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OF ALPHA RHO CHI

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THE GRAND COUNCIL

To the Editor of the Archi:

Some of the bright young men hereabouts have suggested that the W. G. A. contribute to the Archi a few words each month. We think the idea is good, although its fulfillment is somewhat handicapped by our native literary weakness. We will make the attempt, however, and hope, with the assistance of the other members of the Grand Council, to be able to present from time to time topics of fraternity, educational and general interest.

To the Fraternity:

Alpha Rho Chi is to be sincerely congratulated upon the acceptance by Professor Rexford Newcomb of the post of Grand Lecturer, to succeed Brother Shumaker, who has served the fraternity in this capacity for the past six years. Brother Newcomb needs no introduction to any of us, we believe, and we are happy that he is to fill this important office. He will have charge of all matters pertaining to the Ritual and kindred subjects, as well as the usual constitutional duties of the office.

To the Paeonios Chapter:

We sincerely welcome you as the latest stone to be added to the arch which now all but spans the continent. We have confidence in your ability to uphold the ideals and fair name of Alpha Rho Chi and we wish you the greatest pleasure and success in your new associations.

A Real Petition

The local fraternity Alpha Chi at 1019 Moro Street, Manhattan, Kansas, sent to the Eighth Annual Convention what, in our opinion, is the finest possible petition for admission as our seventh chapter. The petition itself, along with the questionnaire and other material, was bound into soft, brown, undressed-leather covers, the front of which bore a gold seal of the Kansas State Agricultural College. In this book they included letters of recommendation from W. M. Jar-dine, president of the School, R. A. Seaton, Dean of Engineering; H. H. King, in charge of fraternities; Jessie McDowell Machir, registrar; Cecil F. Baker, head of Architectural Department; and Paul Weigel, assistant professor of Architecture. There followed a page of general statements, which gave a survey of resources, general record of students for past year, total enrollment for school of 3,560, enrollment in Engineering School of 926, and enrollment in Architectural Department of 65. The faculty, C. F. Baker, Paul Weigel, Harold Barr, Walter Dehner, were listed with a summary history of each. A detailed statement of library and equipment and descriptive material as to their equipment followed. To complete the volume, they included individual pictures of the petitioning members with information about each and in addition twelve 7x11-inch views of the campus. In every way the book was a masterpiece. In addition they sent four large pictures of their studios and drafting rooms. Three year books were also included. Some idea as to what a formidable package it all made can be gleaned from the fact that the postage alone amounted to two dollars.

As has been mentioned elsewhere the work of art, for such it was, simply "knocked the delegates cold." Everyone felt that such an enterprising bunch of

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men should be admitted to our fraternity. We would be in favor of having the Grand Council send the petition to the chapters for inspection.

The chapter was installed on February ninth and tenth. Brother H. G. Overend of Wichita, Kansas, being in charge of the ceremonies. To date no detailed account of this installation has been furnished us, but will be in next issue.

Iktinos Attends J-Hop

Seven men of Iktinos chapter attended the annual J-Hop, which is Michigan's gala social event of the year. Brother Demmon designed the decorations for the party, and we feel very proud of his accomplishment. As usual there was the typical influx of good-looking women from all parts of the country. The whole affair lasted two days and culminated in a house party. The brothers lived up to their reputations by making the decorations decidedly unique for this final party.

Brother Weber has taken charge of the plans for the Greenwich Village party. He promises that it will be better than ever, which is saying a palette-full.

Some More Probation

Probation week is just beginning for the miserable neophytes. The sophs are cutting classes to think up stunts for the worst ordeal that an A. P. X. ever experiences. Hurray, in the middle of the week, our pledges will strive to entertain us with a bizarre opera which is an annual affair, and which has always been worthy of head-line space in a Hollywood newspaper.

Brother Farley has undertaken to make it easy for the Varsity baseball team to win the Conference Championship, by offering his services for mound duty.

Brother Kressbach is just finishing up his duties as a member of the Varsity basketball squad.

