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Grand Council Session -- Go, Go

On August 1 and 2, 1970 the Grand Council met with alumni representatives from all of the Active Chapters. Last spring, Ed Rhodes, National Inspector, returned from his tour of duty in Vietnam. He took time out to tour all of the active chapters. Some of them reminded him of what he must have seen overseas. He called on the Grand Council officers, and the leaders of each alumni group, and explained the situation to them. All were distressed at what he reported, but ALL were eager and willing to do something to remedy the situation. So—the August meeting was called and held in St. Louis, Mo., near the airport with 100% attendance.

Present at the August 1 and 2 meeting: John B. Filip, WGA; Fred Williams, WGS; George Whitten, GA; Edward Rhodes, NI; George Fritzinger, Editor; Howard Van Hueklyn, Andronicus; James W. Viger, Anthemios; Eugene Milhoan, Demetrios; Fred Williams, Dinocrates; Richard Cain, Iktinos; Allen Carney, Metagenes; Ernest Ibs, Mnesicles; Terry Day, Satyros; Charles Snitger, Vitruvius.

Each alumni delegate presented a detailed report on the condition of both his active chapter and alumni group. These were very interesting, and sometimes disturbing, and it made clear to all present, the need for an annual meeting of this type to discuss problems, and solve them before they become larger.

The big story seemed to be that the active chapters need alumni guidance, all they can get—if they are to survive. The lack of COMMUNICATION in all directions seemed to be the disturbing factor. No communication between chapter and alumni; between chapter and national office; between alumni and national office; between alumni and schools of Architecture; in fact no one is talking or listening. (Editor's note: The decline in letter writing could be a factor in this—the ease of telephone communication can solve an immediate problem, but data, addresses,

etc. must come via letter—also everything that is to be remembered or recorded).

The conference lasted 12 hours on Saturday and six on Sunday, and it was all work and no play. This is direct contrast to the past three or four National Conventions which seemed to be mostly play and very little work. One of the big items discussed was that alumni must take a larger part in the bi-ennial conventions. The active chapters seem to be very interested, but the ideas brought home from the convention disappear as soon as the active member delegate leaves school, which is usually prior to the next convention.

A revised set up, so far as officers and deputies is being considered, as one method of keeping in closer contact with the individual chapters.

It was decided that all alumni leaders would go back to their active chapters and see what really is taking place, and also contact alumni to get their reaction; and then congregate again in St. Louis, Mo. on October 10-11. At that time some definite resolutions will be made for presentation to the National Convention in December 27, 28, 29, in Austin, Texas.

Incidentally, since the August 1 meeting, John Filip, Ed Rhodes, Jim Viger, and Geo. Fritzinger met in Champaign and visited with Charter member Duke Strong, and met the 31 new initiates of APX. Dick Murray, WGE is now working in Washington, D.C. and living across the river. John Filip has visited a couple more chapters, and Ed Rhodes shows up at a new place each weekend.

SO—Alpha Rho Chi is on the move—with PERSONAL contact.

ALL ARCHI men—actives and alumni are urged to write the Grand Council and/or your Alumni President, or you may telephone (numbers and addresses are listed on page four). Let's close the Communication Gap.

Xenocles Chapter

On September 12, 1970, twenty-five pledges from the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington boarded Ozarb Flight #900 at 8:30 a.m. They were greeted in Champaign by a contingent of Anthemios actives, who proceeded to guide them through the next 48 hours. Everyone seemed to survive the ordeal, at least none were left in the flatlands of Illinois.

Richard E. Murray, WGE, who did most of the preliminary work to get this colony organized, decided to change work location and residence the same weekend, was unable to be present and see the Texas reaction to the ritual ceremony.

XENOCLES CHAPTER has very nice quarters at: 1106 West Abrams, Arlington, Texas with lots of front yard, and a very appropriate identification.

The twenty-five charter members are: Chase Almond, Fred R. Anglin, Ed Berndt, Alan Bott, Mark Edmond Brennan, Robert Bridges, James R. Clay, Michael Click, Johnny Cooper, George A. Ctusick, James M. Gaston, Robert Hagar, Michael Harold Haney, Ron Johnson, Jim Lilly, Lance Shawn Lucas, Leonard Martinez, Robert Matlock, Lynn Arlin Meyer, Norman Patten, Alton Parker IV, Carroll Lee Pruitt, Art Smith, Gary Stocks, Monte Zajicek.

National Convention December 27, 28, 29, Austin, Texas.



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



Andronicus Chapter

AFTER living at 710 W. 28th St., Los Angeles for 31 years, we decided to move half block east and across the street to 667 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. The house is called the Myrick House, and is owned by Pi Beta Phi sorority and leased to us for 3 years.

