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PETITION FOR CHARTER



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Alpha Sigma Phi

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

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Petition for charter of the colony at Albright College, Reading

Dear Members of the Grand Council:

As the new president of this colony, I have undertaken many new and exciting responsibilities, all of which have filled my heart with an exceptional amount of pride for this grand organization. Writing our petition, however, raises that level pride to an indescribable elevation. Planted throughout the pages of this book are the seeds of hard work, determination, perseverance and above all, brotherhood. Every word that exists within this petition was written not with question, but with power and promise: a promise that the present and future men of Alpha Sigma Phi at Albright College will continue 'To Better The Man', and will never lose sight of the rich traditions and rituals that make this grand organization stand out among the rest. It is with these words that this colony officially petitions to the Grand Council its request for chartering. We hope that the information here within meets the standards of the Grand Council. If there is anything you feel has been excluded from this petition, make no haste in contacting us immediately so we can send you the desired information. Thank you for your devotion to this petition and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Pomo
President Albright College Colony

**The Constitution of the Albright College Colony
Of
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity**

Preamble:

We, the brothers of the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, in order to provide for effective management and judicious legislation in the operation of our Colony, and to provide a structure within which this Colony may grow successfully in the pursuit of the ideals of the Alpha Sigma Phi National Fraternity, do hereby adopt and approve this Constitution.

Article 1: Name

This organization shall be known as the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity until the time of chartering.

Article 2: Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this brotherhood shall be to organize its membership in such a manner as to create and perpetuate brotherhood, to teach and live up to the ideals of integrity, honor, and chivalry within the hearts and minds of its members, to foster greater academic achievement and academic excellence, to promote community and campus service, and to create a more productive individual in society, in turn, bettering the man.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1) There shall be no discrimination such that race, creed, religion, color, status, or sexual orientation will affect a candidate's possibility for membership.

Section 2) Membership shall be granted by virtue of acceptance of invitation extended by the vote of the current membership.

Section 3) Any new member joining the organization prior to the reception of the charter shall be considered a Founding Father of the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Section 4) Any further clarification shall be provided in the By-Laws of the Constitution.

Article 4: Meetings

Section 1) Meetings of this colony shall be held at least once a week during the academic year with the exception of conflicting holidays and other major conflicting events as approved by the President and Executive Council.

Section 2) Special meetings of the Colony may be called only by the President with the approval of the Prudential Board and/or at the request of fifty (50) Percent of the active membership.

Section 3) The procedure for all meetings shall be governed by those stated in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 5: Elected Officers

Section 1) The elected members of the Prudential Board shall consist of one(1) President, one (1) Vice President, one (1) Treasurer, and two (2) Brothers at Large.

Section 2) The elected members of the Executive Council shall consist of the current members of the Prudential Board, one (1) Sergeant at Arms, one (1) Marshal, one (1) Corresponding Secretary, and one (1) Recording Secretary.

Section 3) The Chairmen of the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity shall be the New Member Educator, the Community Service Chairman, the Rush Chairman, the Social Chairman, the Fundraising Chairman, the Alumni Chairman, the Historian, the Intramural Chairman, the Brotherhood Development Chairman, two (3) Interfraternity Council representatives, one (1) secondary Interfraternity Council representative in the event a primary representative cannot attend, and the Constitution Chairman as is dictated in the By-Laws of the Constitution.

Article 6: Committees

Section 1) The permanent Standing Committees of the Colony shall be defined as follows:

Prudential Board
Executive Council
New Member Education Committee
Community Service Committee
Rush Committee
Social Committee
Fundraising Committee
Alumni Committee
Intramural Committee
Brotherhood Development Committee

Section 2) The Vice President shall serve as the chairman of all chairmen.

Section 3) When necessary or dictated by the By-Laws, special committees may be appointed by the President and/or Vice President with approval of the Prudential Board.

Article 7: Finances

Section 1) The revenues of this colony shall be derived from the members' dues, the colony's fund-raising projects, and any donations. Section 2) The Treasurer and President shall manage all finances.

Article 8: Hazing

Section 1) Alpha Sigma Phi is the fraternity "To Better the Man" and all of Her functions and actions should exhibit this as listed in the Code of Conduct distributed to every brother.

Section 2) Every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and not harassed, tormented, abused, or violated by another human being. Therefore, no activity construed even in the slightest way as abusing someone physically, psychologically, sexually, or placing someone into circumstances such that the person's dignity, individuality, or beliefs are compromised, will be tolerated by this brotherhood.

Article 9: Housing and Alcohol Policy

Section 1) The chapter house (as defined in this Constitution's By-Laws) for the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will be alcohol free. Section 2) No alcohol, regardless of the age of the person, will be permitted on or in chapter premises.

Article 10: Constitutional Procedures

Section 1) This Constitution of the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity may be amended in part or in full by the active members.

Section 2) It is required that the Constitution and By-Laws of Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity goes under review every other year. The Constitution and By-Laws may not go more than 3 years without review. Section 3) A copy of the Constitution shall be filed with the National Headquarters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Office of the Greek Advisor at Albright College, the Albright College Interfraternity Council, and the Executive Council.

Article 11: Suspension of this Constitution

Section 1) This clause hereby allows for the opportunity for the membership to suspend the Constitution and By-Laws of this Colony only when deemed necessary by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the brotherhood.

By-Laws of the Albright College Colony Of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Preamble:

These By-Laws are the statutes for the government of the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, enacted in conjunction with the Constitution of the Colony to more fully define powers, duties, and functions which are authorized hereunder.

