Sea
ttle A.P.X.’s Stage
Party At Convention

More than one hundred alumni and
guests attended the cocktail party ar-
anged by Seattle A. P. X’s at the
A. I. A. Convention last June 17th.
The get-together was in the Olympic
Hotel’s Junior ballroom and Kenneth
Koehler (Illinois ’47), program
chairman, writes, “At the time we
held the cocktail party Mr. Ditchy
had been elected and his attendance
was a highlight. We had an extremely
good turnout but wish we had limited
the hours inasmuch as many
could not stay the entire period and
consequently missed some of their
friends. The big A.I.A. dinner dance
followed so the whole evening was a
gala affair with Illinois dancing with
Minnesota, etc., and we have every
indication that at either the cocktail
party or the dinner dance friends
were able to meet. We all had a good
time renewing acquaintances and
discussing the magnificent building sites
and splendid weather of Seat-
ttle.”

Besides Koehler, Seattle alumni at the party included
Jay Ingels from California; Dale Benedict, Al Bumgard-
ner, Ken Helms and Marvin
Patterson from Illinois; James
Blair and Frank Stanton from
Michigan.

Ralph W. Hammett (Minne-
sota ’19) of Ann Arbor is in
Europe on a year’s sabbatical
leave from his post at University
of Michigan’s College of
Architecture and Design. With
Mrs. Hammett he sailed from
New York on September 10th
for Lisbon, Portugal, where
he attended the International
Congress of Architects as a
delegate for the A. I. A. and
the Michigan Society of Archi-

The Hammetts took their
car and are driving through
Spain, France, Switzerland
and Italy to arrive in Rome
about December 15th where

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Clair W. Ditchy, Detroit, F.A.I.A.,
widely known for his leadership in
professional architectural activities, is
thirty-fourth President of the Ameri-
can Institute of Architects, elected at
the Seattle Convention in June. Clair
is an alumnus of Iktinos and was
one of the incorporators of Alpha
Rho Chi in 1914.

Ditchy has practiced architecture
in Detroit since 1921. In 30 years of
service in many offices in professional
organizations, he has been President
of the Michigan Society of Archi-
tects and the Detroit Chapter A.I.A.,
Great Lakes A.I.A. Regional Direc-
tor, and for six years Secretary of
The Institute. He was elected F.A.I.A.
in 1944 with the citation, “Admit-
ted to The Institute in 1924. An outstand-
ing architect of splendid character,
high ideals and unusual executive
ability; has been advanced to Fellow-
ship in The American Institute of Architects
for his outstanding prac-
tice, his adherence to
the ideals of The Insti-
tute, and his contribution and service
in various capacities to the Michigan
Society of Architects and to The In-
stitute for the Great Lakes District.”

As A.I.A. President, Ditchy has
said, in a message through The Insti-
tute Journal, “Over the years, The
Institute has integrated the profes-
sion and has made available to each
of its members the experience and
inspiration of all. It has supplied him
with documents and advice which by
their use have marked him with pro-
fessional distinction and have ad-
vanced his ability to practice success-
fully. It has made of him a

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1917 to 1919 he was a lieutenant in the A.E.F., with a year on detached service with the Fourth French Army. In 1920, he was married to Berenice Brookmyer of Detroit. The Ditchys have three daughters and—since August—a granddaughter.

A.P.X. Leader

Clair was one of the organizers of Alpha Rho Chi and a charter member of Ikimos at Michigan. In 1916 he launched The Archi, as editor of Volume I, and he was the Fraternity’s second W.G.A., from 1917 to 1921. His talents as toastmaster and speaker have been called upon at many student and alumni gatherings and he has always responded generously. At a Founder’s Day dinner he said, of some of the Fraternity’s values, “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.

“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.

“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. * * *

“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 citizenship and better architecture.”

Wadsworth Accepts Inspector’s Post

Winthrop M. Wadsworth has accepted appointment as National Inspector in addition to his duties as Grand Council Deputy. In this new job he will work on national organization problems along with the other Grand Council Deputies, Robert H. Bowen of Austin, Texas (Anthemios ’31), and Jay G. Ingels of Seattle, Washington (Andronicus ’35).

