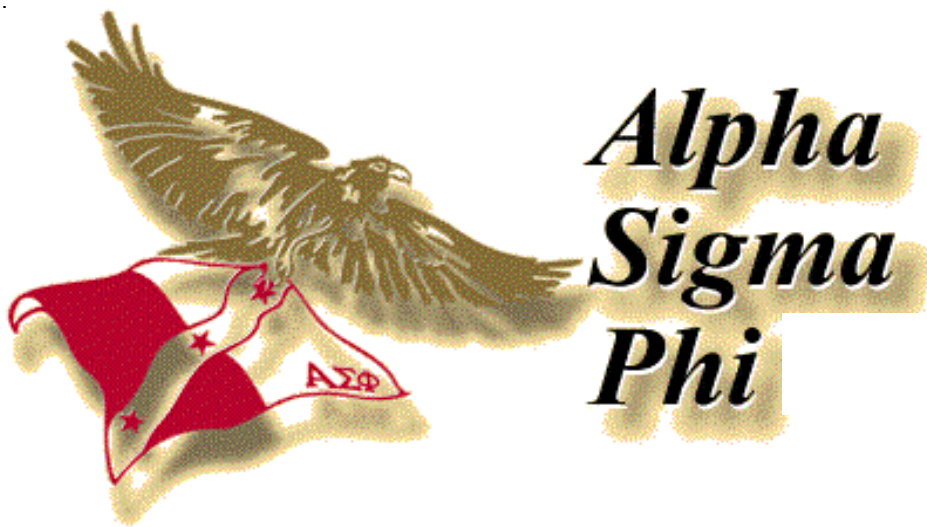


# ASF *AP Chapter*



*Meeting of the Members*  
*2005*

# Welcome to the 2005 Meeting of the Members!

Brothers:

I hope this letter finds you well. Believe it or not, it is time once again for the annual Meeting of the Members! This year's meeting will be on June 4, 2005 (if you haven't realized by now, it's ALWAYS the first Saturday in June) starting at 10:00 am. This year, the theme of the meeting is "Back to Basics." We've decided to have this meeting right on the NJIT campus in the new student center. Remember, if you paid your dues, you are ALREADY PRE-PAID for this event, so please plan to attend!!

If you haven't been to the NJIT campus in a while, you've missed a lot! The school has recently put millions of dollars into renovations and the campus has been completely beautified! The BRAND NEW NJIT student center is a state of the art facility complete with large meeting rooms, multi-media ports, and all the amenities.

Also, isn't it time to come down and see the Fraternity house? You can come and see all the upgrades that have been done to the house in the recent months. Things such as:

**New kitchen floor, New tile in the chapter room, New carpeting in the hallways, Brand new bar in the basement, New kegerator, New Tiki bar in the back yard (complete with Barbecue pit) and FINALLY you can see the oft-talked about Sprinkler System!!**

And mostly, just to meet some of the new brothers whom have recently been initiated! Even though some of these guys may not have even been born when you were in school (some of them are only 18!) from the second you meet them, you'll feel that Alpha Sig bond and immediately get the vibe that you've known them all your life!

Our goal for this year is simple, get as many guys as possible to attend the meeting, and talk about how the fraternity is going to move forward.

Talk about things such as

- What we are going to do to make our Alumni Association the best in the nation
- How to plan for next semester's rush
- What to do for the Meeting of the Members moving forward (keep it simple, or go back to the convention format)
- Set goals for the upcoming year
- Of course elect new members to the BOD, as well as President and Vice-President of the Corporation.

During the past few years, interest in the meeting has flagged. We've gotten fewer and fewer people to attend. That is why it is important that you attend this year. So that you can have a voice in how these meetings run in the future so that you keep coming back.

It is easy to sit home and complain "the meeting always sucks, it's always boring" or "I don't like this, or I don't like that." It's more difficult to come out and work for positive change so that there is less to complain about. Won't you come out and voice your opinion? Please do.

Enclosed in this mailer is an itinerary of the day, along with directions to the school (but you shouldn't need those, should you?) and instructions for parking (yes, we've arranged parking for you). Also enclosed are meeting summaries, reports from all the directors, the new proposed budget and an election ballot. Please take the time to look all of this over and BRING THIS PACKET WITH YOU TO THE MEETING!!

