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FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL

WE BELIEVE the time has come when we can say that Alpha Rho Chi has achieved maturity and stability. Every active Chapter has alumni who are standing behind the chapter with financial support and direction.

It seems to us that since the mundane affairs of the chapters are in such good hands, we should now turn our attention to the importance of improving and expanding our active situation.

One thing we cannot overlook is that Alpha Rho Chi is an undergraduate college fraternity and whatever we do in any portion of our fraternity activities is done primarily for the ultimate promotion of Alpha Rho Chi as a college fraternity.

Here is a list of things which we think now deserve consideration. It is a program or platform, or call it what you will:

1. Three new chapters soon.
2. A central office (on the way).
3. A regular ARCHI (on the way).
4. A national directory (on the way).
5. A regular local news sheet for each chapter (there are now three regular and two irregular).
6. A resumption of regular national conventions.
7. More and better active chapter training.
8. \$1,000 annual income from alumni dues.

FOUNDERS' DAY

All the active and alumni groups held Founders' Day Banquets, with the Andronicus chapter including an exhibition of some of the brothers' works. The Chicago alumni were particularly fortunate in having Ralph W. Hammett, Mnesicles '16, as toastmaster and Clair Ditchy, Iktinos '14, as speaker. We think you will enjoy the following excerpts from Brother Ditchy's address.

"If I had been told on April 11, 1914, when Alpha Rho Chi was founded, that 34 years later, I would be in Chicago addressing a group of active and alumni APX brothers, I am sure that I would have regarded the prospect as highly fantastic.

"But here we are, a group of several generations;

young men, still ruddy and imbued with the indestructible enthusiasms of youth, older men whose ambitions have been tempered in the quenching waters of the daily turmoil of life, and still older men grown gray (and in some instances bald) in the service, and burdened with the experience and wisdom of their years. What brings us together this evening?

"In a sense we are the guests of memory. We older men have come here to seek our comrades of yesteryear and to reclaim with them the pleasant incidents of days gone by, to turn back the pages of our personal histories and to relive those happy, care-free, halcyon days when the world was our oyster. And perhaps from these contemplations, we hope to recover some of the salt of our youth and even at this late date freshen our vigor for tomorrow's venture.

"In varying degree, this lure of friendly reminiscence has drawn all of us. It is more beautifully and succinctly described by Liebman in his *Peace of Mind* as 'the shared warmth of group fellowship' and may I hope that it includes what he still further characterizes as 'the subordination of our little egos to great moral and spiritual ends'. Surely in our lifetime, there has been no period when there was a greater need for a sensitive coordination of personal hopes and ambitions with the general welfare than there is today and in our fraternity spirit, with its self-sacrifices, its sympathies, its tolerances and its cooperations with fellow men, we may find the emphasis which the world welcomes in approaching the inter-relationships of divergent ideologies and, if you please, upon which the peaceful future of the world depends. And so in a modest but positive way our presence here tonight contributes to the greatest of all human causes.

"Fraternities have been criticized for their tendency to snobbishness and class distinction. I believe that professional fraternities are less vulnerable in this respect than general fraternities which are based almost totally upon social considerations. We, in particular, have as our rallying point a profession which touches every human activity. We minister to religion, to art, to commerce, to industry, to every form of human habitation, and wherever men have met and risen above the level

of bare necessity, there architecture has thrived and sheltered their better impulses and recorded their finer accomplishments. Architecture is the post-Gallup poll of the ages.

"And so it is not surprising that a young man's devotion to and talent in architecture should weigh heavily in the consideration of his qualifications for membership in Alpha Rho Chi. And as a further manifestation of this broad spirit, the annual award of Alpha Rho Chi medals to students who manifest unusual talent and leadership in their study of architecture is made without reference to fraternity affiliation.

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"When I completed my first trip through the University of Michigan (as a student in the College of Literature and the Fine Arts) in 1911, our venerable and beloved President Angell made his last appearance at Commencement exercises. He yielded to the urgent entreaty that he make some few remarks to the graduating class and I remember well the burden of his message.

"He said that he had been often asked what was the most treasured gift which his college years had given him and in his mind there was no doubt nor confusion on the subject. He said he lay greatest store by the fine friendships he had formed and in particular the intimate friendships which he had made with three fellow students. So strong were these ties that upon graduation they arranged to meet every five years, to exchange experiences and to take account of each other's fortunes. This pact had been kept faithfully, and although their activities took them all over the globe, they always arranged to meet in Ann Arbor every five years; and here in the autumn of his life, a full life, a life of unusual breadth and experience, this precious gift of friendship towered high above the other many gifts of his Alma Mater.

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"I trust that each of you may be or has been as bountifully rewarded in your friendships as I have been; and I am fully persuaded that the future of our fraternity lies in its ability to weld staunch friendships among those sensitive souls that are attracted to the profession of architecture, and thru this channel, make a profound contribution to better citizenry and better architecture."

