Robert A. Ivy Named Eighth Master Architect

The 63rd National Convention of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity voted unanimously to confer Robert Adams Ivy, Jr., FAIA, the classification of Master Architect. Ivy, the current editor in chief of Architectural Record and Vice President and Editorial Director of McGraw-Hill Construction, received the accolade for his contributions to communicating the value of design, both within the fraternity and to the larger world.

A Brother of Alpha Rho Chi
Since he was initiated in Memphis in 2007 as an honorary member of Imhotep Chapter, Brother Ivy has faithfully served Alpha Rho Chi. In addition to serving as keynote speaker at the 62nd National Convention in St. Louis, he held a unique and engaging dialogue with the delegates, entitled “Breakfast with Bob.” Brother Ivy has made several visits to APX chapters, serving as guest lecturer and specifically taking time meet with students and professionals alike. Most recently, he gave the keynote address at the 2009 APX Leadership Conference, creating a custom program for the event, highlighting the key tenets of Alpha Rho Chi: leadership, service, fraternalism and professionalism.

Introducing the new Master Architect at the Convention’s award banquet, Worthy Grand Architect Vicki Horton said, “When our National Convention established new criteria for identifying future Master Architect candidates, I honestly felt we had set a standard impossible for any one person to reach. Robert Ivy’s significant contributions to the profession and his robust, sincere appreciation of our diverse organization place him in a class by himself. He’s proven his ability to inspire the younger generation of designers, and has fully embraced the spirit of brotherhood rooted in his membership in Alpha Rho Chi. We are delighted to confer the title ‘Master Architect’ upon Robert: our mentor, colleague, brother, and friend.”

Brother Ivy accepted the honor with brief remarks. Thanking the fraternity for “an unexpected gift,” he reaffirmed his commitment to communicating that “design has the power to change the world” and challenging designers to provide leadership in solving problems facing the built environment. He credited his involvement with Alpha Rho Chi for helping him “keep in touch with a new generation of students.”

A Spokesman for the Profession
Brother Ivy’s book, Fay Jones: Architect, was published in 2001 and received top honors from the Art Library Society of North America. Brother Ivy has published more than fifty articles in Architectural Record since 1996, garnering numerous awards for these and other projects. Under Brother Ivy’s editorship, Architectural Record has grown to become the world’s largest architectural publication.

Brother Ivy was a principal at Dean/Deal, Dean & Ivy Architects from 1981 until 1996. Brother Ivy is a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects, the Philippine Institute of Architects, the Institute for Urban Design, a former regent of the American Architectural Foundation, and a peer reviewer for the U.S. General Services Administration. In 2002, the U.S. Department of State appointed Brother Ivy as U.S. Commissioner to the Venice Biennale in Architecture. A frequent spokesman for the profession, Brother Ivy travels extensively for Architectural Record and has broadened its coverage to include more international projects.

Our Eighth Master Architect
As Master Architect, Ivy will serve in an honorary, mentoring role with the students and alumni of our fraternity, continuing the tradition established by our first Master Architect, Dr. Nathan Ricker, in 1914. The other Master Architects honored by the fraternity have been Cass Gilbert, Eliel Saarinen, John Wellborn Root, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Richard Buckminster Fuller, and I.M. Pei. I.M. Pei retains the title of Master Architect.
Isidorus Colony
Miami University – Oxford, Ohio
by Mara Braspennix, Expansion Director

On Saturday February 13, the Isidorus Colony of Alpha Rho Chi was established at Miami University with 53 pledges. Fortunately a large turnout of active brothers from Iktinos and Rabirius Chapters made the trip to Oxford; their presence kept the small contingent of national appointees from being engulfed by the prodigious new colony.

Following the pledging ceremony, the new colonists hosted a welcome reception. The reception included tours of Alumni Hall, home to Miami’s architecture department. The dome above Alumni Hall inspired the colony’s namesake.

The colonists impressed us with their sheer numbers, ambition and professionalism during the two days of training that followed the pledging ceremony. During the weekend a large step was taken toward the colony’s goal of fostering interaction amongst the various years and majors housed within the department. We look forward to welcoming them into our brotherhood’s arch.

