such walks the pledges are taught not only Gamma Pi history but also the history of The University. This occurs on an average of 3 or 4 times during the pledging process. Our brotherhood walks not only aid in teaching but also in counseling the pledge class into a working unit. After the pledges have shown their ability to work together as a unit the colony members test the strength of that unity with such projects as sporting events that allows the colony members and the pledge class to play in friendly competition. An example of this is 5 on 5 basketball. Once we believe the pledges have developed brotherhood and unity, we strive to make them a part of our oneness. We do this by bringing the pledges into the working part of the colony. With this we show the pledges what it takes to keep a fraternity going.



Supplement for To Better The Man  
Gamma Pi chapter, 1964-1984  
Gamma Pi colony 1990-

Our local supplement for To Better The Man covers from when Gamma Pi was still a local Fraternity known as Alpha Kappa Omega through an untimely demise in 1984, when, because of bad events, the chapter was forced to close down. Key facts that are taught include:

- A. When Alpha Kappa Omega was established in October 1961.
- B. On December 12, 1964, the group was installed as Gamma Pi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi
- C. The first founding fathers of Gamma Pi

We also instill the aid of alumni to teach the lesson that was learned in 1984. The alumni through their talks to the pledges install the main principal of our colony "Once a brother, Always a Brother"

The second founding of Gamma Pi is studied in discussion of past events and also with hands-on experience. This holds true for us because the pledges and actives of today are in our eyes the history of tomorrow. Key facts that are taught include:

- A. The Gamma Pi interest group was founded on Dec. 6, 1990 by
  - 1. Theodore Robert Kocher
  - 2. David Lawerance Wright
  - 3. Barry Dean Alspach
  - 4. Timothy Wayne Forlow
  - 5. Bill Verelst Jr.
  - 6. Jason Quinn Spaide
  - 7. Brian Michael Spears

B. Within one year of being formed the Gamma Pi Colony has taken over as the best fraternity for grades on campus.

C. Colony retreats to Cleveland, Ohio Northern University and the Alpha Sigma Phi reunion in Michigan and New London.

Our Big Brother/Little Brother program here at The University of Findlay begins from day one of the pledging process the pledge is given his Big Brother at the first pledge meeting. We have implemented a buddy system in which the big and little spend one evening together doing such events as going to the movies, going to a University sporting event, going out to dinner etc.... We the Gamma Pi's use our big/little program as the starting point of bringing the pledge into the brotherhood that is Alpha Sigma Phi.

Also with this program the integration of the pledge is done smoothly and effectively. Although, honestly, virtue and togetherness is stressed throughout our pledging process the real virtue and togetherness shown by the big brother to the little brother enables the pledge to more effectively strive to reach the pinnacle that Alpha Sigma Phi is preached upon which is "to better the man."

Syllabus: Alpha Sigma Phi  
Fall 1991

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into the pledge-ship in America's Premier Fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi. The pledge education period lasts exactly 10 weeks. Throughout the next ten weeks you will learn the richness and academic standards which is Alpha Sigma Phi. There are two standards in addition to the fore mentioned that are expected of you as a pledge.

I. It is asked that each pledge wear the pledge pin.

II. It is asked that each pledge visit the colony home at least once per school day.

Also within the next ten weeks National and Colony history will be taught. This includes the To Better The Man manual and also an active and pledge conclave where chapter history is discussed.

A brief schedule of your next ten weeks as a pledge follows.

A. There will be a two meetings a week; attendance is mandatory

B. The Greek alphabet will be assigned and learned

C. To Better The Man manual will be given out and study guides to go along with each chapter will be given out and gone over.

D. There will be three sorority exchanges throughout the next ten weeks.

E. A community service project will be done

F. Mandatory seminars will be scheduled:

1. Where there's a will there's an A

2. Time Management- how to get it all done

3. Hazing- Why is hazing a thing of the past?

A) Is it really necessary to Haze?

B) Does hazing make a Brotherhood?

These and other activities are designed to not only enhance your awareness of academic endeavors but also, as the pledge manual is aptly named, To Better The Man

1st week

Black Lantern, pledging ceremony only

1st pledge meeting

A. formally introduce the new pledges to the colony.

B. Standards for pledging

1. It is asked that each pledge wear a pledge pin

2. It is asked that each pledge visit the colony house at least once per day

C. Each pledge schedule is received to review also we can set a time for meetings

2nd pledge meetings

A. Set meeting times-Monday-Wednesday time 9:00pm-10:00pm

B. Assign Greek Alphabet

2nd week

3rd pledge meeting

A. Address by President

1. The values of brotherhood, unity, one

a. honesty

b. virtue

c. togetherness

4th pledge meeting

A. Handout the pledge manual To Better The Man

B. Assign first chapter

C. Go over alphabet

5th pledge meeting

A. Go over first chapter in the To Better The Man Manual

B. Assign Chapter 2

6th pledge meeting

A. Go over 2nd chapter in the To Better The Man Manual

B. Oral quiz on chapter 1-2

4th week

7th pledge meeting

A. Sorority exchange

1. Sorority Interest Group

8th pledge meeting

A. assign chapter 3 p.30-41

B. discuss the prior exchange

5th week

9th pledge meeting

A. go over chapter 3 30-41, assign chapter 3 pp 42-53

B. go over alphabet

10th pledge meeting

A. quiz over chapter 3

B. quiz among brothers and pledges

1. topic

a. each other

C. assign chapter 4 pp.55-64

11th pledge meeting

A. go over chapter 4 pp.55-64

B. assign chapter 4 pp.64-72

12th pledge meeting

A. sorority exchange

1. Sigma Kappa

7th week

- 13th pledge meeting
  - A.go over rest of chapter 4
  - B.discuss exchange
  - C.Start preparation towards Pinnacle Week
- 14th pledge meeting
  - A.sorority exchange
    - 1.Delta Zeta

8th week

- 15th pledge meeting
  - A.Hand out study guides for final exams
  - B.Answer all questions pledges might have about manual
- 16th pledge meeting
  - A.pre-test
  - B.study table

9th week

- 17th pledge meeting
  - A.study guides for final exam are orally gone over
- 18th pledge meeting
  - A.last check on exam
  - B.Brotherhood event
    - 1.all colony members and pledges basketball game

10th week

- Pinnacle Week-Dec. 1st-6th
  - A.study tables
  - B.films on: Hazing, better the chapter etc...
  - C.Clue the game
  - D.active; pledge twister
  - E.Brotherhood Events

## LEADERSHIP AND OFFICER ORGANIZATION

The Gamma Pi colony contains a group of leaders and followers. The leaders display confidence through strong and decisive leadership. The others, not necessarily just followers, do what it takes to make our colony the best fraternity system on The University of Findlay campus. However the rest of the petition will emphasize that. We have incorporated an officer system very compliant to the one described in the Road Map to Success. We have all of the officers listed in Section V. part B. of the Road Map to Success with the lone exception being the Student Government Representative, we do however hope to win a spot in the next election which will be held at the end of the spring semester.