Brother Stone has taken over the task of supervising the Architects' May Party, which promises to be some party.

Anthemios News

We are in the midst of initiation and consequently we all have our hands full. We are initiating eight new men this week end and we will certainly be glad to welcome them as brothers. The only trouble is we won't have any pledges for pledge duties.

Since the last issue we have begun our new semester, having come through the first without any drops. Brother Pickett is with us again and is on Prehn's wrestling team already.

Brother Macon Abbitt, '22, Lawrence, Kansas, was awarded fourth place in a Better Homes Competition given by the Kansas City Architects' Association and the Kansas City Star.

Brother Bryan gave the university community a treat at the Post Exam jubilee with a skit called "Tunes, Tinkles, and Taps," and won the honor of having the most versatile vocal organs on the campus.

The Architectural Department gave their Annual Banquet at the Inman Hotel, February 20th. A dinner and party was arranged for the entertainment of the guests. Due to the efforts of "Had" Schoen and C. D. Badgley everything went off smoothly. A feature of the decorations was cartoons of each Senior member drawn in color.

Demetrios' formal dinner dance is slated for the sixteenth of March. Many of the alumni are coming back and according to present indications it will be one of the largest and we hope one of the best dances of the year.

Max Worthley has recently been elected editor of the Ohio State Engineer.

Since the last issue George E. Merkle of Kent, Ohio, has been pledged.

E. F. McMurchy and "Rus" Krob sang with the Glee Club on its recent trip thru the state.

Mnesicles News

Mnesicles has just finished an extensive winter rushing season and the results have been extremely favorable. The men who have taken the pledge are Art Ruddy and Martin Ekstrand of Minneapolis, Herman Frenzel of St. Paul, Erhard Kropp of St. Cloud, Everett Peterson of Sleepy Eye, Paul Nyström of Duluth and P. T. Dudley of Milwaukee.

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Paeonios Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi

In the last issue of the Archi we made a statement to the effect that the petition of Alpha Chi at Manhattan, Kansas, for admission to Alpha Rho Chi had been accepted favorably by the convention and during the intervening time we have received notice that a chapter had been duly installed. This means that in Paeonios chapter, Alpha Rho Chi has admitted its seventh chapter.

Paeonios chapter, we greet you and extend to you our sincerest best wishes, as well as our heartiest congratulations on the way in which you presented your petition for admission. The convention had no hesitation as to what was its duty on its first glance over the contained matter, feeling that the spirit which prompted that layout was the spirit which our fraternity could well desire for association in its ranks. Again we greet you, at the same time congratulating ourselves in our good fortune.

There will be duties which you will be asked to perform, there will be traditions for you to assimilate and promote, there will be ever increasing activities in which you will be expected to take part, and we shall be glad to have you among us to share these, our common burdens. There will be a fellowship to be derived from these common burdens and benefits and it is our fond hope that each succeeding year will make this fellowship more complete, more perfect. Brothers of Paeonios chapter, “shake.”

In Retrospect

This year’s Archi has nearly run its course. A single issue remains to be published and we shall have fulfilled our hopes and lived up to our promises. Six issues, financed through the regular channels, placed in the mails with a comparatively fair regularity, published as a news sheet primarily, these were the conditions which we promised and we feel that we have lived up to them. We believe we have discovered the type of publication that is desired. We have, at least to our satisfaction, solved the financial problem. For these things we wish to take credit.