Article 1: Upholding the By-Laws

Section 1) All members of this brotherhood shall do their utmost to uphold the justness and the integrity of each of these By-Laws, and obey them to the best of their ability.

Section 2) It shall be the duty of each brother to report to the Prudential Board any violation of these By-Laws by a fellow member.

Article 2: Membership

Section 1) To maintain active status, a member of the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity must: be a male student of Albright College, not be affiliated with another Greek social fraternity, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30.

Section 2) To receive a bid for membership into the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, and accept it, a prospective must: be a male student of Albright College, not be affiliated with another Greek social fraternity, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.30.

Section 3) A bid for membership is extended to those who receive three fourths (3/4) vote from the present General Assembly. If this percentage will result in a fraction of a brother being necessary, then the number of votes needed must be rounded down to the nearest whole number. No abstention from membership voting is permitted. Prospective members will be voted on individually using an "eyes closed/raised hands" method. Bids by proxy must be given to the Sergeant at Arms no less than 24 hours prior to the voting session. At least fifty percent of the membership plus one additional brother of the Colony must be present to hold the Granting of the Bid Voting Session. Voting members shall consist of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior members of the Colony. The Sergeant at Arms shall count the ballots and shall report to the membership whether or not a bid will be extended to the prospective member. Should an individual be extended a bid to join the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, he reserves the right to turn down the bid without question. The Rush Chairman will notify all potential brothers of their status, regardless of whether a bid is to be offered or not. Acceptance of any bids for both freshmen and upperclassmen shall comply with the rules set down by this Colony and by the Interfraternity Council of Albright College.

Section 4) All members of the Albright College Colony must maintain the standards established by Albright College, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and the Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity regarding Education and Scholarship.

Section 5) Should an active brother fail to meet the scholarship standards of the Colony as defined in Article 2, Section 1 of these By-Laws, he shall be placed on probation under the authority of the Prudential Board for the following semester. During the Semester of Academic Improvement, he shall have the rights of an "Associate Brother."

- a) At the end of each Spring Semester the President and Vice- President will obtain the GPA of each active member of the Colony from the Greek Advisor of Albright College.
- b) The President and Vice-President will review the GPA of each active member in order to determine that every active member has earned a GPA of a 2.30 or higher. In the event that an active member has not earned a Cumulative GPA of a 2.30 or higher the President and Vice-President will inform the said active member that during the

Fall Semester of the next academic year the active member will be considered an "Associate Brother".

- c) If an active member becomes an "Associate Brother" the active members of the fraternity must aid the "Associate Brother" in his pursuit of academic achievement during the Semester of Academic Improvement.
- d) An "Associate Brother" has one semester to meet the scholastic requirements of the fraternity.
- e) An "Associate Brother" is allowed, but not required to attend meetings of the General Assembly.
- f) All voting rights of an "Associate Brother" shall cease.
- g) An "Associate Brother" must remain financially responsible to the local and national fraternity for the duration of the Semester of Academic Improvement.
- h) If an "Associate Brother" does not meet the scholastic requirements of the fraternity at the conclusion of the Semester of Academic Improvement he shall be suspended from all activities and functions of the Colony until his Cumulative GPA is above the required 2.30. A suspended member is relieved of financial obligations to the local and national fraternity. All paperwork for suspension must be submitted to the National Headquarters. If the suspended individual does not raise his GPA above a 2.30 upon the individual's graduation he will be made an alumnus of the Colony. All paperwork must be completed and submitted to the National Headquarters.

Section 6) All members of the Colony must abide by all federal, local, university, Interfraternity Council, and fraternity laws and Codes of Conduct.

Article 3: Duties of Officers

Section 1) All officers shall perform the duties of their respective positions as set forth by the Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter Officers Guide. Should the guide not describe an officer's position, that officer will accept the responsibilities bestowed upon him by the Prudential Board and/or the general membership, and shall abide by the general rules and laws applicable to any officer of the brotherhood.

Article 4: Duties of Chairmen

Section 1) The New Member Educator will organize the New Member Education Committee. The committee will be responsible for teaching the new members "what it means to be an Alpha Sig." The definition of this term shall be determined by the New Member Educator in conjunction with a 2/3-majority consensus from the General Assembly.

Section 2) The Community Service Chairman will organize the Community Service Committee. The committee will plan and execute community service projects for the brotherhood. The chairman and his committee may restrict said projects for the brotherhood only or may open them to other organizations on or off campus. In the case of philanthropic events, the general assembly shall determine where the money raised from these events shall be donated. The committee is subject to follow the rules and

regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 3) The Rush Chairman will organize the Rush Committee. The committee will plan and execute rush events with the aid of the rest of the brotherhood in order to introduce unaffiliated students to Alpha Sigma Phi and to introduce those students to us, both in an informal sense and in a more personal one. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 3) The Social Chairman will organize the Social Committee. The committee will plan and execute social events for the brothers of the colony.

The committee may restrict said events to the brotherhood only or may open them to other organizations on or off campus. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College. The social chair and his committee must protect the health of those attending functions of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Section 4) The Fundraising Chairman will organize the Fundraising Committee. The committee will plan and execute fundraising events with the aid of the rest of the brotherhood for philanthropic causes. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 5) The Alumni Chairman will organize the Alumni Committee. The committee will plan and execute events for the alumni, such as keeping them informed of the current state of affairs within the brotherhood. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 6) The Intramural Chairman will organize the Intramural Committee. The committee will plan and execute sporting events for the brotherhood. Said events may be restricted to the brotherhood, or may be opened to other organizations on or off campus. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 7) The Brotherhood Development Chairman will organize the Brotherhood Development Committee. The committee will plan and execute events to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between the active members. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 8) Any special committees shall be appointed by the Prudential Board and shall operate as long as is deemed necessary by the Prudential Board. The committee is subject to follow the rules and regulations set up by the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, the Interfraternity Council of Albright College, and Albright College.

