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WILLARD E. FRASER, Managing Editor

CORRESPONDENT OF THE YEAR

JAMES W. RICE of Andronicus has written chapter letters to THE ARCHI for two years and has never missed an issue. In spite of the 2500 miles his letters must travel, they invariably arrive first. Neatly typed and usually requiring no editing, they represent a high ability in reporting. Rice, in response to a request for a short biography, writes as follows:

"I was born and raised here in Los Angeles and for the past 12 years have spent most of my week-ends and vacations on a ranch in the desert section of Southern California.

"Before entering High School I spent a very enjoyable six months in Honolulu and after graduation from Los Angeles High, I took a trip to Guatemala and just missed seeing my future Fraternity Brother and professor, Verle Annis, by about two weeks.

"I entered the College of Architecture here at S.C. in the spring semester of '35 and expect to finish next spring, that is in February of '40. At present time I am 22 years old and have no definite plans for the future except to stick along architectural lines."

We met Jim at the recent convention, where he occupied an important part in the entertainment of the delegates. His poise and pleasing personality bespeak his future success in his profession. We find considerable pleasure in commending his service to THE ARCHI.

Honorable mention must go to Bernard Kinsock of Anthemios and Wayne Kief of Mnesicles. Both of these men have a natural talent for writing and have cooperated well. Kief has been the source of much news of Mnesicles alumni. Chapter news writing is hard work and we cannot blame anyone who finds it a disagree-



JAMES W. RICE, *Andronicus* '40

able addition to their necessary academic work. Our thanks go to everyone who has worked with us during the school year now drawing to a close.

EDITORIAL DIVOTS

SOME of the boys liked the April number and our thanks go to those who wrote and told us so, namely, Kenny Helms, Bob McClain, Efflo Eggert, Dwight Ely, George Fritzinger, and several others whose names elude us. One Willard Fraser of Anthemios thinks it could have been better if the editor were not naturally a little lazy and had started work on it sooner, but that guy is hard to please.

One of the boys writes us and objects mildly to anti-administration comments made by a speaker at one of the recent alumni gatherings. He says in part: "It seems to me, since half the members have worked for the government at one time or other that our position should be at least neutral." Free speech is not exactly

that when it is informed too much by personal considerations. What do architects really think? Would it have been better five years ago to let the profession find its own level and at least half of us turned to selling brushes or truck-farming or have the P. W. A., U. S. H. A. etc., really been necessary and desirable measures?

It's the time of year again when we take leave of the chores of THE ARCHI until November. (Is that fellow always going to talk about what time it is.) For the life of us we can't think of a single pertinent remark to make in this connection except that we'll be back then if "we don't have a war."

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FOUNDERS' DAY AGAIN—TWENTY-FIVE HAVE GONE

LOS ANGELES

By GRAHAM LATTA

Andronicus held its Founders' Day Banquet at Eaton's on Saturday, April 15. Worthy Alumni Architect Jay Ingles introduced Prof. Clayton Baldwin, perennial "emcee," who took charge of the meeting. Dean Weatherhead talked briefly and interestingly on the history of architectural education in the United States, his thesis subject for his Doctor's degree at Columbia, concluding by giving us a verbal preview of the new building which will house the College of Architecture on the campus next fall.

Past W.G.S. Verle Annis, and the present W.G.S. George Hoedinghaus, both spoke representing the Grand Council, Frank Gruys made the rather astonishing report for the active chapter of 38 actives and 4 pledges, and annual election of Alumni officers was held. Whiting Thompson was elected W.A.A. and Gus Kalionzes was named editor of the *Astonisher*, but later withdrew in favor of Bob McClain.

We were particularly glad to have our "Grand Old Man" Mel LeMon, '25, or thereabouts, present with his best microphone manner, and regretted that he had to leave early to go "on the air."

The evening concluded with an interesting illustrated lecture on Stockholm by Prof. Troedsson.

CHICAGO

By KENNETH SMITH

The banquet was a big success in all ways despite a cold, snowy night which probably held back many of the more timid souls who promised to come but didn't. We had an attendance of 42.

