Dinosaurs on the Diag

by Jordan Bruckner, Past Worthy Architect Iktinos Chapter

In September, the Iktinos Chapter transformed the open space of the Diag in the University of Michigan’s Central Campus into a Jurassic Park with dinosaurs roaming around the area.

Architecture and art students worked throughout the summer in designing, fabricating, and assembling multiple creatures from small and quick velociraptors to the large and cumbersome stegosaurus. This event was designed to transform the central campus mixing bowl into an extraordinary and imaginative spectacle that gets students to look at the space in a new way.

See more photos at formzine.com/tag/alpha-rho-chi-dinosaurs/
Rabirius Celebrates 10 Years

Over 90 brothers helped the Rabirius Chapter mark its first ten years at the University of Cincinnati on November 13, 2010. The weekend included campus tours, an alumni meeting, reviews of family trees and special Probasco Street t-shirts, but the highlight of the festivities was a banquet at the Kingsgate Marriott followed by dancing. The on-campus hotel was the site of the National Convention in 2003. In that spirit, the brothers of Rabirius were joined by a large number of brothers from across the national fraternity, including Grand Advisor Steve Janick and Grand Lecturer Laura Schmidt, who each delivered remarks at the dinner.

Top: Rabirius actives and alumni all in one place. Right: Rabirius Alumni President Jason Kasparek addresses the gathered brothers.
Photos: Jeanne Stevenson and Dave O’Connell, respectively

Recognizing Collaborative Design

Alpha Rho Chi announced the creation of the Voussoirs Award in October to recognize the various disciplines that comprise the field of architecture and the allied arts.

As the voussoirs of an arch must work in unison and share the load to ensure the arch’s success, each collaborator within a design project must work in close association with the rest of the team in order to create a truly successful product. The Voussoirs Award acknowledges completed projects (built and unbuilt) whose product was the result of exceptional collaboration between design consultants, builders, clients and the community.

Professionals, whether firms or individuals, are invited to submit projects that can range in scale from small manufactured objects to large master plans or beyond. These submissions will be evaluated by a jury of professionals and educators.

The submissions will be displayed at the 64th National Convention in Minneapolis, where the winner will be announced. For latest and most complete information about the Voussoirs Award visit alpharhochi.org/vaward.

Expansion News

Philon Colony at Washington University
In November, the Grand Council accepted the petition of 18 students at Washington University in St. Louis to form a new colony of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. The colony has chosen the name Philon. Preparations are being made for a formal pledging ceremony in late January or early February.

Colony Education Team Kept Busy
The addition of Philon Colony brings the number of APX colonies to three. The other colonies are:

• Kent State University – Severus Colony pledged an additional 23 colonists in November.
• Miami University – Isidorus Colony sent a pair of representatives to the APX Leadership Conference

More Expansion Prospects
Besides the colonies, organizing committees have formed at Mississippi State University; University of California, Berkeley; and Southern Illinois University.

Ivy to Head AIA

The American Institute of Architects has appointed Master Architect Robery Ivy as its new Executive Vice President and CEO. Bro. Ivy will manage the AIA national office in Washington, DC effective February 1.
The Paper Crane Project
by Shannon Rich, Satyros alumna

The idea for The Paper Crane Project started this summer when our alumni got together and realized something had to be done for our brother.

Back in October of 2009, we learned that our Brother Kevin Pratt-King had been diagnosed with glioblastoma (an aggressive form of brain cancer) and we knew we needed to help. At first, we only found small things to do internally. We were having success, but it was still as if we were putting a band-aid on a gaping wound; it wasn’t enough.

Over the summer our alumni formed that plan that we would create 1000 paper cranes for Kevin and his wife Tashi as a symbolic “wish” for them, and ask our friends and family to sponsor each crane for $1 so we could also raise money for Kevin and Tashi and help off-set some of their monthly medical bills. It was a great idea, but we never imagined it would take off the way it did – or the power behind this fraternity. When we finally shut down donations and prepared our count of cranes to fold, we learned we had raised a total of $3,870.

