Gamma Chi Colony INDIANA UNIVERSITY



Charter Petition

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Preamble



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY

To The Members of the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

More than one and a half years ago, twenty-five men embarked on a journey at Indiana University to create a **premier Fraternity** of the **highest quality men**.

Over the course of that year and a half, we have developed a **place of prominence** at Indiana University. We have done so by creating one of the **best** member education and risk management programs on campus, by participating in many community service events, by **setting the standard** in events such as IU Sing and Little 500, and most importantly by recruiting only quality, **values-based** men.

Through these efforts we assure that Alpha Sigma Phi's future at Indiana University will be much **brighter** than it's past. It regards to the actions of the former members of the Gamma Chi Chapter, we pledge this: **Not Us, Not Here, Never Again**.

We, the undersigned members, of the Gamma Chi Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Indiana University do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to bestow the designation of a fully accredited chapter. We agree, if chapter status is granted, to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rituals of the Fraternity.

That is our pledge, that is our promise, herein is what we stand for.

Signed:

1. Mr. Samuel Martin Locke

2. Mr. Jeremy Robert Buchanan

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4. Mr. Christopher Ian Quackenbush

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Letters from Current and Former Presidents



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY



1380 S Weatherstone Lane Bloomington, IN 47401

May 10, 2002

To The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

It is with great pleasure that I write you today! We, the brothers of the Gamma Chi Colony, have reached the important milestone of submitting our charter petition for your approval. We feel that our accomplishments, both internal and external, demonstrate our ability and desire to operate as a fully functional chapter at Indiana University.

Two years ago, as a member of the Alpha Class of our colony, I embarked on a journey (no, a mission) with twenty-five other new faces. We sought to create a fraternity based on values, constructed of quality men, and bound by a lasting purpose. Now, two years later, it is my pleasure as President of the Colony to announce to you that our mission has been completed through the hard work and efforts of many people. Two years ago I knew not that I would have such lasting friendships, memories, and successes with my brothers. Today, these things are accepted as commonplace within our brotherhood.

We could have submitted this petition at any time – when our numbers were at its peak, following a successful program, or immediately following our colonization – we did not do that. Instead, we wanted to wait until the time was right for us, until we were positive that true brotherhood was being fostered and that our presence at Indiana University was a positive one – I am pleased to tell you that we have reached that point.

The following pages will give you a better understanding of where we come from, who we are, and where we plan to go from here. I respectfully ask that you strongly consider granting our request to become a fully-initiated chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

If I can answer any questions or be of any assistance to you in the decision making process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Phi.

Samuel Martin Locke

President

Gamma Chi Colony



1380 S Weatherstone Lane Bloomington, IN 47401

March 27, 2002

Members of the Grand Council,

As the past HSP for the Gamma Chi colony at Indiana University I have had the privilege of watching the colony grow from non-existence into a well respected fraternity on a campus that has arguably one of the strongest Greek systems in the nation.

This group of men that make up Alpha Sigma Phi, Gamma Chi colony, are the men that deserve the charter that we are petitioning for as you are reading this letter. In the summer of 2001, I was unsure of what the brotherhood make-up would be. We had had a rough spring semester in which we were unable to host a concert that we had planned and then we had to sell our chapter house, and have been unhoused since and will continue to be unhoused throughout the 2002-2003 school year. Despite these obstacles the men that are in the brotherhood today are, without doubt, worthy of the honor of receiving the charter and initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi.

We have made so many great accomplishments in our short time on IU's campus. In our first IU Sing we won first place division B and in the last IU Sing competition we won first place division A and overall winners. This feat would be amazing for a well-established fraternity on campus, let alone a re-colonizing fraternity. Academically, we ranked in the top 10 of all campus averages and the grades did not include several members whose GPA's would have raised or total GPA considerably. Additionally, we are beginning to be competitive in intramural athletics. Our three-on-three team lost in the tournament semi-finals and our five-on-five basketball team lost in the third round of the intramural playoffs, and one of our brothers won the intramural golf championship and represented Alpha Sigma Phi in the tournament extremely well.

As you consider whether or not the Gamma Chi colony at Indiana University deserves a charter look at what we have been through in our two years of existence on IU's campus and what we have achieved in such a short time and with what we have had. I guarantee that no colony deserves a charter any more than the Gamma Chi colony at IU.

I thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter and I wish you nothing but the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Jacob Medlen

Letters of Endorsement



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY



April 18, 2002

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi 1380 South Weatherstone Lane Bloomington, IN 47401

To The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

On behalf of Indiana University, I am writing to endorse the petition of Alpha Sigma Phi to be reinstated as a full fraternity at IU. I commend the recent efforts of the membership in re-building the organization with a focus on brotherhood and academic achievement.

I believe that Alpha Sigma Phi will be successful, in part because the Greek system is founded on the exemplary values of scholarship, service, respect, and accomplishment. Those values have guided the membership well during the past two years. In particular, I'm very pleased to know the members of Alpha Sigma Phi have addressed the problems of alcohol abuse through initiatives including enforcing a strict no-alcohol policy at all fraternity sponsored events.

I write to welcome Alpha Sigma Phi back to the Indiana University campus.

Sincerely, Brand

Myles Brand President

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April 25, 2002

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters 8645 Guion Rd., Suite J Indianapolis, IN 46268

Dear Grand Council Members:

I am pleased to submit a letter to support the petition of the IU chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi to be fully recognized in your association. Our university is very proud of the history and tradition established by men's fraternities, but like many campuses, in the last few years, we have had to hold fraternities accountable when they were meeting neither the expectations of the university nor the ideals of their own organizations. Unfortunately, the IU chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi was one of those organizations that failed in its mission.

The good news is from that very disappointing situation, a new group of men with a strong allegiance to Alpha Sigma Phi has emerged to create the kind of chapter with which we can all be proud. Men of lesser resolve would not have been up to the challenge. Their emphasis on scholarship, leadership, and service can be documented in both the standards they have set for membership in their organization and in their accomplishments. The chapter is on the way to be one of the best at this University. I am happy to endorse their petition and look forward to their continued leadership in our men's fraternity system.

Sincerely,

Richard N. McKaig

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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April 13, 2002

The Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi 8645 Guion Rd.
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CAMPUS LIFE DIVISION

To the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

We have been asked write this letter on behalf of the men of Alpha Sigma Phi for their chartering petition, and I am pleased to do so. Alpha Sigma Phi, since its recolonization, is working hard to be a positive influence and an active member of the Greek Community at Indiana University.

Alpha Sigma Phi faces several challenges with growth, image, and campus involvement. Without the comforts of a chapter house the men changed the focus of their development to working on developing a strong foundation of brotherhood and accountability. They are currently trying to become the only fraternity at Indiana University to be 100% TIPs (Training for Intervention Procedures) at the end of this semester. In addition, the group adopted a policy making all of their fraternity sponsored events alcohol-free.

Alpha Sigma Phi is visibly active in the Greek Community here and Indiana University. This group of young men participated in several philanthropies including Habitat for Humanity and the Special Olympics. They take full advantage of all leadership opportunities the Student Activities Office for Greek Life has offered this past year. They also won IU Sing the past two years, and have a team competing in Little 500 as well. They accomplished all of this while maintaining a GPA over the all-men's average along with 10 other chapters.

The men of Alpha Sigma Phi are committed to continuing the excellence by establishing a critical set of membership standards. The standards set by the group of young men sets a tone for excellence, which will hopefully continue over the years.

We appreciate your strong consideration in granting this petition for a charter.

Sincerely,

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8005 Ambry Way Indianapolis, IN 46259 April 22, 2002

Dear Grand Council,

I am writing to let you know how proud you should be of the men at the Gamma Chi Chapter at Indiana University. These men have worked very hard to build a chapter that believes in brotherhood and follows the rules that have been set down for them. They have over come many obstacles that have been put in their way over the last two years.

I have sent the last two years working very close with these men. They have created a relationship with the alumni that has not existed in a long time at Indiana University. The University is very supportive and impressed with these men. The Gamma Chi men are very deserving of getting their charter back. I am asking that you consider reinstating the charter to the Gamma Chi chapter at the National Convention this August 2002.

Y.I.T.M.C.

David Hon, Gamma Chi Chapter Alumni President



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March 27, 2002

Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi:

We, the women of Alpha Delta Pi, believe that Alpha Sigma Phi should return as a chapter to Indiana University's campus. The men in your fraternity at IU have established themselves as a fraternity on campus. They attend all Inter Fraternity Council events with a positive attitude and have excellent attendance. They operate as any other fraternity by having meetings and pairing for large campus events. These men are a great pair. They have always been enthusiastic and energetic when we have interacted with them. This year, they won IU Sing, a singing and dancing competition involving many groups on campus. Their spirit and talent enhanced the entire production of IU Sing. The men of Alpha Sigma Phi are very proud to be a part of this fraternity and of a part of the Greek system. Overall, we support Alpha Sigma Phi becoming a chapter at Indiana University. These men deserve to be recognized as an official fraternity.

Sincerely,

Jenniger Taulman

Greek Organizations at Indiana University



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Indiana University Greek Organizations

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Acacia

Alpha Epsilon Phi Alpha Tau Omega Alpha Sigma Phi

Chi Phi Delta Chi

Delta Tau Delta Delta Upsilon

Delta Kappa Epsilon

Kappa Sigma Kappa Delta Rho Lambda Chi Alpha Phi Delta Theta Phi Gamma Delta Phi Kappa Psi Phi Sigma Kappa Phi Kappa Phi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Chi Sigma Nu

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Pi

Tau Kappa Epsilon Zeta Beta Tau

Pan-Hellenic Council (PHC)

Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha Kappa Alpha **Delta Sigma Theta** Phi Beta Sigma Iota Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Psi Sigma Gamma Rho Sigma Lambda Beta Zeta Phi Beta

Pan-Hellenic Association (PHA)

Alpha Chi Omega Alpha Delta Pi Alpha Epsilon Phi Alpha Gamma Delta Alpha Omicron Pi Alpha Phi

Alpha Xi Delta Chi Omega Delta Delta Delta Delta Gamma Delta Zeta Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Theta Kappa Delta

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Phi Mu Pi Beta Phi Sigma Delta Tau Zeta Tau Alpha

Multicultural Greek Council (MCGC)

Gamma Phi Omega Kappa Gamma Delta Sigma Lambda Beta Sigma Lambda Gamma

History of Gamma Chi Colony



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY

History of the Gamma Chi Colony

On August 30, 2000 the national president of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity John Gibson announced that it was time for a total reorganization of the Gamma Chi Chapter at Indiana University. This meant giving all current brothers of the chapter alumni status and barring them from participation in on-campus chapter events. In return, National Leadership Consultants Josh Orendi and Richard Deale were sent to recruit for Gamma Chi Colony an entirely new roster of members from Fall Rush 2000. On September 20, 2000, after one meeting together, an Alpha class of 25 men eager to build new relationships pledged Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

After a few chapter meetings under the guidance of Orendi, Deale, and national advisor Ryan Brown, the new pledges, most of them underclassmen, got the ball rolling on founding their new colony. Mani Sidhu was elected that semester as the first President. Vice-President was Justin Greis. In the early days it was not uncommon for executive meetings to carry on into three or four in the morning, and these men would continue to learn exactly how much work is involved in raising a Phoenix from its ashes. That semester's recruitment efforts yielded Sigma and Phi pledge classes, but the amount of work that was required of the new members proved too much for some pledges. At that time it seemed like a revolving door of pledging and de-pledging. That fall they did manage to host a haunted house for Halloween, and while the turnout was less than astonishing the event was a success in that it let the campus know that Alpha Sigma Phi was still around.

The work of writing up a constitution continued into the spring semester of 2001.

Justin Greis was elected President and Mike Ward Vice-President. Some pledges moved

into the house at 1968 N. Jordan Avenue and they enjoyed having a location around which to center their activities. For one reason or another, though, progress toward regaining a charter for Gamma Chi seemed slow, and no new members were pledged that spring. Fortunately Alpha Sigma Phi was well represented at the two biggest events of the year: IU Sing and Little 500. Paired with Alpha Delta Pi sorority for IU Sing, their "Viva La Georgia" production won first place in the B Division. At the Little 500 four rookies qualified Alpha Sigma Phi number 20, the highest of any all-rookie team. The team finished 31 in the race.

At the end of the spring semester 2001, Gamma Chi Colony had to say goodbye to the house on North Jordan. The colony didn't have enough members at nearly 50 to fill the structure. Another change the pledges would have to make that year involved Jake Medlen stepping in as President-Interim. Medlen kept things moving fall semester of 2001 as the colony continued to work hard on the constitution and recruiting. Though those efforts paid off with ratification of the constitution – the biggest milestone to date – and pledging of the Beta class that October, fall 2001 seemed to have an overall mood of complacency and many members de-pledged.

Near the end of 2001 and the beginning of 2002, that mood began to change drastically. What the colony had spent so long sowing started to bear fruit. Now in place and functional is a working budget, a pledge education program, and a designated-driver program. Elections established for 2002 the best executive board yet, headed by President Sam Locke and Vice-President Jeremy Buchanan. Recruiting again paid off when the Gamma class pledged in January 2002. In February, Alpha Sigma Phi made another good showing at IU Sing with Gamma Phi Beta sorority. The pair won both first

place in the A Division and Overall Win for Production and Performance. The Little 500 team failed to qualify for the 2002 race, but continues to train with hope for the future.

Gamma Chi Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Indiana University currently has 32 active members, and the pledging of a Delta class is planned for mid-April.

Gamma Chi Colony is also well respected by other Greek organizations on campus.

They respect this colony for following the steps for a good foundation: involvement, recruiting good members, adopting an alcohol-free policy, and generally showing that Alpha Sigma Phi is worthy of being recognized on campus.



Constitution and Bylaws



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY



The Constitution of the
Gamma Chi Colony
At
Indiana University, Bloomington
As drafted by its
Founding Fathers

Preamble

We, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony at Indiana University, form this Brotherhood in order to: embody honor and integrity, strive to be better men, up hold a high standard of academic excellence, dedicate ourselves to patriotism, and perpetuate a love for our alma mater. By realizing these values we, the founding fathers of the Gamma Chi colony, will continue to better our community, brothers, alumni, and colony forever.

Article One: Name

The formal name of this organization shall herein be known as the Gamma Chi Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Indiana University, Bloomington. For the purpose of recognition on the Indiana University, Bloomington campus and its surrounding communities, we shall be known as Alpha Sigma Phi. Within our national organization and extent of this document, we shall herein be known as "Gamma Chi."

