Alpha Rho Chi Medals Awarded in June

The Alpha Rho Chi Medal for 1955 was awarded in 43 nationally accredited U. S. architectural schools, in accordance with action taken at the 24th National Convention. Seventeen schools were given the use of the medal for the first time this year, following the decision of the Convention to extend the offering to all accredited schools.

The medal is bronze, from an original design by Merrell Gage, sculptor, and is awarded to a graduating senior at each school for leadership, service to his school and department, and promise of professional merit. Selection is made by the architecture faculty at each school.

Established by Alpha Rho Chi in 1931, the medal is awarded to "encourage professional leadership by rewarding student accomplishment; promote the ideals of professional service by acknowledging distinctive individual contributions to school life; stimulate professional merit by com­mending qualities in the student not necessarily pertaining to scholarship." It has been awarded annually since 1932 except in 1944 and 1945 and at those times when a faculty withheld nomination because of the absence of worthy candidates.

The Fraternity believes the profession of architecture needs trained leaders and unselfish workers as much as it needs brilliant designers and that high scholastic attainment is not always an indication of professional merit. High ideals and professional aspiration, public service and leadership are worthy of recognition.

Graduates and schools in the 1955 list, as announced by Prof. James T. Lendrum, W.G.S., are:

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE: Rufus Dailey Holt, Clarksville, Tenn.

John J. Zimmerman, Editor of Archi, Retires

John J. Zimmerman, who has unselfishly devoted a great number of years to the Archi editorship, asked early this summer to be relieved of his duties. In July, his resignation was accepted, and his successor appointed.

Joe Zimmerman's first contact with the Archi was in 1921. At that time the publication of the Archi was rotated among the chapters, and Zimmerman served as editor of Volume II, No. 2, when the magazine was published by Iktinos Alumni. More recently, he has been editor, with the assistance of Mrs. Zimmerman, since 1947. "In that time," he says, "it has been an interesting job to follow and report the considerable progress made by APX, thanks particularly to the work of Dwight Ely, Bob Cal­row and George Whitten."

Zimmerman has been a resident of New York City during the greater part of his career, although he came originally from Indiana. Born in Fort Wayne, Joe attended the Auburn, Indiana High School, and DePauw before entering the University of Michigan in 1919. At Michigan he was initiated into APX in 1919, and the scholastic honorary, Tau Sigma Delta. After graduation in architectural engineering at the University of Michigan in 1922, he worked in Detroit for several years, with a structural engi­neer, and then with a building con­tractor.

Since 1930, Joe has been in New York, first with Dan Everett Waid and Harvey Wiley Corbett on the Home Office Building for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1942 he joined Metropolitan, where his work is Space Planning and Office Layout for the Home Office Buildings. A new building in the Home Office group at 1 Madison Avenue is now under construction.

The Fraternity extends its thanks to John J. Zimmerman for his many years of devoted interest and unself­ish service. Best wishes.

Three Elevated to Fellow by A.I.A.

Three members of Alpha Rho Chi were among the 42 architects honored by elevation to the College of Fellows in the A. I. A. at the 87th Convention of the Institute. The investiture of new Fellows took place at the Annual Dinner.

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Professor Laing Made Honorary Member

Professor Alan Kent Laing, chairman of the architectural department and professor of the history of architecture at the University of Illinois, was initiated by Anthemos Chapter as an Honorary Member of Alpha Rho Chi on Sunday, September 18, 1955.

Although born in Michigan, Professor Laing was reared in Colorado. There he began his higher education at the University of Denver, enrolling in the Chemical Engineering curriculum, but receiving his B.A. degree as a Liberal Arts major.

He was introduced to architecture in the Atelier Denver and the offices of Marean and Norton and Burnham Hoyt. He received the degree of B.S. in Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and has attended Harvard University at varying times in subsequent years with primary interest in the history of architecture and secondary interest in the comparative approach of scientists to the humanities and humanists to the sciences.

Professor Laing taught at the University of Cincinnati for a number of years and came to the University of Illinois in 1940, where, in addition to his duties as Chairman of the Department, he now teaches a course on the development of contemporary architectural thought. He is a former editor of the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, and a former president of the Central Illinois Chapter of the A.I.A.

Professor Laing's avocations have included mountain climbing, water colors, etching, photography and "hoboing." He and Mrs. Laing, the former Leonarda Fisher, live at 1107 West Charles in Champaign, Illinois, where students and faculty are always welcomed.

First from Vitruvius

W.G.E. Richard E. Murray, Jr. reports the receipt of the first Life Membership subscription from Vitruvius chapter, which has been in existence only six months. Lt. J. Hubert Ream, Altoona, Pa., is the first Life Member of his chapter. Ream, a June, 1955, graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, now is in the service, and is living in Alexandria, Virginia.

