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NATIONAL CONVENTION -- DEC. 27, 28, 29 -- AUSTIN, TEXAS

Larry W. Gooch, W.A. of Dinocrates Chapter invites all ARCHI men within walking, jogging, driving, or flying distance of the home of the No. 1 football team (Texas version) to attend all or part of the convention. All sessions and meals at Sheraton-Crest — right downtown. Send in your reservations. All Texans are expected at big banquet on Dec. 29, 1970 to see Xenocles get their charter.

Alumni participation in all sessions is needed in order to get our national organization revamped and set up in a more business-like manner in order to cope with expansion and communication problems.

The second Grand Council — alumni session was held in St. Louis on Oct. 10-11. Like the first meeting, it was all work and no play — (It is hoped that the convention will follow the same guidelines.) Many discussions were held in getting ideas to improve our group, esp. the *purpose*.

Present at the October 10-11 meeting: John B. Filip, WGA; Fred Williams, WGS; George Fritznier, Editor; Howard Van Hueklyn, Andronicus; James W. Viger, Anthemios; Eugene Milhoan, Demetrios; Fred Williams, Dinocrates; Richard Cain, Iktinos; Allen Carney, Metagenes; Al Sheldon, Mnesicles; H. G. Metzger, Satyros; Charles Snitger, Vitruvius.

Two outstanding members of Alpha Rho Chi will be present on December 29, and at the banquet: Bob Hastings, '37 Anthemios; Bucky Fuller, Hon. Mnesicles.

Robert Hastings is new president of the A.I.A. as specified in Oct. ARCHI.

Buckminster Fuller has the title of professor of generalized design exploration at SIU, Carbondale, Ill. He is famous as the designer of the geodesic dome — used in many ways — homes, weather stations, greenhouses, climatrons, R.R. repair shops, igloos, etc.

He is a real "campus" man and has been an environmentalist for over 40 years. The Saturday Review — via Harold Taylor said: Buckminster Fuller, whose name is high on the campus lists of favored environmental persons, is a comprehensive, all-purpose, long-distance, world-around genius-talker who teaches everything to everyone everywhere. Wherever you look, there he is in his blue suit, with wide-open magnified eyes, pouring out his ideas in a flood of words, intoxicated by the universe and fed by an internal stream of energy that re-creates itself as it is used, and that may very well be a conscious effort by the universe to use Fuller to illustrate its own principles. For him, the universe is simply an endless, beginningless, wrap-around environment, "a non-simultaneous complex of unique motions and transformations."

Several resolutions are expected to be presented at the convention in regard to the following subjects:

Establishment of National Office at a permanent address with an executive sec'y to handle all book-work so that officers will have time to do their fraternal job.

Broaden membership requirements to include more environmentalists.

Update constitution, esp. terminology.

Provide strong, permanent line of communications between chapters, between chapters & National, between chapters & alumni, etc.

Increase frequency of ARCHI.

Set up a historical committee, etc.

COMING — in February — 16 page ARCHI.

Andronicus has already sent in photos, a description of the USC curriculum in Architecture, and a city planning project. Also, Xenocles, Metagenes, Mnesicles, and Demetrios have sent in excellent photos.

Ed Rhodes, N.I., prepared a comprehensive "Survey of an Architectural Education." Students at schools all over U.S. returned 244 questionnaires. Topics included — Design, Structures, Drafting, and Professional courses. The idea was to get student reaction to changes taking place (or not taking place) in methods of teaching Architecture and related subjects. The need for new methods and thoughts must meet new design and construction techniques. A complete report in next issue of ARCHI.

Xenocles Chapter

Active

Officers: W.A. — James Gaston
W.A.A. — Gary Stock
W.S. — Mark Brennan
W.C. — Monte Zajicek
by Mark Brennan

The Xenocles Chapter is off to a great start this year with all the men returning for another fun year at University of Texas at Arlington. After our giant get-together at Champaign-Urbana, we often wonder if the Anthemios Chapter has recovered from our visit. We were very happy to find gifts in our luggage when we landed at Love Field in "Big D", but the silverware was tarnished when we

discovered them in one of our bags. Come on Anthemios; a true "A Rho Chi Guy" would have polished them for his brothers!!! Also, the chair you so neatly disassembled and put in our suitcases really wasn't necessary, but we know that it's the thought that counts.