Section 9) All members of the General Assembly except for the President, Vice President, and Treasurer must maintain an active role in at least one of the committees mentioned in Sections 1-7 of Article 4.

Article 5: Prudential Board and Executive Council

Section 1) The Executive Council has been established to manage the financial, judicial, and managerial affairs of the Colony. Members of the Executive Council can be found in Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of this Colony.

Section 2) Pursuant to Article 10, Section 2 of the Constitution of this Colony, the Prudential Board will appoint a committee to review the Constitution. The Constitution Committee will make pertinent and timely adjustments to the Constitution to be voted upon by the General Assembly. The Prudential Board reserves the right to designate the chairman of this committee as it is convened. There is to be at least one member on this committee who was on the prior Constitution Committee.

Section 3) All Executive Council meetings will be held behind closed doors with minutes posted each week. Guests may be invited into the meeting only by the Vice President with the consent of the remainder of the Prudential Board for purposes of discussion relative to the meeting.

Section 4) The Prudential Board and Executive Council shall meet once a week during the school year and communicate with one another throughout the summer months.

Article 6: Judicial Operations

Section 1) The Vice-President will serve as chairman of the Judicial Board and will vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 2) The two Brothers-At-Large plus two elected Judicial Board Members will preside as the Judicial Board.

Section 3) The two Judicial Board Members will be elected under the same process that the Executive Council and Chairmen are elected according to Article 8 of the By-Laws. The two elected Judicial Members may not hold any position on the Executive Council.

Section 4) In order to protect the foundation and image of our Colony, at any time the Prudential Board may hold a closed meeting to determine whether an individual brother has stepped beyond the beliefs and values of our Colony. If the Prudential Board has determined that an individual brother has stepped beyond the beliefs and values of our Colony then the Judicial Board will be called upon to conduct a hearing of the accused within one week after the Prudential Board's accusation. Any member of the brotherhood may attend this hearing, unless the accused requests a private meeting. During the hearing, the accused will be allowed to state his case followed by a questioning period by the Judicial Board. The Prudential Board, representing the beliefs and values of Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, as well as the accused may have witnesses to their case. After having heard the arguments of the Prudential Board and the accused, the Judicial Board will convene for an appropriate amount of time to discuss the issue and make a judgment.

- a) If found innocent, the case is dropped.
- b) If found guilty, the Judicial Board will apply an appropriate measure upon the individual(s) that applies to the severity of the case.
- c) If the guilty party feels that the judgment was made unfairly, he may appeal the General Assembly with a written statement and an appearance at the next General Assembly meeting.
- d) A vote by secret ballot will immediately follow the guilty party's statement to overturn or support the judgment of the Judicial Board.
- e) If the General Assembly votes by a 2/3 majority vote to overturn the punishment of the Judicial Board, the Judicial Board is required to reassess its ruling.
- f) A reassessed ruling may be challenged again by the same process.
- g) The General Assembly may also choose to overturn the case in its entirety thereby relieving the brother of all punishment and further investigation.

Article 7: Meetings

Section 1) General Assembly and Executive Council meetings will be held on a regularly scheduled basis each week throughout the academic year. Committee meetings will be held on a regularly scheduled basis each week or as deemed necessary by the chairman of each committee for the academic year.

Section 2) Attendance by all members is mandatory for the General Assembly meetings. The Sergeant at Arms will enforce the attendance policy at the General Assembly meetings. Attendance policies for all other meetings are determined by the chairman of that committee.

- a) An unexcused absence from a general assembly meeting will result in a \$5 fine payable to the Treasurer.

Section 3) A quorum consisting of 50% plus one brother of the active membership must be present to act upon any legislation.

Section 4) A majority vote of the present brotherhood is required to pass a general motion unless otherwise specified for matters outlined in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 8: Election Procedures

Section 1) All Executive Council officers and chairmen of standing committees shall be elected by yearly election by the current brotherhood. A majority vote is required by each candidate in order to win election to the position for which he is running.

Section 2) The election process shall begin in the month of November of each year. The term of office shall be the period of one (1) year beginning December 15.

- a) Nominations for officer and chairman positions shall be made by the current brotherhood at the weekly general assembly meeting two (2) weeks prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- b) A member may not nominate himself.
- c) The nomination becomes official when the nominee accepts the nomination.

- d) Nominees shall present speeches to the brotherhood during the last general assembly meeting prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The sergeant at arms and the marshal shall establish the guidelines for the candidates' speeches and/or debates and/or question and answer periods.
- e) At the first weekly general assembly meeting following the Thanksgiving holiday, the brotherhood will vote to fill all officer and chairman positions. All officer and chairman elections shall be by secret ballot and counted by an active advisor and/or present active alumni.
- f) Between the time of election and December 15, the newly elected officers and chairmen will be trained to fulfill their positions by their predecessors. At the Black and White Formal, the officer transition ceremony of this colony of Alpha Sigma Phi will take place. The newly inducted officers will be responsible to fulfill their positions beginning December 15.

Section 2) The President and/or Vice President retain the power to appoint members to special positions and committees for purposes of fulfilling a specific, temporary, or short-term goal with the approval of the Prudential Board. Any member of the Prudential Board may challenge the President and/or Vice President's appointments. An appointment can last no longer than one (1) year.

Article 9: Impeachment

Section 1) Any officer or chairman may be impeached if an officer or chairman is negligent in his duties and/or in violation of college, state, federal, or Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters regulations.

