In Minneapolis, most residents eagerly await winter weather and the scores of seasonal activities it brings. Just minutes away from downtown Minneapolis, cross-country skiing is a favorite in one of the city’s many parks. Other residents become skaters, ice fishermen, tobogganers and sledding enthusiasts when snow covers Minneapolis.

When the wind works against us in the dark, and pelts with snow,
The lower chamber window on the east,
And whispers with a sort of stifled bark,
The beast,
"Come Out! Come Out!"—
It costs no inward struggle not to go,
Ah, no!
I count our strength,
Two and a child,
Those of us not asleep subdued to mark
How the cold creeps as the fire dies
at lengthly —
How drifts are piled,
Door yard and road ungraded,
Till even the comforting barn grows
far away,
And my heart owns a doubt.
Whether 'tis in us to arise with day
And save ourselves unaided.

Robert Frost “Storm Fear”

The next national convention is upon us. The excitement is building, far beyond what we thought possible. Rumors of carloads of delegates, alumni, actives, wives, children, and wild Kodiak bear abound. Bob Lund, Mnesicles Chapter, who is organizing with Mark Soroko, Mnesicles Alumni, has indicated attendance will surpass all previous conventions. How can this be possible? Why? Who would leave the warm climes to attend a convention in a place that celebrates a winter carnival in sub-zero temperatures? Impossible!

But it is happening. Alpha Rho Chi Professional Fraternity is doing the impossible against other odds as well. A national convention at the northern most chapter at the coldest time of the year is a small reminder of the survival of the fraternity through the "winter and cold" that the Greek system has felt in recent years. Survival and even the warming rays of renewed activity and the warmth of new faces.
Convention Schedule
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Saturday, January 6
8:00 Catered Breakfast
9:00 National Meeting
12:30 Catered Lunch
1:30 National Meeting
6:00 Party in Honor of Dick Murray

Sunday, January 7
8:30 Ecumenical Service
9:30 Brunch
11:00 Adjourn Convention

The Grand Banquet will be a major affair. R. Buckminster “Bucky” Fuller, our master architect will be the guest speaker. The event will occur at the University of Minnesota Alumni Club, located on the 50th floor of the IDS Tower in downtown Minneapolis. This location allows for very magnificent surroundings as well as a spectacular night view of the Twin Cities area. Wives and families are invited to this great event.

Please RSVP to Mark Soroko of Mnesicles Alumni by calling the Chapter House at (612) 331-7961 and leaving a message or by calling Tom Sopoci at (612) 823-1254. An RSVP will greatly help with the planning. Tickets will be about $12.00.

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ality Conference in Washington, D.C. in 1928.”

The Professional Panhellenic Association (founded, 1925) and the Professional Interfraternity Conference (founded, 1928), meeting jointly and separately at Stouffer’s Indianapolis Inn, October 19-22, 1977 voted to consolidate into the Professional Fraternity Association (PFA) representing thirty-four national and international fraternities with over one and a half million members.

Recent years had seen increasing cooperation between the two interfraternity organizations. The PFA members were originally women’s fraternities in nine professional fields. The PIC members have traditionally been men’s professional fraternities in eleven fields. Many fraternities in both organizations have become coed in the last few years.

The new logo for the Professional Fraternity Association occurs for the first time on this ARCHI.

ED RHODES EXPLAINS SELECTION OF CONVENTION SITE

I have heard, via the grapevine, that several chapters do not understand how the Mnesicles Chapter is to host the convention, since the convention minutes did not reflect that they had made a bid.

A review of the tapes recorded at the convention verifies that Xenocrates, Demetrios, Cleisthenes and Andronicus did make bids. The tape also shows (not reflected in the written minutes) that when bids were completed it was acknowledged, by all present, that Mnesicles and Vitruvius Chapter Delegates, who had already departed because of the incoming snowstorm, would be provided the opportunity to bid. Mnesicles did and Vitruvius did not. Since Mnesicles last hosted a convention in 1956, they were awarded the bid.

It appears that to avoid this confusion in the future a site rotation schedule will be presented and formally established at this next convention.

CHARLIE WEAVER SEEKS POSITION AS WORTHY GRAND ESTIMATOR

Dear Brothers:

In January, Active Chapter and Alumnae Delegates of Alpha Rho Chi will assemble to develop and legislate policies governing our next two years of operation. In addition, as I was informed by Brother Rhodes WGA the Convention will also have the responsibility of filling both the WGE and WGS positions. I am therefore taking this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the WGE position. I submit to you the following platform which would be the basis for my running and your choice if elected.