Of course our two honored guests—Leo Bauer and D. P. Ely were also present. After the banquet Bernie Hult, A.A. opened the meeting welcoming the strangers in our midst and introducing Bob Mitchell, the toastmaster. He, in turn, opened the festivities by suggesting the singing of several Alpha Rho Chi songs led by Eugene Smeallie of the Anthemios active chapter. Mitchell next called on Kraybill, Johnson, Lendrum, and Stewart for words from each of the alumni groups other than Anthemios which was in turn represented by George Fritzinger.

W.G.A. Ely gave an inspiring address urging us to further effort to enlarge and strengthen the Fraternity. He told us also of the efforts to reopen the Texas chapter, the first news we have had of this effort. We were all extremely happy to have "Pop" Ely with us for the meeting.

The main speaker of the evening was introduced by Art Benson as being the one man most responsible for our Fraternity. Mr. Bauer opened with a review of the early history of the Fraternity. He also covered the more recent history—rather less in detail. He reviewed the change in times in the last twenty-five years in both building and politics, drawing a parallel between the changes in the two. He feels that at present the average architect can ask no more of his profession than a comfortable living. It has been his own experience that he has been quite busy and has been happy in his work.

In particular he mentioned the pleasure he has felt in having younger members of Alpha Rho Chi coming to him for the opportunity of working with him and mentioned how happy he was to help these men get a start.

COLUMBUS

By EFFLO E. EGGERT

Columbus alumni held their banquet April 15 at the Chittendon Hotel. Speakers were Martin P. Coady, L. A. Boulay of the P.W.A., Dwight P. Ely, W.G.A., and Gerald Emerick, W.A. Eighty-two members, including all actives and pledges were present.

Charter members present were: Schumaker, Wells, Magei, Oakley, Reichard, Moore, Perkins. The member traveling the longest distance was R. E. Schumaker, who came from the University of North Carolina. A few of the out-of-town members who attended were: Fulker, Snyder, J. W. Green, Cool, Heichel, LeFevre, Marvin, Luce, Knowlton, Schumaker, Wells, Magei, Oakley, Atkinson, Kuck, Taggart, Bolinger, Hursh, Legge, J. Coady, Adrian.

Annual banquets have been held since 1921 with an average attendance of 50 to 60. The committee for this event was composed of: B. F. Renick, Chairman, M. F. Ross, Alumni Archt., S. F. Albrecht and J. Parker Garwick.

Recent Initiates as Certified by the W.G.E.

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Vernon M. Behm

MNESICLES

John W. Wiede

DEMETRIOS

Robert R. Lisk
Donald W. Keck



ART PICKETT SENDS THE FOLLOWING INVITATION

To the Fraternity members who are contemplating a trip to the New York World's Fair, I wish to call attention to the fact that a Fraternity luncheon is held every Monday at 12:30 at the Architectural League of New York at 115 East 40th Street.

We hope that we will have the pleasure of seeing many during the coming months.

ALUMNI NEWS

THE MOVIES HAVE COVERED DODGE CITY; LORENTZ SCHMIDT SENDS NEWS FROM WICHITA

By LORENTZ SCHMIDT, *Anthemios '13*

Godfrey Hartwell has been very busy doing the structural engineering for several of the leading architectural firms in this section of the state, but busy as Godfrey is, he still finds time for a game of golf and some fishing.

Harry Overend is busy with his work in the firm of Overend & Boucher and has turned out some very splendid work in and around Wichita.

Glen Thomas is doing a fine job as the head of his organization and has been very busy. Glen has purchased a country home and is busy taking care of that and slipping in a game of baseball now and then.

Robert S. Mayberry is taking care of the designing work in my office and is doing a mighty swell job of it. Bob plays a good game of golf and when he can get away from his yard and flowers he is out on the golf course and, by the way, Bob married a mighty fine Wichita girl. He lives the second door south of my home.

Wendell Parks is in charge of the office for Ed Forsblom and has many fine jobs to his credit. Wendell has not yet learned how to play but some day when he gets his fine family farther along we are hoping to get him interested in golf.

Sig Carlson is representing the Insulite Company and always is a welcome visitor in an architect's office.