If you can't make the meeting, please take the time to mail in your ballot so that your vote can be counted. Ballots MUST be received no later than June 3, 2005.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

I hope to see you at the meeting, and I hope to be able to hear your opinion.

Sincerely,

Chris Vakulchik '91

## **Directions to the New Jersey Institute of Technology:**

**From the North or the South- Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 15 W (280 West). Take 280 West to the Exit for Martin Luther King Boulevard. Make a left off the exit on to MLK. You'll see Fraternity Row in front of you. Continue down MLK (you'll pass the Alpha Sig house) and you'll see the parking deck. You can/should park in the deck and just tell them you are from Alpha Sigma Phi. Parking arrangements will be made with NJIT security for all Alpha Sig Members. Then, follow signs to the student centre.**

### **AGENDA / ITENERARY**

10:00AM - REGISTRATION / PARKING

(Parking will be at the DECK, just follow the signs to Student Center)

10:30 AM - BREAKFAST

11:00 AM - MOM ANNUAL MEETING

- Reports
- Elections / Budgets
- UG Report / Scholarship Award
- BOD Goals for 20005-2006

1:00 PM - LUNCH

2:00 PM – Family Games on the Green and/or  
Spades Tournament at the House

5:00PM – DINNER

Please take the time to RSVP!!

Sending your RSVP will be a great help to making the 4th a successful day. This is critical for us to best plan for breakfast, lunch and dinner arrangements (and to know how much food to buy). You can email your RSVP to Chris V (smooch\_501@msn.com), or you can mail the bottom of this form to:

Chris Vakulchik  
1120 Eva Street  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Will you be attending the meeting?

Will you be joining us for the BBQ afterwards?

Will you be sticking around for events at the house/and or on the green?

Will you be joining us for the Brazilian/Portugeuse festival and dinner in the ironbound?

MY NAME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

## BOD Meeting Summaries

### August

BOD Vote Results:

Humberto Baquerizo, Dave Sabonosh and Brian Feuer the 3 BOD spots.

Bryan Chua won the President spot and Chris Vakulchik won the VP.

Budget Passed.

**September:** Got mortgage through a bank. Loan will pay off Gary and leave money for sprinkler system. Crediting live-ins for time in the house when they weren't allowed to live there due to fire regulations. Sprinkler system is being installed.

**October:** Newark is forming a new community group to plan future development of the MLK area, current proposals would involve the area where the house is, Humby will follow the progress.

**November:** Black and White will be same place as last year, Keith is working on party favors for guests. Sprinkler system needs to be tied into water main, can either have dedicated connection or tie into APD's connection.

**December:** Planning for Black and White is nearly finished, postcards going out soon. We need dedicated phone line for the sprinkler system to connect to fire department. Newark redevelopment group has not made any decisions on the NJIT Greek area.

**January:** Black and White planning is finished, hoping for big turnout. Need to fill open positions on BOD for inactive members.

**February:** We have someone scheduled to do the final sprinkler panel hookup. Black and White went well, turnout lower than anticipated. There are eight pledges this semester. MOM will be at NJIT in the new student center.

**April:** The sprinkler panel has been installed and activated, needs to be programmed with notification numbers besides emergency services. Law will work on making sure current constitution is current with any recent rule changes. Nominations made for BOD, need to check who accepts. Budget and dues levels set.



# BOD Member Reports

## President's Report – Bryan Chua '91

### President's 2005 Annual Report

It has been my pleasure to serve as President for the past year. This year, my main objective was to get the fire sprinkler system installed in the chapter house. One of the biggest hurdles for this particular project is funding. The cost estimate is around 35 to 40 thousand dollars. The Undergraduate Housing Corporation has been able to secure a mortgage from the Tri-Co Credit Union. With this mortgage, the fraternity has been able to pay off Gary Saitta's note and gave us enough support to undertake a major safety addition to the house. This a big step for the fraternity and one I believe is a win-win for everyone.

I am also amazed at the amount of effort it took to get this off the ground. Don't even get me started with dealing with the city of Newark, that city hall has to be bulldozed to the ground. I am amazed however with the network we currently have as brothers in this fraternity. I was able to draw upon the resources of this network and was able to push through this project. The support came in the form of technical know-how, expedited tasks, insider information, valuable contacts, and most of the time, morale support. These brothers know who I'm talking about and know they have my gratitude.

