48th National Convention Report

The 48th National Convention was held at the Anthemios Chapter House, March 30th thru April 2, 1995. The gathering of Actives and Alumni from around the nation began on Thursday, March 29th, with everyone checking into the hotel through out the day.

The 49th National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity was hosted by the Vitruvius Chapter, March 29-31, 1996; at the Atherton Hotel in the City of State College, Pennsylvania.

The Business Meeting began at 9:00 AM, Friday morning and went very well with encouraging reports from the Grand Council, the Chapters and Alumni Associations. That afternoon, the Grand Council had requested that a Ritual Seminar be held at the Convention. The Anthemios Chapter did a very fine presentation, with new costumes and props. In fact, they were immediately put to use to initiate Homer L. Williams, NCARB President, as the newest member of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

In addition to the normal business items, a professional program was held Friday night at the University of Illinois, School of Architecture, on the Intern Development Program. The main speaker was Samuel T. Balen, FAIA; NCARB Executive Vice President and a Brother of Anthemios.

The last items of business on Saturday, were the election of the Offices of Worthy Grand Associate Architect and Worthy Grand Estimator. Brother Ronald L. Grogan (Xenocrates '74), current Worthy Grand Associate Architect and Brother Tim Tourville (Apollodorus '87) current Worthy Grand Estimator were both re-elected by acclamation. The longest discussion of the Convention centered around the Alpha Rho Chi Medal and how it is awarded at each School of Architecture.

With the business sessions and professional programs completed, the convention concluded with a grand banquet with many Alumni attending from around the area. After the banquet, an impromptu party was held at the Anthemios Chapter House that some say lasted until breakfast. The Grand Council would, once again, thank the Anthemios Chapter on a job well done.

New Worthy Grand Scribe

Effective June 30, 1995, Brother S. Brett Carter (Theron '92) regretfully resigned his position as Worthy Grand Scribe of Alpha Rho Chi at the midpoint of term of office. Brother Carter felt that it was in the best interest of the Fraternity that he leave office, due to increased professional responsibilities and the fact he was still recovering from a December 1994, auto accident.

On July 1, 1995, Gregory S. Pelley (Anthemios '91) took Office as the new Worthy Grand Scribe of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. Brother Pelley was appointed by the Grand Council to fulfill the remainder of the term of office. Brother Pelley has served the Anthemios Alumni Association in several positions; President 1995, Vice President 1994 and National Convention Delegate in 1994 and 1995.
The Alpha Rho Chi Letter

The following are reports from our Chapters and Alumni Associations. Please note that the majority of officers listed are for the Fall 1995 semester and may have changed as of our printing date.

Andronicus Chapter

The Andronicus Chapter has had quite an eventful year in 1995. In February, we held our first White Rose Formal in four years. A great time was had by all at the top of the TransAmerica Building, with its beautiful view of downtown Los Angeles. During the Spring, we also had our semester retreat, this time, to Rosarito, Mexico. The Spring Scholarship Dinner brought a number of faculty to the chapter house for an evening of honors, speeches, great food, and a few games of pool. The dinner recognizes those brothers who achieved high grades during the past semester. Most brothers tend to go their separate ways during the summer, going back to their respective homes around the country. However, for one weekend in July, everyone returned to the chapter house for a planning session for the Fall semester. Members suggested ideas for activities they would like to see go on, and tentative dates were set on a big calendar posted on the wall. The meeting was helpful in getting ourselves prepared for the coming semester, as well as being a good excuse to bring brothers together during the middle of a 3-month stretch when most don’t get the chance to see each other.

