

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Evan Carroll
(Alpha Rho, 2005)

Dear Brothers,

We are rapidly approaching the 82nd year of Alpha Rho. It is our pleasure to continue the legacy that each of you helped to set here in Chapel Hill. I am pleased to report that our chapter has a strong membership and is striving to remain the preeminent music organization at UNC. Herein you will find information about our upcoming basketball tournament, updates on the chapter's activities and an introduction of the Fall 2007 probationary class. This class marks the first fall probationary class at Alpha Rho since 1994. We are excited about what these new brothers will bring to our Chapter.

I am also pleased to announce the formation of the "Sinfonian Brass" an all-brother brass quintet, which will begin rehearsing and performing in the spring. Stephen Lytle (Alpha Rho, 1991), who has returned to Chapel Hill to serve as interim assistant director of bands, has agreed to advise this group. We sincerely hope that this group will become a continued tradition here at Alpha Rho.

I always enjoy hearing from alumni and a welcome you to contact me for any reason, via e-mail at evan_carroll@unc.edu or by telephone at (910) 540-3826.

Sincerely Yours,
Evan Carroll



Evan Carroll
President, Alpha Rho

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By David Steele
(Alpha Rho, 2005)

It's that time of the year again! Time for the Alpha Rho Basketball Tournament. This year's tournament will be held in Woollen Gymnasium, and is sure to bring the same energetic atmosphere as always. Tip-off is set for 10:00 AM, on Saturday, February 23, 2008. Will the new Fall 2007 class be able to put up a fight against the seasoned teams? How will the 2005 class perform in their last tournament? Will the alumni teams continue to dominate the tournament? Come on out and see how all the teams fare, and spend some time with other Alpha Rho alumni, and the collegiate brothers. Don't forget to bring your "A" game. We hope to see you there!

PMA PLAYS FRANKLIN

By Dave Piercey
(Alpha Rho, 2007)

On Sunday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 12th, 2007, Alpha Rho made a difference in our community as a trumpet quintet, featuring Spencer Braswell, Evan Carroll, Dave Piercey, Doug Crandell, and Duncan Lewis spread some holiday cheer on Franklin Street with the aid of French horns, Daniel Hammond and James Burdin, euphonium Ford Ramsey, tuba Brady McReynolds, and interim assistant director of bands and Alpha Rho alumnus, Stephen Lytle, on trumpet. The group played many holiday favorites for several hours including Jingle Bells and Hark the Herald Angels Sing along with school songs Hark the Sound, Tag, and Carolina Victory. As a result we were able to raise a total of \$115 which was immediately donated to the Iskon of NC soup kitchen of Hillsborough, NC. Along with doing some good for the community, Alpha Rho also received some important university recognition from several students and faculty (including Prof. Brent Wissick, and Dr. Tim Carter). This event was a great sign of the impact that Alpha Rho can have with musical service events and we are going to use this as a launching point for many similar events next semester.



James Burdin (Alpha Rho, 2007) and Daniel Hammond
(Alpha Rho, 2007) perform on Franklin Street.

Additional Photos and Videos from this event are available online at www.unc.edu/sinfonia/media

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

FALL 2007 PROBATIONARY CLASS *By Spencer Braswell (Alpha Rho, 2007)*

This fall, the Alpha Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia welcomed a new group of fine young gentlemen – the 2k7 pledge class. This pledge class marked the first expansion of the process into the Fall semester in hopes of reaching a greater number of Tar Heels interested in the appreciation, performance, and advancement of the musical arts. This expansion was very successful, as shown by the quality and commitment of new brothers, and is one that we hope to continue in years to come.

Pledge Class President Duncan Lewis is a Freshman from Ruston, Louisiana. Duncan participates in the Marching Tar Heels and plans to major in Computer Science. His interests and other activities include gaming, reading, piano playing, and yodeling. Brother Lewis has aspirations to travel to Uzbekistan in the near future and also plans to go into the field of software development for video games.