Our present committee also follows the system as prescribed by our National Headquarters. Our goal of having every non-officer on at least two committees will make all of our committees stronger than they are presently. We look forward to our changing of officers at the end of the fall semester for the first time. We will be conducting an officer retreat so that the incoming officers can learn what the first officers, for the most part, had to learn all by themselves, this will really be a plus since the new officers will also be in term for one full year.

The officers attend two meetings a week. The Prudential committee meets at the beginning of the week to discuss the agenda for the chapter meeting, they also debate over such topics as to which charities we should help to problems that might develop in the house. The other meeting is the chapter meeting where all actives are present. Here the officers give reports of what they accomplished since the last meeting. The chapter meeting runs according to Robert's Rules of Order with an agenda that is written up through the prudential committee and they usually last an hour.

Our present system of communication we have is a bulletin board that posts all current events. Included on the board is a half semester calendar with all pertinent information to the chapter. All letters of support or encouragement are also displayed for all members to read and not just the HSP. If an alum visits our house this is also displayed because we truly appreciate our alumni support.

Finally the Gamma Pi colony instills the attitude "we can do it better the next time around." We have improved in every means that we can do as a group from conducting smoother meetings to getting more involved with the community activities. We get a feel for who the next slate of officers will be and talk to them about what their responsibilities as an officer will be, from their duties to being role models for the whole chapter to follow. We also make sure that everything we set out to accomplish, we accomplish. This can be just making sure an event runs smoothly to acknowledging everyone who helped to tell them that they did a good job. We believe that the Gamma Pi colony is one for all others to compare to and with the future plans for improvement, we will get better.

We are aware of local and colony identity with the institution in all acts, words, and deeds. We have a very positive relationship with the University administration and our advisors, Randy Van Dyne and Scott Reikofski. We have regular meetings with the University fraternity advisor and we keep regular communication with the house chapter president and the University fraternity advisor.

We also are in compliance with all University policies that govern its students and fraternities, especially when represented at a University sponsored activity, in which we take great pride.

When it becomes time for prompt reporting and submission of any reports or fees due to The University, we make sure that it is all taken care of on time.

Our fraternity does encourage faculty and alumni members from The University and the community that will bring quality, credit, and nothing but great people to our fraternity.

As a colony, we at Gamma Pi feel that the public is very important. The first way this has been seen is our positive relations and communications with the community. This comes from articles in The Pulse (school newspaper), The Findlay Courier, The Old Gal Gazette, The Tomahawk, and magazines such as the Findlay magazine and Mainline (The two publications for The University of Findlay.) These newspapers and magazines tell of our involvement with the community.

The community service attitude and awareness is demonstrated by colony involvement as has also been seen in the papers. Things that have been done were the Jail-n-Bail, in which fifty percent of the actives participated. They helped in driving cars and answering phone calls. We participated in a parade for The United Way and had involvement of twenty-five percent of the members. Another community service was an Interfraternity council fasting day in which we helped the needy of Findlay. Future plans include car drives for the homeless and helping with Big Brother/Big Sister organizations.

The individual members' knowledge and awareness of civic responsibilities is also seen in the papers. We have had a football player recognized for his excellent abilities on the field. The Tomahawk had an article on a member receiving a one thousand dollar gift for a scholarship grant for the undergraduate fund.

The next way is seen in the involvement with leaders of the community and its officials where and when appropriate. This was the biggest accomplishment when the Gamma pi colony received the Mayor's Trophy for the float contest.

The last subject which is highly respected by the colony is its neighbors' rights to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their property and environment; with strict adherence to community standards and legal responsibilities. This is seen in the constitution under section three, parts 1-5.

## National Fraternity Identity

The Gamma Pi Colony through acts such as the Colonization Banquet on November 24, words such those passed to the colony by National Representatives (Jeff Owens, Ryan Dunham, and Owen McCulloch), and through deeds has shown its awareness of The National Fraternity as well as National's awareness of the Gamma Pi Colony shows our National Identity.

The Gamma Pi Colony strives and prides itself on its compliance to National's policies and programs. Such policies as community service can be seen in the Gamma Pi Colony through the Findlay Ford "Jail and Bail." The colony prides itself on following National's Roadmap to Success in all aspects. We strive to follow the programs set by Alpha Sigma Phi knowing that these programs can only help our colony and each of us grow to become stronger and better men. In addition we have set up some of our own programs such as several integrated activities with actives and pledges and activities to enrich brotherhood such as study sessions. The Gamma Pi Colony reaches for success through all of the members doing there jobs and through the officers following the "Officer's Guide" manual. Through all of this the brothers of our colony work together to bring the colony to the excellence National and we ourselves, expect.

To the best of the Gamma Pi Colony files and information a Province Leadership Weekend and National Leadership Conventions have not been held since we have been colonized or at such status as we have been allowed to attend. However in contrast our President and Pledge Educator at this time did attend the National Leadership Conference in Pennsylvania on August 7-11.

As mentioned before we have not had the opportunity to attend a Province Leadership Weekend however in turn we have visited the chapters of Ohio Northern, Marietta, Bowling Green, and Ohio State. We also plan to attend the Province Conclave at Rio Grande at the begging of the spring semester. In doing so we have achieved good relationships with each of the afore mentioned chapters.

In preparation for visits from National Representatives our colony has taken the time to place the Representative in a room to himself, plan ahead to make our time fit his schedule, set up time to meet as a whole and as individuals with the representative, and prepare ourselves to offer him with any information he made need. In addition to the preparation we have realized through visits from Representatives that the purpose of the visit is to assist us to become a better colony, to lead us in the right direction, and overall to build us into a lasting organization.

After the Representative has departed, at our next colony meeting we discuss and attempt to put into action all suggestions such as Owen McCulloch's suggestions for our secretary like newsletters that can be distributed weekly or bi-weekly and outlines that can be used in writing and distributing information. All suggestions by National Representatives are given the highest regard and are attempted to be used to the best of our ability.

As far as colony accounts with National are in concern, the Gamma Pi has kept a strong financial grip with National paying all fees in prompt response. The money for such things as pledge fees have always been sent in on time and be assured that this will



continue to the best of the Gamma Pi's ability.

