



Report of the Grand Council of Alpha Rho Chi to the 61st National Convention

Per the Alpha Rho Chi By-Laws, Article VII, Section 04, the Grand Council of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity does hereby submit this, its Report to the Convention:

01. Statement of the Condition of the Fraternity

General

Ever mindful of our objective to organize and unite for education and professional development, the Grand Council has made great strides to provide educational, leadership and fraternal opportunities to every member, through their affiliation with Alpha Rho Chi. As an organization, we continue to develop leaders and productive citizens within and throughout our communities, beginning with our collegiate members and continuing well beyond academia into our chosen careers as alumni.

The daily business that is Alpha Rho Chi continues to move forward, with such seemingly mundane tasks as filing the Fraternity's federal tax returns, as well as maintaining our good standing within the State of Illinois as a corporation by filing our annual corporate report.

The Fraternity also continues to maintain several professional memberships, such as with the Professional Fraternity Association (charter member), Collegiate Fraternity Editors Association (previous award winner), and others. Given the recent trend at universities to seize fraternity-owned real estate properties, the Grand Council has recently taken keen interest in membership requirements within the North-America Interfraternity Conference, a professional organization which actively lobbies in Congress to protect the property rights of fraternal organizations.

Membership

Individual

Alpha Rho Chi continues to broaden its influence in the academic, fraternal and professional communities. The official active membership stands at 280 while the official alumni membership stands at 2,746, exclusive of lost or deceased brothers. The chart below examines several key organizational membership trends, some of which are of concern to the Grand Council; namely, the drop in active membership.

	Chapters	Actives	Participating Alumni
2008 Plan	20	408	326
2008 Actual	19	280 (reported)	317
Surplus/Deficit	(1)	(128)	(9)

The Council's 10-year plan, as presented at the Fraternity's 55th Convention, established several membership goals, the success or failure of which directly affect the Fraternity's ability to provide increased programs and services. We are very close to being on target with our Alumni member projections. The number of active chapters is also within reach. However, per the plan, we are falling behind on active membership. It is difficult, however, to determine the accuracy of these figures, because they are wholly dependant upon accuracy and timeliness of reports submitted by our chapters and alumni associations. Perhaps the Fraternity's challenge then, is to continue to educate the membership with respect to accurate, consistent reporting, and also to continue to expand participation from our alumni members. In addition, the Grand Council will continue to investigate means of revising reporting systems to keep reporting requirements streamlined for our organizations, while keeping timely information limiting the administrative burden to the Fraternity's volunteers.

Per the 10-year plan, our targeted membership for this next fiscal year is as follows:

	Chapters	Actives	Participating Alumni
2009 Target	22	442 (reported)	375

We are entering the seventh year under this plan, and still have not achieved the levels of services we had anticipated. This is due only in part to the delay in increases to Alumni dues. The original plan contained increases in annual alumni dues to \$100, and active dues to \$15 per month for Fiscal Year 2008, and annual alumni dues to \$120 for Fiscal Year 2009. Given the increase to \$75 per year for alumni dues was only just established by the 60th National Convention for the Fiscal Year 2008, the Council will continue to work within this budgetary frame until such time as additional increases are approved by future conventions.

Membership statistics for the previous five years are shown in the table below. Our revenues are derived almost exclusively from our membership. We are a little concerned with the slight decline in active membership from 2007 to 2008. We must watch closely going into next year and plan accordingly.

Membership	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Actives, avg	229	211	215	275	300	280
Pledges	121	116	139	215	170	132
Initiates	103	97	121	157	165	142
Active Alumni	160	213	225	310	293	317
Chapters	13	14	16	18	19	19
Colonies	2	4	4	1	2	1
Avg / chap	17.6	15.1	13.4	15.3	15.8	14.7

Organizations

The Fraternity currently lists nineteen active chapters and fifteen active alumni associations, including our newest chapter, Cossutius, at California College of the Arts. We also currently list one colony, Sostratus, at Washington State University and we expect several other petitions for affiliation during this fiscal year, including from

students at the Ohio State University (Demetrios), and at least one other from the University of Arkansas (Daphnis), further diminishing the list of inactive chapters.

Offsetting the exciting news of chapters both new and in formation, however, is particularly disappointing news. This past January, the Council was forced to make the decision to formally suspend the Rhoecus Chapter. The Council, both collectively and individually, took this action reluctantly and only after months – some would say years – of postponing, due to our sense of fraternalism. However, after countless attempts to lift Rhoecus to participation as a *true chapter* of Alpha Rho Chi, the Grand Council was left no alternative. The suspension is in force for a period of up to two years. Should students express interest in reactivating the Rhoecus Chapter at a future date, we would welcome the opportunity to help under the terms and processes expressed for this purpose within the Fraternity's Expansion Program. Those initiated by Rhoecus Chapter remain our brothers, and it is the Council's sincere wish that upon graduation, these brothers actively participate in the Rhoecus Alumni Association and on a national level.

Alumni Association Development Program

An Alumni Association Workshop has been developed that aims to interactively engage alumni who want to start building a brand new alumni association. It is a 3-part workshop that includes "getting started," "writing by-laws," and "developing your budget." Though the program was developed by the WGAA, the workshops include worksheets that allow the Regional Director to lead the program, or if necessary, the program may be self-taught by the alumni themselves. Portions of these workshops have been tested with Alumni Brothers of Cleisthenes, and the Andronicus Alumni Association. The WGAA has contacted alumni from Cleisthenes, Cossutius, Domitian, Hadrian and Imhotep and they have committed to learning more about this process.

02. Transactions, Including all Rules and Regulations Adopted by the Grand Council since the last Convention

Programs + Services

Communications

The Grand Council, its appointees, and several committees continue to benefit from regularly scheduled teleconferences, prompting more timely responses to current events and issues facing our organization.

