

## A View from the Road



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This semester has been a busy one for me thus far. It has had its ups and downs, but it has also made me realize how great Alpha Chi Rho really is. I started my year visiting the very bright, young men at Philadelphia University. They are a unique and motivated group of men who I feel are a great example of recent successes for a newly chartered Chapter. They extended and had ten bids accepted, which is great for a chapter their size. The next stop in my journey was to the other end of Philadelphia and the men at the Epsilon Phi Chapter at Temple University. They are a Chapter who is going through a transition phase and again re-establishing their footing as an elite chapter of Alpha Chi Rho and an elite Chapter at Temple's campus.

My next set of visits took me to Michigan, where I courted and succeeded and establishing seven solid men to start a chapter of Alpha Chi Rho at Oakland University. I am unfortunately still awaiting approval by the University on where to continue from here as since my visit was during recruitment week and things were very hectic. My next visit was a sad one as I made the trip to the beautiful Elon University campus for the unfortunate task of unofficially closing the chapter there. It was a painful job, but I firmly believe that we will be back. The alumni are very motivated and keep good communication with one another. I see this chapter as a lasting symbol of the strength of Alpha Chi Rho after having existed for 17 years without recognition from the campus. While I visited Elon, I also met with the school officials at Highpoint University and proposed to them Alpha Chi Rho's potential expansion to their campus. The next visit made was to the Phi Beta Chi Chapter at Radford University in Virginia. Radford had always been known as a rogue chapter, but I found them to simply just lack the knowledge and leadership to make a difference in their own group. By the time I left I think the Brothers were more motivated and the school felt very good about the position the men were in.

My final visits before writing this article were to our Chapters at the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University. The Phi Phi chapter at U-Penn is, I can honestly say, on the rise. They have gotten new direction for their group and with the support of

their alumni they are again becoming a great well focused chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. The Rutgers chapter is in a huge transition phase in which they need direction and leadership. They had a large problem with communication with the University, with the National Fraternity and within their own Chapter. I am hoping that they can continue to rebuild and reinvent themselves as they move forward. I encourage any Chapter alumni from Beta Phi to extend your time and knowledge to help these men as they continue to build up their group.

After this first month of visits it was apparent that many of our Chapters are doing well and many still need help. I am proud to see some of the amazing things these Chapters are doing and the pride that is taking place in these Chapters all over the country. The amount of alumni support that I have seen is great, but I feel that it can be better. When I talk about alumni support, I don't just mean monetary support, but I also mean your time and networking influence. Many of the Chapters visited are not utilizing their alumni when it comes to finding jobs. It is a shame especially with the new website and social networking sites like Facebook and Linked-In. The alumni of our chapters are the back bone of this fraternity system, and I challenge all alumni young and old to keep in contact with your Chapters and extend a hand when needed. They can always use the help, and I know they would be thankful for whatever you can do. I leave you with these words as you reflect on the time you spent in your Chapters, and I couldn't have described what I'm asking any better than quoting Pastor David Jost when he said "Once a Crow, always a Crow."

