IN MEMORIAM

LEO M. BAUER ’14 Co-Founder

As a tribute to Brother Bauer’s great Fraternal enthusiasm for Alpha Rho Chi, a copy of his message from the first issue of THE ARCHI is printed below.

His thoughts are just as impressive, and necessary today as they were 56 years ago. One of his many ideas was the transmission of knowledge from alumni to active chapter members.

Let us have alumni from all chapters in attendance at this convention. Your ideas for strengthening of our group is needed; in person or via letter. Do this as a real tribute to Leo M. Bauer.

RICKER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The 100th Anniversary of graduation of Nathan Clifford Ricker from University of Illinois — the first graduate of collegiate rank in Architecture in U.S. — will be Feb. 22, 23 & 24 in Champaign, Ill.

Thursday, Feb. 22 “Heritage in Architectural Education” Reunion of alumni, faculty, of Dept. of Arch. Dinner at Champaign Country Club. — Tribute to Dr. Ricker and citations to Bob Hastings ’37 and Prof. Loring Provine.


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A MEETING

To all members of the Fraternity:

As BROTHERS who have gone forth from their Alma Mater, from the parental roofs of their chapter houses, as brothers who now constitute the undergraduate members of the chapters of Alpha Rho Chi, I greet you most heartily.

Your membership in our Fraternity means much to her. To the undergraduate members, the sentiments which the Alumni express in their various communications and visits to the chapter houses are as the words of the oracle, and you can impress upon them the fraternal spirit as can no other force.

The greatness of our Fraternity must not consist in the abundance of things it possesses or achieves, and yet I rejoice in my belief that I extend you the greetings of a fraternity that is destined to be great, no less in the things of spirit than in the material equipment and material achievement.

In the intimate fellowship that there exists among you and your fraternity brethren, give some place to a heart to heart consideration of the real issues of life. Do not chill the ardor of the man whose ideals are high. Let your larger outlook upon life mean to your larger perception of the home team (Ohio version) to attend all or part of the convention.

All Ohioans are expected at the big banquet on Saturday, Dec. 29, 1972 to applaud Cleisthenes when they receive their charter.

Alumni participation in all sessions is needed in order to get our national organization revamped and set up in a more business-like manner in order to cope with expansion and communication problems.

Please make reservations to Demetrios Chapter, address and telephone number on page 4.

The Archi of Alpha Rho Chi

The Ohio Stadium was officially dedicated with the Michigan game, October 21, but even though the Wolverines did win by 19-0, the Buckeyes were not too downhearted for the vastness of the whole affair “so overshadowed the game itself, that the marvelous scene of the enormous crowd of 71,000 filling the U. to overflowing, and the beautifully dignified dedication services stand out as the important features of the day. Distinguished notables from all over the country participated in the impressive dedication which perceded the game, the smoke from the salutes of the artillery assembled at the open end of the stadium floated slowly over the crowd, and the American flag was raised to the flagstaff. It was a picture of architectural grandeur impossible to describe. We were privileged to entertain twenty some of the boys from Iktinos at the house. Many of the Alumni of Demetrios came back to witness the fray, and even with the bitterness of defeat they all seemed to have a fine time. We placed third in the competition for grandeur house Homecoming decoration. The boys responded to a last minute appeal from the committee on Stadium dedication to make a model of the Stadium, and worked day and night to complete an accurate model from the working drawings in time for the exercises.

“Fifty years later, we beat Michigan 14-11 and earned a trip to the Rose Bowl.”

Horton, Kansas, January 5, 1916.

Most heartily yours in F. A. et a.,
Leo M. Bauer,
Worthy Grand Architect.

James M. Pillifrone, W.A. of Demetrios Chapter invites all ARCHI men within walking, jogging, driving, or flying distance of the home of the No. 1 football team (Ohio version) to attend all or part of the convention.