On October 23rd, one year after Kevin’s diagnosis, the Satyros Chapter, friends and family gathered on the campus of Arizona State University for a day of crane folding. It was as much of a fold-a-thon as it was a celebration of what we had accomplished and celebration of Kevin’s year of survival. We also recognize the efforts of the Hadrian Chapter that also held a fold-a-thon and raised money while making cranes for this cause. These are the moments and times where we are all reminded of the power of this brotherhood and the bonds that we have, when people who had never even met Kevin, came together because he is a brother and because that is the reason we all joined Alpha Rho Chi in the first place; to be apart of something bigger.

As much of a success this event was and as thankful as we all are that our brothers were able to come together with us and make this the success it was, it still isn’t enough. The Satyros Chapter is still looking for more ways to help Kevin and will continue to fight this disease with him.

The fold-a-thon occupied several tables and a tent on a ASU campus plaza.
Photos: Shannon Rich

Alpha Rho Chi Anti-Hazing Policy

The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity opposes hazing. The fraternity recognizes hazing as a violation of law and contrary to the fraternity’s objective to “promote the artistic, scientific, and practical proficiency of its membership and the profession.” All chapters should conduct themselves professionally at all times and follow a constructive pledge education program and initiation that will uphold the dignity of our fraternity and each of its members.

No chapter, colony, active member or alumnus shall engage in hazing activities. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense.

Hazing activities include:
“Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.”

Every member of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity is subject to local, state, and federal laws on hazing, and must follow all university policies and procedures applicable to student organizations. In addition, per the By-Laws of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, the Grand Council may suspend chapters “for departure from the Ritual” or “for violations of the law which threaten the existence of the Fraternity.”
Convention Hotel

Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis
35 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
612-339-4900
www.radisson.com/hotels/mpls_dt

With a prime location in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, just steps away from the business district, local shopping and entertainment, the Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis offers warm hospitality, an inviting atmosphere and stylish accommodations. One of the top Minneapolis hotels, the Radisson features wireless Internet, a fitness center, a business center and a whirlpool. For added convenience, our hotel is connected to the city's climate-controlled skyway system. As Radisson’s flagship property, this four star, downtown Minneapolis hotel pampers guests with luxurious amenities and top-notch services.

The Radisson is adjacent to Nicollet Mall, a pedestrian-only thoroughfare that's home to countless shops, watering holes and sidewalk dining spots.

The Radisson Plaza is only 2.5 blocks from nearest light rail station (Nicollet Mall station) and a short, 30-minute ride from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Rates and Reservations
We have negotiated a group rate for a block of rooms
Reservations must be made by February 21, 2011.
• Single/double occupancy: $119 + taxes
• Quad occupancy: $149 + taxes
(Add 13.4% to these rates for applicable taxes).

Contact the hotel at 612-339-4900 or through their toll free number at 800-333-3333. Be sure to mention Alpha Rho Chi when making your reservation to receive our negotiated rates.

Register Online

All registration packages for brothers include a full registration package to Convention. Your convention registration includes access to all workshops, breakout sessions, business sessions, meals (breakfast and lunch on both days) and a ticket to the welcome reception and annual awards banquet.

Early registration $185 Must register by February 21.
Full registration $225 Register by March 16.
On-site registration $250 March 17-March 24
Non-brother guest $60, does not include breakfast or lunch

Refund policy. Full refunds are available up to 3 weeks prior to convention, minus a $50 processing fee. After March 4th, only a $50 refund will be available. After March 16th, no refunds will be available.

Registration and updates at alpharhochi.org/convention
Convention Events
This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Wednesday
Optional activities are available to brothers arriving a day early. Let the Convention Director know if you’re coming early.

Thursday
Noon – 5:00 pm: Check In
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Ritual Seminar
(Tentative) The Grand Lecturer will moderate a workshop on the fraternity’s secret work for early arrival.
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Roberts Rules of Order Workshop
All delegates and potential convention officers are required to attend this refresher on parliamentary procedure. Everyone is welcome to attend.
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Welcome Reception
Kickoff Convention with this informal gathering at nearby 508 restaurant on 1st Avenue in the city’s Warehouse District.