The Grand Council has made a concerted effort this year to establish contact with every chapter and alumni association, in the interest of further building the interpersonal relationships between the various levels of leadership. Additionally, the Grand Council has maintained our busy travel schedules visiting chapters and associations as often as possible, for chapter and colony installations, initiations, White Rose formals, faculty dinners, or simply just to say hello.

First Aid / CPR Education Program

Recognizing that accidents and medical emergencies can occur at any time. In an effort to better prepare our brothers to respond, the Grand Council has instuted a program to provide tuition reimbursement for members obtaining certification in first aid and/or CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)/AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Courses may be taken from any authorized provider that provides American Red Cross or American Heart Association certified training. To qualify for reimbursement, the

training must be preapproved by the National Director and followed by receipts and documentation following the course.

We encourage chapters to have multiple brothers at every event with the skills and confidence to respond in an emergency situation. Recognizing the role they play, alumni are also eligible for this benefit through the auspices of their alumni association or active chapter.

Awards / Recognition

The Grand Council is aware of renewed activity at the chapter level with respect to brothers being awarded the Dwight "Pop" Ely Award. We encourage chapters to be ever mindful of this valuable approach to thanking members for their service to your chapter, on a local, regional, as well as national level.

Alpha Rho Chi Gold and Silver Medals

In addition to renewed interest in the Pop Ely award, many chapters and alumni associations are currently taking steps to recognize brothers for their service to Alpha Rho Chi, as well as to our chosen professions.

Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal

Established in 1931, the Alpha Rho Chi Medal represents one of our national fraternity's oldest programs. A service to schools of architecture, the bronze medal program does more than merely promote the name of Alpha Rho Chi. Awarded based on "leadership, service, and professional merit," it also campaigns for our belief that strong leaders are just as essential as strong designers to the architectural profession. For the year 2007, the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal was awarded to graduating students at 91 schools of architecture.

National Service Award

Last year marked the revival of the National Service Award. Though our chapters frequently and admirably serve their communities, the award will go unclaimed this year, much to the Grand Council's dismay. We would strongly encourage chapters to remember this often forgotten award as they fulfill their own community service goals and initiatives.

George "So" Whitten Award

Though the number of nominations failed to increase this year, as originally hoped, the Grand Council is encouraged by the fact that several of the nominations received for the 2008 "So" Whitten award are from our newer chapters. As always, we continue to be amazed by – and quite proud of – our active members in their continuing quest for excellence in their academic careers.

Alumni Recognition

This year, the Grand Council has made a stronger attempt to recognize our alumni for their successes throughout the year. The WGAA has begun keeping track of alumni who have reached a certain level of their professional careers, such as licensure and certifications in their chosen fields. These alumni have been recognized in the Alpha Rho Chi Letter, and also more personally via private congratulatory note. This past year, the WGAA also made it a point to send a personal note of thanks to alumni who reached certain milestones in dues payments, such as 5 or 10 year consecutive dues payments.

The beautiful Alpha Rho Chi note cards, designed by our WGS, Rick Jenkins, made the task a very pleasurable one.

Expansion

This year, Alpha Rho Chi welcomed the Cossutius Chapter at California College of the Arts to our fraternity. To build on that success, we continue to refine the colony development process and handbook based on our experience in developing the new chapter. The process will continue to emphasize both the fraternal and organizational elements required for the strength and viability of the chapter long after installation.

Our expansion program continues to actively pursue potential new colonies. Alumni members have been working with students at Ohio State University (Demetrius) and the University of Arkansas (Daphnis) towards re-establishing chapters at those schools. The expansion program has been also pursuing leads at new schools - including Washington State University, where the Sostratus Colony was established in February.

The Grand Council believes expansion is not a distraction from supporting our existing chapters. By increasing the fraternity's breadth and influence, expansion helps our fraternity pursue higher ideals and objectives to the benefit of our entire membership.

As a corollary to expansion at new schools, the national fraternity is developing resources to assist chapters in identifying and recruiting new members. Our Associate Expansion Director has been contacting chapters to collect ideas and examples for a new national recruitment manual.

Publications

The ARCHI

The 2007 issue of the Fraternity's journal, The ARCHI, was published in December. Edited by Karen Marker, it covered topics of service, fraternalism, and professional education thanks to the contributions of members. We welcome articles from members and non-members alike on topics of interest to our brotherhood and profession. This year's submission deadline is July 31.

Alpha Rho Chi Letter

Since the past Convention, two issues of the Alpha Rho Chi Letter have been distributed. The fraternity encourages all chapters to share news of their activities in the Alpha Rho Chi Letter.

Appointments

The Grand Council thanks the dedicated appointees who have served Alpha Rho Chi this year, consistently displaying their commitment to this organization and its members through their constant, and sometimes invisible, work. Service to Alpha Rho Chi can frequently be taken for granted by the membership, though it is almost surely this oversight is not deliberate.

This past fall saw the return of an appointment from years past, the Leadership Conference Director. This position has proven invaluable to previous administrations in tackling time consuming tasks associated with planning and implementing our second largest membership event. In addition, the Council has established a new position, that of Education Director (EdD). The continuing education of our membership is key to this Fraternity's success and we are confident this appointment, coupled with our new

Education Program, will be invaluable tools our chapters, alumni associations and colonies can employ through transitions in their membership and leadership.

The Council would like to remind the membership of several great opportunities to serve the Fraternity beyond the scope of their local chapters and alumni associations. Appointments, both regional and national, are available each and every year and provide incredible learning experiences sometimes unavailable from service to local organizations. This year, we would like to call your attention to several key appointments that we are seeking to fill immediately. With the loss of our Development Director to the Foundation, we hope to appoint a replacement prior to the end of this fiscal year. In years past, the Council (and the Foundation) has been fortunate to utilize the services of an Executive Assistant, the only paid position in Alpha Rho Chi. It is the our sincere wish that brothers interested in fulfilling this position contact a member of the Council immediately. The Grand Council remains committed to protecting the interests of this fraternity. Toward that end, several members of the Council are prepared to propose the appointment of a National Risk Management Director (RMD) and would be delighted to discuss the implications of such a position with any brothers who are interested.