NEW DIRECTORY

Lists all members of A.P.X. with present addresses. Arranged by chapters and by cities and states. Available to Alumni:

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Ditchy Reviews Year's Activity on A.I.A. Scene


As always it is my pleasure to have the opportunity of welcoming my fellow architects and their guests to Minneapolis for the 87th convention of pleasure is somewhat diminished because of the fact that this will be my last opportunity of doing so as president of the Institute, but I look forward to many years of just as rewarding associations with all of you when I step down and once again become a member in the ranks.

It has been my good fortune during the past two years to serve as president when the building industry reached an unprecedented high level of activity. Work currently on architects' boards indicates that construction will continue its record-breaking pace and may well hit new highs. In eleven of the twelve AIA regions there is more work in architects' offices than there was a year ago when activity was at a high level and the twelfth area is maintaining last year's volume.

The most spectacular increase in architectural activity has been the Northwest region where gains of from 30 to 50 percent are reported. Gains in the North Central States region, of which Minnesota is a part, amounted to approximately 15 percent.

Schools Lead Work

As in the past several years school building is out in front in nearly every section of the country, but current reports show that the volume of commercial jobs is increasing and is as substantial as school work in several areas. There is considerable volume in churches, particularly in the Great Lakes, South Atlantic, Central States and North Central regions. There has been an increase in industrial building in almost every region of the country. Hospital planning and construction is on the increase, probably spurred by the amendments to the Hill-Burton bill which added chronic disease hospitals, rehabilitation centers, diagnostic and treatment centers, and nursing homes to those hospital categories already eligible for federal grant-in-aid money. Naturally, with all this work on the boards and under construction we architects are enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity.

This is a most salutary position to find ourselves in and we hope that it will continue for many years to come. However, I cannot help but be impressed by the responsibilities and the public obligation that we must assume by handling this tremendous volume. It behooves us all to be especially diligent in designing the best buildings, the safest buildings, the most economical buildings that are within our professional competency to design. The dignity and integrity of our professional practice is always identified with the best public interest.

As president of the Institute, I have done a great deal of traveling about the country and it has been my privilege and extreme pleasure to meet so many of our wonderful members. In my travels, I have noted with pride and legistative action.

The Institute's public relations program now in its third year is becoming more and more effective. There is no question that its impact is being felt. The American Association of Public Relations awarded a certificate of public relations achievement to the Institute in recognition of the high merit of its public relations program. Because of the general acceptance and enthusiasm for this program, and in recognition of the fact that its impact would be more effective if more effort and emphasis were directed to other areas, the board has approved and referred to this convention the recommendation of the public relations committee for continuation of the public relations program and its expansion to include more direct services to regions and chapters such as additional public relations counseling, assistance on TV and radio programs and legislative action.

Must Stimulate Interest

The theme of this 87th convention, "Designing for the Community," opens the door to an area where we architects can and should do more in planning. Architects are maintaining their traditional interest in urban renewal and the broad planning of metropolitan areas. Members of the profession are participating in urban renewal programs in many cities across the country and are working closely with planning groups either as individuals or as members of local AIA chapter planning committees. However, we must do more in the way of stimulating interest and providing leadership. Urban renewal or slum clearance — call it what you will — is very much in the public conscience now. The need is tremendous. The federal government has a large program aimed toward the correction of the evil as it now exists. Something must be and will be done and we as architects must be in the forefront to assure that all urban renewal developments benefit by the architect's ability in organization and planning.

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INITIATES

The Grand Council records new initiates in the official membership roll in receipt of complete initiation reports. Serial number in official record is shown for each initiate.

INITIATES

ANTHEMIOS, February 13, 1955:

2167 Richard Thomas Hansen
Chicago, Ill.

2168 Millan Anthony Olach
Elmhurst, Ill.

2169 Brian Morgan Ovens
Chicago, Ill.

2170 William Eugene Paschke, Jr.
Milwaukee, Wis.

2171 Ross Thomas Potter
Wauwatosa, Wis.

2172 Walter Neio Suhkara
Lahaina, Maui, T. H.

2173 Marion Joseph Smith
Chicago, Ill.

IKTINOS, February 12, 1955:

2174 Marvin Arnold Flam
New York, N. Y.

2175 Carl Sherwin Goldberg
Pittsburgh, Pa.

2176 Robert L. Johnson
Ann Arbor, Mich.

2177 John Ernest Kabel
Grand Rapids, Mich.

2178 Donald Sherman Mamezpal
Detroit, Mich.

2179 Samuel Edward Morelo
Detroit, Mich.

2180 John Franklin Myhre
Milwaukee, Wis.

Mnesicles, January 9, 1955:

2181 Robert Warren Frooming
Preston, Minnesota

2182 William Jon Ernest Haaversen
Beno, Minnesota

2183 Donald Robert Sheldon
Hutchinson, Minnesota

VITRUVIUS, March 26, 1955:

