



# The Alpha Rho Chi Letter

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## 41st National Convention

At the Los Angeles convention in 1986, a Texan was overhead saying "Wait 'till next year and we'll show you a real Texas party!" In January at the 41st National Convention, the Xenocles brothers made good on a year of promises by hosting one of the most energetic and productive conventions that Alpha Rho Chi has ever enjoyed.

The four-day convention in Arlington, Texas, was a non-stop event of Texas-size proportions. The parties, the music, the sights, everything seemed just a little bigger. By the end of the convention, so did the strength of the fraternity, and the timing could not have been better.

The convention took the first steps toward increasing Alpha Rho Chi's national recognition with a new design contest program. Worthy Grand Estimator Scott MacKay presented an outline for the design contest the Grand Council hopes to tie in with our 75th anniversary celebration. The details of the contest, which will likely be open to architecture students all over the country, will be studied and decided in the coming months.

Because of the forthcoming 75th anniversary, the convention voted not to meet in 1988 so that expenses can be applied to a "gala celebration" the following year. In 1989 the 42nd convention will meet in Chicago, the birthplace of Alpha Rho Chi, and will be hosted by Anthemios and Iktinos, the two founding chapters. In 1988, the Grand Council will meet formally



for a weekend instead of a full convention. Chapters and alumni associations are welcome and encouraged to send delegates, but will not receive money to cover expenses. The offices of Worthy Grand Architect, Worthy Grand Scribe, and grand lecturer are up for election in 1988.

Many important motions were passed in the business sessions that ran far past schedule and were concluded early Sunday morning. Among the motions was a requirement that active chapters file 12 monthly reports and pay dues for the eight months that school is in session. By requiring a report every month of the year, the Grand Council hopes that chapters will become more consistent in their records and finances.

The Grand Council is now required to bill alumni for the annual national alumni dues. A related motion that would have raised alumni dues from \$25 to \$30 per year failed. The convention concluded that the increase would turn away some current dues-paying alumni without increasing revenues overall.

The new *Alpha Rho Chi Handbook for Members* was presented and distributed to delegates at the convention. The handbook was completed under the direction of Scott MacKay and Worthy Grand Scribe Chuck Nickel, and will provide a central source of information for the daily operations of every chapter.

Wayne Burford and Scott MacKay were reelected to their positions of Worthy Grand Associate Architect and Worthy Grand Estimator, but not without some controversy. Although Burford was running unopposed, the question was raised again of whether the three-term limit approved last year applied to the current Grand Council. After some unusual politicking and much discussion, Burford was declared an eligible candidate and was elected by acclamation.

Discussion of last year's publication of *The Rise* deteriorated into an angry gentleman's argument, drawing opinions from every corner of the room. Perhaps the most controversy Alpha Rho Chi has yet endured, the issue was handled surprisingly well by all present. In the end, what might have polarized the fraternity united it as

everyone worked to restore the spirit of brotherhood that had been tested.

Presentation of chapter and alumni association reports was the most emotional part of the business sessions. The fraternity took pride in welcoming Brendan Ellis and Dan Kirby, who represented Appollodoros in its first convention as an active chapter. Appollodoros has been enormously successful since it began over two years ago as colony, and Brendan presented an impressive record of events and programs sponsored by the chapter. Diane Wallace slightly stunned the convention by announcing that Daphnis, hidden away in the hills of Arkansas, listed 25 actives and 19 pledges in its membership.

of the weekend, all the talk of brotherhood would become a mandate for chapters to support each other. At the time this newsletter goes to press, some of that effort has already been realized and has paid off at Metagenes.

As in most Alpha Rho Chi national conventions, the lengthy business discussions filled the gaps between parties. The Xenocles actives and alumni spent long hours preparing for a four-day blowout, and they delivered one! They succeeded in feeding, entertaining and educating the fraternity in the ways of Texas, and most brothers were willing students. Perhaps the most popular event of the convention was Friday's tour of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Climbing into and onto Philip



*Right away we realize that we have much in common.*

Not every chapter report was so optimistic, however. Metagenes delegate Ralph McClung brought a still silence to the convention as he explained that the Virginia Tech chapter had been surviving with six brothers and no pledges, and had been recently financed mostly by Ralph's income and a few alumni contributions. His report elicited desperation at first, and finally a real effort from the convention to help Metagenes, Rhoecus, and any other chapters in similar situations. By the end

Johnson's Water Gardens, touring Louis Kahn's Kimball Art Museum, staring at the near-decadent opulence of the LTV tower in Dallas, the tourists seemed truly impressed by the sights and style of the twin cities.