Reporting to headquarters about pledges, colony elections, undergraduate roster, and other reports requested are seen as a must in the eyes of the colony. The pledge process is given to National along with a list of all pledges immediately following the start of the pledging process. Colony elections have not been held as of yet and National has a complete list of the undergraduates of the Gamma Pi Colony.

Another aspect that the Gamma Pi Colony feels is extremely important is prompt response of National's inquiries and any other material that is such needed. The mail is sent to our corresponding secretary who in turn fills it out with the help of active members and then sends it back to headquarters as soon as possible. The Constitution of the Gamma Pi Colony is submitted twice a year for review and changes. Approximate dates of the submission is Sept. 8, and May 11.

On December 6, of each year the Gamma Pi Colony holds a breakfast and dinner among members and alumni if they wish to attend to observe the founding day of Alpha Sigma Phi. A prayer is said at each of these meals to honor all the members of Alpha Sigma Phi, past and present, and to show our appreciation for what Alpha Sigma Phi has given us.

The colony submits reports of event and achievements to The Tomahawk to be published in the summer and winter issues, including items such as Pledges, activities, and soon, the fact that the Gamma Pi colony has the highest grade point average (2.762) among Greek, fraternities and sororities, and also above the all male average missing the all female average by .002. The colony enjoys seeing the achievements and regular reports in the official publication of Alpha Sigma Phi.

## SCHOLARSHIP

Through the flight of the Gamma Pi Colony one of the most important aspects seen in our colony is academics. The overall grade Point average for the colony was a 2.67/4.0. This grade point average was a top the list of the other Fraternities on campus and was also higher than the all men's average on campus. In addition the Gamma Pi Colony G.P.A. was higher than the all Sorority G.P.A. and only .002 behind the all women's average for The University of Findlay. Through our colony we have implemented an awards system for those achieving a 3.5 or above and for those receiving a 4.0 receive an award in honor of their excellence.

The new members are brought through study sessions as they are pledging along with the active members. Regular study sessions are not set up to a certain time. Usually a group of 15 or more members will study three times a week in the library and any one wishing to join is more than welcome. The filing system of the Gamma Pi Colony is also available to assist and help members achieve the success we expect of each of our members.

Upon entering the Gama Pi Colony a person must have an accumulative grade point average of at least 2.2. Along with the minimum grade point average for new members colony officers are required to maintain a G.P.A. of 2.5 or better. The grades of each active and total G.P.A. of the Colony are distributed among members and in turn are also sent to National Fraternity Headquarters at the end of each term.

The Gamma Pi Colony has not yet been able to participate in Educational Foundation Awards or Scholarship programs, but is looking forward to offering its many outstanding students for the awards. All members are mandated to attend the study skills/time management seminar held for the Colony twice a semester, once at the beginning of the semester and one before final exams.

Through the success of the Gamma Pi Colony we have realized through new members of each pledging class that the fact that our Colony stresses academics was one of the attracting features. Potential pledges and friends of actives who might be thinking about pledging are invited to come and study at the Gamma Pi house as often as they please unless it interrupts a Colony function.

All the academic programs held in the Gamma Pi Colony such as study sessions, the Gamma Pi files, pizza/study nights, and overall academic standards are set up and ran through the Scholarship Director for the Colony.

Over fifty percent of our active members are involved in leadership positions. Included are the Students for Alumni Relations president, WLFC radio sports director, five resident assistants, International Club secretary. We also have members who are active in Men's Organizational Board secretary, Fellowship for Christian Athletes secretary, The Campus Programming Board social chairman and publicity chairperson, Hazardous Materials Club president, speech lab assistants, Aristos Elektos Leadership Board, and Alpha Psi Omega theater club. Along with this we have members active in are University Singers, jazz band, concert band, civic concert band, Students in Free Enterprise, Phi Beta Delta International Honors Society, The Pulse(campus newspaper), Tau Omega Pi Honor Society, ACM Computer Club, varsity football, varsity baseball, varsity swimming and diving, and varsity indoor and outdoor track and cross country.

The pledge program incorporates active participation in The United Way, and OXFAM(American Food for the Homeless), and the board of trustees of Arcadia Arportum Environmental Preservation. Our Gamma Pi colony has been involved in events such as the arts, theater, music, Greek Week sportsmanship award for 1991, sophomore escort of the Homecoming court, winning the Mayor's Trophy for the Homecoming parade, and pep rallies. Our involvement in intramural activities include flag football, softball, basketball, and volleyball, which are the four major intramural sports on campus. The Interfraternity Council has given us all rights to participate in Greek functions and voting privileges just as all of the chartered fraternities do.

The campus views us as the newcomers. We represent many different ethnic backgrounds and majors. Through this, we portray ourselves and are seen as a diverse group, and not merely as a social group. We also believe that through gaining leadership positions and becoming active on campus, we as a group and as individuals better ourselves by gaining life long skills.

### Service Projects:

The service projects during the last year include a float for homecoming, The March of Dimes Jail and Bail, Club A.W.O.L. (Alcohol Weekend Overload), publicity for The United Way Halloween parade, valet parking, photographs with Santa Claus, and special services provided to college teachers and fraternity alumni.

### College-Related Projects:

Being a new fraternity on campus, our first service project created the much needed publicity as well as provided us with good will in the community. A float with a 1960's theme was created for homecoming on which brothers sang Alpha Sigma Phi songs and distributed candy to the kids.

Another college-related project was a mock-tail party (Club A.W.O.L.) organized by Alpha Sigma Phi and sponsored by student activities during the Alcohol Awareness Week. This project involved active participation where more than ninety percent of the fraternity was involved, including some of the pledge volunteers. The purpose of this party was to show the students that alcohol is not necessary to have fun and it also helped the brothers to work with people in charge of student activities and Greek life.

Another college-related service involves writing a letter to the university faculty and staff offering them any service at home, office, or even their backyards. We also assisted the Delta Zeta sorority Alumnae to set up and organize their annual event called the DZ Bizarre.

### Community Projects:

Jail and Bail is a service project where all the brothers dressed up like cops and arrested people. Once arrested, the person was required to bail themselves out. Lack of money meant that he or she had to get on the phone and try to raise money to get out of jail. All of the money raised was donated to the March of Dimes. The importance of this event lies in the fact that it is definitely going to become a continuing or annual service. The members of the fraternity marched with the United Way float during the Halloween parade. They also were responsible for publicizing the much talked about Halloween parade.

