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Job Well Done Makes Friends and Good Chapters

ARTHUR D. PICKETT, Grand Lecturer

WE HAVE just passed through what has probably been the most discouraging period of our lives—up to the present time. During the past three years it has not only been questionable whether the Fraternity as such, could endure and regain activity and health, but many of us as individuals have temporarily forgotten such things as Fraternities in our own struggle for existence and self-preservation. Such an experience should humanize us all, and prepare us for a better future.

The coming year holds promise. Let us then start it with hope and the will to improve ourselves and our Fraternity. Surely our recent experience has again "pointed up" the arch of Alpha Rho Chi and reminded us all of that unforgettable experience of watching its Keystone so expectantly.

We have had time for thought to seek out our own weaknesses. Let us now turn to the chapter and find out its weak points. Perhaps it will not be low scholarship, or finances. It may be too professional to have made a place on the campus. We all can help by doing the thing we each can do best. Any Fraternity should be well rounded. It should rate high scholastically, be sound financially, known socially, and represented athletically. Do your work well first, pay your debts, then interest yourself in some extracurricular activity. Bring a friend to dinner who is a lawyer, a commerce student, or a future farmer. We all need to know our neighbors, and our most valuable asset can be friends. The fraternity is like ourselves, it also needs friends.

There is no reason why the scholar or the W. A. is the most useful to the chapter. Often it might happen that some lesser known brother will bring more honor to his chapter or in some way build up its prestige.

We all can help by doing the thing that some other member is not doing, or that needs doing. There is a job for all.

If we do that job well, no matter how insignificant it may seem, more important work and responsibility lie just ahead.

No News Except the Dog Died

FRANK LEE COCHRAN

IKTINOS started off the year with the usual rush of school work, and the usual rushing of the Freshman. The open season on Freshmen netted us five fine fellows who are doing their best to become proficient in Archi lore. . . .

The dormant cave man spirit in Iktipos came to the surface this year when we decided to enter the interfraternity wrestling meet. Imagine our surprise and delight when Worthy Architect Hillier ended up as runner-up in the 155 pound class, and "Otts" Kerschbaum turned up as the champ in 175 pound class. . . . A basketball team is in formation, and also a hockey team is in the back of our mind . . . which ought to serve as enough excitement for the time being. . . .

We inaugurated the "gay social season" this year with a radio dance . . . it turned out to be a very nice affair, though rather on the quiet side. The next party on the schedule was a planned stag party for the alumni. . . . And thereby hangs a tale. We are using this column to announce that the ACTIVE CHAPTER had a very fine time polishing off the viands . . . in case you alumni would like to know when all this took place, we won't keep it a secret any longer . . . it was after the homecoming game with Penn . . . and a darned good game it was, too. Much better than the Ohio State affair, which also was the occasion of a party.

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. . . And now for the last, and by all measures, the best, of the fall parties . . . Friday the Thirteenth was chosen . . . nobody knows why . . . for this formal dinner-dance at the house. . . . Mrs. Wainer, the cook (new to some of you not-so-old grads) turned out a perfect masterpiece . . . if you don't believe it, come out and try her product sometime. . . . In fact, come out even if you do believe it. . . . We want to see you.

This ends the frivolous side of our activities. . . . We did have one evening spent in trying to get closer to the basis of Architecture. The occasion was a visit from Mr. Alden B. Dow, of Midland, Michigan. A pupil of Frank Lloyd Wright, Mr. Dow has been doing a lot of very interesting work at Midland . . . some of you probably know of his Country Club through the magazines of the past few years. . . . Well, a dinner was in order, and most of the faculty attended. After dinner, we adjourned to the living room and heard Mr. Dow read a paper setting forth his views on the Problems of Architecture, and a method of self-criticism which he has found extremely helpful. After the reading of this paper, a discussion took place which added much to the pleasure derived from the meeting. Iktinos hopes to do this sort of thing much more frequently in the future.

And now, for the information of the alumni of the past five or six years, it becomes our sad task to have to print "Garm's" obituary. . . . This comes some seven months late, but the task was too much at the time, and like all such unpleasant things, was put off. . . . Garm, we think you will agree, was the noblest Great Dane of them all.

Andronicus Reports

FREDERIC P. WEAVER

ANDRONICUS of Alpha Rho Chi started the school year with an enthusiastic group of actives. It has been the aim of the chapter to make our fraternity better known on the university campus, and with the leadership of Don Williamson as W. A. we are steadily seeing our goal realized. Boyd Georgi is president of the College of Architecture this year, and through his cooperation with the faculty, the school has sponsored a dance which was held in the Life Studio. The decorations for the dance were quite novel and were done by the men in the house. The fraternity will have to sponsor a radio program if the broadcasting abilities of Don Williamson and Bill Benson are to be recognized. They took part in the skit which Professor Balwin presented at the dance.