Article Two: Mission

Section One: Brotherhood

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, pledge ourselves to construct a brotherhood based on the values of our founding: intellectual pursuit, honor, integrity, pride, accountability, loyalty, and respect. We will seek a greater knowledge of each other, our chapter, and our fraternity. Let all who read this document and enter the brotherhood of Gamma Chi know that he will be judged without prejudice, racism, bigotry, or be persecuted for his heritage. Together, as men, we will strive "To better the man."

Section Two: Academics and Intellectual Pursuits

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, dedicate ourselves to reach the highest standards of academic performance and intellectual betterment. In addition to scholarship and performance in the classroom, we pledge to remain faithful to intellectual prospects beyond the scope of a "syllabus" through independent learning, peer teaching, and the collective effort "to better the man."

Section Three: Philanthropy

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, hereby pledge to fulfill our obligation to our community through financial support and backing of our brotherhood. We will use all the resources available to help those in need of our assistance. As a brotherhood, we recognize our good fortune and herein promise to give a portion of our financial gains to worthy and honorable organizations.

Section Four: Service

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, recognize the impact that a collective ideal and organized action can have for a disadvantaged endeavor. Thus, we commit ourselves to take accountability for the welfare of others through our endeavors to better our environment and community.

Article Three: Regulations

Section One:

All members of Gamma Chi hereby recognize all rules and regulation imposed by Indiana University, Bloomington and outlined in the Indiana University Code of Conduct.

Section Two:

Members of Gamma Chi shall unconditionally follow and abide by all nationally adopted clauses, regulations, bylaws, and amendments.

Section Three:

All new members, initiated members, and alumni of Gamma Chi shall respect the established laws and amendments.

Section Four:

The President shall represent the chapter in all external matters and is hereby the duly appointed voice of the fraternity. If the President is unavailable or unable to serve in this capacity, the Vice-President shall assume the aforementioned role. If the Vice-President is unable to serve in this capacity, the duty shall be passed thusly through the Prudential Committee: Marshal, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and the Members-at-Large.

Article Four: Membership

Section One:

Members of any pledge class after the date of September 20, 2000, and until the date of initiation shall be known as the "Founding Fathers".

Section Two:

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

Section Three:

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

Section Four:

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, will not in any way, shape, or form discriminate against any rushee, pledge, or brother based on age, race, creed, color, religion, or sexual preference. Further, we the brothers of Gamma Chi, locally adopt the National Position Statement on Racism and Religious Discrimination as stated in "To Better The Man."

Section Five:

Membership of this fraternity may be limited, suspended, or terminated through the judicial process adopted by Gamma Chi or by established National Fraternity judicial processes.

Section Six:

The Prudential Committee may only recommend the suspension of a member of Gamma Chi if a three-fifths majority of the committee is in agreement with the suspension proposal.

Section Seven:

The Chapter may elect to prevent a prospective member from joining the brotherhood or entering the fraternity structure or terminating the membership of an existing brother by filing a Removal Form with the ethics chairman and having two thirds majority vote of the attending chapter members (of brothers in good standing) affirm the decision. The chapter may elect to terminate the membership of an existing brother by a 4/5 vote of all current brothers.¹

Article Five: Officers and Elected Officials

Section One:

The elected officers and chairmen of Gamma Chi shall be:

Officers

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President
- 3. Marshal
- 4. Corresponding Secretary
- 5. Recording Secretary
- 6. Treasurer
- 7. Two Members-at-Large

Chairmen

- 1. Two Rush Chairmen
- 2. Social Chairman
- 3. Academic Chairman
- 4 Philanthropy Chairman
- 5. Sergeant-at-Arms
- 6. Pledge Educator
- 7. Brotherhood Chairman
- 8. Parent Relations Chairman
- 9. Alumni Relations Chairman
- 10. Fundraising Chairman
- 11. Intramural Chairman
- 12. House Editor
- 13. Ethics Chairman
- 14. Webmaster
- 15. Auditor
- 16. Risk Manager

Amended unanimously at chapter meeting held on 1/20/2002.

Section Two:

The voting members of the Prudential Committee shall be:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President
- 3. Marshal
- 4. Corresponding Secretary
- 5. Recording Secretary
- 6. Treasurer
- 7. Two Members-at-Large

Section Three:

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

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

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

Section Four:

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

Section Five:

The final elections will be open to all nominated brothers. The process for determining the candidates will be conducted in a fair and just manner, and in accordance with the bylaws of this fraternity.

Section Six:

Elections for said officers will be held during the last chapter meeting in November every year. Newly elected officers will take office during the first chapter meeting of January.

Section Seven:

Gamma Chi shall not accept votes by proxy for election or any other official fraternity vote. If a member wishes to vote, but is unable to attend the appropriate meeting, they shall place their vote in a sealed envelope and submit it to the Ethics Chairman.

Clause One: In the event that the Ethics Chairman is absent from chapter votes should be submitted to the president.

Article Six: Committees

Section One:

The standing committees of this fraternity will consist of:

- 1. Prudential Committee
- 2. Rush Committee
- 3. Social/Risk Management Committee
- 4. Service/Philanthropy Committee
- 5. Brotherhood Development Committee
- 6. Fundraising Committee
- 7. Parent Alumni Relations Committee
- 8. Pledge Education Committee

Section Two:

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

Section Three:

The Prudential Committee may create special committees as they see fit. The chapter, with a vote of more than fifty percent, must approve these ad hoc committees, if the committee is to exist for a duration longer than one month.

Section Four:

The Ethics Chairman will head the Judicial Board of Gamma Chi. Seven randomly selected brothers will serve on the board.

Section Five:

The Prudential Committee shall be held at a predetermined and announced time and location. The meeting will be open to all members, but only members listed in Article 5, Section 2 shall be allowed to speak.

Article Seven: Chapter Meetings

Section One:

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi at Indiana University will be required to attend a weekly chapter meeting. This meeting must be held at a pre-stated time. The Prudential Committee has the right to cancel, reschedule, or add a chapter meeting as they see fit.

Section Two:

All Chapter meetings will be conducted under parliamentary procedure as stated in "To Better the Man," or in accordance with the by-laws of this fraternity.

Section Three:

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

Section Four:

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

Article Eight: Alcohol and Hazing

Section One:

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

Section Two:

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, will provide an alcohol free social environment for its members and the Greek community. Any structure that the fraternity resides in will forever be a dry structure. Violation of said policy will result in immediate removal/eviction from the structure and the Judicial Board will be convened to determine the candidacy of the brother. All judicial procedure is outlined and shall be followed as in the by-laws of this fraternity.

Section Three:

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

Article Nine: National and Chapter Code of Conduct

Whereas we, the brothers of Gamma Chi, in order to create and perpetuate a values-based organization of gentlemen, do hereby adopt the National Fraternities' Code of Conduct as Stated in "To Better the Man."

Article Ten: Finances

Section One:

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

Section Two:

The Treasurer and Auditor shall manage Finances in a combined effort, to be overseen by the Prudential Board.

Clause One: All checks must be signed by both Auditor and Treasurer in order

to be valid.

Clause Two: A statement of finances and money spent must be presented each

month to the Prudential Committee. The statement must be written

and each member must be presented a copy of his own.

Article Eleven: Amendments to the Constitution

Section One:

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

Section Two:

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

Section Three:

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

Section Four:

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

Article Twelve: Ratification

Section One:

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

Section Two:

This document will take effect immediately after its ratification.



The By-Laws of the
Gamma Chi Colony
At
Indiana University, Bloomington
As drafted by its
Founding Fathers

Preamble:

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, adopt these by-laws to further solidify the foundation laid by the Constitution of Gamma Chi. These by-laws intend to embody the spirit of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and capture the essence of the operation of the Fraternity, as an organization. All by-laws are created to remove ambiguity and add predictability and consistency to behavior of its members.

Article One: Continuance of By-laws and Constitution

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

Article Two: Amendments

Section One:

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

Section Two:

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

Section Three:

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

Section Four:

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

Section Five:

If the thoughts, words, or ideals espoused within these by-laws are found to be in conflict with the thoughts, words, or ideals of the constitution of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Chi Colony; then the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the Constitution on every occasion.

Article Three: Membership

Section One: Eligibility

To receive a bid for membership in Gamma Chi a prospective member must:

- 1. Be a male student at Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2. Not affiliated with another Greek social fraternity, secret or anti-secret society
- 3. Be approved by the current elected rush chairmen.
- 4. Signature of active President. ¹
- 5. The potential member must be present for a prudential interview.

 Whereby the prudential committee will then approve of the President's signature with a majority vote.²
- 6. A chapter vote will be taken, where the potential member must receive at least 2/3 of the votes of all brothers in good standing. ³
- 7. After a successful vote, the rush chairmen must submit the potential member with a bid signed by the President no later than 24 hours following the vote.

¹ Approved by Unanimous vote of the Chapter on 1/20/2002.

² Approved by Unanimous vote of the Chapter on 1/20/2002.

³ Approved by Unanimous vote of the Chapter on 1/20/2002.

Section Two: Maintenance of Active Status

To maintain active status, a member of Gamma Chi must:

- 1. Be enrolled as a student at Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2. Maintain a minimum semester grade point average of 2.4 or a cumulative grade point average of 2.3.
- 3. Not affiliated with another Greek social fraternity, secret, or anti-secret society.

Section Three: Standards of Excellence

All members of Gamma Chi must maintain the standard of excellence established by the Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, National Fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi, and rules and codes of conduct dictated by the chapter.

Section Four: Scholarship

Should a member fail to meet the scholarship standards or the general academic requirements and/or responsibilities of the chapter, he shall be placed on "academic probation" for a one semester time period. During this period, the member in question must meet the following requirements and criteria:

- 1. For each one-tenth of a grade point that member in question lacks from the minimum cumulative 2.3 grade point average, shall earn him one hour of study-table time to be monitored by the academic chairman.
- 2. The member on probation shall receive a midterm grade review, whereby the academic chairman meets with the individual to discuss progress and provide assistance to the member.
- 3. Should a member fail to raise his grade point average to the necessary 2.3, he shall be placed on social probation, whereby he shall not be allowed to attend any Fraternity sponsored events for the following semester.
- 4. The member in question shall have one semester to raise his grade point average to the minimum required grade point average. Failure to meet the minimum required grade point average, will result in academic review of membership by the judicial board and academic chairman.

Section Five: Expulsion from Pledgeship

At any time prior to initiation, a pledge maybe removed from his prospective class. This requires a majority vote of the prudential committee, followed by a majority vote of the brotherhood in good standing.⁴

Article Four: Judicial Process

All matters of conflict that cannot be resolved through normal mediation and conflict resolution shall be brought before the ethics chairman. The ethics chairman shall serve as the chair of the judicial board to ensure that all actions taken and decisions made are ethical and in the best interest of the Gamma Chi, Alpha Sigma Phi, and Indiana University. Should a conflict or situation arise that requires the attention of a judicial board, or should a brother not adhere to the values and standards agreed to by the code of conduct, rules, and regulations herein, the following judicial process shall be followed:

- 1. A judicial form must be filed telling objectively what occurred and a copy delivered to the ethics chairman and the Sergeant-at-Arms. If filing of said form is not possible due to objections of parties involved, the accusing party shall recount the facts of the case to the president who will then decide whether the facts of the case warrant convening a judicial board. However, no sanctions may be brought unless a board is assembled.
- 2. Adequate notice of no less than one week must be given to the accused party/parties so that they can meditate on the events in question and prepare his/their case.
- 3. A board shall be composed of seven randomly selected members of the fraternity not directly involved in the case, and chaired by the ethics chairman. The ethics chairman may only vote in the event of a tie.
- 4. The accused shall speak for himself and express his position in his own words.
- 5. During the hearing, the filed report or recount shall be given by the ethics chairman and the remainder of the hearing shall be run as follows:
 - a. Allow the accused to give any statement regarding the facts of the case or the previously read statement.

⁴ Addition passes unanimously at chapter meeting on 12/20/2002.

- b. The board may ask any questions regarding the case of the accused.
- c. The accused may call witnesses to testify on his behalf. Character witnesses will not be allowed as all members of the fraternity have a high caliber of character.
- d. The judicial board my call any witnesses that they feel has pertinent information about the case.
- e. The accused may ask questions of the witnesses and make his final statements.
- f. The judicial board and ethics chairman deliberate and deliver a verdict of guilty/not-guilty, and if guilty, appropriate sanctions are necessary for the accused.
 - i. A member is found guilty if one more than half of the judicial board finds the accused guilty.
 - ii. In the event of a tie, the ethics chairman will cast the final vote.
 - iii. If the accused is found guilty and removal from the chapter is not utilized, appropriate sanctions will be agreed upon and issues as a collective body of the judicial board.
 - iv. If the accused is found guilty, a unanimous vote of the judicial board must be taken to recommend removal of the member from the chapter.
- g. Sergeant-at-Arms will ensure that the sanctions are carried out appropriately and accurately.
- 6. The judicial board shall have the authority to issue sanctions to the accused party and suspend a member from Gamma Chi.
- 7. The burden of proof shall fall on the observations of the brother filing the accusation.

Article Five: Officer Oaths and Duties

Section One: Officer Oaths

All officers and chairs upon election into their office, shall sign the Alpha Sigma Phi Position Statement on Fraternal Values and Ethics. Though every brother is responsible for upholding the highest standards of ethics, integrity, and values, officers shall be held to a higher standard of scrutiny in their actions.

Basic Expectations

 I promise to inform the chapter and pertinent committees about the relevant issues of my position and will take all available action to ensure that everyone is informed on chapter issues. 2. I understand that the aforementioned expectations are inclusive, but not limited to the points listed and that I will do everything in my power to see that I meet said expectations.

Section Two: Officer Duties

All officers shall perform the duties of their respective positions as set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi "To Better the Man," and the included officer descriptions. Should the guide not describe and officer's position, that officer will accept the responsibility bestowed upon him by the President, the Prudential Board, and/or the general assembly and shall abide by the general rules and laws applicable to any officer of the brotherhood.

Article Six: Brotherhood development

Section One: The Brotherhood Creed

All brothers shall observe the commitment to the brotherhood as stated in the brotherhood Creed taken from "To Better the Man."

With a realization of the responsibilities and obligations conferred upon me as a perspective Brother in Alpha Sigma Phi, I Pledge:

- To faithfully observe the ethics of Alpha Sigma Phi, assisting and encourage my brothers
- To adhere to the constitutional authority within the chapter and Fraternity, governing my actions with a high sense of honor.
- To retain in my confidence the private business of this Fraternity, impressing in my heart and mind that initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi shall bind me to her as a Brother all through life.
- To develop a deep loyalty to my alma mater, maintaining the highest standards of scholastic purpose and performance
- To devote myself to the principles of charity and patriotism, promoting the unity of spirit and purpose, which prevails in Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section Two: Alcohol Usage

Clause One: No brother shall consume or have alcohol in his possession in the Gamma Chi Chapter facility or any other residence for which the fraternity, as a whole, claims residence. Those found to be in violation of this policy shall be recommended for eviction to the alumni corporation and processed in the judicial system of the fraternity.