The value of this network only grows with each additional brother who brings something to the party. I have been blessed to be surrounded by brothers who have volunteered their time as stewards for this Fraternity. It is a humbling experience to think that there's always something new to learn and as the case with Bilbo, something new to cringe. The first step in being a leader for this community is to just show up, volunteer your time; I promise it will be a rewarding experience.

I would like to invite you to this year's Meeting of the Members. The location of this year's meeting is going to be in lovely Newark. There is some sarcasm in my tone but hear me out. Your alma mater, NJIT has undergone several major changes and through the network, we were able to secure a location plus various services. We would also like to showcase the chapter house and the effort put in by the current crop of undergraduates. The whole objective to the meeting is to catch up with what the Fraternity is currently involved in and conduct vital business to help the Fraternity's future. I hope to see you there.

## Director of Alumni Report – Keith Kooistra '99

This past year's alumni events have gone extremely well. Beginning with a great Meeting of Members at the Palisades mall in West Nyack, New York, we had a productive meeting, a good lunch, and a great day of brotherhood development. A moderate turnout, we saw some new faces and some old ones, and relished having the entirety of Dave & Busters to ourselves as we discussed the coming year's activities. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch together, and then spent the rest of the day in the arcade, the pool hall, and the mall. Wrapping up the day, most of the attendees gathered at the Cheesecake Factory before going their separate ways. Despite the endless list of things to do at the mall, the turnout, though good, was not as large as hoped. Planning has already begun to get this year's event "back to its roots". Continuing to provide our members with monthly brotherhood events, the fall started off with the annual softball game and picnic. Again, with a moderate turnout, the softball game was scratched for a much enjoyed bocce ball tournament. Thanks to Brother Dave Barker, it was a huge success and everyone had a great time. My hope is that next fall enough brothers will come out of hibernation and revive the softball game tradition. The rest of the fall saw the biggest poker smoker turnout in years and a much appreciated revival of sig series basketball. In January we held the 19th annual Black & White which was a huge success. Held at the same ball room as the previous years, the attendees raved about how much fun they had. Good food, good music, the traditional napkins on the head, and plenty of other fun made this year's Black & White another great brotherhood event. Another poker smoker was held in the cold of February at the chapter house where alumni met the 8 new pledges of the undergraduate chapter as they dealt cards, served food, and passed around books. Their hope is to beat the alumni soundly in the upcoming bowling, volleyball & dodge ball sig series challenges. My hope is that you will all come out for the old gal and join your fellow alums as we lay down a good ol' fashioned whooping.

## **Vice President's Report – Chris Vakulchik '91**

It seemed as though we on the board started our year buried in a big hole and that it would take a miracle to get lifted out of it. Well, it did not take a miracle, but it did take almost the entire year.

The house sprinkler system loomed as the largest obstacle. We simply had to get one installed or risk being locked out of our own house by the Fire Chief. Well, with diligent work from Bryan Chua, myself and brother Robert Owens we were able to secure the funds to not only purchase the \$37,000 sprinkler system, but also to pay off the rest of the mortgage owed to brother Gary Saitta. This was quite an accomplishment and the fact that we were able to do this, while lowering our monthly payment is quite impressive. We were able to secure a 15 year mortgage payment from Tri-Co Federal Credit Union. As a matter of fact, we were one of their very first business loan applications EVER!! They had just started writing loans for businesses when we applied.

A few twists and turns aside the sprinkler remained about 95 % finished. A few odds and ends had to be secured (connection to the main line, an emergency phone line to be connected etc.). And is now done in its entirety.

My role shifted towards helping Keith Kooistra plan and execute the Black and White. This was our 24<sup>th</sup> annual and it did not disappoint. We were able to pull off the event with great success. The planning is already in place for next years Black and White- the 25<sup>th</sup> (Sliver Anniversary) annual!

Since I am Vice-President, I let it be known to all that anyone can call me to help with any problem that may arise. Well, a problem arose and I was made aware of it. It seems that in February, the furnace at the Fraternity house stopped working. After inspection, it seems that the heat exchanger (the guts of the furnace) had a severe crack. PSE&G recommended replacement (to the tune of about \$4500). I called the installer (MCR Heating) and explained our situation. I explained that our furnace was broken, but it was installed new only 9 years ago. Even though the furnace is at most 9 years old, Manny (the owner of MCR) explained that it could break because of lack of maintenance. At any rate, the owner (Manny) agreed to have someone come out and take a look. MCR agreed to fix just the heat exchanger (to the tune of about \$1000). After a couple of false starts where the company (MCR) kept showing up with the wrong part, the furnace was fixed. This took longer than expected (about 2-3 weeks) but it got done. Thanks to everyone for his patience.

