ALPHA RHO CHAPTER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER WINTER, 2009

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This fall welcomes the 84th year of the Alpha Rho Chapter and it is as strong as ever. Last May the spring class of 2006 graduated from Carolina and are off to bigger and better things. We wish them the best of luck and much success in their graduate and professional careers as alumni of both the University and Fraternity.



By Myron Massey

(Alpha Rho, 2007)

Myron Massey President

I am very excited about this

coming year. In addition to our trademark Grilled Cheese Wednesdays and Midnight Mystery Tours (both of which have been abuzz about campus with students eagerly anticipating the next event), we are also represented in most musical groups on campus, from instrumental to choral groups and ensembles both inside and outside the music department. This fall included our annual trip to Louisburg High School as well our first trip to Southern Alamance High School. We also have interest sessions planned in conjunction with Sigma Alpha lota and an active ushering calendar for department concerts held in Hill Hall and Person Hall.

We enjoy hearing from alumni. If you happen to be in Chapel Hill please don't hesitate to get in contact with us by either stopping by or sending us a letter or email. We have a new chapter email (pma.alpha.rho@gmail.com) that is frequently checked.

ALPHA RHO MEMORIES

By David Steele (Alpha Rho, 2005)

We all make lasting memories in college, especially here at UNC. I've witnessed an unbelievable Connor Barth field goal to beat Miami, a Men's Basketball National Championship, and even the murder of a beloved student body president. While these all have left lasting impressions on my mem-

ory, it is the memories made with the brothers of Alpha Rho that live closest to my heart.

There were countless burritos from Cosmic Cantina, and just as many nights playing trivia at Four Corners. One of my favorite memories was the year I pledged, at the alumni basketball tournament. The 2005 pledges were playing the brothers of the Spring 2003 pledge class, who had never made the tournament playoffs. They had just enough of a lead to cover the point spread for them to take their first trip to the big dance.

Two seconds left, 2005 was set to inbound the ball. Everyone huddled to the sideline to try and block the inbound pass, except me. I made my way over to our basket and waited with hands outstretched. A pledge brother of mine, Matt Brown, caught a glimpse of me, and hurled the ball over the angry mob. I kissed the ball off the backboard and... swoosh! You would have thought I was Tyler Hansbrough after winning an NCAA title. All the pledges rushed to the center of the court in a wild celebration, and we didn't even win! Some of the brothers from Spring 2003 are still sore about that one.

There are so many more that I could share. We would love to hear some of your favorite Alpha



Alpha Rho Brothers

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ALPHA RHO FUND

By Spencer Braswell (Alpha Rho, 2007)

We are pleased to announce the creation of the new Alpha Rho Fund. Over the years you all have been supportive - fraternally and financially - of the chapter's many endeavors including local community service, musical involvement, and the continued recruitment for the growth of Alpha Rho.

More than ever, the chapter is in a position to make use of our unique situation as men of music and students in the Carolina community by continuing to achieve the aforementioned goals as well as broaden our influences. Commissioning a piece, attracting guest artists and lecturers, hosting brother and faculty recitals, re-acquiring and furnishing a chapter room, among many other things are all goals for this year. To make these things a reality, we ask for your support.

There are four donation levels: Once a Sinfonian at \$25, Always a Sinfonian at \$50, Long Live Sinfonia at \$100, and the Orpheus level at \$500. All checks can be made payable to Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. All donors will receive a certificate of recognition for their contribution as well as small tokens of thanks depending on the donation level. All participating brothers will also be recognized on the chapter website (unless anonymity is requested). Please visit www.unc.edu/sinfonia and click on the "Alpha Rho Fund" page to make online donations or fill out and return the form enclosed with this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the rest of what promises to be an exciting year!

Once and Always, The Brothers of Alpha Rho

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Myron Massey, President
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MYSTERY TOUR

By Spencer Braswell (Alpha Rho, 2007)

Who knew that ghouls, ghosts, histories and mysteries could be so successful? On September 18th, this year's annual Midnight Mystery Tour drew an unprecedented crowd and was a great success for the Chapter. With more than eighty-five students in attendance, the Chapter brought in more than \$450 – an outstanding start to the year's fundraising efforts!

Tour guides Colin Richardson, David Piercey, Paul Rosser, John Fratianni, James Burdin, Doug Crandell and Spencer Braswell led tour groups from the Morehead-Patterson Memorial Bell Tower all around campus stopping at iconic locations such as the Old Well, the Planetarium, and Person Hall and discussing everything from misaligned buildings to the graves of our founders.

Plans are underway to host another Midnight Mystery Tour for the Spring Semester. However, the brothers are looking to revamp the tour to provide different information and stops in an attempt to create an entirely new experience for the Spring Tour. Our goal is to make each of these tours, both the Fall and Spring, campus events that are in high demand each year.

