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New A.P.X. Chapter, Vitruvius, Installed

The Archi bids welcome to Vitruvius, new chapter of Alpha Rho Chi at the Pennsylvania State University, installed at ceremonies held March 25, 26 and 27.

A. P. X. officers Robert F. Calrow, W. G. A., George A. Whitten, W. G. E., Richard Murray Jr., W. G. E. elect, and Dwight P. Ely, G. A., attended. Also on hand were 14 members from Demetrius who participated in the initiation. Others in attendance were: Elliott L. Whitacre, former professor of architecture at Penn State, now of Ohio State; Marion Carter and John Liimatainen, of Columbus, Ohio, and William H. Koenig, a founder of Paeonius.

Penn State faculty members present included Milton S. Osborne (Dem. '22), head of the department of architecture; M. Robert Des

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24th Convention Elects Murray New W. G. E.; Whitten Retires

Demetrius Chapter of Ohio State, hosts to the 24th National Alpha Rho Chi convention held December 27, 28 and 29, had the honor of seeing one of its own members elevated to the post of Worthy Grand Estimator. Richard E. Murray, Jr. was elected unanimously at the convention to fill the post vacated by George A. Whitten who retired after 12 years of outstanding service as W. G. E.

Whitten asked conventioners to accept his resignation in view of his long service in an office demanding considerable effort and time. He nominated Richard Murray whom he called "well qualified for this office" to succeed him.

As a token of appreciation for his many years of notable service to the fraternity, a silver Alpha Rho Chi medal, fourth of its kind, was



George A. Whitten

presented to Whitten by Robert F. Calrow, W.G.A.

Brother Whitten has been an active and distinguished fraternity

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Officers and delegates who attended the 24th national convention at Ohio State which met Dec. 27, 28 and 29.



At *Vitruvius* installation, left to right: M. Robert Des Marais; Richard Murray, Jr.; George A. Whitten; Marion Carter; Lee G. Stauffer, and Dwight P. Ely.

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Marais (Anth. '48), assistant professor of architecture and adviser to the local chapter, and Louis A. Richardson (Anth. '28), professor of architectural engineering.

Vitruvius has 18 active members, a pledge class of eight, ten alumni members, and three faculty members.

Brother Des Marais was instrumental in organizing the new chapter. First meeting was held Oct. 12, 1953 and two months later, a charter was granted by the university. Last year, the group moved into a chapter house at 220 W. Foster Ave. In December 1954, the university granted permission for affiliation with Alpha Rho Chi.

Chapter officers are: Lee G. Stauffer, president; John C. Booser, vice president; Charles E. Bailey, secretary; Russell I. Snyder, treasurer, and Fred W. Diserod, historian.

Chapter is named after Marcus *Vitruvius Pollio*, a Roman architect and engineer who lived in the 1st century, B. C.

Reserve for Luncheon

Members who attend the A.I.A. Convention at Minneapolis in June will have the opportunity to join other Alpha Rho Chi's at luncheon on Wednesday, June 22, 12:00 noon in the Hotel Dyckman's Tropical Room.

The luncheon will not conflict with other convention events. The committee would appreciate your reservation now; please send to R. F. Calrow, 4828 Garfield Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.



George M. McConkey, left, being pinned by Gordon Ryan, A. A. Iktinos.

George M. McConkey, A.I.A., Faculty member at Michigan and an A.P.X. Founder, was feted at a McConkey Day banquet last April 16 in Ann Arbor. The tribute, marking Prof. McConkey's retirement after 41 years on the faculty, was sponsored by Iktinos Chapter in conjunction with Founders' Day observance.

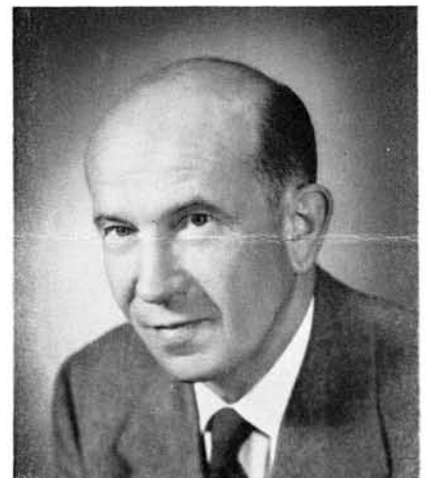
A reception at the home of Prof.