CONVENTION

The National Convention will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 13th, 14th and 15th. The program probably will include Ritual Sunday afternoon, a banquet Monday evening, and of course a tour of the campus and perhaps a tea for faculty or distinguished guests. It is hoped that all chapters will be represented by an alumni delegate.

The Iktinos chapter writes that they will do their best

to make the stay in Ann Arbor interesting, and they extend a cordial invitation to all, promising plenty of accommodations for everyone.

WHY WE NEED ALUMNI DUES

Chapter VII of The Archi Pledge says "money makes the mare go". The origin of this neat phrase is lost in the obscurity of the horse-and-buggy days, which this writer hasn't forgotten but doesn't talk of as much as he used to.

This Fraternity, like your Chevrolet, runs better when well-oiled. For instance, national officers should travel more—what traveling has been done has been at little or no expense to the Fraternity. A good deal of money has been spent by alumni here and there toward establishing new chapters, and so far all of this expense has fallen on individuals and not on the Fraternity.

We are now facing situations in more than one locality where rather heavy expenses will be incurred in interesting possible new chapters. There will be some traveling to fairly distant spots. We would like to improve the ARCHI, which is not yet self-supporting; provide a national directory; continue the Alpha Rho Chi Medal; etc.

The members of our five active chapters cannot support such a program alone. No projects have yet been started which cannot be paid for out of current receipts, but if we want expansion of Alpha Rho Chi, both in quantity and quality, we must look to the alumni for help.

The 1938 convention passed legislation setting up national annual alumni dues of \$1.00 per person. We think the easiest way to collect this would be through the alumni associations which in several cases are already collecting association dues. (Send it direct if you prefer. Thanks.) In return for this, we are setting up a national headquarters through the Stewart Howe Alumni Service, Champaign, Illinois, and we think these headquarters can help the alumni associations by maintaining alumni records, distributing mail, etc. Also, to each alumnus who pays his dollar, we will furnish a nicely printed Alpha Rho Chi membership card bearing a seal and the signature of "So" Whitten, W.G.E.

Frankly, we would like to have an annual income of \$1,000 from this source. Such a (to us) princely sum of money ought to produce results which will please everybody!

DWIGHT P. ELY, W.G.A.

INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

George Whitten and Kenneth Smith attended the Professional Interfraternity Conference in Chicago on March 6th, and Brother Whitten has sent us a report of the session. Alpha Rho Chi is one of the smallest of the professional fraternities, but the only one represent-

ing architecture. Brother Whitten writes, "I had not been in the meeting long before I was aware that our group was away behind the others in many of the activities and main topics that were discussed. Most of the organizations maintain a national headquarters and central administration office. They have a full or part time paid Secretary or Manager who takes care of directory lists, mailing, dues, publications, etc."

Some of the topics covered were 1) how to finance a national headquarters for a fraternity, 2) the organization and conduct of national conventions, 3) membership qualifications, and 4) means of increasing the effectiveness of a professional fraternity. Undoubtedly some of these subjects will be discussed in our own convention in Ann Arbor in June.

CHAPTER NEWS

ANDRONICUS — UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A news letter from Jack Warner reports 31 actives and 7 pledges for the spring semester, with Robert Meyer as W.A., John Ross, W.A.A., Fred Briggs, W.E., Paul Tay, W.S., and William Jarrett, W. Superintendent.

Work has been completed on a new addition to the house which almost doubles its capacity, provides a larger shower room, and includes a community drafting room which was badly needed. To Bob Meyer and John Ross go the congratulations of the chapter for seeing the work to a successful conclusion.

A good letter from Verle Annis, W.G.S., gives the following interesting account of the work and how it was accomplished: "Some of the members stayed throughout the summer and worked with an experienced carpenter boss and whatever other special help had to be employed. But when school opened in September, the house was not in a very livable condition. Altho quite a houseful lived among the debris, it was not very comfortable or convenient. They had to keep up with their school duties and at the same time all put in every spare hour, day and night, finishing the place up. The kitchen got priority while they slept in a windowless and unfinished dormitory. The dining room had been doubled in size but was only half floored. And so on. The group has really done wonders with the old house and a limited budget. They have sacrificed all thought of a nice facade for added living space and a more convenient interior. The result will provide housing for a large enough group to make them financially very secure. The alumni have devoted as much time to the undertaking as the actives so there are a lot of individuals responsible.

"All this has been financed quite well, the alumni

think. Except for a couple of thousand dollars advanced by some of us for finishing work done this winter, the entire load was arranged with one company. Principal and interest are taken care of at \$100 per month over a ten-year period. The chapter formerly paid more than that amount for less adequate accommodations. Now the chapter has a sliding scale ranging from a minimum of \$200 a month to a maximum of \$300, payable to the Alumni Association. This is not only adequate to handle the regular financing, insurance, taxes, etc., but will pay off the temporary loans in short order, and provide a reserve fund for additional improvements.