Friday
8:00 am – Noon: Business Session
Participate in the governance of the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. See alpharhochi.org/convention for early motions.
Noon – 1:00 pm: Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Business Session
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Workshops
Information sharing and demonstrations on a variety of topics. See alpharhochi.org/convention for announcements.

Saturday
9:00 am – 11:00 am: Business Session
11:00 am – Noon: APX Market Place
Chapters and alumni associations are encouraged to display and sell their fraternal merchandise.
Noon – 1:00 pm: Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Business Session
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Group Photo
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Reception
Unwind before the awards banquet
7:00 pm – Midnight: Awards Banquet
Convention concludes with a banquet-style dinner and presentation of national awards.

Sunday
Morning: Annual Meeting of Alpha Rho Chi Board of Directors
Members are invited to attend this meeting of the Grand Council

Next Stop: 2012 Jacksonville, FL

More To See In Minneapolis

Mill City Museum
Built into the ruins of what was once the world’s largest flour mill, the museum is located on the historic Mississippi riverfront. Here, visitors of all ages learn about the intertwined histories of the flour industry, the river, and the city of Minneapolis. millcitymuseum.org

Guthrie Theater
This Jean Nouvel stunner was hailed by GQ as “a jaw-dropping feat of engineering and architectural chutzpah.” Featuring dramatic river views, the spectacular endless bridge and two celebrated restaurants in one of Minneapolis’s most exciting neighborhoods. guthrietheater.org

Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Housed in the same complex with the Children’s Theatre Company, the Michael Graves expansion lets the Institute show off more of its impressive permanent collection. artsmia.org

Central Library
Cesar Pelli’s eye-catching creation is a downtown gathering place, with five stories of books, computers, meeting spaces and a café—plus a children’s library and Teen Central, a one-of-a-kind resource center exclusively for teens.

Walker Art Center
The 2005 expansion designed by Herzog & de Meuron doubled the size of this internationally acclaimed art center. Newsweek calls it “possibly the best contemporary art museum in the U.S.” The adjoining Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is home to more than 40 large-scale works, including Claes Oldenburg’s iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry, inspiration for the Convention’s logo.

Weisman Art Museum
Designed by Frank Gehry and set next to the Mississippi River, the Weisman is undergoing an 11,000-square-foot expansion and will be closed until fall 2011. walkerart.org

Skyways
Explore 8 miles of downtown Minneapolis without ever reaching the street.

Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul
Master Architect Cass Gilbert designed the neoclassical state capitol . www.mnhs.org/places/sites/msc/

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New Initiates
Based on reports filed with the Grand Council.

Senenmut - April 17, 2010
Drew Delle Bovi
Ramzes Gonzalez
Robert Handler
Robert Hayes
Franz Heine
Nick LoCicero
Louis Rosario
Sergio Taveras
Justina Zifchock

Cossutius - May 16, 2010
Cesar Octavio Arellano
Piero Cassara
Marc Levinson
Douglas Quintin Ponciano

Satyros - May 17, 2010
Aubry Nicole Hallmark
Eröc James Lomahäptewa
Samantha Ann Bellti
Gabriela Castro
James Yu

Vitruvius
John Vincent Conway
Christopher Ross Gutierrez
Chang Liu
Kristen Mireille Massenburg

Iktinos - Sept. 11, 2010
Ryan Gould
Michelle Maxwell
Sheena Shah
Brian Sredojevic
Adam Szajner

Rabirius - Oct. 9, 2010
Levy Hoang Nyugen
Sayoko Osada
Megan Alicia Philibin
Cirrocco Etienne Powell
Tyler E. Slattery

Sostratus - Nov. 13, 2010
Kevin Harrison Jones
Scott Kristopher Kennedy
John Michael Patangan

