

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Middle Tennessee State Colony



Petition for Chartering

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Introduction

The members of the Middle Tennessee State Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity are proud to be a part of the first group of the Fraternity ever founded in the state of Tennessee. Founded just over two years ago, the Colony has had tremendous success in developing an atmosphere of true brotherhood for all of its members. Through our programs and activities, we strive to produce academic, social, physical, spiritual, and emotional growth and development for each brother. In extending membership to prospective members, we value a person's character, honor, and integrity over anything else. It is this attitude and outlook that has helped the MTSU Colony to produce, in the fashion of Louis Manigault, true gentlemen.

In this petition, you will learn many of the different aspects about what makes the Colony worthy to become a part of the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The group's achievements alone have been well noted:

-An effective Five Step Rush/Recruitment Program that has already inspired the MTSU Greek system to move toward a more open rush philosophy

-A commitment to community service including, among other things, Adopt-a-Highway, help with a Senior Citizen's Fix-It Day, and help with the Salvation Army

-A move toward breaking down the racial and stereotypical barriers that exist within many modern fraternities

-An impressive attitude toward scholarship-- the Colony's GPA ranks it consistently among the top of all fraternities at MTSU

-An array of awards and trophies from past events including a 2nd Place overall ranking in MTSU's Homecoming 1996 Competitions

Not only has the Colony as a group achieved some worthwhile results, but our members continue to set the standard for excellence among students in MTSU, the state, and the nation. Our members are consistently recognized for their participation as campus leaders in SGA and other organizations.

It is with this spirit of individual and collective success that the members of the MTSU Colony hereby petition the Grand Council to grant us the privilege and honor of becoming a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

About MTSU



Middle Tennessee State University, a co-educational, tax-supported institution, is located in Murfreesboro less than a mile from the exact geographic center of the state. MTSU is a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system. TBR is the seventh largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of six universities, fourteen community colleges, and twenty-six area technology centers. More than 80 percent of all Tennessee students attending a public institution of higher education are enrolled in the TBR system. MTSU has a large and beautifully landscaped campus of approximately 500 acres and over 80 permanent buildings.

Opening in 1911 with a two-year program for training teachers, Middle Tennessee State Normal School evolved into a four-year teachers college in 1925 with the power of granting the Bachelor of Science degree. In 1943, the General Assembly designated the institution a state college. This new status marked a sharp departure from the founding purpose and opened the way for expanding curricular offerings and programs. In 1965, the institution was advanced to university status.

The University is made up of five undergraduate colleges - the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Mass Communications - which

total 33 academic departments, and a College of Graduate Studies. MTSU offers curricular breadth in a variety of programs ranging from traditional ones on which the school was founded to new, innovative ones designed for a rapidly changing society. Now designated as a regional university, MTSU provides services and continuing education to the middle Tennessee area.

Since 1911, MTSU has graduated more than 60,000 students. Despite the University's growth from a campus of 100 acres, 125 students, and a faculty of 19, to an academic city of over 500 acres, more than 17,000 students, and a faculty of over 650, the institution is still essentially a "people's university" with a concern for the diverse needs of the area that it serves. Some 65 percent of the school's 650 full-time faculty members hold the earned doctorate. The 17,000-plus student body is drawn from 93 Tennessee counties, 45 states, and 69 foreign countries.

Currently, MTSU is the fastest growing university in the state, with that growth projected well past the year 2000. By then, projections indicate that the school will have over 25,000 students. The university also continues to expand in terms of facilities. Recent additions include a new Student Recreation Center, a Mass Communications building, and a Nursing facility. A new, Business/Aerospace building is in the process of being constructed, and groundbreaking on a \$33 Million Library took place in the Fall 1996 semester. MTSU is currently making a move to Division 1-A football, with a stadium expansion planned for the immediate future.

