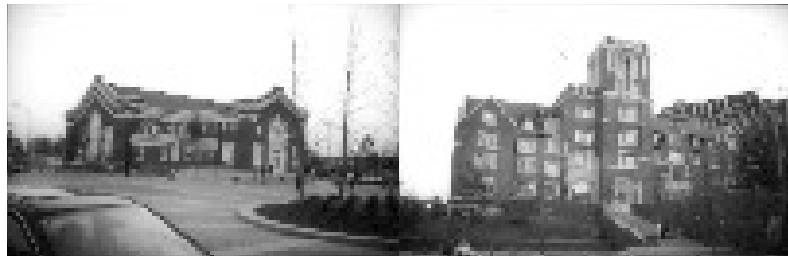
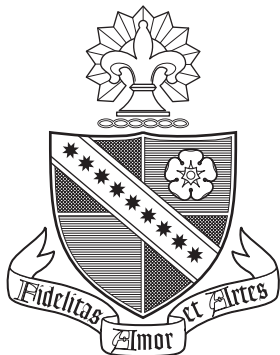


ALPHA RHO CHI LETTER WINTER 2003



WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

When asked to write an article on service to Alpha Rho Chi, I thought, "I know what that's all about." The more I pondered the topic however, the more I realized I was not positive that I did because the term "Service" could have a different meaning for everyone. When young, "service" meant I was "mouthing off" to my mother, which was promptly responded to with a slap across the face. When a teen, service meant a minimum wage job at a local fast-food establishment—"Want fries with that?" As an adult service usually means I have to brace myself for the auto repair bill. The Oxford dictionary provides too many definitions of "service" to apply just one to our fraternity. Which one(s) to pick? Well, you'll have to check your own dictionary, because it can mean something different to each of us.

For me, service to Alpha Rho Chi means providing for the needs of the fraternity. Beyond paying dues, service means doing whatever it takes to improve and maintain the chapter house, enhance the learning environment of the membership, share personal experiences, and prepare the actives for a professional future. As my professional career progresses, time becomes more of a premium. Responsibilities are divided between family, career, school, and social activities, constraints that I'm sure are the same for most of our alumni and actives. But what does it actually require to provide for the fraternal needs? In reality it could be any modest action, such as a phone call, a few hours at the chapter house or a simple letter of thanks.

McDonald's has built a profitable empire by getting the customer to pay a little extra for fries, apple pies, or to "Super-Size". That small amount of marginal income multiplied by thousands of transactions helped McDonald's and most other fast food companies to grow rapidly in recent years. Although Alpha Rho Chi is much smaller in size, we could all learn from this kind of arrangement by asking for a little service from a lot of our membership.

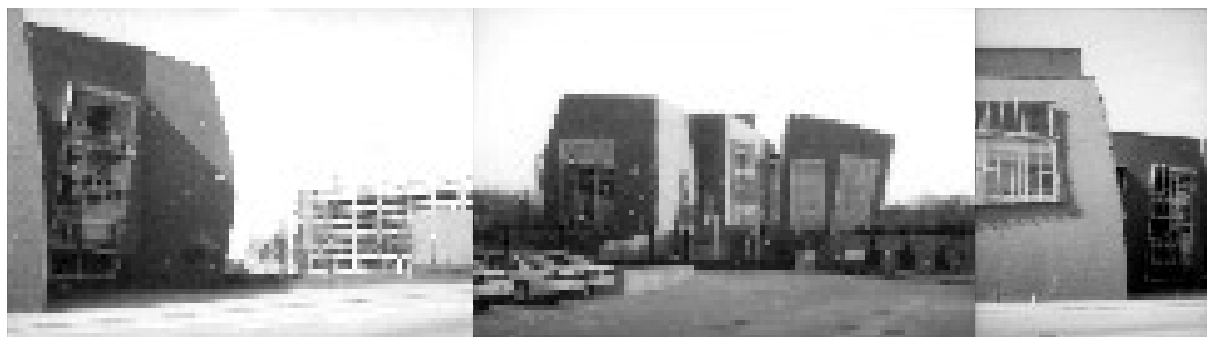
So do yourself a favor and ask yourself what Alpha Rho Chi means to you: great college memories, a strong professional career, life-long friendships, or even love? I'm sure each of us has our own way of expressing how Alpha Rho Chi has enhanced our life in some way. It's now our time to discover ways to give a little something back. Some time? Some expertise? Your experience with Alpha Rho Chi is not over. Not by a long shot. Why not make it worthwhile? You may be surprised at the dividends it pays.

I challenge all active chapters to embrace their alumni associations and share your time and resources with them. It is the warmth of a welcome smile that keeps us coming back. And when you hear from or meet an alumnus, don't forget to ask, "Do you want that super-sized?"

Kendall Kirkpatrick
Anthemios

56TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS



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A VIEW FROM OUT THERE: PROFILE OF AN ANDRONICUS BROTHER FIVE YEARS OUT OF ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL

Andronicus brother Keith Olsen graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Southern California in the spring of 1997. After graduation, and upon returning to his home state of New York, Keith was employed at *Stephen Tilly Architect*, where he worked on several projects, including a recital hall at the **Music Conservatory of Westchester**, which is now under construction.

Keith is currently employed at one of Boston's more established and community-minded architecture firms, *Steffian Bradley Architects*. The firm is currently collaborating with several other local firms on the **Yawkey Center for Outpatient Care**, a half-million square-foot addition to the **Massachusetts General Hospital**. Although some would argue that Los Angeles and Boston contrast like night and day, for Keith the transition was a natural evolution for finding his own path in the architecture world.