Ralph W. Hammett preceded dinner at the Michigan League. Clair Ditchy and Leo Bauer, also A.P.X. Founders, and Professors Emil Lorch and Wells Bennett led more than 200 fellow A.P.X.'s and friends in warm tribute to Prof. McConkey as a man whose "keen insight and interest in his work have inspired us all." The evening was spiced with some keen spoofing in several skits staged by students.



M. Robert Des Marais

M. Robert Des Marais, recently appointed Grand Council Deputy for Pennsylvania, is assistant professor of architecture at the Pennsylvania State University. Shortly after his initiation into A.P.X. in 1941, he joined the navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier Benjamin Franklin. When he returned he took his



Frank H. Baden

degree at Illinois, later obtaining a master's there in 1948. He taught architectural design at Illinois and Texas Tech before moving to Pennsylvania in 1950 with his wife and two children.

Frank H. Baden is Grand Council Deputy for California.

John Root Tells Convention Better Living Standards for World Can Lead to Peace

Printed below is a statement by John Wellborn Root, F.A.I.A., which embodies the important points he made in a speech before Alpha Rho Chi members at the 24th convention.

The low standards of living in much of the world have brought about the revolutions that are in process and have provided the Communists with fertile fields in which to plant their propaganda. The free nations, led by the United States, have been furnishing and can continue to do so, ways and means of improving living conditions partly through our foreign aid but more important through other public and private technical assistance. What we can offer can furnish object lessons as answers to Soviet propaganda by offering the distressed countries a way towards meeting their demands for a better life.

The world as a whole has come to recognize the organizational and technical skill of many of the Western Nations, particularly of the United States. The Indian government, for instance, apparently thought so well of the work of our Army Engineers during the war that they have called in Western architects-engineers to carry out some of their vast programs.

The Harza Engineering Company is designing a vast hydro-electric development in the Damodar Valley. They are also planning a further installation of that kind at Ambuklao comprising one of the largest rock filled dams in the world, 450 ft. high. Another project of considerable political import is the reclamation which they are undertaking of the Jordan Valley water supply. This will employ a great many displaced Arabs during construction and will create later numerous farms. This should relieve the tensions that exist in this explosive area.

The great firm of Knappen-Tippett-Abbott-McCarthy again are designing a reclamation project of some \$550,000,000 to recapture the great farm lands of the Tigris-Euphrates, a project sufficient to feed some 5,000,000 people.

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Shaw Metz & Dolio, and Holabird & Root & Burgee are helping in the design of air fields, hospitals, hotels in Spain, South America, Turkey and India.

In the future many countries given legislation to make it possible (as is being planned in Turkey) will provide great areas for American investment. So if in addition to the funds that may be available in the country itself, the capital that we can furnish and invest in improvements can have an increasing effect on the economy of these distressed countries. In such programs the technical men, the architects, the engineers, the contractors, in fact the building industry as a whole can have a vital role. It is such an important role that it staggers our imagination. It furnishes an opportunity for the professional and technical men to help achieve a better life for all the countries of the world. In it there is room for all qualified nations to participate. In due season the technical knowledge and experience required can be broadly extended. This need be no concern of the Western nations because to raise the standard of living in most countries to anything like that of the United States is such an immense program that the collaborative effort of all nations is needed.

There is no better way of demonstrating the soundness of our ideology than to show that it creates and permits the way of life that we know and enjoy. Obviously this demonstration will not fail to impress those countries not under Communist domination. The spread of this program of physical betterment can make clear to countries not under Communist domination that our ideology has been the greatest single factor in making possible the way of life we now enjoy.

Even those behind the Iron Curtain may be impressed and possibly shaken in their convictions. This may be particularly true since their leaders may be drawn more and more from the professions and sciences and, since they have been taught to think, be inclined to analyze and question the political organizations of their various states. This in turn might well lead to more reasonable international discussions with a consequent reduction in world tensions

Convention . . .

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member ever since his initiation into A.P.X. at the University of Illinois in 1919. He was appointed W.G.E. by Dwight P. Ely in 1943, and was later elected to the office at the 21st convention in 1948.

His contributions to Alpha Rho Chi have been many. As far back as 1923, George Whitten worked for the establishment of alumni chapters. And in 1948 he renewed the life membership program for alumni. He is credited with reorganizing Grand Council finances on a sound basis by budgeting all funds and establishing annual financial reports.