Wadsworth has long been one of A.P.X.’s strongest supporters in Minneapolis where he is in the real estate and insurance business. He was born in Minneapolis in 1890, attended public school there, University of Minnesota (Electrical Engineering) and University of Illinois where he graduated in Architectural Engineering in 1914. At Illinois he was a charter member of Anthemios. He was married in 1916 to Catherine McNab Andersen and has four daughters and seven grandchildren. In the last six years one of his several hobbies, travel, has taken him to almost every state in the U. S. as well as to Mexico and Canada.

Minnesota Alumni have honored Wadsworth with their Madsen Memorial Key for his long and active leadership in their activities. An appreciative officer has said, “Whenever something needs to be done ‘Waddy’ is always ready—has always turned out for alumni meetings and has devoted a great deal of his time to helping solve active problems—a really wonderful guy.”
APX Grand Council Reviews Administration of Fraternity

This is a review of the national administration by the officers of Alpha Rho Chi in the light of observations at the Convention and discussions with student and alumni members.

Objectives

The immediate concern of the Fraternity is the continued strengthening of our national organization. This involves sound finance, sound active chapters and uniformity of major policies and operations. Alpha Rho Chi is a large and growing organization. It is becoming an old organization. It is an organization which has maintained and insists on the highest standards, ideals, and aspirations. Let us take advantage of our strengths, eliminate our weaknesses and continue to build a strong and vital association.

Expansion

Alpha Rho Chi makes a valuable contribution to the schools, the students, and the community. Its sound expansion will come through a strong national organization which wins increasing recognition as "the" architectural fraternity, widely known for the high standing and accomplishments of its student and alumni groups, for the Alpha Rho Chi Medal, and for its whole loyal membership. Several alumni associations are now active in promoting the formation of new chapters. In this connection all members should be alert to encourage transferees to take the initiative in building interest in new chapters at their new schools.

Alumni Support

Especially active alumni interest in several localities has greatly strengthened student chapters. The reunion of Alpha Rho Chi members at the A.A.A. Convention is a widely appreciated opportunity for pleasant reminiscence and good fellowship. The successes and honors achieved by our individual members reflect favorably upon the Fraternity, but we need more organized support from active alumni groups.

National Officers

The Fraternity has been fortunate, through the years, in the caliber of the men it has obtained for national officers. An officer must not only have the necessary ability, judgment, experience and knowledge, but he must also be willing to contribute a great many hours of time which would otherwise be spent with his family or in his own business.

The W.G.A. acts as a general manager. The W.G.E. is executive secretary and treasurer for an operation of no small magnitude. The W.G.S. is responsible for distribution of the Alpha Rho Chi Medal. The Grand Lecturer's duties are to promote and install new chapters.

Grand Advisor is a new office established by the 1952 convention. The G.A., with his many years of experience in the Fraternity's national operation, acts as guide and counsellor for the Grand Council.

The National Inspector (a new officer) will work with and coordinate the activities of national deputies, who are in charge of Grand Council operations in designated areas. The Deputies work will become increasingly important as plans are formed for assisting active chapters and developing further national expansion.

National Publications

The Archi has been increasingly successful in regularity, appearance and content. It is being produced at nominal cost. Efforts to improve it are being made continuously. With consideration to its Fraternity-wide circulation, it strives to report (1) Grand Council and Convention policies and actions, (2) chapter activities, and (3) alumni achievements and professional activities.

The suggestion is frequently made that The Archi should publish original articles on professional subjects by members. Such material is always being sought and will be used whenever it is available.

A national Directory was published in August, 1951. In two years many corrections and additions have been recorded and W.G.E. George Whitten plans to publish a new Directory in 1954 which will be the most complete list of members and addresses yet available.