As for the building activities in this part of the country, they are more encouraging to me this spring than they have been for some time. Private work is coming along in nice shape and after all that is the most desirable and encouraging condition we can have in the building industry. Most of the work for the past four or five years has been stimulated by P.W.A. grants and there has

been very little private work. Therefore, to have a fine bunch of private work coming on gives us all a lot of encouragement.

My office at the present time consists of Bob Mayberry, John Regier, K.U.; R. R. Bittmann, Harvard; and I am trying to inveigle one of the graduating engineers to take a job when school is out

DINOCRATES

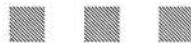
By CLIFFORD H. JAMES

On April 15, a Founders' Day Banquet was held at the University of Texas Union with a large turnout of our new petitioners, and alumni and their wives. Yes sir, we let the wives and sweethearts come this year, and as there was a very short address on Alpha Rho Chi, the toastmaster called on each person to tell of one of his most treasured memories of Alpha Rho Chi. It was good to know how many pleasant thoughts the ladies had of us. Much amusement was derived from the surrealistic table center piece of a plaster hand, a plaster horse's head, bunches of long-stemmed roses, and maroon and navy blue ribbon, all arranged in the best Dali manner.

Karl Balzer, '38, is in the office of Karl Kamrath, '34, in Houston. Kamrath was one of the architects for the modern community center building shown on page 70 of the Texas (April 10) issue of *Life* magazine. Balzer is often seen here in Austin attending some sorority dance or other. We wish more of the old fellows would return as often.

"Twit" Murchison, '28, is back from Washington and working here in Austin. He liked Washington, but he likes Austin better, he says.

This correspondent has been asked to make the Alpha Rho Chi Medal presentation at the annual "Wind-Up" dinner-dance of the Department of Architecture at Texas U. This affair always brings out a half a hundred or so school alumni including several dozen Alpha Rho Chis. Many are the tall tales retold, and old friendships renewed.



TEXAS PETITIONS FOR DINOCRATES, II

By CLIFFORD H. JAMES

WELL, here we are, back again this month with more news of the new Dinocrates-to-be. Thirteen men have signed the formal petition for the re-establishment of Dinocrates chapter, and approval has already been unanimously given by the Grand Council.

The petitioners are: Warren Callister, Roger Conant, Arthur Dee Decker, J. G. Dixon, Lloyd Goehring, Jack Graves, Jack Hilmer, Word Payne, Jr., Jack Pence, John Pryor, Edward Reichert, James Walker, and Clifford Williams. The new group

has exactly the same number of petitioners as the first Dinocrates group of petitioners, as well as a brother of one of the first Dinocrates charter members.

Your W.G.E. has been meeting with this group every Tuesday evening since February and has given them the Archi pledge course of study and lectures on the history and traditions of Alpha Rho Chi. Next fall, right after school opens, the alumni plan to conduct formal initiation for these new men.

A committee of alumni and students have been working on the house for next fall. *The new men felt that it just wouldn't be Alpha Rho Chi without a house.*

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

MNESICLES

By WAYNE KIEF

The fall of 1938 we all returned to make another school year of history for Alpha Rho Chi. A toast to those for whom it is the last, a toast to their achievements which will carry them nearer their goal. For Mnesicles I wish the best of opportunity to Clinton Hegg, Maurice McGrann, Gunnard Lie, Bill Johnson, Fred Segerstrom, and John Folsom who has returned this spring quarter to do his thesis. Now that we can look back on the fall and winter quarters, we are aware of the fact that our chapter has worked steadily and faithfully to keep Alpha Rho Chi alive and active on the campus.

Alive means new blood to which we attribute seventeen pledges, eight of whom have become active members. With this new strength and through the combined efforts of the older actives, Mnesicles has maintained its standing. In a summation of our activities, there has been the usual and the unusual which mark our progress.

Briefly running through the fall and winter quarters, outside of general improvements on the house, there are nail holes left behind to remind us of our homecoming decorations which we hope helped Minnesota to "Jug Michigan." Several of the alumni in Minneapolis were here on that certain Friday night to celebrate, at a party, our placement of first in the professional decoration competition. With this successful event, Mnesicles was motivated to work hard on other parties and decorations.

