Grand Council Session -- Go, Go

On August 1 and 2, 1970 the Grand Council met with alumni representatives from all of the Active Chapters. Last spring, Ed Rhodes, National Inspector, returned from his tour of duty in Vietnam. He took time out to tour all of the active chapters. Some of them reminded him of what he must have seen overseas. He called on the Grand Council officers, and the leaders of each alumni group, and explained the situation to them. All were distressed at what he reported, but all were eager and willing to do something to remedy the situation. So -- the August meeting was called and held in St. Louis, Mo., near the airport with 100% attendance.

Present at the August 1 and 2 meeting: John Filip, WGA; Fred Williams, WGS; Joe Whitten, GA; Edward Rhodes, NI; Fritzinger, Editor; Howard Van Heklyn, Andronicus; James W. Viger, Anthemios; Eugene Milhano, Demetrios; Fred Williams, Dinocrates; Richard Cain, Iktinos; Allen Carney, Metagenes; Ernest Ibs, Mnesicles; Terry Day, Satyros; Charles Sniflet, Vitruvius.

Each alumni delegate presented a detailed report on the condition of both his active chapter and alumni group. These were very interesting, and sometimes disturbing, and it made clear to all present, the need for an annual meeting of this type to discuss problems, and solve them before they become larger.

The big story seemed to be that the active chapters need alumni guidance, all they can get — if they are to survive. The lack of COMMUNICATION in all directions seemed to be the disturbing factor: no communication between chapter and alumni; between chapter and national office; between alumni and national office, between alumni and schools of Architecture; in fact no one is talking or listening. (Editor's note: The decline in letter writing could be a factor in this — the ease of telephone communication can solve an immediate problem, but data, addresses, etc. must come via letter — also every thing that is to be remembered or recorded).

The conference lasted 12 hours on Saturday and six on Sunday, and it was all work and no play. This is direct contrast to the past three or four National Conventions which seemed to be mostly play and very little work. One of the big items discussed was that alumni must take a larger part in the bi-annual conventions. The active chapters seem to be very interested, but the ideas brought home from the convention disappear as soon as the active member delegate leaves school, which is usually prior to the next convention.

A revised set up, so far as officers and deputies is being considered, as one method of keeping in closer contact with the individual chapters.

It was decided that all alumni leaders would go back to their active chapters and see what really is taking place, and also contact alumni to get their reaction; and then congregate again in St. Louis, Mo, on October 10-11. At that time some definite resolutions will be made for presentation to the National Convention in December 27, 28, 29, in Austin, Texas.

Incidentally, since the August 1 meeting, John Filip, Ed Rhodes, Jim Viger, and Geo. Fritzinger met in Champaign and visited with Charter member Duke Strong, and met the 31 new initiates of APX. Dick Murray, WGE is now working in Washington, D.C. and living across the river. John Filip has visited a couple more chapters, and Ed Rhodes shows up at a new place each weekend.

SO — Alpha Rho Chi is on the move — with PERSONAL contact.

ALL ARCHI men — actives and alumni are urged to write the Grand Council and/or your Alumni President, or you may telephone (numbers and addresses are listed on page four). Let's close the Communication Gap.

Xenocles Chapter

On September 12, 1970, twenty-five pledges from the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington boarded Ozarb Flight #900 at 8:30 a.m. They were greeted in Champaign by a contingent of Anthemios actives, who proceeded to guide them through the next 48 hours. Everyone seemed to survive the ordeal, at least none were left in the flatlands of Illinois.

Richard E. Murray, WGE, who did most of the preliminary work to get this colony organized, decided to change work location and residence the same weekend, was unable to be present and see the Texas reaction to the ritual ceremony.

XENOCELES CHAPTER has very nice quarters at: 1106 West Abrams, Arlington, Texas with lots of front yard, and a very appropriate identification.


National Convention December 27, 28, 29, Austin, Texas.
AFTER living at 710 W. 28th St., Los Angeles for 31 years, we decided to move half block east and across the street to 667 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. The house is called the Myrick House, and is owned by Pi Beta Phi sorority and leased to us for 3 years.

The new house was built soon after the turn of the century in the shingle style with broad triangular gables at the ends and characteristic overhanging. The stonework is granite slabs and rocks from the Arroyo Seco Wash in Pasadena. The interior is in vintage condition with woodwork of unusual design, Tiffany light fixtures, a golden frieze in the entry hall, and five fireplaces. There are six bathrooms mixed in among thirty-eight rooms. The house has forced-air heating and ventilating, and a complete re-wiring done last year. The backyard is as large as the front one, and we now have a back lawn and rose garden in addition to a large parking lot. The house has space for thirty in single, double, or triple rooms. Since moving we have given up living in separate work-sleep areas.

In addition to the excitement of moving to a new house, Andronicus has had a number of enjoyable professional and social events. Fall rush opened with the usual tour of the Gamble House at Pasadena and a tour of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project. A truck ride through Los Angeles to see houses designed by Wright, Schindler, and Neutra was topped off by a barbecue at the home of one of our professors. Thursday night parties at the house and Saturday football games dotted our social calendar. Late in November Troy Week takes place and all the houses on the Row build decorations. Alpha Rho Chi, traditionally favored to win, captured second prize for a thirty-foot yellow submarine suspended between the palm trees in our front yard. The brothers also took time out during the week to visit with Richard Neutra in his Los Angeles home.

The move to a new house, another successful football season, and capturing our six pledges on an RF have been a part of what we anticipate will be special year for Andronicus.

Metagenes Chapter

The chapter report from VPI shows active, which is very good for a new chapter. The report also stated that they were moving into new quarters this Fall at #3 Maple Lane. However, we got a second report that the address was #6 Lucas St., The N.I., Ed Rhodes calls and says that the address is 105 Lucas Drive. These are all in the town of Blacksburg, Va. So take your choice. Maybe they bought a trailer, or cannot read the house number, or changed their mind.