After our initiation, we all settled down at 1106 W. Abrams Road in Arlington for some wine, women, and song for the rest of the school year. Our beautiful house is situated on a large wooded lot of about 120'x450' in Arlington. At this time the house is filled to capacity with eight members in residence. Our treasury never looked better than it does right now. We're so rich, we may install cold run-

ning "spirits" in all the plumbing fixtures! We do things up big in Texas. Speaking of spirits, let it never be said that Xenocles men will be outdone when it comes to partying on the UTA campus. Our parties are like our grades, fantastic!

Our new officers this year has taken the reigns of the chapter and have produced fabulous results in our organization.

We have also established a "Little Sisters of the White Rose" organization, which consists of some of the cutest girls on campus. We're very proud of their contributions to our chapter, and besides that, our house is livelier!



Mnesicles Chapter

Active

Officers: W.A. — *Armin Wessel*
 W.C. — *Craig Degendorfer*
 W.S. — *Lee Anderson*
 W.E. — *Dan Miles*
 Supt. — *Jerry Runk*

Our brotherhood is presently undergoing an overhaul in official positions, business procedures, and disciplinary tradition. In this age when group function is losing significance, the evolution of our organization is being threatened. Consequently, we feel an overhaul may be necessary. We have not only questioned the function of our Fraternity, but also the name "Fraternity" itself. The age old impression of the conceited and socially elite "Fraternity" is often an instant deterrent to prospective members. Students who are often receptive to the idea of an organization within their profession, merely "tune out" when the word Fraternity is mentioned.

In this aluminum age of do your own thing, the iron clad concept of "Fraternity" has rusted. Young minds seem to consider all Fraternities as useless. We in the Professional Brotherhood of APX, are searching for new dimensions in a dying tradition. We of Mnesicles, are also looking forward to a constructive and successful National Convention.

Sincerely,
 Alan Swenson
 APJ Editor

Mnesicles Alumni

President — *Frank Foster*
 Vice-President — *Al Sheldon*
 Treasurer — *Ernest Ibs*
 Ass't Treasurer — *John Rova*
 Secretary — *Tom Martinson*

Positive thing, positive proposals, and a renewed interest, are the results of the Mnesicles Alumni Homecoming meeting held November 14, in Minneapolis.

The format of the meeting was to install new officers and discuss the pre-national convention meetings held in St. Louis this fall.

After discussing the outline of recommendations for rejuvenation made as a result of these meetings this chapter stands ready to give its full support to the National Convention proposals, and is holding fire pending the return of our delegates.

Roger Johnson takes over as Breeze editor.



Iktinos Alumni

President — *Richard E. Cain*
 Vice-President — *Stephen P. Janick*
 Treasurer — *David H. Lawrence*
 Secretary — *Thomas G. Williams*
 Historian — *Leland Welsh*

The members of the Iktinos Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi, both actives and interested alumni are pleased and encouraged by those efforts being made to revitalize the national organization of Alpha Rho Chi. It is strongly felt that these efforts to reorganize must be successful if Alpha Rho Chi is to remain a viable positive force and one capable of assisting today's students, in lending purpose and direction to those seeking to preserve and enhance the physical and natural surroundings of all. Though Iktinos may be few in numbers, it is strong in resolve and pledges to assist in whatever manner required, those individuals working for the betterment of all, through Alpha Rho Chi.

It is surprising how little some things seem to change, in reading the Archi of October, 1970, looking back to Iktinos of 1920 we note that things fraternal at University of Michigan had been at a low ebb due to the effects of war and that the College of Architecture had completely outgrown its space. These conditions are exactly the same today. Some things do change and improve however. Mrs. Linda Lilley, the first woman active of the Iktinos Chapter — Alpha Rho Chi will graduate from the College of Architecture and Design in December, 1970, and additionally the Iktinos Alumni Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mrs. Lilley has agreed to become its first distaff member. Heartiest congratulations to both Linda and her husband George. To all of Iktinos around the country — greetings and to all fellow Alpha Rho Chi everywhere — our best wishes.



Metagenes Chapter

Active

Officers: W.A. — *David Hicks*
 W.A.A. — *Nick Prillaman and Wayne Burford*
 W.E. — *Robert Nichols*
 W.C. — *Belinda Reeder*
 W.S. — *T. A. Watson, Jr.*

Note: We are at: 105 Lucas Drive



Demetrios Chapter

Active

Officers: W.A. — *Timothy Brugeman*
 W.A.A. — *Jerry Walter*
 W.E. — *Steve Kline*
 W.C. — *James W. Gibbs, Jr.*

The brothers of Demetrios are currently experiencing a tremendous uplift in chapter progress. Our alumni have banded together in a renewed support of the active chapter beginning with extensive remodeling of our house at 229 East 17th Avenue here in Columbus. New bath and shower rooms, expertly directed interior decoration with complete updating of the physical structure has provided the members with a pleasant environment to base our continued expansion at the Ohio State University. Especially interesting to prospective members during rush are the modular drafting table units and bed units for each bedroom designed and built by actives and alumni. Other features include carpeting, new light fixtures and other details that help make the house an attractive feature of the chapter. All actives returned two weeks early in the fall to help settle the confusion of construction. Everyone seems to be settling down now with more time for school and fraternity activities.