Fall Rush was successful not only in bringing new pledges to the chapter, but also, in bringing alumni back to participate in our events. The highlight of the week was a site tour of the new Getty Museum, designed by Richard Meier, under construction here in Los Angeles. Few people have been privileged to see the complex at this point, which is not scheduled to open for another year and a half. During Rush week, we also held our walking tour of the architecture of downtown LA, followed that night by pizza and broom ball. Our Fall retreat brought the chapter just up the coast to Point Mugu for a weekend of camping on the beach. How many architects does it take to assemble a tent? We still don’t know, but apparently, we didn’t have enough. Just remember that tent stakes don’t work very well in sand. But for as much fun as we had this year, we worked hard as well. The Fall Scholarship dinner honored all brothers, whose combined efforts brought the chapter G.P.A. up to a 2.987 putting us 5th on the row. Again, this year, Andronicus brothers have been highly involved in the School of Architecture. Several brothers have served as T.A.’s this year. Five members of the Architecture Student Council are brothers. Two new organizations on campus have also been formed under the leadership of our brothers: Asian-American Architects + Engineers (AAA/E) and a student chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

As the new year approaches, we are already preparing for our Spring Rush. We are holding an in-house competition to design a “construction” on our front lawn. This “construction” will benefit the house in two ways. First, it will be built by the brothers, providing hands-on experience in building. Second, from it, we will hang our Rush banners, using the “construction” itself to bring attention to the unique character of our house.

Watch for our chapter house in an upcoming General Electric commercial. And look for Andronicus brothers in the stands during the Rose Bowl. (Sorry to those at Demetrios who were planning on attending.)

Best wishes to all in 1996!

Andronicus Alumni Association

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Secretary/Treasurer, Dwight Broadneax
Director, Michael Chiu
Director, Michael Hricak
Greetings from the Anthemios chapter’s thirty-three busy active members! What have we been busy with? Well, aside from architecture, we started the Fall 1995 semester by initiating eight pledges. It was a hot one, but we all survived. It was promptly followed by a successful rush, and we have seven pledges currently who are “eagerly” awaiting initiation in January. Also this semester many Anthemians went to the house in Urbana where Dr. Nathan Ricker once lived. The house is in rather sad repair, so we documented it by both photographing and measuring it and its features in case it may not be around in the future. In addition, our chapter initiated another faculty member, Carl Lewis, this semester, and we are very happy to have him with us.

We now have 10 faculty brothers here on campus and five emeriti. The house has taken part in many philanthropical activities as well this semester such as donating money to poor families in the area to help them have a better Christmas. During Spring 1995, the Anthemios chapter “pet project” was hosting the national convention. It was an unbelievable amount of work, but well worth it. It was great to meet brothers from around the country and to share in the initiation of Homer Williams, President of NCARB.

Also during convention we held a lecture concerning the IDP, and we actually held a panel discussion on IDP this past semester, as well. We look forward to an equally successful semester during the spring of 1996. We have recently elected an enthusiastic new Board.

This pretty much is what’s been going on with Alpha Rho Chi at the University of Illinois. The only things I forgot to mention were some of the more social-oriented events that we’ve had this semester, but I probably don’t need to highlight those.

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Apollodorus Chapter
The Apollodorus chapter will be very busy this semester. This spring marks the tenth anniversary that Alpha Rho Chi has been on the campus of the University of Florida. In celebration of this event, we will be holding our white rose formal and anniversary in Orlando. It should be a huge blow out and everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us! As for our professional plans, we are planning to take a trip to Florida Southern College for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright designs. We are also having photo shoots for brothers so that they can prepare their portfolios for internships and real jobs when they graduate. Finally, thanks to our publicity director, we have our own web page.
The Alpha Rho Chi Letter