COLLEGE OF BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCES

- Aerospace
- Agribusiness and Agriscience
- Biology
- Chemistry and Physics
- Computer Science
- Industrial Studies
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Military Science
- Nursing

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Business Education, Marketing Education, Office Management
- Computer Information Systems
- Economics and Finance
- Management and Marketing

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Criminal Justice Administration
- Educational Leadership
- Elementary and Special Education
- Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Safety
- Human Sciences
- Psychology

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

- Art
- English
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Geography and Geology
- History
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
- Speech and Theatre

COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION

- Journalism
- Radio-Television/Photography
- Recording Industry

DEGREES CONFERRED BY MTSU

- Associate in Applied Science in Law Enforcement
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of University Studies
- Master of Arts
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Education
- Master of Education
- Master of Science
- Master of Science in Teaching
- Master of Vocational-Technical Education
- Master of Criminal Justice
- Specialist in Education
- Doctor of Arts

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About the MTSU Greek System

There are 15 chartered fraternities and 9 chartered sororities on the MTSU campus, as well as several other Greek-letter societies. Three bodies govern the actions of the social Greek-letter organizations on campus. The Interfraternity Council governs eleven fraternities, the Panhellenic Council oversees six sororities, and the United Greek Council manages seven historically black fraternities and sororities. The university employs a Director of Greek Life to oversee and promote the activities of the various Greek organizations.

MTSU's Greek population comprises a relatively small percentage of the total student enrollment. As the school continues to grow and expand, so does the Greek system. Currently, two fraternities are in the process of chartering on the campus-- Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Tau Omega. Additionally, a local sorority, Phi Chi, has recently been formed and is seeking a national organization with which to affiliate.

Because of the rapid growth of new Greek organizations on the MTSU campus, many of the established fraternities and sororities are having to deal with the issue of competition. Because of outdated recruiting methods and programs, many of these organizations are finding their membership numbers declining. They inaccurately view the cause of this as the formation of new, competing Greek organizations. As such, many of the newer Greek

organizations are finding a less than total acceptance by a few of the established fraternities and sororities. By and large, most of the fraternities and sororities on the campus are receptive to new groups such as Alpha Sigma Phi. They realize that fraternity/sorority recruitment is not a zero-sum game. New Greek organizations only add to the number of total Greeks on campus, they do not take members from the other groups.

Several positive actions have been taken recently to encourage growth and promotion of MTSU's Greek system. First, the university is in the final planning stages before construction of a Greek Row. With housing to be located on a visible area of campus, the system is sure to grow. Second, the IFC has recently adopted an open rush policy similar to what is used by the MTSU Colony of Alpha Sigma Phi. This step should help promote the growth of fraternities on our campus.

Alpha Sigma Phi has the opportunity to really add to MTSU's growing Greek system. We have already had an impact in several ways. First, we have shown by example that the Five Step Process of recruitment actually works. Because of our success, other fraternities and the IFC as a whole have now adopted an open rush policy. Second, we have helped to cross the racial barrier that exists between the IFC and UGC systems. To our knowledge, we are the first fraternity at MTSU that has ever had several members of different races. We firmly believe that a person's character, not their skin color, determines their qualifications for membership.

All of the members of the MTSU Colony agree that, upon chartering and initiation, our next step is to become full and active members of the Interfraternity Council. As full-fledged members of an NIC Fraternity, it will be incumbent on the chapter members to establish and maintain an active presence in the Greek system on campus. With help from MTSU's Greek Advisor, Headquarter's staff, and our Faculty Advisor, we will immediately begin the proceedings to become IFC members and continue bringing new ideas and traditions to the MTSU campus. Above all else, we will work to expand MTSU's Greek system as the university itself continues to grow.

Interfraternity Council Members

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Tau Delta
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Kappa Sigma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Tau Kappa Epsilon

Panhellenic Council Members

- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Zeta
- Kappa Delta
- Zeta Tau Alpha

United Greek Council Members

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Omega Psi Phi
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Sigma Gamma Rho

Non-Chartered Greek Organizations

- Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
- Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
- Phi Chi Sorority

History of the Colony

The founding of the Middle Tennessee State Colony can be traced back to the Spring of 1994, when Alpha Sigma Phi's National Headquarters began corresponding with the MTSU Interfraternity Council concerning a possible expansion onto campus.