Clause Two: No brother shall consume alcohol while displaying the letters or insignia of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section Three: Brotherhood events

Clause One: At least two events must be held in the name of the Brotherhood Development committee each semester and must involve promoting brotherhood among the members of Gamma Chi. This event will be closed to all people not associated with Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and only current initiated brothers and pledges shall attend.

Clause Two: All official brotherhood events must be alcohol/substance free and none of the budget shall be used for the purchase or transportation of alcohol or illegal substances.

Article Seven: Committee Responsibilities

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

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

Section Three: Actions and decisions of each committee may be overruled or amended by the Prudential Committee by a two-thirds vote of the attending chapter members, or by presidential veto.

Section Four: Actions and decisions of the Prudential Committee may be overruled by a four-fifths vote of the chapter.

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

Section Six: The President, with the two-thirds approval of the Prudential Committee, may appoint to special committees to further the best interest of the Fraternity.

Article Eight: Committee Descriptions

Section One: Rush Committee

The Rush Committee will organize and educate all rush activities and events for the chapter. The committee may restrict events to members and prospective members only, or open all events to local sororities to help coordinate activities. The committee is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, and Indiana University policy. The Rush Committee also promises to uphold the accepted rush practices dictated by Indiana University.

Section Two: Service/Philanthropy Committee

The Service/Philanthropy Committee will organize and execute service and philanthropy projects for the brother hood of Gamma Chi. The committee may restrict said projects to the brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. In the case of a philanthropic event, the brotherhood will determine where the monies raised from these activities will be donated. The committee is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, and Indiana University policy.

Section Three: Brotherhood Development Committee

The Brotherhood Development Committee will execute and organize development retreats, the happiness and well-being of the brotherhood, and the facilitation of brotherhood events to perpetuate mutual love among the members of Gamma Chi. The committee is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, and Indiana University policy.

Section Four: Social Committee

The Social Committee will organize and execute social events for the brothers of the chapter and ensure that a safe and positive atmosphere is maintained throughout the event. The committee may restrict said projects for the brotherhood only or open them to other organizations on or off campus. The committee is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council. The committee also swears to protect the health of those attending the functions hosted by Gamma Chi, and will maintain a safe, risk-free environment throughout all functions.

Section Five: Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for the external fundraising events and chapter endeavors that require additionally supplemented income not provided for in the dues budget. The committee will look for sponsors for events, seek funding from other organizations, and seek to offset the cost of the chapter by looking for funding from alumni, parents, etc. The committee is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, and Indiana University policy.

Section Six: Parent/Alumni Relations Committee

The Parent/Alumni Relations Committee shall organize and execute events for the Brothers, Alumni, and Parents of the chapter and shall keep Alumni and Parents informed as to the goals and events decided and acted upon by the membership. Each committee shall produce a monthly newsletter to be sent out the first of each month to all current alumni on file and chapter member's parents. The committee is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, and Indiana University policy.

Section Seven: Participation in Committees

All members of the chapter, with exception of the Prudential Committee members, must maintain an active role in one of the standing committees listed in Article Eight, Sections 1-6.

Section Eight: Judicial Board

The Judicial Board is responsible for upholding accountability by setting, maintaining, and enforcing standards of excellence among the brotherhood. The Judicial Board will be assembled on an as-needed basis according to the rules set forth in these by-laws. The board is responsible for deciding guilt in ethics related cases and issuing appropriate sanctions to the brother. The board is to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, Indiana University Intra-fraternity Council, and Indiana University policy.

Article Nine: Chairman Meetings

To facilitate communication between the Prudential Committee, chapter, and specific committees, the Vice-President shall chair a weekly Chairmen Meeting shall communicate with the positions of Marshal, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer to gauge what the current status is of the projects of the various committees. Each of these positions will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the specific committees appointed to them by the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall report the status of the various projects to the chapter at the weekly chapter meeting.⁵

Article Ten: The Prudential Committee

Section One: Purpose of the Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee has been established to manage the financial, judicial, and managerial affairs of the Gamma Chi Chapter. The Prudential Committee is the acting "board of directors" for the chapter and shall be chaired by the President of the Chapter.

⁵ Article amended at the Chapter Meeting on December 9, 2001. Vote Count: 22 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

Section Two: Purpose of Supplementary Prudential Members Not listed In "To Better the Man"

Clause One: The following members are voting members of the Prudential Committee not listed in "To Better the Man."

- 1. **Marshall** Because Gamma Chi has been re-founded on the principles of our ritual, we the members of Gamma Chi felt it appropriate to incorporate the ritualistic leader of the organization into the Prudential Committee.
- 2. Recording Secretary To ensure that our members would stay informed, and that we would have an official record of what was accomplished during the meetings, we the members of Gamma Chi delegated an individual to keep minutes during every meeting. The Recording Secretary is in charge of the administrative details of printing minutes and bills for the chapter meetings, as well as keeping and official record of minutes for official usage.
- 3. **Corresponding Secretary** To insure that our correspondence and communication is updated and maintained in a timely manner, we the members of Gamma Chi have decided to incorporate the chief marketing and publications officer to maintain public relations.

Section Three: Constitutional Review

The Prudential Committee will annually review the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Chapter and make suggestions to the chapter as to the improvement of the aforementioned. All amendments will initially be reviewed by the Prudential Committee, and shall be approved by the chapter with a two-thirds vote.

Section Four: Prudential Committee Meeting

The Prudential Committee shall meet once a week during the school year and once a month during the summer at announced times, so that chapter members may attend.

Article Eleven: Attendance at Meetings

Section One:

If a brother needs to be excused from a mandatory event he must give notice to the sergeant-at-arms. The HC will make the determination of whether the brother is to be excused.

Section Two:

Reasons for excusing a brother can be taken, pending acceptation, up until midnight of the day of the event.

Section Three:

If a brother is unexcused from an event for the third non-consecutive time he will be fined five dollars, which will be added to his dues if he violates the provisions of the attendance points policy. The fraternity may charge additional fines for each subsequent week the policy is being violated.

If you miss two consecutive events, you will be charged five dollars, for the second event missed, and for each additional consecutive event.⁶

Section Four:

After receiving twenty dollars (four unexcused absences) of fines, voting privileges will be revoked. Voting abilities will be reinstated when all fines are paid, and attendance at four consecutive events.

Section Five:

If a brother receives thirty dollars in fines (six unexcused absences) a judicial hearing will be held to determine their standing in the fraternity. Consequences are to be decided by the judicial board, they can include: social probation, house cleaning duties, study tables, and dismissal.

Article Eleven: Meeting Procedure

Section One: Meeting Times

Committee meetings, Prudential Committee meetings, Chair meetings, and Chapter meetings will be held on a regularly scheduled basis each week, or as deemed necessary by the chairmen of each individual meeting, during the school year.

Section Two: Mandatory Meetings

Attendance by all members is mandatory for the chapter meetings. In order for other events to be mandatory, adequate warning of no less than ten days must be given to the chapter via e-mail, website announcement, or announcement to the chapter.

Section Three: Quorum

A quorum consisting of fifty percent plus one of the active members must be present in order to enact or act upon any legislation.

⁶ Article amended at the Chapter Meeting on December 9, 2001. Vote Count: 22 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

Section Four: Passage of General Motion

A majority vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a general motion unless otherwise specified for matters described in this constitution.

Article Twelve: Parliamentary Procedure

Section One: Parliamentarian

The Sergeant-at-Arms is to be the parliamentarian, and is responsible for keeping order and making rulings on the procedure of the meetings.

Section Two: Agenda For Chapter Meetings

The following is the outline for the order of business for chapter meetings:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Introduction of guest
- 4. Reading of the minutes
- 5. Guest speakers
- 6. Communications from Nationals and correspondence
- 7. Reports of officers
- 8. Reports of committees
- 9. Old business
- 10. New business
- 11. New business not on the agenda
- 12. Comments for the good of society
- 13. Adjournment

Section Three: Rules for discussion

The following rules have been adopted based on "Robert's Rules of Order" and "To Better the Man":

- Speaking: No member may speak until the chairman recognizes him. Once granted the floor, he should speak briefly and avoid repeating others. He may stand or sit while speaking, depending upon chapter customs.
- Voting Rules: Voting is done normally b voice, or by a show of hands or by standing (if the decision is in doubt). Occasionally, a roll call is required when the votes of individuals are to be recorded, for instance. For an election a ballot is often required. The chairman is required to tally "ayes" and "nays" and for elections can appoint one or more tellers to count the ballots. The secretary is usually the chief teller.

- Majority: More than half of the votes cast are usually required to pass ordinary motions.
- Two-Thirds: Two-thirds of those voting are usually required to amend bylaws, to take up any matter out of its proper order of business, to suspend rules, to limit or close debate, to discharge a committee and refer reports back to a committee.
- Unanimous: A unanimous vote is seldom required and one dissenting vote prevents it. Frequently one or two dissenters will request that their votes be changed to show unanimous vote, when the will of the great majority is present.
- Breaking ties: The chairman of a meeting does not vote except to break a tie. though bylaws vary in respect.
- Main Motions: A member who obtains the floor may make a motion for any group action. He speaks to the chairman in this manner: "Mr. Chairman, I move..." Another member must second this before the chairman may call for discussion.
- Secondary Motions: While a motion is being discussed, the group may wish to
 alter the wording or to hasten or postpone a vote. There are six general types of
 action that may be taken. These are listed below, by rank of importance and with
 vote required. Any member who obtains the floor (you may not interrupt a
 speaker except to raise a rare point of order) may move one of the following.
 Should another member similarly move a different one of the following, the
 higher-ranking action is voted upon first.
- Lay on the Table: Means to drop the matter under discussion until some indefinite later time. When seconded, this must be voted upon without debate and requires a majority vote.
- Previous Question: Calls to end debate immediately, but does not indicate approval or disapproval of an agenda item. For debate to end, and vote taken, the caller for the previous question must state whether the previous question applies to the main motion or to be a secondary motion. It must be seconded and must be voted on without debate. But note that this abrupt motion to cut off discussion requires a two-thirds vote. Sometimes a member may call out "question" when he thinks a group is ready to vote, but debate can be closed only when the mover has the floor, the motion is seconded, and there is a two-thirds vote in agreement.
- Limit (or extend) Debate: Means to set a definite number of minutes for each speaker, for the entire discussion, or both (or to extend limits previously set).
 When seconded, this may be debated only to set the number of minutes and requires a majority.
- Postpone: Is similar to tabling a motion, except that it defines when the matter is to be brought up again. Matters are usually postponed "until the completion of other business," "until a set time" or until the next meaning." After seconding, this may be debated only to set the time for bringing it up, and requires a majority.
- Refer to Committee: Is very often when new business is introduced and there is
 insufficient information available to make and intelligent decision, or when it
 appears that time-consuming, detailed work must be done to prepare a motion for
 considering. After a second to this motion, the call to refer to committee may be
 debated and requires majority vote.

- Amend: Is the last in rank but an important secondary motion that changes the working of the main motion. After a second to the motion, and amendment may be debated, and requires a majority vote. Amendments provide the principle means by which groups can reach agreement on disputes point in the main motion. While it is possible to "amend amendments" if the group is not pleased with the wording of an amendment, it is usually simpler to withdraw the main motion and offer a substitute.
- Reopening Matters: Concerns items referred to committees that will be on the agenda for the next meeting as a committee report, even if the committee is not ready to introduce a motion.
- Matters Postponed: appear on the next agenda as old business. Matters laid on the table will not come up automatically, and to reopen these matters it is necessary to move "to take from the table" during the order of old business. After a second is made, this motion is not debatable, and requires a majority vote.
- Point of Order: Any member may interrupt proceedings whenever he believes there has occurred: a violation of the constitution, laws or bylaws; a mistake or omission in Parliamentary Procedure; a violation of decorum; or an irrelevancy in debate. The member rises and interrupts by saying, "Mr. Chairman, I raise a point of order." This needs to second and requires a vote. The interrupted speaker waits until the point is settled. The chairman rules on the point of order, and may seek advice before doing so. He may ask the group to discuss and vote upon the point of order. If the chairman rules the speaker "out of order," he may not continue to speak unless granted that privilege by a majority vote.
- Questions of Privilege: Any member may interrupt proceedings at any time to raise a question involving the physical condition of the meeting place, the conduct of members present, or similar bars to adequate discussion. This requires no second, is not debatable, and is decided by the chair.
- Suspension of the Rules: Though he may not interrupt a speaker, any member
 who obtains the floor may request a suspension of the rules to permit the group to
 do something ordinarily prohibited, such as permitting a guest speaker to speak
 out of the normal order of business. This requires a second, cannot be debated,
 and requires a two-thirds vote.
- Appeal: If any member takes exception to any ruling by the chairman, he may "appeal the ruling of the chair." An appeal requires a second, is debatable, and requires a majority vote to reverse the ruling.
- Recess: Any member who has the floor may request a short recess. When
 seconded, it may not be debated, and may be amended only as to the length of the
 recess. It requires a majority vote, if accepted, takes effect immediately. This
 motion takes precedence over all other motions, except the motions to adjourn or
 to fix the time of adjournment.
- Fix the Time to Adjourn: Any member who has the floor may move to fix the time of adjournment. It requires a second, is not debatable, may be amended only as to the time of adjournment, and requires a majority vote. It takes precedence over all motions except that to adjourn.

- Adjourn: Any member who has the floor may move to adjourn. It requires a second, is not debatable, and requires a majority vote. It takes precedence over all other motions.
- Decorum: The purpose of meetings is to reach agreement on community action. Good taste demands that members use the time for this purpose. Do not abuse your undeniable right to speak, even within the parliamentary rules. Do not unnecessarily repeat that which has already been said. Respect the rights and opinions of others, and learn to be a good loser if the vote goes against you.

Article Thirteen: Officers and Chairman

Section One: Timing of Elections

All permanent standing officer and chairmen positions shall be decided by yearly election by the membership. Elections for all officers will be held during the last chapter meeting of November every year. Newly elected officers will take office during the first chapter meeting of January.