2184 Charles Eugene Bailey
York, Pa.

2185 Robert P. Breeding
Unthankton, Pa.

2186 John Calvin Boxer, Jr.
Reading, Pa.

2187 Thomas James Butler
Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

2188 Fred Wayne Diseroad
Bloomington, Pa.

2189 Stanley Robert Daffer
Pittsburgh, Pa.

2190 John Martin Elser
Pawtucket, R. I.

2191 Richard Clyde Hartman
Bloomington, Pa.

2192 James Donald Howard
Scranton, Pa.

2193 Arthur Peter Lentz
Reading, Pa.

2194 Howard A. Link

2195 Joseph Gate Mark

2196 Charles A. Makris
Erie, Pa.

2197 T. Hubert Ream
Allston, Mass.

2198 Richard Henry Seabold
Harlinton, Pa.

2199 Russell Tr Snyder, Jr.
Lincoln, Nebr.

2200 Lee Groft Stauthier
New Holland, Pa.

2201 Calvert Charles Wright
State College, Pa.

2202 Sheldon W. Westerdale
State College, Pa.

2203 Eugene Robert Gladys
Menomonee, Wis.

2204 John Daniel Stel
Scranton, Pa.

In Memoriam

Word has been received from W. Dewey Gerlach that Brother Henry C. Gerlach, Mnesicles Charter Member initiated in 1916 and graduated in 1922, passed away in August, 1954.

Through the generosity of his good friend Myron Dasset, of New York City, he has been made a Life Member in Memoriam. In a note to W. G. E. Whitten, Dasset wrote, "Hank was a wonderful pal. I can remember his laugh, his rather dignified manner today. If he was not a life member please make him one in memoriam."

From the Fraternity, our belated sympathy goes to Brother Gerlach's family, and our sincere thanks to Brother Dasset for making this wonderful gesture, proving the spirit of brotherly love in our motto, "Fidelitas, Amor et Artes," which is too often forgotten.

VITRUVIUS, April 16, 1955:

2205 Harry Bartley Archinal
Norristown, Pa.

2206 William James Carew

2207 Monroe William Frey
Cincinnati, Pa.

2208 Kenneth Eugene Kauriste
Martinsburg, Pa.

DEMETRIOS, April 30, 1955:

2209 Robert Delmar Guass, Jr.
Zanesville, Ohio.

2210 Delmas Harold Harder
Cedar, Ohio.

2211 John Edwards Packer
Maple Heights, Ohio.

2212 Lawrence Anthony Stello
Youngstown, Ohio.

IKTINOS, May 14, 1955:

2213 Norman Richard Burdick
Detroit, Mich.

2214 Richard Eugene Cain
Dearborn, Mich.

2215 Joseph William Gerber
Rochester, N. Y.

2216 Richard Deen Kees
Chicago, Mich.

2217 Richard L. McCall
Detroit, Mich.

2218 William David Porter
Detroit, Mich.

2219 Douglas A. Scott

2220 William Denice Smith
Saginaw, Mich.

2221 Leeland Myron Welch
Albion, Mich.

ANTHEMIOS, September 18, 1955:

2222 Alan Kemp Lane (Hon.)
Chillicothe, Ill.

2223 Driver Bradsaw Lindsay (Fac.)
Champaign, Ill.

2224 Arthur Richard Williams (Fac.)
Champaign, Ill.

2225 David Tif Shearer Chan
Honolulu, Oahu, T. H.

2226 Sanford Forsman
Brook, N. Y.

2227 Anthony Alex Bovachnik
Melrose Park, Ill.

Fellows...

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President Ditchy said that less than three per cent of the AIA membership holds this designation. He emphasized the fact that the position of Fellow in the Institute was an honor not to be sought after, but was given to an architect for unselfish devotion and performance of duty to clients, to the profession of Architecture, and to the Institute.

The three Alpha Rho Chi's elevated to position of Fellow are Karl Fred Kamrath (Dinocrates '34), Houston, Texas, who received the award for design; Dewey Anderson Somdal (Anthemios '18), Shreveport, La., who received the award for design, service to the Institute, and public service; and John Noble Richards (Demetrios Honorary), Maumee, Ohio, who received the award for public service.

Medals...

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: Wallace Lyle Haas, Jr., Berkeley, Calif.


CLEMENTON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE: Clyde A. Glenn, Jr., Anderson, S. C.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: Salvatore T. Caltabiano, Demarest, New Jersey.


UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA: Joyce Arthur Wohlberg, Jacksonville, Fla.

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: James G. Chapman, Atlanta, Ga.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY: Robert I. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY: Bernard Edward Madison, Cleveland, Ohio.

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Joseph Gerhart Krofta, Chicago.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS: John Martin Ruffner, Urbana, Illinois.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE: Richard Fred Hansen, Mason City, Iowa.