Since attending the 1968 Convention in Columbus as a Delegate and all those since in some capacity, I have observed certain consistent as well as changing fiscal needs expressed by the membership. More specifically, increasing requests for various types of financial assistance via grants and other means in addition to loans for Chapters and Alumni to realize a return on their contributions to National; a constantly expressed need for an expansion policy and program; a search for a simplified and streamlined financial reporting and record system; and always a biannual review of the stocks and bonds portfolio and attendant questions on how to get some benefits from that worth. The solution to these questions, problems and requests is to develop a program which would provide the necessary cash flow to support these goals and yet protect the assets. As Treasurer of the Vitruvius Alumnae Association I can say that such a program is essential and possible. We have developed such a program which combines NO RISK certificates of deposit in short term high interest notes for large amounts which gives us a budgeting base in combination with accessible interest bearing operational funds. Furthermore, I have received a legal opinion which indicates the transition from our present policy can be made with no penalty to Alpha Rh Chi.

As the Alumnae Delegate from Vitruvius I will be participating in all the Convention activities and I invite you to stop by so that we can discuss this alternative which I am proposing. I look forward to meeting you at the Convention.

Fraternally,
Charles L. Weaver, Jr., RA
Vitruvius ’69

PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM INSTALLED IN THE CLEISTHENES CHAPTER HOUSE

The structure is the Alpha Rho Chi House, The National Professional Architectural Fraternity at the University of Houston, 5012 Calhoun. A passive heating system utilizing an attached solar greenhouse has been retrofitted to an existing residential structure in the Houston area. Previously the south facing greenhouse area was a 250 ft.² dilapidated flat roof porch. Remodeling included removing the roof and enclosing the three second story windows under the greenhouse roof within a trapezoidal shaped framing structure, framing the sides with 2” x 6” studs @ 24” o.c., and covering both sides of the framing with 5 mill clear plastic. Air circulation is controlled by the first level door and window and the three second level windows. The greenhouse supplies heat to the two story structure which has 1852 ft.² of area with 1162 ft.² on the first floor. Heat storage is to be provided in the greenhouse by the use of 55 gal.
From Left to Right — While working on the solar porch at the Cleisthenes House, Brothers James Robinson, Worthy Superintendent and Ronnie Grogan, Archi Associate Editor; Designer of the project, look on in wonder while Charles Knapp, Worthy Architect and Dan Cooley, House Manager try not to fall through the old roofing.

The Chapter is using the porch not only as a heating and cooling system, but they have found that it makes a great party room and have installed an electric dance floor.

H2O drums for plant benches. The total cost of the system will be about $600 for materials with the fraternity members supplying free labor. The design and construction of the attached solar greenhouse will be described and preliminary performance data presented.

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W.A.A ................. Thomas Traut
W.E .................... Thomas Fox
W.S ................... Rebecca Marsh
W.C .................. Yvonne Tromblay

HAPPENINGS:
Since the end of spring quarter ‘77, the chapter house has received a new paint job and some needed porch repair.

Several successful rush parties included one at E.S.T. Partners and Gosnell, Essinger, Rettstatt, Weithmon Architects, Inc. on the weekend of Oct. 6-8, as well as one at the chapter house which motivated the formal pledging of 5 initiate hopefuls.

Saturday brunches before the big Ohio State football games and two
fraternity social parties were very successful.

Thanksgiving was a festive occasion with actives, pledges, mothers, fathers and alumni sitting down to a dinner of turkey and dressing.

Fall quarter work week went well with the help of actives and alumni. Both houses were cleaned and necessary repairs made. After a hard days' work, the actives took on the pledges in a friendly football game.

Homecoming was a big day at the University of Minnesota this year as the Gophers came from way behind to beat Indiana in the final seconds of play. APX shared in the excitement with a rib BBQ after the game followed by a party in which they sponsored "Saturday Night Live" and dancing.

Fall initiation took place on November 10 and 11, in which Jeff Amerman, Dan Polachek, and Bob Krieg were received as new members. Also initiated was Stan Fishman who is a grade II critic at the school and has his own practice in the Twin Cities. Special congratulations are extended to Bob Krieg who participated in all aspects of the initiation in his wheel chair.

The house is presently 11/12's filled, which represents the excitement and anticipation of hosting the National Convention. Everyone has contributed to the preparation, but several deserve special credit. Kevin Busch and Jon Papke worked hard last summer to paint the exterior of the house. A special thanks goes to alumni Mark Soroko who has put forth much effort in preparation for the convention.