Pledge Class Vice President Spencer Braswell is a Freshman Music and Public Policy Analysis double-major from Smithfield, North Carolina. Spencer participates in the Marching Tar Heels, Wind Ensemble, and Trumpet Ensemble. His other activities and interests include Executive Student Government, Campus Crusades, Scouting, piano performance, writing, computers, outdoors and aquatics. Brother Braswell has aspirations to attend Law school and eventually pursue a career in law or politics.

Pledge Class Secretary Doug Crandell is a Freshman Biology major from Auburn, Alabama. Doug participates in the Marching Tar Heels and also enjoys playing soccer and reading. Brother Crandell has plans to apply for graduate school in bioinformatics.

Pledge Class Treasurer Brian VanderJeugd is a Freshman originally from Des Moines, Iowa, having been a resident of Charlotte, North Carolina for the past eight years. He is a member of the Marching Tar Heels and enjoys taking naps and spending time with friends. Brian has aspirations to attend Pharmacy school at Carolina.

Casey Smith is a Sophomore Political Science major from Greensboro, North Carolina. He is a member of the Marching Tar Heels and enjoys playing competitive paintball. Brother Smith has plans to attend Law school and eventually become a member of a law firm.

Omar Jacobs is a Freshman from Wilmington, North Carolina. Omar is planning to major in History. Brother Jacobs performs with the University band and enjoys playing football, performing, and swimming.



Fall 2007 Probationary Class
*Pictured: (left to right) Braswell, Lewis, Crandell,
VanderJeugd, Smith, Jacobs, Hammond*

Omar's aspirations include going to law school and pursuing a career in corporate law.

Daniel Hammond is a Freshman Music major from Raleigh, North Carolina. Daniel performs in the Marching Tar Heels, Orchestra, and Chamber ensembles. Brother Hammond is one of the first four Kenan Music Scholars at Carolina. His interests include music, web design, computers, and math.

This fall pledge class, the first in many years, promises to be a great addition to the Alpha Rho chapter, and is dedicated to learning, upholding, and honoring all the traditions and pastimes of this fraternity, and specifically this chapter. The 2k7 class is a step into broadening the outreach of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and in turn the ad-

A FEW HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

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/newuser.asp> or calling the national office at 1-800-473-2649. 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 Paul Dolan (pdolan@metalab.unc.edu) know if you would like to be added. Additionally, we're always excited to hear from our alumni, please feel free to contact any of us at the information listed below.

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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

THE PERCY VISITS CHAPEL HILL

By Myron Massey
(Alpha Rho, 2007)

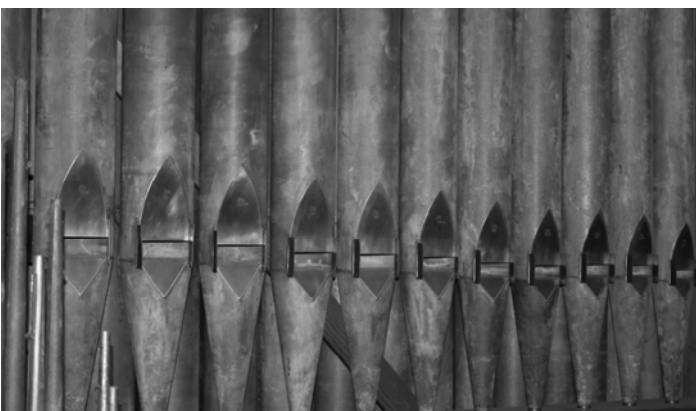
On November 17th several members of the Alpha Rho chapter went on a trip to collect The Percy, which is a trophy that travels around the country to encourage chapters to interact with each other. Province 20 has a similar trophy, called The State, which operates in the same way, except that it is bound by the state borders. A contingent of brothers including Matthew Brown, Evan Carroll, David Steele, and Myron Massey, along with newly inducted brothers from the Fall 2007 probationary class, Doug Crandell, Duncan Lewis, and Brain Vander-Jeugd, spent 12 hours traveling eastern North Carolina to obtain both trophies. This marks the first time the Percy has visited Chapel Hill and the first time both of these trophies have resided in the same place for some time. Highlights of the trip include making a cameo appearance in Zeta Psi's photo shoot and singing "Rare Old Wine" via our two-way radios. This was a great opportunity to go out and interact with other chapters and welcome our new brothers into the fraternity with the spirit of brotherhood.