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The big problem here in Ann Arbor is the real estate, and the lack of alumni interest. Steve Janick is doing his best to get the problems solved. An Alumni meeting to celebrate Founders’ Day on April 15, 1972 was called.

Michigan will probably go out to Rose Bowl again. Maybe some Iktinos brothers will go and visit Andronicus at Southern Cal. (Michigan will not be going.)

The Spring, 1972 issue of Iktinos was very impressive, with a very impressive format and layout.

Three past Worthy Grand Estimators gathered at Anthemos October 23, 1971. These men are responsible for the excellent financial condition of our National Fraternity during its first forty years of existence. They re Truman J. Strong '16, Harold L. Parr '21, George A. Whitten '22.

Loyalty

If you work for a man, in heaven’s name work for him; speak well of him and stand by the institution he represents. Remember — An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

If you must groul, condemn, and eternally find fault, why — resign your position and when you are on the outside, known to your heart’s content — but no long as you are a part of the institution do not condemn it, if you do, the first high wind that comes along will blow you away, and probably you will never know why.

Elliot Hubbard.

Real estate is one of the big problems at Vitruvius too. On last April 29, 30 the alumni got together for Founders Day. This followed several important alumni meetings held last October 23, 1971, when about 30 alumni were present. Directors meetings were held on January 30 and March 5.

Homecoming was held on October 21, 1972 at the Nittany Lion.

The Vitruvian newsletter has been published for 11 years and is very informative with details of every meeting.
Cleisthenes
Univ. of Houston

On March 11, 1972, the formal initiation of the Cleisthenes Colony took place at the Xenocles Chapter House in Arlington, Texas. The architecture students initiated into Alpha Rho Chi brotherhood from the University of Houston were: Rick Barnes, first year; Chuck Elliott, Lane Stripling, and Jose Robiou, second year; Girish Patel, fifth year; and Thomas Barrerra, fifth year thesis student. John Moreland, previously initiated into the Xenocles brotherhood observed.

Present at the event were National Officers; John B. Filip, Worthy Grand Architect from Shavertown, Pa.; Howard Van Heuklyn, Grand Lecturer from Glendale, California; Charles Weaver, Jr., Regional Deputy for the East from Baltimore, Md.; and R. Wayne Burford, Regional Deputy for Texas, Houston, Texas.

Sunday, a cocktail reception and a formal luncheon was held to honor the new members at the Caravan Inn in Arlington. In attendance were some fifty-seven Alpha Rho Chi actives, alumni, and their wives from Texas, and throughout the U.S.

Of special interest, Joseph J. Patterson, F.A.I.A. architect of Patterson, Sowden, Dunlap, and Epperly (Fort Worth) was in attendance at the luncheon. Patterson, a charter Alpha Rho Chi member, has been in association with the organization since 1914. Patterson is a 1917 alumnus of the University of Illinois and the Anthemos chapter of Alpha Rho Chi.

The national organization gave the new Houston brothers every encouraging word and forecasted a bright future for the group due to the brotherhood that exists among the members. Several alumni expressed a wish to visit the University of Houston, and speak to students on their respective fields of design.

Cleisthenes puts out very good newsletters called “ARCNEWS,” to all the students of Architecture in Houston, and mails copies to other chapters. Each officer writes a paragraph that is very interesting. They make comments about the classes, the faculty, and conditions that exist at the school, and try to get other students to contribute articles for publication.

November 1, 1972, they issued a Special Problem Thesis, it follows:

1) It has been our observation that most high school architecture/drafting students as well as incoming freshmen architecture students have little or no idea of what an architect really is. We found that most of these students had been led to believe that an architect does nothing more than sit behind a desk for forty hours a week and draw buildings. From our own observations and feelings we believe this idea to be grossly in error. It is therefore our intention to put together a multi-media program portraying what we and people of other professions believe an architect to be.

2) Our method of research for the material, will include taped interviews, library research, photograph essays, and field research. In considering the large amounts of data we wish to compile, our project-working time has so been designed to allow for ample time to compile, interpret, analyze and organize our thoughts into a worthwhile program without interfering with our regular school program.