Along with his former duties as Worthy Architect of the Andronicus Chapter at USC, Keith's community-minded interests in architecture were satisfied by his participation in Habitat for Humanity, as well as various historic preservation projects throughout his education. As a student volunteer for **Habitat for Humanity**, Keith participated in constructing affordable housing near the USC campus. In the summer of 1995, he participated in a historic preservation studio on the island of Fiji documenting and surveying various historical buildings.

Based on Keith's academic interests it is no surprise to discover why the firm of Steffian and Bradley was appealing to him. While the firm's project sector groups are diverse, Keith's current focus is on medical related projects, including clinics, nursing homes, hospital units and additions to existing medical structures. According to Keith, the award-winning firm retains a small firm mentality, despite its relatively large 90-person size. Organizationally, architects are divided into several "studios," headed by one principal each. To facilitate continuity, teamwork and efficiency, these studios tend to stick together from project to project, allowing each team member to develop and each team to become more efficient.

Keith continues to devote time to his local chapter of Habitat for Humanity and is now a member of the construction committee. He is currently managing a "triple-decker" affordable housing unit in South Boston. The unit was designed to integrate with the existing neighborhood context, as well as allow various sized units for several families at well below the usual cost for the area. Throughout this project, Keith participated in community and governmental design and plan reviews. The project is now in the construction document phase.

I had a chance to interview Keith in Boston recently to get his thoughts on the transition from educational to professional life, but most importantly to get his thoughts on what skills he had learned (or did not learn) from school, and their impact on his growth as an architect.

Professional Practice Class . . .

From early on in his education, Keith was told by his professional peers to pay special attention to those "daunting" professional practice classes. When asked if he paid attention, Keith grinned and replied honestly, "sure. . .although I do wish I had paid a little more attention in class." Based on his current professional experiences, Keith has come to truly appreciate the details and nuances involved in the contracts between clients, architects and consultants, as well as how the relationships work best to make a successful design become a successful built piece of architecture.

Keith says that in school most students are so focused on design that it is easy to pass over the management aspects of an architect's job, such as contract negotiation, bidding and negotiation and construction administration. Building within a budget may not be the most exciting topic for an architecture student, but it is one of the most important issues architects face in the workplace. "[To find that balance] financially and on the community level is vital," explains Keith. Through experience, he has come to learn that understanding the construction process can ultimately make a person a better designer. "By working with contractors to determine how things are constructed in reality," relates Keith, "you begin to understand the translation from your drawing intentions to the built form."

Some Points to Ponder . . .

When asked what advice he would give to a recent architecture graduate, he replied without hesitation, "be well rounded." Keith explains that he is always pleasantly surprised at how often he uses knowledge from his general education courses (which we were all required to take during college). "Pay attention to those professional practice classes," he adds with a smile. And remember that there are always opportunities for an architect to learn and grow from the world around them.

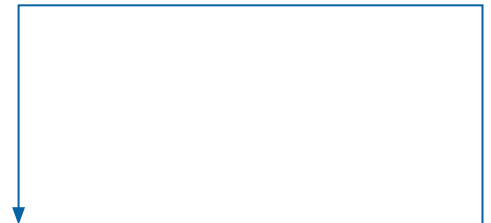
I joke with him about how he used to describe himself as a "jack of all trades, master of none." We both smile at that recollection. Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from that old cliché. . .although now five years later there may be one significant revision; jack of all trades, master of some.

LINKS

Recital Hall at the Music Conservatory of Westchester
www.stillyarchitect.com/port_instit_mcv.htm

Steffian and Bradley Architects
www.steffian.com

Interview conducted September 2002 in Boston, MA
Lucio Maramba, Andronicus Alumni Association



CORRECTIONS FROM FALL 2002 ISSUE

The Chapter referred to as "XXXX" on the cover should have been Rabirius. We apologize for the error.

APX FOUNDATION

AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation was pleased to present three **John Ross Scholarship Awards** at the 55th National Convention in Las Vegas. In addition to the scholarship funds, each recipient was presented a copy of a book describing the new Lloyd George United States Courthouse donated by Judge George. The brothers receiving awards were:

Aaron Feldman-Grosse, Vitruvius
Tzveta Panayotova, Apollodorus
Alex Estell, Rabirius

Scholarship Awards were also presented to *Alexa Curtis* from the **Satyros Fund** and *Scott Beckman and Nicole Schiermeyer* from the **Pytheos Fund**. We congratulate all recipients and wish them continued academic success and recognition for their leadership strengths.

The APX Foundation would like to announce the appointment of two trustees who will assist the Board of Directors with alumni relations for their respective chapters. The new trustees are *Bill Bradford (Anthemios)* and *Steve Janick (Iktinos)*. This year, we will continue to solicit more trustees to help support the Foundation.

Unfortunately, the Foundation's portfolio investments have continued to reflect the current economic conditions. Projections for the remainder of the fiscal year will remain constant as we eagerly await an upturn in the economy so that overall concerns will become positive once more. We encourage all Brothers to consider a tax-deductible contribution to the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation to support their individual Chapter, Alumni or John Ross Scholarship Funds. Your individual contributions will provide positive growth to maintain the programs of Alpha Rho Chi even in these difficult economic times.

To assist in some understanding, we would like to explain the difference between a not-for-profit and a tax-deductible non-profit organization. In simple terms, a not-for-profit organization is mainly a social group with dues paying members such as a fraternity or club that does not compete with businesses for generating income. Since the IRS requires 60% of the organization's income to come from member dues, it does not tax the organization's income because it has already collected any income tax on the same dollar from the individual members. A non-profit, charitable organization such as the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation is organized to promote a goal benefiting society such as education, arts, religion or health. The government wants to encourage funding for charities; therefore, it allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to the organization. As long as the non-profit follows the strict IRS regulations, both the individual contributor and the organization will not be taxed.

