

## **Alpha Chi Rho National Fraternity Announces the Newest Colony at the University of Cincinnati**

On Tuesday, October 27, 2010, representatives from the National Staff, along with the president of the colony's father David Neyer, an 83' graduate of Alpha Phi, gathered on campus in the Steger Student Life Center. Throughout the week nineteen men were pinned as founding fathers. They also extended twenty bids of which nineteen were accepted to become their first postulant class. The founding fathers and the new members have already taken an active approach to learning more about the Fraternity and are preparing themselves for their National Exoteric Exam. The new members have just recently elected positions for their postulant class and are well on their way to becoming a functioning part of the Brotherhood. Just this past Wednesday, the postulant class along with the founding fathers hosted their very first Big Brother night in which every new member was assigned a founding father who they are to follow and learn from in the up and coming weeks. The colony has also taken the time to appoint an alumni advisor, Brother Mickey Callender *Pi Phi 88*, ' who is a former national staff member and who resides in the Cincinnati area. The University administrators are pleased to have Alpha Chi Rho active on campus, and have been very cooperative in assisting us through the process so far.

The students are active on campus including in sports. They have members who are a part of club sports teams and the colony's president, Kyle Neyer, is actually a member of Cincinnati's track team. This group is also very involved on campus as they host many students who are involved in student government and other Greek lettered honor and honorary societies. The group entered the IFC with a 3.15 GPA. This puts them in the top five for all fraternities at Cincinnati and proves this group has a solid academic backing. The group is very active in philanthropy including Relay for Life and volunteering for a local Cincinnati soup kitchen. They also have just recently sent 25 postulants and founders to attend the People Working Cooperatively's Prepare Affair. This is an all day event that helps less fortunate families winterize their homes by putting up plastic and insulating windows. This is a citywide event that our men are looking to gain recognition from to show how positive their impact on the greater Cincinnati community can be.

The group has not only made an impact on campus through their involvement but is actively doing it through their actions. Last Tuesday the group, postulants and founding fathers, walked around to every sorority house to formally introduce themselves as the new group on campus and invite them to begin hosting socials with Alpha Chi Rho. From this process two socials have already been scheduled for this quarter with more expected. The group also has a new member retreat planned for late November, along with a Christmas party during early December. The group also boasts an Intramural flag football team that is hoping for success in the playoffs and an eventual championship run.

They have already started their fundraising campaign, by working at Cincinnati Bengals football games. They have also reached out to parents and friends via a letter campaign which has turned up \$1,200 in funds. With this money, the group hopes to purchase one or two ensigns so that they can display their Fraternity pride to the Cincinnati campus. The group has also begun looking for a permanent residence for next school year, and has exercised many leads including a current house right on Greek row. In the upcoming week the Executive board along with Dave



Neyer *Alpha Phi 83'* will be touring the houses hoping that they will be able to soon call one of them home.

All of us on the national staff wish them the best. Alpha Chi Rho is a men's collegiate social fraternity founded on June 4, 1895 at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. It values strong academics along with service to the campus and community.