Section 2) The Executive Council will hold an investigation of the officer or chairman to determine if the officer or chairman has violated his duties, the core beliefs and values of Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, and/or state and federal regulations. If the Executive Council believes that the accused officer and/or chairman must be impeached the Judicial Board will be called upon to conduct a hearing of the accused within 24 hours of the accusation. Any member of the brotherhood may attend this hearing, unless the accused requests a private meeting. During the hearing, the accused will be allowed to state his case followed by a questioning period by the Judicial Board. The Executive Council, representing the beliefs and values of Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi, as well as the accused may have witnesses to their case. After having heard the arguments of the Executive Council and the accused the Judicial Board will convene for an appropriate amount of time to discuss the issue and make a judgment.

- a) An officer under investigation shall be temporarily suspended from the duties of his office until due process has taken place.
- b) The Executive Council may appoint a brother to temporarily fulfill the duties of the officer and/or chairman who is under investigation.

- c) An officer and/or chairman may resign from his position before being removed from his office following a thorough and complete impeachment hearing.
- d) If the President is under investigation, the Vice-President will assume the duties of the President until due process has taken place.

Section 3) If the office of any officer and/or chairman becomes vacant, the Executive Council will set a time and date for a special election by the General Assembly so as to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term.

Article 10: Dues

Section 1) The Treasurer, in consultation with the Prudential Board, Executive Council, and Assistant Treasurer, shall determine the appropriate amount of dues each semester that each brother must pay, at which time the General Assembly will vote to adopt the dues. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly is required to adopt the dues.

Section 2) Dues will be paid at the Treasurer and Prudential Board's discretion.

Section 3) Special Assessments Clause: Under such circumstances that a member may have difficulty paying the full amount of dues at one time, the member may opt to accept an alternative payment plan developed and provided by the Treasurer and approved by the Prudential Board. The alternative payment plan will extend a maximum period of the current semester.

Section 4) Should a member be unable to pay the full amount of dues, even with respect to the Special Assessments Clause, within the same semester the individual will be suspended from all chapter activities and functions for a maximum of one year. If the member does not become financially in good standing, the chapter will petition the Grand Council for suspension from Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of the said member. All paperwork must be filed appropriately with the National Headquarters.

Section 5) Should a member whose membership has been suspended due to financial difficulties wish to rejoin the membership, he must repay all outstanding debts to the brotherhood, be approved for re-admittance or for release of suspension by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership and apologize in person to the entire brotherhood.

Article 11: Housing

Section 1) Under no circumstances will alcohol be allowed in or on chapter premises as defined by the National Organization and the Colony.

Section 2) Under no circumstances will the chapter host a social function with alcohol present at the chapter house as defined by the National Organization and the Colony.

Section 3) Under no circumstances will brothers be allowed to have or consume alcoholic beverages in or on chapter premises as defined by the National Organization and the Colony.

Section 4) Regardless of the age of those living in the chapter house the possession and/or consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the chapter house.

Article 12: Amendments

Section 1) All proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws will be presented to the Prudential Board. The brotherhood will then present the proposed amendment at the next general assembly meeting.

Section 2) A three-fourths vote of the brotherhood may amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws that govern this Colony.



THE MISSION OF ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

The Mission of Albright College is based upon our traditions and is the touchstone for all that we do. We provide a strong liberal arts education that includes pre-professional programs and career exploration. Our students consider critically the best thinking of the past and present, their social obligations, and the spiritual context of their lives. Our environment is open and friendly and embraces diversity. Our United Methodist affiliation undergirds our dedication to a values-based education in an atmosphere of academic freedom for students of all racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

THE HISTORY OF ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

Albright College, a nationally-ranked, private liberal arts institution, traces its origin to 1856. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Albright was formed through the mergers of three separate Pennsylvania institutions: Union Seminary of New Berlin; Schuylkill Seminary (later called Schuylkill College, Reading; and Albright Collegiate Institute (later called Albright College), Myerstown. The final merger occurred in 1929 when Schuylkill College and Albright College merged under its current name at the Reading site.

The College is named for Jacob Albright, the founder of the Evangelical Association, a German-speaking denomination with beliefs similar to those of the Methodist Church.

Albright is located on a 110-acre suburban campus nestled at the foot of Mount Penn in Reading, Pa., a city of 80,000. The College's curriculum is rigorous but flexible. Its distinguished faculty is dedicated to teaching; student-faculty ratio is 13:1.

Among Albright's unique academic features is the encouragement of internships and career shadowing as early as a student's first year. In addition, about one-third of the first-year class participates in the Alpha Program, which offers a structured program of exploration of majors and career options. Other highlights include collaborative research with faculty; an Honors Program; dual majors, and the Albright Experience Program, which offers diverse cultural and thought-provoking programs to round out the academic experience.

Albright College Demographics

General Information:

- Founded in 1856
- 4-year liberal arts program
- Nationally ranked, private, coeducational college
- Affiliation: United Methodist Church

Enrollment:

- 1,350 full-time students (1,201 traditional day students)
- 46% men, 54% women
- 80% residential students
- 26 states and 21 countries are represented
- 12% students of color
- 5% international students

Faculty Profile:

- 13:1 student/faculty ratio
- Full-time faculty: 84
- Faculty with Ph.D. or terminal degree: 96%
- Recent notable faculty achievements:
A Albright Scholarship to Chile, three National Science Foundation grants, Six National Endowment for the humanities summer seminar grants and a Fellowship to the Annenberg Institute in Philadelphia.