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Alpha Rho Chi, I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and good health. Yes, the current pranksters at Daedalus Chapter are up to their no good toga stunts again! Last year it was togas at Avila, this year it's at our own Greek temple front on Higuera street that we like to call Structure. Will the toga wearing pranksters wind up next year? Hopefully somewhere warmer. How about Togas in Baja? This year started off with a bang that was really more of a backfire. An unsuccessful rush put old and new actives alike in a bad mood to start the quarter. However, we rallied back by having a quarter dedicated to creating a tighter bond of brotherhood. We enjoyed every-thing from a beach party, to bicycle rides. We had a wonderfully culinary experience for Thanksgiving, serving two birds and a mountain of side dishes and desserts. The traditional Christmas party went off splendidly as usual. We spent a lot more time together enjoying coffee at Starbucks in the new downtown plaza, and hosting birthday parties for our members. As you may already have guessed, use are making a great comeback with the help of our newer members. We are about to try another rush with guaranteed pledges. In addition, we are launching into a campaign to promote Alpha Rho Chi throughout the College of Architecture and Environmental Design by publicity, fun activities on and off campus, and professional workshops or lectures. In an attempt to send our delegate to convention this year in Florida, use are also concentrating on fund raisers. As you may remember, the money left to us by our late faculty advisor Vern Swansen, is about to be finally placed. The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation is working towards making both the Daedalus Active Chapter and the Daedalus Alumni Association partners in the investment. A gift we would enjoy in this season of charity is your continued support in terms of joining the Alumni Association or giving us a call to help us arrange lectures or office tours. Anything you could do for us would mean so much. I have always been told, and I have reiterated this to our pledges, that one of the benefits of Alpha Rho Chi was our network of alumni support. Please don't expect that this support will come from others, because each individual figure that the other will take his responsibility. This support must start with you. For all the joy that Alpha Rho Chi has given to you, just make a simple phone call to tell us how you can help.
Another exciting academic year has come and past. The spirit of brotherhood and the prospect of initiating new members comes alive this fall. As President of the Daedalus Alumni Association of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity and on behalf of my fellow officers and members, I wish to introduce ourselves and share with you our aspiration for the upcoming year. I wanted to kick-off the new school year with a fresh perspective on our Alumni Association and its participation with our Daedalus Alumni, the Active Chapter and Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. An agenda for the school year is under development and promises to establish an Alumni Association previously unknown. The Daedalus Alumni Association consists of officers who have once been true leaders as active members and continue to promote ideals rooted in Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, throughout their professional development.

This year’s agenda involves substantial business activity as well as developing strong ties with the Active Chapter and the Grand Council. We have sent out to each of our members, a prospectus that outlines the Association’s goals for the upcoming year. We look forward to another year of brotherhood and the furtherance of tradition and greatness established by Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity.

As out-going Worthy Architect, I wanted to say hello and pass on some basic information to our Daphnis Alumni. Everyone here is doing fine. However, our chapter is really experiencing the backlash of apathy from the school herein Fayetteville. I really hate to leave the chapter this December with so much yet to be accomplished, but I suppose that its always hard to let go. Brian Ray and I really pulled the chapter out of the ashes and it really felt good. The boys are will be left with five members this spring. I have all the confidence they can spur the growth that is necessary to move things forward.

Daphnis Alumni, please keep in touch with the Daphnis Chapter, as you always have. I am not sure if you know this or not, but Daphnis thanks you, and I thank you for all the support you have given in the past.
Demetrios Alumni Association

The Demetrios Alumni Association made great strides in the past year to become more of a professional resource, to our Alumni, our Active Chapter, and the Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture. Since our Founder’s Day in 1995, our full executive board has been busy in such events as Round Table Discussions, Archi Gallery, and Guest Lectures. We have initiated, once again, a mentoring program, which still needs plenty of attention, that has provided an asset to our Actives and Alumni which we hope to see grow in the next year. Socially, our chapter has seen an increased involvement, as well. We have begun bimonthly lunches in which alumni and active brothers are welcome to attend at various restaurant locations around Columbus. We have planned a group trip to our Columbus Chill hockey game and are finishing plans for our 80th year Founder’s Day Events. We are so proud of our past and present brothers for keeping the Demetrios Active Chapter organized continuously since it was chartered in 1916. The Chapter has seen many Chapter Houses, many wonderful occasions, and a few tragic events, but through it all, the members have done what was required to keep the Brotherhood active. We have been in the process of restructuring our Constitution and ByLaws, as well as our Life Membership investments, and most importantly, our Scholarship awarding process. We are pleased to announce that the winners of the 1995 Demetrios Alumni Association and Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture Scholarship were all Brothers in the Active Chapter: Heather L. Gandy, Aimee H. Moore and Julie H. Rafeedie. We feel this scholarship is most important for our annual accomplishments because it recognizes students who achieve all of the goals in which Alpha Rho Chi represents. We wish all the best to all Active Chapters and Alumni Associations of Alpha Rho Chi in this new year and hope to see each one of you at this year’s Convention. Good Luck to the Vitruvius Actives who are responsible for hosting the annual meeting of our Brotherhood.