To raise money to pay initiation dues for some of the brothers and also as a general fund raiser, the brothers raked leaves in the spring, shovelled snow in the winter, and washed cars and windows right through the year. This service was first performed for alumni in the Findlay area but soon reached the whole community. Another fund raiser was the valet parking service provided by the chapter. It covered special events on campus as well as small social gatherings in the community. Working together increased the unity and brotherhood in the chapter.

### Publicity and Reports:

The Homecoming float not only provided publicity for the new fraternity on campus but also put us in the campus newspaper (The Pulse) for winning the Mayor's trophy. The Club A.W.O.L. party was a tremendous success and the student activities office put in a special thank you note in the college newspaper.

During the Thanksgiving dinner and other special services, the brothers wore letters which acted like walking billboards to provide publicity. Jail and Bail helped us to create awareness of the fraternity in the community. The college radio station (WLFC) was used to announce the success of the Homecoming float and the Club A.W.O.L. party.

At the weekly meeting, a report was given on the services performed during that week. This helps to gather feedback for future reference. Services are reported in the newsletter which reach the alumni. Again, at special events like Homecoming, Family Weekend, and the colonization banquet, the services performed are highlighted during speeches by the faculty advisor or the president. A report of great detail is given to the representative from national headquarters during his visit to the chapter. This provides us with views of an experienced individual.

This report has highlighted most of the important services performed by the fraternity but, the most important factor is that we are not only giving something back to Hancock County but, at the same time, we are showing brotherhood and creating a lot of good will.

The goal set for ourselves is a strong brotherhood bond. We do our best to learn more about each other in everything that we do. The constant interaction makes a stronger bond between all the brothers in our Gamma Pi colony. The bond also creates more respect and trust between the brothers. This, in turn, makes it easier to follow the eight points in the "Code of Conduct" because we push one another "to better the man".

Our financial management is in excellent condition because we stress that in order for the Colony to run money is a major factor. Dues are paid responsibly by the fifteenth of each month. If the dues are not paid, the brother is banned from meetings and functions of the colony until the dues are paid. Fees are paid for arriving late or for not attending the colony meetings at all.

If a brother has a financial problem, another brother will help him out. Beyond dues and fees, any major spending is taken through our prudential committee.

As a unit, anything we do builds morale and spirit because we are always together. We've worked on floats, Colony family cookouts, interfraternal sporting events, road trips, and many Nintendo/movie nights. For the fall of 1991, we have played a live game of Clue and a contest of "Capture the Flag."

Speaking as chairman of brotherhood enrichment, the brothers of Gamma Pi colony are in my opinion true brothers. The undying support, praise, and spirit that we give one another will make us a better chapter. Although we have small conflicts, through my position we can work out the problems by sitting down and rationalizing with the people in conflict. By doing that, we build an even stronger brotherhood.

As social chairman of the Gamma Pi colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, I feel that we do, and have done, everything to abide by the policies set by National and by The University as well. We realize that, as we strive to obtain our charter and build ourselves into a strong fraternal unit, we must create a good social standing with members and non-members as well. This is necessary for a proper image and also for the maturity of our members as we attempt to mold ourselves into responsible adults.

We realize that, in our choice to become members of this fraternity, we have taken on a great responsibility and that we always must first consider the fraternity when we say something or partake in an event. We have faith in each other as brothers and have confidence in each other that we will accept this responsibility at all times. Therefore, we feel that it is important that we allow each member to be themselves. There are minor conflicts which this causes to arise at times, but these are normally worked out shortly thereafter. If this conflict comes about because of social misbehavior, then it is discussed at a meeting. If it is decided by the whole fraternity that the offense is severe enough, then there is a fine issued. Although we don't like having to reprimand brothers, at times it becomes necessary.

The greatest pride which I take in the fraternity from the position of social chairman is the responsibility which all of our members accept as far as alcohol and drugs are concerned. There are no members that partake in the use of illegal drugs. This I know because we are all very close and it would not be something which could be hidden. If we were to find that one of our brothers was using them, we would confront the issue at a colony meeting and ask him why he chooses to abuse. We would then all offer our help and support in solving his problem. We would do everything possible to relinquish the problem. Not only for the good of the fraternity but also for the well being of the individual.

As far as alcohol is concerned, the same responsibility is accepted. There are members of the colony who drink occasionally, but they always consider the fraternity when doing so. Being that our house is part of a non-alcoholic campus, we realize that we have far too much at stake to consume alcohol at our house. We do not encourage members to do it at all, but if any of us do drink, we have enough sense to drink off campus. Along with this, we are also smart enough to realize that, if we are going to have a large social function with alcohol, it would definitely be held off campus with a close watch on the ages of the people who are consuming. We would also not supply the alcohol because the amount that would be sufficient would be greater than the amount allowed by the national fraternity regulations. For the sake of these reasons, we have chosen not to hold any parties because the consequences would be too severe if things were to get out of hand. In the smaller social functions which we've held, we have chosen to serve punch and cookies, chips, and pretzels.

On the aspect of scholastics, we provide an excellent environment for prospering in academics. Studying always comes first in the house. Brothers respect each other regarding the need of quiet time to study and always provide a proper environment when needed. We also have required study tables two nights a week which

we feel are necessary to keep our fraternity grade point average of 2.762, which is the highest of all Greek organizations on campus.

Being that we are still basically a new organization, we have not had an overabundance of social activities but are striving to get involved as much as possible. This is partially because we have not yet acquired a large fraternity bank account as of yet. The personal and community activities which we have been involved in include: a cookout for the parents of pledges and actives during The University's Family Weekend; a float in the Homecoming parade which won the Mayor's trophy and placed second in the University voting; an open house for the faculty and staff of The University; participation in Jail-n-Bail for the March of Dimes; two different occasions of which we have provided valet parking; and our colonization banquet which was attended by the President of The University, Vice President for Student Affairs, Assistant Dean for Student Activities/Greek Life, the Vice President from national, three other national representatives, and eight alumni.

The main social function which we are planning right now is a formal event which we have titled "Southern Evening" to be held at the end of April. We plan on holding this annually as a formal event. Thus far, I have been very impressed and satisfied with the shaping of our fraternity from a social aspect, and I see further positive actions occurring in the future. We will continue to convey the best possible image of ourselves as gentlemen and brothers. This is how we want others to perceive us and, most importantly, how we want to perceive ourselves.



## Membership Enrichment

The Gamma Pi Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi strongly encourages our participation in campus sponsored educational programs such as International Night, AIDS Awareness Week,, and various other educational programs. We, the Gamma Pi Colony, have attended many cultural events such as plays, musicals, recitals, and also many sporting events.