Leadership Conference 2007

Active and alumni brothers of Iktinos were our gracious hosts for LCo7, held in Ann Arbor Michigan. Participants met several Iktinos alumni brothers during the event, including the first female member of Alpha Rho Chi, and also a brother who played a pivotal role in her admittance. Our keynote speaker was none other than Worthy Grand Architect Emeritus, Greg Pelley. Brother Pelley's thought-provoking program was not surprisingly customized to Alpha Rho Chi's leaders, prompting a great deal of audience participation. In addition, several break-out sessions and workshops were led by Grand Council members, addressing such topics as conflict resolution, interpersonal communication, smart goal-setting and alumni development and involvement.

Fifty-three active and alumni brothers attended LCo8, representing eleven chapters, eight alumni associations and one colony. The total cost for the conference was \$11,814. Those costs were borne by the participants and the Fraternity, and offset by a generous contribution from the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. The Foundation also sponsored a tour of Cranbrook Academy. There costs borne by the Conference participants has been a concern of the Council, causing us to continue to seek funding sources for the program in order to alleviate some of the burden currently shouldered by our members. To that end, the Grand Council has established a new funding program in conjunction with the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation.

Leadership Conference 2008

The 2008 Leadership Conference is scheduled for October 3-4 in Austin, Texas and will be hosted by the Dinocrates Chapter. Based on the overwhelming responses received to the LCo7 Participant Survey, the WGA and Leadership Conference Director have opted to continue the two-day program format. We are excited about the opportunity to more officially roll out the Fraternity's Education Program, a series of informative, challenging exercises led by Brother Ryan Rosen. We are certain these sessions will be invaluable to our chapters and alumni associations. Our LC Director is currently in negotiations with several venues, the selection of which will determine the format of the event (conference, or retreat), as well as the associated registration fees. The WGA and LC Director are working diligently to ensure these fees are kept as reasonable as possible and expect the

membership will see a return to previous years' levels. We look forward to working closely with Dinocrates Chapter to ensure this is "the best Leadership Conference ever!"

Risk Management

The Grand Council continues to research and develop policies and procedures intended to protect our Fraternity. Liability insurance policies have been investigated for those events that Alpha Rho Chi sponsors, specifically Convention and the Leadership Conference. Risk Management will be a recurring topic at conventions and leadership conferences. As mentioned earlier in this report, the Council is currently considering the appointment of a Risk Management Director, in order to maintain the Fraternity's focus on this very important issue.

Development

With the election of the Fraternity's Development Director to the position of Alpha Rho Chi Foundation President, we find ourselves in the market for a new Development Director. This is a critical position in our national development efforts, especially because of our revived partnership with the Foundation. We anticipate the Fraternity's Development programs to continue to grow and benefit the financial well being of the national body. Once appointed, the Development Director will once again be available as a resource for the Grand Council, the Chapters and Alumni Associations in their development efforts.

Alpha Rho Chi Job Board

The Job Board continues to attract job listings from within and without the fraternity. Since the 60th Convention, we have had 42 unique listings, spanning 11 states, and international waters. The most listings occurred in California, Illinois and Michigan.

National Convention

At the time of this report, we are expecting approximately 150 people in attendance for the 61st National Convention in Reno, NV. This is down from 196 at the 60th National Convention. We believe this was due to at least in part to unexpected and drastic increases in travel rates to Reno. However, lower prices for catering and room rental have allowed us to provide a higher quality experience for this year's attendees. For the 4th year, the convention was planned primarily by the Convention Director, Lori Beth Wilson, who led a committee of dedicated brothers as they put the event together. This approach has worked very well for the Fraternity and we expect it will continue through future administrations. In addition, we are grateful to the beautiful convention logo designed by John Arend, the 4th winner of our Convention Logo competition.

The 62nd National Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. We expect that the attendance to this convention will surpass all previous records due to its geographically centralized location, within driving distance of many of our chapters.

Financial Transactions + Information

Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

The Grand Council is excited to announce a renewed partnership with the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation! In September, 2007, the members of the Foundation Board of Directors accepted the invitation of the Grand Council to attend a retreat, whose sole purpose was to restore a strong, mutually beneficial working relationship between Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, and the Foundation. The retreat, facilitated by the Fraternity's Development

Director, Nicole Morris-Dress, led to a greater understanding by both “parties” of the organizations’ various goals, successes and challenges. As a result of two days of dedicated work from everyone in attendance, heightened levels of confidence and respect have been established, and the two organizations have embarked on a new voyage of truly mutual assistance. Subsequent to the retreat, the Grand Council approved the Foundation’s new board, comprised of several new brothers, including the Fraternity’s Development Director, Nicole Morris Dress. Brother Dress has already enlivened communications channels between the Fraternity and Foundation, inviting the WGA and WGE to monthly teleconference meetings.

The Grand Council has unanimously voted to contribute \$50,000 of the Fraternity’s “rainy day” funds to the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation as an endowment for professional and / or educational funding for future Leadership Conferences. These funds were previously held in taxable certificates of deposit (CD’s). This fund is known as the Leadership Conference Endowment Fund. The proceeds or earnings from this fund will be used to support the professional and educational needs of future Leadership Conferences. The Council views this as a win-win opportunity. In years past, the Fraternity was fully supporting the Leadership Conference out of our general operating funds (in other words, we were still paying the professional programs fee). With these funds placed with the Foundation, we can now support the same professional or educational programs with tax free earnings from the Foundation. The contract is written such that the Fraternity can withdraw the “rainy day” funds from our account to support ongoing Fraternity operations, should the need arise. Due to the size of the contribution, the Grand Council holds primary decision-making powers as to the how these funds are invested, such that they best meet our funding needs.