The APX intramural football team fought its way to the final championship game but miserably lost on the last play of the game. (BBB division of professional fraternities.) But don't worry, there is always the basketball season!

Winter quarter functions will include a tour of the 3M computer graphics facilities (by active Brenda Carter) and the second annual Casino Party.

Members in the News:

Lisa Wink ('81) is an active member of University of Minnesota Architectural Community (UMAC), which is a student organization at the School of Architecture.

Jon Papke ('78) feverishly awaits the December 10th jury of his fall quarter thesis project.

Bob Lund is presently participating on the young practitioner's committee of M.S.A. Six members of the Mnesicles Active Chapter have joined the Minnesota Society of Architects.

HAPPENINGS:

The annual meeting of the Mnesicles Alumni Association was held November 28, 1978, at Jax Cafe. Annual election of officers resulted in a shifting of duties, as well as the involvement of some new blood. The new association president is Craig Degendorfer, vice president is Mike O'Malley, treasurer is Bob MacDonald, and the secretary is Bill McCrum.

The Alumni National Convention coordinator, Mark Soroko went to Pendleton, Oregon with active Charles Tarr to plan for the upcoming event in January. Arrangements are currently being finalized for shelter, transportation, meetings, speakers, and meals. The highlight of this year's convention will be the "Grand Banquet," in which the speaker, setting and dinner should be exceptional.

An exhibit of architectural work done by Mnesicles Alumni and graduates of the University of Minnesota will be displayed in the court of the School of Architecture during the Convention.

The continuing struggle to keep the house in good condition without sufficient funds seems to be endless, but the Mnesicles Alumni Association is exploring various avenues. The resource of alumni and active "sweat equity" was tapped last summer to facilitate such tasks as painting, remodeling, repairs, and the demolition and reconstruction of the 42 foot deck on the rear of the chapter house.

Mnesicles Association is anxious to host the National Convention on January 3 through January 7, 1979.

Members in the News:

We are sorry to announce the death of Sidney Stotle, class of 1924, who was an active Mnesicles Alumni.
Minneapolis is booming with over $400 million dollars in new construction rapidly changing the skyline of this midwestern metropolis.

The 57-story IDS Center, in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, is the tallest building between Chicago and San Francisco. It is one of many buildings prompted by development of the Nicollet Mall. It’s the headquarters of Investors Diversified Services, Inc.

The 57-story IDS building dominates the skyline of Downtown Minneapolis.
XENOCLES

Active Chapter
W.A .......... Micheal Maday
W.E ............. Ricky Martin
W.S .......... Martin Owens
W. Superintendent .. Robert Ballawski
Professional Director .. John Svoboda

HAPPENINGS:

Xenocles is proud to announce their new location at 402 Summit Ave. The two bedroom house which is located across the street from the freshman and senior architecture building is being converted to a three bedroom house. General house clean-up is to be performed by the University Housing Authority.

The active chapter acclaims one new initiate and is currently ten actives strong with one pledge and four prospects for spring initiation.

The proposed new constitution and by-laws were passed out and are to be voted on at the next meeting in February.

The outcome of the 1976 officer election was a motion, seconded, and carried to re-elect the current officials.

Dear Members of the Grand Council:

Upon our meeting with the students, we found the student interest and faculty support to be very high. Many faculty members are still teaching, and Brother Hal Box (Xenocles) is the head of the School of Architecture. The Dinocrates Alumni Association has pledged its full support in seeing the chapter reactivated. There is a good core group of about 15 students, many of whom have been interested in the Fraternity for well over a year.

Therefore, we the undersigned do hereby encourage and recommend to the Grand Council that their petition for Colonization of the Dinocrates Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity be granted with all due reasonable speed. We furthermore recommend that they be represented at the upcoming National Convention and that the possible initiation of two or more of those in the core group take place at that time as was the case with Metagenes and Vitruvius. With this happening, we feel that the reactivation of Dinocrates by late Spring or early Fall would be a certainty.

Fraternally,
Charles L. Weaver, National Deputy
Vitruvius Alumni Assoc. Treasurer
Fred Williams, President
Dinocrates Alumni Assoc.
Charles C. Knapp, Worthy Architect
Cleisthenes Chapter,
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity
Ronald L. Grogan, Archi Assoc. Editor
Xenocles Alumni Assoc.
Secretary-Treasurer
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Cleisthenes Alumni Assoc.

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