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**Arrangements for the ALPHA RHO CHI alumni luncheon at the A I A Convention in Dallas have been completed by W G A Marion J. Smith. The traditional Fraternity luncheon will be held at Noon on Wednesday, May 9 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. If you are attending the Convention be sure to make reservations for this annual ALPHA RHO CHI event when you register at Convention headquarters!**



**Make your alumni luncheon date for ALPHA RHO CHI**

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*Alpha Rho Chi is a national professional fraternity limiting its membership to students of architecture and the allied arts. It was founded at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan on April 11, 1914 to organize and unite in fellowship the architectural students in the universities and colleges of America and to combine their efforts so as to promote the artistic, scientific and practical efficiency of the younger members of the profession. Alpha Rho Chi is one of five fraternities which founded the Professional Interfraternity Conference in Washington, D.C. in 1928.*





That the Alpha Rho Chi Medal is making an impact on Schools of Architecture throughout the country is evidenced by the many expressions of thanks which are received by Brother M. Robert Des Marais, Worthy Grand Scribe.

These expressions come from many of the leading universities of the United States and Canada such as University of California (Berkeley), The University of Manitoba, North Carolina State College, Syracuse University, Harvard, The University of Kansas, University of Detroit, Arizona State University and many others.

Considerable thought has been given to the need

of plaques where the names of recipients of the Medal could be permanently recorded, particularly at those schools where we have chapters. The type of design which would be desirable for this purpose involves an expense of about \$45 each in a reasonable quantity which is too large an inventory to be supported from Grand Council income. There is the possibility however that this project could be financed from local sources thereby making this exceedingly desirable undertaking a reality.

Anyone who is interested may address Brother Des Marais, the Grand Council officer in charge of Medal distribution.

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#### PROFESSIONAL INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE HOLDS BIENNIAL MEETING

The Professional Interfraternity Conference held its Biennial Meeting on March 2-4 at Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan. The Conference was founded in 1928 by representatives from five professional fraternities of which Alpha Rho Chi was one.

Among the subjects discussed at this year's meeting were "Central Office Operations," "Alumni Organizations and Participation," "Publications" and "Community Services and Public Relations." Francis S. Van Derbur, Chairman of the Interfraternity Research

and Advisory Council was the Guest Speaker at a banquet held on March third.

Rand P. Hollenback, Phi Delta Chi, was elected President of the Conference. Alpha Rho Chi was represented at the meeting by Marion J. Smith, W G A.

# Vitruvius Plans Chapter Expansion

ON JANUARY 27, the Vitruvius executive committee journeyed to Altoona to meet with the board of directors of the Alumni Association in the office of Hunter, Campbell and Rhea. This meeting was called especially for the purpose of discussing the expansion of Vitruvius Chapter.

From that meeting came definite plans to establish an annex to the house for the coming fall term. This annex is to house from ten to twelve men and with the present house a total membership of thirty to thirty-five is expected. The annex will be established either in a rooming house nearby or another complete house will be rented. All will eat their meals in the present house. Upperclassmen will be living in the annex and all pledges will live in the house.

The main reason for establishing an annex at this time is to raise the chapter's membership to thirty-five in either one or two years. At the end of this two year period the chapter expects to be ready for the big move, that of

purchasing its own house for thirty-five men.

In the meantime improvements are being made to the present house. A fire escape has been installed and a "do-it-yourself" stairwell through the library to the basement is fast nearing completion. Plans are now under way for redecoration of the complete first floor. The chapter recently redid the complete Ritual presentation from beginning to end making it 100% more effective and resulting in increased spirit for the actives as well as for the candidates.

In its seven years as a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi, Vitruvius has initiated sixty-eight members. The total membership of the Vitruvius Alumni Association now stands at fifty-four.

This growth of alumni support together with a capacity-filled house leads to a prediction from the Chapter that "Alpha Rho Chi at Penn State is soon to make a name for itself both in the national structure and on campus."

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# Professional Services by Our Chapters

WE RECENTLY furnished our active chapters with a report form which they could use to describe the ways in which their chapter was helping the School of Architecture, its faculty and its students.

The replies were not only complete with all chapters answering but they were surprising in the thorough way in which they covered the subject. The areas on which reports were received were Cooperation with School and Faculty; Lectures at the House; Exhibits; Field Trips; The Chapter's Architectural Library; Standards of Scholarship; Cooperation with Student A I A or other Professional Groups.

Excerpts from these replies are found in our new booklet "An Introduction to Alpha Rho Chi." They show that our chapters are

a valuable asset to the University and to the School of Architecture of which they are a part. We believe this is as it should be and deserves the commendation and support of the entire Fraternity.

The professional services of our Chapters will help make this booklet very valuable in our current efforts to add new chapters to our national roster and to increase the membership of our present chapters.

Alpha Rho Chi, at the mature age of forty-eight years, is making, we believe, a notable contribution in the field of architectural education.

**J**OHN MARKO, Vitr. '60 of Monrovia, California, carried off top awards in the Foothill Center Art Festival. He was a first prize winner with his painting named "Spring Desert" and received a special trophy award for his oil "Southern Moss."

Rodney D. McClelland, And. '25 who has been convalescing in Veterans Administrative Branch, is now located in his home and studio at 5026 Reynard Ave., La Crescenta, California where he is a Recreation Planning Consultant.

Theodore Litzenberger, Vitr. '60 is traveling and studying abroad on a Columbia University fellowship. He received his master's degree in 1961.

Charles E. Bailey, Vitr. '57 is spending a year studying town planning in Athens, Greece under a Fulbright scholarship.

Buford L. Pickens, Anth. '30 presided at a discussion "The Challenge of Our Schools" held during a Regional AIA meeting in St. Louis. Walter A. Taylor, Dem. '21 was one of the speakers.

