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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Brothers, I am once again glad to report that the chapter is very strong. Alpha Rho has been up to many great things this semester including introducing a new pledge class of men eager to join a great brotherhood. The new class of 2g12 will contain twelve new brothers to help shape the future of this great fraternity. In addition to this pledge class, Alpha Rho has been busy with service initiatives throughout the semester.



The brothers still maintain their presence in the music department through ushering most concerts and were an integral part in helping with the UNC Jazz Festival that was held this February. The brothers have also begun reaching out to other Greek Music Fraternities to help accomplish service goals. For instance, the brothers of Alpha Rho will be performing in a skit show with Kappa Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Tau Beta Sigma in order to raise money to support local music programs around Chapel Hill. Socially, the brothers have felt increased brotherhood through new social activities such as trips to the ball park to see the Durham Bulls play. The brothers of Alpha Rho also just recently enjoyed a weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for their formal. Fundraising has also taken new paths as the brothers are attempting to update and create new experiences through the Midnight Mystery Tour as well as continuing the traditional brother auction fundraiser. Finally, music outreach has remained high with another American Music Recital scheduled for late April. Performances will include selections performed by the entire chapter and some performed by the Phi Mu Alpha Barbershop Ensemble. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and I hope to hear from all of you soon.

- Paul Rosser, President, Economics and History 2012

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER APRIL 2012

ALUMNI WEEKEND RECAP

Thank you so much to all who came out for Alumni Weekend 2012! We once again had an incredibly tasty dinner prepared by Brother Steele, followed by a great day of basketball in historic Woolen Gym on Saturday. This year's tournament had a great turnout, with 3 alumni teams, 2 active teams, and one team of probationary members. As usual, the probationary member team fell victim to anyone who played them, while the alumni handled the active teams en route to an exciting finale between the top two alumni teams. A full score recap can be found inside. We look forward to seeing all alumni again for next year's weekend, if not sooner!

- John Dzera, ARO, Business Administration 2013
- Joe Levin-Manning, ARO, Political Science 2011

VP FIRESIDE CHAT

Greeting brothers! Last semester's low turnout to our Fall Mystery Tour has led us to decide to reinvent the Mystery Tour. In the past, tour guides traveled with their groups to different locations on campus and told a story at each location. In the new Mystery Tour (The Midnight Mystery Tour- Comes to Life!), tour guides will lead groups to a location, where a brother (who stays at the location) will tell the story. The brother at each stop will be in-character as a person of interest in the story. Take the Davie stop for example, where a brother will be dressed as Napoleon. I think that this revitalization of the Mystery Tour will make it more interesting and attractive to those outside of our normal audience.



I spoke previously about starting a scholarship for a man in the music department. The scholarship is currently still in the works, though delayed this semester due mainly to time-constraint issues. However, all of the details have been worked out, and the scholarship is in such a state that the next Vice President can hit the ground running. Until next time- VP out.

- Zach Mitchell, Vice President, Physics 2013

Final– Round 1	Final– Round 1	Final– Round 2	Final– Round 2	Final– Round 3
► Active Practicing– 50 PM– 4	► Alumni Red– 55 Active– 9	Alumni Black– 25 ► Alumni Gold– 40	► Active– 22 PM– 8	► Alumni Black– 53 Active– 20

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Currently, our chapter is one of the most financially secure in the province. We have a strong checking account and two well-maintained subaccounts. The first of these two, the Benevolence Fund, has provided both a safeguard to the chapter’s budget and a guaranteed participation for those who might have financial issues with dues. The second, the Alpha Rho Fund, is based on donations given to the chapter and has the long term goal of providing a portion of the chapter’s annual budget. Both funds have remained level since their initial investment of \$1,000 in each. Although the chapter has remained financially secure and has thrived in aspects of brotherhood, there have been several unexpected losses this year. Some of our largest fundraisers like the Mystery Tour had low attendance and only yielded half of the expected revenue. Our chapter has also spent more money on expenditures than was originally predicted. Despite these drawbacks, we have maintained a strong financial status. Our chapter is currently considering several options to invest excess funds, such as scholarships, workshops and other community services.

- Alex Basinger, *Treasurer, Chemistry 2013*

SOCIAL SUCCESS

Hello Brothers! I would like to take a few moments to share with you some of our fantastic social events from the past year. Last November we hosted our Semi-Formal event at Spice Street restaurant in conjunction with the Iota Tau chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. The evening was spent socializing with the sisters of SAI and enjoying a variety of delicious Mediterranean cuisine. Also, we recently returned from a fantastic weekend away in Gatlinburg, TN for this year’s fraternity formal. Brothers and dates enjoyed time spent hiking, walking along the Gatlinburg strip, and abusing the amazing hot tub and arcade games in our luxurious cabin. On that Saturday eve-



ning, the 16 of us gathered for a delicious dinner at Smoky Mountain Brewery on the Gatlinburg strip. I consider this year to have been a smashing success and am anxious to see what next year holds for us in the realm of social interaction!