Section Two: Election Procedure

- Nominations for all chairman and executive positions shall be made by the
 membership at the second chapter meeting in November. A member may not
 nominate himself. Nominations become official when the nominee accepts the
 nomination. If the member cannot be present due to an excused absence, the
 nominated member has 24 hours to accept or decline the nomination. The
 recording secretary will contact the absent member and relay his decision to the
 chapter.
- 2. Elections will be held the following week during the chapter meeting.
- 3. Each candidate will be allowed to deliver a speech no longer than one minute, monitored by the sergeant-at-arms.
- 4. Candidates may be asked questions by the chapter.
- 5. Votes will be cast by secret ballot and the member with the majority wins the office. In the case that there are more than two brothers running for the same office, a majority is still needed to take the office.
- 6. Votes of each office shall be cast after each candidate delivers his speech and the questions have been asked. The winner of each office shall not be announced until all offices have been filled.
- 7. The recording secretary shall abstain from voting, record all ballots, and announce the winner of each office under supervision of the Grand Chapter Advisor or his appointee. If the event of the absence of the Grand Chapter Advisor (or appointee) the outgoing President shall observe the Recording Secretary. If the outgoing President is seeking re-election, the highest-ranking executive not seeking re-election shall be the observer.⁷

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⁷ Article amended at the Chapter Meeting on November 25, 2001. Vote Count: 24 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Section Four: Impeachment

Any officer or chairman may be impeached if an officer or chairman is negligent in his duties of University, state, federal, or Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters regulations. The Prudential Committee will host an investigation and make a ruling. A ruling may be appealed to the chapter and overturned by a majority vote of the brothers in good standing.

Clause One: An officer may resign before being impeached.

Clause Two: In the event that an officer or chairman is removed from his office, resigns or is unable to effectively fulfill his duties, the President shall appoint, with approval of the Prudential Committee, a member to replace the officer until the next yearly election. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Prudential Committee shall set a time and date for a special election.

Section Five: Term of Office for Officers and Chairman

We, the brothers of Gamma Chi, will not impose term limits on any office. A brother may hold any position as long as he is re-elected each term.

Article Fourteen: Finances

Section One: Dues

The Prudential Committee shall determine the appropriate amount of dues that each member must pay, at which time the chapter will vote to amend the dues. A majority vote of the chapter is required to make line-item amendments to the dues.

Clause One: All chapter dues must be paid at the first chapter meeting of each semester.

Clause Two: Special Assessment: under such circumstances that a member may have difficulty paying the full amount of dues at one time, that member may opt to accept an alternative payment plan provided by the treasurer, which will extend a maximum period of the current semester. Payment must be made within one week of due date. For everyday over the 1-week grace period that dues are late, the member is charged \$3/day. Once a member is 1 month late on his payment he will be automatically suspended until he becomes financially in good standing.

Clause Three: Should a member be unable to pay the full amount of dues, even within respect to the Special Assessment Clause, within the same semester, the

individual will be suspended from all Chapter activities and functions for a maximum of one year, unless covered by the Special Assessment Clause.⁸

Clause Four: If he does not become financially in good standing, the chapter will petition the Grand Council for suspension from Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity. All paper work must be filed appropriately with the National Headquarters.

Clause Five: Member choosing to pay the entire amount of dues without utilizing the payment plan process must have his entire dues paid for within 30 days of the beginning of the semester. This date will be set by the Treasurer on a per semester basis.

Section Two: Rejoining the Brotherhood After Suspension

Should a person whose membership has been suspended due to financial difficulties wish to rejoin the membership, he must repay all his outstanding debts to the brotherhood, be approved for re-admittance or for release of suspension by a majority vote of the membership.

Article Fifteen: Definitions

Social Probation: This is the status given to a brother by the academic chair for not achieving the necessary 2.4 semester or 2.3 cumulative grade point average, after being on academic probation for the previous semester. While on social probation a brother may not attend any fraternity sponsored social events. Social probation may also be sanctioned by the judicial board as punishment for unacceptable behavior by a brother.

Academic Probation: Status given to a brother after having not achieved the minimum grade point average requirement. Under academic probation, the academic chairman can issue study programs along with the mandatory study tables to raise the member's grade point average.

Brothers in Good Standing: Status given to brothers that are financially paid and up-to-date in their social, local, and national dues as well as rent to the Alumni Corporation.

Article Sixteen: Pledgeship and Pledge Education

Section One: Pledgeship Purpose and Procedure

⁸ Article amended at Chapter Meeting on December 9, 2001. Vote Count: 22 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain

Gamma Chi recognizes that the purpose of pledgeship is to:

- Educate pledges about history and ritual of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.
- Form bonds and relationships between the pledges and existing brothers in a positive manner.
- Develop pride, integrity, and a sense of honor in the ritual of the chapter.

Gamma Chi will set forth a comprehensive pledge program to be reviewed each year by the Prudential Committee, and to be submitted to nationals. Each activity and program shall reflect the ideals, values, and goals of the pledge program and will serve to accomplish the aforementioned purposes for pledgeship.

Article Seventeen: Ratification

Section One:

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

Section Two:

This document will take effect immediately after its ratification.

Article Eighteen: Minimum Standards⁹

Section One: Campus Involvement

Each Brother will be expected to be involved in at least one campus organization other than Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Section Two: Community Service:

Each brother will be expected to contribute at least one hour of community service during each semester. This community service must be conducted in groups of at least three Alpha Sigma Phi members.

Section Three: Scholarship

Each brother will be expected to attain a grade point average of at least 2.8.

Section Four: Enforcement

Brothers will complete a monthly form outlining there progress in the above three areas.

⁹ Article passed unanimously at chapter meeting held on 12/9/2001.

In the event that a brother violates any of the above provisions, he will required to meet with the President or his designee to develop a plan to remedy the violation. If it is determined that the plan developed by the President and the violating member is not being followed, the violating member will be suspended from membership until satisfactory progress on the plan is demonstrated. In the event that the President is in violation of the above provisions, he will follow the same procedure detailed above through meetings with the Grand Chapter Advisor.

Article Nineteen: Delineation of Power

Section 1:

These actions must be approved in Executive Board

- a. All financial transactions less than \$500, not included in the budget
- b. All personal changes
- c. Approval of events and event status.

Section 2:

Actions that must be approved by Full Chapter

- a. All financial transactions \$500 or more, not included in the budget.
- b. All constitution/by-laws changes
- c. Membership status of members.

Amendment Passed Unanimously

Alpha Sigma Phi

Biographical Information



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Officers

The Prudential Board:

President Samuel Locke Vice-President Jeremy Buchanan Marshal Derek Yoder Recording Secretary Chris Ouackenbush Scott Colglazier Corresponding Secretary Philip Baer Treasurer Mike Ward Member-at-Large Nick Campbell Member-at Large

Committee Chairmen:

Rush Eric Scott (co-chair) Jordan Whitt (co-chair) Rush Max Semenick Philanthropy Brotherhood Development Jon Scaggs Social Justin Jackson Fundraising Jordan Thompson Nick Mullett Ethics Chris Andrus **Intramural Programming** Patrick Costello Risk Management Candidate Education Brent Cox Dave Timpanaro Scholarship Alumni/Parent Relations **VACANT**

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Auditor
Dan Holmstrom
Dave Timpanaro



Name: Christopher Andrus

Nickname(s): Chris

Date of Birth: August 23, 1980

Place of Birth: Mineola, NY

Other Places of Residence: Long Island, NY;

West Windsor, NJ

High School(s) Attended: West Windsor HS;

Plainsboro HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Finance; Accounting

Hobbies and Interests: Sports

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana University Student Foundation Marketing Committee

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Intramural Chairman (2001-2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined for the camaraderie.

Why are you attending Indiana University: To obtain an education is business and to broaden my horizons.





Name: Philip Baer

Nickname(s): Phil; Dingo; Phildo

Date of Birth: September 5, 1982

Place of Birth: Zürich, Switzerland

Other Places of Residence: Bilboa, Spain; Madrid, Spain; Mougins, France; Hong Kong, England; Pymble, Australia; Lake Jackson, TX

High School(s) Attended: St. Ives HS;

Brazoswood HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Computer Information Systems; International Studies; Spanish; Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Hobbies and Interests: Basketball, tennis, weightlifting, computers

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Computer Information System Club

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Member-at-Large (Fall 2001); Treasurer (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: To become a part of great relationships and to lead as founding fathers the fraternity to being the best on campus.

Why are you attending Indiana University: It has a good business school and athletic program.

Favorite Quote: "Alrighty then." - Ace Ventura; "It's my game that got you here." -

Bobby Knight





Name: Michael Thomas Behrns

Nicknames: Mike

Date of Birth: September 29, 1983

Place of Birth: Fort Wayne, IN

High School(s) Attended: Homestead HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Physics, Mathematics, Pre-

Medicine

Hobbies and Interests: Golf, medicine, tennis.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Fraternity; Health Thematic Community (President); Ashton Residence Center (Vice-President).

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: Alpha Sigma Phi was one of the few Greek organizations that would allow me to pursue my ambitions and aspirations as a student. Also, and most importantly, I found myself amongst a group of guys that complimented my personality and with whom I could see a solid potential friendship with the majority of existing members.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Indiana University's Physic department is one of the top physics departments in the nation. Also, Indiana University's close relationship with the Indiana University School of Medicine was another appealing aspect. Finally, in comparison to my other prospective universities, Indiana University was more monetarily plausible.

Favorite Quote: "It's the little things that kill you."





Name: Bryane Wayne Brinkley

Nicknames: Pappy

Date of Birth: September 25, 1975

Place of Birth: San Diego, CA

Other Places of Residence: Savannah, GA;

Chesterton, IN; Henderson, KY; Colorado Springs,

CO; Bloomington, IN

High School(s) Attended: Chesterton HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Parks and Recreation

Management

Hobbies and Interests: Swimming, sports, kids.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Cancer Camp for Kids

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: House Manager (2001); Marshal (2001); Fundraising Chairman (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined because I wanted to be a part of an organization and meet new people.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I heard this school was a good place to go.



Name: Jeremy Buchanan

Nickname(s): J

Date of Birth: May 3, 1982

Place of Birth: Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Franklin Central HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Political Science; Economics;

History; Business

Hobbies and Interests: Sports, politics.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Liberal Arts & Management Program

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Recording Secretary (Fall 2000); Social Chairman (Spring 2001); Rush Chairman (Fall 2001); Member-at-Large (Spring 2001); Vice-President (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: For leadership opportunities, a chance to meet more people, and to get involved on campus.

Why are you attending Indiana University: To get prepared for the real world and to meet people

Favorite Quote: "Whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."



Name: Nick Campbell

Date of Birth: September 18, 1980

Place of Birth: Bloomington, IN

Other Places of Residence: Spencer, IN

High School(s) Attended: Owen Valley HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Public Finance; Business

Hobbies and Interests: Water sports, basketball, baseball, and just about everything else.

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Brotherhood Chairman (2001); Member-at-Large (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi for the fellowship of its members and alumni. I also wanted to build my resume and to be involved in the university, and to help myself become a more professional man.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University in order to achieve my goals in life. It is a good school, it was cheap, and it is close to home.

Favorite Quote: "Excuses are nails that build houses of failure."





Name: Scott Alan Colglazier

Nicknames: Scottie 2 Hottie

Date of Birth: November 20, 1981

Place of Birth: Bloomington, IN

Other Places of Residence: Spencer, IN;

Petersburg, IN; Greentown, IN

High School(s) Attended: Eastern (Howard) HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Exercise Science; Psychology

Hobbies and Interests: Fishing, water skiing, football, baseball, swimming, weightlifting, basketball, IU basketball, church activities, golf, tennis, roller blading, sleeping, playing video games, hanging out with my brothers and girlfriend

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Campus Crusade for Christ; Student Athletic Board

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Ethics Chairman (Fall 2001); Corresponding Secretary (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi because I really liked the guys and saw an opportunity to be a part of something great. Being a Founding Father is a great honor and it's awesome to see how far we have come.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I wanted to be close to home but far enough away that I didn't have to be home every weekend. I also love the campus and feel that I am getting a great education here.





Name: Patrick William Costello

Nickname(s): Polo Pat; Felon; Pork; Porker;

Porkie; Porkstello; Patty

Date of Birth: November 24, 1981

Place of Birth: Chicago, IL

Other Places of Residence: Arlington Heights, IL

High School(s) Attended: Buffalo Grove HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Elementary Education

Hobbies and Interests: Swimming, skiing, water polo.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Water Polo Club (Treasurer)

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Risk Manager (2001-2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I got along with the guys well, saw potential with the group, and like what was going on.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I liked the university, and what it had to offer.

Favorite Quote: "All I want is to have my peace of mind."





Name: Brenton Steven Cox

Nicknames: Petey, What, Sips, Smokes

Date of Birth: June 10, 1983

Place of Birth: Columbia City, IN

High School(s) Attended: Columbia City HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Elementary Education

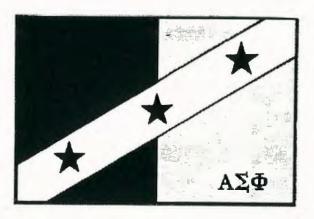
Hobbies and Interests: Athletics, card games, play station.

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Pledge Class President

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I was recruited by my neighbors.

Why are you attending Indiana University: To get my degree and become an elementary school teacher.





Name: Chad Jay Elkins

Date of Birth: March 10, 1980

Place of Birth: Bloomington, IN

High School(s) Attended: Bloomington South HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Business; Computer

Information Systems

Hobbies and Interests: Golf, intramurals.

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Webmaster (2000-2001)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined for brotherhood and to meet new people.

Why are you attending Indiana University: To get an education.

Favorite Quote: "I am the walrus."





Name: Yu-cheng Jack Fan

Nicknames: Azn TBear (Asian Teddy Bear);

Snuggles

Date of Birth: May 14,1982

Place of Birth: Taichung, Taiwan

Other Places of Residence: Dallas, TX

High School(s) Attended: Shepton High School, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

Major(s)/Minor(s): Computer Information

Systems; Psychology

Hobbies and Interests: Ballroom Dancing, Culinary Arts, Drawing, Photography, Digital Arts, Martial Arts, Paintball, Video Games.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Vice President, Foster International; IU Ballroom Dance Club; Civic Leadership Development.

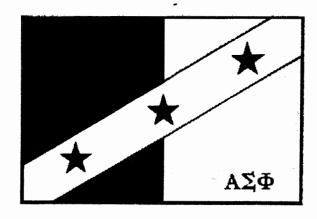
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Fundraising Chairman (2001)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: To further and share my college experiences with the support of fraternal brothers.

Why are you attending Indiana University: To perceive the world through the prospective of professors, scholars, new friends, and the campus itself.

Favorite Quote: "There are not facts, just interpretations."





