FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL

We know that the one thing our membership—particularly our alumni—want to know is, "How is the Fraternity doing?"

The Grand Council thinks it's doing OK! What we call our "five original chapters" are in good shape. Each one is in or is moving into its own house, two of these recently purchased. Chapter membership is up. General interest is keen. Our alumni chapters are active and most are meeting regularly. We have prospects for new chapters. Our financial position is good.

The things we now need most seem to be—
1. **New chapters.** Five chapters are not enough to operate a national fraternity.
2. **Better national organization.** This refers particularly to resumption of national conventions, better organization of alumni and the successful inauguration of the alumni dues plan.
3. **Education and training.** The difficulties of the depression years followed by war years have cut heavily into the crop of younger men who are well acquainted with the Fraternity's workings. When the Grand Council (which has done its share of preaching and belaboring) says things look good, that's a surprise, isn't it? We are glad we can make this report.

Dwight P. Ely, W.G.A.

FRATERNITY ACTIVITIES

Active and Alumni members have said they want news of Alpha Rho Chi. The Archi presents in this issue an account of recent Fraternity activities as reported by the chapter newsletters and by correspondents. All the members are invited to assist in making The Archi a clearing house for Fraternity news. We are anxious to receive any notice of interest to Alpha Rho Chi. Your correspondence will determine the success of our effort to carry all Fraternity news to the members.

This January issue is being mailed to every member whose address we have. If you know of an Alpha Rho Chi who does not receive a copy, please tell us.

The Editor

CHAPTER NEWS

ANDRONICUS—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The chapter reported thirty-five members and eight pledges for the 1947 fall semester. Ward R. Helman is W.A., with Charles Wormhoudt W.A.A., Fred M. Briggs, W.E., Donald Morrison, W.S., William Hickman, W. Superintendent, and Lester S. Tanner, Advisor.

Scholastic standing for the chapter went up to twelfth place in the spring semester, 1947, from nineteenth place in the previous semester. Grade point average was 1.380, higher than the All Men's average of 1.370 and the All Fraternity average of 1.343. The twenty-nine Fraternities on the list were led by Delta Sigma Delta with the point average 2.000.

ANTHEMIOS—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

For the fall semester 1947, Worthy Architect Miles Brown reported 28 active men and 13 pledges living in the chapter house. It was expected that five pledges would be added to make a full chapter of 46 men in the House. Mrs. Eva Neich is very capably managing "1108."

The active chapter's fine newsletter, The Anthem, is being sent out regularly from Champaign and has furnished the chapter and alumni news about Anthemiros for this issue of The Archi.

Scholastically for the second semester of last year, the chapter made the greatest gain of any fraternity on the Illinois campus, moving way up to third place from 30th place in the first semester. The average attained by the 35 men, 3.8696, which is practically a
"B" average, is particularly outstanding in that over 90 per cent of the subjects are in the architectural curriculum, recognized as one of the toughest on the campus.

Homecoming on November 1 was a gala weekend for every Anthemios man—a MORAL football victory, nice weather, and—best of all—good fellowship. The food and refreshments were excellent, and something new in the way of entertainment was provided by the active chapter at the Friday night and Saturday night parties. Many of the men brought their wives and families along—others their girl friends, brothers, fathers, grandmas, etc. Some came early and stayed late. Others popped in for only a few minutes. With every man in the active chapter doing his best to make each alumna and his friends feel at home, the spirit was even better than last year. Many of the old-time regulars were there, and a lot of new faces as well.

Arthur D. Pickett, '24, did another good job as chairman. William T. Henderson, '26, was responsible for obtaining rooms for all visitors and George F. Fritzinger, '35, kept the "show" moving successfully. Professor Loring H. Provine was kept busy greeting all the old-timers.

An Art Exhibition and Open House on December 14 brought about five hundred visitors to the chapter house. Oil paintings, water colors, charcoal and conte studies, history plates and architectural renderings were displayed in the lounge and lower hall. Refreshments were served in the dining room. Invitations had been sent to each Fine Arts faculty member, each organized house on the campus, and to other friends of the Fraternity. The campus newspaper and the local papers gave some very good publicity and the chapter felt so well rewarded for their efforts that they plan to repeat the event as an annual feature.