The welcoming parties on Wednesday and Thursday night were equally extravagant and representative of the best of Texas. With more ZZ Top than any non-Texan could handle, Ron Grogan's nachos, and with Sherry Card teaching John Ross to dance the "Cotton-Eyed



Joe," the gathered conventioners needed no encouragement to let loose and par

Perhaps the greatest legacy to the spirit of brotherhood occurred late Saturday afternoon. When it became apparent that the convention was going to run late, Mnesicles delegate Tom Ferrazzi volunteered to buy his own plane ticket back to Minnesota so that he could remain for Sunday's additional business session. The convention responded by passing the hat and raising enough money to cover the cost of his plane ticket.

The weekend ended with a banquet on Saturday and champagne breakfast on Sunday after conclusion of the final business session. And while brothers scrambled to pack up and make their flights, there was time to exchange phone numbers, hugs, and promises to work together. At a time when we most needed to pull together, the 41st convention produced a stronger and more unified Alpha Rho Chi.

— Phil Buckberg and  
Suzanne Bainbridge

## How You Can Help

Our 41st national convention is now a part of our fraternity's history, and much good has come from it, including preliminary decisions and plans for our 42nd convention, to be co-hosted by our founding chapters, Anthemios and Iktinos.

In celebrating our 75th anniversary, we should promote a greater awareness in the architectural community of Alpha Rho Chi's role in the education and development of young men and women who go on to make up our profession.

One way that we can do that is through the presentation of the Alpha Rho Chi Medal, which dates back to 1931. Some of our convention delegates properly questioned whether we are doing enough to publicize presentation of this award. I would agree that, in addition to administrative improvements being made by the worthy grand scribe, we can do more. In addition to improvements being made to the announcement and presentation package, chapters, alumni associations and individual mem-

bers can do more to help expand our role.

I urge all active chapters and alumni associations to contact their schools and other schools nearby, meet the dean or faculty member in charge of the award presentation, and ask to be present when the award is presented. Individual alumni living near non-chapter schools can do this, and I encourage their participation. Brothers who involve themselves in the award process will most likely be well received and may be asked to make the presentation on behalf of the fraternity.

— John R. Ross, FAIA, WGA

*Note: The 1986 Archi (pages 5 and 6) states the purpose of the Alpha Rho Chi Medal and lists the schools and individuals who received the award last year.*

## Alumni Notes

I have been overwhelmed by alumni response in support of our "Lost Brothers" program. Thanks to your efforts, we have located more than 50 alumni and have leads on the whereabouts of another 200. My special appreciation goes to Carlos Costas who significantly updated our records on Kallikrates alumni.

I'd like to remind you, too, how important your dues and gifts are to our fraternity. It is only through your support that we can continue, and expand, programs and services for our members. As of April 1 we have received \$3,400.00 from alumni for this fiscal year — well short of our goal of \$5,000.00. Please send your 1986-87 dues or gift today in the enclosed envelope.

By April 15, we should have operational the expanded computer services which I previewed at our Arlington convention in January. We can now print a data sheet on each member from information taken from the membership update forms you send in. Now we can better respond to your request for information on alumni in a particular area of the country. This service should be especially useful to those members looking for contacts, job opportunities, etc. Information can be organized by chapter, geographic location, or both. If

you would be interested in using this new service, please contact me. Also a copy of each member's data sheet will be sent to the appropriate chapter's alumni association for distribution and updating.

— R. Wayne Burford, AIA, WGAA

## Brotherhood Bridges

At our 41st national convention the brothers of our fraternity took strong steps toward the betterment of the spirit that is Alpha Rho Chi. We launched professional programs, increased our alumni-recognition efforts, expanded benefits to our members, and assessed our financial stability.

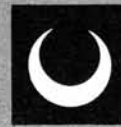
As I reported in Arlington, income from alumni dues and gifts is up over past years. We exceeded our portfolio profit projection for the fiscal year before it was half over, and, by the year's end, our portfolio profits should be twice the projected amount.

During the course of convention, the fraternity discussed the concept of a national design competition, the judging of which would take place in conjunction with the celebration of our 75th anniversary in 1989. A committee was established to carry out the planning and execution of this competition in such a way that its operation would be financially self-sufficient. The competition would be open to students of accredited architecture programs across the country.