The chapter pledged ten new men this year, bringing our pledge class up to eleven men. Through financial reverses we have lost two of the new pledges, but the remaining nine are a fine group of fellows and are taking their pledge duties seriously, but not too seriously. Along with the other progressive universities of the United States, the University of Southern California has abolished paddling in the fraternal organizations. The abolition of paddling has presented a problem of discipline in the fraternities, but we feel that we are working out a satisfactory program for our pledge class.

In the way of social events at the chapter house, we have held a series of dances. Jules Brady, acting as social chairman, has done a commendable piece of work.

While in Berkeley this year to witness our annual game with California, the men of the house were guests at Chi Alpha Kappa. They brought home the unanimous opinion that Chi Alpha Kappa was a most progressive house and showed strong possibilities of

being a prospective chapter of Alpha Rho Chi. We have watched the progress of this house for sometime and feel the men there have real possibilities.

Culver Heaton assumed the responsibility of matrimony this past November 23. It was one of the outstanding wedding ceremonies of the season, Miss Laura Baker being the bride. Prominent brothers who took part were George Hoedinghaus, Bill Benson, and Gus Kalionzes, who were ushers. The chapter attended the wedding.

Editor's Mail Box

IKTINOS

The annual meeting of the Iktinos Building Association was held December 13, 1935, at Goebel's Rathskeller, Detroit, Mich.

J. Russell Radford, '27, is back in Detroit at 5061 Hillsboro Avenue.

Clair W. Ditchy, '15, Past W. G. A., is president of the Michigan Society of Architects, and his office is at 703 Fisher Bldg., Detroit.

J. Sanger Brown, w'31, is located at 134 E. 64th St., New York City.

DEMETRIOS

Dean W. Axline, '23, and Franklin G. Scott, '26, each won Honorable Mention in the recent Pencil Points Competition which was sponsored by the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company.

Frank J. Dickerson, '27, may be reached at the Engineering Dept., H. J. Heinz Co., P. O. Box 63, Pittsburgh, Pa.

L. Morgan Yost, '31, although not a winner in the Pencil Points Iron Fireman Competition, received favorable comment from the architectural press on his drawings presented in this competition.

Milton S. Osborne, '22, is a director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery and of the Winnipeg Art School, president of the Manitoba Architectural Society; head of the Department of Architecture and Fine Arts, University of Manitoba; a Fellow and first vice-president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; and a member of the Board of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Mother Ulery is not at the house this year. She now has her own home on West Sixth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Several Demetrios alumni are living there.

PAEONIOS

Charles L. Alberding, w'32, is Chief Engineer, Fourth District of the W. P. A., with offices in York Rite Temple Building, Wichita, Kan.

POLYKLITOS

William H. Scheick, '28, now teaching at the University of Illinois, was one of the early favorites in the Pencil Points Iron Fireman Competition, and although he did not place in the competition, his drawings were reproduced and received favorable expressions in architectural publications.

ANTHEMIOS

Wendell B. Parks, '27, sends 853 S. Lorraine Ave., Wichita, Kan., as his latest address.

William P. Crane, II, Anth. '28, and Silver L. Tesone, Theron '21, who were working in the Housing Division, P.W.A., in Washington, were sent to Puerto Rico to make foundation plans for the San Juan project, as there were no architects available there. After the foundation plans were made, Washington decided they should also do the superstructure drawings on site, after

which a project in the Virgin Islands came, resulting in three more men being sent to help Crane and Tesone. Two additional projects in the Virgin Islands and three or four more in Puerto Rico are the latest jobs in the office.

Crane's address is Box 1183, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and he writes that all houses are hurricane resisting, floors, walls and roofs being of reinforced concrete. No doors or windows are necessary—only heavy shutters in case of winds or heavy rains. The San Juan houses also will have the innovation of a shower and toilet. The sun is one of the best and certainly most used of sanitary weapons down there, Crane adds. It never falls below 70 degrees, and swimming and sun baths are on the menu the year around.

Kenneth A. Smith, '35, 1457 Jones St., San Francisco, Calif., Donald T. Jordon, '35, and Paul B. Marxen, '35, have been employed on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. They all started as laborers on the cable spinning the day that work was commenced. About a month later Smith was promoted to a bridgeman's job. Three months afterward Jordon got a job as assistant field engineer for the American Bridge Co., on the cantilever span of the bridge. He is now working in the company's yards with the same title and also doing timekeeping. Marxen too got a timekeeper's job recently. When the cables were finished, the boys got various jobs, one as a draftsman for a canvas goods and decorating company, the others detailing concrete reinforcing. July 2, 1935, Smith was married to Virginia Locke in San Francisco. She was a Zeta Tau Alpha at the University of Illinois, class of 1935.

