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Alpha Rho Chi fraternity was founded at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan on April 11, 1914. It is a social undergraduate fraternity limiting its membership to students of architecture, architectural engineering, landscape architecture, or the allied arts, enrolled in the departments leading to a bachelor's degree. The name Alpha Rho Chi is derived from the first five letters in Architecture. The title of the magazine is derived from the same source.

WILLARD E. FRASER, Managing Editor

The Fraternity—What's Ahead?

By DWIGHT P. ELY, W.G.A.

WELL, frankly, we don't know for sure. Generally speaking, the situation looks promising. The building industry seems to be better and consequently more students should be again interested in Architecture. Our chapters seem to have squeezed a lot of the water out of their stock and are being guided by capable alumni organizations. The Grand Council tries to keep the machinery of the Fraternity in steady operation and in its feeble way to lend a word of advice or caution (never reprimand) where it seems to be needed. The future, we think, is dependent entirely on the rank and file of the Fraternity. The days when certain of the old-timers could always be depended on to take care of any given situation are over; new blood is being introduced and this must continue. And, what is more, the new and younger leadership of the Fraternity must show enthusiasm and ability and determination equal to that shown by the founding fathers whose graying hair and tottering footsteps are rapidly forcing them into the society of the "Has Beens." Sometimes we get letters, especially from younger members, saying: "We would like to see more aggressive action." Frankly, so would we; and that "action" will have to come from the same people who asked the original question.

Have we made our point clear?

Two Letters from Grand Council Members

By DWIGHT P. ELY, W.G.A.

THE Grand Council, and through it the Fraternity, would be inappreciative indeed not to take this first opportunity to commend the services of Brother Efflo E. Eggert, who has just retired as Editor of THE ARCHI.

Although Brother Eggert found THE ARCHI in good condition through the efforts of Brother Tousley who preceded him, nevertheless he has, with distinction, guided the magazine through years both of prosperity and of depression. It is a job which looks easy but is just the opposite and this is made doubly true by the fact that an editor who must necessarily stay in one place is supposed to know what is going on in a great many places.

Brother Eggert has given to THE ARCHI an appearance of taste and quality, has furnished the Fraternity with the latest news available, and has introduced many interesting comments of his own.

(Continued next column)

By CLIFFORD H. JAMES, W.G.E.

WHEN a man, under the handicaps of limited finances, national period of despondency, lapses of chapter scribes, temporary loss of many alumni contributors, and loss of chapters and their news, can produce a fraternity magazine of the excellence of THE ARCHI, can keep it on a standard with publications of fraternities ten or more times as large, can make it as interesting for alumni as for actives, our hats should be off to such a man. Brother Eggert has earned the gratitude and respect of all Alpha Rho Chis.

For the almost nine years of service which he has rendered to THE ARCHI and to the Fraternity, Alpha Rho Chi owes Brother Eggert much.

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News from the Chapters

Andronicus

By JAMES W. RICE

Two new members have recently been initiated into Andronicus chapter. They served their pledgship during the spring semester and the opening week of the present fall semester. They were formally initiated on Monday, October eleventh. The new brothers are Willis Blair Boyd and John Mead Scheidemen.

This year Andronicus is particularly proud of its members who have gained prominence in all-University activities. Bob Myers, '40, is now Yell King for S.C. and has been doing an excellent job. He also plans the card stunts. Clinton Ternstrom last year was art editor and this year is editor-in-chief of *El Rodeo*, the University year book. In the College of Architecture, as usual, an Alpha Rho Chi man is President. This year it is Bob McClain, the past W.A. of Andronicus. The house also has two members of the Trojan Knights and a Trojan Squire. These two groups are the principle service organizations of the University.

The fall rushing is nearly finished and at present we have twelve new pledges.