As a colony we are represented by three individuals from the Gamma Pi Colony in the Interfraternity Council. The Greek advisor on the University campus and the women's area coordinator set up a Greek Workshop series on topics ranging from Time Management to how to maintain a good chapter image, (a total of 5 workshops in all) all of which we have attended. The Interfraternity council has also set up Greek games other than the annual Greek Olympics to promote unity within the Greek system, which up to this point we have avidly participated in.

As far as membership development goes we schedule many events to foster brotherhood such as colony basketball, football, card games, and study sessions just for brothers. The goals we hope to accomplish from this are a greater sense of unity, "to assist in the building of character, and to perpetuate friendships." The programs that we the Gamma Pi Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi engage in and support are consistent with all colony and host institution missions and policies, and in addition the Gamma Pi Colony follows our constitution to the letter.

Programs and activities that enhance cultural awareness that we have attended are as follows; International Night, Black Student Union Awareness Week events, plus we also have an international student and a black member as brothers of our colony. Etiquette training for our members basically consists of conveying a good image of the Gamma Pi Colony to the university and the community, as is the same of anywhere we may be.

Alcohol awareness programs that we implement are discussing problems related to alcoholism, we also confront the problem of addiction to illegal drugs and offer our support to anyone who may need it. Recently on our campus there was an Alcohol Awareness dance which we supported and took part in organizing and implementing. The subject of men's health issues are discussed openly in colony meetings and we offer our support and guidance to anyone who wishes.

CONSTITUTION  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY  
ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY  
GAMMA PI CHAPTER

**Preamble**

For the better accomplishment of the objects and purposes of Alpha Sigma Phi, a Fraternity established by Louis Manigault, Stephen Ormsby Rhea, and Horace Spengler Weiser, of honored memory, at Yale College on December 6, 1845, and organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of New York, the following constitution is adopted.

**I. Name and Purpose**

- A. The Fraternity's name is Alpha Sigma Phi, Inc.
- B. The purpose of this Fraternity is to foster education, maintain charity, and promote patriotism.
- C. The objects incidental to its purpose are to encourage culture and scholarship. Assist in the building of character, promote college loyalties, perpetuate friendships, cement social ties, develop true brotherhood within its membership, and foster maintenance of college homes by chapters for their undergraduate members.

**II. Membership**

- A. There shall be three types of membership: Undergraduate, Faculty, and Alumni.
- B. Undergraduate membership in this chapter is restricted to male students regularly enrolled at The University of Findlay who are not members of any other social Greek letter Fraternity of collegiate grade and national scope. Undergraduate membership will be allowed regardless of race, color, creed or religious preference and only those who are likely to be an intellectually, morally, and socially valuable acquisition of the Fraternity and who shall have been duly selected by a secret vote of those active members in good standing who are duly initiated and qualified as prescribed by the Rituals of the Fraternity.
- C. Faculty membership is restricted to male members of the faculty and administrative staff of The University of Findlay. Faculty members shall have the same rights, privileges, and obligations as alumni members.
- D. Alumni membership shall include all other male members who do not qualify as undergraduate or faculty members.
- E. Membership of this chapter may be granted to a brother who was previously a member of a sister chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of this chapter who are listed on the roster.

- F. No man shall be pledged or initiated in violation of any rule of The University of Findlay.
- G. No Pledge may be initiated unless a license to do so has been issued by the National Office of the Fraternity.

### **III. Government**

#### **A. Constitution and By-laws**

1. All laws, rules, and regulations of the Constitution and By-laws of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc., of the Interfraternity Council of The University of Findlay, of The University of Findlay, and of the State of Ohio shall be considered as the first laws of this chapter.
2. Except as provided in Article III, Section 1, Title 1, of this Constitution, this Constitution shall be the fundamental law of this chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The Ritual, By-laws, Rules, regulations, legislation, and orders of the lawfully constituted authorities shall be enacted thereunder and interpreted in compliance therewith.
3. The By-laws shall specifically define the administrative responsibilities, authority, duties and procedures of the officers, committees, and all other having legislative or administrative functions.
4. The Constitution, By-laws, rules, regulations, legislation, and orders of a general nature of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and of this chapter shall be subject to public inspection. The Ritual, formal ceremony of initiation, and matters of a private nature concerning the Fraternity or this chapter shall be kept strictly esoteric.
5. Violations of the Constitution, By-laws, rules, or regulations of this chapter shall be dealt with in accordance to the By-laws.

#### **B. Legislation**

1. Subject to Article III, Section 1, Title 2, of this Constitution, the legislative authority of this chapter shall be vested in the members of this chapter who are listed on the Roster.
2. Each member of this chapter who is listed on the Roster is entitled to one vote on each issue at a chapter meeting. The only exception to this rule will apply to the President, who shall cast his vote only in the event of a tie.
3. The quorum for all chapter meetings is at least two-thirds of the members of the chapter who are listed on the roster. At least fifty-one percent of the quorum is required to enact legislation.

### **C. Administration**

1. The administrative officers of this chapter shall be: the H.S.P. (President), the H.J.P. (Vice President), the H.S. (Secretary), the H.E. (Treasurer), the H.M. (Marshall), the H.C. (Sergeant-at-Arms), the H.C.S. (Corresponding Secretary), the H.R. (Editor), the H.A. (Scholarship Chairman), the House Manager, the Kitchen Manager, and any other officer or committee member as will be appointed by the Prudential committee or authorized by the By-laws. The Prudential Committee shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Marshall.
2. The Officers and committee members shall be charged with the administration responsibilities of the chapter, insofar as the extent of the powers and the duties of each is defined in the Constitution and By-laws of this chapter.
3. The administrative officers shall enforce the Constitution and By-laws of this chapter, the National Fraternity, and the Interfraternity Council of The University of Findlay.
4. The Financial and managerial affairs of this chapter shall be managed by the members of the Prudential Committee, who are to be elected as provided in the By-laws.
5. In such a situation as the president is absent, responsibility for presiding over chapter meetings and functions shall follow the list, in order, as it is presented in Section III, Paragraph C, subparagraph 1.

### **D. Faculty Advisor**

1. The Gamma Pi chapter shall have a faculty advisor, who shall be a full-time faculty member of The University of Findlay, and who shall be approved by the Student Affairs office. The Faculty Advisor may be present at each meeting where formal action or decisions are to be made.

### **E. Ratification and Amendment**

1. The Constitution of the Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the By-laws of the Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity become active and binding upon ratification. Ratification requires an affirmative vote by three-fourths of the members listed on the Roster.
2. Any member or group of members of the Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi may propose an amendment to the Constitution or the By-laws of Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in the following manner.