Upon approval, Todd Harris, Director of Expansion, and Glen Olson, Senior Chapter Leadership Consultant, arrived on campus in Fall 1994 to organize an interest group of the Fraternity. Harris and Olson visited the sororities at MTSU and asked them to refer them to men that demonstrated the integrity, character, and leadership abilities that have kept the brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi strong for over 150 years.

By October, Harris and Olson were holding regular meetings with potential members. The original officers were selected, and a constitution for the interest group was crafted with assistance from Andrew Hermansdorfer, Chapter Leadership Consultant. A checking account in the name of the interest group was established at a local bank shortly thereafter. The interest group began its focus on community service at this time by helping the Rutherford County Salvation Army pack Christmas baskets for poor families. By the end of the semester, the group had been officially recognized as a campus organization and began its drive to make a difference to the MTSU community.

Spring of 1995 could be best epitomized as a time when the group began experiencing growing pains. It was then that the group was forced to examine its

reason for existing and its future goals. Several leadership and membership changes took place as the interest group really began to evaluate what sort of fraternity it wanted to become. The group lost men who disagreed with that renewed vision of the fraternity and slowly began gaining men who exemplified that vision.

During the Spring Semester, the group submitted its colonization petition to the Grand Council. Approval for colonization was subsequently given, but as it was late in the semester, plans for the colonization banquet were held off until the Fall Semester.

Some of the activities the colony participated in during that semester included a mixer with the ladies of Kappa Delta, an etiquette banquet with Chi Omega sorority, a Senior Citizen's Fix-it-Day with Omega Phi Alpha service sorority, promotion of a cancer fundraising campaign, and participation in intramural softball. The interest group President attended the President's Academy of Leadership (PAL) and the Treasurer and Recording Secretary attended the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference (S.E.I.F.C.). Both of these leadership seminars were made possible through grants from the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation.

Summer was a time of reorganizing and regrouping for the colony's officers. Plans were made for colony activities in the Fall Semester, including a revitalized Rush philosophy and program. Four of the colony members were able to attend the Sesquicentennial Celebration in Charleston, South Carolina, in August. Those members were Chad White, Treasurer, Matt James,

Secretary, Chris Smith, Prudential Member-at-Large, and Philip Crabtree. It was at this time that the members actually began to see the Fraternity on a national level. Great friendships were made with undergraduate brothers from across the country, as well as with alumni brothers, especially those that were Society leaders. Those four members were able to take back new ideas and advice that helped to reshape the interest group into the excellent colony that it became.

Back in school for the Fall Semester, the interest group's new rush efforts paid off tremendously. The group rapidly began to grow as it took in far more men than most of the other established fraternities. The group was officially colonized on October 1, 1995. A banquet was held in the Tennessee Room on the MTSU campus for the colony members, alumni, family and friends. Twenty-five members formally pledged in a ceremony performed by members of Delta Tau Chapter from Murray State University and witnessed by Grand Marshal Robert Cabello and Director of Chapter Services Glen Olson. The newly pledged members of the Fraternity elected a full staff of officers and embarked on pledge education for the remainder of the semester, learning much of the history and traditions of the Fraternity. In fact, the colony members frequently utilized one tradition—that of serenading sororities with the Fraternity's songs.

It was during the Fall semester that the colony successfully recruited a faculty advisor, Boyd Evans. Evans is a member of Pi Kappa Phi, and served on the Board of Directors for that fraternity. He was active in the MTSU Greek system in its earliest stages.

During the Fall Semester, the colony held social mixers with Zeta Tau Alpha and Chi Omega sororities. The group also participated in intramural football. The newly formed Brotherhood Development Committee sponsored a brothers-only cookout that turned out to be one of the highlights of the semester. Several trips were taken to the Murray State chapter, in order for colony members to fellowship with initiated members of the Fraternity. It was also in the Fall Semester that the colony's Service Committee Chair organized a Christmas party for a needy Murfreesboro family. The brothers raised the money for presents out of their own pockets and saw to it that the family would be able to see the true meaning of the season.