We would like to thank all of our Alumni for their support attending the tours and a special thanks to Brian Miller and Charles Patton for their original work on the many different subjects now included in this important Alpha Rho tradition.

STAY IN TOUCH

Just a reminder to please update any contact information that may have changed recently at Lyrecrest online by logging on to My Desktop at http://www.sinfonia.org or calling the national office at I-800-473-2649. Updates can also be made through the UNC General Alumni Association by emailing them at alumni@unc.edu. And if you aren't already, feel free to join the Alpha Rho Alumni Listserv. Please let us know if you would like to be added by email at pma.alpha.rho@gmail.com.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

NEW BROTHERS

By Myron Massey (Alpha Rho, 2007)

This past spring, the Alpha Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia welcomed 8 new men to their ranks as brothers in its prestigious group, the amazingly peculiar pledge class of Spring 2009.

Pledge class President Joe Levin-Manning is a Junior Russian and Eastern European Studies Major, Vocal Music Minor from Raleigh, North Carolina. loe is also the Treasurer for the UNC Men's Glee Club, in which he will be singing first tenor for his third year. He is also involved with Sababa, the Jewish a capella group on campus; the Speaker of UNC's Student Congress; Treasurer of UNC Ballroom Dance Club and Team; Co-President of Easing Abroad Student's Entry, an exchange student mentoring program; and a member of AIESEC. In his free time Brother Joe likes to hang out with his Brothers and other friends, play video games, sing, dance, and write music or poetry. He hopes to become a U.S. Ambassador to an Eastern European country some day as well as serve dutifully in the U.S. Senate.

Pledge class Vice President Paul Rosser is a Sophomore pre-business/economics major, planning a minor in music. Paul is a second year member of the Marching Tar Heels and was also a member of the University Band this past spring. In his free time he likes scuba diving and hanging out with friends. He was a Relay for Life Team Captain last year and he is applying to be an academic ambassador this fall.

Pledge class Treasurer Robert Smith, who goes by Randy, is a Junior Psychology major with a chemistry minor. He is planning to pursue medical school. He is from Charlotte, NC, and started playing the trumpet when he was in the 5th grade. He is currently in the Marching Tar Heels; he loves all sports and is very competitive.

Pledge class Secretary John Fratianni is a Sophomore pre-Nursing major from Clayton, NC. He plays trombone in the marching band. He has lived in 5 different states and was born in Syracuse, NY. He enjoys kayaking and hiking, and also likes to ski, but is not very good.

Pledge class Historian Michael Crosa is a Sophomore Psychology major and Music minor from

Asheville, NC. Rather than focusing on one instrument, Michael loves composing and prefers to practice a variety of instruments in order to write better parts for them. He currently plays trumpet in the Marching Tar Heels, but has a strong background with percussion and guitar, as well as performance experience with mandolin, baritone horn, bass clarinet, and bass guitar. Michael is passionate about pushing for advocacy and awareness of Tourette Syndrome, a condition with which he is personally affected. He currently updates a blog entitled Music and Tourette's, which can be found online at michaelcrosa.blogspot.com. He is employed as a Resident Advisor in the Morrison Community, a position which he wholeheartedly enjoys.

Aaron Robinson is a Sophomore Music major from Raleigh, NC. He is a member of the second class of Kenan Scholars. He is a member of the UNC Marching Tar Heels, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, and other various chamber ensembles as a tubist and bass trombonist.

Brian Goodwin is a Sophomore Religious Studies major, thinking about a Greek minor from King's Mountain, NC. He was in the Marching Tar Heels last year and currently plays in a praise band at a local church. He is a green belt in karate, senior rank, and assistant instructor at his school. He likes to scuba dive, go hiking and camping, and ride his motorcycle.

Danny Stellini is a Senior Music Major (focus in Voice and Conducting) and Hebrew Minor. Originally from Golden, Colorado, Danny is a co-founder of "Sababa" the Jewish a cappella group at UNC-CH, and serves as its Music Director. He conducted the pit orchestra for "Broadway Melodies", and was the Assistant Conductor for "Kiss Me Kate" and "Company" during the 2008-09 school year. Come October, Danny will be conducting the pit orchestra for the Department of Dramatic Arts' production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Since his freshman year, Danny has lead the music for several Jewish worship services at the North Carolina Hillel. Danny has a passion for aviation and hopes to obtain his private pilots license in the coming years.

This class is excited to be a part of this wonderful society. Long live Sinfonia.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Alumni Weekend: February 26-27, 2010

Come celebrate another year of Alpha Rho with the active brothers and alumni with another fun filled weekend. Get ready for dinner Friday night, and the basketball tournament Saturday. More details to come!

Spring Ritual: April 17, 2010

Please join us for our spring ritual to help welcome into the fraternity the future Spring 2010 pledge class. The more brothers that come, the better it will be, and a better experience for those being initiated.

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