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ALUMNI & CHAPTER NEWS:

ANDRONICUS

The Andronicus Alumni Association has been very busy this year. Their most arduous task has been working with the active chapter to take over the burden of running the chapter house. Though the active chapter will still run the house on a daily basis, the alumni association will be responsible for collecting rent and managing the utilities. This has meant the creation of new housing contracts and has been quite a learning experience for all alumni involved. The alumni association hopes that this change will free the actives to have more social and professional events throughout the year, as well as assist in creating improvements on the house.

Please visit the Andronicus Alumni Association online at:
www.andronicusalumni.org

ANTHEMIOS

The Anthemios Alumni Association has the pleasure to announce two Alpha Rho Chi weddings this fall. First Pete Heinz ('98) and Johanna James ('00) were married in Monticello, Illinois on September 28th. Mike Ward ('96) and Stephanie Sodke ('99) were wed the following weekend, on October 5th. Stephanie Sodke's sister-Adair Sodke ('94)—is married to Brian Spencer ('94), who was Mike Ward's pledge-dad, thus bringing a whole new meaning to the term "brotherly love."

METAGENES

Metagenes alumni Michele Le Tourneur (Meta AA President) and Rick Jenkins (Meta AA Treasurer) were able to represent the Metagenes Alumni Association at the 55th convention in Las Vegas. It was here that Michele, along with Nora Nelson (Pyth), was appointed as co-chairperson of the Alumni Committee. This committee was formed to discuss how the fraternity as a whole can generate more alumni involvement, as well as discuss the possibility of forming alumni associations around certain city centers that have multi-chapter alumni.

The Metagenes Alumni Association had their second annual picnic on June 22nd. They were also lucky enough to have some Vitruvians attend! Although no one stayed until 2:00am, like last year, the 12-foot trampoline was a HUGE success!

The Metagenes Alumni Association is selling T-shirts for an Alumni fundraiser. Find a picture of the shirts at homepage.mac.com/metagenes. 100% of the proceeds go directly to support the re-activation of the Metagenes Chapter. Re-activation requirements include mailings to update the database, collection of dues, and incorporation fees.

Alumni Michele La Tourneur (Meta), Rick Jenkins (Meta), and Gary Ehrlich (Vitr) had a great time on their visit to Six Flags Great America on June 23rd.

Congratulations to alumni Mark Stein (Meta) and his wife Erika, on the birth of their son Ridley, their second child.

Congratulations to alumni Jim Martinsen (Meta) on his recent engagement to fiancé Lana.

MNESICLES

Plans are in the works for an all-class reunion of Mnesicles alumni. In order to insure its success, the Mnesicles Alumni Association needs to update its mailing list. Please email board secretary, Pete Sieger, AIA with the following:

- 1) Your interest in the reunion, &
- 2) Your most current contact information, including name, business/affiliation, home address, business address, phone number and email address.

sieger46@msn.com

-or-

Pete Sieger

*4544 Pleasant Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55409*

VITRUVIUS

This year at the Vitruvius Alumni Association annual meeting, Gary Ehrlich was elected to serve as the Director of House Affairs. The alumni association has decided to focus on finding ways to help the active chapter fund more capital improvements at the house.

The Vitruvius Alumni Association cooked at this year's Fall Barbecue Rush Mixer, held at the chapter house in State College, Pennsylvania.

PYTHEOS

Fall rush at Pytheos was very successful giving us eight promising pledges. Rush events included a construction site tour of the UNL Mary Ripma Ross Film Theater and the Van Brunt Visitor Center, a miniature golf outing and a presentation by alumnae Scott Sayers of Ellerbe Becket.

PATRICK LEAHY

Recently, the Grand Council accepted our proposal for initiating Mr. Patrick Leahy, AIA as an honorary member. When Patrick was a student at UNL, he was instrumental in the incorporation of the Pytheos Chapter. Unfortunately-as some brothers are well aware-that can be a long and arduous process. Before the Pytheos chapter had materialized, Patrick had graduated. He currently works at HDR in Omaha, NE and continues to support the architecture program at UNL by participating as a juror at project reviews. He is also a member of the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors. MCC is currently working on a master plan for their three campuses. Patrick saw the project as an opportunity for students to be involved in a project that is close to them. He was able to arrange for a studio of fifteen UNL graduate students to design MCC master plans of

their own with a budget of \$5,000 to use for research and supplies. I was fortunate enough to be in this studio and work on the semester long project. The studio presented master plan ideas to the MCC for real world critiques. This was truly a valuable learning experience and solidified our belief that Patrick is as dedicated to the students of UNL now as he was when campaigning for the initiation of the first Pytheos pledge class. It is for these reasons that the Pytheos chapter believes Mr. Leahy is so deserving of honorary membership in Alpha Rho Chi.

The Pytheos chapter's philanthropic events are always beneficial, not only to our community, but to the brotherhood as well. We have participated in the Light the Night Walk raising money and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the third year in a row and will also participate in Lincoln Family Services Family Fun Night for the fourth year. This event invites low-income families to enjoy a free dinner and provides a variety of activities for their children.

Several Pytheos members received scholarships this year.

Sean Bolin: W. Cecil Steward, Sustainable Architecture Fund

David Ciavarella: Mary E. Roelfs Scholarship Fund

Matt Krause: Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association Scholarship Fund

Erin Fitzpatrick, Matt Krause, and Andrew Shelby will be studying abroad in London during the spring 2003 semester.

Erin Fitzpatrick, WA was recently engaged to Jason Froschheiser, a journeyman electrician.

SESHAIT

The brothers of the Seshait Chapter have been working hard this semester at Florida A&M University. The year began with the 2nd annual "Bonds of Brotherhood" retreat the weekend of September 6-8, 2002. This semester, 17 persons from sophomores to seniors, were selected to join the Lambda pledge class. This diverse group of pledges represents graphic design, fine arts, and architecture. These new faces will help to continue the chapter's spirit in years to come.

