

Pytheos Alumni Association

Alpha Rho Chi

58th National Convention

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Involvement in the Pytheos Alumni Association is growing and we are holding more events than ever. Over the past year alums, attended the Founder's Day Banquet, a summer pot luck dinner, the annual Alumni BBQ, White Rose Bowl, FAC at Old Chicago, holiday party, and helped with Initiation.

The pot luck was a new event for the Pytheos AA. It was graciously hosted by Brother Nicole Ludacka. It was successful because two alums came that hadn't attended an event in over a year. Brother Ted Ertl, our faculty advisor, and several Actives also made it to the party. With any luck it will become an annual event. The Pytheos/Rhoecus White Rose Bowl was held in conjunction with the Pytheos Alumni BBQ this year. Pytheos Chapter had a great turn out and 5 people from Rhoecus made the trip to Lincoln for the event. On both occasions, the weather was beautiful, the food was good, and the bonding was fantastic. The FAC was also a new event for us. Hopefully, interest will continue to grow and we will be meeting monthly for FAC.

Unfortunately, Pytheos AA has a hard time getting its members to pay dues. Consequently, our bank account is dwindling. Since the association has very little funds it is impossible to financially sponsor events, which leads to lack of involvement. This seems to have become a cycle. Members don't want to pay dues because they don't feel they get anything out of it. As AA president I am working hard to break that cycle. I have discussed this with other members and we have decided to plan more frequent informal, casual gatherings. Luckily, several recent Pytheos graduates are working in the Omaha/Lincoln area that were involved as Actives. I have been contacting them to find out what more they want from APX and Pytheos AA.

A Pytheos AA Newsletter was mailed to alums at the end of 2004. They seem to have been received with interest and we had an alum volunteer to help with the next issue. Sadly, several of them were returned because our contact information is not current. Due to the spirit of our profession, many University of Nebraska graduates begin their careers in far away states, or even in other countries. While this establishes a wonderful network of contacts for all of us, it is also easy to loose touch, which is another concern. I am doing my best to update our records. Thanks to several brothers we have been able to renew many alums contact information and have about 25% of our AA's e-mail addresses. Lastly, Brother Corey Hoelker has offered to get a website/blog started for us. This should be a great way for Pytheos alums to stay in touch across the country.

Fraternally,
Erin Froschheiser
Pytheos AA President