Brothers at the Old Well with The Percy and The State



*Brother Brian "Doc" Miller (Alpha Rho, 1991)
At the console of Opus 367, the Hill Hall Organ*



A FINAL FAREWELL

By Warren Weisler
(Alpha Rho, 2006)

On the morning of the 28th of September, the University bid farewell to its pipe organ in Hill Hall Auditorium. The organ, a 59 rank Reuter, was built in 1929 and served the Department of Music for 78 years. As an American Classic organ, it was capable of providing the widest range of expression, from the quietest *ppp* to the loudest *fff*, as well as having stops for just about every instrument in a full orchestra. As brothers of Phi Mu Alpha, all of us have probably had a chance to enjoy the instrument in our times of study here at the University, some more so than others. For the past year and a half I was lucky enough to be the final self-proclaimed curator of the instrument. For me it has been an extremely rewarding experience being able to work, learn, and play on such a magnificent instrument. Another brother Brian Miller, came back to say farewell to the organ during its final week, and a video of him playing can be found online. So to those of you who once knew the instrument, and to those of you who didn't, we bid it a final farewell.

Additional Photos, Videos, and Recordings of the Hill Hall Organ available online at www.unc.edu/sinfonia/media

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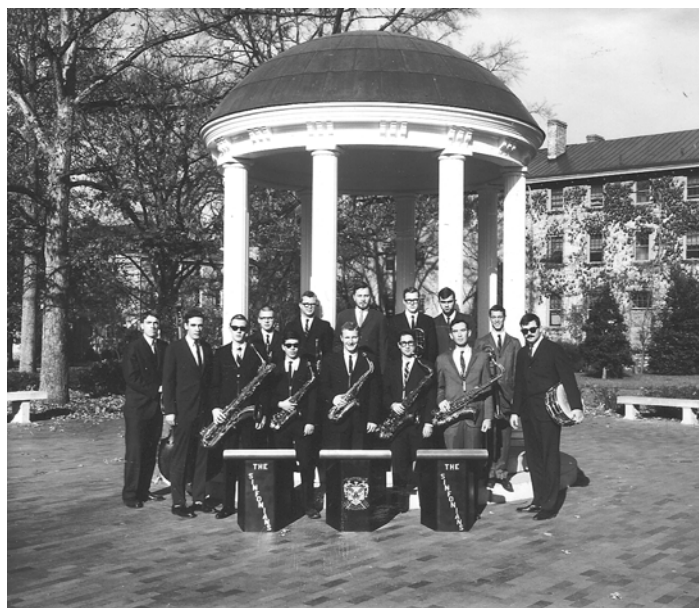
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REMEMBER THE SINFONIANS?

*By Evan Carroll
(Alpha Rho, 2005)*

In 1963 a group of Alpha Rho brothers organized the Sinfonians, a big band which performed music made popular by the bands of the day. It's first concert, held in Hill Hall and sponsored by Graham Memorial, marked the first jazz concert on the Carolina campus since the 1940's. We are presently working to learn as much as we can about this group and locate any recordings or photographs that may exist, in order to preserve this significant part of Alpha Rho history. We would like to hear from anyone from this time period who may have any information. A scrapbook in the chapters archive provides evidence that a recording of the group may exist, but efforts to locate it in the University archives haven't revealed anything. We are also considering a reunion of the Sinfonians or anyone from that time period in the next academic year. If you have anything to share or would like to express interest in a reunion, please contact us via postal mail at the return address on this letter or using the information below.

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*The Sinfonians
Jazz Band founded in 1963*

*Additional Photos of The Sinfonians from the Alpha Rho
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