GRAND COUNCIL MET IN VERMONT

A special meeting of the Grand Council was held in Manchester, Vermont on August 21, 1971. Present were: John Filip, WGA; Fred Williams, WGS; Dick Murray, WGC; Ed Rhodes, Exec. Director; Charles Weaver, Deputy; Howard Van Heuklyn, Alumni Pres. of Andronicus; Dick Hungate, Vice Pres. of Deme­trios Alumni and George Fritzinger, Ed.

Meetings and lodging were at the North­ward Motel, a delightful friendly home­like atmosphere created by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhodes, parents of Ed Rhodes, the Fort Knox captain who gave the National office a big transfusion in 1969 and 1970.

The big reason for the gathering was to put into action the ideas adopted at the Austin convention last December. The principal items discussed were:

Active chapter financial reports;
Pledging procedures and reporting to the National Office;
Address lists from Alumni Assn’s.;
New “Arch” information deadlines and publication dates;
New addresses for chapters;
New colonies to be established;
Inter-chapter activities;
A.I.A. scholastic committee;
Alumni regional representatives for “job opportunities” contact;
“Action Grant” committee formation/national dues/alumni dues;
Decision for date determination of the next National Convention;
General review of 32nd Nat’l Convention;
Location of the National Headquarters
New appointments made: Wayne Burford, Deputy; Steve Janick, Deputy; Howard Van Heuklyn, Grand Lecturer; Richard L. Hungate, Executive Director.

Sidelights of Vermont session: It was good to breathe really clean air in the Green Mountains. We were right in the middle of a marble, maple, syrup, ski, and covered bridge extravagana. So much to see within such a small area. Howard Van Heuklyn made several excellent sketches of covered bridges. Ed Rhodes got married a few weeks later to a lovely Kentucky lassie. He is now on a year’s study in Greece: Write him: c/o Athens Center of Ekistics, P.O. Box 471, Athens, Greece, 136.

GRAND COUNCIL IN HOUSTON

The Grand Council will meet in Houston, Texas during the A.I.A. Convention next May 7-10. All Texas ARCHI men plan to be there, so all you little guys show up and try to outnumber them. The Charter of Cleisthenes Colony will be presented and there will be an initiation ceremony. Make reservations to: Wayne Burford. (Add; on p 4.) Let’s make this event a Texas-style APX Party, BIGGEST EVER.

SEASON’S GREETINGS

For Mercy,
Pity, Peace, and Love
Is God, our father
dear, And Mercy,
Pity, Peace, and Love
Is Man, his child
and care.

Wm. Blake 1789

The department has provided an office for the colony which serves as a focal point of activity. Cleisthenes has been working closely with the ASC/AIA on its programs, and one of the members of the colony is a regional director of the ASC/AIA. The colony has entertained the various visiting critics at receptions, and at the recent TSA convention in Dallas, the Cleisthenes contingent was the largest group of students from any architectural school in Texas.

Officers of the colony are Galen May, W.A., “Rob” Robertson, W.A.A., John Little, W.S., and Girish Patel, WE.; Professor John Perry is acting as faculty liaison, and Ray Martin, CRS Houston, is co-ordinating the local Alpha Rho Chi alumni with the assistance of Karl Kamrath of MacKie and Kamrath. Both Martin and Kamrath are alumni of the Dinocrates Chapter. Although plans are incomplete at this time, there is every indication that the Cleisthenes Colony will be initiated into the Brotherhood in the early spring. We would welcome your support and encouragement, and hope that each chapter will begin to make plans to send at least one representative to Texas for this memorable and inspirational event.

Our first initiation is set for the last week in February. The boys from Xenocrates and Dinocrates will provide the details, etc.

Wayne Burford
All Anthemiou members, active and alumni, wish to advise that the “Fighting Illini” Football team is on the move, and will seek 11 or more scalps next year. This year they ended in the top 30, next year they will be No. 1. Penn State and USC will be among their victims next Fall in addition to Michigan, Ohio State and Minnesota of the Big Ten. So, you ARCHI fans from other chapters, get ready to visit us and enjoy our hospitality to help compensate for your football loss. (By hospitality we mean bunks, food and refreshments — No souvenirs.)