-Patrick VanderJeugd, *Social Chair, Chemistry 2013*

FEO REPORT

Brothers, I have no reservation saying that being one of the FEOs this year has been one of the best experiences I have had in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Nothing gives you a higher appreciation for the values of our fraternity than teaching them to a new group of eager Probationary Members. I feel like an annoying parent when I say this is one of the strongest groups of young men that I have seen come through the chapter, but I sincerely mean it! I have furthermore thoroughly enjoyed getting to be co-officer with Michael Stanley, whom I have been close friends with since our very first days of freshman year at Carolina. It's a mystery to me how so many chapters only have one FEO, because I wouldn't have been able to do this without him.

It seems that one of the themes of the chapter this year is reconnecting with the fraternity at the national and provincial level, and the pledge process has been no different. I am proud to say that our chapter has taken large strides to comply with national risk management policies while still preserving the traditions of Alpha Rho. Our chapter is in a place right now that makes that a very worthwhile and meaningful achievement for all of us. In fact, this year's color nights have been some of the strongest I think I've attended; I know I'm not the only one who has teared up at all of them!

This year, I will be graduating and leaving the fraternity (for now). I have no doubt that our chapter has a very bright future in 2G12, and is in the best hands with the newly elected officers and those yet to be appointed. I am very excited to be on the other end of these pesky newsletters and watch the way that fraternity grows in the future.

- Michael Crosa, *FEO, Psychology and Music 2012*
- Michael Stanley, *FEO, Management and Society 2012*

Final– Round 3	Final– Semifinals
► Alumni Red– 56 Active Practicing– 8	► (#1) Alumni Gold– 57 (#4) Active Practicing– 25

INTRODUCING: 2G12

The 2G12 Pledge Class of PMA’s Alpha Rho chapter consists of 12 freshmen and sophomores at UNC-Chapel Hill. Evan Demetrius Adair is a freshman double majoring in Vocal Performance and French from Raleigh, NC; he is involved with Carolina Choir and the Swing Dance Club. Ryan Lee Burch is a freshman Information Science major from Kernersville, NC; he is part of the Jazz Band. Brandon Christopher Ellis is a freshman Computer Science major from Raleigh, NC; he is a member of the Marching Tar Heels and works at the ITS help center. Brian Gottfried is a sophomore Computer Science major from Westlake, OH; he is a member of Carolina Swing Dance Club and the Marching Tar Heels.

Trevor Daniel Haga is a freshman Chemistry and Business double major from Raleigh, NC; he is a member of Delta Delta Sigma and the Marching Tar Heels. Matthew Thomas Hinkle is a freshman Music Education major from Lexington, NC; he is a member of the Glee Club. Daniel Louis Jones is a sophomore Music Performance and Computer Science double major from Hickory, NC; he is a member of the University Chamber Players. Tanner Clayton Smith is a freshman Music and Business double major from Asheville, NC; he is a member of the Marching Tar Heels and the Wind Ensemble.

Ryan Christopher Spalding is a freshman Journalism and Music double major from Cary, NC; he is a member of the Marching Tar Heels, University Band, and RUF (Reformed University Fellowship). Shuhei Tsurumi is freshman Music Performance major from Cary, NC; he participates in the Marching Tar Heels, Symphony Band, and Trombone Studio. Ian Daniel VanderJeugd is freshman Math major from Charlotte, NC; he is a member of the Marching Tar Heels, University Band, and is a North Carolina Teaching Fellow. Bobby Glenn Warren III is a freshman double majoring in Chemistry and Music Performance from Leland, NC; he is a member of the Marching Tar Heels and the Symphony Band.

- Ian VanderJeugd, *Pledge Class President, Math 2015*

Final– Semifinals	Final– CHAMPIONSHIP
► (#2) Alumni Red– 58 (#3) Alumni Black– 26	(#1) Alumni Gold– 29 ► (#2) Alumni Red– 32

MUSICAL SERVICE

Brothers, in this past year the brothers of the Alpha Rho Chapter have led the way in the music department in service. We have ushered many concerts including the Concerto Scholarship concert and we helped jazz Sinfonian faculty member Jim Ketch in pulling off a delightful Jazz Festival. This brought in area high school musicians and exposed them to college, something that some of them might not have been exposed to before. In addition to that it brought in wonderful jazz musicians to play with UNC students which was an enriching and rewarding opportunity for all involved and was also something that could not have happened without the dedication of many of Alpha Rho’s finest. The Probationary Members also carried out their very own service project which helped in perfecting the Jazz Fest.

- Stewart Engart, *Service Chair, Music 2014*

A HISTORIAN’S POEM

As the sun Continues to rise and fall,
As Time Out continues to Serve food
No matter the hour,
The Last whimpers of winter
Are smothered By
The joyous calls of Spring.
The periodic ebb and flow of Time continues
And, like a spirited spring,
Spring springs back Again.
Temperatures are rising
And skirt lengths are shortening
As the Warm embrace of Spring
Greets our brotherhood with vigour.

-Ben Decker, *Historian, Physics 2012*