ANTHEMIOS — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

A letter from Miles Brown and the regular chapter letter from Walter Brooks brings us the news of Anthemios. Officers for the spring semester are Miles Brown, W.A., Herb Savage, W.A.A., Al Bungardner, W.E., Walter Brooks, W.S., with John Geiger as House Manager.

On February 21st, the following men were initiated: Gerald Barry, Robert Boles, Bruce Boswell, Robert Eckels, Henry Gabriel, Joseph Llewellyn, Richard Middendorf, Charles Norris, Elliott Potter, Andrew Reynolds and John Rock.

The chapter's social calendar included an informal pledge dance on January 16th, and a dinner on February 15th in honor of the February graduates and their families, with four exchange dinners with sororities scheduled for the spring semester, and of course the annual spring formal.

ANTHEMIOS ALUMNI

Remember in the last ARCHI the news item about the aluminum-shingled house built by the Small Homes Research Council? A good letter from Howard Schroeder gives us the details about this interesting development: "The Small Homes Council did not have anything to do with the developing of the plan. It is the Industry-Engineered House basic plan as was developed by the Producers' Council and which has been widely publicized of late. As you may have heard, we are building six other houses of this design and carrying out time and motion studies on them to determine means of reducing labor and material costs by more efficient methods. We decided to build a seventh house in which a member of the staff would live and actually test the workability of the plan. That was the primary purpose of the house, but at the same time we decided to test out various little ideas we had been thinking about.

"If you are acquainted with the Industry-Engineered basic plan, you will know that it is a 4½-room house by F.H.A. standards, with the living room placed in such a position that there is no circulation through it to other rooms, and from the front entrance there is direct access to the living room, kitchen, bedrooms and basement, without passing through any other room. If there is

any weak point to the plan, I would say it was the kitchen, which could be a little larger.

"The experimental furnace is a gravity hand-fired warm air smokeless furnace which was developed here at the University by Professor J. Fellows to burn soft coal. It varies from the usual type by a system of dampers and baffles which force the smoke through the fire pot, burning most of that which usually goes up the chimney. The furnace has not been through an entire heating season, but from the close check we have kept on it I believe that four tons of coal would be sufficient for the whole season. It has proved to be very efficient. My only objection is to the removal of ashes, but, with a little system, a minimum of ash dust released to circulate can be obtained. During the coldest weather, the furnace had to be recharged and attended only twice a day.

"I would like to extend to all our brother APX's an invitation to visit the house when they are in Campaign".

DEMETRIOS — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

This chapter, too, has moved into new quarters at 101 Twelfth Avenue, Columbus. Since the former house was sold, during the war, the small group of actives has worked hard to reestablish the fraternity, and achieved 17 actives and 22 pledges, even with no house, no social life to offer. Now with the active help of the Alumni, the new house has been acquired, with 13 rooms, including a large living room, an adequate dining room, and a well-finished third floor—altogether plenty of room for 30 men.

DEMETRIOS ALUMNI

The local Alumni have spent a great deal of effort on the new house. Small groups visited all available properties and finally agreed unanimously on the purchase of 101 Twelfth Avenue. Financing was the next problem. A bank loan was negotiated for approximately half of the purchase price, and a loyal group of alumni advanced the balance on a temporary basis. The Association has formed the Demetrios Control Corporation to own and operate the new house and they are now canvassing all alumni for participation in the notes of the control corporation.

IKTINOS — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Officers for the spring term are William Farrell, W.A., Roy Belco, W.A.A., Paul Hazelton, W.S., Carter B. Strong, W.E., and Stuart Price, W. Superintendent.

The present pledge class, consisting of John McMichael, Robert White, Martin Biesc, Donald Humphrey, Bill Zimmie, Robert Meacham and Jerome Lepard, has undertaken to improve the chapter house by remodelling the recreation room in the basement. They are installing an acoustic ceiling and fluorescent

lighting, and are painting the walls. It sounds like a big job and one that deserves the gratitude of the chapter.

Professor Jean Hebrard, honorary faculty member of Iktinos Chapter and head of the Design Department in the Architectural School, retired in February. His students—past and present—gave a farewell dinner for him at which Clair Ditchy, Secretary of the American Institute of Architects, rendered an eloquent tribute to Professor Hebrard's inspiring leadership. Brother Ditchy's address was published in the April Journal of the Institute. It mentions three divisions of present-day architects—those who are so enamored of the architectural achievements of the past that they find no appetite for change, those by whom any innovation is welcomed and to whom the true test of cultural attainment is brash novelty coupled with a basic satisfying of utilitarian purpose, and, finally, those to whom slavish adaptation is abhorrent and untruthful and who are developing a purity of architectural expression which is consonant with our times and techniques.