John Geiger, Scribe, writes that the chapter has settled down for the final weeks of the semester after the welcome holiday vacation, with hour exams, drafting judgments, and concours again the order of the day.

ANTHEMIOS ALUMNI

The Alumni Association of Anthemios chapter held a business meeting at the chapter house in Champaign on November 1, 1947, with President Harford Field, '24, presiding.

George Whitten, '22, on behalf of Anthemios Control Corporation, explained the new financial plan inaugurated December 1, 1946, and showed one of the $100 4 per cent notes of the Control Corporation, being offered to all members in good standing. The Alumni holding the notes will be the owners of the real estate at "1108" and will constitute an alumni group vitally interested in everything that goes on at the chapter house. Twenty of the notes were sold immediately.

George Fritzinger, '35, announced that five men had been added to the "Paid in Full" class.

A motion was passed setting the annual fee at $4 (or more) to be used—Alumni and Directory, $2; Grand Council Dues, $1; Alumni Fund, $1 (or more).

Miles Brown, '30, leader of the active chapter, gave a brief report on the present condition of the chapter and named two primary needs—first, cooperation from the Chicago group in rushing and interesting architectural students of the Navy Pier Branch of the university, and second, better equipment for chapter house study rooms, particularly desks better suited to the needs of architectural students.

New officers elected were: Kenneth Smith, '35, President; Dick Binfield, '40, Vice-President; Jim Viger, '42, Treasurer; George Fritzinger, '35, Secretary.

Other Alumni News—

Winthrop M. Wadsworth, '14, has opened his own office at 614 New York Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, offering a complete real estate service—rentals, insurance, appraisals, etc.

Truman J. Strong, '16, was married on October 11 to Mrs. Estyle Piper of Jefferson City, Missouri. The wedding was at the Strong farm south of Urbana. Duke is a director of the Urbana American Legion Post. Best wishes from us all, Mr. and Mrs. Strong!


Harry B. Tour, '21, 14 East Circle Road, Norris, Tennessee, is head architect for the TVA. He writes that he is still busy and badly in need of several good architectural draftsmen (Alpha Rho Chi preferred!). He has just discovered that for 12 years he has worked with a brother Alpha Rho Chi without knowing it—George L. Richardson from Michigan.

Sig Pfeiffer, '23, who has donated an excellent water color to the chapter house, writes as follows: "Inactive duty as Commander from the Navy in February, 1946. Spent six months painting in Windward and Leeward Islands of the West Indies, mainly of the island of St. Lucia, where we had a house for four months at Soufriere, a little town on the south end of St. Lucia. Did considerable work, which I expect to show at the Laurel Gallery this coming winter. Am now settled in Gila (New Mexico) on a 20-acre farm—in the middle of building a house for myself and wife Betsey, where we expect to reside permanently and carry on with my painting."

Kenneth C. Helms, '26, writes about the big A. I. A. meeting at the University of Washington campus in Seattle last spring. He notes with pride that the Alpha Rho Chi medal was without doubt the handsomest of the medals awarded.
H. Evert Kincaid, '28, who is executive director of the Chicago Plan Commission, brought a most interesting guest to the Homecoming—Mr. F. J. Osborn of England. An eminent town planner, he is chairman of the Town and Country Planning Association, and his present trip to the United States was sponsored by the American Institute of Planners.

Howard E. Schroeder, '47, with his wife and baby, are about to move into an aluminum-shingled house, built by the Small Homes Research Council at the University of Illinois. It is a one-story, five-room house with 768 square feet of floor space. It has a full basement with a new smokeless furnace designed by Professor J. R. Fellows of the College of Engineering. Schroeder's address is 3960 N. 20th Street, Milwaukee 6, Wisconsin.

DEMETRIOS—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

A new chapter house has been acquired at 101 Twelfth Avenue, Columbus. The former house at 1919 Indiana Avenue was sold during the war. The chapter is now in the process of getting settled in their new home, which will accommodate thirty members.

The fall semester opened with sixteen active members on the campus and twenty pledges, led by D. James Crawfis, W. A. Donald Porter is W. E., George A. Cledand, W. S., and Marion Carter, Advisor.

IKTINOS—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

With over 800 students, the College of Architecture and Design is crowded—University enrollment is over 20,500.

