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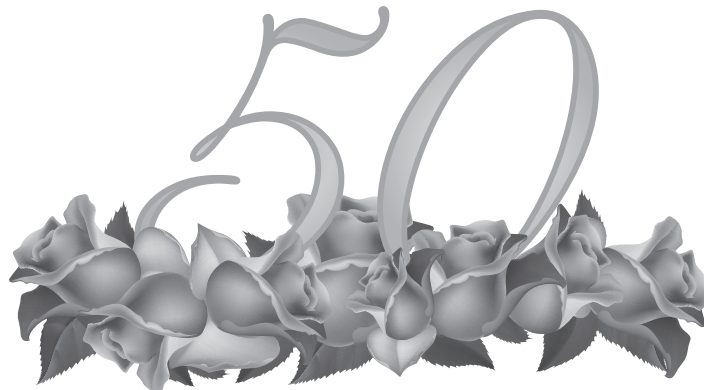
## ALPHA RHO CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

Alpha Rho's BIG 5-0 will be BIG!!!

Save the date and call your pledge brothers!! Alpha Rho will be 50 years young on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Help celebrate this once in your lifetime Pink Rose Founder's Day 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The chapter house will be open at noon, so you can see your old room and relive fond memories of 216 S. Prospect Street. Bring the family, and show them where you lived and learned while at AGR at UVM.

Travel a short distance down Route 7 South to 1712 Shelburne Road, South Burlington to the Sunset Ballroom, atop the Comfort Suites. Our annual business meetings will be held there starting at 2 p.m. All are welcome, but only Alpha Rho alumni members can vote. From 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. there will be a cash bar reunion reception with complimentary appetizers and hors d'oeuvres at the Sunset Ballroom. A steamship round dinner buffet will be



served at 6 p.m. Call your fellow pledge brothers, and plan now to celebrate Alpha Rho's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary "making better men."

Our first Noble Ruler Erwin Clark and his wife Joyce will be attending. They currently reside in Kansas City, Mo. Erwin continues to be active in AGR, serving currently as National Treasurer. Contact Erwin at [eclark20@kc.rr.com](mailto:eclark20@kc.rr.com).

Our second Noble Ruler Don McFeeters and his wife Anita will also be with us. He and his wife Anita winter in Deland, Fl. and summer in St. Albans, Vt. Don also continues to serve AGR as a Se-

nior Chapter Consultant, working with 17 AGR Chapters. Contact Don at [donandanita@cfl.rr.com](mailto:donandanita@cfl.rr.com).

Our special guest for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be Alpha Gamma Rho's Grand President Sandy Belden.

If you need contact information for a missing pledge brother, contact LCJ, Alumni President, at [LCJVT@hotmail.com](mailto:LCJVT@hotmail.com).

Remember the date: Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the chapter house and the Sunset Ballroom. See you there!

Fraternally,

—LCJ

### QUICK INFO

**DATE:**  
SATURDAY,  
APRIL 16, 2011

**NOON - 2 P.M.**  
CHAPTER HOUSE  
OPEN HOUSE

**2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**  
ANNUAL MEETINGS  
AT  
SUNSET BALLROOM

**4 P.M. - 6 P.M.**  
REUNION  
RECEPTION  
(CASH BAR)  
AT  
SUNSET BALLROOM

**6 P.M.**  
STEAMSHIP  
ROUND DINNER  
BUFFET

**7:30 P.M.**  
SHORT PROGRAM,  
FUND RAISING  
AUCTION,  
DANCING

### QUESTIONS?

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LCJ  
VIA EMAIL AT  
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## FALL 2010 RECRUITMENT

In relativity to our recruitment efforts in recent past semesters, recruitment in fall 2010 can be considered a success. Of the 10 men initiated, three are first year students, six are sophomores and one is a junior.

The first year students are Matt Weston, Giles Crelly-Byers and Owen Davies. Owen Davies is from South Hero, Vt. and is majoring in Business Administration. Giles Crelly-Byers is from Charlotte, Vt. and is also majoring in Business Administration. Matt Weston is from Larchmont, N.Y. and is majoring in Biological Sciences.

The sophomores are Matt Bubonovic, Jake Watkins, Johnny Flanigan, Nick DeMontigny, Matt Goldman and Harrison Stokes. Matt Bubonovic is from Ridgewood, N.J. and is majoring in Exercise and Movement Science. Jake Watkins is from North Hampton, N.H. and is majoring in Green Building. Johnny Flanigan is from Nevada City, Calif. and is majoring in International Management. Nick DeMontigny is from Enfield, Conn. and is majoring in Civil Engineering. Matt Goldman is from Natick, Mass. and is majoring in Community Entrepreneurship. Harrison Stokes



is from Topsfield, Mass. and is majoring in Political Science.

Mitch Hansen is the oldest in the group as a junior and is from Bremerton, Wash. and is majoring in Economics.