The report states that they are full of energy and enthusiasm for Alpha Rho Chi, and are very sound financially. They visit Vitruvius and want to see some westerners from Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota, etc.

Professional Inter-Fraternity Conference

The Biennial PIC meeting was held in Williamsburg, Va. last May 8 and 9. Our group was not represented, but a review of the convention report shows that their problems are very similar to ours. Their leadership is very outstanding, with Joe' Joseph G. Maddox of Atlanta, Ga. president. The Secretary of PIC, Robert Pope of St. Louis, attended several sessions at our G.C. meeting in St. Louis and presented a summary of the purposes and functions of PIC, as many of our alumni were not familiar with the organization.

On October 3, the Executive Committee of PIC met in St. Louis, and invited your editor to attend several sessions. I feel that much of our routine committee work is almost identical with theirs. They have four large Law frats that include some of the finest legal talent in the country; and their legal problems on campus are the same as ours — so why do we not take advantage of their decisions. The executive committee was very pleased to see a representative from APX, and insisted that we be represented at the Special Meeting of PIC in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 19-20, 1971. This will be an outstanding meeting with panel discussions on campus problems, and with an outstanding speaker. (They also found out that two years is too long for complete silence between groups.)

A special session will be held for Central Office Administrators, which should be of special interest at about that time.

The next B1G annual convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga. in April 1972.
Robert F. Hastings
New AIA President

Robert F. Hastings, '37, Anthemios, will become the new president of the American Institute of Architects this December at the annual Board of Directors meeting. Bob was initiated on March 21, 1936, and has been an outstanding ARCHI ever since.

He came to Champaign from Kenosha, Wisconsin and joined Smith, Hinchman & Gryllis Associates in Detroit shortly after his graduation from the University with high honors. He became a principal of the firm in 1950 and in 1961 was elected president of the organization which now has 500 employees.

Since assuming the presidency, Hastings has initiated a collection by the firm of paintings and sculpture by outstanding contemporary artists.

He is assuming the AIA presidency after rising through a rank of responsible offices. Currently Hastings also is a member of the Michigan Housing Authority and of the boards of directors of Alma College, the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Building Research Advisory Board, and has served on advisory committees for architecture schools at the University of Illinois, Syracuse, Detroit and Kansas City. He is a fellow of the AIA and in 1965 received the Gold Medal award of the Michigan Society of Architects.

Hastings and his wife LaVerne live in Birkingham, Mich., and have two married daughters.

Anthemios Chapter

The BIG news from Champaign concerns the initiation of 31 men (and boys) on September 12, 1970. It was quite an ordeal. "We had just arrived on campus and were cleaning up the premises when the Texas Tornado arrived via Ozark Flight 932. —25 of them. —We hauled the neophytes—of all ages, sizes, and intelligence over to "1108." They were fed, and then taken on a tour of the campus. They "volunteered" to help our own pledges with various chores and spent the night relaxing in the confines of our luxurious Boiler Room. The ritual started at 5:30 Saturday morning and ended 21 hours later. Much more activity was transpiring than most active and all initiates realized. Much alumni and Grand Council help assisted in the proceedings. For the first time in many decades, the WGA was on hand to see the ritual at Anthemios Chapter. National Inspector, Ed Rhodes arrived real early to make certain the Texans did not get cold feet, etc. Charter member, Duke Strong, '16, has not missed an initiation in ten years, and thought this was one of the best. Jim Viger, '42, Alumni President, gets a kick out of each fall of the keystone, and George Fritsinger, '35, tries to get all records correct in person.

The six Anthemios initiates are: Lang M. Golish, '73; Samuel T. Lawford, Faculty; Richard Laya, '73; Lloyd A. Leffers, Faculty; Steve A. Parshall, '74; Niles Tanakatuba, '73.

Guests at the ceremony included: John Filip, WGA, Vitruvius Chapter; Edward Rhodes, N.I., Demetrius Chapter; T. J. "Duke" Strong, Charter Member; James Viger, '42, Alumni President.

Seven Faculty members: William Eng, Alan K. Laing, Ralph M. Line, Robert F. Hastings, Alan K. Laing, Ralph M. Line, Robert
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P.S. Chapter news from other chapters will appear in December issue, if you send it in the news.

Looking Back 50 Years

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men and two pledges. So far we consider this year to have been a very good one for Iktonos. We will lose only six men this spring, so we will have a strong start next fall. With such a nucleus, we are looking forward to next year as an even more successful epoch in the life of the chapter.

The College of Architecture at Michigan has completely out-grown its quarters this year. Although it is still combined with the College of Engineering, there is a movement on foot to make it an independent college with a suitable and adequate building for the study of architecture. The work of the college has been very successful this year. We have been fortunate in hearing and meeting several well-known architects, among them Mr. Dwight H. Perkins of Chicago and Mr. Grylls of Detroit.

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Mnesicles has been looking forward with interest to the first 1920 Archi and is glad that it can send a favorable report.

The close of the school year last spring found us a thriving chapter, fully recovered from the effects of the war. We were established in our new home, with a six-year lease on the property, and an option to buy at the end of that time. When school opened this fall several of our old men had returned from the service, and we looked forward to a very successful year. At present we can truthfully state that the chapter has never before been in such favorable circumstances. We recently initiated eight pledges and several Cynla alumni, giving us twenty-seven active members, two associate members, and one pledge. In scholarship we stand the highest of any professional or academic fraternity on the campus. We have encouraged our men to enter the university activities as much as their work will permit. Our alumni in St. Paul and Minneapolis alumni chapter will be installed.

Mnesicles wishes to extend the best regards to the other chapters and the alumni.