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Grand Lecturer Reports On Paenios, Dinocrates and Polykletos.

By J. J. Patterson, G. L.

With this issue we complete our series of historical sketches of the ancient architects whose names designate our chapters. This work has entailed considerable research which has always been most interesting, but often unproductive of results desired.

Our architectural ancestors were as modest as many of their modern descendants and consequently little can be obtained as to their lives, beyond the mention of their work.

Before proceeding with the histories of the three remaining architects to be considered, I wish to mention that I have found a reference, in the book, "Through the Ages," published by the National Association of Marble Dealers (Vol. 1, No. 2, P. 18), to the effect that Mnesicles was the architect of the Erechtheum.

Who Can Verify This?

I am ashamed to say that I do not know whether this is true or not, but I will say that I have found no other statement to that effect in any other source of information I have studied. Has any brother any definite knowledge on this subject? If so, let's have it, and give old Mnesicles his due. If I had designed the Erechtheum, I certainly would want it known.

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APOLOGIES

We apologize to The Archi subscribers for two reasons for which the May issue is late in publication.

First, we apologize for three chapters who were late in supplying corrections for the directory—and copy for the news columns. (P. S.—One chapter didn't report on directory at all.)

Second, we apologize for our employer sending us on a special inspection trip just as we were all set to shove off on the May issue. Biz is biz—however.

Therefore the directory will be found in the June issue instead of May. But—you'll find May and June have been consolidated for one printing and mailing.

INSTALLS THERON CHAPTER

PAEONIOS TO BE CONVENTION HOST

Grand Council Turns Down Bid From Andronicus Because of Costs.

As forecast in the columns of The Archi last month—costs of a trip to Los Angeles forced the selection of Manhattan, Kansas, as the place for the twelfth annual convention of Alpha Rho Chi.

This news was given to The Archi by W. G. A. the 1st of May in a letter pointing out the facts investigated by the Grand Council. Last month we published the figures which had been compiled for their consideration. The text of D. P. Ely's letter follows:

"After a great deal of deliberation and checking of costs, R. R. fares, etc., the Grand Council has selected Manhattan, Kansas, and the Paenios Chapter as the place and host for the 12th Annual Convention, hosting the power delegated to the Council by the past convention.

Andronicus Recognized

"In making this decision, the claims of the Andronicus Chapter were kept well in mind, and it is the hope of the Council that the Fraternity may be able to make the long anticipated journey to Southern California at the earliest possible time. It is felt, however, that the Fraternity's financial condition at present is not strong enough to warrant placing the extra burden on the chapters which a distant convention would necessitate.

"The Council feels that this matter should be studied over carefully by the chapters and delegates instructed before attending future conventions."

"Therefore Paenios will be our next host in their home in Manhattan. The dates will be set by them, but will in all probability be December 31 and January 1, or January 3-4, 1927."

JAMES THORUD STRONG

James Thorud Strong, born May 15, at Freeport, is telling the world that his daddy is Truman J., Anthemios, '17, and our W. G. E. and that his mother was Madeline Thorud, Bert's sister. P. S.—Jim's older brother Bob is six.
Our new officers, installed this month, are Robert Mitchell, W. A.; Wendell Parks, W. A. A.; William Crane, W. C.; Marvin Patterson, W. S., and Russell Davidson, W. S. "Surf" Patterson, Correspondent

Demetrios—Ohio State

Robert D. Ayers, Correspondent

On May 28th Demetrios will hold its annual Greenwich Party at the chapter house. All costumes will be strictly Parisian, and we surely hope that all those concerned will see college as it really is.

An Early Promoter

Demetrios of Macedonia, was an architect of the fourth century B. C. He appears under eight different names as given by Brown. This does not signify that he changed his name of necessity, or that they were aliases, but shows the slight value of a mere name when compared with deeds of greatness.

Demetrios was the greatest promoter of ancient times. Provided with letters of recommendation to the principal persons of the Alexandrian court he set out from his native country with the hope of gaining favor with the monarch. The couriers made many promises which they neglected to perform and thus prevented his access to Alexander, but only for a time. Using novel means of gaining the ruler's notice Dinocrates finally interested him in the building of a new city.

The architect was usefully employed in the building of the extensive foundations of Alexandria, and few architects have had the opportunity to direct works of greater importance.

He is believed to have rebuilt the Artemesium at Ephesus after its destruction by fire and to have erected another at Alexandria.