The new house was built soon after the turn of the century in the shingle style with broad triangular gables at the ends and characteristic overhanging. The stonework is granite slabs and rocks from the Arroyo Seco Wash in Pasadena. The interior is in vintage condition with woodwork of unusual design, Tiffany light fixtures, a golden frieze in the entry hall, and five fireplaces. There are six bathrooms mixed in among thirty-eight rooms. The house has forced-air heating and ventilating, and a complete re-wiring done last year. The backyard is as large as the front one, and we now have a back lawn and rose garden in addition to a large parking lot. The house has space for thirty in single, double, or triple rooms. Since moving we have given up living in separate work-sleep areas.

In addition to the excitement of moving to a new house, Andronicus has had a number of enjoyable professional and social events. Fall rush opened with the usual tour of the Gamble House at Pasadena and a tour of the Bunker Hill Re-development Project. A truck ride through Los Angeles to see houses designed by Wright, Schindler, and Neutra was topped off by a barbecue at the home of one of our professors. Thursday night parties at the house and Saturday football games dotted our social calendar. Late in November Troy Week takes place and all the houses on the Row build decorations. Alpha Rho Chi, traditionally favored to win, captured second prize for a thirty-foot yellow submarine suspended between the palm trees in our front yard. The brothers also took time out during the week to visit with Richard Neutra in his Los Angeles home.

The move to a new house, another successful football season, and capturing our six pledges on an RF have been a part of what we anticipate will be special year for Andronicus.



Andronicus "1970" Chapter House

Metagenes Chapter

The chapter report from VPI shows active, which is very good for a new chapter. The report also stated that they were moving into new quarters this Fall at #3 Maple Lane. However, we got a second report that the address was #6 Lucas St., The N.I., Ed Rhodes calls and says that the address is 105 Lucas Drive. These are all in the town of Blacksburg, Va. So take your choice. Maybe they bought a trailer, or cannot read the house number, or changed their mind.

The reports states that they are full of energy and enthusiasm for Alpha Rho Chi, and are very sound financially. They visit Vitruvius and want to see some westerners from Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota, etc.

Professional Inter-Fraternity Conference

The Biennial PIC meeting was held in Williamsburg, Va. last May 8 and 9. Our group was not represented, but a review of the convention report shows that their problems are very similar to ours. Their leadership is very outstanding, with Ju' Joseph G. Maddox of Atlanta, Ga. president. The Secretary of PIC, Robert Pope of St. Louis, attended several sessions at our G.C. meeting in St. Louis and presented a summary of the purposes and functions of PIC, as many of our alumni were not familiar with the organization.

On October 3, the Executive Committee of PIC met in St. Louis, and invited your editor to attend several sessions. I feel that much of our routine committee work is almost identical with theirs. They have four large Law frats that include some of the finest legal talent in the country; and their legal problems on campus are the same as ours — so why do we not take advantage of their decisions. The executive committee was very pleased to see a representative from APX, and insisted that we be represented at the Special Meeting of PIC in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 19-20, 1971. This will be an outstanding meeting with panel discussions on campus problems, and with an outstanding speaker. (They also found out that two years is too long for complete silence between groups.)

A special session will be held for Central Office Administrators, which should be of special interest at about that time.

The next BIG annual convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga. in April 1972.

Robert F. Hastings New AIA President

Robert F. Hastings, '37, Anthemios, will become the new president of the American Institute of Architects this December at the annual Board of Directors meeting. Bob was initiated on March 21, 1936, and has been an outstanding ARCHI ever since.

He came to Champaign from Kenosha, Wisconsin and joined Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates in Detroit shortly after his graduation from the University with high honors. He became a principal of the firm in 1950 and in 1961 was elected president of the organization which now has 500 employees.

Since assuming the presidency, Hastings has initiated a collection by the firm of paintings and sculpture by outstanding contemporary artists.

He is assuming the AIA presidency after rising through a rank of responsible offices. Currently Hastings also is a member of the Michigan Housing Authority and of the boards of directors of Alma College, the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Building Research Advisory Board.

He has served on advisory committees for architecture schools at the University of Illinois, Syracuse, Detroit and Kansas City. He is a fellow of the AIA and in 1965 received the Gold Medal award of the Michigan Society of Architects.

Hastings and his wife LaVerne live in Birmingham, Mich., and have two married daughters.



Robert F. Hastings



Iktinos, is common with fraternity chapters everywhere, was at a rather low ebb during the war, but with the return of normal conditions we are back on our feet, and we feel that in many ways this has been the best year of our history. Last October we moved

into our own home, which a very active alumni association had made possible for us.