Walker G. Stone, Anth. '38 has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of "The Professional and Reference Book Dept" of John Wiley & Sons, Inc. He is also a vice-president of the company.

James T. Strong, Anth. '44. In a recent issue the story of Lt. Cmdr. Strong's voyage on the nuclear USS Seadragon was related. He has been presented with the Navy Commendation Medal and a citation, signed by John B. Connally, Secretary of the Navy, for meritorious service in saving the Seadragon from being wedged under the polar ice during its historic voyage in 1960.

A good turnout of members of the Texas Alumni Chapter is expected at the AIA Convention and Alpha Rho Chi luncheon on May 9 at Dallas. A letter to the seventy-five members of the Alumni Chapter has been sent out by George L. Dahl, Mnes. '20 and conversations are planned on the subject of the activation of the Dinocrates Chapter and possible new chapters in the state.

## News from Our Alumni

**S**ATYROS Colony, installed a little less than a year ago, has made rapid progress under the rigid requirements for new fraternities as maintained by the Faculty and Interfraternity Council of Arizona State University.

A total of four very detailed progress reports are a requirement prior to acceptance for installation and three of these have now been completed and accepted by the University and Satyros has been congratulated by Dean of Men Anderson on the excellence of these reports.

The Colony has a total membership of twenty-seven now divided into three pledge groups. A new house will be occupied on April 1. It will sleep twenty and has complete dining and kitchen facilities. It is on the campus, is owned by the University and has been oc-

cupied by TKE. It is the hope and plan of the Colony, the Arizona Alumni Chapter and the national officers that installation and complete initiation of all members of the Colony may be accomplished during this school year.

The initiation and installation ceremonies will take place as soon as final recognition has been obtained from University authorities and will be followed by a banquet. We have been promised that we will be honored by the presence of the University President, the Dean of Men, the President of the Interfraternity Council and other dignitaries to this function.

We hope that Satyros will be one of a number of Colonies of Alpha Rho Chi which will soon be established in the growing Universities of the Southwest.

## Satyros Colony Makes Rapid Progress

# DEATHS

## A. John Brenner

We record with great regret the death of A. John Brenner, Mnes. '27, of Phoenix on December 7, 1961. Brother Brenner was widely known and had many friends in Minneapolis, in AIA circles throughout the country and in Arizona where he was Alumni Architect of the Arizona Alumni Chapter.

Readers of *The Archi* will remember his story of the establishment of our Satyros Colony in the October issue together with the picture showing him placing a pledge button on the new Worthy Architect of the Colony. It was largely through his continued interest and constant attention that the Arizona Alumni Chapter was organized and subsequently the Satyros Colony.

He was long associated with the Phoenix architectural firm of Lescher and Mahoney and entered into practice for himself in 1954. He was a past president of the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and was secretary of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He was greatly interested in the development of young architects and was a member of the six-man advisory committee for the Arizona State University School of Architecture.

The Satyros Colony, although shocked by the loss of their stalwart patron, have responded magnificently exhibiting their affection for John by attending the funeral service en masse and by being of help to Mrs. Brenner. The Colony has also established

**Willis H. Suhrbier** March 6, 1961  
Member Iktinos Chapter, 1934

**Norman E. Palmquist** April 14, 1961  
Member Paeonios Chapter, 1926  
Residence 1035 Fillmore, Topeka, Kansas

**David H. Williams, Jr.** May 27, 1961  
Charter Member Iktinos Chapter  
Residence 13300 East Outer Drive, Detroit

**A. John Brenner** December 7, 1961  
Member Mnesicles Chapter, 1927  
Alumni Architect, Arizona Alumni Chapter

**Olaf S. Fjelde** October 20, 1961  
Member Anthemios Chapter, Faculty 1933  
Residence Urbana, Illinois

## David H. Williams

On May 27, 1961, David H. Williams, Jr., charter member of Iktinos Chapter, died. 'D' Williams, often and properly referred to as Mr. Alpha Rho Chi, throughout his life recognized the needs of the Fraternity and always helped meet those needs.

As recently as Founders' Day of 1958 he offered a design competition prize for a vitally needed enlarged Chapter House. To visitors at special occasions at the Iktinos house 'D' Williams was the alumnus who was always on hand. Our loss of a brother with such vision and action cannot be put into words.

the John Brenner Memorial Library of architectural books for the fraternity house and, although they have made no such request, those who thought fondly of John are invited to contribute to this library by writing directly to the Colony. A fitting bookplate has been assured by Professor Anthony Ellner, Jr., Faculty Advisor.

In a recent meeting of the Arizona Alumni Chapter, Peter A. Lendrum was elected Alumni Architect, Fred H. Jobusch (Tucson) Alumni Associate Architect and Robert A. Sexton Alumni Scribe, thus assuring strong local support for the Satyros Colony.



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KALLIKRATES — University of Virginia, APX Box, Fayerweather Hall, Charlottesville, Va.  
MNESICLES — University of Minnesota, 605 Ontario St., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.  
VITRUVIUS — Pennsylvania State University, 246 S. Pugh, State College, Pa.  
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POLYKLITOS — Carnegie Institute of Technology  
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We have discussed for a long time the need for a booklet which would give a fairly accurate picture of Alpha Rho Chi — its history, how it came into being, its purposes and what benefits it offers to students of architecture and to Schools of Architecture.

Our new brochure “An Introduction to Alpha Rho Chi” is an attempt to answer these questions. It contains a short history of the Fraternity and a brief description of its basic operations but its primary content consists of direct reports from our active chapters

describing what they are doing which is of benefit to fellow students, faculty and architectural education.

We hope you will like this new publication and will see that it is used to good advantage to help our national expansion program.

