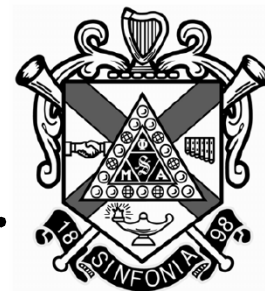


PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA ALPHA RHO CHAPTER SPRING ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

TRENDS AND INSTITUTIONS: EIGHT DECADES OF ALPHA RHO

By Charles Patton
(Alpha Rho, 2003)

As I sit around my apartment in Carrboro I flip through channels and find commentary for Super Bowl XL, the latest developments in the War on Terror, and coverage on New Horizons' mission to Pluto. It becomes easy to get swept away with where the world is going, asking myself "What comes next?" It's funny though, a few more clicks and I can watch old Star Trek: The Next Generation, old Matlock, and a special on technology in WWII. This juxtaposition of old and new, where we've been and where we're going, history and current events come to

define this brotherhood we call Alpha Rho.

For 80 years, Alpha Rho has been shaped, molded and pushed in different directions by the world around it. Since 1926, Alpha Rho has seen fifteen presidents. Starting with Calvin Coolidge, we've seen Roosevelt's New Deal and Truman's Atomic Bomb; Kennedy's assassination and Nixon's Resignation.

In 1941, Alpha Rho was there as the U.S. went to war following the attacks at Pearl Harbor. This chapter witnessed a world war, the Korean War, a Cold War that stretched on for decades

and a war in the Persian Gulf. Twice Alpha Rho has watched as the country has been in conflict over involvement overseas in Vietnam and Iraq.

Three years of brotherhood saw the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the desolation that followed. We lived the New Deal at 9 as the country rebuilt itself and had front row seats after 24 years as the south was thrown into aggression during the Civil Right movement. Now after 80 we seek to find where the country is heading.

The Chapter has watched the developments in science from

Watson and Crick's Model of DNA to the soviet satellite Sputnik. We watched in awe as man walked on the moon, enjoyed ourselves by listening to records, 8-tracks, cassette tapes, compact discs, and mp3s. Whether it's talking in a chapter room or a chat room on the internet, Alpha Rho has lived and changed for 80 years. Just as we wonder why the fraternity is "different than it used to be," we must remember that Alpha Rho is as society is, ever growing and ever changing.

Once, Always, Long Live.

ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By Ben Murdock
(Alpha Rho, 2002)

Brothers, the time has come again. The time of clumsy hands and sweaty backs. The time of air balls and accidentally banked three pointers. The time of realizing you actually aren't in as good of shape as you thought. Brothers, 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 date for the tourney is set for Sunday, Feb-

ruary 26th from 9 am - 1 pm in Fetzer Gymnasium, with time for warming up at 8:30 am. Please come appropriately dressed and determined to play hard! The setup will be as usual: 3 alumni teams (maybe 4), 3 active brother teams, and of course, the Probationary Member team.

The date we chose for the Tournament is significant—Alpha Rho's 80th Birthday! What better way to celebrate? So, we are going to celebrate the entire day. From 2-3:30 pm, we will have lunch

together at a local restaurant, probably Top of the Hill. This is not paid for, so please come monetarily prepared. After lunch, we'll attend a forum with the spring probationary class (4-5 pm). Then we can split up into groups and head to Franklin Street and/or brother's apartments and watch UNC defeat Maryland. Tip-off is 5:30pm. After the game, we will have a Chapter Day Ceremony and Ritual in Person Hall at 8:30pm, in honor of Alpha Rho turning 80.



Ben Murdock
*Your Friendly
Neighborhood,
Alumni Director*



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SPRING 2006 PROBATIONARY MEMBER CLASS

By Charles Schutte
(Alpha Rho, 2004)

Dear Brothers,

It is my pleasure to inform you that by the time you read this, a new Alpha Rho pledge class (Spring 2006) will have begun their pledge process. As I write, it consists of nine musicianly men, but with the Installation Ceremony less than 24 hours away, a lot can happen, and the official count may increase. We began our Rush week last Wednesday (1/18) with a night of bowling at the Union. We met again the next evening to watch UNC's unfortunate loss to Virginia. On Friday night (1/20) we held our annual Mario Kart Tournament in Hill Hall 107. This event was especially successful, drawing media attention from *The Daily Tar Heel*. This was also the first year any of the collegiate brothers in our chapter can remember a non-brother winning the tournament. If any alumni brothers know when this happened last, I would be very interested to know. Brian Park, a senior vocalist in UNC's Glee Club, and one of the members of the new pledge class took the crown this year.

The other members of

his pledge class are: Tommy Bastable, a freshman vocalist and pianist who sings in the Glee Club, and is double majoring in music and physics. He also plays on UNC's water polo team. Will Hobbs is a freshman economics and math double major who plays trumpet. Matt Martell is a freshman French horn player in the orchestra and wind ensemble, and is majoring in music. Pablo Vega is a sophomore vocalist in the Men's Glee Club and the Clefhangers. Eli Rayfield is a junior anthropology major who sings in the Glee Club. Lee Shelton is a sophomore applied sciences major who plays tenor saxophone in the Marching Tar Heels. Warren Weisler is a freshman music and physics double major who sings in the Glee Club. Finally, Justin Wier is a freshman chemistry major who plays French horn and trumpet, and performs in the University Band.

Gentlemen, it has been an honor and a pleasure to introduce to you the pledge class of Spring 2006. I would like to thank all of you in advance for your continued support of the

Alpha Rho chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, and especially of our newest additions. You may be contacted by one of these gentlemen as they progress through their pledge process to tap your memory of your own pledge process and gain what insight they may from you. I am also organizing an alumni forum to take place on our Chapter Day (2/26) at 4 pm. I feel that this will be a wonderful opportunity for the next generation of Alpha Rho to meet the brothers who have come through our chapter in the past. As such, I would like

to take this opportunity to invite each of you personally to come to this event and share your knowledge and memories of our chapter. I would also like to invite all of you to come to our spring Ritual to take place on April 1st at 8 pm in Person Recital Hall. I look forward to seeing all of you again, and meeting some of you for the first time, at one of these events this semester.