The Seshait chapter hosted the WA conference on September 27-29th. Working with the School of Architecture and Dean Wright, the event was flawless. The brothers were pleased to have hosted an event in which so much important information was shared amongst the chapters present. On November 3rd, the brothers of Seshait participated in a rally that focused on the importance of voting. Additionally, the community service committee will sponsor a clothing and food drive for the holiday season. Professionally the chapter has sponsored two workshops: "How to get a job" and "How to take pictures of your design models". For student outreach purposes, the chapter sponsors movie night weekly in the School of Architecture to serve as a mental break for students. In addition, Seshait co-sponsored the official Kick-off bash for homecoming.

There are several initiatives currently being developed to round out the chapter's program calendar for the spring semester. Those events will focus on community service, professionalism, and student outreach. This is just the beginning of many exciting events to come in Tallahassee.

DAEDALUS

The Daedalus Chapter is growing once again! We just finished another very successful Rush with a pledge class of nine, "Surface Bondage". We are adding our third faculty member as well to bring this pledge class to ten! We also have many exciting events happening around San Luis Obispo this year.

The Daedalus Alumni Association is back in action and the active chapter is doing its part to make it grow. This spring, the actives and alumni will host a weekend to "Welcome Back" all those alumni who have lost their connection to Daedalus and Alpha Rho Chi. In addition to the "Welcome Back" weekend, a new Alumni Association website is under construction and should be posted in the coming weeks! You can visit that site at: www.alpharhochi.com/alumni.html

The restoration of the Vern Swansen Collection is going well. The chapter has created a separate body for governing the works named the Vern Advisory Board. The board is made up of the WA, WE, Professional Director, Vern Chair, an elected active member and one alumni representative. The board is in the process of creating Bylaws as well as creating a new agreement with the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation, to better clarify how to distribute the funds donated by Mr. Swansen in the future.

Ryan F. Rosen, WA
Daedalus Chapter

SATYROS

The Satyros Chapter has been quite busy this semester. Viewing the potential threat of a diminished Chapter come graduation in May since over half of the existing Actives are graduating, the brothers hit Rush hard like never before. Taking cues from Daedalus, Andronicus, and others, the brothers became "advertising freaks". There were hundreds of flyers announcing Rush week events. The chapter even made matching APX T-shirts and wore them to all of the rush events. These events ranged from social events like Sparky's Den Night—held in the Memorial Union at the bowling alley/pool hall called Sparky's Den—to more professional events like the Portfolio Review—where rushees could see Active and Alumni works and portfolios and gain great insight for their own portfolios. All the actives came out in full force for this Rush (which was greatly appreciated by the Rush Directors!).

All our work paid off, as we currently have ten pledges! Upon initiation in December or January, this will make the Satyros Chapter total 21 actives, which is the largest it has been since the Chapter's reinstatement in 2000! To keep our plethora of pledges busy during the semester, we have been planning and executing many social and professional events. For example, we hosted our first Wine and Cheese Banquet with the Satyros Alumni Association. Alumni, actives and ASU design faculty were invited to congratulate Pledge Class Alpha Eta over a variety of wines and cheeses courtesy of the careful planning of Active Brother Andrea DeHerrera.

The Chapter recently cheered ASU Sun Devil's on to victory at the Homecoming FestDevil by properly tailgating with Alumni, pledges, family, and friends outside the **Sun Devil Stadium** beforehand. We are looking forward to other upcoming events, such as a trip to *Soleri's Arcosanti* development and a trip to the **Boyce Thompson Arboretum**. Thanks to Professional Director/WA Theresa Dorsey for her hard work in organizing our professional program.

Also, courtesy of our brothers at Daedalus, we have transformed our Walkout to become the new and improved Satyros Sneak. Alpha Eta is the first pledge class at Satyros to have the Sneak, and we are very excited to see how it will play out this semester. "Do you know where your Brothers are?"

Satyros Alumni Association President Domenic Berta hosted a dinner party for the chapter, marking the eighth time Brother Berta hosted such an event. Much thanks to our alumni brothers for their continued support. The Satyros Chapter is online, visit us at: www.gotunix.net/~satyros

Joshua Thompson
Worthy Scribe

APOLLODORUS

ApolloDorus had an exciting fall down south in Gainesville, Florida. The semester started with a number of great Rush events including a tour of *Flad & Associates*, a local architecture firm. Rush also consisted of a Putt-Putt night, Pool night, a freshman Design Studio Workshop, and an Alumni barbeque. In September the chapter sponsored a faculty social, which concluded Rush. The event was very successful thanks to Dean Jay M. Stein and Brother Dean Tony Dasta. The result was eleven great pledges that make-up the Alpha Epsilon Pledge Class. During October the brothers carved pumpkins for children at Shands Hospital, which is one of our annual philanthropies. The chapter also established a Jack-o'-lantern Contest in the Atrium of the Architecture Building with the help of almost a dozen faculty members, including Brother Professor Judi Shade. Brothers spent November 5th helping the community by serving as poll workers for the general election.

The highlight of the semester will be a college-wide "Woodser" in November that will promote social interaction among students from all disciplines within the college, not to mention serving as great publicity for APX. ApolloDorus is also planning to have a float in the Homecoming Parade. The recent success of our chapter has been made possible by overwhelming support from our Alumni, who we thank very much.

IMHOTEP

Members of the Imhotep Chapter at The University of Memphis were instrumental in the development of a design project that received the **National Project of the Year Award from NAMTAC** (National Association of Management and Technical Assistance Centers). Students and brothers Tommy Solomon, Zach Smith, and Duke Walker worked with professor Michael Hagge—APX Faculty Advisor—to develop an urban design plan for the revitalization of the East Broadway District in West Memphis, Arkansas. Last Spring, Professor Hagge involved his Urban Design Studio in the planning process, which ultimately led to the development of the plan. APX members Lauren Jackson, Minh Nguyen, Sanjay Patel, Allison Edwards, Nicholas Pirani, and APX pledge Aggie Todorova-Dowell assisted in gathering data, reviewing alternatives, and meeting with the public.