A Sculptor and Architect

Polyklitos lived in the last part of the fifth century B. C. He was a celebrated Greek sculptor and architect, associated with the high development of abstract proportion which characterizes Greek sculpture. He seems to have realized the athletic type, or ideal, to the entire satisfaction of the Greek world and have made a figure embodying the accepted proportions, which was called the "Canon." This canon is supposed to have been a simple figure carrying a spear (doryphoros), described by Pliny and properly represented by several replicas. The best of these was found at Pompeii and is in the museum at Naples. The most important monumental work of Polyklitos was the chryselephantine Hera at Argos, represented by the so-called Ludovisi Juno.
Sunday, May 9th, the Actives and Pledges had the honor of entertaining their mothers at dinner. All present were afforded a rough time, and in the afternoon the mothers were escorted to Pomeronie Hall, where a tea was given in their honor.

Once again Demetrios steps forward and brings down the highest honor in our department. George Ferrenz and Franklin Scott were awarded the Lake Forest Institute of Architects and Landscape Architects scholarship and will study in Chicago this coming summer.

The entire active chapter wishes to extend a vote of sympathy to Galen F. Oman, Max L. Worthley and Donald F. McMurchy after receiving the glad tidings that they are about to make the final leap.

Mrs. Fred Palmer Hills announced the marriage of her daughter Mary Caroline to Galen F. Oman, which will take place on the 24th.

Mrs. James Carr announces the enravement of her daughter Agnes Harrell to Max L. Worthley.

Mrs. W. S. Headman announces the marriage of her daughter Mildred W. to Donald F. McMurchy. "Best wishes to all."

MENISCLES—MINNESOTA

Glynn Shifflett, Correspondent

With the apple trees and lilacs in bloom our East River home is beautiful. Just to take advantage of this setting and time of year we are having a big spring party at the home, May 15th. We are inviting the members of the Scarab fraternity. This is a fitting return to a most successful smoker they had for us some time ago. Chet Carjola is in charge of this party.

The Spring Formal plans are well under way and this biggest social feature of the spring quarter will be held the 8th of May at the Minneapolis Golf Club.

Many of the Brothers are on committees in charge of the Architects' Jubilee, the architecture department frolic at the U. of M. This take off on the Beau Arts Ball is May the 21st. We expect a number of alumni back for this evening of gaiety.

Brother Kenneth Backstrom has had the honor of being elected to Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. Also Brothers John Brenner and Porter Kilpatrick have recently been elected into membership of Phi Alpha honorary art fraternity. More power to Meniscles Chapter.

Recently we have had a number of alumni visitors—Alvin Jansma, Milwaukee; Paul E. Nystrom, Duluth, and Richard McGee from Monomonic, Wis.

Gilman Holien recently treated us on announcing having given his pin to Galen F. Oman, 1065 Edmund St., St. Paul.

While we are enjoying immensely our present home, it is with no little pride that the brothers strut about the location of our new house. It is coming fine and looks like a million.

P. S.—Kenny Backstrom pulled down one of the architectural faculty prizes and was also elected to Tau Sigma Delta, the architecture fraternity. Our lad is also architectural representative on the Book-store board—and he's only a Junior.

Miss Lilian W. Sherrard at Joliet, III., announces the marriage on June 23 of her sister, Miss Ruth C. Sherrard, of Marshalltown, Iowa, to Horace W. Toulouse, of St. Paul. Many of the boys met "Spy—Spy" at their court and learned that she was a domestic science teacher. Brother Toulouse is superintend­ent at Polo, III., for Royer, Danely & Smith, Urbana architects, and edits "The Archi" on the side.

KALLIKRATES—VIRGINIA

Lawrence N. Brown, Correspondent

At the regular meeting of May 4th nominations were made for the officers of the coming year, 1926-27. Each nominee had no opposition and was thus automatically elected. The follow­ings can carry on for next session: Tom C. Parker, W. A.; Francisco de Paulo Carral, W. A. A.; Ralph Little, W. S.; L. N. Brown, W. E.; Rogelio Navarro, W. C., and Dave B. Andrews, W. Sapt.

We threw our Spring Formal at the University Inn on May 14th, preceded by a banquet for the Alpha Kho Chi Chi—also a real "shag". The party was in Mr. Hudnut's honor, and it went off pretty well. It took an hour for the dance to break up after the time to quit had rolled around. At 3 o'clock in the morning, "Show me the way to go home" was pretty popular.