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE: Donavon Frederick Hostetter, Harper, Kansas.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS: Dean Lydell Glasco, Wichita, Kansas.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Marilyn Fraser, Wellesley, Mass.

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Anthemios Art Show Attracts Visitors

The ninth annual spring art show at the Anthemios chapter house attracted many visitors. The introductory page of the program listing paintings and projects contained this bit of prose:

The artist ... like an artist ... secretes his precious element only when sufficiently moved by an emotion bearing thought.

The public ... for its part ... can take the pearl or leave it.

The Daily Illini, campus newspaper, commented, "It isn't common for a fraternity to put forth effort of this nature. Most of the time, fraternity activities are centered around dances, IM sports and electing queens. This is partly due to a lack of interest and a lack of talent. But if the Interfraternity Council is looking for suggestions on how to show the value and worth of fraternities, it ought to take a trip over to the Alpha Rho Chi house." Other local papers also noted the exhibition, which showed the quality and extent of the work done by students of architecture. Many of the projects had already been displayed at the Architecture Building and at architecture shows in Chicago.

The exhibition also presented work of Andronicus Chapter at Southern California. Anthemios received examples of their work and upon the conclusion of the art show sent a letter to the panel on standardization of window sizes. Windows were William H. Scheick (Anth. '19), AlA, executive director, Building Research Advisory Board, and W.G.S. James T. Lendrum (Ikt. '30), AlA, director, Small Homes Council, University of Illinois. Speaking for the customers, and representing the AIA, were George Fred Keck (Anh. '19), AlA, and L. Morgan Yost (Dem. '31), AlA, chairman, Homebuilding Industry Committee.

The Round Table report, which appeared in the June issue of House & Home, urges use of less door and window sizes in house construction.

APX Luncheon at AIA Convention

The Alpha Rho Chi Luncheon on June 22, in conjunction with the 87th Annual AIA Convention, was enjoyed by 101 members and guests. A number of notables were present at the get-together in the Tropical Room of the Hotel Dyckman in Minneapolis. Charter members attending were Frank Stanton, Chandler Cohagen, Clair Ditchy, Win Wadsworth, and George McConkey. Others in the group were John W. Root, Ross Schumaker, Jim Lendrum, Art and John Pickett, Walter Taylor, Dean Axline, Morgan Yost, John N. Richards, and a great number of the Alumnus Alumni including Robert F. Calrow, Dewey Gerlach, Ralph Hammett, Arnie Rauhall, Sid Stolte, and Glynne Shifflet.
ALUMNI DUES... Since April, 1955

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 consecutive annual installments. Payment of Life dues is designated "Life Membership."

In the fiscal year 1954-55, 251 alumni of 10 chapters paid annual dues of $502. Thirty-four new Life Members were added and 28 alumni made partial payments on Life Memberships, adding $924 to the Alumni Endowment Fund. Fees paid by 81 initiates added $1655 to the General Fund and the Archi Endowment Fund.

Grand Council income from alumni annual dues covered costs of Medal distribution, new officer and chapter installation, secretarial and general office expense.

The ARCHI is financed with income from the Archi Endowment Fund, established through life subscriptions of $1 paid by each member at the time of his initiation.

Dues are payable to the W. G. E., who reports the following receipts in the six months ending October 1.

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Ditchy Reviews...

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This convention and its seminars can go far to point out what must be done and how we can go about doing it.

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish to thank our hosts, the members of the Minnesota Society of Architects, who have worked long and hard to make this meeting a success. I hereby express my own wishes for the best convention ever for each and every one of you.

Richards Initiated at 24th Convention

John Noble Richards, who was recently elevated to Fellow in the AIA, and elected Second Vice-President of the Institute, was elected to honorary membership in Alpha Rho Chi by Demetrios Chapter, and initiated Dec. 28, 1954, at the 24th Convention of the Fraternity, held in Columbus.

Senior partner of Bellman, Gillett & Richards, Toledo, Ohio, architects and engineers, Mr. Richards was cited for his contributions to the architectural profession and performance of outstanding work on the Ohio State campus and throughout the state, according to the Ohio State University Chapter.

Murray Assumes Grand Council Post

Former W.G.E. George Whitten, in a Grand Council Bulletin of July 23, 1955, requests that all matters relating to the office of Worthy Grand Estimator be directed to Richard E. Murray, Jr., W.G.E., Box 3092, University Station, Columbus 10, Ohio. Murray, who was elected to succeed Whitten at the 24th National Convention, has now received all records and files pertaining to his office.

The bulletin concluded, "I wish to thank all of you for the loyal support that you have given me during my entire term in office, and ask that you continue to support Dick in the same spirit of fraternalism that you have demonstrated."

Fidelitas, Amor et Artex

(signed) George A. Whitten.