As Studio Coordinator, Mr. Solomon completed the renderings and coordinated activities of the Urban Design Studio. Mr. Smith and Mr. Walker developed, edited, and produced a series of videos used to present preliminary findings and also to show "before and after" images based on the recommendations contained in the plan.

Coordinated by the Regional Economic Development Center (REDC) at The University of Memphis, the East Broadway Revitalization Concept Plan provides a point of beginning for West Memphis city officials and planners for the revitalization of East Broadway. Once the "main street" of West Memphis, the area has experienced deterioration and blight as businesses left for sites adjacent to or in closer proximity to the interstate highways in West Memphis. The plan received the award under the Partnering Category, in which projects must show strong or unique partnerships between organizations and institutions resulting in economic or community development.

The urban design team from the Architecture Program utilized digital video technology as a means of identifying the existing design and environmental problems within the study area. Then, in a series of public meetings, alternatives that would address various findings were presented using video multimedia technology in addition to renderings and photographs. This gave the public an immediate vision of the future once the recommended improvements have been implemented. A documentary video was produced as a means by which continued discussions might be facilitated.

As a result of the East Broadway Revitalization Concept Plan, the following direct benefits to the City of West Memphis have been set in place:

The Arkansas State Highway Administration awarded a grant for \$200,000 to enhance the East Broadway study area.

The State Highway Administration moved up a multimillion-dollar capital improvement funding request for the East Broadway Project to the 2003-2005 fiscal year.

The Geography Department at The University of Memphis began working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of West Memphis.

The citizens of West Memphis have united behind the project, thus creating a base of support as well as a sense of unity within the community.

In addition, the following benefits will be realized when the plan becomes fully implemented:

The City of West Memphis will benefit by an increase in the property values in the study area from \$16.8 million to \$40 million

The proposed improvements will generate 93,900 square feet in additional retail space

The additional retail space would generate \$176,840 in new sales tax revenue for the city

The revitalized area will create 75 jobs and will generate \$2.3 million in capital investment.

Architecture Program faculty and students have continued to work with West Memphis city officials and private citizens to assist in the implementation planning. In addition, Professor Hagge, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Walker attended a regional conference of the American Planning Association to discuss the role of the Architecture Program in the development of the plan and the innovative approach to disseminating information by use of the video.

EXPANSION

The Grand Council of Alpha Rho Chi is striving to further the mission of the fraternity through an expansion program. Brothers who attended the installation of the Imhotep Chapter in October witnessed first-hand one result of the beefed up recruitment efforts. The spirit of Alpha Rho Chi has recently ignited at other schools as well.

At the **University of Houston, Texas**, the Cleistenes Colony, under the direction of Carlos Machado, has 15 members rigorously working towards fulfilling the requirements to become a chapter. Machado, who introduced the idea of Alpha Rho Chi to his peers, plans to be ready for initiation by the 2003 national convention. The group hopes to have all of its paperwork complete by January 20.

In addition, Alpha Rho Chi resurfaced—literally—on the campus of the **University of Texas, Austin** in the form of an old Dinocrates newsletter in the SGA office. "Some students of Architecture were cleaning the office and when we found the newsletter it seemed neat," explained Bryan Pravda, "I went home that night and researched Alpha Rho Chi online." Pravda then arranged to attend the Worthy Architect Conference less than three days after his discovery.

Individuals who have spearheaded organization efforts on their local campuses find that students are immediately interested in learning more about Alpha Rho Chi. During a recent interest meeting at the University of Texas, Austin, 25 people attended to learn about reactivating the Dinocrates Chapter. "Things are going really well," commented Pravda, who was recently elected president of the initiate class.

The principles and ideals that Alpha Rho Chi was founded upon have remained relevant. "I looked at a lot of fraternities on campus but didn't have time for a social fraternity," stated Machado, "I found Alpha Rho Chi to be sensitive to my needs as an architecture student." At the University of Texas, Pravda acknowledged, "People thought [Alpha Rho Chi] would help improve the community at the school and get students more inspired and involved."

The Grand Council is pleased with the recent expansion success. "For the first several months after being elected WGS, I felt we were in for an uphill battle in the Expansion arena. However, after the very wise appointment of Frank Kitchel as our Expansion Director, I began to see the pieces fall into place for our success," commented Vicki Horton. "There was a time when receiving one message per semester from an interested student was exciting. Lately, starting an APX chapter appears to be the topic of conversation on at least two to three campuses per month! Clearly, if we ever allow our current Expansion Director to resign his post, his successor has some big shoes to fill."

In the near future both Cleistenes and Dinocrates could be working to serve the needs of their students. With work only beginning, more colonies will surely follow in their footsteps. When Vicki Horton, the Worthy Grand Scribe joined the Grand Council, she adopted a goal of reactivating all of the inactive chapters by the Fraternity's centennial celebration. With interest in Alpha Rho Chi constantly increasing, her vision may soon be a reality.