In this period of such divergences in the architectural process, Professor Hebrard has shown an appreciation of the impact of modern civilization upon architecture. He has fortified his many students for their emergence from the placid fields of academic accomplishment into the bustle of a less idyllic world.

IKTINOS ALUMNI

A letter from John J. White, Jr., tells us that for six years he was in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy, going on inactive status in December, 1946. (Incidentally, he received a Letter of Commendation for his Navy work.) John is now Field Secretary for the American Institute of Architects, with headquarters at The Octagon in Washington. He would welcome letters from his old fraternity brothers.

A good letter from Verne Sidnam gives us news of a lot of Iktinos alumni in the Detroit area:

At the annual meeting of George D. Mason & Company, D. H. Williams, Jr., was elected President and Eugene T. Cleland Vice-President. Mr. Mason, now in his 92nd year, is known as the Dean of Michigan architects.

Karl Kressbach has an architectural practice in Jackson and is doing considerable work for Consumers' Power Company and for Commonwealth and Southern.

Fred Harley and Julian Cowin are both members of the firm of Harley, Ellington & Day, who have just moved into new quarters in the Red Cross Building, on East Elizabeth Street in Detroit.

Lew Sarvis is practicing in Battle Creek, specializing in hospital work. He has been appointed by Governor Sigler as one of the advisors to the Hospital Advisory Council, to study hospital construction for the State's building program and to advise on design and construction of such buildings.

Harold Pine has his own architectural office in Plymouth, Michigan.

Karl Kuhn is still handling maintenance and architectural liaison for the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation.

John Jewell is back with the Meinsinger Studios in Detroit.

Verne himself is in the design room at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls.

MNESICLES — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Orrin Field is W.A. for the spring semester, with Bob Bennighoff W.A.A., Ken Pieper W.E., and Warren Peterson W.S.

An excellent letter from Everett Isakson, W.S., tells us of the new chapter house. The old duplex on the property has been remodelled by the actives for use as temporary quarters. The volunteer crews gathered on Saturdays to tear down partitions, remove wallpaper, and in general give the old place "the new look". On March 20th, an advance party moved in, using the living and dining rooms as bedrooms, since the upstairs was still torn up.

In spite of this extra work, however, the chapter has been showing a good scholastic record. In the C. H. Johnston Prize Competition, Gordon Heck and Everett Isakson took first and second prizes, respectively, and in the Gargoyle Club Competition, Jim Voigt took first place. The chapter ranks 13th among the 27 professional fraternities on the campus.

The traditional Bowery Party was on February 28th. Ralph Shimer and Bob Bennighoff did a fine job on the arrangements. Eugene Sadowsky's decorations and posters and the Brothers' colorful costumes, as our photograph shows, all contributed to the atmosphere. It was a grand party, with a true Bowery flavor—in spite of a heavy snowstorm.

The following members were formally initiated on March 7th: Kenneth Wallijarvi, Earl Brink, Garry Lee, George Normandin, Robert Kennedy, Donald Panushka and Richard Beard.

MNESICLES ALUMNI

The Alumni, of course, have been lending a hand with the new house. They are financing the paint and wallpaper for all of the interior except the two public rooms, which may require the services of a professional decorator.

The March meeting of the Alumni was held in the new house.

The Association deserves a lot of credit for its enthusiastic and sustained interest in fraternity activities. Their News Letter, issued monthly, gives all the news of both actives and alumni, and their regular monthly meetings are well-attended. Would that all the other alumni groups could "go and do likewise".



Mnesicles Bowery Party: Left to right, Brothers Madison, Peterson, and Wellenstein and guest.

CHICAGO ALUMNI

The Chicago Alumni have been working for a new APX chapter at the Navy Pier Branch of the University of Illinois. Anton Johnson writes, "Last fall, contact was made with Mr. Carl Lindstrom, sophomore in the Department of Architecture at the Navy Pier. Mr. Lindstrom assembled four boys who met with members of the Chicago Alumni at the December meeting. They were informed of Alpha Rho Chi, its purposes, etc. Following this meeting, these five boys organized with Paul O'Hanion as President and Jack Oakley as Secretary-Treasurer.

"After a meeting some weeks ago of Les Larson, Carl Lindstrom, Ken Smith and myself with the Dean of Student Affairs, the boys submitted a petition.

"They have contacted several other students and now have a total of 15, most of whom are freshmen. We are trying to have the original five boys initiated this coming spring."

Les Larson was elected president of the Navy Pier Sophomore Class.

Paul O'Hanion, president of the Navy Pier Student Architectural Group, received Honorable Mention in the Beaux Arts competition for an Arts Office Building Lobby.



ALPHA RHO CHI



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.

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