A.P.X. Medals Go To 20 June Grads

The Alpha Rho Chi Medal was awarded in 1948 to 20 architectural graduates nominated by their faculties for the honor. The recipients and their schools were:

James C. Hirst, California; Derek Martin, Carnegie Tech.; Joseph A. Wilkes, Columbia; James M. Hoffman, Georgia Tech.

John Augur Holabird, Harvard; Fred David Shellabarger, Illinois; John James LoPinto, Kansas; Richard T. Sizemore, Kansas State; Harvey Cleland Allison, Michigan; Thomas J. Shefelich, Minnesota.

James Frederick Knapp, Ohio State; Deane Charles Manning, Oklahoma A. & M.; John Dennis Sacksteder, Pennsylvania; Robert B. Widder, Pennsylvania State.

Stanley Robert Dube, Syracuse; Ralph Lee Stirman, Texas; Alan Curtis Liddle, Washington; Russell Thomas Stokes, Washington, (St. Louis); Philmore J. Hart, Western Reserve; Robert John Gaudi, Southern California.

Verle Annis, W.G.S., reported at the Ann Arbor Convention that the medal fills a real need in architectural education, where too often (Continued on Page 3)

First National Convention Since 1941 Shows Fraternity Recovered From War

The Fraternity’s 21st National Convention met at Ann Arbor on June 13, 14, and 15. Representatives of the Grand Council, of all the undergraduate chapters, and many alumni took part.

Iktinos Chapter was host, entertaining the delegates and visitors at its chapter house, where business sessions were held mornings and afternoons. On June 14, the entire Convention visited Cranbrook Academy as guests of the Fraternity’s Master Architect, Eliel Saarinen, and of Carl Milles, who exhibited his collection of sculpture.

Hammett Presides

Prof. Ralph W. Hammett (Mnesicles) of the University of Michigan faculty presided at the official sessions. Roy M. Belco served as secretary and Richard Zimmer as sergeant-at-arms. The Grand Council was represented by W.G.A. Dwight P. Ely, W.G.E. George A. Whitten, and W.G.S. Verle L. Annis.

Chapter representatives were:
ANTHEMIOS—Richard Albyn, undergraduate, Kenneth A. Smith, alumnus; IKTINOS—David A. An- (Continued on Page 3)
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The Grand Council

Re-Elected W.G.A.

Conclave Recognizes Ely's W.G.A. Services

The Convention adopted a resolution authorizing the Chicago Alumni Chapter to establish a branch of Anthemios Chapter at the University of Illinois Navy Pier in Chicago. An organized group of Pier students have been in contact with the Chicago alumni for about a year.

NEWS IS SOLICITED

Because The Archi will appear regularly this coming school year, at quarterly intervals, news about you, your chapter, and other matters of interest to the members is solicited. Mail such material to the editor, John J. Zimmerman, 147 E. 18th St., New York City.

Officers ReNamed To Grand Council

PRESENT LEADERS' EXPERIENCE FOUND NEEDED DURING READJUSTMENTS

By unanimous vote, the recent Convention re-elected present Grand Council officers to their respective posts.

Dwight P. Ely, Columbus, Ohio, will serve as W.G.A.; George A. Whitten, Wilmette, Illinois, as W. G.E.; Verle L. Annis, Los Angeles, California, as W.G.S.

Nominations Discussed

Methods of nominating and electing Grand Council officers were discussed at some length by the delegates. The nominating committee regretted the imposition of continued service on officers who have already contributed more than their share of time and work, but the importance to the Fraternity of the present officers' long experience, especially during the current period of readjustment, seemed to require such action.

The Convention formally decided that chapters be instructed to send delegates to each future convention with complete information on possible nominees for the Grand Council and their availability.

Four Year Terms

The Convention also amended the by-laws (Article 7, Section 1) to require election by the Convention of Grand Council members for 4-year terms, the W.G.A. to be elected on alternate convention years with the W.G.S. and the W.G.E.

PAST W.G.A.'S MAY FORM NATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

Emphasizing the unique value to the Fraternity of the knowledge and experience gained by men who have held the office of W.G.A., Kenneth Smith (Anthemios) proposed to the Convention the formation of a "Board of Directors" composed of retired W.G.A.'s, to act as consultants to the Grand Council. The convention instructed the W. G. S. to investigate and to report to the next convention on the possibility of giving some official status to retired W.G.A.'s for the service of the Fraternity.
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ANNIS DECLARES THAT AWARDS FILL NEED: EDUCATORS ENDORSE THEM

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commendation is limited to scholarship or design ability. Architectural educators have been quick to recognize and endorse an award that encourages leadership and service, along with the necessary technical ability to complete a course in architectural training. Annis quoted as typical of the approval of the medal an excerpt from a recent letter: “With warm appreciation—for the opportunity offered by your unique award of giving recognition to these qualities of initiative, judgment and leadership which are so often overshadowed by more brilliant, but often sterile gifts.”