- a. The proposed amendment must be presented in written form at a chapter meeting.
- b. During the following chapter meeting, the members must vote concerning the proposed amendment or said amendment shall be stricken from the minutes of the chapter meeting.
- c. Discussion of the proposed amendment must be allowed at the time of presentation and immediately before the vote.
- d. If the nature of a proposed amendment necessitates a vote during the chapter meeting at which the amendment is introduced, only then and after three-fourths of the members listed on the roster agree thereto, the vote concerning the proposed amendment may be taken during the same chapter meeting.
- e. Introduced by the Article, Section, or Title to which it refers and by the date on which it becomes effective, any amendment of the Constitution or By-laws of the Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity shall be attached to the document which it amends.

## BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF GAMMA PI CHAPTER

### I. Membership

- A. A man cannot become formally pledged to Alpha Sigma Phi if he is on academic probation.
- B. Any man to be initiated into Alpha Sigma Phi must have a 2.5/4.0 minimum cumulative grade point average.
- C. A grade point average minimum of 2.5 during the pledge semester is required in order to initiate a candidate. This GPA standing will be determined by the final grade report of the pledge semester.
- D. All officers, whether elected or appointed, must have and maintain a GPA no lower than 2.5/4.0.

### II. Voting

- A. All officers, whether elected or appointed shall be rendered vacant at the completion of each semester.
- B. The filling of vacant offices shall be done by holding a special meeting of all actives and pledges approximately one month prior to the completion of the current semester. Voting shall be carried out as a secret written ballot. A white vote (verbal) may occur when there is only one candidate running for the office. Each office shall be filled before moving onto the next one. It requires that one candidate must obtain greater than 50% of the total votes to be declare the victor. In the event that no one runs for a certain office, it will be the duty of the Prudential Committee to appoint someone.
- C. Officers-elect will assume their duties following the officer installation meeting.
- D. Only initiated members of the chapter whom are presently undergraduates may vote.
- E. Any undergraduate member, whether pledge or active, may run for any office.
- F. There will be no debate or statements made during the elections. Only the President and Sergeant-at-Arms may speak.
- G. All members present shall be granted only one vote per office. The only exception will be when two are granted for Prudential Committee members-at-large.
- H. The President shall always vote, yet he shall keep his vote secret. In the event of a tie, the President's vote shall be revealed.
- I. Any miswritten or mutilated ballots shall be discarded.
- J. All members must be present to vote. No proxy votes shall be allowed.
- K. A quorum of 2/3 of voting members is required to hold this special meeting.
- L. Except when so written all motions shall carry with a simple majority of greater than 50%.

### III. Financial

- A. All work in this area shall be done by the H.E. (Treasurer) He may appoint an assistant treasurer to aid him if he desires.
- B. The method of payment for all bills accrued by the members shall be the "house bill" system. Any debit or credit so accrued shall be tallied onto their personal balance sheet or house bill.
- C. The Prudential Committee shall serve as an advisory council to the H.E.
- D. Payment of all bills accrued by the chapter shall be paid with funds acquired from the membership.
- E. The amount of the house bill and out-of-house bill for each member shall be dependent upon the decision of the Prudential Committee. This will be determined before the culmination of each semester and is to be based upon the projected budget for the following semester.
- F. There are two accepted methods of payment:
  - 1. Pay in full on the first day of the semester.
  - 2. Pay in monthly installments due the 15th of each month.
- G. Any man who does not pay his room and board fees in full will not be allowed to live in the house until he repays in full his debt.
- H. Upon moving into the house at the beginning of each semester, each man shall be required to sign and be held bound to a housing contract prior to sleeping here the first night. The same holds for out-of-house contracts. Failure to comply with this rule shall be grounds for the chapter to take legal action against this member(s).
- I. Dues are \$15.00 per month, per man, payable at the 15th of the month.

### IV. Administration

In accord with Article III, Section 1; Title 3, see "Chapter Officer Guides."

### V. Committees

- A. It will be the duties of the following committees to work out all details relevant to the normal progression of the meeting at which their findings are to be presented.
  - a) Athletic/Greek Week
  - b) Rush
  - c) House Manager
  - d) IFC Representative
  - e) Philanthropy
  - f) Pledge Educator
  - g) Public Relations
  - h) Social
- B. Every active must serve on at least two committees each semester.
- C. Every pledge is encouraged to serve on at least one committee during his pledge semester.
- D. All non "H" officers and committee heads shall be appointed by the Prudential Committee-elect. These appointments shall be subject to ratification by the chapter. The non "H" officers shall be selected through interviewing each candidate individually, and selection shall be based solely on qualifications and past accomplishments.

- E. It shall be the responsibility of the Prudential Committee to seek candidates for these offices and to find members to fill the positions.
- F. If, in the course of the semester, the Prudential Committee shall find a specific officer or chairman in neglect of his duties or office, it shall be the duty and exercisable right of the Prudential Committee to remove him from the office and appoint a replacement.

## **VI. Meetings**

All regularly held chapter meetings, whether formal or informal, are to be conducted according to Alpha Sigma Phi's Ritual Handbook.

## **VII. Alcohol**

Be it resolved that the members and pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi shall adhere to the following guidelines concerning alcohol:

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on campus or at University of Findlay functions off-campus. Students violating this policy may be suspended from the University.

Any students who, in the judgment of the administration, show definite evidence of intoxication or who have possession of alcoholic beverages on the campus or other premises over which The University of Findlay has control will be subject to suspension or dismissal.

University of Findlay organizations that violate the alcohol policy are subject to the following sanctions:

First Violation - One year of disciplinary probation and a \$500.00 fine for the organization.

Second Violation - (While on probation) Extension of probation for one year and a \$1,000.00 fine for the organization.

Third Violation - (While on probation) Loss of charter for the organization.

## **VIII. HAZING**

The Fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi shall abide by The University of Findlay policy regarding hazing of members as defined in the Ohio Revised Code Sec. 2307.44 and 2093.31.

Section 2307.44 any person who is subjected to hazing, as defined in division (A) of section 2903.31 of the revised code, may commence a civil action for injury or damages, including mental and physical pain and suffering, that result from the hazing, and organization whose local or national directors, trustees, or officers authorized, requested, commanded, or tolerated the hazing. If the hazing involves students in a primary, secondary, or post-secondary school, university, college, or any



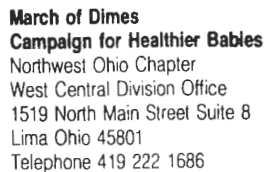
other educational institution, an action may also be brought against any administrator, employee, or faculty member of the school, university, college, or other educational institution who know or reasonably should have known of the hazing and who did not make reasonable attempts to prevent it against the school, university, college, or other attempts to prevent it against the school, university, college, or other educational institution. If an administrator, employee, or faculty member is found liable in a civil action for hazing, then notwithstanding chapter 2743 of the revised code, the school, university, college, or other educational institution that employed the administrator, employee, or faculty member may also be held liable.