Special Features:

- Honors Program
- The Alpha Program for undecided students
- Dual Majors
- Individual Study Program
- Internships
- Washington Semester
- Study Abroad
- The Albright Cultural Experience
- Summer student research opportunities with faculty

Location:

The College is located on a 110-acre suburban campus in northeast Reading, a city of 80,000 with urban and rural areas five minutes away. Albright College is one hour from Philadelphia and the Pocono mountain ski resorts, two hours from Baltimore, and three hours from New York City and Washington, D.C.

A History of Alpha Sigma Phi at Albright College

The idea to bring another Fraternity to Albright's campus was first discussed at the beginning of the 1999-2000 academic year. After much discussion, the idea was scrapped as the rush period began on campus. All the gentlemen involved decided to rush established fraternities and as a result discovered a very closed system. Frustrated with the exclusiveness of the fraternal system, a movement to introduce change began with a phone call to Drew Thawley.

A small group of committed members were formed and begun working to garner interest in Alpha Sigma Phi through communicating both the national values and our local values. Drew Thawley visited the 13 strong group, and discussed what Alpha Sigma Phi is to an additional 18 interested gentlemen. A few days later, the group was officially recognized as an interest group of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Strides were taken to solidify the group while expanding it.

Those efforts paid off when the interest group of 25 gentlemen was colonized on March 10th, 2000. During the next semester, work was done to bring order to the colony. Drew Thawley and Nick Swogger visited March 16th, 2000 and ran our first official meeting and gave us a quick introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. From there, we solidified our Prudential Board and committees. Unfortunately, April 25th, 2000 brought with it our first hurdle. The Interfraternity Council at Albright College denied us recognition. We left for the summer during which we met once and had 4 Brothers attend DC2000.

The 2000-2001 year started with a continuation of efforts to obtain IFC recognition. Matt Mattson visited from September 10th, 2000 for four days and helped us to refocus our efforts off just pleasing the IFC but to better our own brotherhood. As the semester went on, we participated in 2 community service events, a fundraiser, and numerous brotherhood development activities. On December 5th, 2000 the Colony was accepted as a full member of the Greek Community and was granted a rush period that started on our Founders Day, December 6th, 2000.

As the next semester began, Josh Orendi visited us from February 8th to the 12th. We also had our pledge program in full swing. In March, two exciting events occurred. On March 11th, 2001 the colony had eight of the Brothers go up to Hartford Connecticut for the Hartford Interest Group Colonization. We also had our own pledge ceremony, on March 31st 2001, officially expanding our group to 26.

The History of Fraternal Life at Albright College

The fraternal system at Albright College started in 1904 with the Kappa's. Then in 1906 the Zeta's came on campus. In contemporary times, membership in the fraternal organizations has been dominated by the fraternities of Pi Kappa Phi with 30-35 members, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon with around 40 members, each of whom have been around since the 1980's. These are the only two nationally chartered fraternities on campus. There are a few local fraternities as well. These include Delta Tao Chi (Formerly Alpha Chi Rho), Phi Delta Phi, Alpha Pi Omega (Formerly Sigma Phi Epsilon), and Iota Theta Phi (A local Black fraternity), but interest is limited in these non-IFC recognized groups. In addition, there is one nation service fraternity on campus, Alpha Phi Omega. The fraternal environment on campus has been stable for many years, with the exception of last. Last year Alpha Sigma Phi was officially recognized by IFC whereas two of the now local fraternities lost national chartering. Beyond this, fraternal life continues to be strong, and although there may be different names, the spirit among this tightly knit Greek System thrives.



August 12, 2001

Dear Matt,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend the Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Albright College for chartering. This group has come a long way in the past year and a half. While there is still work to be done, I can definitely see the light at the end of the tunnel. My reservations are few and ones that will only dissolve in time with the increased knowledge and experience of the brotherhood. Albright's Alpha Sigs are definitely motivated, organized, creative, and most of all possess a keen desire to succeed where others have failed.

Prior to chartering, the colony must show that it can increase membership. I have seen other chapters fail because of their inability to attract members. With a possible membership pool of approximately 650 males at Albright, you can understand why I stress recruitment. The brothers are motivated and have created interest on campus, but must create results. My only other reservations are their communication with me, and the need for a long-term vision. I would like to note that their communication practices have improved over the last semester.

This group has a lot to offer Alpha Sigma Phi. They are gentlemen and represent the ability to "better the man". With continued guidance and patience from nationals, they will undoubtedly grow into a very strong small-school chapter. Having created a model relationship with the administration at Albright; the brothers have persisted through unnecessary barriers created by the IFC, with class.

The leaders of this colony are focused on the goal of chartering a new fraternity on campus. A fraternity that is different from the others. They are organized, motivated, intelligent, and most importantly they seek out opportunities to inform others about the greatness of Alpha Sigma Phi. It is with patient-excitement that I recommend them for chartering. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Boehm
Associate Director of Admission
Administrative Advisor, Alpha Sigma Phi

Cc: Nate Martin
Joe Rosenberg



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To: Josh Orendi
Director of Expansion
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

From: Joseph S. Rosenberg
Director of Student Activities

Re: Status of Chartering at Albright College

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001

I am writing to inform you that the men of the Alpha Sigma Phi colony at Albright College have the full support of the Office of Student Activities in their endeavors in becoming a fully chartered chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

We are expecting to have our new Student Orientation Handbook and Greek Manual done within the next few weeks. At which time we will send a copy of this document for your National Staff and the men of the local colony to review. When we send this document to you to review we will arrange for a meeting to take place to discuss the willingness of the Alpha Sigma Phi to abide by our set policies. We will inform you within three business weeks after this meeting as to whether your colony will be granted recognition as a permanent member of our Interfraternity Council and a fully recognized student organization at Albright College.