Fall initiation of nine men at the chapter house on November 15 brought the active membership to 37. New initiates are Dean E. Hill, Flint, Michigan; John Carmichael, Walled Lake, Michigan; C. Dave Peterson, Mount Vernon, New York; Donald Geen, Ironwood, Michigan; Douglas Morris, Rochester, New York; R. Holland Brady, Tryon, N. C.; Philip Meathe, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; William C. Low, Ferndale, Michigan; Dale Brubaker, Murray, Iowa.

Iktinos has twelve pledges: John Bauer, Detroit; William Black, Lansing; Theodore Degenhardt, Ferndale; Edward Hammerskjold, Centerline; Ray Jansma, Grand Rapids; Douglas MacIntosh, Warsaw, New York; John McMichael, Gary, Indiana; David Walsh, Kalamazoo; Weland Keith, Ishpeming; Alonzo Wilchman, Grover, Wyoming; William Prine, Saginaw; Frank Bogler, New Rochelle, New York.

The chapter has announced a new Honorary Faculty Member, Walter Vanlue Marshall, B.A.E., Professor of Architecture and Assistant Dean of the College of Architecture and Design at the University of Michigan.

An excellent newsletter, the Iktinews, is being issued by the chapter, the work of Paul Hazelton, Carter Strong, John Wilson and Bill Low. The Archi is indebted to the Iktinews for Chapter and Alumni news in this issue.

November awards in Architectural Design classes went to four Iktinos men—Art Haas first and Douglas Morris second out of 43 entries in Architecture 5; Howard Hakken first and Holland Brady second out of 22 entries in Architecture 7.

An Alpha Rho Chi House Competition—problem, a Park Development—was judged on October 19 by Professors W. V. Marshall and H. O. Whittemore, whose careful and complete critique of each entry was highly appreciated. Bob McClure and Al Przybylowicz claimed first and second prizes.

Brother Leo Teholiz is Art Director of the Michigan Gargoyle.

Before Michigan's football game with Illinois in November, Iktinos received a fraternal invitation to visit Anthemios along with the remark that "Rumor has it that the university of your choice is actually going to send down a first rate football team this year." In return, Iktinos initiated a “Little Brown Jug” exchange by sending a jug, lettered ready to receive the score, to Champaign so that Anthemios might "get a brief glimpse of the trophy before returning it to Iktinos."

In addition to the Homecoming dance on October 25, Iktinos entertained with a Barn Dance on November 22 and a Christmas semi-formal on December 13. At the barn dance, the square dances were run off by a professional caller and were enjoyed to the point of exhaustion by the members and their guests. The Christmas party included Santa Claus complete with his reindeers.

IKTINOS ALUMNI

An up-to-date roster of Iktinos Alpha Rho Chi's has been compiled and issued by the Iktinos Building Association in Detroit. Names and latest available addresses of 321 brothers are included. Albert H. Trowell, 1334 Temple Avenue, Detroit, asks that he be notified of any errors or omissions. New officers of the Association are Albert Trowell, President; Henry N. Ruijrok, Vice-President; Orrin K. Griffith, Secretary-Treasurer; and Linn Smith, Arthur Held, George Sprau, Jr., and Bertil Lindblad, Directors.

Clair W. Ditchy, '14, has been named secretary of the American Institute of Architects. Clair is a past President of the Detroit Chapter of the Institute.

George Lind, '17, wrote from Balboa, California, that he hoped to go to the Rose Bowl game this year.

OF ALPHA RHO CHI
Since a Michigan man is head of the Tournament of Roses this year, it was hoped that the disposal of tickets would be made as conscientiously as was done in the East.

Dick Ware, '20, writes from Pasadena, California, that he still hopes to get back to Ann Arbor and see the rebuilt House at "608" which was purchased during his term as W.A.

Robert F. Miller, '20, lives at 45 Crescent Avenue, Newton Center, Massachusetts.

Karl Kuhn, '24, made a very generous offer to finance the cleaning of the stone work around the front door of the House. Unfortunately, no one in Ann Arbor has facilities for doing this work and Karl's offer couldn't be taken up. It was an excellent idea, however, and much appreciated by the Brothers.

Kenneth C. Black, '25, Regional Director of A. I. A., spoke at the annual convention of the Architects' Society of Ohio at Akron on November 7.