The negligence or consent of the plaintiff or any assumption of the risk by the plaintiff is not a defense to an action brought pursuant to this section. In an action against a school, university, college, or other educational institution, it is an affirmative defense that the school, university, college, or other institution was actively enforcing a policy against hazing at the time the cause of action arose.

#### Section 2903.31

- (A) As used in this section, "Hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes mental or physical harm to any person.
- (B)
  - 1. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another
  - 2. No administrator, employee, or faculty member of any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or of any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person.
- (C) Who ever violates this section is guilty of hazing, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

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The 5th Annual March of Dimes Jail & Bail was a success! Prisoners received pledges totaling almost \$17,000 for the fight against birth defects.

I want to thank you and all the members of STAR and Alpha Sigma Phi who helped in any way with Jail & Bail. Without volunteers, this event could not happen. I really appreciate your help.

It was a pleasure working with you - best of luck to you.  
(We'll miss your help next year!)

Thank you again for the time, effort and sense of humor you devoted to the March of Dimes and our mission of Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies.

Sincerely

Sandy ☺

Sandra Miller  
Community Director

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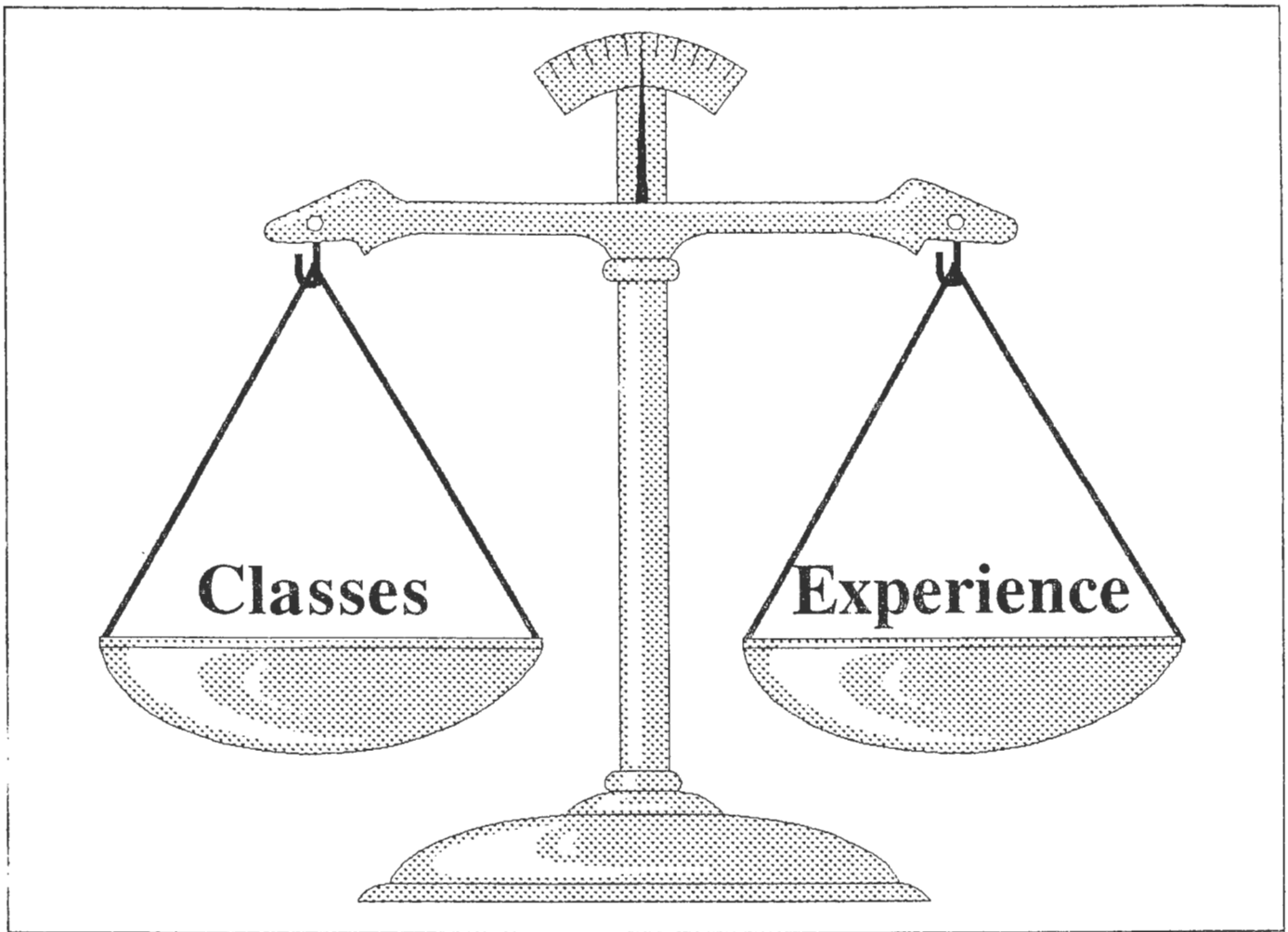
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# Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Monthly Itinerary

Month: September, 1991 For: Rush

| Sunday                                    | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                | Friday   | Saturday                             |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5                                       | 6  | 7                                    |
| INFORMAL Rush Period                      |   |   |  |   |  |                                      |
| 8<br>Formal Rush Begins                   | 9<br>Open House<br>Snacks<br>Punch<br>Monday Night Football | 10<br>Joni Sabatini<br>Movie Night<br>Blues Bros.<br>Animal House | 11<br>Open for<br>anything<br>Come to the<br>House | 12<br>Greek Info<br>Night<br>Open House | 13<br>Non-Alcoholic<br>Harry<br>Buffalo<br>Party     | 14<br>College<br>Football<br>All day |
| 15<br>Tackle<br>Football<br>against<br>CX | 16<br>Bids<br>Go Out<br>Monday<br>Night<br>Football         | 17  | 18<br>All Bids<br>Turned in<br>Vote on<br>Bids     | 19                                      | 20<br>Black<br>haters<br>10:00<br>Alumni-<br>Invited | 21                                   |
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the English language.

The project was originated in the fall of 1990 by Dr. Jean Nye, the director of the International Center for Language and Resource Development, who contacted Costantino about the project.

Once Costantino arrived in Czechoslovakia, she met with the President of

week.

"The students were a joy to work with," Costantino said.