Josh, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at joer@alb.edu or by phone at 610-921-7529.

cc: Michelle Daniels Ph.D.
Vice President and Dean of Students

Todd Alscher
President of IFC

Nicholas Pomo
President, Alpha Sigma Phi Colony





August 10, 2001

From the Office of the Alumni Association President

Dear Members of the Grand Council:

The Alumni Association of Alpha Sigma Phi Colony, Albright College is in its infancy. With six college graduates and three undergraduates who have decided to transfer out of Albright College the Alumni Association aims to continue to provide fraternal experiences by maintaining communication between brothers through newsletters, social events, and scheduled events with the active brotherhood.

The Alumni Association is determined to create a welcoming environment that will appeal to both future older alumni and younger alumni. Though many of the alumni have grand ideas for where the association can go and how it can grow, our goals are modest. We feel that if we tackle a small number of issues per every few weeks we will be better able to accomplish that particular goal. For example, the goal for the summer of 2001 was to indicate to the active brotherhood that the Alumni Association will continue to lend its support to the active brotherhood. We also wanted to create offices (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) so that the Alumni Association can work in an organized fashion.

As president I am happy to report that the Association has succeeded in its initial goals. The second stage of development will be discussed on our first official meeting, which will take place over the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

Fraternally Yours,

Matthew Eisen
Alumni Association President

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Our colony consists of 21 active undergraduates, 6 alumni, and the 4 new members listed above. The current average number of greek males on Albright's campus is 32, and has just recently jumped to this number with the loss of national recognition of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Chi Ro fraternities, both of which had approximately 10 to 20 members. The other two nationally recognized fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi, both range anywhere between 30 and 40 members, thus making recruitment even more of a challenge for us. However, we are well aware of our situation and are taking various steps to improve upon it. During his last visit, Josh Orendi presented a recruitment workshop for us and taught us the technique of Effective Recruiting, a method of recruiting that emphasizes gaining a personal and friendly relationship with a potential new member BEFORE asking him to attend an event or asking him to join. This way, most of those who attend our events already know our brotherhood and can feel very comfortable when spending time with us. From this time forward, the attendance at our Rush events has increased dramatically, and the name Alpha Sigma Phi has spread positively throughout campus. Also, as an incentive for our members, we've started a friendly contest to see which member can recruit the most men. The winner will have his winter formal expenses paid for by the colony. So far, this idea has worked well and has given our brotherhood a little extra boost in terms of recruiting. We are all extremely hopeful that with the help of this new technique, our remaining events will continue to be a huge success, and that our numbers will increase boundlessly. Tangibly, we hope to have about 10-15 new members go through our spring new member education class, plus the 4 listed above, giving us a total of anywhere from 14-19 new members.

Grade Releases

We the undersigned, active, undergraduate members of Albright College Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi do hereby give our written consent to the release of academic information from Albright College to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. National Headquarters.

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PRESIDENTIAL OUTLOOK: ΑΣΦ AT ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

Dear Members of the Grand Council:

The Albright College colony of Alpha Sigma Phi has come quite a long way since its beginnings of a little under two years ago. Through this time, we've all ridden an emotional roller coaster as the experience of starting this organization thrilled us with the sweet taste of success and, at times, flattened us with heartbreaking defeat. And through it all we've stood united; each man, powerful by himself, yet unstoppable with the support of his caring brothers, has been given a level of trust and security never before thought feasible...and an experience he will never forget.

Now, with our sights set on chartering, the flames of determination burn even more furiously. Our dream nearly complete, we push harder, waiting for the day that we can call ourselves the Albright College Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

More importantly, all of us understand that this is not merely the end of the ride, but only a new beginning. New challenges, new problems, and new victories all await us after we receive our charter. As a chapter, the only thing I see changing is our title; we will continue to work assiduously to make this chapter the most productive and respected fraternity on Albright's campus. Furthermore, we will be sure to instill the great values that this grand organization taught us in all of our future members. As more brothers graduate, our Alumni operations will become stronger and more refined, allowing us all to be in constant contact with each other. Our continued dedication to this fraternity is one that will never end, even after many years past graduation. Alpha Sigma Phi at Albright College promises never to cease in its mission "To Better the Man," no matter where the roads of life may take its members.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Pomo
President Albright College Colony

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Exexecutive Board of of AEΦ, Albright College Colony

After taking over in November of 2000, the executive board of this colony saw an amazing, yet challenging journey laid before us. Many of us, including myself, had never taken on the responsibility of being on an Executive Board, let alone running an entire organization. It was exciting and nerve racking all at once; our past E-Board had laid down the bricks of the foundation and had given us a great start, and now it was time for us to build the skyscraper. Many of us had our doubts, not about the group, but about ourselves. Would we be able to run a fraternity with what little experience we had? What is the first step? Where does the road go? What should happen if we fail?

So, at our first Executive Board meeting, we took some time to envision our goals and turn them into something tangible. At the time, our biggest obstacle was getting accepted into the Inter-Fraternal Council so we would be allowed to recruit new members for our colony. We all eventually came to the realization (with tons of support from Josh Orendi and Matt Mattson) that our numbers were really the only thing holding us back from a charter here, at Albright. And so, we began to look PAST the IFC recognition and see a bigger picture: IFC recognition is only one piece of the puzzle in receiving a charter.