My final act as VP was helping brother Matt Greimel plan the Meeting of the Members. We decided that this year we would go "Back to Basics" and have a simple meeting, on the NJIT campus so that brothers could see all the changes made to the school, and brothers could come to the meeting with no commitment of having to stay for an entire weekend. Our theory is to try to get as many guys as possible to the meeting, and then discuss the best way to run the meetings, moving forward. If we should go back to the convention format, or keep it simple.

Let me finish by saying what a privilege it has been for me to serve as your Vice-President for these past 3 years. As my tenure on the BOD is coming to an end, I will certainly look back on my experiences and be thankful for all I've learned.

## **Director of Law Department Report – Humberto Baquerizo '90**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the chapter as a member of the BOD.

As all you know, had an exciting year, quit my job, had a 3 ½ months vacation, and moved back home to New Jersey. Within my role of Law, I must thank previous members for their excellent job in creating the infrastructure for the room contracts, debt acknowledgements, and semester fee agreements, all I had to do with the help of the board is just to follow the rules.

As a New Member to the Board, my goal was to help foster Alumni relations, be of assistance to the chapter, and help with NJIT / Community affairs.

I would also like to invite you to this year's Meeting of Members, at your alma mater – NJIT. By going back to NJIT – going back to basics – hope that we can rally the organization infrastructure, increase membership, increase the number of alumni in committees, and finally help the chapter have a great FALL RUSH!

Come to NJIT, check out the new renovation to the campus, the new student center, the new school of architecture, play some Vball and chill at the green, meet the new members of the BB Class, and catch up with some brothers.....I would love to see you all there!

If you have any questions, you can reach me at [humbdnc@hotmail.com](mailto:humbdnc@hotmail.com) or at my cell 617-320-3580.

**Corresponding Secretary Report – Matt Greimel ‘92**

The address list has been constantly updated based on any and all info received from returned mail, email inquiries, national’s database and brothers saying that they moved.

The meeting of the members is set for June 4th at NJIT starting at 10:00 am.

**Grand Chapter Advisor – Brian Feuer ’95**

Report to be delivered at MOM

**Department of Undergraduate Housing Report-- (Spot Vacant, report by Humberto Baquerizo ’90)**

The Big issue facing the undergrad chapter this past year was the addition of the fire sprinkler system. The house was shut down at the end of the summer and beginning of the academic year. The state deadline to have the system secure was July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. As the BOD (Brother Owens) secure the loan (Tri-Co), the contractor goes ahead with the project, and finally getting approval from the City of Newark to re-open the chapter house, was without a doubt the biggest challenge facing the fraternity.

Undergrads had some concern with the condition of the chapter house. They were looking for some financial backing of the BOD to continue with some house projects. If you have not been to the house yet, I challenge you to take a tour of the chapter house. You will see renovations and/ or improvement to the kitchen (floor, cabinets, and ceiling), front stairs, new bars (backyard & basement).

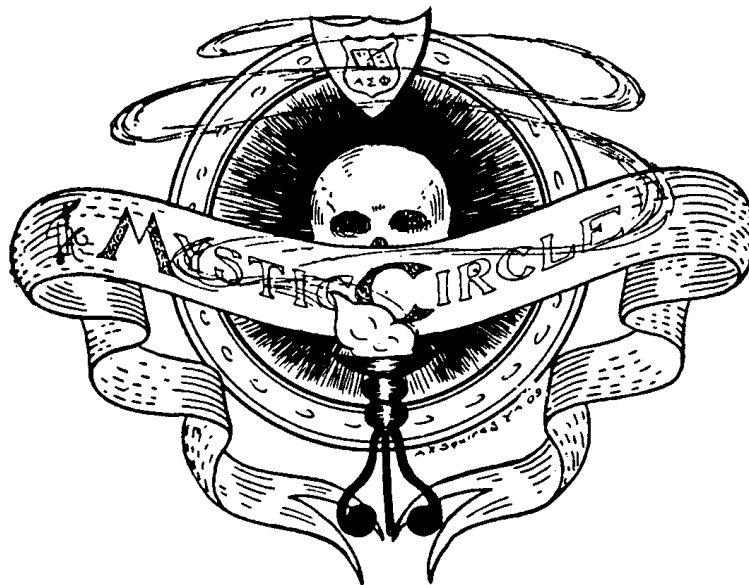
We will continue the renovation and improvement to OUR house. To make sure that the younger brothers had the same experience of having a House as many us did. On June 4<sup>th</sup> don’t forget to stop by the house, meet the new brothers, and play. (Spades Tournament)