Apart from our own activities of intramurals, getting the house in shape and existing as a fraternity, Demetrios chapter along with alumni organization, sponsored a campus-wide reception for the new director of the school of architecture at O.S.U. in our student union. Mr. Larry Gerkens, previous chairman of the division of city and regional planning in the school, stepped into the director's position this past summer. He is an honorary member of the fraternity and has been a great help helping strengthen our ties with the school. The program hosted students, faculty, local professionals in the A.I.A., A.S.L.A., and the A.I.P. The overall success shows in fact that it will become an annual event.

In addition to all this activity, our fall rush program landed us six pledges with a great possibility of many more yet this fall quarter and next winter. Most noteworthy of our program were the guided tours of local architecture highlighted by a tour of the award winning Ohio Historical Museum designed by the firm of Byron Ireland and Associates (Mr. Ireland being an Honorary Member).

Members and alumni are optimistic about our future for much has come to benefit us.



Penn State

Vitruvius Alumni

President — Chas. R. Snitger, Jr.
 Vice-President — Edwin L. Glasgow
 Secretary — John D. Andrews
 Treasurer — Richard C. Hartman

Director of

House Affairs — Franklin D. Baxter

"Lion Country awaist. Lion Country. A new wrinkle in press agency. We're still just plain old Alpha Hho Chi. Friendly. Familiar. Still struggling. Good thoughts to keep in mind with another Homecoming just days away. Drop by at Vitruviusland. In the heart of Lion Country. Oct. 17.

Saturday's agenda:

1:30 — Football, PSU-Syracuse

4:30 — Business meeting

5:30 — Cocktails

6:30 — Dinner

8.30 — Party

And, as usual, for early-arrivers and late-departers, a party Friday night and a brunch Sunday at noon. Good food, good people, good time. Same old stuff? Yeh. We like it that way."

The above invitation reprinted from the *Vitruvian*, our alumni newsletter, resulted in a turnout of thirty alums. The agenda began on a somber note as the Orange of Syracuse downed the Penn State Nittany Lions by a deplorably lopsided score. Spirits were uplifted substantially upon returning to the Chapter House. A cocktail hour was in progress as many alums who couldn't stand the drubbing had returned early. A buffet dinner prepared by the Chapter cook Phyllis further bolstered sagging spirits, and the evening party which followed erased all memories of the bitter defeat. Suds, song, and conversation flowed freely; and a young folk-singing couple entertained actives and alums alike. Sandwiched in the midst of our social fare was the Association's annual business meeting. The usual mundane matters of business were quickly disposed of (it is Vitruvius' policy to publish officer reports and previous Directors' meeting minutes in advance); and the floor was given over to WGA John Filip, a Vitruvius graduate, and to Ed Rhodes, national executive secretary. They reviewed the Grand Council Sessions held in August and October emphasizing the sweeping revisions recommended for adoption at the forthcoming National Convention. "Charlie" Weaver (Vitruvius '69) was appointed by the WGA to be National Deputy of the newly formed eastern region. The reports of Filip and Rhodes were favorably received by the membership.



ANTHEMIOS

This year we have initiated eight freshmen and have since taken one pledge. We are thoroughly pleased with our new men. We are working our hardest to make Alpha Rho Chi the best known fraternity on the campus. The art staff of this year's *Illis* was composed almost entirely of our men. We have men in the honorary fraternities, in the band, and others showing up well in football, baseball, and swimming.

Several years ago we presented to the Ricker Library of Architecture a bust of Dr. Ricker. At the time we lacked the funds with which to have a bronze cast made, so this year we are making a bigdriveto put our project across. Our alumni are responding to our urgent appeal for financial assistance, just as we had expected, and we hope to have the necessary amount very soon. The bronze bust will be a lasting memorial, and we hope that this gift will bring a little happiness to him who has done so much in our behalf.