Name: Mike Gaudzels

Nicknames: Mike

Date of Birth: September 22, 1981

Place of Birth: Peoria, IL

Other Places of Residence: Martinsville, IN

High School(s) Attended: Martinsville HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Business

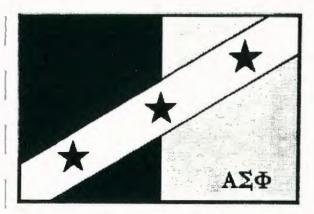
Hobbies and Interests: Basketball, chess, physical fitness.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana University Chess Club (President); Habitat for Humanity (Worksite Coordinator)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I like the people and believe it would be a great experience.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University to get an education that is necessary for the career I want to pursue. College in general is an experience of a lifetime for too many reasons to mention here.

Favorite Quote: "If success is an equation y=x+y+z, then x=work, y=play, and z=keep your mouth shut."



Name: Bryan Holcomb

Nicknames: Bainey; Holkie

Date of Birth: November 10, 1982

Place of Birth: Rochester, IN

High School(s) Attended: Rochester HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Recreational Sports

Management

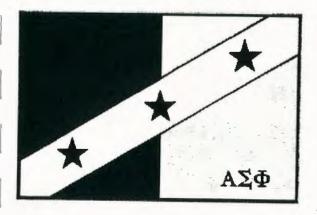
Hobbies and Interests: Baseball, football, basketball, bowling.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana University Bowling Team

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I believe in what Alpha Sigma Phi stands for and I enjoy the company of the brothers.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University to receive an education and strengthen my resume in the job market.





Name: Dan Holmstrom

Date of Birth: November 30, 1981

Place of Birth: Evansville, IN

Other Places of Residence: St. Phillips, IN

High School(s) Attended: North Posey HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Journalism; Spanish

Hobbies and Interests: Rock climbing, backpacking, cycling, photography.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana Army National Guard

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: House Editor (Spring 2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined largely to help bring the influence of Jesus Christ into the Greek community. I chose Alpha Sigma Phi because I was impressed by the leadership and values of its members.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I transferred to Indiana University from Ball State because Bloomington, Indiana is very conducive to my hobby.

Favorite Quote: "Hermit crabs ... bout bought me a whole mess of 'em."





Name: Justin Jackson

Nickname(s): J.J.; Jackson

Date of Birth: January 15, 1983

Place of Birth: Rockport, IN

High School(s) Attended: South Spencer HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Psychology; Journalism; Jazz

Performance

Hobbies and Interests: Writing, playing the saxophone, movies, martial art of Hapkido.

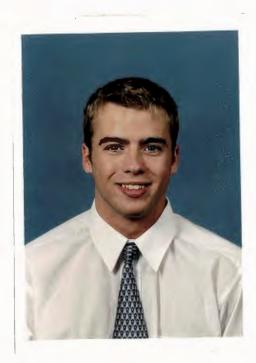
Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana University Hapkido Club; All Campus Band

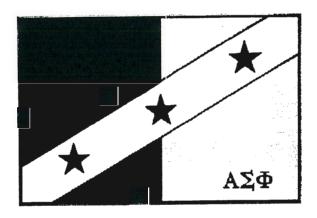
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Social Chairman (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined to get involved in the campus community, meet new people, and try to make a difference.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Indiana University is a school that's close enough to home that I can keep in touch with family and friends, but large enough so that I can keep me independence.

Favorite Quote: "Half of the world is composed of idiots, and the other half is composed of people waiting to take advantage of them."





Name: Robert Miles Kane

Date of Birth: September 16, 1982

Place of Birth: Akron, OH

High School(s) Attended: Revere HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Music Composition; Piano

Performance

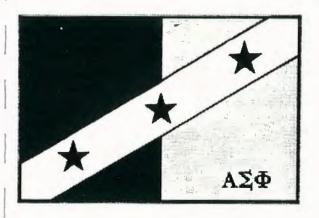
Hobbies and Interests: Art, traveling, composing music, golfing, performing, clubbing. (Spring 2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: This fraternity is organized of well rounded individuals who treat each other with respect. We all come from different backgrounds and bring with us certain attributes that help define true brotherhood.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University's prestigious School of Music in the hopes of one day scoring for motion pictures and television.

Favorite Quote: "Things happen for a reason."





Name: Yutung "Bob" Liu

Date of Birth: June 1, 1981

Place of Birth: Taipei, Taiwan

Other Places of Residence: Palo Alto, CA

High School(s) Attended: Henry M. Gunn HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Computer Science; Business

Hobbies and Interests: Reading my Bible, going to church and worshiping God.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Campus Crusade for Christ

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Webmaster (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: God led me to join Alpha Sigma Phi.

Why are you attending Indiana University: God led me to Indiana University.

Favorite Quote: "Holy, holy is the lord almighty."





Name: Samuel Martin Locke

Nickname(s): Sam: Slocke

Date of Birth: August 1, 1982

Place of Birth: Connersville, IN

High School(s) Attended: Connersville HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Secondary Education; Political Science; History; Aerospace Studies

Hobbies and Interests: Golfing, backpacking, camping, politics, movies, music, soccer, watching sports events.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Air Force ROTC (Wing Executive Officer); Indiana University College Democrats; Indiana University Men's Soccer Team (Manager); Intramural Sports Official's Association, Order of Omega, Interfraternity Council (Major Issues Committee); Indiana Democratic Party (State Convention Delegate)

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Alumni Relations Chairman (2000); Rush Chairman (2001); Recording Secretary (2001); President (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I wanted to join a fraternity that stood for more than the stereotypical one did – I found that in Alpha Sigma Phi

Why are you attending Indiana University: It's somewhat of a family tradition. I knew I wanted to come to Indiana University after visiting several times as a kid to see family or watch sporting events. It is an added advantage that the campus is so nice and my academic programs are top-notch.

Favorite Quote: "Ships are safe in harbors, but that's not what ships are built for."





Name: Bryan David Macer

Nickname(s): Mace

Date of Birth: September 12, 1982

Place of Birth: South Bend, IN

High School(s) Attended: LaSalle HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Mathematics

Hobbies and Interests: Athletics, humor, card games.

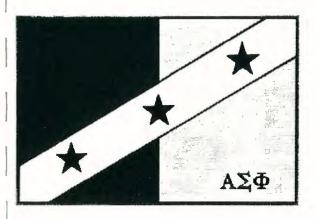
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Recruitment Chairman (2001)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I met a guy in the fraternity named Nick Mullett. Should I say anymore?

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University to get a degree in anything and possibly a wife.

Favorite Quote: "Never for the sake of peace and quiet deny your own experience or convictions." – Dag Hammarskjold; "Timmy." – Timmy





Name: Jacob Medlen

Nickname(s): Jake

Date of Birth: June 24, 1980

Place of Birth: Kokomo, IN

Other Places of Residence: Greentown, IN

High School(s) Attended: Eastern (Howard) HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Public Affairs; Information

Systems

Hobbies and Interests: Golf, basketball, movies.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana University Student Foundation – IU Sing Production Staff; Student Athletic Board

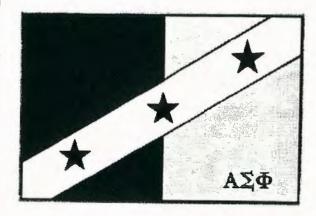
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Marshal (2000-2001); President (Fall 2001); New Member Educator (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I was looking for a group of quality men that were easy to get along with and that seemed to be quality men and friends.

Why are you attending Indiana University: My entire family attended Indiana University and it just seemed like the right place for me.

Favorite Quote: "The only real losses in life are the risks we don't take and the challenges we don't accept."





Name: James Arthur Minar

Nickname(s): James

Date of Birth: September 6, 1983

Place of Birth: Huntsville, AL

Other Places of Residence: Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Roncalli HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Marketing

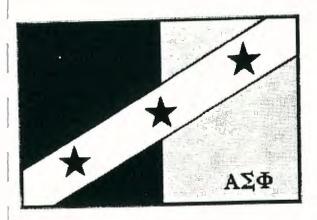
Hobbies and Interests: Weightlifting, basketball, bowling, billiards.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Fraternity

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi to develop a bond with my brothers and do some good for the community.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Indiana University is the greatest college in the history of the world.





Name: John Nick Mullett

Nicknames: Sloth, The Hair

Date of Birth: October 11, 1980

Place of Birth: Kokomo, IN

Other Places of Residence: Greentown, IN

High School(s) Attended: Eastern (Howard) HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Sports Marketing and Management; Business Entrepreneurship

Hobbies and Interests: Fishing, bike racing, chilling with the boys.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Hoosier Sports Marketing Club; Student Athletic Board

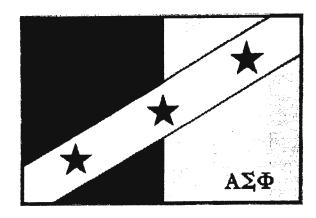
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Intramural Chairman (2000); Member-at-Large (2000-2001); Little 500 Team Captain (2000-2002); Ethics Chairman (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I came to college with my roommate as my only friend, I found Alpha Sigma Phi and became a brother to many.

Why are you attending Indiana University: It was a beautiful place with beautiful women.

Favorite Quote: "Suicide: A choice of natural selection."





Name: Nathan Pease

Nicknames: Nate

Date of Birth: October 10, 1979

Place of Birth: Michigan City, IN

High School(s) Attended: Michigan City HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Biology; Spanish

Hobbies and Interests: Anything outdoors, skiing, rock climbing, hiking, spelunking, hunting.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Habitat for Humanity (Crew Leader)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I've met a lot of the members and they all have given me the impression of being quality men. I would like to get to know them and hopefully lead some of the younger guys away from some of the mistakes I made my first two years of college.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am getting my B.S. in biology, which will hopefully leas to medical school.

Favorite Quote: "The sign of an immature man is that he wants to die for a noble cause. The sign of a mature one is that he wants to live humbly for one."



Name: Christopher Ian Quackenbush

Nicknames: Munchinbush, Quickinbush, Quack

Date of Birth: July 1, 1982

Place of Birth: Indianapolis, IN

Other Places of Residence: Bloomington, IN

High School(s) Attended: Owen Valley HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): SPEA Management; Business

Hobbies and Interests: Bicycling, fishing, golf, and football.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Campus Crusade for Christ

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Philanthropy Chairman (2001); Recording Secretary (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: Alpha Sigma Phi seemed to be right for me based on brotherhood, scholarships, and friendships within.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Indiana University has been my school of choice since the time I was a small child, it has always been where I intended on going.

Favorite Quote: "There is no 'I' in team but there is a 'me'."





Name: David Raffauf

Date of Birth: August 25, 1981

Place of Birth: Louisville, KY

Other Places of Residence: Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Eastern HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Computer Science; Math;

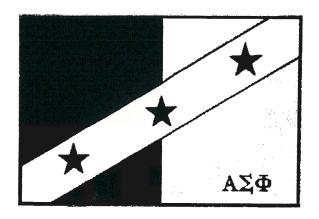
Biology

Hobbies and Interests: Music, guitar, business.

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi because I liked all of the Alpha Sigs I've met, and I want to get involved.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I want to be able to get a job I like. I want to improve myself and meet people.





Name: Jonathan L. Scaggs

Nicknames: Scaggs

Date of Birth: May 12, 1981

Place of Birth: Gallipolis, OH

Other Places of Residence: New Haven, WV; Evansville, IN; Rockport, IN; Washington, IN

High School(s) Attended: South Spencer HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Interior Design; Marketing

Hobbies and Interests: Singing, drawing, model making, theater.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Singing Hoosiers

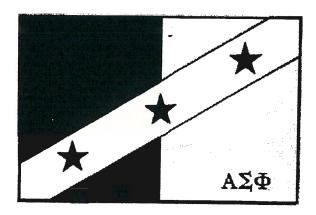
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Rush Chairman (2000); Pledge Educator (2001); Brotherhood Chairman (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: Alpha Sigma Phi provides us all an amazing opportunity. I saw something different there than I saw in other fraternities. Alpha Sigma Phi allows one to be accepted for who they are and for me, it means true brotherhood.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Indiana University is an amazing school with many opportunities. One can choose one or mix many paths to have a different experience from the next.

Favorite Quote: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."





Name: Eric John Scott

Nickname(s): Big E; E

Date of Birth: February 18, 1980

Place of Birth: Anderson, IN

High School(s) Attended: Highland HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Graphic Design

Hobbies and Interests: Drums, woodworking, cooking.

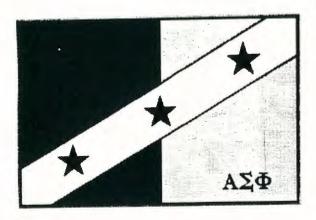
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Member-at-Large (2000); Corresponding Secretary (2001); Rush Chairman (2002); IU Sing Song Leader (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I wanted to meet a group of friends that would help me to better myself.

Why are you attending Indiana University: It's a great school that has great academics, great athletics, and great diversity.

Favorite Quote: "Success is doing something good when you can, where you can and while you can."





Name: Max Raymond Semenick

Nicknames: Maximus

Date of Birth: December 13, 1981

Place of Birth: Louisville, KY

Other Places of Residence: Cincinnati, OH;

Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Colerain HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Special Education

Hobbies and Interests: All football not played in Indiana, Indiana University basketball, singing, serving and loving Jesus Christ.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Fraternity; All Campus Choir (Executive Rep.); Connexions Church; Sherwood Oaks Christian Church (Sunday School Teacher); Indiana University Jujitsu Club; Indiana University Karate Club

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Ethics Chairman (2000-2001); Philanthropy Chairman (2002)

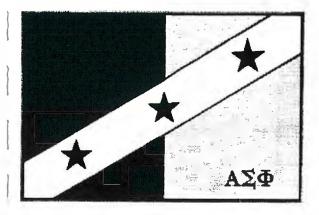
Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I found an incredible opportunity to make a difference at my university for the better. I've never considered another fraternity, and regret nothing about my choice of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I originally came to Indiana University for the Business School but have since stayed because of Alpha Sigma Phi and ministry opportunities on campus.

Favorite Quote: "Trust in the Lord with all of your mind, all of your strength, and all of







Name: Brian Kenneth Sharp

Nicknames: Sharpie

Date of Birth: March 29, 1982

Place of Birth: Cape Girardeau, MO

Other Places of Residence: Jeffersonville, IN

High School(s) Attended: Jeffersonville HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Criminal Justice

Hobbies and Interests: Photography, Ice and Roller Hockey.

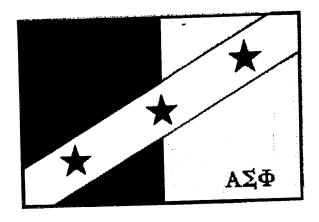
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Social Chairman (2000); House Editor (2001); Sergeant At Arms (2001-2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi because I saw it as a great opportunity to leave my mark on this campus, to grow with myself, to make friends, and to have fun.