In addition to the Leadership Conference Fund, the Grand Council feels it will soon be appropriate to establish a similar fund, though far more long-term in nature, this next fund being established to support our efforts in identifying and securing a facility to serve as the Fraternity’s national headquarters. It is our intent to invest \$50,000 into the National Headquarters Fund as additional certificates of deposit mature. We strongly encourage all brothers to contribute to the Leadership Conference Fund.

General Finances

The financial report from the office of the Worthy Grand Estimator is attached as appendix A, and is included here by reference.

The Fraternity is financially stable and has the strength to increase services to the membership. The Fraternity continues to operate a balanced budget. We forecast that revenues will exceed expenses for the fiscal year and we will generate a surplus of approximately \$19,218. This large surplus was quite unplanned and is atypical of Fraternity operations. Please see the table below.

FY 2008 Budget v. Forecast (excl. Convention)			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues	94,246	85,539	(8,707)
Expenses	<u>94,219</u>	<u>66,322</u>	<u>(27,897)</u>
Gain / (Loss)	27	19,218	19,190

On the revenue side, we forecast to collect about \$8,700 less than budget. The difference being \$4,167 less from actives and alumni dues and \$3,348 less from LC fees. (The 2007 Leadership Conference had lower attendance than previous and therefore we collected less fees than expected.)

On the expense side, we budgeted to spend \$94,219 but are only forecasted to spend \$66,322. That's a difference of almost \$28,000. This can be considered good and bad. It is good if we are economizing and getting the best value for our spending. It is bad if we are not returning the services to the membership, our profession and our communities. Please see the table below.

FY 2008 Expenses, Budget v. Forecast			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Publications	22,815	16,818	(5,997)
Admin & General	12,547	9,172	(3,375)
Expansion Prog.	1,000	0	(1,000)
Membership Services	28,315	19,079	(9,236)
Leadership Conf	20,309	11,814	(8,495)
Total			(28,104)

An explanation of the differences in expenditures is as follows:

- Publications – This year's cost to publish the ARCHI was \$2,500 less than budget. Kudos go out to our ARCHI Editor, Karen Marker. Also, we had budgeted to publish three Alpha Rho Chi Letters in FY 2008. Due to lack of a dedicated editor and scheduling issues, we will only publish two issues this year. Alpha Rho Chi Letters cost about \$4,000 per issue to publish and mail.
- Admin & General - We expect to spend less funds on the administration of Fraternity business. This is a good thing.
- Expansion Programs – Though we did not spend our budget in expansion programs, Brothers Pickard and Esquivel are very active in recruiting new colonies. We also budget money in this category for them to use, if they need it.
- Membership Services – We budgeted to spend \$7,500 this year for Professional and Fraternal services (outside speakers). These programs were not scheduled as part of this year's Convention. The remaining difference of \$1,700 is lower travel expenses for Alumni development and chapter visits.
- Leadership Conference – LC was under budget by \$8,500 due to lower attendance than expected, as well as our chapters taking proactive steps to secure funding from their schools and universities (hence less travel reimbursements and lower lodging costs).

Our checking account balance is \$54,923. We also have certificates of deposits totaling a principal value of \$46,127.

Alumni dues continue to exceed previous years' and are a direct result of the outstanding work of the WGAA and the National Director and Regional Directors in getting more active participation from our alumni membership. In FY 2008, we are on track to collect highest total of alumni dues the highest total of participating alumni.

In 2005, we created the option for alumni members to pay alumni dues via automatic withdrawals from checking or savings accounts. To date, 24 alumni have opted for this

feature, which is double the number from a year ago. We are pleased with the level of participation but would still like to increase this number in the coming months

A summary of our past years revenues by source is shown in the table below.

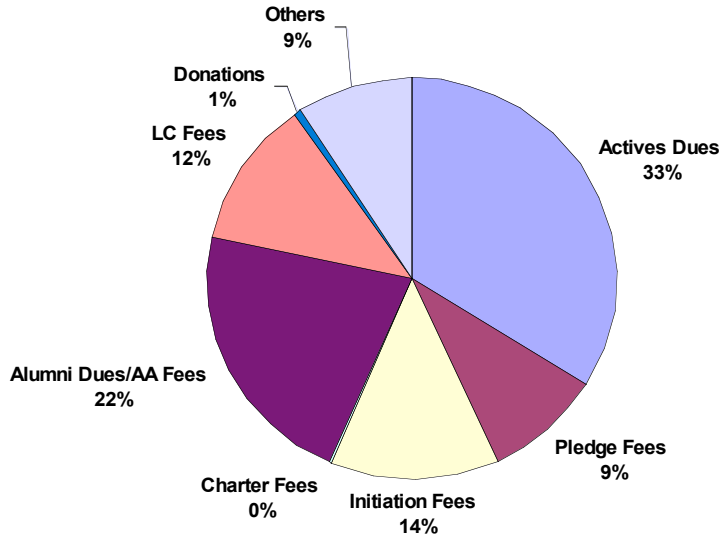
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>'04 Actual</u>	<u>'05 Actual</u>	<u>'06 Actual</u>	<u>07 Actual</u>	<u>08 Forecast</u>
Actives Dues	\$ 24,230	\$ 21,553	\$ 28,275	\$ 32,788	28,025
Pledge Fees	\$ 8,900	\$ 10,995	\$ 10,250	\$ 8,575	6,600
Initiation Fees	\$ 6,575	\$ 10,625	\$ 10,950	\$ 11,325	10,650
Charter Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -	250
Alumni Dues	\$ 11,650	\$ 13,960	\$ 18,674	\$ 15,979	\$ 24,200
LC Fees	\$ 2,650	\$ 4,525	\$ 8,425	\$ 13,010	\$ 7,652
Other	\$ 3,522	\$ 3,734	\$ 7,365	\$ 10,039	\$ 8,162
Total	\$ 57,527	\$ 66,642	\$ 83,939	\$ 91,716	\$ 85,539

A summary of our past years expenses by source is shown in the table below. Though we under spent our budget this year, 2008 spending is consistent with prior year's spending. This is an indication that we need to increase the size of our volunteer organization as we do have the financial resources to support them. The present size of our organization limits what we can do.