Professor Rexford Newcomb is our latest honorary member. He is an authority on the history of architecture, and is the author of a number of articles which have appeared in the leading architectural publications. We are glad to have with us a man who is so actively interested in our welfare and progress.

The enrollment in the Architectural department at Illinois has reached a new record this year, with an unusually large freshman class, and many upperclassmen returning from the service to complete their work.

This year the Architects gave the most elaborate display they have ever given, in the Egyptian Fete, on April 24. The affair was under the direction of Mr. Burgess of the freehand department.

Anthemios wishes to give you all the old Alpha Rho Chi greeting.

DEMETRIOS

The summer of '17 took a number of our men into the service, but when school opened in September we rounded up the brothers who were left on the campus and set out on a road which seemed rough enough at first, but became constantly worse. Almost every week the Khaki or the Navy Blue would claim one of our men, so by the end of the year the active membership of the chapter was down to zero; the service was caliming 100 per cent of our men. But like most other organizations, we came back this year. With the aid of our ever-active alumni association we purchased our present home, of which we are really proud.

We have held two initiations, one in the fall, when Brothers Bulford, Killian, Spencer, Allbrecht, and Piersche were taken in, and the other on March 19, when four more men were initiated. We are on the last lap of the present year, feeling that we are at last back on our feet and sure of the ground we stand on. We are looking forward with a great deal of confidence to a successful future for Demetrios, and we wish our brother chapters an equal success.

The College of Architecture at Ohio State is growing so rapidly that we ourselves can hardly realize and appreciate the progress that is being made. We have been working down to our finger-tips, and our *esprit de corps* is the envy of all colleges.



Vitruvius Chapter

Active

Vitruvius is in a process of change. Unfortunately the change has taken too long and the chapter is troubled with low membership which has forced to re-evaluate our purpose as a professional fraternity. Despite our problems however we have managed to maintain activities within the University. A reception for the cast of the University Theater production "Young, Gifted and Black" was received very well along with an open dinner for students featuring members of the faculty of the department of architecture. Our chapter suite is open and we are hoping to fill it with visiting lecturers and alumni. Along with the rest of the physical house the suite has undergone extensive change. With this and our changes to come we hope to keep Vitruvius strong to benefit future brothers.



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Three issues to be four page news let-
ters. September, December, April. One
issue to be magazine type, 16, 20 or 24
pages. February, put out by active chap-
ter sponsorship — Andronicus is next.

TO ALL ALUMNI: Most of you men
have paid no alumni dues for quite
awhile. Let's get back in the groove.
Contact your alumni group. If you are
not a Life Member of National Group,
send that in too.

P.S. All Active Chapters can help make
the next ARCHI a real "First Place"
number. Some good, clear, black and
white photographs can be used. Articles
of national interest are needed. Send
them in as soon as completed. Deadline
is January 22, 1971.

From: June, 1920 ARCHI

THE NEW SPIRIT

One need not be a particularly per-
spicacious sort of individual to discern a
marked contrast between the now preva-
lent spirit and that which pervaded Volume
I of *The Archi*, the latter showing every-
where the all-powerful presence of a
great war. Those were indeed trying times
for the Fraternity, and all credit is due
those brothers who so loyally put forth
their every effort that Alpha Rho Chi
might come through the crisis with colors
flying. How well they succeeded, we all
know.

We are now on the threshold of a
great and new era promising much for all

of us, with the marked tendency toward
the betterment of existing conditions. Its
keynote is "Service." The tenet of coopera-
tion running throughout the professional
field, as typified by such great movements
as the Inter-professional Conference, gives
hopes of a future of big, broad, and splen-
did things. It is awakening us all to the
realization that there is something more
in life than just our own petty little task—
our own selfish interests—and is pointing
out to us our debt to our fellow men. Let
us live! Let us give every effort to make
this a better and finer world in which to
be. Let us not be narrow. Let us learn
to know our fellow men, to be in sym-
pathy with them, to understand them. Let

us not permit trifling jealousies or personal
dislikes to interfere with the broader as-
pects, the welfare of the whole. Let us,
in fine, discard the hammer and learn to
blow the horn. It is a wonderful instru-
ment, and is capable of producing beauti-
ful harmony. Let us try it!

The little task of *The Archi* in this
huge scheme is to bring about greater co-
operation among the members of Alpha
Rho Chi, cementing the bonds between
the various chapters so that each may
feel itself a vital part of a whole. Our
interests are common, so by uniting our
efforts we can make the Fraternity mean
much more to us.

(This is 99% true in 1970)