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ALPHA RHO CHAPTER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY, 2007

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Charles Schutte (Alpha Rho, 2004)

Brothers,

Welcome to the 81^{st} year of Alpha Rho! We have a big year planned in which we hope to add to our proud tradition of musicianship, service, and brotherhood. We already made substantial progress toward this goal last semester. We successfully integrated the Spring 2006 pledge class into our work, and they have already proved themselves to be a wonderful addition to our brotherhood. With their help, we took our annual trip to Louisburg High School to visit Doc Miller and his band, we presented a music education program at Kidzu Children Museum's Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood exhibit, and we presented Ritual, at which time we inducted two new honorary members into our chapter. Leon Patillo is an alumnus of our university who is still very active with the marching band and pep band. If you are ever at a men's basketball or football game, look for him standing next to Mr. Fuchs and introduce yourself. Our second inductee was Dr. Stephen Anderson, a pianist, jazz musician, and member of our music faculty.

The coming semester is shaping up to be just as exciting and eventful as the last. Our chapter has just finished hosting the Province 20 Workshop. Over 120 brothers came to Chapel Hill to fellowship together and strengthen our Fraternity. Alpha Rho alumnus and Phi Mu Alpha National Executive Director, Ryan Ripperton, was in attendance at this event, and we were very excited to welcome him back to Carolina and hear what he had to say about the proposed changes to our Ritual. We are also already in the midst of preparing the Spring 2007 pledge class for full membership in Phi Mu Alpha.

Perhaps our greatest challenge this year will be to meet the ultimatum set before us at the end of the 2006 spring semester by Assistant Province Governor Pat Clancy to end this

school year with \$1000 in our bank account. Through series of fundraising events last semester, we raised around 65% of the money we will need to meet this year's operational budget and still meet this goal. Thank you so much to everyone who supported us in any of these events. If you have not already done so, please consider helping us to meet this goal. It will cost us around \$400 to produce and distribute this newsletter. If you value this communication and have the means to provide your support, it is greatly appreciated. Even the \$15 alumni dues suggested by the national fraternity will go a long way to helping us defer this cost. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you who already support our chapter so generously. Many of our programs would not be possible without your support.

On a more up-beat note, plans are in the works for our annual alumni basketball tournament! The tournament will be held in



Charles Schutte President, Alpha Rho

Woolen Gym on Saturday, February 24. Dust off your gym shoes; we are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to submit your news, stories, and anecdotes for the next issue of our alumni newsletter to be distributed at the end of this academic semester in May. We are doing our best to keep you informed on the coming and goings of the active chapter, but we would like to hear from you as well. More importantly, this is a chance for you to communicate with every brother of Alpha Rho, old and Please consider young. writing to us. Thank you!

Fraternally Yours, Charles Schutte

ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Brothers, the time has come again. The time of clumsy hands and sweaty backs. It is time once again to reunite for what promises to be a day full of blood, sweat, tears, and possibly asthma attacks. It is time for the Nth Annual Phi Mu Alpha Basketball Tournament.

The Details

February 24, 2007 Woolen Gymnasium Warm-up 8:00 AM Games Begin 8:30 AM Finish 1:00 PM

We'll gather at about 3:00 PM for dinner at Top of the Hill (On your own).



Alpha Rho Brothers with Executive Director, Ryan Ripperton

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

2006 NATIONAL CONVENTION RECAP (Alpha Rho, 2003)

This summer I had the pleasure (as CPR of Province 20) of attending our national convention Cleveland, Ohio. There was some fun stuff, there was some tedious stuff, and in the end I think the large majority of those in attendance would agree that Cleveland in fact does not rock after about 8pm, with the exception of about 2 blocks and the penthouse suite of our hotel where auditions were being conducted for a Gentleman's Magazine. (I'm not kidding, even Ryan can vouch for it). Legislative issues covered a range of topics from fraternity policy to logistics and to the always intense fraternity traditions. For a complete list of legislative resolutions please go to the website or feel free to email m e a t

yoda@unc.edu. Aside from the long hours of sitting in a room with voting cards and little audience, there were some very unique opportunities. In a luncheon early in the convention, the brothers in attendance heard a lecture from John Covach (U of N. Texas, UNC, now Eastman) on the Beatles before presenting the late Maynard Ferguson with Sinfonia's "Man of Music" award. The attendees also had opportunities to tour the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; attend a Cleveland Indians game (lost to the Minnesota Twins) where 100 brothers, including several from Western and Mars Hill, sang the National Anthem; and watch the Cleveland Orchestra perform Bernstein Gershwin. While province 20 wanted to dream about

being the furthest traveled, that award went to the boys from California, who DROVE then entire way to convention. Other chapters from the province that were in attendance include Western Carolina, Mars Hill, UNC-G, North Carolina Central University and Chapel Hill. In the end,

Alpha Rho has to be proud of the ridiculous and almost supernatural efforts Ryan Ripperton threw down in pulling off what I am sure could have been a logistical nightmare, flawlessly.