The brothers of the Middle Tennessee State Colony began the new year with an officers' and committee chair retreat to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with Stuart Steadman, Chapter Leadership Consultant. This retreat turned out to be extremely productive for not only planning, but also for developing brotherhood. A great time was had by all. A master plan for the colony was mapped out for every operation and event to take place in 1996. The officers also received extensive training in rush and conflict resolution. During this semester, the colony made use of area alumni resources, including our Grand Chapter Advisor, William Stevens, and an alumnus from the Michigan chapter, Bob Garth, who now attends MTSU. Both of these brothers have been active in attending colony meetings and helping to advise the colony on a regular basis. During that semester two of the colony's officers were able to attend the

Academy of Leadership (AL), and the colony President attended the S.E.I.F.C. conference in Atlanta.

Some notable achievements were made in the Spring 1996 semester. First, the group surpassed the average number of men in fraternities at MTSU. The colony's academic performance was also outstanding. The colony's cumulative grade point average of around 2.8 was the highest for all fraternities on campus. Most of the colony members continued to be active in campus leadership positions, as well. At that time, the colony had the second highest number of members of the Student Senate of any campus group, and Chad White had been appointed by the Governor of Tennessee to serve as one of two student members of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

In March, three colony members--Chad White, Treasurer, Matt James, Secretary, and Philip Crabtree, Marshal-- hit the road at 2 o'clock in the morning bound for the national headquarters in Delaware, Ohio, to turn in the MTSU Colony's petition for chartering. At the monthly Grand Council meeting, the charter for the MTSU Colony was approved, and plans were made to install the colony as the Delta Psi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Over the next month, Murphy's Law was in force more than once for the chapter-elect. A split developed in the colony which would prove to have a lasting effect on its history. One side wanted to persevere with the ideals and values that had been upheld over the previous eighteen months, while the other side insisted on changing to become less idealistic. At the request of several of the colony's members, the installation of the Delta Psi chapter was postponed.

In April, Stuart Steadman arrived in Murfreesboro to sort out the absolute mess of the MTSU Colony and to remove men from membership if needed. That same day, the faction that strayed from the original purpose of the colony quit rather than risk possible disciplinary action from Fraternity Headquarters. Those who quit included the president, the vice president, the recording secretary, the corresponding secretary, the editor, the alumni director, and the entire Alpha pledge class. (Subsequently, most of this group petitioned to become a colony of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.)

Later that night, the remaining members met in a house occupied by three of the brothers to discuss plans for continued pursuit of the charter. The colony determined that it had come too far to give up at that point. The plan was made to persevere, and elections were held immediately. The membership at that point included:

Philip Crabtree, President
Chad White, Treasurer
Randy Cash
Edward Osuigwe

Bill Miller, Vice Pres.
Matt James, Secretary
Chris Smith
Mike Cloyd

Since the membership had fallen below what was needed to colonize, the MTSU Colony began the process all over again. The plan was made to begin an intense rush effort over the Summer which included a mass mailing to incoming freshmen, information tables at new student orientation, and personal talks with parents. As a result, the colony grew by three members at the beginning of the summer.

The colony determined that the Fall Semester would be when the MTSU Colony would take the campus by storm. Three members attended the NLC & C in St. Louis, Missouri. They included Philip Crabtree, President, Allen Daubenspeck, Rush Chairman, and Randy Cash, Prudential Member-at-Large. Upon returning to Murfreesboro, rush began immediately. The colony got back to its original method of the Five Step Rush Process and decided to keep a conservative presence on campus during the semester. The internal emphasis was put on building brotherhood and increasing the group's membership. By the beginning of October, the membership of the colony had grown to fifteen.

October proved to be an outstanding month for the MTSU Colony. Homecoming became the major activity of the month. The pledge class and the colony proved that they were fiercely competitive and successful by winning trophies *for 1st Place-Activities Day (this included a kickball tournament in which four Alpha Sigs defeated fifteen members of another team in the final game), 3rd Place-Costume Contest, 1st Place-Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest, 1st Place-Fight Song Competition, and 2nd Place-Parade Float*. However, the crowning achievement took place at the end of the week, when it was announced at the MTSU football game that Alpha Sigma Phi had won 2nd place overall. As a result of Homecoming Week glory, the colony rushed five more men, immediately bringing the total membership roster to twenty.