During the winter quarter the one big party outside of the spring formal, the bowery party, at which there was even fringe on the walls, signs, cartoons, and sawdust revived the gay nineties. I hope that our traditional bowery party never ceases to find favor among the actives and alumni who are able to participate.

Once more to join in university competition, Mnesicles won the title of all-fraternity champions in basketball for which we received another cup for our trophy "cupboard."

New elections have replaced "oak with oak." Albert Arneson is now W.A.; Charles Wiley, W.A.A. and pledge master; Louis Lundgren, worthy clerk, Robb Kremer, W.E., and Wayne Kief, worthy scribe. At our Founders' Day banquet, Clinton Hegg was commended for his good work as past W.A. and was presented with a gold gavel at that time. Frank Morman was toastmaster on that evening and, might we say, conducted a fine program. Informal would we have it, and informal it was.

The spring quarter introduced a new activity for many of us actives. A step further from having faculty members over to luncheons every other Thursday, we are now holding discussions with each one at our "smokers." It is interesting to know why and how they approached architecture as a profession.

We have set the date of our spring formal for May 27 and is to be held in the Dahl House in Chisago City. All arrangements have been taken care of up to date.

As a last bit of news and one that has a future in it is the fact that some of our pledges have hung their pledge pins.

ANTHEMIOS

By BERNARD E. KINSOCK, W.S.

And so for the last chapter letter of the year.

Twelve days of class, a week of examinations and the scholastic

year of '38 and '39 will be no more. We of Anthemios of Alpha Rho Chi can now crawl down off the merry-go-round that has been whirling us through space for the past nine months, rid ourselves of any dizzy tendencies and reflect. Reflect indeed, because our additions to history have been along the trail of a greater Alpha Rho Chi.

The passing show saw Anthemios gaining new vitality through the combined efforts of the officers of the chapter, the alumni and faculty and the Grand Council. The necessary shot in the arm was provided by the National Convention, the pledge class kept us humping and may the results prove satisfactory under the eyes of time.

Before settling down to the final surge, the chapter put the cap on its social calendar in befitting fashion. The Spring Formal was the occasion. With the unusual assistance of the weather man, the man in the moon and dame nature, the affair was the bright spot in our social endeavors for this year. The dinner, the dance and the decorations satisfied everyone and aided five hours to go fleeting by—the surest sign of success. The alumni present to partake of the pleasures were Fritzingler, Hult King, Burkle, Young, and Schurecht. It was swell to see them again.

When the sun sets on June 12 and the commencement ceremonies are concluded, the alumni ranks of Anthemios will add the names of George Higgins, Don Anderson, Kenny Knudson, Al Smith and Bernie Kinsock. Four of the men are architectural engineers with Higgins being the lone designer. To them go the best wishes of the remaining actives and pledges.

The university had its annual Honor's Day ceremonies on Friday, May 5, and those men in the house who received recognition for their successful scholastic endeavors were Don Grieb, Don Honn and Bert Palmer.

Dick Binfield, W.A., entered his name as a candidate for a position on the Illinois Union Board of Directors and was victorious so Alpha Rho Chi will again have a hand in University affairs after a lapse of a year.

The engineering department of the University of Illinois conducts an engineering open house exhibit bi-annually wherein is shown the results of student activities and research. The exhibits are prepared by the various groups of students and are seen by upwards of ten thousand people in its two day duration. The architectural engineers had an exhibit for the first time in recent years and featured in this display were model homes constructed and completely landscaped, even to the extent of a lake on the grounds, by Russ Amdal and Larry Schwall, Alpha Rho Chi men.

It would be unfair to Editor Fraser to conclude this year without a word of commendation to him for the exceedingly excellent results he has accomplished in THE ARCHI. The April anniversary issue deserves special praise because it was truly a great edition. At times it seemed as though he was continually hounding us for news but when he produces such results, you don't mind it a bit. (Thanks, EDITOR.)

So I take my leave of this duty, of the University of Illinois and the active chapter—but of Alpha Rho Chi—never.

DEMETRIOS

By DON KECK, W.S.

Demetrios is doing better than usual this year. Although we have only eight actives and five pledges, we few get around. We

fares pretty well this year in campus activities; we dragged down first prize in the homecoming decorations with our pink dragon. At the Beaux Arts Ball, Emerick (and company) took high honors with their futuristic costumes.