— J. Scott MacKay, WGE

## A Call for Leaders

Now, more than ever, we need strong leaders in our chapters who know what leading entails and understand its importance to the strength and future of our fraternity. We need capable leaders at chapter, alumni and national levels who are willing to take responsibilities, make decisions and motivate others to set high goals and standards of accomplishment.



The following is a list of a few key points on leadership taken from a recent issue of the "Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council Bulletin."

- The good leader was first, and still is, a good follower; a team player.
- Lead by example, regardless of management style.
- Communicate with other officers, seek their advice; be a good listener.
- Understand respect and cooperation do not come with a title, but must be earned.
- Set realistic and specific goals for yourself and the chapter.
- Have a genuine concern for the personal growth and happiness of your brothers.
- Be aware that the chapter's level of motivation is a direct reflection of your self-motivation.

In summary, the leader must be perceptive to identify the needs of the chapter — and individual brother. A leader understands that no goals can be achieved unless a consensus exists that what the chapter is doing is necessary, good, and in the best interests of our fraternity.

— Chuck Nickel, WGS

## Alumni Recognition Program Begins

The Grand Council is pleased to announce the fraternity's program for recognizing those alumni who have consistently supported our fraternity through their dues and gifts. The program has two levels of recognition, each with a statement of requirements.

**Level One** - Payment of annual alumni dues (or a minimum gift of \$25.00) for at least three consecutive fiscal years.

**Level Two** - Special one-time contributions of at least \$250.00 or minimum annuals gifts of \$50.00 for three consecutive fiscal years.

Alumni who qualify for level-one awards will receive the Alpha Rho Chi

recognition pin. This pin consists of the letters A, P, and X in "gold klad" finish and has a tie-tack-type back. Those alumni at level two will receive a signed and numbered lithograph by Grand Lecturer Howard Van Heuklyn, housed in a presentation folder. This lithograph would be a valuable addition to the art collection of any of our alumni. Howard's work has been featured on the cover of the *Archi* for a number of years.

The Grand Council, through the office of the worthy grand associate architect, will soon mail these awards to our alumni who already qualify. There are many more alumni who can qualify with just the payment of 1986-87 annual dues. All award recipients will be featured in upcoming issues of the *Alpha Rho Chi Letter* and the *Archi*. Why not join this elite group and help your fraternity at the same time?

— R. Wayne Burford, AIA, WGAA

## Competition Committee Meets

An ad hoc professional competitions committee composed of four alumni met at the University of Illinois in March. Ronald L. Grogan, Art Kaha, J. Scott MacKay and David V. Moody met to prepare groundwork for several Alpha Rho Chi sponsored design competition planned for the next four years.

Plans include competitions open to schools of architecture across the country, as well as an internal competition (open to active and alumni members) for the design of degree sets for the fraternity ritual. The internal competition would be held next fall, and the entries for each degree would be judged individually. Hopefully, the winning designs would be built and displayed at our 1989 National Convention in Chicago.

— Ronald L. Grogan



First stop on the Dallas-Fort Worth tour -- Philip Johnson's Water Gardens.



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for Fiscal year 1986-1987  
(as of 1 April 1987)

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- Graham Latta '27  
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+ Robert E. McClain '38  
+ John Combs '36  
+ John R. Ross '49  
Robert D. Davis '57  
+ Robert A. Schennum '58  
\* James G. Mock '79  
Stan Westfall '69  
Philip Anasovich '72  
Alfred J. Luthi '43  
+ Howard B. Van Heuklyn '47  
Peter T. Creamer '62

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- Philip R. Goyert, Jr. (Fac)  
Suzanne Simpson '86  
Carter Rohan '78  
Charles C. Knapp '79  
Mikel D. Coulter '81

### DAEDALUS

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Virginia Fletcher '86  
Steven M. Redmond '80  
Dennis J. Potts '83  
Brian A. Cravens '84

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\* Mike Mebane '28  
Darrel G. Welch, Jr. '68

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\* James A. Lester '81

### ANTHEMIOS

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Arthur L. Kaha  
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Edward J. Slygh '30  
Richard T. Hansen '56  
Leonard Marvin '75  
Donald E. Gunnerson '51  
Kenneth W. Nimmons '77  
+ Earl Roy Wardrum '57  
J. Scott MacKay '84  
+ John H. Geiger '50  
William F. Baum '85  
Bryan A. Albue '77  
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Frank Kitchel '84  
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Robert E. Howe '42  
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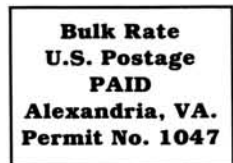
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