Fast forward about a year and you'll find us now realizing that our dream of being chartered is right around the corner. With the submission of our petition and the success of a good recruitment program, this colony is ready to be granted charter status. But just recently I approached the E-Board with the above thoughts. I explained that just a little under a year ago, this fraternity looked PAST one goal to see a bigger, brighter picture in the future. And that the same thing is happening right now! This petition has been in the works for quite a while, and has been everyone's focus because without it, we cannot be chartered. But that night, I challenged the E-Board to look PAST the petition to the bigger envisionment: our fraternal life AFTER chartering. I asked, "What are some of the goals that you all have after we receive our charter?" Although no one could give me a straight answer, it all hit them like a ton of bricks: there is life after chartering! By this time, a few of the E-Board members felt concerned that we had not thought of this sooner and worried for the future of our organization after chartering. So, we set a date: during our next business meeting, we would implement a Vision/Goals workshop.

During the workshop, the general assembly of members, as well as us, challenged each other to envision what things we would do and what new goals we would set immediately, 5 years, and 10 years after receiving our charter. To our delight, the results and ideas were excellent. For an immediate reaction, most of us felt that it would be important for us to begin to strengthen our ties with campus and the surrounding community through service events. We don't want to give an impression that we are merely serving our community because we are after something. We want to make it perfectly clear that we deeply care about those around us and the Albright College Campus, now AND after we are chartered. Next, we are determined to bring our Greek

Community even closer together through both service events and recreational activities. We feel that there is some underlying tension between the Greek Organizations here and that we would be able to promote Greek life as a whole rather than individually. Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, we want to learn and live our ritual. For all of us, this is a word that sparks the interest of everyone in the organization, mainly because we haven't had a chance to perform it. We are all very excited about learning the rituals of Alpha Sigma Phi and cannot wait until we are invited to take part in it.

When asked what things they would like to see happen 5-10 years from now, the biggest response was increased membership, both in undergraduate and alumni relations. Thanks to a Recruitment Workshop put on by Josh Orendi, our men now know the correct way to recruit, and have realized that it does not just happen during Rush, but throughout each day of our lives. We understand that to effectively recruit new members, they must first become your friend, then learn about your organization. We are confident that by passing this invaluable knowledge to our new members, we can continue to grow in numbers and surpass both of the other national greek organizations at Albright. Besides growing in size, Alpha Sigma Phi at Albright would like to expand the minds of its surrounding communities by implementing some workshops and other events sponsored by us. We hope that with the help of National, we could implement some sort of national retreat for Alpha Sigma Phi here, at Albright. This would include any sort of workshop that we have at our national conferences, but would allow all greek organizations to attend, thus increasing the bond between all 3 nationally recognized organizations on campus.

All in all, this Executive Board was extremely pleased with the results of our visions workshop and hope that the Grand Council is, as well. Although some of our ideas are roughly sketched, they are all sound in purpose. We are all confident that our vision of the future is one that we will experience soon and look joyfully to the challenges that lie ahead.

Brotherhood Development Activities

For the 2000-2001 school Year

1. **Movie Nights**- The brothers gathered together to watch selected films and to discuss the brotherhood issues involved. The new members were given the opportunity to select one of these films and lead the discussion of what they saw as brotherhood. Films included *A Few Good Men*, *Twelve Angry Men*, and *Baseketballs*.

2. **The Turkey Bowl**- This is our colony's annual football game. It is scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving Break. All brothers, playing or not, receive a customized award, an example of which is to the right. In addition to this, the brotherhood often plays other pick up games of football.



3. **WWF Nights**- Many brothers gather multiple time a week to enjoy watching wrestling together.

4. College Athletics Support- Numerous brothers would gather to root for Albright College teams and our brothers playing basketball, football, track and field, rugby, etc.
5. Game Nights- The brothers would gather together to play game, usually as teams. Games included *Trivial Pursuit*, *The World Is Not Enough*, and *WWF Smackdown*

6. Oozeball- This has been an Albright tradition for eleven years. Oozeball basically is volleyball in a mud pit. This year we fielded two teams. We did not win but it was a real fun time for all.



Retreats and Trips

1. Pinnacle Trip- The brotherhood took a nature hike along the Apalachion Trail. In addition, the brotherhood did development exercises, such as trust fall, races, thinking exercises, human knot, and other bonding and leadership activities.
2. Hartford College Colonization- A number of our brothers traveled up to Hartford, CT to see the colonization ceremony of the new brothers at the University of Hartford.
3. Camp Tuscarora- The brotherhood went to Camp Tuscarora, a Boy Scout camp in Windsor, NY. While there we did volunteer work for the camp, hiked, told campfire stories, and many other things. All in all, this was an excellent bonding experience for all who went.



Community Service

FOR THE 2000-2001 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. Stream Work Day at Perkiomen Creek
The brotherhood helped clean up the creek; aided with erosion prevention for streams and stream beds; and the installation of branch bundles and boulders to deflect stream & planting seeds for grass, etc to create spawning grounds.
2. Nolde Forest
The brotherhood took part in trail maintenance and trimming of trees & bushes.
3. Camp Tuscarora
While on our retreat, we volunteered to help the Boy Scout camp we stayed at with the assembling of the tents for two campsites.
4. Campus Clean Up
In conjunction with the rest of the Greek Community, our brothers helped beautify Albright's campus by removing litter during Greek Week.
5. Campus Community Events
Numerous brothers helped in the set up of two campus events. The first of which was the erection of an outdoor movie screen. The other of which was the erection of a stage and the setting up of sound and light equipment for a *Mighty, Mighty Bosstones*' concert. Each event was school sponsored and for the whole campus' benefit and entertainment.
6. "To Better the Man" Scholarship
Our colony is offering a book scholarship to an incoming freshman male (a copy of the letter to be sent out is included).
7. Future Plans
Our colony plans to continue all past endeavors. In addition, some perspective community service on our agenda include:
 - Gift Wrapping for the Berks County AIDS Association
 - YMCA Tutoring Program
 - Volunteering in the YMCA gym and computer center
 - Senior Citizen Housing/Apartment Painting