Donald Steinbaugh, '29, would like to hear from some of his old classmates. Donald is in the firm of Steinbaugh and Wheeler, 509 Presbyterian Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

Charles G. Slater, '34, has continued his Christmas gift to the Chapter library with subscriptions to Interiors and Progressive Architecture. Brother Slater is doing department store design with Amos Parrish and Company, New York.

Robert S. Hollis, '36, lives at 832 South Main Street, Ann Arbor.

W. A. Warrick, Jr., '36, lives in Winter Park, Florida, P. O. Box 825.

James Albert, '37, Clarence Roessler, '39, and George Klein, '39, are with King Scott Architects, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Linn Smith, '42, winner of the 1947 Booth Traveling Fellowship, was a visitor recently at Harvard, where James Blair, '47, is working for his master's degree. Blair reports that he is in a cosmopolitan group with students from many of the states and from China, Australia and Czechoslovakia.

Leslie Cripps, '47, is City Park Commissioner of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Alex Pavlov (Pawloff), '47, is working with Pietro Belluschi in Portland, Oregon. He lives at 11604 S. W. 62nd Avenue, Portland, and reports that Hobart Wagener is also with Belluschi.

MNESICLES—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

With Robert Manuel as W.A., Kenneth Peiper W.E., and Everett Isakson, W.S., the active chapter includes seventeen men and five pledges. Orrin Field is W.A.A., Warren Peterson rushing chairman, and Wallace Willenstein sergeant-at-arms and chapter representative in the Interpro Council. Temporary Chapter Headquarters have been maintained at 1017 East River Road since the former House on 19th Avenue was sold during the war. Mnesicles' new home is to be at Fulton and Ontario Streets S.E., where an adequate site has been acquired. A building now on part of the property will be altered for temporary use while plans for the permanent house are being developed.

Initiation was held on November 1 and 2, when Kern C. Olsen, James Voigt, Robert M. Mommersen, Paul N. Madison, and Ralph Shimer were inducted into Alpha Rho Chi. Formal initiation was followed by a steak dinner at the Normanby Kitchen.

In October the chapter sponsored a Seminar for the entire School of Architecture with W. Brooks Cavin as guest. Mr. Cavin is the prize winner of the recent Capital Approaches Veterans' Building competition in St. Paul.

The annual Homecoming party was celebrated on November 8 with a dinner dance at Columbia Chalet, clubhouse at Columbia Heights Golf Course, after Minnesota's football victory over Purdue. With dinner of roast turkey and dancing to music by the "Esquires," the big party was enjoyed by one hundred and forty-six guests, including the active chapter, alumni and fellow students from the School of Architecture. Thanks from all the guests went to Robert Bennighof, social chairman.

Founders' Day was observed last spring by active members and alumni at a formal dinner on April 11 at Club Criterion. On that occasion the Fifth Mnesicles Honorary Key was presented to Professor Leon Arndt. Earlier in the spring, on March 8, Minnesota Alpha Rho Chi's traditional Bowery Party was restaged when the chapter and the alumni turned out again in Apache costumes and broad-striped basque shirts at the St. Louis Park Legion Hall. A good letter from Scribe Everett Isakson, in December, has brought us the news about Mnesicles. He writes that the active members, with the assistance of their alumni, are busy now with plans for alterations at their new Home site.

MNESICLES ALUMNI

The very interesting Newsletter issued monthly by the Mnesicles Association in Minneapolis carries complete news of Chapter and Alumni activities to all Mnesicles Alpha Rho Chi's. Alumni news in this issue of The Archi has been supplied by the Newsletter. A 1947 roster of Mnesicles members has been issued by the Association. Home and business addresses, with family data and telephone numbers, are listed for 314 Minnesota Alpha Rho Chi's. The roster is printed in convenient 3" x 5" form and is highly prized by
Mnesicles men. Officers of the Association are: President, Earl Beddow, Minneapolis; Vice-President, Robert Calrow, Minneapolis; Secretary, Stanley Markey, Minneapolis; Treasurer, Dean Wichter, Minneapolis; Directors, Winthrop Wadsworth, Minneapolis, Kenneth Backstrom, St. Paul, Austin H. Lange, Minneapolis.

Monthly meetings have been held, in Minneapolis or St. Paul, with an especially successful one on October 8 at “Southridge,” Clint Campbell’s cabin south of the Minnesota River. Fifty-three men attended.

