## IN THE SENATE OF EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

## January 14, 2002

## Senate Bill #74

Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory & Henry College,

- I. The Senate reemphasizes what we concluded on April 25, 2001: "Whereas Phi Gamma Phi Social Fraternity engaged in obscene and lascivious behavior at ABX "Airband" on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2001, while the fraternity was already on probation, the College Senate is taking this action in response to the concerns of the College Community. The behavior in question is deemed to be obscene, contrary to the educational mission of the College, an incitement of violence against women, and unbecoming of the image that should be presented by the Greek System, and the student body as a whole."
- II. Because Phi Gamma Phi's behavior at the Air Band competition in 2001 so seriously undermined the spirit of trust and mutual respect necessary for the preservation of the Emory and Henry College community, the Senate concludes that the charter of Phi Gamma Phi social fraternity shall remain on probation until at least January 2003, at which time they may again present their case to the Emory & Henry College Senate for reevaluation.
- III. The brothers of Phi Gamma Phi may be permitted to engage as an organized unit only in those activities that are clearly necessary to meet the requirements for recognition by the Senate and/or activities that may reassure the Senate that they are committed to preventing any event like that of April 2001 from happening in the future. Any proposed activities of Phi Gamma Phi must receive written approval from the Dean of Students' office before they take place.
- IV. During the period of probation, the organization will be allowed to induct a number of pledges specified by the Greek Council, none of which may be 1<sup>st</sup> year students.
- V. The Senate will provide guidelines for Phi Gamma Phi that shall include the following:
  - a. The Phi Gamma Phi faculty advisor will meet with the Senate.
  - b. Phi Gamma Phi shall provide a full admission of wrongdoing
  - c. Phi Gamma Phi shall submit a plan to avoid future wrongdoing.



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- d. The brothers of Phi Gamma Phi will engage in conflict resolution with Dean Gourley and other principals on a monthly basis where the majority of active brothers are present.
- e. Phi Gamma Phi will present a monthly report of progress to the Sen ate.
- VI. Any further action which is deemed, by the Senate, to be contrary to the aims and goals of bettering the Emory & Henry College community shall be grounds for an immediate and permanent termination of Phi Gamma Phi's organizational charter and said termination shall be considered by the Senate at its next meeting.

Passed by the College Senate

John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President



## Members of Phi Gamma Phi:

Senate bill # 74 requires a great deal from your organization. Part of the confusion on your part and the Senate's part was that when bill # 57 was past, there were no specific guidelines given. This was pointed out in the Senate meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, and so I, in conjunction with a Senate oversight committee, have come up with some guidelines for bill # 74 so as to avoid this problem in the future. Read over and familiarize yourselves with bill # 74 because it is important that you follow every part of the bill in order to meet its requirements.

Section I. It is a reiteration of the Senate's dissatisfaction with the events that occurred during "Airband" on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2001.

Section II. The organization's charter is still on probation until it is reviewed next January. At that time, the Senate will look back over the record of your organization's actions concerning this bill.

Section III. This section requires that any activities your organization takes part in or sponsors must be pre-approved in writing by the Dean of Students. Take this to mean that anything your organization does that is in anyway related to Emory & Henry College needs to be pre-approved by the Dean of Students.

Section IV. Your organization has been limited to four pledges by the Greek Council.

Section V. It gives specific guidelines that need to be met.

- a. Your advisor needs to meet with the Senate oversight committee once a month. We will be as flexible as we can be with this one, and it begins with the month of February. You need to tell your advisor to get into contact with me in order to set up a meeting time that will work best with his and our schedules. My number is 6542.
- b. The Senate is looking for something in writing in order to put in its records. Whatever you come up with needs to be submitted to the Senate oversight committee before March 11<sup>th</sup> for approval. Once the committee approves it, we will submit it to the Senate during its meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c. This requirement can be met by following the same guidelines set for b.
- d. Your organization is to contact Dean Gourley and set up monthly conflict resolution meetings. You will need to have a majority of your active members there. (i.e. there are 13 members now, so 7) If you decide to take any number of pledges, this will require you to adjust the minimum number of members present at these meetings in order to maintain a majority of your active Brothers. The spirit of this stipulation is to have as many of your members as possible at this meeting, and the ideal situation would be to have every member there. You will also need to find a neutral mediator to conduct these meetings.
- e. The Senate will be expecting a monthly report in writing. This report needs to be presented by a representative of your group at the Senate meetings. Since there is a four-day rule for anything presented in the Senate, your report will need to be

given to the Senate oversight committee for the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting by March 11<sup>th</sup> and for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a Senate meeting on Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>, and due to the fact that you are receiving these guidelines after the four-day rule deadline for this meeting has passed, the report needs to be into the Senate oversight committee by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Once again, these reports can be given to me.

Section VI. This section outlines the most extreme option of punishment that might be taken if your organization does not follow the guidelines of this bill.

Section II specifies that there will be a re-evaluation in January of 2003. You should take that to mean that these guidelines will be in effect for the fall semester 2002. I, or the Student Body President next year, will give you the dates for next year's Senate meetings.

One final thing, if there is one piece of advice that I could give, it would be to go above and beyond what is required of you by this bill. At the Senate meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, there was a lot of discussion about your organization taking part in service projects and other activities that will show your sincerity toward getting your charter back. I will be available to help you in any way that I can, so let me know if you have any questions about these guidelines or anything else. My phone number is 6542 and my box number is 364. Good luck.

Student Body President, John Honeybutt