Mnesicles

By ROBERT CALROW

Mnesicles chapter is back on the job after having spent a good summer. We are doing a bang-up job of rushing and so far we have three new pledges. There are more to join our ranks soon. Our hats are off again to Waddy Wadsworth of the alumni chapter who is back of the active chapter giving plenty of good advice and getting Mnesicles off to a good start this fall.

Fred Segerstrom is back in the active chapter after three years away from school. Fred is a senior and will probably bring back some good pointers for the new actives.

Homecoming is just around the corner here at Minnesota and the wheels are already moving to make it bigger and better. We at Mnesicles send a hearty welcome to all the alumni and hope to see them all at the banquet on Friday, November 19. This year the house decoration committee composed of Thomas Fredricson, Marvin Johnson, and Bob Calrow hope to paralyze the judges with a prize-winning decoration.

We at the Minnesota chapter are proud of our prowess in the field of athletics and hope to keep up the pace set last year: Mnesicles cagers, Professional Champions last year, are all back and set for another try at the championship. The trophy for last year's victory is a beauty and holds the place of honor in the chapter house. We're all rooting for the fellows. Speaking of athletics, our touchball team fortified by six foot six Robb Kramer should really go to town this fall.

Anthemios

By LAURENCE SCHWALL

Two of our members have recently received mentions in outside competitions. John F. Bartels, '38, received one in the Pencil Points competition for a doctor's residence. Jack Hollobaugh, '40, received a mention in the Structural Clay Products competition for a six room house.

The house has been completely redecorated and several things that have been in need of repair for several years have been taken

care of. We have the house filled to capacity this year with twenty pledges and sixteen actives. Initiation was held October fifteenth for six of the older pledges.

Several of the alumni were down for the Illinois-Notre Dame game. Most of them returned to their homes immediately after the game without staying for the dance in the evening.

Demetrios

By PHILIP W. SWAIN

The chapter house has been completely redecorated by the alumni. The work was not quite completed at the beginning of the school year and a certain amount of inconvenience resulted. The improvement is very pleasant and the chapter is looking forward to a good year.

Nick Rutkay is playing guard on the varsity football team and is looking forward to seeing the boys at Andronicus when he goes with the team to the game with Southern California.

Bill Stowe and Clyde Kelchner, last year's graduates, are both working at architecture, the former in Akron and the latter here in Columbus.



About Brother Eggert

Elsewhere we are printing several letters in appreciation of Efflo E. Eggert, who has resigned the managing editorship after almost a decade in office. We are doing more than a perfunctory duty when we add a line or two of our own. We used to take *THE ARCHI* more or less for granted; sometimes it was forwarded to us and we read it—sometimes not. About five years ago we came to realize that it was taking on a stature that entirely belied the limited finances, the possible lack of support from chapters and members, and the general pessimism that was inherent in about everything at that time. We enjoyed reading it; we wrote and told him so. We have no thought of being able to improve the high standard he set. Under his editorship the format was changed, a greater amount of space was devoted to alumni activities and professional matters. He has our thanks and our best wishes for the future.



Help Wanted

The statement that this is your magazine and that your contributions alone make it interesting is probably one of the oldest clichés ever set down on paper. It is none the less true. While we might attain a certain merit in taking up professional matters, the latest Anglo-Italian crisis, or domestic politics, the fact remains that the prime function of a fraternity publication and the main reason most people read it is to see one's name in print. It is not likely that we could bring much light to bear on the subject of, say, the International Style, or say anything that has not been said better somewhere else. Let's have news of your new job, your trip to Europe, in fact almost anything that would get publication in the old home town paper.

The First Mayor of Norris

By permission of the "Illinois Alumni News"

THE first mayor of four-year-old Norris, Tennessee, is Harry B. Tour, Anthemios '21. Manager in charge of all architectural design on dams and powerhouses for the Tennessee Valley Authority, he is not only an Illinois alumnus (arch. eng.) but is also a leader in the Illini Plan of Coordination for the Knoxville area.