A manual, "The Archi Pledge", is furnished for instruction of men preparing to join our Fraternity. For active members a new manual is being written, covering our history, traditions, ideals and objectives for the encouragement of wider and more effective participation in chapter and fraternity operation.

National Finances

All transactions for the Fraternity are governed by provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, which establish four Funds encompassing all items of income and expenditure.

General Fund—for national operating expenses, membership certificates, convention and charter expense, and distribution of the Medal. Income includes $5 from each initiation fee, $4 in semester fees and $3 convention assessment annually from each active member. Also included are ten percent royalty on fraternity jewelry, new charter fees, and special income as assigned by the Grand Council.

Building Fund—Amounts accrued for each chapter by its remittances of $10 collected on initiation fees at time of pledging. Held in trust until requested by respective alumni associations for retirement of mortgages, building or re-furbishing local chapter buildings.

Archi Endowment—Fifteen dollars of each initiation fee is assigned as life subscription to The Archi and held in this fund. Interest only is used for Archi expenses.

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ALUMNI DUES . . . SINCE MAY 1953

Alumni dues for support and expansion of the Fraternity's national organization were established by the 1938 Convention and affirmed by the 1948 and 1952 Conventions. Annual dues are $2, and Life dues $25, payable at one time or in three annual installments. Payments of Life dues are designated "Life Membership." Dues are payable to W.G.E. George Whitten, who reports the following receipts in the three months ending Sept. 1:

PAID UP LIFE MEMBERS
120 Elmo R. Everett
122 H. W. Madden
123 R. G. Johnson
125 Milton L. Anderson
126 Denver Marthwth, Jr.
127 W. A. Warrick
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PART LIFE PAYMENTS
121 H. Arthur Tucker
124 E. Charles R. Croce
127 H. W. Brown, Jr.
128 William A. Johnson
129 J. E. Mackenzie
130 R. C. Smith
131 J. R. Wilson
132 W. H. Brown
133 F. A. Kinney
134 J. E. Kaye


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they will spend the remaining months of the academic year. Professor Hammett will be at the American Academy as visiting resident in architecture. He was a student at the Academy from 1924 to 1926 when he held the Robinson Travelling Fellowship from Harvard where he received his Master's Degree in architecture.

Harlow C. Richardson
Harlow C. Richardson (Mnecicles, Faculty '29) died in General Hospital, Minneapolis, from injuries received in an automobile accident on September 10th. He had been living at the Campus Club and with friends in Anoka. After retirement from the University of Minnesota Faculty in 1945 Professor Richardson had travelled extensively and had taught for a time in Hawaii. The many Mnecicles alumni who knew him intimately were shocked and grieved by the untimely death of a wonderful friend, teacher and brother.

INSTITUTES

The Grand Council records new initiates in the official membership roll in order of receipt of complete initiation reports. Initiates for three months ending Sept. 1, with serial numbers in official record are the following:

IKTINOS, Feb. 21, 1953:
2088 James Edward Knothe
2089 Gordon D. Wagner
2090 John Walter Kornziel
2091 Donald Campbell
2092 Robert Ira Proctor
2093 Arthur Bernard

ANTHEMIOS, Sept. 19, 1953:
2094 John Walter Richardson
2095 William Muschenhein
2096 Robert Wilmus
2097 Russell E. Williams

MENSEICLES, April 25, 1953:
2098 James Edward Knothe
2099 Gordon D. Wagner
2100 John Walter

ANTHEMIOS, Sept. 19, 1953:
2101 John Walter Richardson
2102 William Muschenhein
2103 Robert Wilmus
2104 Russell E. Williams

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Alumni Fund—for national development and expansion. Fund includes Life Membership payments ($25) held as endowment. Interest and annual dues ($2) are available for expenses related to special purpose of fund.
The W.G.E.'s biennial report to the Convention includes itemized financial statements and a recommended budget for Grand Council operations for the ensuing two years. For the 1952 Convention a special analysis of national finances was made by an Alumni Finance Committee. The financial statements and the committee's report, which commended the national officers' management of finances, are included in full in the Official Report of the Convention.