Over the next two months, the momentum generated by Homecoming success enabled the colony to renew its rush efforts. Several members were added in the two months leading up to Christmas Break.

At the end of the semester, elections were held. The new officers are as follows:

Chad White, HSP	Philip Crabtree, HJP
Allen Daubenspeck, HE	Rick Hindman, HS
Derrell Lambert, HCS	Edward Osuigwe, HA
Bill Miller, HM	Mike Kennedy, HC
Chris Hall, HR	Mike Clark, HP

Rush efforts continued over Christmas Break, and the end result was the required membership for resubmitting the colony's chartering petition. The colony had grown from eight members in April, to thirty members by January, and technically went through the chartering process in eight months. Not only did numbers grow, though. The brotherhood in the MTSU Colony rose to an all time high due to the colony refocusing on the original ideals and values that it held sacred two years before. In addition, the MTSU Colony is the only fraternity on MTSU's campus that actively invites men of all races to enjoy membership. We are proud to say that our colony includes men of all backgrounds including men of different races and men with disabilities.

In regards to leadership in the colony, two of our members are senators in the SGA, one of our members is the current Election Commissioner for SGA, one of our members has been the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for SGA, three of our members have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, two members will be attending law school, one member will be attending medical school, one member will be attending business school, and one member is currently working on his doctorate.

The Middle Tennessee State Colony continues to grow as it brings new ideas and traditions to the MTSU Greek system. With an open rush that allows the colony to extend bids to eligible men year round, the roster will continue to grow rapidly. The colony is anticipating further perpetuation of brotherhood and the sacred traditions of the Fraternity as a duly chartered chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Colony Organization

The MTSU Colony is organized in the manner that is recommended by Fraternity Headquarters and the pledge manual, so that the business of the group can be conducted in the most efficient and effective manner possible. We have officers in the necessary positions of President (HSP), Vice-President (HJP), Treasurer (HE), Recording Secretary (HS), and Corresponding Secretary (HCS). In addition to these positions, we have installed officers as Scholarship Director (HA), Marshal (HM), Sergeant-at-Arms (HC), Editor (HR), Alumni Director (HP), and Pledge Educator. We also operate with a set of committees, as recommended by Headquarters. The chapter utilizes parliamentary procedure to conduct business at weekly meetings with the HSP presiding. In addition to the weekly chapter meeting, each committee holds an individual meeting as needed during the week.

Officers

HSP Chadwick C. White

HJP Philip E. Crabtree

HE Allen R. Daubenspeck

HS Richard J. Hindman

HCS Derrell A. Lambert

HA Edward O. Osuigwe

HM William F. Miller

HC Michael J. Kennedy

HR Christopher M. Hall

HP Michael A. Clark

Pledge Educator Randy E. Cash

Committees

Note: Committee Chairmen have not yet been determined for the Spring 1997 Semester. The following is a list of currently active committees.

Prudential Committee

Rush/Recruitment Committee

Service Committee

Social Committee

Brotherhood Development Committee

Intramural Committee

Colony Finances

Every chapter of the Fraternity must remain in sound financial condition in order to survive. The MTSU Colony adheres to that principle rigidly. Throughout our two year existence on the MTSU campus, the group has kept itself in excellent financial shape. The outlook for the group's financial future looks equally promising, as the colony has already implemented a savings program and usually does not carry over any accounts receivable to successive semesters. In the past few semesters, the colony has been operating off of a budget approved at the beginning of each semester. While this budget may need some minor adjustments, total expenditures will not exceed total income, thus assuring a stable financial forecast for the colony's future.

Fundraising has been an important part of our financial success. Over Christmas Break, the Colony raised over \$500 in one evening by working the concessions stand at an event in Nashville. Efforts like this will continue in the future, as the colony embarks on a program to save for housing.

The colony maintains its accounts at Cavalry Banking and requires two signatures on each of its checks.