Why are you attending Indiana University: It is the best school in Indiana for criminal justice. It also offers a variety of classes.

Favorite Quote: "Don't dwell on the past, enjoy the present, and don't rush the future."





Name: David Smart

Nickname(s): Dave, Smart, Super Dave

Date of Birth: December 27, 1980

Place of Birth: Muncie, IN

High School(s) Attended: Muncie Central HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Computer Science; Physics

Hobbies and Interests: Computers.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Indiana University Gaming Club

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I enjoy the brothers and was interested in the brotherhood.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I was interested in a Big Ten school.



Name: Jordon Robert Thompson

Nicknames: Cue Ball

Date of Birth: May 19, 1981

Place of Birth: Wabash, IN

Other Places of Residence: Marion, IN;

Indianapolis, IN; Flagstaff, AZ

High School(s) Attended: Marion HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): History; Classical Studies

Hobbies and Interests: Playing basketball and baseball, doing community service with Alpha Phi Omega.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity (Vice President, Pledge Trainer); Bloomingkids; Bloomington Parks and Recreation Volunteer; Habitat for Humanity Volunteer

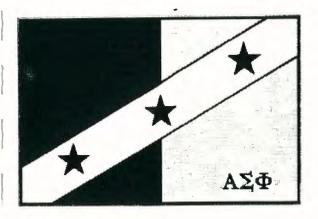
Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Fundraising Chairman (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I was looking for fellowship and brotherhood. These are some great guys, enough said.

Why are you attending Indiana University: It has a solid Arts and Science program. The campus is beautiful, and it is large. There are so many opportunities on campus.

Favorite Quote: "Man is the only animal that refuses to be what it is."





Name: David Timpanaro

Nicknames: Flounder, Tim Tim

Date of Birth: December 28, 1981

Place of Birth: Morristown, NJ

Other Places of Residence: Denville, NJ

High School(s) Attended: Morris Knolls HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Accounting; Finance;

International Business; Spanish

Hobbies and Interests: Watching soccer and college basketball.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Volunteer Usher, Indiana University Auditorium; Student Accounting Society

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Auditor (2001-2002); Academic Chairman (2002)

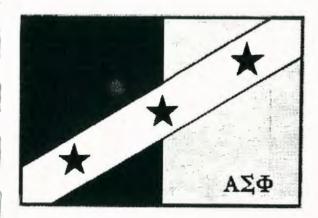
Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi because of the group of men involved in the organization already and the potential I saw for the fraternity of the future. Everyone was friendly and showed a genuine interest in me.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Besides the beautiful campus, I decided to attend Indiana University because of the Kelley School of Business. In addition, I was awarded a faculty scholarship, was admitted to the Honors College, and I am am direct admit business student.

Favorite Quote: "Winning isn't always the barometer of success;" "Let's go shock the







Name: Michael Scott Ward

Nicknames: Crazy Mike

Date of Birth: May 8, 1980

Place of Birth: Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Decatur Central HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Political Science

Hobbies and Interests: Reading my Bible, praying for people who do not have a relationship with God, sharing God's love and forgiveness, spending time with people.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Campus Crusade for Christ; Bible Study Leader; The Love Show (Director)

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Academic Chairman (2000); Vice President (2001); Member-at-Large (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I saw a great group of guys that would be fellow men of character. Plus, I loved being able to see their lives change.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am here to glorify God and let people know that they can receive eternal life, forgiveness of sins, and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Favorite Quote: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart;" "Relentlessly pursue the worthwhile desires that capture your heart."





Name: Jordan Wesley Whitt

Date of Birth: February 5, 1983

Place of Birth: Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Decatur Central HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Pre-Medicine

Hobbies and Interests: Cycling, music, going to concerts, Indiana University basketball.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Campus Crusade for Christ; Junior Greek Council

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Rush Chairman (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi because I thought it could greatly enhance my collegiate experience, socially and academic.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University because in my mind there was really no other choice.

Favorite Quote: "Beware when the great God lets loose a thinker on this planet."





Name: Russell Wiley

Date of Birth: August 23, 1983

Place of Birth: Indianapolis, IN

High School(s) Attended: Roncalli HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Business

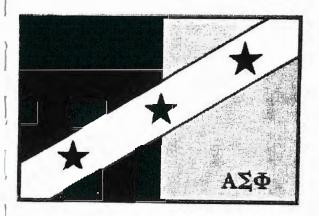
Hobbies and Interests: Golf, basketball, watching TV, nap time, lifting weights.

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I joined Alpha Sigma Phi so I would be able to be a part of an organization that I can take pride in.

Why are you attending Indiana University: I am attending Indiana University because I wanted to get a quality education at a well known and respected university.

Favorite Quote: "Don't think cause I'm iced out I'm gonna cool off."





Name: Derek Nathaniel Yoder

Nicknames: Amish, Yoder

Date of Birth: April 19, 1983

Place of Birth: Sarasota, FL

Other Places of Residence: South Bend, IN

High School(s) Attended: Penn HS

Major(s)/Minor(s): Chemistry; Spanish;

Philosophy; Pre-Medicine

Hobbies and Interests: Rugby, Alpha Sigma Phi, camping in mountains, medical interest groups.

Other Organizations and Leadership Positions Within: Campus Crusade for Christ

Positions Currently and Previously Held with Alpha Sigma Phi: Marshal (2002)

Why did you join Alpha Sigma Phi: I was looking for a community of men that had similar values and views toward bettering our society and the way of life.

Why are you attending Indiana University: Because of the avenues for pre-medicine science studies.

Favorite Quote: "Call onto me, I will answer thee, I will show great and mighty things that you do not know;" "If you pulled the wings off a fly, would it become a walk?"



Alfrha Sigma Phi

Structure



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Statement of Accomplishments

Although our colony has only been active on the Bloomington campus for almost four semesters, we have been able to accomplish many great things. Some of these have been small and some large, some more evident and some a little harder to see. However, despite the challenge of being both a new re-colonized chapter, and all of our members being new to the Greek scene, we have been able to counter each of these challenges and still accomplish many things in a short time.

Perhaps the most important accomplishment thus far is our recruiting effort. The pivotal goal of any organization is to convince others that the cause behind your organization is a well-grounded one, and one in which they should desire to be a part of. We, the Gamma Chi Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, started out as a group of twenty-five men and have been able to expand our numbers to near thirty-five. At first this number seems a little misleading, as if recruitment has not been successful, however once you consider the effects of having nearly twelve people transfer and a few members graduate, we have done quite well. As of late we currently have a pledge class of ten members going through with the education process, readying themselves for the process of initiation. When all of our pledge classes are combined, we have had a total of nearly sixty people, and are still growing daily.

Along with recruitment, involvement on campus and spreading the word that Alpha Sigma Phi is back on campus has been a huge success. We have been able to pair for events such as Homecoming, Little 5, Mini 5, and the Valentine's Dinner. These events are typically reserved for active chapters in good standing with IFC, but due to our continued good relations with the Student Activities Office and IFC we have been able to participate in these events and others. We have helped out in both Alpha Delta Pi's philanthropy Kick Ball Tournament and Gamma Phi Beta's Basketball Tournament. Along with this, our basketball intramural team recently went as far as the third round of the tournament, just one game from playing in Assembly Hall. Also, last year we successfully put together a haunted house at the old Alpha Sig house, which was very successful.

We have also been fortunate enough to participate in Little 5. Last year our team was the fastest rookie rider qualifiers and did well in the race. Our riders trained hard and we were very proud of cheering them on in the race, we also look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Maybe the most evident accomplishment in the past two school years is our dominance in IU Sing. Last year we were paired with Alpha Delta Pi and were able to take home the first place trophy for Division B, and the award for Best Choreography. This year, paired with Gamma Phi Beta, we were able to take home not only the Division A first place trophy, but also the Overall Trophy. These awards are extraordinary by themselves, however considering we have one all of these awards in back to back years as a Colony, is saying something about the determination and character of all of us who call ourselves Alpha Sigs.

Statement on Operational Improvements

The structure of any organization is the key to its continued success, and like most organizations, we have made many changes to the chain of command in our system. At the start of our organization we had an executive board consisting of the five offices of: President, Vice President, Marshal, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each of these five offices contained a number of chair positions that reported to that executive officer. We had approximately sixteen chair positions and they were divided as evenly as possible among the execs., trying to place offices of likeness with one another. (i.e. Marshal = Brotherhood).

This system was set up to help encourage accountability on a manageable scale. We did not want one person being in charge of the entire body of Chair positions. In this system we had a network of responsibility and checks to make sure jobs were getting accomplished. The President elect ran all chapter meetings, and the Vice President ran all Exec. Meetings. This system was in place for approximately one semester, where in there were modifications made upon the installation of new officers.

The new system mirrored the first in many ways, however all chairs positions were held accountable to the Vice President, instead of individual officers. Each week the V.P. would hold a chair meeting and discuss issues concerning chairs. This meeting was in addition to the weekly chapter meeting in which all members attended. This system was in place for one year, upon which it was altered again due to the installation of new officers.

Due to the poor attendance in Chair meetings and the lack of accountability being shown, the new administration returned to the previous setup with a few minor changes. The Exec. Board was expanded to include: President, Vice President, Marshal, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec., Recording Sec., and two Members At Large (The two Rush Chairs were also included on the Board due to the importance of Rush, but not as voting members). Each Officer was in charge of a certain number of Chair officers, with exception to the Vice President. His job was to oversee the Executive officers, besides the President, and help any way possible with their interactions between the Chair officers. He also ran chapter meetings, and the President ran all Exec. Meetings. This system has been in place for one semester and seems to be the best so far. They key is having sufficient involvement and dedication of the Execs., who can then pass on encouragement and insight to the other Chairs. The next stage of improvement we would like to look into is more involvement from Committees to help the Chairs. Early in our organization committees were hard to form due to our low numbers, however, we are beginning to do away with that problem and the possibility of forming more committees is a reality.

Statement on Retreats/Leadership Programming Conducted

Within the past two years, the Gamma Chi colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, has taken an oath, and the responsibility, to uphold leadership standards and ideals. Finding a structure of legislative practice is only a small contribution to their present status; maintaining inter-counsel relations and events, to better the procedures of those in office, accounts for the majority of their advances as a whole. Leadership events, which include teamwork exercises, have been performed in the past such as: Brotherhood retreat to Bradford woods; Brotherhood wall climbing; and individual leadership counsels.

The retreat to Bradford woods was an all day event and included 20 brothers. The activities performed varied in physical and mental abilities, which stressed team and individual leadership. This was the first informal gathering of the colony. Leadership became apparent as certain brothers took the role to accomplish set tasks. Mental frustration was one of the many hurdles the brothers had to overcome, and did so with team management, even through tough competitive spirit. By the end of day, the brothers knew each other better and acquired a sense of accountability to be their brother's keeper.

To maintain leadership standards, the weekly chapter meetings for Gamma Chi fluctuate each week between a business meeting and an informal, interactive, chapter meeting. In the past, the brothers have invited such persons as leadership counselors, drug and alcohol safety awareness speakers, and recruitment counselors, in order to encourage and inform those men who are chairmen or on the executive board. The concepts taught by these counselors are then incorporated into the leader's role. These speeches and lectures do help chairmen and executive members, but also encourage all the members of Gamma Chi, as a whole, to further our expansion as a chapter and integrate proper motives of Alpha Sigma Phi into our daily lives.

The legislative system of Gamma Chi colony is constructed on the basis of rank. Each executive member has a board of chairmen that he must oversee. As events and reports are completed in the colony, the chairmen report their progress to their successor and in turn, the executive member reports the information to the exec board and to the vice president and senior president. This ladder system reinforces the value of being your brother's keeper. If a task is not completed the executive member is held responsible along with the brothers responsible under him. In this way individual leadership counsel becomes very important and in some instances mandated by the executive officer.

Overall, Gamma Chi colony of Alpha Sigma Phi has made it their duty to exemplify proper leadership tactics in order to expand and meet the required level of service to their community. A strong leadership program is the core of which every task of the fraternity stems from, so legislative practices, and individual counsel, birth the driving force that makes each man in the Gamma Chi colony proud to say they are pursuing "To Better the Man."

Alpha Sigma Phi

Recruitment



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Statement on Recruitment

Every fraternity needs the ability to attract men that model the values of that band of brothers. Here at the Gamma Chi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, we pride ourselves in having the opportunity to recruit such men that portray a true Alpha Sig. From Fall Rush to Spring Rush and many events in between, new members are being sought and pledged into the best fraternity on campus. Our process is one of length, but necessary to evaluate and review the worth of a possible bid. The reason is brought back to a basic concept we follow. Here a Gamma Chi, we are trying to "Better the Man" and want to be sure that regression of this mindset does not occur by sowing bad seed into the fraternity.

Events for recruitment include many diverse activities to appeal to different people's interest. Such events include, but not limited to: Bowling, basketball/Football games, cookouts, dances, and restaurant visits. We invite potential bids to as many events as possible therefore giving them maximum exposure to the brothers of the fraternity. After each event, the brothers will discuss in a small group about how they feel the values of the bid line up with what Alpha Sigma Phi represents to them personally. This process has no time limit or restrictions. If we feel that more evaluation and personal one-on-one with the potential man is necessary, then this process has been known to carry on for some time. After the potential bids are evaluated in secret at these events, a question will arise at the next chapter meeting. The brothers, who interacted with the future Alpha Sig, will proceed to describe how he feels about the individual. After discussion is over, the chapter will vote and decide whether or not he is going to receive a bid. If the vote is yea, then the new bid will receive congratulations and notifications within twenty-four hours.

This same process is followed during the time of Spring and Fall Rush. The men who are truly interested in the fraternity will be contacted and given information of every event we will be having. The rush set up includes a table and our banner. The table consists of our creed and interests we are looking for in men. We also pride ourselves with the first place all around trophy for IU sing and also for the high standing we receive within the IFC. According to speculation of this semester's figures, 2001-02 semester, we may receive a ten star rating depending on our academic success. This would boost everything at Rush by making us the first table people come to, and being first at top of lists and information regarding IFC. Next semester we are supplying Frisbees and pens that have our letters on them along with phone numbers of the recruitment officers. Another vain that is being addressed is High School Scholarships. We are currently offering two scholarships if applicants decide to attend IU. This works our name into the High Schools and also offers support to the parents of future brothers.

