



**Vitruvius Alumni Association  
Annual Report for the 61<sup>st</sup> National Convention  
Of the  
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity**

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Next Annual Alumni Association Corporate Meeting:  
Scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008, 1:00 PM  
At the House

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White Rose 2008:

This year's White Rose weekend celebration will begin Saturday April 12, 2008 with the Alumni Corporate Meeting at 1:00 PM and we will celebrate our Brotherhood with the Active Chapter at the Days Inn that evening, beginning at 6pm. This year there is also an Architecture Department Alumni Reunion also being held that weekend with events scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Communication/AA Participation:

E-mail continues to be a successful tool in communicating between the Actives and the Alumni. The Alumni Board has also been utilizing e-mail to solicit input from Alumni and to regularly communicate between each other.

The Alumni Association continues to get a good response to our dues notice and newsletter which we plan to send out in the first quarter of 2008.

We continue to encourage Alumni to be active with the Chapter by attending events, lectures, and just dropping in to say "hello".

The Association continues to provide whatever financial support we can to assist as many Actives possible to attend the Convention and Leadership Conference.

House:

The Sprinkler system is just about completed in the house. The system includes outside monitoring and should be fully functioning by the time the 61<sup>st</sup> Convention is called to order. We were required to install the system by the Borough of State College, but we have been discussing it for years as a protection for the Active Brothers living in the house. The downside is that the system, monitoring and rock encountered in the front yard has utilized the majority of our funds available for house improvements.

As we pay off the loan for the sprinklers, and funds become available we will again set our focus to attacking the priorities of exterior painting, porch repair, window replacement and carpeting of the common areas.

Fall Rush Bar-B-Que:

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007 the Alumni assisted with the Bar-B-Que. This year we were short on Rushee's, but had had our own tailgate with a projected football game in the house living room. The only good part of the game was that our brothers at Michigan were able to celebrate the victory.

Santa visit 2007:

S. Santa (distant relative of S. Clause and Vitruvius Alumnus) was at the house again to act as "Secret Santa" and distributed the gifts from under the tree to all of the brothers. The festivities followed a Turkey dinner feast prepared by the brothers. S. Santa was assisted by Alumni elf's a good time was had by all.

General:

As you have recognized, Vitruvius provides significant support to the Fraternity through the dues we pay. Many of those who pay national dues regularly have expressed concern that our Alumni dues have increased at a significant rate while the benefits have remained at a similar level. Because costs are rising for everything including gasoline, housing, food as well as all association dues we pay our brothers are making financial choices.

Based on our experience we believe we are losing contact with brothers as Alumni Dues increase and have proposed a motion to solicit input from all Alumni as to what they feel is an equitable amount for us to pay on an annual basis. We believe strongly in this and have included the offer to fund the survey in our proposal. It is our firm belief that keeping one alumnus active in our organization has more value than raising a "couple of bucks" with another dues increase. We have had success soliciting donations for specific projects and keeping our Association Dues at a reasonable level to maintain contact with our brothers. We suggest National consider the same approach.

We continue as an Alumni Association whose main purpose is to maintain contact with our Alumni and support the Active Chapter at Penn State. We continue to maintain our goal of a fall and spring activity with the Chapter. We look forward to the coming year and hope that we can celebrate a victory with the active Chapter following the 2008 Michigan/PSU Game.

Respectfully Submitted,



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