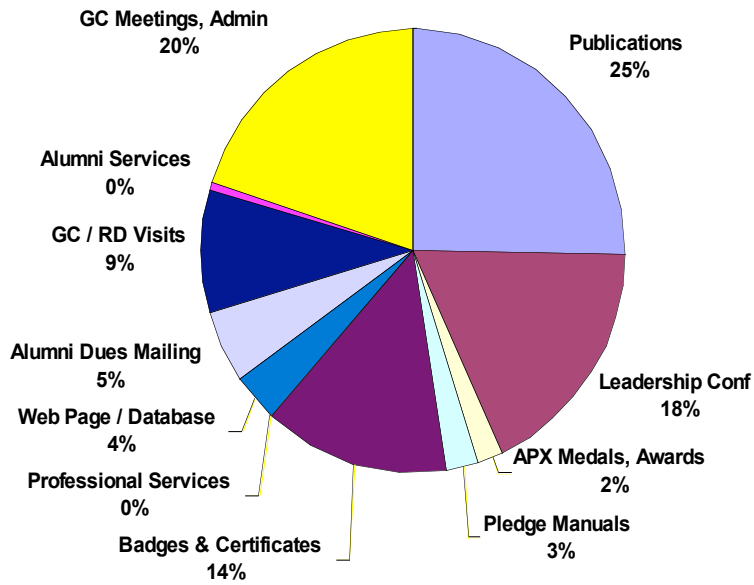
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>'04 Actual</u>	<u>'05 Actual</u>	<u>'06 Actual</u>	<u>07 Actual</u>	<u>08 Forecast</u>
GC Summer Meeting	\$ 2,438	\$ 2,796	\$ 2,645	\$ 6,904	\$ 3,839
GC Annual Meeting	\$ 342	\$ 946	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,981	\$ 3,100
Publications	\$ 15,307	\$ 14,213	\$ 19,062	\$ 20,274	\$ 16,818
Administration & General	\$ 6,192	\$ 5,342	\$ 7,192	\$ 9,363	\$ 9,172
Membership Services	\$ 16,746	\$ 19,540	\$ 19,750	\$ 22,547	\$ 19,079
Internet Services	\$ 654	\$ 4,220	\$ 4,751	\$ 2,999	\$ 2,500
Leadership Conference	\$ 11,672	\$ 15,499	\$ 19,416	\$ 19,871	\$ 11,814
Total	\$ 53,351	\$ 62,554	\$ 74,295	\$ 83,939	\$ 66,322

A graphical view of our revenues and expenses is shown on the following pages for reference.

FY 2008 Forecasted Revenues
\$85,539



FY 2008 Forecasted Expenses
\$66,322



03. Subjects of Disputes Between the Chapters

The Grand Council has not been informed of any disputes between the Chapters.

Due to more frequent and candid communication, we are kept abreast of disputes within chapters and alumni associations. We have been called on in several instances to assist and counsel chapter leadership as they seek to resolve their disputes, and remain willing to serve in this fashion in the future. We understand the reluctance some chapters and associations feel in contacting the Grand Council with their problems, but the fact that our chapters are willing to share these issues with the Council and actively seek guidance is a true testament to the trust shared at all levels of leadership within the Fraternity.

04. Recommendations for the Benefit of the Fraternity

Administrative Challenges

Our chapters and alumni associations continue to face challenges both contemporary and historically since 1914. Active members continue to struggle with sporadic issues of conflict between brothers.

Consistent, accurate membership reporting and other “household chores” continue to drain our chapters’ human resources. It is strongly recommended that our leaders realize that *all* brothers are to be held accountable for these daily tasks. It is imperative that every brother realize they have a stake in this Fraternity. Each brother would do well to remember well that the structural integrity of the arch that is Alpha Rho Chi rests squarely upon the shoulders of *every* member, not just the elected few. The Council remains committed to streamlining the various reporting venues such that chapters and associations may better focus on the higher priorities for their members. However, providing the services and programs to all of our members will remain an incredible challenge unless and until regular, accurate reporting is once and for all established.

Risk Management Initiatives

In addition to the above administrative work, the Grand Council recommends that all Chapters and Associations consider appointing a Risk Management Director: a brother, or brothers, assigned the role of helping the organization maintain focus on preserving the safety and well-being of our brothers and future brothers. The Grand Council also recommends that Chapters and Alumni Associations take advantage of the Fraternity’s new CPR and First Aid Program, ensuring at least 2-3 individuals are present at Chapter or Alumni Association sponsored events.

Fraternalism

The Council’s advice for convention is to have fun! By that, we mean...get to know your brothers and interact with them. Go beyond your chapter. Explore the brotherhood from different chapters. Remember that we are brothers and we open up to each other as we would to Family. This is not some club...we do not talk around issues, we go to the heart of the issues and we respect the diversity of our options and learn from that.

Our responsibility to Alpha Rho Chi is as it would be to our Family. We honor our obligations and help each other. When told private, personal and/or professional information by a brother, keep it to yourself, as you would with any family member.

We look forward to your future involvement – to be a mentor is a great experience.

Ritual

The Grand Council recommends that every Brother re-read the Ritual in the next year and share your chapter's best practices with other chapters. We also recommend that each chapter make it a point to visit other chapters' initiations.