Overall Gamma Chi expansion has taken place six times, in which we are happy to welcome our newest brothers, Delta Class, to the fraternity. As more brothers enter, recruitment will dwindle to a more balanced tear than what is currently allotted for it. Since we spend much time in recruitment and recruitment events, we view this more as an investment into our future brothers of the Gamma Chi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

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Pledgeship



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Statement on Pledgeship

The goal of the Gamma Chi new member process is to build brotherhood. Our focus on brotherhood is what, we believe, will make our colony successful. As brothers, the new members will learn to hold each other accountable for themselves, each other, and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. In effect, the new members will learn to be their brother's keeper.

Along with brotherhood other important ideologies will be stressed. Among the top of our priorities will be academics. The new members will be responsible for attending the same required time allotment for study tables as the rest of the colony in order to remain in academic good standing.

Another priority, for a Gamma Chi new member, is philanthropy and community service. The new members must know that it is extremely important to give back to our community. This not only is valuable for the community, but it also teaches the new members to respect the community in which they are a part of.

The instrument for assisting our new members achieve the goals that are set out for them is the seven points of Alpha Sigma Phi. These are the principles upon which we are to live by as men of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The seven points spell out perfectly the priorities that are given emphasis to and rounds out what being a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi is, and should be, all about.

Overall, our pledge plan is designed to follow Alpha Sigma Phi's motto of, "To Better The Man." We will do this in a supportive, non-hazing fashion that builds the men's character and builds the type of man that belongs in Alpha Sigma Phi.

Fall 2002 PLEDGE PROGRAM

WEEK 1:

This begins the first week of pledgeship. In this first week the new members will begin their journey as members of Alpha Sigma Phi. They are responsible for learning their pledge brothers information.

WEEK 2:

In this second week the new members will begin to learn more about the teachings of Alpha Sigma Phi. Specifically, they will learn the first of the seven points of the pledge pin, "Prepare yourself to be worthy of the hidden teachings of Alpha Sigma Phi."

WEEK 3:

The second point will be focused on throughout this week. "Govern every action with a high sense of honor."

WEEK 4:

During this week the new members will learn, and act on, the third point of the pledge pin, "Devote yourself to the principles of charity and patriotism.

WEEK 5:

The fifth point, "Develop a love for, and a loyalty to your alma mater."

WEEK 6:

This week the new members will learn the meaning of the sixth point, "Accept your responsibility in the collective effort to assist and encourage each other."

WEEK 7:

Activity Planning

WEEK 8:

The final point on the pledge pin, "Impress in your heart and mind that initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will bind you to her as a brother all through life."

ACTION: PLAN FOR ACTIVITIES

Fall 2002 PLEDGE PROGRAM

Throughout this program the new members will be required to learn the Fraternity's history nationally as well as Alpha Sigma Phi's history at Indiana University. Below is some of the information that Gamma Chi's new members will be responsible for:

- (3) Founding Fathers of Alpha Sigma Phi
- Greek Alphabet
- Reason for Being
- The "H" offices
 - Names of current officers
 - Organizational Structure of Gamma Chi
- Information of current brothers (info sheet provided in back of packet).

Gamma Chi's new members will be responsible for their own academic success but we will help them achieve success. The new members will attend 3 study halls a week for 2 hours each of those three nights. At the week's end they will have studied a total of 9 hours with their brothers. This will help to create better academic standings and study habits as well as help to create unity among the pledge class.

Before being allowed to complete the new member process the new members must plan and execute three events:

- 1) Philanthropy/Service project (week 4)
- 2) Brotherhood event for entire chapter
- 3) Chapter improvement project

At the end of the pledge process the new members will take a "final evaluation" before being considered as a "full" brother of Gamma Chi. The final will consist of everything they have learned in their nine weeks of the new member program.

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Academics



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Statement on Academics

While all of us in the Gamma Chi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi are pledges to the fraternity, our first priority is to be students to Indiana University. In the pursuit of higher education, we as students must maintain academic standards above and beyond the minimum standards imposed on us. Therefore, a plan for future academic achievement is taking affect for all pledges of the fraternity.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) of Indiana University requires that all Greek GPAs are at or above 2.8. Since our current GPA is 2.9, I plan on increasing our overall house GPA to near to or at a 3.0 by the Spring semester of 2003. To complete such a task, mandatory study tables in addition to guest lectures from those in academia as well academic clubs will be used to increase our fraternity's educational awareness and overall goals.

Finding time is difficult to find in everyone's schedule. Through academic study tables, I hope to foster the educational spirit of higher learning in all of our pledges and brothers. Through the tables, one will be able to find a quiet environment in which to grasp the material he is studying more easily. In addition, once preliminary scheduling has been completed, a comprehensive peer tutor program can be initiated. Through tutoring programs, brothers who have already taken and excelled in certain classes can help their brother's academically by giving their brothers useful insight into difficult questions. Lastly, the faculty and academic clubs at Indiana University are diverse and knowledgeable in many fields. For the new pledges as well as for information of the current brothers, I hope to hold guest lectures that introduce various majors and minors as well clubs that may seem interesting to the brothers. On the same token, I hope to have guest speakers from the Office of Overseas Study introduce and excite our brothers about the possibilities of studying abroad.

Through all of these programs, I hope to see a greater involvement in academics from our brothers whether it is in the classroom, the library, or in a foreign country. By creating a positive and fun learning environment for the brothers, our tangible academic progress will speak for itself as we climb the ladder of success both at IU and in the future.

Study Table Program

Plan to have a non-GPA based academic program.

What does that mean? Everyone must attend the same hours of tables.

We will have, to start, 5 days of study tables available Sunday thru Thursday.

Each day of study tables will be two hours long from 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm.

Location: Monday – Thursday at the Business School Library

Sunday at the Indiana Memorial Union Gallery (IMUG)

Your obligation will be to attend TWO of five study tables per week.

If we do not see a substantial rise in GPA (as per my judgment), study tables will be increased to 3 hour sessions (6:45 - 9:45) THREE times a week.

In addition, all new pledges must hand in a copy of their first midterm grades received after pledging (ie the April 13th pledges will be required to hand in Fall '02 midterms)

To keep the overall brotherhood in check, I will randomly select 50% of the brotherhood population to go under academic review at midterm. Such a review would consist of them turning in a copy of all classes currently being taken with the midterm grade as well. All grades on this sheet must be signed for by the classes teacher, not AI, TA, or peer tutor.

The penalty applied to all study table hours will be the following:

- 1) Since study tables will be a MANDATORY EVENT, missing them will follow penalties assigned by the Sergeat at Arms.
- 2) For every quarter hour you are late, you will be fined \$1.25 (\$5/hour).
- 3) If the entire table is missed, entry (2) will be increased to a \$15 fine.

I will attend all study table sessions unless another commitment arises where I will appoint another brother to be in charge of the tables for that night.

The reasons for study tables are simple:

- 1) Everyone needs to study to make it at IU
- 2) Since no one has a 4.0 in the house, our studying habits need to improve
- 3) To meet minimum standards for IFC's GPA requirement
- 4) "To maintain the highest standards of intellectual purpose and performance"

GPA Disclosure

Andrus, Christopher	3.2
Baer, Philip	3.2
Behrns, Michael	3.7
Brinkley, Bryane	2.6
Buchanan, Jeremy	3.1
Campbell, Nick	2.7
Colglazier, Scott	2.7
Costello, Patrick	2.4
Cox, Brenton	2.6
Elkins, Chad	3.1
Fan, Jack	3.0
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Kane, Robert	3.7
Liu, Bob	2.8
Locke, Samuel	3.2
Macer, Bryan	2.8
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Timpanaro, David	3.8
Ward, Michael	3.6
Whitt, Jordan	2.4
Wiley, Russell	2.9
Yoder, Derek	3.0

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Philanthropy



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Statement on Philanthropy

Philanthropy and community service have been reintroduced to the Indiana University's Gamma Chi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi with many lofty goals and ideals in place. After the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year Alpha Sigma Phi decided to take the IFC (Intra-Fraternity Council) standards for community involvement as their own. This alone was something unheard of in the Greek Community at IU. Over the course of spring semester of '02 Alpha Sigma Phi participated in many philanthropies held by its neighbors in the Greek system. To date, Alpha Sig has contributed in a threeon-three basketball tournament, IUSA's Sprit of Sport, charities parties and cookouts, and hosted its own euchre tournament seeking to raise money for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Foundation. In its tournament Alpha Sigma Phi raised \$275 on an average of about \$8.30 per brother exceeding the personal standard set by the brotherhood. Aside from philanthropic endeavors the brothers of Alpha Sig have participated greatly in service to their community. The number one venue for volunteer service has been Indiana University's Love Show, an event sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, seeking to show the love of God to the campus. Over a quarter of the brothers participated several hours each in this experience. Alpha Sig has also sent volunteers to soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity, and the Spirit of Sport, while also producing tutors for students here on campus, auditorium ushers, and volunteers for other student work and research such as graduate studies and Disabled Student Services. Finally, this move to increase volunteerism has motivated many of Alpha Sigma Phi's members to volunteer in their hometowns and communities. Throughout the whole of the past year the brotherhood has logged over 200 man-hours in service to Bloomington.

Overall, the goals surrounding philanthropy and community service for Alpha Sigma Phi are being met. Continually seeking to "Better the Man" brothers have found themselves working and participating in events that have changed their view of campus life and the future. Before the standards for service were set under a quarter of Alpha Sigma Phi's brothers participated in unpaid labor and now that number has skyrocketed. The set level of required service and desire for change in the hearts of the brothers within Alpha Sigma Phi will seek continuous improvement and advance in the coming years.

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Campus Involvement



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Brother's Involvement In Campus Organizations

Indiana University Student Foundation

Marketing Committee

Computer and Information Science Club

Liberal Arts and Management Program

Campus Crusade for Christ

Indiana Army National Guard

Indiana University Student Foundation IU

Sing Production Staff

Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Fraternity

Hoosier Sports Marketing Club

Indiana University Emergency Medical

Services

Bloomington Township Volunteer Fire

Department

Singing Hoosiers

All Campus Choir**

Connexions Church

Sherwood Oak Christian Church**

Indiana University Jujitsu Club

Indiana University Karate Club

Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity**

Bloomingkids

Bloomington Parks & Recreation Coaching

Staff**

Habitat for Humanity

Usher, Indiana University Auditorium

Student Accounting Society

The Love Show**

Junior Greek Council

Interfraternity Council

Interfraterntiy Council Major Issues

Committee

Air Force Reserve Officer's Training

Corps**

Indiana University Democrats

Varsity Men's Soccer Team Support Staff

Indiana University Model United Nations

Chess Club **

Physics Club

Residential Program Services

Student Government**

Little 500

Student Athletic Board

Homecoming

Greek Week

Season Athletic Ticket Holders

Other Greek Philanthropies

IU Water Polo

German House

Intramurals

Spirit of Sport

Dance Marathon

President's Council

Honor's Program

TIPS training

Mini 500

Student Alcohol Task Force

** denotes leadership position

Alpha Sigma Phi

Financial Management



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Statement on Financial Management

Financial plan

A financial plan, or budget, is created by the current Treasurer near the end of each semester to have a detailed plan of expenses for the ensuing semester. The budget is broken down into chair positions, special events (such as IU Sing and Little 500), and administrative/miscellaneous sections. To allocate expenses appropriately, the Treasurer and President meet with all chair positions to discuss their planned events and appropriate funding. To complete the financial plan, the total expenses are divided by the current number of brothers, equaling dues required by brothers the following semester. Brothers then vote at chapter to pass the financial plan presented by the Treasurer.

Collection

At the first chapter meeting, brothers sign a contract describing their method of payment. Payments can be made in two methods: in full within thirty days, or monthly, due by the end of the first week of each month. The Treasurer collects dues appropriately according to each brother's contract, and checks are deposited within a week.

An Excel spreadsheet is maintained in order to identify how much a brother still owes, and several reminders are made to brothers during the month to be prepared to pay dues. Furthermore, to ensure correct and on time payments, billing statements are given/mailed to each brother.

If a brother fails to meet their financial obligation based on the contract, he can be suspended from $A\Sigma\Phi$ indefinitely until payments are fulfilled. Further actions are taken if no payments are received within an appropriate time, such as hiring a collection agency to file suit or other accounting services to checklist a student (prevents registration, etc.)

Banking

An Excel spreadsheet is maintained to keep track of expenses and income. Included is a remaining budget, letting chairs know how much money is available to them for their events. The Treasurer is responsible for funding events, paying insurance and other costs (such as reimbursements) in a timely fashion.

Integrity

A monthly statement is sent to the Treasurer's address and the auditor checks over receipts, etc, to ensure integrity of the account and the Treasurer. Furthermore, the Treasurer is required to present monthly, during the executive meeting a statement of finances that includes all income and expenses for that month. The executives then vote on the integrity of the statement.

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IFC has record turnout of men at rush

by Valerie Haft

Indiana Daily Student

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Men's rush began Friday with an event in Dunn Meadow and ended Sunday with the conclusion of chapter tours. Interfraternity Council Vice President of Rush Kevin Gfell, a senior, said IFC experienced a record number of men at the events.

"We had a record turnout of 1,048 men participate in Friday's kickoff event," Gfell said. "It was about 200 more people than have ever participated before."

Gfell added that around 200 men participated in every house tour and were entered in the IFC scholarship raffle. The drawing was held Monday and five winners were selected at random.

Winners of the \$100 scholarship offered by IFC included freshmen Cory Steger, Chris Puttmann, Sachin Bhatt, Matt Welnak and Mark Faloon.

From this point forward, Gfell said IFC steps out of the rush process and initiative must be taken by chapters and rushees to contact each other. Gfell said some chapters will be looking to extend several bids, while other houses such as Sigma Chi and Phi Gamma Delta have filled, or are close to filling, their fall pledge classes.

Gfell also noted that Alpha Sigma Phi will be looking to completely rebuild its chapter with new members.

"Alpha Sig is starting from ground zero and building back up again. It is a good alternative to what's already on campus," he said.

Both Gfell and rush counselor Josh Lieberman, a sophomore, said it is important for rushees to keep their options open.

"It's really important to keep an open mind about houses," Lieberman said. "It's important to meet a lot of people and try to find where you fit in."

Although there was some concern that the newly implemented IFC alcohol policies would affect rush turnout, the number of men who participated and reactions from rushees indicated otherwise.

"I had a good rush experience," said freshman Brian Moak. "I planned to rush before coming to IU."

Gfell also said the alcohol policies had little affect on rush turnout.

"A lot of people thought the new alcohol policy would change things," he said. "But the freshmen all seem very excited about the greek system."

Gfell added that the weekend was successful for IFC.

"We had a record turnout, participation was great," Gfell said. "It was a fantastic weekend for us."