When school opened this fall we had fourteen members with which to start the year. We pledged twelve new men, giving us a chapter of twenty-six. The second semester two more of our old men returned, and we took two more pledges. At present we have twenty-eight initiated
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Anthemios Chapter

The BIG news from Champaign concerns the initiation of 31 men (and boys) on September 12, 1970. It was quite an ordeal. "We had just arrived on campus and were cleaning up the premises when the Texas Tornado arrived via Ozark Flight 932.—25 of them— We hauled the neophytes— of all ages, sizes, and intelligence over to "1108." They were fed, and then taken on a tour of the campus. They "volunteered" to help our own pledges with various chores and spent the night relaxing in the confines of our luxurious Boiler Room. The ritual started at 5:30 Saturday morning and ended 21 hours later.

Much more activity was transpiring than most actives and all initiates realized. Much alumni and Grand Council help assisted in the proceedings. For the first time in many decades, the WGA was on hand to see the ritual at Anthemios Chapter. National Inspector, Ed Rhodes arrived real early to make certain the Texans did not get cold feet, etc. Charter member, Duke Strong, '16, has not missed an initiation in ten years, and thought this was one of the best. Jim Viger, '42, Alumni President, gets a kick out of each fall of the keystone, and George Fritzinger, '35, tries to get all records correct in person.

The six Anthemios initiates are: Lang M. Golish, '73; Samuel T. Lawford, Faculty; Richard Laya, '73; Lloyd A. Leffers, Faculty; Steve A. Parshall, '74; Niles Tanakatsuba, '73.

Guests at the ceremony included: John Filip, WGA, Vitruvius Chapter; Edward Rhodes, N.I., Demetrios Chapter; T. J. "Duke" Strong, Charter Member; James Viger, '42, Alumni President.

Seven Faculty members: William Eng, Alan K. Laing, Ralph M. Line, Robert

P. Link, Jack H. Swing, A. Richard Williams, Harold C. Young.

Homecoming, October 17, 1970

Our football team is 66% better than last year, with a record of 2 and 1. We no longer have to be shy about talking football with Penn State. So we expect a larger number of alumni to return for Homecoming this year.

Make reservation for meals to "1108"— This is a must, as we want to have a real nice banquet that evening, with some presentations. ALL, alumni, and faculty are invited. The alumni are invited to see, and operate the new Dishwasher which they ordered a year ago, and are paying for now. (Take it easy about going into "1106" annex, as that property is leased out to girls this semester.)

You who are still delinquent (with dues) can greatly improve Norm Meyer's report by mailing them in NOW.

We are sorry to report the death of one of our outstanding Honorary Members— Ralph Corson Llewellyn, '06. Ralph was the son of an Honorary Member and the father of an active member, Joseph P. Larattender at all fraternity functions, Llewellyn, '49. Mr. Llewellyn was a regular and employed many alumni in his office in Chicago, which specialized in the design of school buildings.

Egbert Spencer's '25, wife Fay Morrow Harris, '23, died last June. She was one of the first women to receive a degree in Architecture from the U. of I. Mrs. Spencer was an outstanding color consultant and worked in this field with many architects in the Southwest.



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August 2, 1970 — Four issues per year.
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. Chapter news from other chapters
will appear in December issue, if you
men send in the news.

Looking Back 50 Years

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men and two pledges. So far we consider
this year to have been a very good one for
Iktinos. We will lose only six men this
spring, so we will have a strong start next
fall. With such a nucleus, we are looking
forward to next year as an even more
successful epoch in the life of the chapter.

The College of Architecture at Michi-
gan has completely out-grown its quarters
this year. Although it is still combined
with the College of Engineering, there is
a movement on foot to make it an inde-
pendent college with a suitable and ade-
quate building for the study of architec-
ture. The work of the college has been

very successful this year. We have been
fortunate in hearing and meeting several
well-known architects, among them Mr.
Dwight H. Perkins of Chicago and Mr.
Grylls of Detroit.

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Mnesicles has been looking forward
with interest to the first 1920 *Archi* and
is glad that it can send a favorable report.

The close of the school year last spring
found us a thriving chapter, fully recover-
ed from the effects of the war. We were
established in our new home, with a six-
year lease on the property, and an option
to buy at the end of that time. When
school opened this fall several of our old

men had returned from the service, and
we looked forward to a very successful
year. At present we can truthfully state
that the chapter has never before been in
such favorable circumstances. We recently
initiated eight pledges and several Cyma
alumni, fiving us twenty-seven active
members, two associate members, and one
pledge. In scholarship we stand the high-
est of any professional or academic frater-
nity on the campus. We have encouraged
our men to enter the university activities
as much as their work will permit. Our
alumni in St. Paul and Minneapolis alum-
ni chapter will be installed.

Mnesicles wishes to extend the bes-
t regards to the other chapters and the alumni.