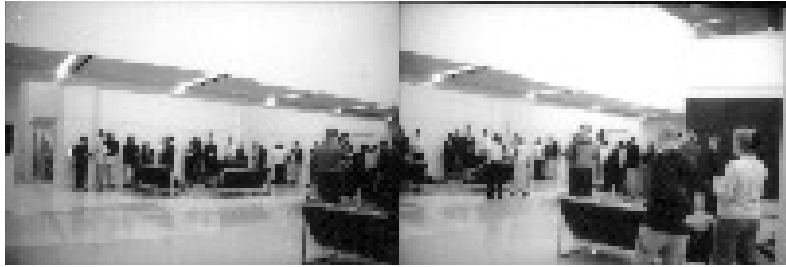
Shawn Vann

56TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

CITY ON THE VERGE

MARCH 27-30, 2003

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO



Perched on the banks of the Ohio River, Cincinnati has a rich history and a great architectural heritage. The city is filled with great art deco buildings, from the **Hilton Netherland Plaza** hotel to the **Union Terminal**, one of the last great train stations to be built. There are a number of contemporary buildings worth seeing, such as *Cesar Pelli's* **Aronoff Center for the Performing Arts** and the under construction cutting-edge **Contemporary Art Center** designed by *Zaha Hadid*.

There are many activities for those non-architects in the family. The **Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden** is only a few blocks from the convention hotel. Drive through beautiful **Eden Park** with the **Krohn Conservatory** and the nearby **Cincinnati Art Museum**. Or check out the **Natural History Museum**, the **Children's Museum**, or the **Cincinnati History Museum at Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal**. Cincinnati played a major role in the **Underground Railroad** and there are many important landmarks to visit including the **Harriett Beecher Stowe** residence.

The picturesque **Mount Adams** area, near the **Cincinnati Art Museum**, provides many shops and restaurants, and provides spectacular views from the hilltop. A prime spot for nightlife is **Main Street**, with plenty of clubs and bars or you can check out the floating nightclubs and casinos on the river. For the less party-inclined **Newport on the Levee**, just across the river, has plenty of shops, restaurants, and a multi-screen movie complex, as well as a great view of the city.

The **University of Cincinnati** is committed to the quality of the built environment. The campus has been revitalized from a central parking lot into a rolling green designed by the award-winning landscape and planning firm of *Hargreaves Associates*. The University has invested much into a Signature Architecture Program since the implosion of a high-rise dorm complex in 1991. Since then new buildings have been designed by *Peter Eisenman*, *Frank Gehry*, *Michael Graves*, *Henry Cobb* (of *Pei, Cobb, Freed*), and *Leers-Weinzapfel*. Currently under construction are buildings by *Charles Moore's* firm, *Gwathmey-Siegel*, and with buildings by *Morphosis* and *Bernard Tschumi* currently in design.



hosted by the Rabirius Chapter

Located in a *Peter Eisenman* building, the **University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning** is well recognized amongst the professions for the quality of its education and for its co-op program, which ensures that students balance their education with practical work experience. The Rabirius Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi is strongly supported by the faculty and is our host for the 56th Convention.

Any one of the attractions listed above would be enough reason to come to Cincinnati to connect or reconnect with your brothers of Alpha Rho Chi, but all together, how can you resist? This promises to be an APX Convention of great sites and great friendships. You won't want to miss out. Join us in Cincinnati!

LINKS

Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.cincyusa.com

AIA Cincinnati
www.aiacincinnati.org

University of Cincinnati campus buildings
www.uc.edu/ucinfo/buildin.htm

Landscape designers Hargreaves Associates
www.hargreaves.org

College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning
www.daap.uc.edu

The Rabirius Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi
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Keynote Speaker

A highlight of this year's convention will be a charismatic presentation by **Jack Rouse**. As the chairman of the **Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority**, Mr. Rouse will speak to us about the recent efforts to revitalize the Cincinnati Ohio Riverfront, including the construction of the **Cincinnati Reds Stadium**. Mr. Rouse is also a founding partner of a design and production firm named **Jack Rouse Associates**. More information about his career and his firm's design achievements can be found at www.jackrouse.com.

City on the Verge:

Downtown Building Tour

This walking tour of downtown Cincinnati will include a hard-hat tour of *Zaha Hadid's Contemporary Arts Center*. We will also visit *Cesar Pelli's Aronoff Center of the Performing Arts*. Many historical and contemporary projects will be seen including structures designed by *Kohn, Pedersen & Fox*, *Skidmore, Owings & Merrill*, and *Shepley Bullfinch & Associates*. -Optional Event

Campus on the Verge:

Campus Building Tour

Enjoy a brisk walking tour of the University of Cincinnati campus including a tour of at least one building currently under construction. We will visit *Peter Eisenman's Aronoff Center of Design*, *Michael Graves' Science & Engineering Research Center*, and *Frank Gehry's Vontz Center for Molecular Studies* among others. During the walk we will experience the landscaping design of *Hargreaves Associates*. -Optional Event

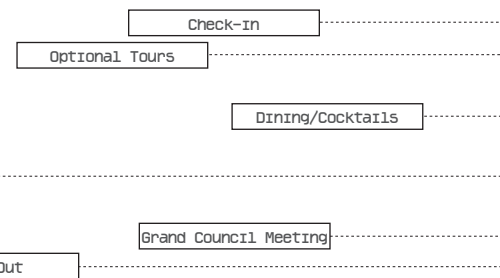
City on the Verge:

Cincinnati Overview

This bus tour of Cincinnati will be guided by an expert in the urban development of the city. We will learn about the settlement by German immigrants, the city's role in the **Underground Railroad**, and the post-Civil War settlement by African-Americans. All this while catching breathtaking views of the river and of the city from the **Mount Adams** neighborhood and **Eden Park**. This tour is offered on Thursday and Sunday. -Optional Event

Awards Banquet

The convention will conclude with the annual Awards Banquet at the **Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza**. Designed by *Walter Aeschlager, Delano & Aldrich* and built in 1931, the Netherland Plaza is a remarkable example of French Art Deco with Egyptian influences. The evening promises to be quite an experience as we dine and dance amongst the murals, the Brazilian rosewood, and a gold leaf fountain.