3) Our proposed time schedule is:

   1) Information will be collected from now until the fall semester of 1973.
   2) Information to be compiled, sorted, and arranged during fall semester 1973.
   3) Preliminary presentation will be made to faculty and students for criticism.
   4) Final touch-up in Spring 1974. Copies given to College of Arch. to recruit.

Mnesicles
Univ. of Minn.

Active Chapter
W.A. — Phil Blasko
W.A.A. — Larry Malmin
W.E. — Lee Dunette
W.S. — Jim Long
Supt. — Paul Snyder

Mnesicles has started the year with a considerable amount of activity. We have six pledges this quarter, all of whom are good prospects for membership. We feel fortunate in having them and look forward to their becoming members and to some longlasting friendships.

This year there is considerable chapter interest in U of M intercollegiate sports. Many members have purchased season tickets for all sports and attend events as a group. All are particularly looking forward to the upcoming basketball season, after last years BIG TEN Championship.

All of the officers are hoping to provide the fraternity with a year of progress oriented leadership. The help of all members so far indicates that we are going to have a good year.

Xenocles
Texas - Arlington

By reading the last issue of the Archi, it seems that all the Chapters have started off the new year with a new enthusiasm. So it is with Xenocles. Our enthusiasm stems from the initiation of eight pledges on January 15, 1972.

More enthusiasm grows from our calendar of events for the next semester with many social gatherings, a great line-up of professional programs, a strong rush program, and a White Rose Formal at the end of the year. Our next big event is a Design Competition for the entire Architecture Dept., sponsored by us with a first place prize of $50.00.

Last, but foremost, all the Brothers of Xenocles are looking forward to March with joy. Along with Dinoocrates, we are going to initiate the Houston Colony. We also welcome the Grand Council, Alumni Representatives, etc. to Arlington in March.

In Brotherhood,
Mark, A. Bynum, W.S.

Metagenes
Virginia Poly

We Leave on December 8th

Andronicus
Univ. of So. Cal.

Andronicus sent an etching of their “new” quarters described in the last ARCHI. They celebrated the fiftieth Anniversary of their chapter last April 18.

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Texas - Austin
Fuller: Not A Genius
But A Thinker

By JUDSON W. CALKINS
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

R. Buckminster Fuller, internationally known engineer and developer of the geodesic dome, spent the first 15 minutes of a talk at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville yesterday denying he was a genius.

He spent the next 45 minutes proving that he probably was a genius as he ranged over philosophy, history, geography and solitica with a plea that all men work together for the common good.

Fuller was introduced by university president John S. Rendleman as a man who had brought "a grace and a light to the university" and had proved himself "a genius in his time."

“I often hear this word genius,” Fuller said, “and I’m now, at the age of 76, as well acquainted with myself as anyone. The only thing that is significant about me is that I’m a pretty average individual.”

He acknowledged that 50,000 geodesic domes existed in nations around the world, but he contended that the dome and other concepts he had introduced were only the result of his decision at the age of 32 to think for himself.

“I had no competition,” he said. “Nobody else was peeling off and doing what I was doing. If somebody else had, they probably would have accomplished a lot more than I have.”

He criticized the philosophy that he said was prevalent in his youth and which continues today — that the purpose of education is to prepare a person to earn a living.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:
Central Office now located at 207 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. Plus a telephone: 1-614-228-7578. The active chapter helped to make the move.

Edward A. Rhodes has returned from Athens, Greece and now has quarters on the West coast: 4071 Donald St., Apt. H, Eugene, Oregon, 97405, Tel.: 503-687-0583. He will be at the convention.

The “Scholarship Opportunities” enclosure, herewith is 99% correct, except for the date. Allen Carney, Deputy, from Metagazes compiled most of this data.

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 soce money and buy a Life Membership.

NOTE: Many photos next issue.