Vitruvius - Nov. 13, 2010
Lori Ellen Ambrusch
Ryan Larry Miller

Apollodorus - Nov. 20, 2010
Scott Capon
Patrycja Dragan
Josh Evitt
Jorie Fketic
Jade Guzzo
Roxana Hazratii
Monica Hill
Mason Ip
Margarita Palacios
Tim Petersen

Pytheos - Nov. 21, 2010
Nathan John Boesch
Marcellus Kipchumba Kipruto
Brianna LaMae Murphy
Kaylyn Rachelle Neverve
Alice Isabel Root
Ross Colin Wells

Leadership 2010
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was the site of Alpha Rho Chi’s 2010 Leadership Conference on October 21-24. Hosted by Pytheos Chapter, the conference brought actives and alumni from across the country together for intensive days of workshops.

The conference’s working days began early in the morning and lasting well into the night. Guest speaker Cheryl May led a program on team building across many personality types in a chapter or workplace. Workshops focused on topics such as budgeting, The Ritual, marketing one’s experience in APX, health hazards in construction and more. A professional showcase gave those attending a chance to see the kinds of work several brothers were doing in the profession.

Despite the full schedule, time was set aside on Friday to tour the Nebraska State Capitol. The plan of the capitol was the inspiration for the Pytheos Chapter’s cadency mark. A special tour was lead by a project manager for the capitol’s ongoing restoration projects provided insights not only on the original 1922-1932 construction but also on the processes of preservation and adaptation.

Alpha Rho Chi thanks the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Pytheos Chapter for their support of the event and the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation, The Clark Enersen Partners, Terracon, and Chipotle Mexican Grill for their sponsorship of LC2010.

APX Meets At ASLA Convention
By Aaron Feldman, Vitruvius alumnus

It is not often that design professionals from different disciplines get the opportunity to interact with one another outside of a project meeting or a construction site. Similarly, a professional conference provides a forum for members of a single discipline to interact with one another, but with little opportunity to connect with potential partners, clients and consultants. On September 11th, Alpha Rho Chi provided attendees of the American Society of Landscape Architects’ national conference with the opportunity to network with brothers representing the wide spectrum of the Fraternity’s membership. The Laughing Man Tavern in Washington, DC played host to approximately 40 brothers and conference attendees who ate, drank, watched college football and exchanged business cards.

The happy hour was just one in a series of gatherings organized by Alpha Rho Chi in conjunction with professional events across the country. To hear more about planned events or to suggest an event near you, contact Aaron Feldman at alumnievents@alpharhochi.org.
For chapters or colonies:
**Matching Grants**

• Each and every chapter or colony has the opportunity to get 50% of the expenses (up to $300 per event) from the Charles Burchard Professional Program.

• These grants are made for professional events held by the chapter where the name of Alpha Rho Chi is a primary sponsor.

• All a chapter has to do is to send us an email at least one month prior to the event listing the who, what, where, when, how and why of the event.

• After the event we’ll need a copy of the receipts, a copy of any promotional materials, and photos from the event.

• It’s that simple.

Cleisthenes used a grant this Fall 2010 for a Design Forum held at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture Building.

For actives:
**Winning a Scholarship**

• Applications for the John R. Ross Scholarship will be sent to every chapter early in the new year.

• The easy-to-complete applications are available online at alpharhochi.org/APXF and are due by February 21, 2011.

• Scholarships are based on numerous accomplishments, including academic accomplishments, service within the community and fraternal leadership and participation.

• The scholarship given in 2010 was $1,000; the amount granted in 2011 should be even more.

• Last year’s winner had submitted an application the prior year too, so it pays to keep trying.

If you’d like to help

Please feel free to contact our treasurer:

**Alpha Rho Chi Foundation**
c/o Chuck Nickel, Treasurer
2101 St. James Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45206
513.751.1133 or Charles.Nickel@cbre.com

Checks are payable to “Alpha Rho Chi Foundation”; other payment options are available. For general information, go to alpharhochi.org/APXF, or find us on LinkedIn or Facebook

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Winning design in Convention Logo Competition
Anthony McLin, Andronicus Alumnus