Expansion Notes
by Mara Braspennix, Expansion Director

This past year has been very exciting for APX expansion. We established the Severus (Kent State) and Isidorus (Miami University) Colonies – coincidentally, both located in Ohio, although at opposite corners. We have also had contact from students at 14 other schools. I am working closely with students at the University of Texas at San Antonio and at Southern Illinois University, and we expect to receive petitions for colonization from both before the end of the school year. I am also working with interested students at Tuskegee University in Alabama, University of Idaho in Moscow, Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh (Polykítitos), and Woodbury University in Burbank, CA.

I encourage any brothers interested in assisting with these or other schools to contact me at expansion@alpharhochi.org. Our expansion efforts rely on the good work of all active and alumni brothers who are representing Alpha Rho Chi in their schools, workplaces and communities. Through you the name of Alpha Rho Chi is spread, and the influence of our fraternity grows.

WGS Leads AIA in Memphis

APX congratulates Charles “Chooch” Pickard who is leading the American Institute of Architects Memphis Chapter as its 2010 chapter president.

In addition, Chooch is Executive Director/Chief Design Officer of the Memphis Regional Design Center. The MRDC promotes excellence in urban design and planning in the Memphis Region. MRDC works to facilitate collaboration of stakeholders, design professionals and the general public in design and planning issues across the region. This is accomplished through public meetings, education programs, and urban design assistance.

An alumnus of Anthemios Chapter, Brother Pickard has served as Worthy Grand Scribe since 2008, and will be stepping down when his term expires this year. Alpha Rho Chi thanks him for a job well done.

In Memoriam
Charles L. Weaver, Jr.

Charles L. Weaver, 64, died unexpectedly March 28, 2010. An alumnus of Vitruvius Chapter, he graduated from Penn State University in 1969. Charlie Weaver was the fraternity’s Worthy Grand Estimator from 1979-1981. He later served as the first treasurer of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation.

Bro. Weaver moved from St. Louis to Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania six years ago, working as a project management architect with J. Jingoli & Sons. An avid supporter of the arts, he collected hand-blown glassworks and was a classical organ aficionado. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Ruth; two sons, Charles and John, and their families.
Fundraising Races Forward

by Wellbe Bartsma, Sostratus Chapter (Washington State Univ.)

One might think of a bake sale or a car wash when thinking of fundraisers, but not Sostratus. Our chapter decided to go the extra mile and think of some unique ways to make money, while at the same time recruit potential new members. One member, Jesse Wolfe, came up with the idea almost a year ago, but the fundraiser was postponed until this Spring due to difficulties registering to hold events on campus. Once Sostratus was registered with the university, the campus was about to be hit by some unique activities.

The first was a napkin sketch fundraiser. This involved members mailing personalized letters to multiple architecture firms around the cities of Seattle and Spokane, Washington, each envelope including a napkin. The letters kindly asked if the architects could draw a sketch on a napkin and send it back to WSU. An auction was held to sell these napkins to the general public. Professors at the School of Architecture and Construction Management also participated in drawing napkin sketches.

A matchbox derby was held the day following the napkin sketch auction outside of the architecture and engineering buildings. A track 30 feet long was prepared on the sidewalk which runs down a hill. Mayline boards were used as starts for the cars, which included cars of all sizes – ranging from almost weightless up to a five pound limit. Some cars were themed as vans and others as monster trucks. All of the competitors in the derby were architecture students, and the winner of the race was a team of members of Sostratus’ Gamma Class, including Jeff Waters, Jess Small, Cassie Lang, and Grace Braganza.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals were made using the university’s water jet system. There was also a $25 gift certificate to one of the nicest restaurants in Pullman awarded to the winner donated by Brother Mark Lo. Both the matchbox derby and the napkin sketch auction benefited the chapter and helped get the name of our fraternity out to the public.

Satyros Celebrates Five Years

On February 27, actives, alumni and pledges of Satyros Chapter came together to raise funds for the Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research Walk-A-Thon. The chapter worked on behalf of Satyros Brother Kevin Pratt-King who was diagnosed with brain cancer in October 2009. The walk-a-thon included a walk for survivors, continuous laps around the Arizona State University campus, as well as silent auctions to raise funds for brain tumor research. To learn how to help this cause and support our brother, contact the Satyros Chapter at apx.satyros@gmail.com.

Bench Honors Fallen Firefighters

by Christopher Brant, Senenmut Chapter (University at Buffalo)

This April a bench, originally designed as a philanthropic gift to the School of Architecture and Planning in Buffalo, will be dedicated and renewed in purpose as a memorial to the Buffalo Fire Department and the two brave men, Lt. Charles “Chip” McCarthy (Company No. 1) and Jonathan Croom (Ladder 7), who valiantly gave their lives in the service of others on August 24, 2009.