Budget for Spring 1997

INCOMES

Member Dues	\$2100
Pledge Dues	\$500 (minimum)
Fundraising	\$500

EXPENSES

Rush Comm.	\$500
Social Comm.	\$300
Service Comm.	\$200
Brotherhood Comm.	\$200
Office Expenses	\$200
Newsletter	\$200
Intramurals	\$100
Savings	\$400
Miscellaneous	\$1000

TOTAL: \$3100

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Colony Meetings

Members of the Middle Tennessee State Colony hold regular weekly meetings on the campus of MTSU. Several rooms are available for use by student organizations in the Keathley University Center. Additionally, several of our members live together in a house that they rent. Many of the colony's committee meetings and social events take place at their residence. To many of the brothers it has informally become "the Alpha Sig house."

MTSU is in the final stages of developing a Greek Row. In the future, the Colony hopes to raise enough funds to possibly obtain permanent housing on Greek Row. Obviously, this is several years down the road. In the meantime, we will begin seeking a permanent meeting place or chapter room.

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Michael A. Clark	3.67
J. Michael Cloyd	N/A
Philip E. Crabtree	3.10
Allen R. Daubenspeck	2.00
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Brent Q. Downs	2.67
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Chris M. Hall	2.05
Richard J. Hindman	3.15
Matthew H. James	2.91
David C. Jennette	2.81
Michael J. Kennedy	2.49
Eric Krzeminski	1.96
Derrell A. Lambert	2.45
Jeremy N. Majors	1.27
Michael T. Marsh	N/A
Tyson S. McClanahan	2.23
Kelvin L. Meeks	3.40
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Area Alumni

Because the Middle Tennessee State Colony is the first group of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to be established in Tennessee, we do not have the most extensive of alumni resources. However, there are several alumni in the Middle Tennessee area. William Stevens, who serves as our Grand Chapter Advisor, lives in Murfreesboro and has been very active with the colony. Recently, we discovered a student on the MTSU campus, Bob Garth, who is an initiated member of the Fraternity. He has become active and has given us some great advice. Although no longer in school, Brother Garth still lives in the area, and plans to attend meetings and events on a regular basis.

The colony's newly elected Alumni Director is planning to host an event in the near future for any alumni that live in the Middle Tennessee area. Several of these alumni brothers attended the group's colonization banquet and we hope, if chartered, to have them attend the chartering banquet. The colony's Editor is preparing a newsletter to send to alumni as well, in order to keep them informed of current happenings in the colony.

Finally, several of the brothers of the MTSU Colony will be graduating in the near future. Plans are for these members to officially begin our Alumni Association. If things go as expected, we should be able to build up an extensive alumni base within the next few years.

Economics and Finance Department

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January 6, 1997

Grand Council
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
8645 Guion Road, Suite J
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Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to recommend the chartering of the local colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Middle Tennessee State University. Having served as their faculty advisor for the past two years, I have watched them grow in character, spirit and fraternalism.

The brothers have developed an active and effective rush program which I feel is superior to the system used by most of the other fraternities. Using the recommended "Five Step" rush program, the colony has consistently recruited larger pledge classes than many of the other established chapters on the MTSU campus. Continuing this rush program into the future, the group should grow to become a strong and successful chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

I am confident that the chartering of the local chapter will be both an asset and benefit to MTSU and the National Brotherhood. I am pleased to recommend them for chartering.

Sincerely,

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Boyd A. Evans
Assistant Professor



Office of the Dean of Student Life

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January 2, 1997

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
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Dear Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of the colony of Alpha Sigma Phi becoming a chapter at Middle Tennessee State University and fully participating in all aspects of our growing Greek system. A fraternity leadership committed to the ideals of MTSU and those of the Interfraternity Council has a tremendous opportunity for success in the coming years of continued University growth and expansion. A fraternity leadership which attempts to develop outside of the established Greek system is not likely to enjoy long-term success on our campus.

