

It has been almost one year since 11 members of Tulane University School of Architecture set out on a journey to join Alpha Rho Chi. We currently have 9 members in the Charter class, and 11 new pledges in the Alpha class.

Since a delegation of three members traveled to Houston, TX for the Leadership Conference in late September, our colony has been busy working on several events, as well as pledging a new class. Our main event in October was CorbuBash, a birthday party in honor of architectural icon Le Corbusier. This was one of the first chances we had to meet people interested in joining Alpha Rho Chi. We held a coffee hour at the PJ's coffee shop on campus during the October midterms, so members could relieve their stress over midterms and get to know each other better. In November, we held a social gathering that took place in the Historic French Quarter at an institution called the Deep South Lounge. One of their attractions is a mechanical bull, as well as music, and a pool table. This was one of the more memorable rush events.

The semester culminated in the first week of December in which we held interviews for the rushes. The interviews were held in a professional manner, with appropriate dress, and in some cases, one or two of the rushes studio projects. The intent was to give the interviewees an idea of what interviews with professional firms could be like. These interviews gave us a chance to learn new things about the rushes that we did not already know. Bid Night followed the interviews. The ones we chose to pledge were notified and sent on a journey throughout campus of their own will. They were sent to locations where we had placed items significant to the Alpha Rho Chi organization, and then led back to a meeting place where the bid ceremony was performed.

Members who stayed in New Orleans over winter break had the opportunity to attend and run the National AIAS Forum, which was hosted by Tulane University this year. Members got to meet architecture students from all over the country, as well as potential future employers and representatives from the profession.

This semester we have mainly been focusing on completing our requirements for installation. We have been in touch with our big brother chapter, Seshait, and in the process of planning a long weekend to meet up with them, possibly in Seaside, FL. We are also talking with Cleisthenes, who may come to New Orleans for the anticipated Houston-Tulane baseball games and the famed Jazz Fest, as well. We also have been scheduling pledge events for our 11 pledges. This past weekend we had a scavenger hunt in the French Quarter, where all of the clues had to do with historic and prominent buildings. We have a few events in the works for our colony: a crawfish boil, which is a local springtime tradition, and a white rose formal, which may coincide with a trip to Seaside, Florida. Interested members would share a cabin while spending a weekend in the famed ocean-side village.

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for affiliation as a chapter, Xenocles Alumni Association and Cleisthenes Chapter look forward to our next joint Ritual for Dinocrates! All are welcome to join as Cleisthenes Chapter and Xenocles Alumni Association make the experience a truly memorable one for all involved.

This has been a fun, exciting, and occasionally frustrating year for the members of Xenocles Alumni Association. As with most associations, we continue to see the same faces consistently at every meeting, barbecue and road trip. The good news is, we are seeing an upward trend in the new faces at each event and we hope to continue that trend. In the coming months, it is our hope that the Dinocrates initiation and increased activity at UTA will spur more activity amongst our own alumni.

Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

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