When Norris was built in 1933 to house the 1,500 workers on the nearby Norris Dam, many predicted it would end up as a ghost town; that its 350 attractive, comfortable, electrically-heated houses, which cost the government some \$3,500,000 would nevertheless be deserted as soon as work on the dam was finished. But Norris today is far from being a ghost town. True enough, most of its original householders have moved on, but they have been replaced by

TVA employees, most of whom, like Harry Tour, work in the central offices at Knoxville, only 20 miles away. "The town will probably incorporate in two years," he says. "Then it can become self-sustaining. We have a ceramics laboratory, and in fact we may become the center of the ceramics industry. Our modern houses and attractive layout will always draw people here from Knoxville."

The TVA still controls Norris through a town manager but the mayor and his council of nine advise on town problems, help work out the budget, and have regulatory powers.

The town includes a 20-room, electrically-heated school, with 400 pupils, which is also used as a community center—movies there twice a week, gymnasium classes for men and women, a dance on Saturday night, community church service on Sunday, school library open every evening. Norris is proud also of its co-operative grocery and drug stores, filling station and creamery, its credit union, modern fire equipment (one full-time fireman, fifteen volunteers), police force of sixteen, most of whom are guides at the dam.

About \$100,000 of the town's revenue comes from houses, which rent from \$13 to \$48 a month. Another \$50,000 comes from the sale of electricity from the Norris Dam.

Mayor Tour is an old settler at Norris; as supervising architect on Norris Dam he has been there from the very beginning. He had formerly been for nine years with the Commonwealth Power Corporation in Jackson, Michigan, and at one time was a structural designer for the Toledo, (Ohio) board of education.



Frequency of Publication

THE ARCHI will be published four times a year instead of five as has been the schedule previously. This is in line with the policy of most fraternity publications. November, January, April, and June will be the months of issue. All material should be in the hands of the managing editor the first of the previous month. It is hoped that this schedule will permit a slightly greater use of cuts and possibly one larger issue.

New Editor

WITH this issue the managing editor is Willard E. Fraser, Anthemios '25. We feel that we are justified in saying that this office should not rest with us more than a year or two. At that time, we hope, some alumnus whose interests lie a little closer, perhaps, to the campus and in whom the fires of journalism burn a little stronger, will be found and be persuaded to relieve us. Until then it is quite likely that THE ARCHI will carry a strong Anthemios flavor as our knowledge of other chapters and their alumni is not as complete as we would like it to be.



Anthemios Directory

THE Anthemios Alumni Association has recently distributed copies of an Anthemios directory. It is a well-bound book of fifty pages containing the names, addresses, professional connections, and personal data of every Anthemios man it was possible to reach. William Anderson and George Fritzinger did the work—and we suspect it took a lot. This is an example which might well be followed by other chapters or conceivably by the entire Fraternity.



New Initiates

The official Grand Council record as certified by W. G. E.

ANDRONICUS, January 28, 1937

Scheidemen, John M., '39, Honolulu, T.H.
Boyd, Willis B., '39, Los Angeles, Calif.



News of Alumni

ANTHEMIOS

Howard S. Garns was married October 16 to Mary Evelyn Bridenstine. At home after November 1 at 520 Berkley Rd., Indianapolis.

Bruce Ihlenfeldt lives at 636 E. Ferguson, Wood River, Ill.

ANDRONICUS

H. I. Glasoe, '31, is Auditor of the Southern California Military Academy at Long Beach. Address him at 1882 Oregon Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

MNESICLES

William T. Townes was married October 3 to Katherine Barry at Minneapolis. At home after November 1 at 1019 S. Farwell, Eau Claire, Wis.

F. R. von Grossmann is with the Resettlement Administration at Lincoln, Neb.

POLYKLITOS

Frederick C. Boldry is an administrator for the WPA in Scranton, Pa.



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THE Anthemios chapter and the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity mourn the death of George T. Waldy, w '37, which occurred in August 1937. Further details are not available.



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