Convention Theme

"City on the Verge" was selected as the 56th Convention theme to emphasize the efforts that have been made in the city of Cincinnati and on the University of Cincinnati campus to reinvigorate the community. Not only has the planning of the urban fabric been affected, but also the built environment has changed dramatically in recent years. The tours and the keynote speaker are being offered to highlight Cincinnati's historical heritage and recent revitalization.

Hotel Information

Hotel accommodations NOT included in the full-package price.

A block of rooms have been reserved at:

Marriott Kingsgate Conference Hotel.

Marriott Kingsgate Conference Hotel
 151 Goodman Drive
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
 Reservations 888.720.1299 or 513.487.3800
www.marriott.com

Marriott Kingsgate is located one block from campus, two blocks from the design college and three blocks from the Rabirius Chapter house. To arrange rooms please call the Marriott Kingsgate, mention the **Alpha Rho Chi Convention** to receive discounted rate.

Reservations must be made by March 5th, 2003, to receive the discounted rate. The NCAA finals are being held in Cincinnati the same weekend and hotels will sell out fast. Guaranteed reservations for arrival after 6 p.m. must be accompanied by a first night deposit or made with a major credit card. After March 5th, reservations will be taken on the basis of space availability and may not be eligible for the group rate.

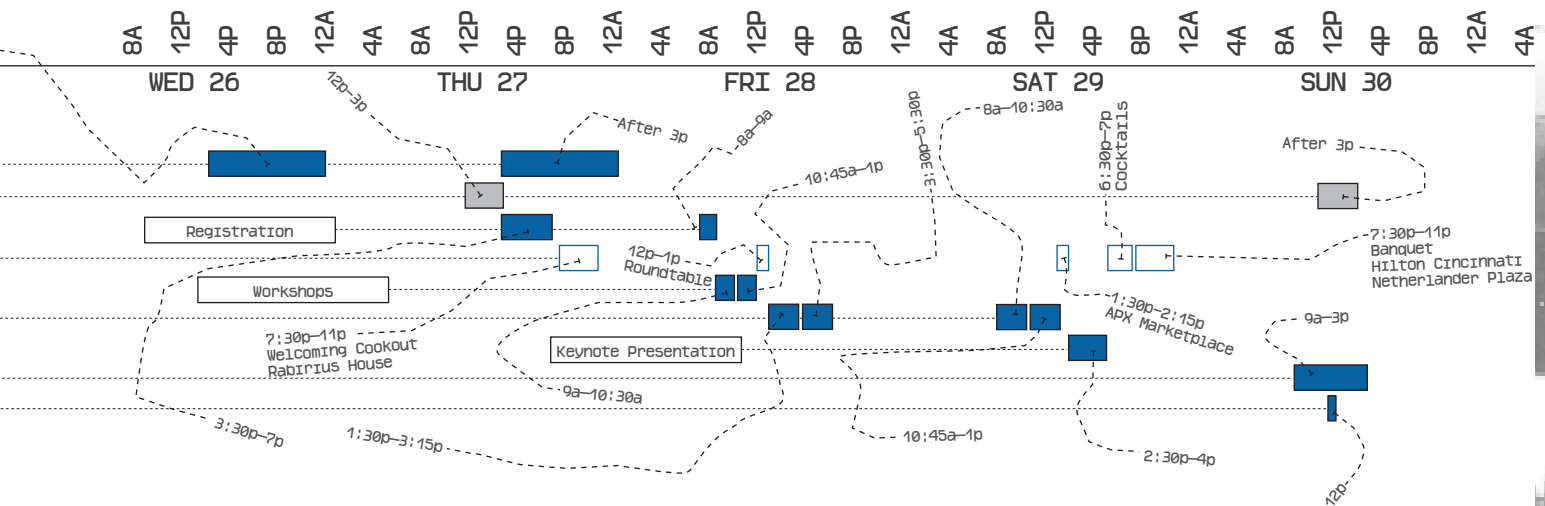
The discounted rate is \$79.00 plus sales and occupancy tax. This rate is for one to four people in a room.

Single:	\$88.50/person including taxes
Double:	\$44.25/person including taxes
Triple:	\$29.50/person including taxes
Quad:	\$22.12/person including taxes

Recommended arrival is Thursday, March 27th, and recommended departure is Sunday, March 30th, for a total of 3 nights. Participants for optional events may wish to arrive on Wednesday evening, March 26th
 Check-in: 3:00 PM, Check-out: 12:00 PM

Room amenities include: high-speed internet connectivity and data ports, cable/satellite TV, in-room coffee, iron and ironing board, hairdryer.

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Room Sharing

Since APX will not be making hotel arrangements for convention attendees, we will not be assigning rooms. If you wish to share a room and split the costs, it is recommended that you contact your fellow chapter brothers, your regional chapter brothers or post an ad on the website for room sharing options.

If you need contact information for chapters, associations, or individual brothers, please contact the WGS at vjhpx@mindspring.com or 817.991.4473

Group Photograph

A group photograph will be taken on campus in front of a notable building. This photograph will be included in the full-price package. The photograph will be taken either Friday afternoon or Saturday depending upon the weather.

Welcome Party

To kick-off the 56th Convention, the Rabirius Chapter invites all attendees to a cook-out at their new house. The house is located about three blocks from the convention hotel. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Chapter "Boards"

As in previous years, every chapter and alumni association is encouraged to bring a board, a collage, an electronic presentation or even perform a skit that represents the activities of the past year. Presentations will be made at the Welcome Party on Thursday night. Additional viewing options are yet to be determined.

Workshops

The Friday morning workshops are included in the full package price. While still under development, the potential topics include the following:

A roundtable with Cincinnati professionals will discuss resumes, portfolios, the do's and don'ts of breaking into the design professions, and career expectations

An interactive presentation on how to work with different types of personalities

A workshop on how to manage an effective brainstorming session with clients or with an organization.