The value and importance of the medal were recognized by the Convention, which adopted resolutions to give greater publicity to the awards and to the qualities of “Leadership, service, merit” on which they are based.

HAMEMETS ENTERTAIN CONVENTION DELEGATES

On Sunday, June 13, Prof. Ralph W. Hammett and Mrs. Hammett entertained the delegates and visitors to the Convention with a buffet supper at their Ann Arbor home. Mrs. Hammett was assisted by Mrs. McConkey, wife of Prof. George M. McConkey. The warm hospitality and the Hammets' charming century-old house made the evening one of the delightful events of the Convention.

FANNING AT N. Y. U.

Prof. Ralph Fanning, Anthemios (honorary '17) is on leave of absence from Ohio State as visiting professor of art history and acting head of the Department of Fine Arts at New York University, Washington Square, N. Y. C.

Brother Fanning resides at 103 Waverly Place, N. Y. C. 11.

Convention Banquet Headliners

MASTER ARCHITECT ELIEL SAARIENEN told delegates at national convention banquet, June 14 at Kingsley Inn, Detroit, about contemporary trends in architecture. Mr. Saarinen was introduced by Toastmaster Clair Ditchy. Pictured here (left to right) Convention President Ralph Hammett, Ditchy, Saarinen and W. G. A. Dwight Ely.

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Council that the Fraternity has advanced rapidly toward normal functioning after the long disruption of the war years. The chapters are strongly organized and again resident in their own houses. Alumni are giving enthusiastic support. The Grand Council is functioning efficiently. The Archi has resumed publication, and fraternity finances are sound.

In the seven years that have elapsed since the 20th Convention, Kallikrates has been re-established as an active chapter at the University of Virginia, the Seattle Alumni Chapter has been recognized, and interim appointments for service on the Grand Council have been accepted by George A. Whitten as Worthy Grand Estimator, and Verle L. Annis as Worthy Grand Scribe.

The Grand Council recommended that the Convention consider education of the membership in the work and laws of the fraternity; clarification of the constitution and by-laws with respect to classes of membership; methods of increasing the annual national income; and the expansion of the Fraternity.
Prof. Arnal Retires  
After Full Career

A.I.A. CITES HIS CONTRIBUTION TO ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION AT MINNESOTA

After 29 years with the University of Minnesota, Prof. Leon Eugene Arnal retired in June of this year. In the same month, at the convention of the American Institute of Architects, announcement was made of his advancement to Fellowship in the Institute in recognition of his achievements in architectural education. The citation states, “With understanding, with respect for others’ ideas, with affection, for over 30 years he has shared his mastery of the unchanging basic principles of architecture with his many students.”

We are indebted to the Mnesicles Alumni Newsletter and W.A.A. Bob Bennighof for a sketch of Prof. Arnal’s life.

“Leon Arnal was born in France, June 14, 1880. Upon completion of four years’ study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts (Section d’Architecture) at Marseilles, he became the Government Scholar from the City of Marseilles for study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. After 11 years, including practice and thesis, he became “Architect Diplomate par le Gouvernement Francais.”

“He began his teaching career in 1911 at the University of Pennsylvania as Paul Cret’s chosen assistant.

“When World War I broke out, Leon Arnal donned a French uniform. He served with the French and British Armies and was awarded the British Military Cross.

“In 1919, he became chief critic in design at Minnesota, and was a major contributor to the life and growth of the School of Architecture.

“Prof. Arnal, as design consultant for Magney and Tusler, was responsible for the design of three widely recognized Minneapolis landmarks, the Woman’s Club (1927), Foshay Building (1928), and the U.S. Post Office (1934). The Stadium of the University of Minnesota (1921) was designed by

Leon Arnal, James Forsythe, F. M. Marn and Roy Childs Jones.

“He was initiated as an Honorary Member of Alpha Rho Chi, Mnesicles Chapter, in 1922, and has been actively associated with Mnesicles through the intervening years.

“Leon Arnal retired in June, 1948, with rank of Professor Emeritus, with many friends, memories, and accomplishments, and with good health, good disposition, a charming wife, and the future.”

DUES GO TO WHITTEN

If you have not yet paid your 1948 national dues, your check will be welcomed by W. G. E. George Whitten.