THON

Verle L. Annis, W. G. A., writes that his last summer's vacation was a big success. He spent five weeks in Cuzco, Peru, and made a wonderful photographic record of both the colonial architecture and the ancient Inca ruins in the Andes. Additional weeks were spent in other parts of Peru and Bolivia, with a brief stay in Ecuador, and both going and coming Annis had four days in Panama. Most of the summer was spent in the Andean country at altitudes from 1100 to 15,000 feet. Upon returning, Annis superintended alterations and renovations on the architectural building at the University of Southern California. An additional task was to title and edit his new color movies of Peru, Annis having brought back 2500 negatives from there and Bolivia.

J. Tom Jent, w'34, is now at 1316 N. Louise, Apt. B, Oklahoma City, Okla.

News of Dinocrates

CLIFFORD H. JAMES

THREE members when school opened in the fall, pre-registration rushing, and no house presented a discouraging picture; but we took "courage," threw away the rest of that ugly word, and Dinocrates now has seven new pledges, five more pledging right after Christmas, and ten more excellent prospects. Oh yes, a house for next term is assured.

Hugh L. McMath, faculty member, went to M. I. T. this Christmas to present his Master's thesis—the design of A Museum of North and South American Indian Archeology and Anthropology.

Dan J. Driscoll, '31, in partnership with Delmar Groos, has a thriving architectural practice.

Carl Stautz, '34, with W. F. Seiders, has started the Southwest Photographic Bureau, and business is humming.

Raymond Everett, faculty member, sports a brand new mustache.

Dinocrates would like to bring its Alumni Directory up to date, so please, all of you "alums," drop us a card giving your present address and occupation.

Clifford H. James, '35, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Austin Branch of the West Texas Chapter of The American Institute of Architects for 1936.

Homecoming Attracts 40 Alumni at Anthemios

GEORGE F. FRITZINGER

THE 25th annual Homecoming Celebration November 9 at the University of Illinois was a grand success with the thrilling 3-0 victory over Michigan as the climax. The Homecoming of Anthemios was even more successful, with largest number of alumni returning since its founding. Forty alumni visited the chapter house at some time during the weekend. Alumni returning included: Prof. T. E. O'Donnell, '13; Matthew E. Dunlap, '14; "Duke" Truman J. Strong, '17; "Sol" G. A. Whitten, '25; F. A. Cerling, '26; Harford Field, w'27; Joseph Ganschinetz, '28, Arthur Purdy, '30; Harry J. Harmon, '30; Carl A. Gerfen, '30; Stanley Redenz; "Burr" Patterson; William Auble, '31; Chauncey Buck, '31; Robert Ganschinetz, '31; Ralph Crain; William Faris, '33; Donald Mayne, '33; Joseph Schuyler, '33; James McIntosh, w'34; Frederick Powell Cole, w'34; Russell Burkle, w'35; George Fritzinger, '35; Joseph Gartner, w'35; Clarence Kerberg, w'35; William J. King, w'35; Kent Lane, w'35; John Wilbur Steinmann, w'35; Savo Milan Stoshitch, '35.

The chapter house decorations were by far the most original, colorful, and outstanding on the campus. The central figure consisted of a huge totem pole incorporating in its design the Illini Indian and the Michigan Wolverine. The top of the pole was formed of a huge Indian head, chief Illiniwek himself, with an enormous grotesque Wolverine head immediately below it. Under this was a football held by a football player, having as his head the Indian and wolf heads. The pole was surrounded by a myriad of flaming torches which illuminated it fancifully.

We are very sad to report the death of the mother of William Lee Horstman (w'35) which occurred the latter part of October.

Donald Jordan, Paul B. Marxen, and Kenneth A. Smith, all of the class of 1935, are working upon the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge.

"Sol" G. A. Whitten is still a purveyor of caskets, and stops in at the chapter house frequently—not on business, we hope.

Bill Faris, '35, is the "high-pressure Pete" of the Laced Steel Company—that is, when he isn't cuddling his precious twins.

"Duke" Strong is camped in the field office of Smith, Kratz and Strong, Urbana, supervising the construction of the new Leal School in Urbana.

Arden D. Wilson, '37, W. A. A., is the new high stepping baton throwing drum major of the great Illini football band.

Bernie Hult, w'34, and George Waldy, w'37, have returned to school this year and are both lettermen in soccer.

Arthur A. Carrara and Charles Oliver Wedberg have also returned to school this year.

Harford Field reports that H. Samuel Kruse is working in his office in Hinsdale, Ill.



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