Read the National C+BL and your organization's C+BL

Finally, the Council recommends that every Brother familiarize themselves with the Fraternity's governing documents, national and local. Make it a point to know how your organization functions, and take that extra step to ensure your most current governing documents are on file with the National Director.

05. Petitions for New Chapters

The Grand Council received a petition for affiliation as a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity from members of Cossutius Colony. Upon finding the petition in order and consultation with those charged with the Colony's completion of requirements, the Grand Council sent ballots to the chapters and alumni associations in good order. The WGA received 21 affirmative ballots, but was required to cast votes for 5 non-responding organizations, per the Fraternity's By-laws.

The Grand Council received a petition for affiliation as a colony of Alpha Rho Chi from students at Washington State University. Upon determining the petition met the state requirements, the Grand Council approved the petition. Subsequently, on February 23, 2008, the WGAA, Expansion Director and Region 7 Director installed the Sostratus Colony.

We, the undersigned officers of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, do hereby attest and affirm this report, and faithfully submit it to the 59th Convention of Alpha Rho Chi for their wise consideration:

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Appendix A

Financial Report From the Office of the Worthy Grand Estimator

APX FY 2008 Budget v. Actual, YTD through March 8, 2008

	08 Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Income			
4040 · Income - Standard			
4041 · Active Dues	32,000	19,326	(12,674)
4043 · Pledge Fees	8,500	6,300	(2,200)
4044 · Initiation Fees	12,750	8,788	(3,963)
4045 · Charter Fees	250	250	0
4046 · Alumni Association Fees	1,500	400	(1,100)
4047 · Alumni Dues	18,892	11,696	(7,196)
Total 4040 · Income - Standard	73,892	46,760	(27,133)
4060 · Income - Miscellaneous			
4061 · Other - LC fees	11,100	7,652	(3,448)
4063 · Donation	500	665	165
4064 · Advertising	0	0	0
4065 · Returned Check Charge	0	0	0
4066 · Bronze Medal	480	80	(400)
Total 4060 · Income - Miscellaneous	12,080	8,397	(3,683)
4080 · Income - Merchandise			
4081 · Jewelry	1,500	1,005	(495)
4082 · Other Merchandise	1,800	102	(1,698)
4083 · Membership Certificate	0	0	0
Total 4080 · Income - Merchandise	3,300	1,107	(2,193)
4100 · Income - Convention			
4101 · Registration Fees	29,000	21,437	(7,563)
4102 · Sponsorships / Advertising	0	0	0
Total 4100 · Income - Convention	29,000	21,437	(7,563)
4200 · Income - Investments			
4260 · Interest of CD's / savings acct	1,700	277	(1,423)
4270 · Dividends & Interest from Securities	0	0	0
Total 4200 · Income - Investments	1,700	277	-1,423
4300 · Grant - APX Foundation	3,274	0	(3,274)
Total Income	123,246	77,978	(45,268)
Expense			
5000 · GC Summer Meeting			
5001 · Travel	2,479	2,883	404
5002 · Lodging	456	385	(71)
5003 · Meals	392	411	19
5004 · Other	6	160	154
Total 5000 · GC Summer Meeting	3,333	3,839	506

5100 · GC Annual Meeting			
5101 · Travel	2,000	906	(1,094)
5102 · Lodging	1,000	0	(1,000)
5103 · Meals	100	0	(100)
5104 · Other	0	0	0
Total 5100 · GC Annual Meeting	3,100	906	(2,194)
5200 · Publications			
5201 · Archi - Production	12,000	9,962	(2,038)
5202 · Archi - Postage	2,046	1,570	(476)
5203 · APX Letter - Production	6,450	2,019	(4,431)
5204 · APX Letter - Postage	2,139	625	(1,514)
5205 · Report & Minutes - Production	40	0	(40)
5206 · Report & Minutes - Postage	40	0	(40)
5207 · Rise Production	60	0	(60)
5208 · Rise Postage	40	0	(40)
Total 5200 · Publications	22,815	14,175	(8,640)
5400 · Administration & General			
5403 · Conference Calls	2,000	928	(1,072)
5404 · Telephone Charges	0	0	0
5405 · Office Printing	30	0	(30)
5406 · Postage & Shipping	450	332	(118)
5407 · Dues & Fees	350	435	85
5408 · Public Relations	0	0	0
5409 · Committees	1,350	702	(648)
5410 · Office Supplies	300	60	(240)
5411 · Return Postage Fee	300	0	(300)
5412 · Stationery	0	0	0
5413 · GC Officer Training	0	0	0
5414 · Equipment Rental & Maintenance	200	0	(200)
5415 · Legal	0	0	0
5416 · Accounting	0	0	0
5417 · Insurance	90	90	0
5418 · Visa Service Fee	1,700	1,123	(577)
5419 · P.O. Box	40	0	(40)
5420 · Database & Master Directory	1,600	0	(1,600)
5430 · Taxes	0	25	25
5431 · Penalties	0	0	0
5432 · Bank Charges	0	0	0
5433 · Investment Fees	0	0	0
5434 · Storage Facility	700	793	93
5435 · Professional Funding Raising Fees	0	0	0
5440 · Alumni Dues Inv. - Production	2,300	225	(2,075)
5441 · Alumni Dues Inv. - Postage	1,137	105	(1,032)
5442 · Forms - Production	0	0	0
5450 · Development Costs	0	0	0
5451 · Executive Assistant - Misc	0	0	0
Total 5400 · Administration & General	12,547	4,818	(7,729)
5455 · Expansion Programs	1,000	0	(1,000)
5460 · Convention			
5461 · Banquet & Catering	25,106	100	(25,006)
5462 · Tours	0	0	0

