



## Chapter Report to the 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention Buffalo, New York March 17 – 20, 2005

Worthy Architect	James Wall	ACTIVES	NEWLY ACTIVE
WAA-Executive	Robin Schindler	Laz Bello	Kristina Becker
WAA-Pledge Master	Ryan Wicks	Pamela DeRevere	Ryan Brown
Worthy Estimator	Patrick Edmiston	Suzanne Dowd	Kevin Chupp
Worthy Scribe	Sara Antilla	Chris Getz	BJ Dasco
Worthy Clerk	Kirsten Walker	Karla Lacayo	Vanessa Maurice
Worthy Superintendent	Chris Lee	Stefanie Shaw	
Social Director	Carla Thompson	Jennifer Tiffeau	PLEDGES
Professional Director	Joe Arteza	Amber Wangle	Coral Brandt
Rush Director	Erika Solis	Heath Washburn	Eva Pinero
Fundraising Director	Staci Bartlett	Megan White	

### Activities and Involvement

#### Social

The school year started off at our annual Summer Retreat in Daytona Beach where the Brothers discussed the upcoming school year and had fun in the Florida sun.

We had a successful Rush in the fall that eventually gained us five quality Brothers. The highlight of fall was our participation in the Homecoming Parade. All of the brothers came out to build our float and then walk with it through the streets of Gainesville. Our float was themed after the Spy vs. Spy animated shorts. It allowed us to exercise our architectural prowess through a cityscape, but also allowed us to make some really cool cartoon cutouts.

For the spring, we currently have two pledges who are diligently working towards obtaining the distinction of being a Brother. While Apollodorus has made modest numerical gains in terms of membership, we feel that a few serious and committed brothers are better than many undedicated individuals.

Our collective membership was excited, invigorated, and pleased with the outcome of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary White Rose Formal. The event served multiple purposes beginning with the celebration of 20 years since the conception of Apollodorus, when our founding Brothers first submitted the petition to form a colony. Second, it was to bring back the alumni who made the chapter what it is today. Third, we were celebrating the fact that Alpha Rho Chi has expanded beyond Gainesville and has been established at Tallahassee and Miami. The active chapter is incredibly thankful to all the alumni and guests who attended, most notably Greg Pelley, WGA, and two charter brothers, Brendan Ellis and Dan Kirby. I would also like to thank Brother Kirsten Walker for her time, dedication, and perseverance in planning and executing the event. Without her involvement, the event would not have been a success.

#### Professional

This spring the chapter hosted a Faculty Exhibit where the faculty of multiple disciplines in the College of Design, Construction, and Planning showcased their work. The week was capped off with a social at the Gallery where the faculty discussed their work in person.

Coffee Talk has continued to be a success. We have hosted a faculty member for each month of this school year. The actives appreciate the diversity of the discussion as we never indicate to the professors what they should talk about. Topics have ranged from work history, educational history, projects, and sometimes personal life. We have not had any difficulty getting professors to volunteer for the event and we hope that the trend continues.

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**Reflecting on the Past, while Looking to the Future**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary White Rose Formal and subsequent events after has really awoken our chapter. It is my personal hope that the chapter can harness this newly found energy and apply it to the betterment of the chapter. Many of our members have gone inactive and many more wanted to go inactive, including myself. There came a point where we began to question why we were doing things. It felt like we were going through the motions and the fraternity was no longer fun. Hearing first-hand accounts from alumni at our banquet really added a level of justification to our actions that was lacking before. It is my personal promise and commitment to the alumni and actives of Apollodorus that the chapter will persevere through the lean times we've had recently and will only become stronger from them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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