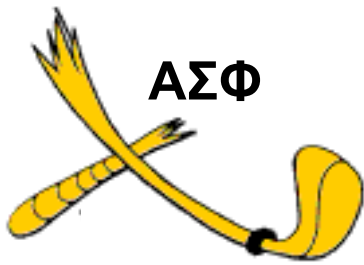
**Treasurers Report- Chris Strauss ‘91**

See Attached Budget

**Recording Secretary Report- Mike Bardarik ‘96**

See attached meeting summaries





8<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Alpha Sigma Phi Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday June 11 at 10am

When: Saturday June 11  
Breakfast 9am, TeeOff at 10am

Where:

- ❑ Hillsborough Country Club, Flemington  
[www.hillsboroughgolf.com](http://www.hillsboroughgolf.com)

Cost:

- ❑ \$130 by May 27 (*no exceptions!*)

Includes:

- ❑ 18 Holes Golf
- ❑ Cart
- ❑ Continental Breakfast
- ❑ Dog/Beverage at turn
- ❑ BBQ Dinner & Beverage
- ❑ A Custom Golf Shirt
- ❑ Prizes
- ❑ Lots of Fun

Sign Up:

- ❑ Send Check *Today* To:  
SBS, Inc.  
PO Box 310  
Gillette, NJ 07922

- ❑ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirt Size M / L / XL (*circle one*)

Note on Sponsors... Sponsors have knocked cost off of this outing in the past and have supplied the bulk of the money for prizes. This year we do not have any sponsors. **We are asking YOU to donate prizes for this event** – Anything is acceptable, including balls, hats shirts, coolers, clubs, cars, vacations, tees, etc.



## Hillsborough Golf & Country Club

Questions: Email [jcomerford@sbsnet.com](mailto:jcomerford@sbsnet.com) or call days 908-322-5123

# Proposed 2005 – 2006 Budget

Category	Proposed
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>985.00</b>
Convention Letter	92.50
Dues Letter	92.50
Convention	800.00
B&W Mailer	92.50
Misc.	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Misc.	
<b>Law</b>	<b>420.00</b>
Recovery Mailings (cert'd letters)	25.00
Invoice Mailings	25.00
Non-Profit Corporate Filing	150.00
Refiling Corporation	220.00
Misc.	
<b>Alumni</b>	<b>435.00</b>
Newsletters via Email	-
Website Charge	35.00
Alumni Events and Food	400.00
Misc.	
<b>HUD</b>	<b>-</b>
Scholarship Award	200.00
Misc.	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>-</b>
Admin Expense	-
Misc.	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,840.00</b>
<b>Misc. 10%</b>	<b>184.00</b>
<b>PayPal 3%</b>	<b>30.36</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,054.36</b>

Highlights
- Dues will cover the entire cost of the Meeting of the Members including the cost of lunch for dues paying members and their families.
- Dues will cover the cost of food at all Sig Series events and Casino Nights
- All Dues paying members contribute to the Vernon Drake Scholarship
- The anticipated price for the Black & White this year is \$125/couple. With prepayment, the cost will be \$95.

Standard Membership Dues
<b>\$80</b>

Dues + Prepaid Black & White
<b>\$175</b>

Number of Paid Members to Reach the Targeted Budget Amount
<b>26</b>

### New Dues level for 2005-2006.

We were asked to offer an “out of town” dues level for those brothers that still want to be involved with the chapter, but who may not live close enough to be able to take advantage of the pre-paid events (due to distance). **This new dues level for 2005-2006 is \$40.** Your \$40 donation will make you a full-fledged member of the Alumni Association, complete with full access to the website, Newsletter (which will be revived AND revised for 2005) and updates on all goings on. This level would be a “pay as you go” for any events and not include a pre-paid meeting of the members.



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