5463 · Meeting Room Rental	0	0	0
5464 · Audio / Visual Rental	400	0	(400)
5465 · Convention Supplies & Misc	2,950	1,081	(1,869)
5466 · Mailer Production & Postage	0	0	0
5467 · Refunds	500	0	(500)
Total 5460 · Convention	28,956	1,181	(27,776)
5600 · Membership Services			
5610 · Professional Programs	3,500	0	(3,500)
5611 · Educational Programs	0	0	0
5612 · Fraternal Programs	4,000	0	(4,000)
5613 · Silver Medal	25	0	(25)
5614 · Gold Medal	0	0	0
5615 · Bronze Medal - Production	0	0	0
5616 · Bronze Medal - Engraving	800	0	(800)
5617 · Bronze Medal - Administration	240	0	(240)
5618 · Awards	100	0	(100)
5620 · Marketing Mtrls. - Postage	0	0	0
5621 · Marketing Mtrls. - Production	0	0	0
5622 · Pledge Manuals	1,800	1,701	(99)
5623 · Handbook / Resource File / Ritual	0	0	0
5624 · Merchandise	600	27	(573)
5625 · Jewelry	7,000	2,088	(4,912)
5626 · Certificates - Calligraphy	1,800	1,061	(739)
5627 · Certificates - Production	0	0	0
5628 · Charters - Calligraphy	100	201	101
5629 · Charters - Production	350	352	2
5630 · Colony Services	3,000	1,056	(1,944)
5631 · Chapter Services	3,500	2,293	(1,207)
5632 · Alumni Education Services	0	0	0
5635 · Alumni Development	1,500	284	(1,216)
Total 5600 · Membership Services	28,315	9,063	(19,252)
5640 · Internet Services			
5641 · Webpage hosting	200	100	(100)
5642 · Webpage development	2,600	191	(2,409)
Total 5640 · Internet Services	2,800	291	(2,509)
5650 · Other Reimbursable Expenses	0	0	0
5660 · Leadership Conference			
5661 · Travel	10,250	4,150	(6,100)
5662 · Lodging	5,832	4,212	(1,620)
5663 · Meals	2,295	3,067	772
5664 - Other	408	31	(377)
5665 - Professional Program	724	354	(370)
5666 - Publicity	300	0	(300)
5667 - Refunds	500	0	(500)
Total 5660 · Leadership Conference	20,309	11,814	(8,495)
Total Expense	123,175	46,087	(77,088)
Net Income	71	31,891	
Net Income, excl. Convention Revenues & Expenses	27	11,634	
Convention Gain/(Loss)	44	20,257	
Total Expense, excl Conv.	94,219		

APX FY 2008 Balance Sheet, YTD through March 8, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking Account / Cash	54,923
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Other Current Assets

Investments

Certificates of Deposit	46,127
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APXF LC Endowment Fund	50,000
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Total Investments	96,127
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Total Current Assets	151,049
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Other Assets

Inventory

Charters (Qty?)	500
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Membership Certificates (Qty?)	1,468
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Operations Binders (15)	150
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Ritual Covers (26)	260
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Ritual Books (18)	144
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Pledge Manuals, 2007 ed. (24)	120
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Bronze Medals (244)	854
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Pledge Pins (21)	105
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Total Inventory	3,601
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Equipment

Spiral Binder Maker (Brazill)	100
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LCD Projector (Schmidt)	1,200
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Total Equipment	2,118
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Total Other Assets	5,719
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TOTAL ASSETS	156,768
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable	0
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Convention	21,437
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Total Accounts Payable	21,437
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Total Current Liabilities	21,437
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Total Liabilities	21,437
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Equity