Mr. Hudnut's successor hasn't been appointed yet, although three men have been here to get the "once over."

Fendall Gregory, '25, dropped in the week before last on his way home from Florida. His pockets weren't stuffed with green dollars but he'd learned lots of things.

As to house plans for next year, the fellows won't give up the "shark." We realize it isn't so pretentious, but the situation couldn't be better and that's the first thing which counts. So we're trying to lease the little cottage and using it for a foundation, add on and improve it. And so really house pros­pects are better for next year than they've ever been.

ANDRONICUS—U. S. C.

Fred Hagerman, Correspondent

Watching the calendar with a hungry eye, everybody is beginning to make the final scramble to clean up all their work before June 5th, when the gates shut on another year of work.

Ros Allison has just returned from a triumphant concert tour with his famous Trojan Band. Not to brag any, brothers, but its some band, due largely to Ros's efforts. Next year the band will be minus a very able manager, as he gradu­ates this June.

Bro. Weatherhead, acting dean of the school is at present at Washington, D. C., representing the convention of the Intercollegiate Schools of Architecture and will also be among those present at the Octagon House for the annual A. I. A. Convention. Probably have plenty of "hot stuff" on education when he returns on May 18.

The alumni had a chance to "strut their stuff" gratis, at the annual dance in their honor two weeks ago. It was indeed a pleasure to see several brothers from Eastern campuses, among them being Bro. Kreimkamp, ex-Meniscles.

A feature dance of the evening was the newly-wed brothers: "Randy" Duell, Claude Norris, and Bill Holdredge—Bill being the latest victim.

Speaking of dances, the yearly Marde Gra of the school is truly out-did itself under the direction of Frank Baden. Bigger and better—no, smaller and better costumes—sez Frank, and he sure got 'em. The affair was held at the Hollywood Woman's Club, April 20. Fred Hageman and lady took the costume prizes—as real bad lookin' pirates.

Campus politicians have been making life miserable for everyone, it being that time of the year when we hear "If I am elected, etc. ," ad nauseam. Sufficient to say "our Pat," i.e., Geo. Patrick, was elected to the executive committee from the School of Architecture. Congrats.

Frank Green has been honored by being elected Trojan Knight, an honorary body dedicated to keep alive the traditions of the University.

Next fall will see Andronicus in a new house. The lease on the present one expires this June, and several good-looking places have been lined up. What with a new house and new furniture we'll hardly know ourselves.

Wonder if anybody ever hears Mel Lemon and his orchestra back East—they broadcast over KFWB of Warner Bros. Studio. O, yes, Mel and Ros Al­lisson stroll around with all the stars, etc., on the movie lots. My, by, how these orchestra men do get on! "Nobe" Mcllvain, Dick King, Cecil Straw and "Dutch" Van Reher are the real stars. They're not thinking much about that at present. As this is written at 2:20 G. M., they're charretting all nite for the Frank E. Davis Traveling Scholarship—nine months abroad. So we may see one of the bovs off to that oft-dreamed-of-land this summer.

PAEONIOS—K. S. A. C.

Fred Billings, Correspondent

Bro. Friedel was awarded the A. I. A. gold medal for excellence in Senior design from this school. Paeonios is supposed to have four more alumni to add to their list after June 3rd: Brothers Friedel, Gross,
MORE CHAPTER NEWS

Hoelzel and Billings are hoping that the dear O'ois will see fit to so grade them that they may be awarded their sheepskins.

Bob Osborne is now playing on the Manhattan City golf team.

Emmett Hill, our brother from the west, I mean Western Kansas, felt quite prosperous a week or so ago and put out his pin as well as the cigars. The fair lady is no other than Miss Lois Kimball of Olathe, Kan.

Brother Lanty has been elected to Scarab, Weekly Political.

Paenios celebrated Mothers' day, May 9th, with the following mothers present: Mrs. C. O. Billings, Mrs. Robert Kerr, Mrs. H. E. Soupee, Mrs. W. B. Lanty, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. J. S. Olmstead, Mrs. C. E. Ciss and Mrs. Ed. Palmquist; along with several other guests.

Paenios is planning its farewell party for May 29th. Everybody come and have a good time with us.

See June Issue for Additional Chapter News.

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