Admittedly, we do not have as many newly initiated brothers that are in the College of Agriculture and Life Science

(CALC) as we would like (only Matt Weston and Jake Watkins fall into this category). We are currently in the process of fostering a reconnection with CALC so that future recruitment efforts may bring in more men in these fields.

Although we are very proud of the number and quality of men that we have recruited thus far in the semester, our chapter cannot assume that our recruitment push has ended. With a total of 13 seniors due to graduate at the end of the spring 2010 semester, we must ensure the longevity of this house by recruiting enough quality men so that Alpha Rho may remain a functional, desirable and affordable fraternity.

Fraternally,  
Erik Rowan

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

This year's community service appears to be going as well as ever for the Alpha Rho chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. While working with Keep Local Farms, Relay for Life and Cochran's Ski Area continues, Alpha Rho is about to start an endeavor with a new nonprofit organization that helps feed struggling families whose family members are serving overseas.

Alpha Rho is undergoing a year-round money raising process in which recyclables will be returned, and the refund

will be donated to the various organizations that we work with. In fall, the brothers raked neighborhood yards in an effort to raise money for Relay for Life. The community's future looks bright as Alpha Rho strives to win the UVM Greek Community Award for Excellence in Philanthropy & Community Service for the third year in a row.

Fraternally,  
Kristopher Bianconi

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

This summer, three undergraduates and seven alumni from Alpha Rho Chapter took time out of their busy schedules to attend the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The Convention took place Aug. 12-14. Andrew Higley, Alex Bailey and Christian Ruf, who serves as Undergraduate Director for the National Board, represented the undergraduate chapter. Ron Paquette, LCJ, Peter Fitzgerald, Brian Trudell, Kevin Rooney, Brian Markwell, and Erwin Clark attended as chapter alumni.

Besides some of the important business that was conducted, there was downtime for visits to some local sights. Over the course of the weekend some of the events were visits to Monsanto's research facility,



*Left to right: Christian Ruf, Andrew Higley, Ron Paquette, Pete Fitzgerald, Kevin Rooney, Brian Markwell, Brian Trudell and LCJ.*

by all, and this past summer's convention and will not soon be forgotten.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Higley

Grant's Farm, The Arch, dinner at Busch Stadium and dinner at the St. Louis Zoo. Brother Christian Ruf also was awarded the Undergraduate Achievement Award while at the Convention.

The 2012 National Convention will be held right here in Vermont, and a presentation by some of the Alpha Rho undergraduates and alumni took place on the last day of the convention to spark interest in it. Overall, a good time was had

## 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN VERMONT

Alpha Rho was well represented at the National Convention in August in St. Louis, and there was good reason: We were shadowing the St. Louis Convention Steering Committee in preparation for Vermont hosting the 2012 AGR National Convention which will take place July 29-31.

If you'd like to help showcase Vermont to AGRs from across the country, contact Convention Chairman Kevin Rooney at [krooneyinvt@myfairpoint.net](mailto:krooneyinvt@myfairpoint.net). We could use the help!

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## SUMMER AT UVM RESCUE

There have been many summers wasted away sitting on the couch, bored and looking for something to do. This summer was different, as I was able to keep myself occupied during my first summer living in Burlington.

I spent most of my time running as an EMT on the University of Vermont campus through UVM Rescue. UVM Rescue is a student-run organization through UVM that is in operation 24/7, 365 days a year. We primarily respond to our campus, but we also transport from the Fletcher Allen Helipad to Fletcher Allen Health Care and support our surrounding towns such as Burlington, South Burlington, Winooski and Shelburne.

Between working nearly full-time and volunteering at the local Red Cross Disaster Action Team, I found myself sitting at the rescue station training new members and working on summer projects that needed to be done. Since we

are 100% student-run, much of our support is lost during the summer months when our members go back to their home states. This leaves the local members to fill in the holes and run nearly double their normal hours.

Edward Watson III, a brother in our Alpha Rho chapter, is also a member of UVM Rescue. Like me, he finds himself running rescue between classes during the school year. We both run about 20 hours per week, educating new trainees and doing whatever we can to keep our squad in service, even if that means we have to leave class to respond to a call.

Running on UVM Rescue has given me the opportunity to gain leadership qualities, take on responsibility and has given me a life experience that I could not achieve anywhere else.

Fraternally,  
Colin Brahmstedt

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### ALUMNI NEWS WANTED

The next issue of the Alpha Rho Chapter Crescent should be full of news about alumni brothers. Please send us your updated contact information and the latest on your accomplishments (marriage, family, jobs, etc.) to: Alpha Rho Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 216 S. Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401.

### RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Please help us recruit the best of men. If you know someone who would make a good addition to our Fraternity, please let us know so we can contact him and enhance our brotherhood.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone - home: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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