Opening Bal Equity	115,919
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Retained Earnings (FY '07 income/(loss)	7,777
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Net Income (FY '08 YTD)	11,634
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Total Equity	135,330
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	156,768
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opening equity	115,919
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Checking Account Transactions as of 3/10/2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Subtractions</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>Balance</u>
17-Jul-07	ACH Alumni Dues	Month of July		\$ 196.00	X	\$ 36,264.15
10-Jul-07	I-Bank Fee		\$ 17.10		X	\$ 36,247.05
10-Jul-07	Merchant Visa Fee		\$ 22.59		X	\$ 36,224.46
23-Jul-07	Herff Jones	invoice 35901600	\$ 256.25		X	\$ 35,968.21
23-Jul-07	Scott Swanson	E-4, 6-18-07	\$ 268.04		X	\$ 35,700.17
23-Jul-07	Rick Jenkins	E-4, 6-21-07	\$ 383.34		X	\$ 35,316.83
23-Jul-07	State Farm	Policy 93-UN-5426-3	\$ 90.00		X	\$ 35,226.83
23-Jul-07	SaveOn Conferences	invoice 918930	\$ 35.38		X	\$ 35,191.45
23-Jul-07	deposit			\$ 150.00	X	\$ 35,341.45
18-Jul-07	Deva Powell ACH error		\$ 10.00		X	\$ 35,331.45
31-Jul-07	Visa Payment	month of July	\$ 460.45		X	\$ 34,871.00
5-Aug-07	Steve Janick	E-4 6-23-07	\$ 225.21		X	\$ 34,645.79
6-Aug-07	deposit			\$ 1,112.50	X	\$ 35,758.29
6-Aug-07	ACH Alumni Dues	month of August		\$ 186.00	X	\$ 35,944.29
10-Aug-07	I-Bank Fee		\$ 17.55		X	\$ 35,926.74
10-Aug-07	Merchant Visa Fee		\$ 16.90		X	\$ 35,909.84
30-Aug-07	Visa Payment	Month of August	\$ 154.46		X	\$ 35,755.38
5-Sep-07	ACH Alumni Dues	month of September		\$ 186.00	X	\$ 35,941.38
5-Sep-07	I-Bank Fee		\$ 17.40		X	\$ 35,923.98
5-Sep-07	Merchant Visa Fee		\$ 16.90		X	\$ 35,907.08
10-Sep-07	deposit			\$ 537.50	X	\$ 36,444.58
9-Sep-07	Ryan Rosen	E-4, 08-27-07	\$ 117.28		X	\$ 36,327.30
9-Sep-07	Anchor Wave Internet Solutions	invoice 10827	\$ 106.25		X	\$ 36,221.05
18-Sep-07	deposit			\$ 1,017.50	X	\$ 37,238.55
21-Sep-07	deposit			\$ 1,312.50	X	\$ 38,551.05
20-Sep-07	SaveOn Conferences	invoice 1003684, 963826	\$ 140.43		X	\$ 38,410.62
20-Sep-07	Anchor Wave Internet Solutions	invoice 10846	\$ 85.00		X	\$ 38,325.62
21-Sep-07	Stehpen Laico	E-4 8-16-07	\$ 1,080.75		X	\$ 37,244.87
21-Sep-07	Harold Fetty	E-4, 9-11-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 36,994.87
21-Sep-07	Aaron Feldmann Grosse	E-4, 9-11-07	\$ 222.80		X	\$ 36,772.07
30-Sep-07	Visa Sales	month of September		\$ 6,447.50	X	\$ 43,219.57
30-Sep-07	Visa Payment	month of September	\$ 754.60		X	\$ 42,464.97
1-Oct-07	deposit			\$ 940.00	X	\$ 43,404.97
2-Oct-07	deposit			\$ 1,600.00	X	\$ 45,004.97
1-Oct-07	Herff Jones	invoice 365296	\$ 104.88		X	\$ 44,900.09
1-Oct-07	Lori Beth Wilson	E-4 9-19-07	\$ 128.80		X	\$ 44,771.29
1-Oct-07	Aaron Feldmann Grosse	E-4 9-24-07	\$ 284.38		X	\$ 44,486.91
8-Oct-07	ACH Alumni Dues	month of October		\$ 186.00	X	\$ 44,672.91
8-Oct-07	I-Bank Fee		\$ 17.40		X	\$ 44,655.51
8-Oct-07	Merchant Visa Fee		\$ 270.49		X	\$ 44,385.02
6-Oct-07	deposit			\$ 50.00	X	\$ 44,435.02
8-Oct-07	Custom Color Graphics	invoice 97002	\$ 1,701.01		X	\$ 42,734.01
8-Oct-07	Erin Froschheiser	E-4 10-01-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 42,484.01
8-Oct-07	Andrea Hauber	E-4 9-04-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 42,234.01
13-Oct-07	deposit			\$ 1,525.00	X	\$ 43,759.01
13-Oct-07	Custom Color Graphics	invoice 97098	\$ 330.00		X	\$ 43,429.01
13-Oct-07	SaveOn Conferences	invoice 1044542	\$ 141.26		X	\$ 43,287.75
13-Oct-07	Greg Pelley	E-4 10-12-07	\$ 270.41		X	\$ 43,017.34
16-Oct-07	deposit			\$ 827.00	X	\$ 43,844.34
18-Oct-07	Emily Dzuibek	E-4 9-13-07	\$ 143.78		X	\$ 43,700.56
18-Oct-07	Ryan Rosen	E-4 10-13-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 43,450.56
18-Oct-07	Deva Powell	E-4 10-14-07	\$ 239.60		X	\$ 43,210.96
18-Oct-07	Andrew Paulsen	E-4 10-17-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 42,960.96
19-Oct-07	Rick Jenkins	E-4 10-19-07	\$ 160.80		X	\$ 42,800.16
19-Oct-07	Andrew Loreman	LC Jimmy Johns invoice	\$ 562.93		X	\$ 42,237.23
30-Oct-07	deposit			\$ 4,685.00	X	\$ 46,922.23
31-Oct-07	Visa Sales	month of October		\$ 1,705.00	X	\$ 48,627.23
31-Oct-07	Visa Payment	month of October	\$ 233.51		X	\$ 48,393.72
30-Oct-07	Bonnie Miller	E-4 10-18-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 48,143.72
30-Oct-07	Laura Schmidt	E-4 10-23-07	\$ 495.70		X	\$ 47,648.02
30-Oct-07	Joe Henderson	E-4 10-22-07	\$ 64.36		X	\$ 47,583.66
30-Oct-07	Danielle Likvan	E-4 10-21-07	\$ 107.34		X	\$ 47,476.32
30-Oct-07	Mara Braspeninx	E-4 10-22-07	\$ 158.89		X	\$ 47,317.43
30-Oct-07	Juan Valdez	E-4 10-16-07	\$ 250.00		X	\$ 47,067.43
30-Oct-07	Custom Color Graphics	invoice 107012	\$ 2,925.65		X	\$ 44,141.78
30-Oct-07	Heirloom Artists	invoice 3489	\$ 233.55		X	\$ 43,908.23
30-Oct-07	Herff Jones	invoices 366102, 366642	\$ 359.17		X	\$ 43,549.06

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1-Mar-08	Heirloom Artists	invoice 3696	\$ 645.35	\$ 51,442.90
1-Mar-08	KLM Words, Inc.	invoice 2-28-08	\$ 1,206.20	\$ 50,236.70
3-Mar-08	deposit		\$ 812.50	\$ 51,049.20
3-Mar-08	ACH Alumni Dues	month of Mar	\$ 248.00	\$ 51,297.20
8-Mar-08	deposit		\$ 5,100.00	\$ 56,397.20
8-Mar-08	I-Bank Fee	month of Mar	\$ 17.70	\$ 56,379.50
8-Mar-08	Merchant Visa Fee	month of Mar	\$ 486.37	\$ 55,893.13
8-Mar-08	Herff Jones	invoices 378131, 378132, 378129	\$ 618.41	\$ 55,274.72
8-Mar-08	Vicki Horton	E-4, 03-06-08	\$ 352.13	\$ 54,922.59
10-Mar-08	deposit		\$ 3,262.50	\$ 58,185.09