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Iktinos and Metagenes Chapters

Iktinos Chapter

Iktinos would like to thank all of its brothers for the support they have given us in the past two years. It has been a long, hard struggle to keep the flame lit, but it keeps burning hotter each term. We would also like to publicly thank all of our brothers from Anthemios, Demetrios, and Vitruvius, as well as the Grand Council, for lending us a hand when we needed it most. Iktinos has 16 active members at the present moment, and hopefully five more by the time the convention comes around. Iktinos has been very busy this year with several activities seeming to take place all at once. We have already held four rather large fund-raising events with much success. We also organized a supply drive for the Ronald McDonald House during finals week (talk about great timing!). We are also busy organizing events to come in 1996, such as Brown Bag Lectures, the Beaux Arts Ball, Founder’s Day, and Graduation Ceremonies. One of our largest activities this year will be the Alternative Spring Break. We have established a relationship with the office here at the University of Michigan and plans are being made to send five students to a warmer climax over Spring Break volunteering their time with a group such as Habitat For Humanity. The next time-stealing event is the keynote speaker. We have been working alongside the AUS organizing a “young, up-and-coming European” architect to speak at the University in the Spring.

The final important notice Iktinos would like to announce is the search for a new chapter home. We are looking for any advice and/or suggestions. The strengthening of our chapter depends upon unity and brotherhood which we feel can only be achieved by a communal living environment. Thanks for your help in advance and we hope to see you all at convention.

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Worthy Scribe, William L. Keller

The Metagenes Alumni Association has continued its role of support for the Metagenes Chapter during the last two semesters. Once again, as in 1988, we find ourselves trying to help the chapter survive, leaving little time or energy for other activities. We continue to maintain the lease on our house at 105 Lucas Drive, but our low active membership does not cover the full monthly rent. The Alumni Association conducted no formal activities in these past two semesters, but the alumni were just as busy as ever. A few of us got together for Founder’s Day, others for Homecoming, and various combinations of alumni gathered for weddings, new babies, etc. In the Spring semester we will be working with our chapter to help them build up their membership.
The Pytheos Chapter

The Pytheos Chapter has remained very busy over the past year. Firm tours, design charrettes and our philanthropy, Adopt A Highway are just a few of the regular activities that the chapter participates in. We had planned a canoe trip down the Niobrara River following finals in May, but wet weather canceled the trip. Founder’s Day brought the Pytheos Chapter to Misty’s Restaurant to celebrate. The Pop Ely Award was given to former Worthy Architect Ronald Olsen that evening, and other awards were handed out. The Pytheos Chapter set up a scholarship in honor of Brother Patricia Traudt’s father, who passed away in early spring. The chapter enjoyed the company of Regional Deputy Jim Thomson, a Pytheos alumni as well, who visited a general meeting to discuss computer use in firms and what to consider when purchasing your own computer. The Pytheos Chapter would like to announce its new initiatives: Amy Anderson, Aaron Bloomquist, Jennifer Kepler, Justin Kurtzer, Alissa Longe, Cleveland Reeves, Henry Wojdyla III, and Emily Zurovski. The Zeta pledge class initiation weekend was November 10-12 and we are proud to say all battled the bitter Nebraska cold and completed another successful initiation at Pytheos.

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Rhoecus Chapter

Here at Rhoecus, we always have a good time and well this year has been no different. We began the year with a very strong rush: a barbecue and clue to clue party. Twelve students accepted the invitation to pledge our esteemed chapter of Alpha Rho Chi.