The important Annual Meeting and Homecoming Banquet was held November 7 at Club Criterion in St. Paul. In spite of the first blizzard of the winter, thirty-seven men were there.

Hal Fridlund presided as toastmaster and a very earnest discussion of the chapter house problem quickly developed. Brothers Manuel and Field presented problems and views of the active members. Brother Cerny of the University Faculty contributed pertinent observations on probable chapter enrollment and Brothers Wadsworth, Wichter, Shifflet, von Grossmann, and Stolte discussed the alternatives open to the Association. Unanimous decision was reached on immediate purchase of a property at Fulton and Ontario Streets, as the site for a new house to be constructed as soon as building conditions will permit.

On the following evening, November 8, many alumni joined the active chapter at its Homecoming dinner dance.

Other Alumni News—
Ralph W. Hammet, ’16, is Professor of Architecture at the University of Michigan.

Donald Campbell, ’19, A. I. A., recently announced new offices at 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, California.

Al Moorman, ’19, is now assistant Chicago District Manager for Wood Conversion Company and has moved to 242½ South Maple Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

Herman E. Bergholt, ’20, is Construction Engineer for the Walgreen Company and has been in Phoenix, Arizona, for several months, installing a new store.

Home address, 10445 South Hale, Chicago, Illinois.

Richard F. Hennessy, ’20, is Architect for Theo. H. Davies and Company, Ltd., Home Planning Department, Honolulu, T. H. He is married and lives at 1914 Mott-Smith Drive, Honolulu.

Horace W. Tonsley, ’22, is with Foeller, Schober, Berns, Safford and Jann in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as specification writer and travelling superintendent.

R. E. Williams, ’29, A. I. A., 12758 Kittridge, North Hollywood, California, writes that he is working on several commissions in association with Hiram Hamer (Iktinos ’17) and that he has an Alpha Rho Chi from Southern California in his office.

Ibrahim Khalil, ’40, of Cairo, Egypt, is studying at Cranbrook Academy, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Curtis Landberg, ’46, has entered Washington University at St. Louis for graduate work. He lives at 6628 Washington Boulevard, University City 5, Missouri.

CHICAGO ALUMNI

Chicago Alpha Rho Chi’s meet regularly on Friday noons for lunches—since November at the Central Y.M.C.A., 19 South LaSalle. Monthly dinner meetings and discussions are also held at the Normandy House Restaurant. At the October meeting, Herman Frenzel, Mnesicles ’23, talked on “Architecture and Economics” and started a really good round table discussion. In December the alumni had as their guests five architectural students from the Navy Pier Branch of the University of Illinois.

Officers elected in October were—Anton Johnson, President; Anton Kampf, Vice-President; Eric Anderson, Secretary; Don Jordan, Treasurer.

John Eric Anderson keeps the Chicago Alpha Rho Chi’s informed with the breezy and entertaining Unprogressive Architecture.

SEATTLE ALUMNI

Alpha Rho Chi’s in Seattle met last November 20 at the Washington Athletic Club and set up an organization for future activities. Officers elected were—Marvin Patterson, President; Charles Taylor Miller, Vice-President; J. G. Ingels, Secretary-Treasurer.

James R. Lunke was appointed chairman of an organization committee and Omer Mithun chairman of a contact committee. They will be assisted by T. Freeland Simms, Frank Stanton, and Lyman Bussman.

Other Alpha Chi’s in the Seattle area are Harvey Dailey, Robert J. Siemens, James Hussey, Lyle Swedberg: Jay Ingels asks that any other Brothers near Seattle get in touch with him at 4408 White-Henry-Stuart Building, Seattle 1, Washington. Telephone Main 0835.

NEW YORK ALUMNI

About thirty-five Alpha Rho Chi’s from six different chapters are living in the New York area. Howard H. Battin, Iktinos, ’22, is President of the group, which gets together at dinner meetings, usually at the Architectural League or at the President Tavern, and includes:


Minnesota: Emil Backstrom and Myron Dassett;

Ohio State: Dean Axline, Dale Badgeley, George Ferrenz, Russell Krob, Bill Lovejoy, George Merkel, C. M. Williams, Paul Wood;

Carnegie: Jim Paul;

Texas: Willard Markle.
ALPHA RHO CHI

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