He has compiled and published two all-member directories which are of the greatest importance to a growing fraternity. George Whitten most assuredly deserves the praise of his fraternity.

Other convention business included the election of John N. Richards, A.I.A., of Toledo, Ohio, to honorary membership in Alpha Rho Chi. Honorary membership was granted for his "contributions to the architectural profession and for his work on the Ohio Campus and throughout the state."

Conventioneers unanimously accepted Mnesicles' proposal to play host to the 25th convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Convention, called very successful by those who attended, closed with a formal banquet during which Master Architect John W. Root made the principal speech. (Text of speech appears on this page.)

leading towards a period of peace. If this can come about it would suffice only to divert a minor portion of what is being spent by most nations for armament to go a long way towards bettering the living conditions of vast areas and so develop vast fertile fields for a period of constructive investment that will challenge the professions, the sciences and all of the great industrial organizations. It is comparable in a far larger scale to the development of the United States by Eastern capital during the 19th century. The result might mean a period of internal and external prosperity such as we have not yet experienced.

ALUMNI DUES . . . SINCE NOVEMBER, 1954

Alumni dues for support and expansion of the Fraternity's national organization were established by the 1938 Convention and affirmed by the 1948 and 1952 Conventions. Annual dues are \$2, and Life dues \$25, payable at one time or in three annual installments. Payments of Life dues are designated "Life Membership".

Dues are payable to W.G.E. George Whitten, who reports the following receipts in the five and a half months ending April 1.

INITIATES

ANDRONICUS, Sept. 18, 1954:

2142 Clyde Wilson Augustson
Los Angeles, Cal.

ANTHEMIOS, Sept. 19, 1954:

2143 Marvin Arthur Bamburg
Glencoe, Ill.
2144 Richard C. Emrick
Chicago, Ill.
2145 Charles Boyd Schroeder
Chicago, Ill.
2146 Robert George Wirth
Milwaukee, Wis.
2147 Ronald Sherwood Anderson
Pekin, Ill.
2148 Donald Henry Williams
Chicago, Ill.
2149 Anthony Patrick Pawlowski
Milwaukee, Wis.
2150 Thomas Martin Kosturik
Chicago, Ill.

KALLIKRATES, May 13, 1954:

2151 Caldwell Norton Dugan
St. Petersburg, Fla.
2152 Rurik Fritiof Ekstrom
Richmond, Va.
2153 John Calvin Holcombe
Sandston, Va.
2154 Carl Sheaff Meyer
Manhasset, N. Y.
2155 James William Talbot II
Bethesda, Md.
2156 Shirley Oliver Wooster, Jr.
Suffolk, Va.

IKTINOS, Sept. 18, 1954:

2157 Stanley Aizinas
Birmingham, Mich.
2158 Francesco Della Sala (Fac.)
Ann Arbor, Mich.
2159 Kenneth Lee Ball
Bryon Center, Mich.
2160 Frederick James Stephenson
Detroit, Mich.

DEMETRIOS, Nov. 13, 1954:

2161 Franklin Lawrence Studier
Bayonne, N. J.
2162 James Edward Bletzacker
Lancaster, Ohio

DEMETRIOS, Dec. 28, 1954:

2163 John Noble Richards (Hon.)
Maumee, Ohio

ANDRONICUS, Feb. 20, 1955:

2164 William Edward Max
Glendale, Calif.
2165 Wilfred McNeill Noble, Jr.
Pasadena, Calif.
2166 Gordon L. Stice
Glendale, Calif.

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178 Albert W. Wenthe	Anthemios
179 Dale Bendict	Anthemios
180 Carl Hoelzel	Paeonios
181 A. John Brenner	Mnesicles
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183 Lot Green	Demetrios
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185 Donald Campbell	Mnesicles
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187 Judson B. Routh, Jr.	Anthemios
188 James G. Wilson	Iktinos

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from Nov. 15, 1954, to April 1, 1955.

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Graham Latta
Alfred J. Luthi

James W. Rice
Paul T. Silvius
Howard B. Van Heuklyn
Warren Wong
Kenneth L. Wormhoudt

INITIATES



The Grand Council records new initiates in the official membership roll in order of receipt of complete initiation reports. Initiates since June 1, 1954 with serial numbers in official record are listed here in part to be continued next issue.

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