Even though the students kept Costantino quite busy, she said she still noticed the tremendous political changes around her. "Every single law, policy rule and regulation is being changed from

ket.

"The people want the best of both the capitalist and social markets," she said. "They still want their government subsidies."

Although the threat of war between the USSR is over, Costantino said ghosts from the Cold War remain in Czechoslovakia. "The Czech part of Czechoslovakia was thought to be the main battleground if war ever broke out," Costantino said, "so the Communists put all the light industry in the Czech part and all the heavy industry in the Slovakia part. So now as investors come over, they find that it is easier to convert the Czech area with the light industries than the Slovakian area with the heavy industry.

"So while the Czechs prosper, the Slovaks get nothing. The problem is not ethnic like CNN says: it is economic."

Costantino does see some relief for Czechoslovakia in the form of the country's President Vaclav Havel. "He is the only honorable politician who believes in the platform of morality and humanism," she said.

Costantino also expressed her thanks to Nye, UF President Kenneth Zirkle and Melissa Tawalbeh for their support and efforts that made her trip to Czechoslovakia successful and memorable.



Alpha Sigma Phi President Ted Kocher addresses fraternity members, alumni, student affairs personnel, UF advisors, fraternity grand council members and President Kenneth Zirkle as ASP celebrated colonization status at a Nov. 24 dinner in the Student Alumni Memorial Union's Multi-Purpose Room. The event marked the final step before the fraternity can become chartered.

Photo by Andria Glovinsky

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# Greeks Change Image, Reporter Changes Mind

by KATHRYN KELLY  
Staff Writer

Since the movie "Animal House," there is no doubt that fraternities and sororities have been viewed with a great deal of skepticism and sometimes horror.

And journalists have done their fair share of discriminating when it comes to the topic of Greek life on America's campuses.

I must admit from the start that I have been one of the typical anti-Greek organization people throughout my college career and into my professional career.

It is somewhat ironic that I should be assigned to a story the sole purpose of which is to show why the Greek system has been cast in a poor and unfair light and what steps the Greeks are taking to prove their organizations are worthwhile. Even I was pleasantly surprised and may find myself humbly admitting that Greek life is not as bad as I always thought it was.

## First Academic Societies

The formation of fraternities and sororities was of interest to me. Fraternities started out as groups of men who gathered to discuss their academic lives.

Classes in the earlier years of universities were not open to discussion and open thought. The students at that time, almost exclusively men, wanted an opportunity to express their thoughts in a group setting, thus, the early fraternities were formed.

The beginning of sororities is somewhat similar but with a small twist. Back when women were first allowed to be college students, they, too, wanted an organized way to discuss their ideas and express their thoughts. However, groups for women only were not permitted on campuses. Therefore, women formed secret, women-only groups, the first sororities.

The first sorority, or fraternity for women as they are officially known, was founded in 1867 in Monmouth, Ill., and went by the Greek letters Pi Beta Phi. I talked to the new pledge class of Pi Phi's at Bowling Green State University and their immediate leaders at a weekend retreat in Findlay.

Admittedly, I was none too excited about talking to a group of women who obviously are involved in a type of organization I never wanted a part of. But, I also must admit that I left the retreat, held at the home of Charles and Kathy Witte in Findlay, with a little more confidence in the Greek organizations and a little less assured that my strongly-held beliefs were well-founded.

## Getting Away From Animal House

Mrs. Witte, who serves as province president for the Pi Phi's, said one of the primary goals of her arranging for me to be there was the demythologization of "Animal House."

"This deals with how to combat what non-Greeks think of Greeks. We want to present the positive aspects of women's fraternities," she said.

Mrs. Witte went on to mention three positive essentials to belonging to a sorority — sisterhood, friendship and philanthropy.

Mrs. Witte and several active members at the retreat took me through some of the requirements necessary to belong to the Pi Beta Phi organization at Bowling Green State University. They prefaced all their statements with the fact that rules differ from chapter to chapter and from college to college across the country.

In order to be a member of Pi Beta Phi at Bowling Green, a woman must be a full-time student, have at least a 2.0 grade point average, meet the financial responsibilities of belonging to the organization, and fulfill other requirements such as a pledge test on the history of the organization.

Now, I heard absolutely nothing about making pledges run through the house in their underwear or drink huge amounts of alcohol. So, I asked where this hazing idea that I have heard and seen so much of comes in, as if they would tell me.

## Hazing Not As Widespread

They explained to me that hazing is where Greeks get their bad reputation.

"Hazing like you see in the movies is a throw-back from things of the 1940s and 1950s. I imagine there is still some hazing going on," said

Mrs. Witte.

Running through my thoughts at this time was "you imagine! Lady, I've seen it happen right in front of my eyes not more than a year ago."

I also talked to some members of a fraternity at the University of Findlay. The Alpha Sigma Phi organization was recently re-colonized at the university after being disbanded in 1984.

Fraternity President Ted Kocher explained that the Alpha Sigma Phi group does not haze. He said that all pledges are required to watch video in which court cases and stories of deadly hazing incidents are recounted. Kocher said he does not agree with any hazing procedures.

"We are an organization designed to better the man. I think that some groups get carried away and it's just not right. I can't believe that it goes on," he said.

## Abiding By The Rules

Kocher said that everything the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity does is either under the mandates of the national chapter's regulations or campus rules. Such things as scavenger hunts, requiring pledge to enter the back door of the house or to answer the telephone in a different way than the actives can are considered hazing in the eyes of their national chapter.

Scott Reikofski, assistant dean for student activities and Greek life at the University of Findlay and an alumnus of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, said he sees the fraternities and sororities at Findlay really working to dispel the "Animal House" reputation. Reikofski said hazing has no place in Greek life.

"I see it as a problem. I think it is behavior that is unexcusable, and it has no place in a brotherhood or sisterhood. If that happened to me I think I would have a hard time thinking of that person as a brother," he said.

Reikofski also said there is a state law passed in 1981 against the use of hazing in any organization.

## One Incident Recalled

I appreciated Reikofski's comments on hazing, especially considering the fact that he is a fraternity member. However, I feel compelled to comment on an incident I witnessed at Ohio University this



Members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity celebrated Homecoming with a 50's theme for their float.



Homecoming Court '91 (From left): Queen Julia Andrews, King Mark Moreschi, Krista Fledgerjohn, Steve Rosebrook, Jane Landis, Todd Weaver, Judy Post, Rodney Noblit, Terri Jones, Jason Spaide, Bené Long and Jamie Godman.



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**MEMBERS OF ALPHA** Sigma Phi fraternity at the University of Findlay conduct their Black  
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thers.

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