Friday Roundtable Lunch

Lunch on Friday is included in the full package price. Groups will be organized to discuss fraternity current issues.

APX Business Meeting

During the annual convention, the delegates are in control of the Fraternity. Do not miss this opportunity to have a direct voice in the decisions that will shape the future of Alpha Rho Chi. Attendance is strongly suggested for all fraternity members.

- Session 1** - Selection of Convention Officers; presentation of status reports by national officers and the APX Foundation
- Session 2** - Break-out discussions on current topics
- Session 3** - Old Business and New Business motions and Elections of Ground Council officers
- Session 4** - Suggestions for Betterment and future convention sites

Sale of APX Merchandise

Chapters and Associations will have the opportunity to sell APX merchandise during the convention. Please coordinate with WGAA Morris to ensure that there will not be an overabundance of the same type of item.

AIA/CES Learning Units

All lectures, tours and workshops will be eligible for AIA/CES learning units. Efforts are currently underway to establish official AIA/CES provider status. Unfortunately, Health/Safety/Welfare units will not be available.

Grand Council Annual Meeting

As always, this meeting will be open to the public. Feel free to attend and watch your elected officers at work!

Transportation

The closest major airport is the **Cincinnati/North Kentucky Airport (CVG)**. Time to the Marriott Kingsgate is 20-30 minutes.

Marriott Kingsgate does not provide transportation to/from the airport.

Independent van shuttles can be obtained for transportation to/from the airport for a round-trip cost of \$24/person. Call 24 hours in advance at 800.990.8841 to reserve your seat.

Taxis are available near the baggage claim area for Terminal 3. A trip between the airport and downtown will average \$24 plus tip.

Public bus service is available, but the round-trip length of time is unknown. www.tankbus.org

Marriott Kingsgate provides underground parking for its guests for \$12 per day with in/out privileges. Valet service is also available.

Full Package Purchase

Meals:

- Friday lunch
- Saturday lunch
- Saturday dinner (Awards Banquet)

Events:

- Thursday night welcoming party at Rabirius
- Friday morning tours or workshops
- Friday afternoon Business session
- Saturday morning Business session
- Saturday afternoon Keynote presentation
- Saturday night Awards Banquet

Misc:

- Group Photo

If you are unable to attend the entire convention, purchasing tickets for each individual event may be cheaper.

Optional Events

Events scheduled for Thursday and Sunday are optional and therefore, not included in the full package price. Tickets for these events must be purchased separately. *see pricing on next page*

Tours and workshops are subject to cancellation if a minimum number of reservations are not received.

Refer to the detailed descriptions of events and to the registration form for further information.

Registration POLICIES

Only Check or Money Order can be accepted.

Checks should be made payable to: **Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity**

Completed Registration Form **MUST** be returned along with FULL payment.

Registration is not complete, and space is not reserved, without full payment.

If postmarked after March 14th please follow the on-site registration instructions listed below.

You must register a guest/spouse separately for the conference. (Duplicate the registration form).

Registrations are processed in the order received.

Review your conference registration receipt for accuracy.

On-Site Registration

Advanced registration will not be accepted if postmarked after March 14th. After this date, you must register on-site. Due to seating restrictions, it may not be possible to purchase tickets on-site to all events.

Because food functions require guarantees to the caterer prior to the event, it may not be possible to purchase tickets on-site for certain events.

The Registration desk will be open at the following times:

- Thursday, March 27th **3:30 - 7:00 p.m.**
- Friday, March 28th **8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Requests to cancel or to substitute must be in writing or via email to the WGAA.

No refunds will be issued for requests postmarked after March 21st.

Refunds will be issued within 60 days of receiving written or email notification.

All refunds will be assessed a \$25.00 processing fee.

100% refund (less processing) if postmarked before March 21st

50% refund if postmarked after March 21st

All registration issues will be coordinated through the WGAA office. Contact WGAA Nicole Morris with any questions at work at 215.218.4836 or nmorrisapx@netzero.net

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Last Name, First Name, M.I.)

(Chapter Name / Alumni Assoc / Non-Member)

(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

(Home Phone)

(Alternate Phone)

(E-mail)

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REGISTRATION FEES

Purchase a Full Registration Package or Purchase Tickets to Individual Events included in Full Package. Refer to event explanation page for description of what is included with each event or item.

EVENT / ITEM	Early Bird before Feb. 21	Feb. 22 to March 14	Amount
FULL PACKAGE REGISTRATION	\$ 70.00	\$80.00	
Or Individual Tickets for events included in Full Package:			
Friday, March 28 th , 2003			
Workshops	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	
Business Session & Boxed Lunch	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	
Saturday, March 29 th , 2003			
Business Session & Boxed Lunch	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	
Keynote Speech	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Group Photo	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	
Awards Banquet w/ DJ	\$ 38.00	\$ 40.00	
OPTIONAL EVENTS / ITEMS:			
Thursday, March 27 th , 2003			
City on the Verge :: Downtown Bldg Tour	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	
Campus on the Verge :: Campus Bldg Tour	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00	
City on the Verge :: Cincinnati Overview	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	
Sunday, March 31 st , 2003			
City on the Verge :: Cincinnati Overview	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	
GRAND TOTAL			

* Lodging arrangements must be made separately. See information on previous pages.

Full Payment must be included with completed Registration Form.

Check and Money Order only. Payable to: Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

Mail Completed Registration Form to: Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
c/o WGAA Nicole A. Morris
P.O. Box 63583
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Or E-mail Completed Registration Form to: nmorrisapx@netzero.net

CUT HERE AND MAIL WITH PAYMENT TO: ALPHA RHO CHI FRATERNITY C/O NICOLE A MORRIS, WGAA, PO BOX 63583, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147

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