Founder’s Day was outstanding with a dozen alumni and eight faculty members, plus actives and pledges present to see Prof. Ralph M. Line honored with 15 years of service as secretary-treasurer of Anthemiou Control Corp.

HOMECOMING was the BIG event — BIG in many ways — a Football victory over Purdue — with 21 points to coincide with the class of ’21 reunion. Three of our 1952 grads celebrated, Prof. Hurlbut “Rip” Cheever, Bozeman, Montana, Carl Juline, Lecadia, Calif., and Harold L. Parr, Uniontown, Ohio. George “So” Whitten was glad to meet his schoolmates. “So” is a regular Homecomer, but this is the first time he had so much reminiscencing to do. T. J. “Duke” Strong, ’16 (Charter Member), and great grandpa was proud to have his son Jim Strong, ’47 present at “1008” for first time in over two decades. Jim recently retired as Captain after 27 years in the Navy — all over the world — he saw all of the water — much of it via submarine — went under the North Pole — also saw much of the land, esp. Vietnam from N to S and E to W. Jim has re-enrolled at the U of I and is studying Urban Planning, etc., in the Dept. of Arch. (He is also a new grandpa.) Three grads from ’71 were present to complete a 55 year generation gap, with two dozen others in between.

We are proud to have two of our alumni serve as leaders of two of the greatest National organizations in the United States. John Geiger ’50 was unanimously elected as National Commander of the American Legion last September 2 in Houston, Texas. This is the first time that the office was not hotly contested. All delegates knew that Brother Geiger was the top candidate for this important leadership position, in an organization which has 2,700,000 members. One of his big projects is to see that Vietnam veterans receive maximum service in getting re-adjusted to civilian life. John is an architectural engineer for United Air Lines.

Stephen P. Janick, the new Deputy of Grand Council, is trying to get our chapter rolling again. He is assisted by David Lawrence and Tom Williams. They need the assistance of every ARCHI in the Ann Arbor area. Many Anthemiou and Demetrios men work in the Detroit region. Iktinos, with many excellent old-timers from 1913 on, needs cooperation from everyone to converge on a common goal — to get the active chapter vitalized once more. A Founders’ Day Dinner Celebration, with the right incentives, etc. could do the job.

As a first, the Univ. of Michigan has become the first school to offer a professional Doctor of Architecture degree. Perhaps this could attract top notch grads from other chapters and really create a top-level chapter.

We hope that a large number of Iktinos football fans will follow their team to the Rose Bowl and visit the new Andronicus Chapter house.

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Andronicus  
Univ. of So. Cal.

PROFESSIONAL  The big event last March was a tour of the NBC studios. The tour started on a Saturday, but could not be finished until the following Friday. At the end of the tour the participants were given free tickets to the Flip Wilson Show. All enjoyed the tour and taping very much. The Flip flick was shown on April 1.

GENERAL  We have two pledges this semester. Since there are only two our program was less exacting.

We got the word that the Pi Beta Phi's are planning to build this summer on the lot we are leasing from them. Nothing is final yet, but we are looking for some good tents and lanterns.

Late news from USC says that all souvenirs, etc. will be out of sight for Iktinos fans coming to the Rose Bowl. Many of these are still in Columbus, Ohio, following the Demetrios invasion last year. Andronicus has again moved (second time in two years) a few yards West to 715 West 28th St., L.A. The old house has been torn down, and the one last year may be too. Their present domicile is an excellent landmark and can provide top quarters. The alumni group and the actives welcome all ARCHI men to visit us if you come to Rose Bowl game.

Mnesicles  
Univ. of Minn.

Mnesicles is constantly changing. We now have four of our members and their wives in Europe. Of course with four in Europe the income of the house is limited and money is becoming a major concern of ours. Because of a huge increase in taxes we are being economically tied up.

As money making projects become a necessity we are constantly looking for ideas. We had thought of getting a print machine and running blacklines, but that project fell through along with ideas for a bordello or a campaign to get everyone in the Twin Cities area to donate one dollar. Summer in Minnesota looks bad now, both economically and politically. Money is light in Minneapolis and so are jobs as Bruce Herbst of Anthemos can verify.

Proof of our determination to survive is the third initiation of the year which is scheduled for the 7th and 8th of May.