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Delta Gamma and Kappa Sigma win IU Sing

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Hundreds of screaming students, dressed up as everything from fish to cowboys to monkeys, lit up the IU Auditorium this weekend in the 2001 IU Sing competition.

Delta Gamma sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity received the overall award for their routine entitled. "Off the Hook." IU Sing is sponsored by the IU Student Foundation, and 23 groups participated in this year's performance.

Junior David Gerber, one of Kappa Sigma's songleaders, said the hard work of the past months paid off with their performance.

"We've been planning it since October or September," Gerber said. "We've been practicing since we came back from winter break, for two hours a night. Everybody just worked really hard."

Their skit centered around a fish who had to sacrifice his life and be caught by a fisherman to save the rest of his school. Gerber, along with sophomore David Cain, sophomore Nicole Tovey and sophomore Pamela Klein were songleaders for the group.

Groups took existing songs and made up lyrics to fit their themes, or sometimes they just made up entire songs. The participants then put these lyrics to creative dances associated with their themes.

The winning group used songs from "Beauty and the Beast," "A Chorus Line" and "Jekyll and Hyde," as well as the song "Brown-Eyed Girl" and put their own words to these songs. They changed "Brown-Eyed Girl" to "Brown-Eyed Gill" to match their underwater theme. The group also wrote a song called "Hook" themselves.

Delta Gamma and Kappa Sigma were also the winners in Division A, which included groups of 63 or more participants. The sorority Alpha Delta Pi and fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi were the winners in Division B, which included groups of 62 or fewer participants.

Jamie Jo Bowling, a junior and songleader of ADPi, said she was thrilled with her house's and their pair's performance.

"I've always been involved with show choir and dancing, and I figured this would be the perfect way to do something with my house and to go along with something I love to do," Bowling said. "I was completely overwhelmed with how wonderful they did. I could not have been more happy."

The 2001 steering committee, comprised of five members who tackle everything from marketing and songleader-producer coordination to emcee liaison, ran this year's IU Sing. Senior Eric Gant, one of the steering committee members, is in his fifth IU Sing production.

"We all have at least four years history, in my case five," Gant said. "It's something that is really important to us. The experience of the whole show is something special for the five of us."

Gant also said the Delta Gamma and Kappa Sigma team consistently showed dedication to the program. IUSF gives out songleader scholarships to a select few songleaders each year, and all of Delta Gamma's and Kappa Sigma's won one. Gant said this showed their commitment.

"It was obvious from the start that all four of them had the enthusiasm and passion we were looking for," Gant said.

But the songleaders attributed their success to the hard work of their skit participants.

"I just don't think we could have asked for a more talented cast," Gerber said. "We really won because of them."

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Exchange uncertainties plague riders' hopes

by Eric Talbot

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Lack of experience, poor exchanges and uncertainty as to who will ride come race day played into where the teams in Row 7 will line up for the men's Little 500. But the teams said they refuse to believe starting from the middle of the pack will hurt their chances to speed toward the front of the field. Some even think the less-than-stellar starting position will help.

No. 19 Sigma Chi, 2:44.90

Sigma Chi raced to a ninth-place finish in last year's men's Little 500, but qualified in the back half of the pack this year, grabbing the 19th spot. The team, which erred on its first qualifying run, used its second attempt to make a cautious second qualifying run, ensuring it didn't have to make a third and final run with the pressure compounded.

But the four riders that rode in qualifications might not be the same four riders in the race this year. The decision as to who will ride will be left up to senior Matt Conrad, the only Sigma Chi rider with Little 500 experience.

"Matt decides ultimately who will ride in the race," sophomore rider Greg Borlik said. "He is the team leader."

Borlik and sophomore Dave Jensen will compete for riding time with juniors Jay Minner, Jon Meyer and Erenton Krumpfes. While they all rode individually for spring break, they said they feel that whoever rides will be ready when the race begins.

Qualifying at 8 a.m. might have had an effect on the team's qualifying time, but team members said they hope the time isn't indicative of where they'll finish on race day.

No. 20 Alpha Sigma Phi, 2:46.31

Alpha Sigma Phi didn't have much time to prepare for this year's qualifications. But the riders said they feel good about where they ended up, especially being as ill-prepared as they were.

"We didn't hear our names called until the final warm-up," sophomore Chris Quackenbush. "Then they grated the track right after us."

A rough track didn't stop the team, which consists of all rookies, from qualifying, which the riders said was their main goal.

Sophomores Nick Mullet, Nick Campell and freshman Jeff Langley will ride for Alpha Sigma Phi, which has been training since late October.

No. 21 Pi Kappa Alpha, 2:47.75

Both junior Tim Kolar and senior Andrew Glier have race-day experience under the belts. But that duo said they won't be surprised to see rookies Shawn Touney, a junior and IDS staffer, and Nate Tessmer, a senior, make some noise on their first Little 500 races.

Tessmer has been riding for more than two years, while Touney has one year of cycling experience.

A bad exchange hindered Pi Kappa Alpha in its qualifying time, but the riders do not expect the poor qualifying spot or exchange problems to shake them, Kolar said. But Kolar said he thinks the team's starting spot and the competition surrounding it could help Pi Kappa Alpha make a mad dash toward the front of the pack.

"We could have cut four or five seconds off our time, but the exchange hurt us," Kolar said. "We are on the outside right behind (Sigma Alpha Epsilon). They are a strong team, and that should help us move up a considerable amount."

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Let the races begin

by Sarah Meinecke

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A mess of tricycles, costumes and loud music converged in Assembly Hall Thursday night as the Mini 500 kicked off Little 500 weekend.

"Tonight came together well," said senior Jayme Jones, IU Student Foundation Steering Committee member. "Everyone worked really hard. I'm excited with how it came out."

The competition began with Ashton Annihilators in the lead in the women's division, Delta Chi in the men's and Collins Catastrophies in the co-ed group. But none of those teams finished the night with the top spot.

The race reached a climax when a controversial call in the men's division declared Sigma Chi the winners. The close call forced an extra race to determine the winner.

Delta Chi, Sigma Chi and Delta Sigma Pi made it to the final round for the men, but the race was really between Sigma Chi and Delta Chi. Both teams stayed neck and neck, until Delta Chi, the lead men's team going into the event, was disqualified twice for illegal riding.

"As their coach, I say this is a travesty to the institution," junior Steve Lo said. "It's an outrage. We've been training year-round, and it was totally unfair."

The Sigma Chi team -- senior Chris Mansfield, junior Corey Mosher, senior Jack Donaldson and senior Trent Hahn -- didn't qualify during the preseason because of personal reasons in the house. But the team, which won the event last year, bounced back, giving it two consecutive titles.

"The race was awesome," Mansfield said. "But I'm not surprised we won, because we are returning champions. It's a pretty good feeling."

The rest of the races were not quite as eventful, but had upsets of their own.

Heading into the women's race, Ashton, which won the event last year and led all of the women's teams in qualifications, was expected to win. But the Evans Scholars Caddy Girls came away with the victory.

"This is great," said senior Shannon Hoffman of Caddy Girls. "Ashton had the best qualifying time coming into tonight, so we made that our goal. We wanted to beat them. This is great."

Collins Catastrophies were leading the co-ed division, when Delta Sigma Pi knocked them out in the semi-round.

CBGBs emerged from the No. 14 spot to take home the trophy, coming from second-to-last position to win the race on a night filled with hoopla.

The race kicked off with excitement as the teams made their entrances into the balloon-filled, crazed gym. A poster hung at the front of the gym with a Harley Davidson logo and the "Live to trike, trike to live" logo stenciled on it.

But the costumes stole the show.

Delta Chi showed up in women's dresses, and Delta Zeta wore men's suits. Lambda Chi Alpha showed up with its shirts on backward and continued the theme by racing backward.

Former basketball coach "Bob Knight" reappeared, escorted by Alpha Sigma Phi members, who posed as Texas Tech basketball players.

"Overall, the participants were not too rowdy," Jones said. "The Mini 500 is a great kickoff event for the Little 500, because it gets everyone in the spirit of the weekend. It's such a fun event."

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Alpha Sigma Phi to relocate

From IDS reports

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Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, 1968 N. Jordan Ave., is selling its house and looking for another, chapter President Justin Greis, a junior, said. The chapter recolonized in the fall following its November 1999 suspension by IU.

Despite recruitment efforts, Greis said the house does not have the numbers to adequately fill the residence. Greis said the house is more interested in quality members than high numbers.

Realtor Dave Minnick, owner and broker of Commercial Property, said he expected to put up the for sale sign today.

Greis said many of the newly recruited members have already signed leases elsewhere and that compounded the problem. He said members are working with the Alpha Sigma Phi alumni corporation to sell the house and look for housing next year, through trade or through finding a site on which to build.

"We are very confident we will find something. We're working to get housing for ourselves, but (the housing corporation) has said if we must build another house, then that's what we'll do," Greis said. "This is just a minor setback."

He said the current house's capacity is 95, and the fraternity is looking for a capacity closer to 50.

Minnick, who said he rarely deals with greek houses, said he can visualize another fraternity or sorority moving in or even a trade for the house, which is nine years old.

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Movin' to the movies

Students sing and dance the weekend away at IU Sing

by Elise LeBlanc

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Evidence of IU Sing spirit lined the path to the IU Auditorium Friday and Saturday nights. Posters from sororities and fraternities were posted to light posts, stairwells and trees.

People began filtering into the lobby around 7 p.m., where they were greeted with all the signs that they were really partaking in "A Night At The Movies."

The aroma of popcorn drifted from the makeshift concession stand, where they had all the essential movie candies in stock: Gummi bears, chocolate-covered peanuts, Lemonheads, sour worms and Raisinettes.

Life-size cardboard cutouts of James Dean, Marilyn Monroe, Austin Powers and Clark Gable were stationed throughout the lobby and several employees were dressed up as movie characters.

Inside the Auditorium, movie trivia showed on the big screen, with questions about IU's history. Right before the program started, there was a mini-show reminding people to turn of their cell phones, that "trash does not walk itself out" and "Shhhh!"

Two emcess began by giving a brief overview of IU Sing. They noted that \$6,000 in scholarships were given out and boasted that more than 2,000 participants made it one of the highest participation numbers of an IU activity.

The judges' criteria for winning was based on vocal quality, diction, rhythm, musical accompaniment, choreography, originality, dance performance, costumes, props and production.

There were seven judges for the event, all alumni with background in music. They were able to maintain poker faces throughout each performance, with the exception of Phi Kappa Psi's outrageous skit.

Featuring a grown man wearing nothing but an oversized diaper, "cripple" busting out in the running man dance and a man dressed up in a cow outfit crawling around the stage, it was an obvious -- and successful -- attempt at nabbing the "That's Entertainment" award for most entertaining moment.

Phi Mu and Phi Gamma Delta also contributed some humor to the show by mocking overzealous song leaders who believe "Winning is all that matters and fun is just a distraction."

People didn't even make it out the door before they were on their cell phones, calling their friends and celebrating or protesting the results.

Regardless of whether or not their groups won, many participants were just glad to have experienced IU Sing.

"I did this to meet people and build relationships with my bros -- and girls, of course. I would have missed out on so much if I hadn't done this," junior Bob Liu said.

Judge George Bledsoe said the main difference between IU Sing now and fifty years ago was that back then there was a lot more singing.

"Now there's a lot of cheerleading and choreography. But it's a wonderful experience and the kids have a great time," Bledsoe said.

While the acts were all entertaining, the most impressive musical talent actually came from the fill-ins between them. Performances of movie theme songs by vocalists Straight No Chaser and Ladies First drew thunderous applause. It was the only time during the evening that applause came from everyone and not just one section.

The Herman B Wells Lifetime Achievement award was given to David Rubinstein, a strategy professor for the Kelley School of Business. In his acceptance speech, he summed up the true spirit of the late Chancellor Wells.

"If you want to see every great thing that Herman B Wells ever fought for, look at all of the students here tonight. The award shouldn't be going to me. It should be going to all the students. because they embody the spirit of Herman B Wells," Rubenstein said.

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Houses need to be filled

Empty greek houses are eyesores

IDS Editorial Board

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Six greek houses sit empty across campus, either because of disciplinary action taken by IU or the national organization. These vacant houses are eyesores on campus and should be used in the interim period when a chapter is unable to occupy its house.

Leasing the house to another chapter, as Theta Chi is currently doing to Tau Kappa Epsilon, is likely the best solution to a temporary problem. For houses to remain boarded-up and empty for two to four years is unnecessarily wasteful. The houses also present a health hazard because vacant houses are not inspected by the University, the City of Bloomington or Monroe County.

While there is little the University can do to fill houses it might have emptied, officials should encourage their continued use -- or at the least, proper maintenance -- by the owners. The national chapters of each fraternity or sorority usually hold the property deeds, and IU officials can only prevent certain uses by the owners.

"The University holds the use and transfer restrictions on the property," said Lynn Coyne, assistant vice president of university real estate and economic development.

The University has approved the use of two houses by non-greek organizations. The School of Informatics will use the old Alpha Omicron Pi house at 10th Street and Woodlawn Avenue, and the Christian Student Foundation will occupy the old Alpha Sigma Phi house on North Jordan Avenue. Both of these are steps in the right direction, but using greek houses for greek organizations is preferable.

Two houses are being renovated for use this fall, but others still remain. Sigma Alpha Mu has remained empty since spring 2000, Beta Theta Pi since the summer of 2001 and Pi Kappa Alpha since this January. Kappa Alpha Psi, on 17th Street near Bill Armstrong Stadium, has been vacant since the 1990s.

"There were not enough people who could live in and (financially) sustain a fraternity house," Dean of Students Richard McKaig told the IDS. He added that the IU chapter was the first for the fraternity and it holds sentimental value for the national organization, making it unlikely to sell the property.

Houses should not sit vacant indefinitely. The University should encourage their use, and national organizations should see them occupied.

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Alpha Sigma Phi

Vision for the Future/Closing Statement



Gamma Chi INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Vision for the Future

Gamma Chi will continue to strive to meet standards of excellence set by the national headquarters, Indiana University, and ourselves. We already have accomplished many things, and that tradition will continue.

We are truly well on the path to becoming the premier fraternity at Indiana University, and completing that distinction is our next goal. We will do this by participating in campus events, establishing a high standard for our members, and excelling in Greek activities. Also high on our priority list is expanding our membership and obtaining a housing facility.

With the support of the national organization, our alumni, the university community and each other, we are sure to meet this task.

Closing Statement

We hope that this document has shown you the path of improvement that we have been on for the last two years, and our ability to operate as a full chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. The devotion that our brotherhood has shown to this organization is paralleled by few.

We urge you to give the strongest consideration to our petition.

Respectfully Submitted, The Brothers of Gamma Chi