



Apollodorus Chapter @ University of Florida



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Unity.

Service.

The Bond of Brotherhood.

2007-2008 Chapter Report

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Purpose.

This year we were determined, once again, to increase the awareness of our chapter and Alpha Rho Chi as a whole within the college. This has stemmed from a goal of past years, which has been to strengthen the chapter's ties with the world around us. Part of our planning for the year began at our annual Leadership Retreat held by our faculty advisor Andrew Wehle. The goals developed at Leadership Retreat were then presented to the chapter at Summer Retreat in Destin, FL. Our focus this year was to strengthen the bond of the brothers through service, professional, and social activities while continuing to improve our reputation and awareness with the college as a whole.

Unity.

In keeping with the goal of creating a greater awareness of the chapter within the college, we took a note from social fraternities and sororities and started designing and printing shirts which advertised our members-only events.

One of these events was our annual ArchiRock held at Ginnie Springs. ArchiRock is held every pledge semester as a way to introduce pledges to the chapter as a whole. T-shirts were printed for ArchiRock and given to brothers and pledges. The t-shirts were a great way to advertise our APX members-only events within the college. The t-shirts sparked many questions by students within the college, and were a great way of making the pledges feel as if they were already a part of the brotherhood.

Another unity event during the fall semester was the Alumni BBQ. Active brothers and alumni are always excited about the BBQ each year, because it is not only a great time for pledges to meet alumni, but it is also a rare time where brothers have the chance to bond with alumni who live out of town. Our hard working and creative t-shirt committee also created another great design for the Alumni BBQ which incorporated our mascot grilling burgers while wearing an APX apron.

We also did several small, less structured things socially as a chapter which helped bring us together. These activities included things like potluck dinner meetings and pizza and movie nights – food always brings us together!

Service.

Every year we have an annual Halloween Extravaganza to raise money for a charity of the fraternity's choice. Last year we were awarded the National Service Award of Alpha Rho Chi for our efforts. This year we changed it up a bit by partnering with Magnum Wood, the model building supplier, and dubbing the event Magnuween.

The event was held at the Architecture Atrium on campus, and all proceeds from games and food went to the Alzheimer's Foundation in Gainesville. While we had a late start planning the event due to unforeseen leadership changes, the brother's managed to pull off a great night. We raised a total of \$300 towards the Alzheimer's Foundation. The new partnership with Magnum Wood has been a great asset to the planning and developing of new ideas and ways of fundraising for the event in the future. We hope to next year raise even more money for charity by organizing fundraising opportunities early in the semester in conjunction with Magnum Wood.

Another service event all the brother's love to participate in is Relay for Life. This year Relay for Life will be held March 28th in the O'Connell Center on campus. The theme of this year's event is Jukebox. Brother's plan to dress as Style Icons of the past 100 years of music. We have ten brothers on our team with a goal of raising \$1000 for the American Cancer Society.

Each semester we also host many Professional events on campus as not just a service to students, but also as a way of increasing awareness of our chapter within the college. This past semester our professional events have really been taken up a notch thanks to the efforts of our current professional director, Ryan Thompson. We have not only hosted several coffee talks with prominent professors this past fall, but we also had the chance to visit the International Builder's Show in Orlando over White Rose Formal Weekend. We are currently in the process of organizing a Sustainability Talk for late spring. Last year's Sustainability Talk was a great hit with students, and we look forward to another this semester.

The Bond of Brotherhood.

This semester we were joined by our Worthy Grand Architect, Vicki Horton, who came to Gainesville to participate in the initiation of 8 new brothers. The new brothers are by far one of the most promising and outgoing pledge classes we have had in a while. They really made our chapter proud in the presence of our WGA. They show a great love for the bond that we all share and take initiative within the chapter. I see an incredible future in the chapter with the leadership of these individuals.

A goal stated in last year's report was that of obtaining an unofficial chapter house. In fall, four brothers moved into a spacious house close to campus. The house has served as a meeting place for our chapters many activities. While we continue to hold chapter meetings on campus for convenience, the house has served as a great place for events of social and esoteric nature. We have all made lasting memories within the house and look forward to keeping it rented by brothers for years to come.

I have no doubt in the future successes of the chapter. This year we have made great strides towards bettering the chapter as a whole. The Apollodorus chapter has a great group of individuals who come together in love and friendship to make an unbelievably close brotherhood.

To find out more information about our chapter, please visit our website at www.apxuf.org

Respectively Submitted,

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