However, there were things in which we have dismally failed, and principal of these is the utter lack of interest shown by the Alumni as regards reporting news about themselves. A few letters were wonderful, but more were of a congratulatory nature which, while pleasant reading to us, contributed little to our pages. Why should people be so intensely reticent? We tried the scheme of writing a score of personal letters to Alumni whose addresses or changes of address gave some inking of genuine interest, and received not one reply. We admit we are discouraged. Another matter a great deal less trivial was the misunderstanding that would persist about our delay at printing notices sent us. Several contributors failed to realize that their copy must travel from two to five days to reach us, that we were occasionally delayed by the press of work and other activities, that after our actual writing was begun ten days must be allowed before the last copy could be placed in the mails, and finally, that third class and even second class mail transmission is a very, very neglected part of the postal service. It seems that both these conditions are practically unavoidable. Another matter, not a grievance, which should be considered at some future time, is the part year subscription of new initiates. It requires no great consideration to realize that ultimately that will become a back-breaking task for the publishing chapter, partly because of the difficulty of taking care of correspondence in the midst of other interests. This year the revenue so coming to our coffers was a very desirable factor, but perhaps not always so. Think about it. Another matter that must be studied is a better mailing system. Our Christmas issue and our returning cuts were handled shamefully, but we have so far discovered no inadequate means of taking care of them. These then are some of the problems that must be considered in the future and will mean just that much grief for later laborers in these fields.

Official Notes

Professor Rexford Nowcome is appointed Grand Lecturer of the fraternity and will have charge of business matters pertaining to ritual. He may be addressed at the Department of Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

The Grand Council cast an affirmative vote on motion to amend Article VIII, Section 1, paragraph (a) of the constitution to read as follows:

“(a) Active.

“Active members shall consist only of white males registered in the departments of architecture and architectural engineering or in professional courses in landscape architecture or interior decoration leading to a bachelor’s degree in the Schools of America. Provided, however, that the membership of any active chapter shall consist of at least 70% of students registered in architecture and architectural engineering.”
letter, one that starts out "Dearest Darling Duckling, etc., etc., let your conscience be your guide.)

J. Wallace Green, W. E.

"Shorty" Kaltenbrun, W. C. (He sits in the high chair.)

Columbus Alumni News

Dear Editor:

I understand you would like to have a little news of the doings of the Columbus Alumni Chapter.

Briefly, there is not much news, as I have not been in close touch with what few meetings we have had recently. However, if this is of any value to you, use it.

D. P. Ely, W. G. A., recently was in Dayton, and attended the luncheon of Dayton A. R. C. men, at which were present, in addition to Brother Ely, Brothers Cool, Rerquarth, Breidenbaugh, and Bolinger.

The Columbus Alumni Chapter have been holding their regular weekly luncheons, at which the usual seven or eight attend, and about the same line of discussion at all meetings.

The Columbus Alumni Chapter held a meeting and smoker at the Fraternity House, Monday evening, March 5th, and which was attended by thirteen Alumni.

Brother Ely, who recently was elected W. G. A., and because of his increased duties found it impossible to continue the office of A. A., resigned. Brother Harry Reichard was elected unanimously in his place.

The Alumni Chapter also elected an Advisory Council composed of Brothers Panning, Kennedy and Perkins, to keep in close touch with the active chapter, and assist them whenever possible. After the meeting we had a little food, smokes, and entertainment.

Brother Morrow, who has recently returned from his exhaustive studies in Europe, has gone back to work. He has not told us yet whether he made enough money last year to pay income tax. However, he still looks prosperous in his black and white stripe suit.

The Alumni are still holding down their old jobs, so they must be pretty good.

Of the few that have had the courage to get married, we have heard of no increases in the family.

Should I run across any sensational piece of news, I will write you.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Gleich.

"Dear Bro. Johnson:

In reply to your letter of about February 15th, I am sorry that I could not furnish you with some news. At that time I was down with the "flu" and was home for nearly three weeks. I forwarded your letter to one of the Chicago Alumni and perhaps you have heard from him."

"In the last issue of the Archi there was considerable mention of the Alumni Association taken up at the convention. However, there was nothing said of its purpose, development or benefit. It is the opinion of members of the Chicago Alumni Chapter that an article should be published in the Archi giving some information regarding this issue. At a meeting last week I was elected the goat—so I am writing an article for the Archi covering the Alumni Association question. I will mail it to you in about 10 days. If it is too late for this issue, there will be something for the next one."

Most fraternally yours,

G. A. WHITTEN.

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