Yours in Phi, Mu, and Alpha,
Charles Schutte, FEO



*The Spring
2006
Class*

SINFONIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Sinfonia Educational Foundation is the philanthropic instrument of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, whose mission is "to enrich the lives of collegiate Sinfonians and to advance music in America by supporting scholarship, education, and the development of leadership and noble ideals among future generations of musicians and supporters of music in America."

The Alpha Rho chapter is proud to report that brothers from our chapter are 4th on the list of total monetary donations to the foundation

for the year 2005, with total donations of \$1090.00. Our chapter's goal is to be the highest giving chapter in the nation, and with your help, this will be possible. Your tax-deductible gift will aid in programs such as scholarships, research assistance grants, matching grants, and commissioning of new works. To Give go to www.sinfoniafoundation.org and click donate now. All of the necessary forms are available there, as well as additional information on the programs of the Foundation.

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 P a u l D o l a n (pdolan@metalab.unc.edu) know if you would like to be added.



MILLS MUSIC MISSION 150TH

The Alpha Rho chapter is currently making plans to participate in the Mills Music Mission 150th anniversary in February. Plans include a trip to the North Carolina Children's Hospital to perform songs and to make a donation to the Music Room at the Hospital.

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 playing 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 are part

of a national observance of the 150th birthday of the organization's founder, Ossian Everett Mills. During the week of February 11-18, other chapters across the nation are performing similar projects in their own communities. The activity is part of the Mills Music Mission, a national philanthropy honoring the fraternity's founder by reenacting his own charity in the hospitals of Boston, Massachusetts a century ago.



For more information regarding this nationwide project visit:

<http://www.sinfonia.org/mmm.asp>

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Always A Sinfonian!
Long Live Sinfonia!*



*Charles Patton
President, Alpha Rho
CPR, Province 20*



PATTON RE-ELECTED PROVINCE 20 CPR

Brother Charles Patton (*Alpha Rho*, 2003) was recently re-elected to the post of Collegiate Province Representative for Province 20, which encompasses the State of North Carolina. Charles was first elected CPR at the Province Workshop in January 2005 when he became the first CPR ever elected from the Alpha Rho chapter. He was re-elected in January 2006, becoming the first CPR to win a second term

since John Brian Heath (*Zeta Psi*, 1989) who served from 1992 to 1994. "He demonstrates an enthusiasm and energy for the Fraternity that will carry Alpha Rho and the province far. And I'm glad to see my record finally broken!" said Dr. Heath, 2005 graduate of the UNC School of Education,

Charles will represent Province 20 at the National Convention July 19-23 in Cincin-

*By Evan Carroll
(Alpha Rho, 2005)*

nati under his current term. His second term will begin in August 2006. Charles is the current President of the Alpha Rho Chapter and previously served as Fraternity Education Officer. Charles will graduate in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Music.

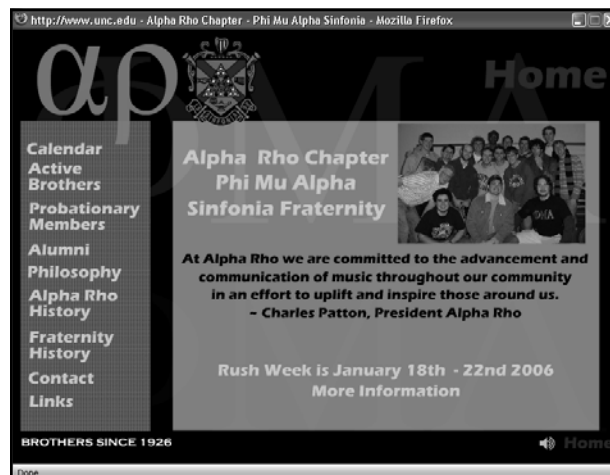


NEW CHAPTER WEBSITE

In the fall of 2005 we launched a newly designed chapter website utilizing modern Macromedia Flash technology, making it one of the most advanced student organization sites at Carolina. We feel that this new and modern look, complete with a red, black, gold and Carolina blue color scheme, will be an aid in on-campus recruiting and draw greater attention to Phi Mu Alpha in

general. The new site features an introduction giving a brief history of Sinfonia and Alpha Rho and also an arrangement of Hail Sinfonia for brass ensemble, by Matthew Brown (*Alpha Rho*, 2005). The website is also the best place to stay up-to-date with the chapter. Be sure to check it out and let us know what you think.

*By Evan Carroll
(Alpha Rho, 2005)*



The new Alpha Rho Website at www.unc.edu/sinfonia



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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD
FEBRUARY 26, 1926 - FEBRUARY 26, 2006

APPRECIATING ALUMNI

On behalf of the entire active Alpha Rho chapter, we want to thank our alumni for all you do—be it coming to events, donating money, or even just staying in touch. As you can see, we have high aspirations this semester, and any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Special thanks goes out to

any alumni brothers who have donated money in the past. You are the ones who make this newsletter happen, the basketball tournament, and alumni reunions. Last Fall's reunion was again a big success, and we hope to make Feb. 26 a memorable day as well.

CURRENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Charles Patton	2003
Vice President	Chad Elliot	2003
Treasurer	Chris Ellis	2003
Secretary	Evan Carroll	2005
FEO	Charles Schutte	2004
Warden	Charles Cleaver	2005
Alumni Director	Ben Murdock	2002