The bench was originally designed and constructed in 2006 by Brothers Jessica Colangelo, Josh Gardner, Lauren Giamundo, Mike Moscato, Billy Rivera, and Edward Wilczynski of Senenmut. Constructed of steel donated by the school’s methods and materials shop and fire hoses donated by the Buffalo Fire Department, it included a glass armrest bearing the chapter’s insignia. This year, the bench was restored with a new memorial wooden armrest plaque designed and installed by myself and Adrienne Busch.

Seating on the bench is made of fire hoses.

The chapter will present the bench this month to the Buffalo Fire Department. The ceremony will feature the families of the firefighters, Fire Commissioner Whitfield, and Mayor Byron Brown to pay our respect to two men who made the ultimate sacrifice “so that others may live.”

Senenmut Celebrates Five Years

On February 27, the Senenmut Chapter celebrated its fifth anniversary at Shanghi Red’s in downtown Buffalo. The evening included speeches commemorating the event, acknowledging alumni, and thanking visiting brothers from Domitian and Vitruvius. Regional directors Aaron Feldman and Joe Henderson came to lend support on this celebratory night. A slideshow of photos from the Charter Class through the current Lambda pledge class served as entertainment and comic relief for nearly 30 minutes.

Satyros Walks For Cancer Research

by Shannon Rich, Satyros Alumna (Arizona State University)

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Alpha Rho Chi held its 63rd National Convention on March 25–28, 2010 in Richmond, Virginia. Approximately 168 brothers and guests assembled in the spirit of Fidelitas, Amor et Artes and proved that Virginia is for Lovers (of the Arts).

Brothers arriving on Thursday met new brothers and reconnected with others at the welcome reception at BlackFinn Restaurant, located on Richmond’s Canal Walk.

Business sessions began Friday morning. After delegates were credentialed and seated, the assembled Convention voted to officially recognize new alumni associations for Domitian (NJIT) and Hadrian (Tulane). Nathan Steeber (Rabirius) was elected Convention President. In his duties, he was assisted by other Rabirians serving as Convention officers: Convention Secretary Jessica Sears, Parliamentarian Timothy Hurvitz, and Sergeant-at-Arms Rachael Harris.

Amid presentations of reports and the routine business of the National Convention, the highlight of Friday’s business sessions was the unanimous vote to elevate Robert A. Ivy to the classification of Master Architect of Alpha Rho Chi.

Taking a mid-day break from Friday’s business sessions, the Archis toured the Virginia State Capitol. The tour focused on the architectural history of the building, from Thomas Jefferson’s original design and the plaster scale model of the Capitol he had sent from France in 1786 through the expansions and renovations undertaken in 1904 and 2007. Also providing respite from each day’s business were workshops and breakout sessions.

Summary of Convention Business

62-05 Motion to amend order of business of Convention in Art. I §02 of the APX By-laws in respect to reports and nominations. Passes

63-01 Motion to confer Master Architect classification on Bro. Robert A. Ivy. Passes Unanimously

63-02 Motion to establish position of Convention Director in Art. XIII of the APX By-laws. Passes Unanimously

63-03 Motion to require appointments made by the WGA to be confirmed by a majority vote of the Grand Council. (Art. VIII §04 of the APX By-laws) Passes

63-04 Motion to transfer responsibility of invoicing alumni for dues from WGAA to WGE in the APX By-laws. Passes Unanimously

63-05 Motion to revise description of the National Director (ND), reporting to the WGAA. (Art. XIII §02 of the APX By-laws) Passes Unanimously

63-06 Motion to add colonies to description of Regional Director (RD) responsibilities. (Art. XIII §03 of the APX By-laws) Passes

63-07 Motion to amend the duties of the Expansion Director (Art. XIII §04 of the APX By-laws) Withdrawn
Showers didn’t dampen the spirits of brothers making the two-block walk from the hotel to the Capitol.

The tour began with a review of a site model. The flag in the background was flying when Union troops took the Capitol in 1865.

The inclement weather broke in time for the brothers to enjoy the Capitol grounds.

Delegates at work ... and after.

led by Randy Kirschner, Joe Henderson, Turissa Tuttle Ogletree, and Chooch Pickard on various professional and fraternal topics.