Up here at the northernmost chapter we have had lots of snow, ice, etc. already this year. Our alumni are trying to keep the actives on the go. We are proud that our Honorary member, Buckminster Fuller was elected as Master Architect.

Xenocles  
Texas - Arlington

The Glorious Xenocles Chapter in Arlington, Texas must report our best semester in our short history. The January to May semester saw many events from our young chapter including the initiation in April of four new brothers, Ben Holly.

The last bit of news from last school year was the election of new officers: W.A., Norman Patten; W.A.A., Wayne Parker; W.E. James Ramzy; W.S., Mark Bynum; W.C., Chase Almond, and W. Superintendent, Bo McMahon.

This semester, Xenocles is doing better than ever. We are catching up with our debt and we have a new house! We are occupying a two-story frame, ancient house with the roaches and the sheep behind the house. As true architect majors and patriots, we had to paint the porch red, white, and blue and we did. We are proud of our house and wish to invite any brother to visit us when in this area. You can't miss it, just look for the red-white, and blue porch or ask just anyone in Arlington about us. We plan on initiating ten people and two faculty members in January. We welcome Cleithenes.

Vitruvius  
Penn State

Enthusiasm and an optimistic outlook for the future were waiting at the door of the chapter house when the brothers and prospective members returned to campus.

There is a new spirit of togetherness here at Vitruvius. Setting aside past differences, we are looking forward to a successful year. We are seeking a new image for ourselves in order to appear more attractive to prospective members. We are in the process of liberalizing and revising the course of pledging. Brothers now share house duties, and the word "pledge" has been dropped from our vocabulary. We are trying to develop closer relationships with our prospective members, something that has not been done in the recent past. We hope the result will be a much-needed increase in membership.

At Board Meeting

Chapter members present indicated a desire to rebuild the spirit of Vitruvius; the directors, in turn, stressed their desire to bring the house closer to the ethics of fraternalism in the purest sense. The board asked, therefore, that the chapter develop evidence of commitment to (a) a program oriented more toward National goals, (b) use of APX handbook and fulfillment of obligations to National, (c) a realization that APX is a social-professional fraternity and a group of individuals working toward common goals, (d) increasing membership, (e) speaker sponsorship with alumni financial support if necessary, and (f) house improvement.

Dinocrates  
Ariz. State

"SEE YOU ALL AT HOUSTON."

Satyros  
Texas - Austin

Charles A. Mosher '65, tries to keep track of all alumni. He is at: 2351 E. Delgado, Phoenix, Arizona 85022. Home phone (602) 992-2333, Business: (602) 263-9000. He is the head of the "Action Grant Committee," along with Charles Weaver.

Anthemos is also vitally interested in Satyros rejuvenation.
The brightest event that has come out of the Austin Convention is the better communication between the chapters; and between alumni groups and their chapters. Almost all chapters put out a newsletter, financial reports, and sometimes photos. Many chapters also send a letter with comments, news, and pictures to the Central Office. The active chapter contains a letter to Editor Column: So you can exchange with other chapters. The students no matter how old, want "love" from their elders. Everyone is important, and he appreciates it if someone is interested in his efforts. The active chapter wants its alumni to be interested in its actions.

Each issue of the ARCHI will now include communications between National and the chapters. As a young chapter, we know very little of the pattern of National such as meetings, appointments, etc. and the newsletter has helped us tremendously. We of Xenocles would like to see a closer fraternity, nationally, and locally, and constant communication between National and Chapters, Chapters and National, is the key. Again we congratulate Brother Hungate. Yours in Brotherhood.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recently, all the Chapters of Alpha Rho Chi received a type of newsletter from Mr. Richard L. Hungate, Executive Director of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. We of Xenocles first of all congratulate Brother Hungate for his effort and time in turning out the publication. We like to know what National is doing and this is the first notice we have had since the Archi.

In the letter, Brother Hungate stresses the importance of the chapters communicating with National. On the other hand, communication between National and the chapters must also be stressed! The newsletter has stirred up thought about National in all the chapters and we hope that National will not stop here, but continue to publish newsletters, financial reports, etc. when necessary.

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NATIONAL DUES

Life Membership is available for $25.00. Send payment to National Office. Many recent initiates did not realize that such a program was available. So save yourself some money and buy a Life Membership.

NOTE: Many photos next issue.