We are supportive of a strong Greek system at MTSU and are making every effort to insure that the system continue to grow and expand. It is not only important for new fraternities to do all that is required internally within their respective organizations, it is equally important to establish relationships and partnerships with the existing IFC fraternities. It is incumbent on the men of Alpha Sigma Phi to make every effort this spring semester to establish those relationships.

It is also incumbent on the current Alpha Sigma Phi leadership to meet regularly this semester with Mr. Vic Felts, Director of Greek Life, for assistance in developing a plan of action that will insure their success. Vic can provide the necessary guidance and insight which is essential in helping this chapter achieve full participation in the MTSU fraternity system.

Once again, we are pleased that Alpha Sigma Phi is interested in establishing a chapter at Middle Tennessee State University and look forward to a long and positive relationship. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Burke, Ph.D.
Dean of Student Life

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December 10, 1996

Grand Council
Alpha Sigma Phi

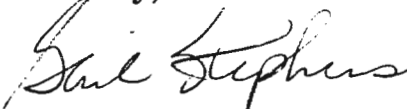
Dear Council Members:

I have been asked to write a letter supporting an Alpha Sigma Phi chapter on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University. Let me say that I have no hesitation in supporting such. I have been in student affairs on university campuses for the last 20 years and know that those students involved in the Greek system are generally hard-working and supportive of the university. Because of the involvement these students have in the campus community, I would like to see more students join the Greek system. I believe that the addition of an Alpha Sigma Phi chapter provides another opportunity for this involvement.

I have worked with this chapter in registering them as an organization at MTSU and believe that these individuals are fully committed to making it succeed. I asked many questions prior to agreeing to write this letter and am satisfied that this chapter would be a good move as long as two things are in place: strong national support and strong local alumni support.

If I can offer anything more in the recommendation of this chapter, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Gail M. Stephens, Ed.D.
Associate Dean of Students

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December 19, 1996

To the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

I am writing this letter in endorsing the installation of a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity on MTSU campus. Middle Tennessee State is increasing yearly in its number of students. I am especially interested in seeing this chapter established because of the sensitivity that potential charter members are showing in including diverse students as members. This chapter I am told will probably include at least four students with disabilities as potential charter members this will be the largest group of disabled students in they are accepted to be members of a single fraternity on our campus.

Again I would encourage the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to consider these fine young men at MTSU.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 898-2783.

Sincerely,

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John Harris, Director
Disabled Student Services

Multicultural Affairs



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January 6, 1997

To the Grand Council of the
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding commitment to duties and services the members of the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity have shown and exemplified.

Furthermore, as the Director of the MTSU Office of Multicultural Affairs, I wholeheartedly support these gentlemen in their quest to charter and colonize the MTSU campus while continuing to add to the quality of life here at MTSU.

I have had the opportunity to observe and to work with members of your organization as they strive to promote the spirit, intent, goals and objectives of diversity, multiculturalism and equality on our campus. These young men have taken the lead and have been campus and community leaders in their efforts to enhance the MTSU campus environment.

It is my wish, hope and desire that you will present these gentlemen with the opportunity for full and unconditional chartering of the campus of MTSU.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support and appreciation of the MTSU Alpha Sigma Phi organization. If you have questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact me at the above listed address at your convenience.

Sincerely

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Ralph A. Metcalf, Director
Office of Multicultural Affairs

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Conclusion

As you have seen, the MTSU Colony has, just like our symbol the Phoenix, risen out of the ashes to achieve remarkable success. All signs point toward an excellent future for the group-- support from university officials and administrators is just one piece of evidence of this fact. The proven leadership and brotherhood exhibited by our members currently and in the past will virtually ensure the success of our present and future.

We believe that the establishment of a chapter on MTSU's campus will be an asset to both the university and the Greek System. As the university grows, there is a greater need developed for organizations that have a useful and relevant purpose. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity is one such organization.

Where do we go from here? If charter status is granted, we have immediate plans for joining IFC and for beginning the search for a house. Our successful rush efforts in the past should continue. If the past is any indication, we foresee a large increase in membership over the next semester. No one can know exactly the course we will take. However, if the past and the present are any indications, there is an exciting and bright future ahead for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at MTSU.