The annual awards banquet ended the Convention on a high note. Ryan Rosen (Daedalus) served as master of ceremonies, and with other brothers from Region 2, led the singing of the Alpha Rho Chi Hymn. The evening featured the presentation of the Sostratus Chapter charter, Robert Ivy’s acceptance of the title of Master Architect, and Convention President Steeber’s installation of Brother Horton in her third, and final, term as WGA. After the formal proceedings, the ballroom celebration continued with dancing until “American Pie” brought the night to a close.

63-08 Motion to designate provisions for Convention business sessions as “reasonable and necessary expenses of the National Convention. Passes Unanimously
63-09 Motion to remove mention of alternates from Section 1 of the Convention’s Standing rules. Passes
63-10 Motion to revise Section 2 of the Convention’s Standing rules. Passes
63-11 Motion to discuss evaluation of delegate credentials. Passes

Elections
Vicki J. Horton (Xenocles) was re-elected as Worthy Grand Architect by acclamation.

Richard L Jenkins (Metagenes) was elected as Worthy Grand Scribe. He previously served one term as WGS in 2006-2008.

National Award Winners

These winners of APX national awards were announced at this year’s awards banquet at the 63rd National Convention.

George “So” Whitten
Scholastic Achievement Award
Andronicus Chapter, Univ. of Southern California

Alumni Association of the Year
Vitruvius Alumni Association, Penn State
New Initiates

Based on reports filed with the Grand Council.

**Cleisthenes - January 17, 2009**
Christopher Williams
Kera McMiller
MiriAm Alcantara
Rachel Lee
Jessica Rhodes
Eoghan Dalton
Parker Kenna
Ashley Heitmeier
Thomas Cook
Jesus Bustos
Hung Pham

**Imhotep - May 19, 2009**
Melissa Cook Pope

**Anthemios - May 23, 2009**
Matthew Barrett
Nicholas Casaletto
Matthew Kaminsky
Paul Kim
Ivan Kostadinov
Adam Lewis
Elizabeth Nowicke
Kealan O’Neil
Christina Reiling

**Andronicus - August 20, 2009**
Alfredo Bracamontes-Ochoa
Tiffany Yu-Ting Cheng
Augustine Siu-Hang Liu
Timothy Robert Logan
Alexander Tertychny

**Metagenes - November 15, 2009**
Chelsey Ruth Berg
Kathryn Lynne Briggs
Jennifer Lynn Burchard
Hannah Lee Catlow
Corryn Susan Feeney
Harry Frasis Hoffmann III
Courtney Kauffman Horst
Elizabeth Marie Lilly
Melissa Michelle Nock
Kelly Morgan Penick
Alexis May Pierson
Jessica Jacquelyn Smith

**Nicon - December 1, 2009**
Gabriel Ramon Cuesta
Rasial Garcia-Carranza
Eduardo Huervo
Guadalupe Victoria Lira
Thomas Anthony Pupo
Gabriela Sanchez
Diana Miriam Viera

**Sostratus - December 12, 2009**
Kelati Dagnew Andemichael
Julia Misha Mariza Gonzalez
Michelle Alexandria Hassler

**Andronicus - Dec. 20, 2009**
Kristina Nicole Lambros
Jinhua Ashley Peng
Meaghan Elizabeth Pohl
Carter Angela Shaw
Rebecca Pauline Streeter
Bianca Coralynn Tolbert

**Cossutius - January 9, 2010**
Victor Espinoza
John Michael Improgo
Min Chin Yi

**Cleisthenes - January 16, 2010**
Joseph Dugan
Charles El-Murr
Natalie Rodriguez
Danny Salguero
Jessica Valdez
Joshua Veal

**Anthemios - January 16, 2010**
Kathryn Anthony (Fac.)
Alexandar Arsenijevic
Jordan Elleby
Berkhan Eminsoy
Rachel Foster
Lawrence J. Hamlin (Fac.)
Elaine O’Mara
Olga Ratajski
Brandon Socha
Dahn-Yi Soh
Kelly Valin
Hannah Wolf
Julie Zidek

**Domitian - March 14, 2010**
Trevor Munson (Hon.)

Trevor Munson has been around the chapter during its formation and inception in January 2005. Many of his friends and classmates went on to be brothers in his time at NJIT. He lived and hung out with many of the brothers during his undergrad career. The brothers took such a liking to him that he was considered a “cousin” of our chapter, signifying the strong bond many of us had with him. Personally, I got to know his strong commitment to academics and professionalism through a peer mentoring program at NJIT, since Trevor was my peer mentor. He invited me to his Christmas Party in 2007 where I was introduced to many Domitian brothers for the first time.