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September 18, 2000

ΑΣΦ Fraternity
National Office

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to show our appreciation for the volunteer work that the ΑΣΦ Fraternity, Albright College, has done for us. On Saturday, September 16, 2000 six of the members helped us with stream restoration on the Northwest Branch of the Perkiomen Creek near Bally, PA. The Berks County Conservancy and the Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited were able to complete the work that they started earlier this summer. The ΑΣΦ Fraternity members gave us a combined 24 hours of volunteer service that was well needed. They are to be commended for their work.

Sincerely,

Andrew Longenecker
Berks County Conservancy
Natural Resources Technician
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Dear Incoming Albrightian,

It is the mission of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity "To Better the Man". For the brotherhood, "To Better the Man" is to:

- Pursue high scholarship
- Demonstrate responsible leadership
- Exemplify integrity, patriotism, and respect for the opinions, beliefs, actions, cultures, and principles of others

It is in the spirit of this that the Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi are proud to announce our first annual "To Better the Man" Scholarship. The scholarship will be for the amount of \$150.00 and is to be used towards books. To enter into contention for this scholarship, the following is requested:

- Proof of a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- A list of extracurricular activities (including a list of offices held)
- A list of any volunteer work, community service, and/or programs to better society
- At least a 250 word typed essay about "A time when you were needed by a friend"

This scholarship is open to all freshmen males. The deadline is Monday September 3, 2001. We hope to hear from you soon. We also would like to welcome you into the Albright community and wish you good luck with your first year of college.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Wiegand
Alumni Scholarship Committee Chair

Nathaniel R. Martin
Treasurer

NOTE: Participation does not obligate any applicants to participate in any and all ASP affiliated events or functions except for the ceremony in which the award will be presented.

HAZING STATEMENT

Hazing has no place in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity or any of its new member education programs. According to the American College Dictionary, hazing is to subject others to abusive or ridiculous tricks and to harass with unnecessary or disagreeable tasks. We feel that this type of treatment is abominable. Part of the goal of our new brother education program is to make our new members feel like brothers. We want them to turn to us for help, laughs, and a shoulder to cry on. Alienation, humiliation, and degradation will only lead to the lowering of morale among the whole fraternity. By offering potential new members a bid, we have made a choice that we want that person as a brother. If accepted, it is our duty to make them want us as brothers in return. The only way to accomplish that is with fair and just treatment among all brothers alike.

Closing Statement

Our fraternity has come a long way in our journey to better the man. In the past two years, we have seen each other grow both spiritually and mentally. When we were in our interest-group phase, our reputation was of people who were just starting a fraternity so that we could wear letters. We've worked hard to make sure that when people look at us now, they see nothing but gentleman and scholars. This colony has survived through many trials and tribulations; even when we were in our darkest moments, and it seemed all was lost, we rose just like the phoenix, burning brighter than ever. We've already begun extending our values to our new members, making sure that twenty-five years from now, we can come back to the chapter we knew and loved. Our alumni are quite active, and have made several contributions in helping us achieve our goals. We realize that being part of Alpha Sigma Phi is a life long commitment. Our colony looks forward to being chartered, and does not see it as the end of the road, but as an accomplishment along the path of our fraternal experience.



**GREEK WEEK 2001
AT
ALBRIGHT COLLEGE**

Greeks come together to kick off Spring Fever

Shelly Alexander
Lion Reporter

The fraternities and sororities on Albright's campus joined together for a week of fun to better the Greek community and the college as a whole. Wednesday, April 18th, kicked off the events to unify all who proudly promote Greek life, with a Mixer with DJ Adam at the Funhouse in Reading. All who attended greeted each other for a night of dancing and spending time with friends.

Greeks bundled up for the chilly evening and relaxed on blankets in the pit in the Albright woods for a scary movie Thursday night, April 19th, with Michelle Pfeiffer and Harrison Ford in *What Lies Beneath*.

Many came together to participate in a campus cleanup stretching from

North Hall to Teel Hall in an attempt to make Albright more beautiful this spring. That same night on Monday, April 23rd, Greeks met in lighter spirits for the Greek God and Goddess Contest. A Greek from each sorority and fraternity took part in a 4-category pageant. The poem reading, talent, evening wear, and question sections of the contest were all done in good fun with Alpha Delta Pi's Robyn Morris crowned as the Greek Goddess, along with Pi Kappa Phi's Jason Magid, honored as the 2001 Greek

God. Tuesday evening, April 24th, all Greeks gathered in the chapel to hear a speaker on diversity on a college campus and in Greek life. Larry Moses discussed the stereotypes

are in order to move in a more positive direction.

A lunch with the faculty was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 25th in Alumnae Hall to bring the professors at Albright together

ulty.

Spring Fever weekend at Albright was integrated into Greek week with the final event being the Airbands competition on Friday evening, April 27th. The Pi Kappa Phi's won third place, Sigma Kappa received second, and the Alpha Sigma Phi's took first place with their dancing skills in a performance to the song "Apache". Greek week then concluded with the opening of more exciting events for the kick off of Spring Fever weekend.



Members of Alpha Sigma Phi from left: Rich Wiegand, Geoff Oakley, and Dan Affrime shake to the music in the Air Bands competition

ALBRIGHTIAN/Jen Bussillo

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