The first of our spring outings was held last Sunday and a good time was had by all. Demetrios has been hunting a mascot for quite some time now. All the dogs we found wouldn't stay, so on our picnic last Sunday, two buzzard eggs followed us home. At present, they are under the watchful eye of an incubator in the agriculture department. We can hardly wait to see if we will be mothers or fathers.

The following officers were elected at the last election: Paul S. Buker, W.A.; Warren C. Suter, W.E.; and Don Keck, W.S.

As for coming attractions, the alumni are throwing a picnic for the active chapter the last of this month at which time they have challenged us to a softball game. I suppose we will have to let them win or else starve. We also have a party scheduled for May 19 at the chapter house, probably in honor of the newly-born buzzards.

ANDRONICUS

By JAMES W. RICE

Since the last issue of THE ARCHI a good deal has happened here at Andronicus. On March 13 eight men were initiated into the Fraternity and officially became members at the banquet held in their honor that evening. Two members of this group, Hollingsworth and Ward succeeded in being chosen for Squires, the Sophomore service organization of the University. This spring we have another pledge class of four men to take the

place of the newly initiated group. They are Jack Hutton, Kemper Nomland, Bob Schilling, and Fred Storm.

Founders' Day was observed by actives and alumni with a very enjoyable chicken dinner, and for the Mothers' and Fathers' banquet on April 13 the chapter house held a capacity crowd. For this last affair, in order to give the doting parents an idea of the strenuous work endured by their offsprings, a sketch problem was held.

Problem: To design a conference table for a Four Power Peace Conference between Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain, and Roosevelt. A stadium for spectators, provision for bodyguards, newshawks, kibitzers, etc., must also be included.

Location: The Sahara Desert.

Required: Prospective of entire scheme and details of special features.

Time: One hour (with possible 15 min. extension).

The house was divided into four groups, and, surprisingly enough, when the haze of colored pencil and watercolor had cleared it was found that the freshmen had won.

On April 29 the house turned out in full force for the annual spring formal. This year it was a dinner-dance held at the Beach Club, at Malibu Beach, "on the shores of the blue Pacific" and proved to be one of the most enjoyable dances in several years. The girls each received a favor and an orchid corsage.

Probably the next and final social event of the semester for Andronicus will be a Beach Party at Balboa, scheduled to start soon after the last final exam.

Andronicus men receiving honors during the last semester are Frank Gruys, who has been chosen for Skull and Dagger, the top honorary group of the University, and Harry Harmon, who is pledged to Blue Key.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

The April issue of THE ARCHI was great. Especially enjoyable were the format and album section.

As a means of colonizing and expanding into new schools, I wonder why the loan fund idea couldn't be applied? Instead of loaning to students, however, why couldn't loans be made to Alpha Rho Chi graduates who would be willing to teach as an instructor for a year in one of the under-staffed architectural schools, and at the same time, work on a higher degree or do research? A plan could be set up in which the instructor would be paid partly by the school and partly by the Fraternity. Each instructor would be chosen from the most promising graduates of Alpha Rho Chi willing to spend the year in this way. The school would have an instructor at half salary; the Fraternity would be making good will and preparing the ground for a new chapter; and the graduate instructor would have a good job for a year with the possibility of making a permanent place for himself on the faculty if he wished, and of making new contacts. The fund for this would probably have to be started and kept up for several years at least

by donations or by a memorial gift to the Fraternity.

By the way, Alpha Rho Chi's 25th birthday received mention in the March issue of *Fraternity Month*.

C. J., *Dinocrates* '34

DEAR BILL:

. . . I haven't been able to get out to the World's Fair and that seems to be the one spot where much activity is being shown in these parts. (They have been stealing carpenters from every job in town to try and get it finished before the middle of July.) Reports steal in that they have another month's work before they will guarantee that when you open a door and walk out of a building there will be steps there to receive you.

You will note that we broke up one place and have moved to another. We are living in a two family house in the old section of New Rochelle where the elm trees are magnificent and the houses funny looking 1890 Jacobean Renaissance.

WILLIAM ROLLESTON, *Anthemios* '25

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