Since graduating from NJIT with a B.S. in Architecture in 2008, Trevor has consistently assisted in many of the fraternity’s events. He has also helped numerous brothers professionally in giving advice on interviews, résumés, and career decisions within the fields of architecture and construction. He currently is a project manager in the interior department at Plaza Construction in New York City. Trevor is also currently pursuing his master’s degree in Construction Management with a concentration in construction project management at the NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate. Trevor also makes time to lecture and contribute in other ways as an alumnus of the New Jersey School of Architecture at NJIT.

Trevor's commitment in assisting our chapter with preparations for the Fall 2009 Leadership Conference was the linchpin for inviting him to Alpha Rho Chi as an honorary brother. For his significant contributions to the chapter, Brother Munson was initiated March 14, 2010.

**Anthemios Faculty**

by Andrew Wilke, Worthy Architect of Anthemios Chapter, University of Illinois

As part of an initiative to foster a better relationship with the school of architecture and its faculty, the Anthemios Chapter is proud to initiate three new faculty members this year.

Professor Kathryn Anthony specializes in gender and racial concerns in architecture. Brother Anthony was chosen as “distinguished professor” for 2009-10 by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. She was chosen because of her positive long-standing relationship with the chapter, her excellence in teaching and her zeal for the fraternity’s unique position in the school of architecture as well as in the university’s Greek System. She is also our first female faculty brother of the Anthemios Chapter.

Lawrence Hamlin teaches architectural foundations. Brother Hamlin was chosen because of his extraordinary dedication to his students and excellence in teaching. Each student who pursues Architecture will have Brother Hamlin as a professor in his or her sophomore year.

We will be initiating the director of the school, David M. Chasco, on April 18. At the end of the year we have planned a barbecue in honor of these new faculty brothers.
John R. Ross 2010 Scholarship Winner

Jonathan Fair

The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation is pleased to announce the winner of the John R. Ross Scholarship for 2010, Jonathan Fair.

John R. Ross scholars are selected on the basis of academic performance, fraternal leadership, and willing service. They represent one of the highest recognitions given to active brothers. This year’s group of applicants was truly impressive. The applicants’ credentials included inspiring examples of leadership and service, all with grade point averages above 3.00. A brother of Seshait Chapter, this year’s winner of a $1,000 scholarship is a shining example of the best qualities of being a well-rounded brother of Alpha Rho Chi.

The first thing that attracted Jonathan to Alpha Rho Chi was the open armed welcome he received from Seshait. Apparently the feeling continues; asked how he plans to use the proceeds from the scholarship, Jonathan indicated he planned to donate at least a bit of it back to the chapter. And, of course, there are those studio final project expenses that always seem to run over the expected budget.

Jonathan is the current Worthy Architect of Seshait Chapter, served as Worthy Associate Scribe during the 2008-2009 year, and has been an active member of professional development, pledge, social, fundraising, community service, and publications committees of the Seshait Chapter.

In addition to his chapter service, Jonathan has given active service to the university and community. He is a Dean’s Council member of the School of Architecture at Florida A&M University, and a school of architecture mentor to first year students. He was a participant and volunteer in Florida A&M University’s Green Coalition Summit 2009, a weekend event of the Student Government Association to bring together representatives from each school on campus and students government leaders to meet with university administrators to discuss the benefits of sustainability. Instrumental in the development and implementation of FAMU’s Professional Fraternity Council, he helped bring together professional fraternities on campus to brainstorm with other leaders, get to know other

Not all of Jonathan’s time is spent in the studio. He enjoys golf, playing since he was eight, and tennis, especially since the Florida weather extends the season. He enjoys sketching, although he feels he is “never the best,” and is always “hoping and praying” he won’t be asked to draw.

Jonathan takes particular pride in serving the fraternity. He describes serving as Worthy Architect as, “a position that is honestly like no other experience that I have encountered. If you do not eat, sleep, and breathe Alpha Rho Chi, you will not last as a successful president or leader of a chapter.”

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• Promotes new and innovative educational opportunities
• Has an independent, all-volunteer board of directors

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