Fraternally yours, Charles Patton



Charles Patton (right) with Brother Chris Carter (Zeta Gamma, 2002) at the 2006 National Convention

MILLS MUSIC MISSION 150TH

We informed you last spring about the upcoming plans for the Mills Music Mission 150th Anniversary and now we wish to report the success of our event held at the North Carolina Children's Hospital. Brothers and Probationary Members gathered to perform various vocal and instrumental numbers in the Play Atrium of the Hospital. Works ranged from traditional children's songs to jazz improvisation. The highlight of the trip was the

opportunities that the patients had to play along with percussion instruments. The hospital staff noted that the background music, as well as the interaction the children had with the brothers had a positive effect on their demeanor.

The Music Room affords patients in the N.C. Children's Hospital and their immediate families an opportunity to express themselves or continue their interest in play-

ing musical instruments in the hospital environment. The equipment in this room also aids in the healing process by allowing self-expression. With the supervision of the child life specialist, children can create music CDs or individualized relaxation, hypnosis, story or guided imagery tapes to assist in the management of pain, stress or anxiety.

The day's events were a part of a national observance of the 150th birthday

of our organization's founder, Ossian Everett Mills. During the week of February 11-18, other chapters across the nation performed similar projects in their own communities. The activity is part of the Mills Music Mission, a national philanthropy hon-

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SPRING ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2007 PROBATIONARY CLASS

The Alpha Rho chapter has recently begun the Spring 2007 Probationary Member process. We have 7 outstanding gentlemen and are very excited about their decision to join Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. 2007 class is comprised completely of freshmen and they are sure to contribute positively to our brotherhood. David Piercey is a music major from New Jersey, who plays trumpet in the Marching Tar Heels, the Symphony Band, and University Band. Myron Massey is a Teaching Fellow from Salisbury, NC and plays percussion in the Symphony Band, as well as baritone in the Marching Tar Heels. Ford Ramsey. an economics and music major from Weddington, NC, plays euphonium in the Marching Tar Heels and

Symphony Band. Joining us from the Marching Tar Heels tuba section is Brady McReynolds a communication studies major from Columbus, NC. Jon Swofford, another Teaching Fellow, is from Durham, NC and plays mellophone for the Marching Tar Heels and Carolina Crown Drum Corps as well as French Horn in the Wind Ensem-Colin Richardson, a percussionist from Cary, NC, plays tenors for the Marching Tar Heels and bass for the indoor drum line, Constitution, Finally, lames Burdin, a native of Illinois, plays mellophone for the Marching Tar Heels and French Horn in the Symphony Band. The class is off to a strong start and we are sure they will carry our chapter to greater



Brothers Eric Bilbrey (2005) on trumpet, Matt Cross (2005) on Guitar, and Yuri Broze (2003) on piano at the Mills Music Mission 150th Event.



Brothers of the Rho Beta Chapter after the Initiation Ritual in Hill Hall Auditorium

RHO BETA CHAPTER

Brothers of Alpha Rho it is our pleasure to announce to you the newest

members of Province 20, as well as our nearest little brother chapter; Rho Beta at North Carolina Central University. The Brothers of Alpha Rho spent an intensive year last year guiding the gentleman at NCCU through the journey towards brotherhood.

By Charles Patton (Alpha Rho, 2003)

The newest chapter shattered all expectations with a chartering class of 33! The size, thoroughness and motivation of these new brothers was hailed throughout the country as one of the most exciting example of Phi Mu Alpha's growth and commitment to advancing the aims of the Sinfonia.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Of the 790 Sinfonians belonging to the Alpha Rho Chapter, we realize that only 1.89% of us are active collegiate members. So it makes sense for this newsletter to be more about the 775 alumni members. We want to use space in future alumni newsletters to share what's going on in your lives, but to do this we need your help. If you have news to share please send e-mail m e a n a t

evan_carroll@unc.edu or you may call my mobile phone at (910) 540-3826.

We would also like to give you the opportunity to only receive an electronic version of the newsletter. This will save the chapter both printing and postage costs. You may e-mail me to be put on the electronic only list, as well. We look forward to hearing from you.



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A FEW HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

please update any contact tion by emailing them at 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 I-800-473-2649. Updates can also be made through the UNC

Just a reminder to General Alumni Associaalumni@unc.edu. And if you aren't already, feel free to join the Alpha Rho Alumni Listserv. Please let Paul Dolan (pdolan@metalab.unc.ed u) know if you would like to be added.

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