We kicked-off our seventh annual Archtoberfest the evening of October 16th, with an all school party featuring three local bands. The day helped to bring students and faculty closer together as well as raise money for Habitat for Humanity who was very grateful. Our annual Halloween party further enhanced our social calendar. Hosted by the pledge class with a costume contest and all.

As usual we gave tours during our school’s annual open house on Parent’s Day, as well as continued our professor lecture series. A Christmas bonfire and ice-skating will round out the semester. The kids will go pledge tripping, most likely to Anthemos as soon as second semester starts. After that our annual Wheelchair day begins where the school gets to tour campus in rented wheelchairs just like last year. One of our members is studying in Europe: Mark Wilkerson in Dortmund, Germany.
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Seshait Chapter

The Seshait Chapter had a very good year in 1995. We celebrated our first anniversary on March 13 and one month later we held our first initiation at a local church. Our new members immediately became an integral part of the Chapter and we are now looking forward to our second initiation. We got an unofficial house when three brothers, Brian Swilling, William Richardson and Michael Young moved in together. The house has never been the same since and has been known as the impromptu after design, before the club, gathering place. Our chapter has become involved in the creation of a FAMU chapter of Habitat for Humanity and have 2 members on its Board of Directors. We also sponsored an exhibit of our artistic efforts and have sponsored several lectures and firm visits. Seshait also spear headed Homecoming activities for the School of Architecture with a Door-and-Building-Decoration Contest and several parties. Our brothers have also been at the forefront of efforts to get Florida A&M University on-line and have been instrumental in the creation of a University homepage as well as a Seshait homepage.

Theron Chapter

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Oklahoma State University’s Theron Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi had another very active year. Included among our many events were time management lectures (We all needed those!), portfolio and resume workshops, Intern Development Program (IDP) seminars, sponsorship of the School’s annual Pig Roast, and the design and sale of School T-shirts.

Five members of Theron attended the national convention at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. James Davidson was influential in beginning to establish a national APX internet mailing system. The group of convention pilgrims even found time to venture Chicago!

On a local level Theron is looking forward to a brand new pledge class beginning with an Informational Twister Tournament. We are looking to have an interesting year!
The Brothers of Vitruvius will agree that this year has been very memorable. First of all the 49th National Convention will be hosted by our chapter during the last weekend in March. Also many of those events will take place in our house. The house is not new to us, since we have been renting the house for seven and a half years. But we now, with the gracious support of our alumni, finally own the home. We also have made some changes in our professional program. Besides just offering office tours, we now hold a movie series and a number of workshops. These workshops are geared to those students seeking a job. They include a resume, interview and portfolio seminar where students can ask specific questions to a qualified individual from the career development and placement services on campus.

The Vitruvius Chapter is now 20 members strong. The most we have seen in a long time. Not only is our chapter growing in numbers, but we have also gained some very enthusiastic and hard working brothers. All of the actives are helping to spread the good name of Alpha Rho Chi and to bring about continued success in the growth of our chapter here at Penn State.

Worthy Architect, Amy Gerber
Worthy Associate Architect, Shawn Good
Worthy Estimator, Chris Petriw
Worthy Scribe, Jennifer Padlan
Worthy Clerk, Rachael Granico
Worthy Superintendent, Chris Levan

The Xenocles Alumni Association held its 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the membership on December 9, 1995. It was at North Main Bar B-Q, in Euless, Texas, home of three world championship awards for its Bar B-Q. The meeting was started with a moment of silence for those Brothers who have been called by the Supreme Architect in the past 25 years.

Several events were discussed and planned for 1996, including the moving of our annual meeting to the month of October. We were sad to report that John Svoboda, our Vice President has been transferred with General Motors to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Needless to say, those in attendance enjoyed themselves with the pleasure of good friends and the satisfaction of good food.

Are you a True Stone in the Arch?

The Worthy Grand Associate Architect would like to remind you that Alumni Dues for 1996 are now payable. In the past two years (1994 and 1995), our "True Stones in the Arch" Fund Raising Campaign had been very promising, but it is not a success if you do not participate each year. Alumni Dues are $35.00 a year, a bargain at any price.