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SAR INVADES ATLANTIC CITY

..... 59th Anniversary Convention a Blast!

CONVENTION '76—

ON THE BOARDS

Returning to the scene of some memorable times, Sigma Alpha Rho rode gallantly into a calm Atlantic City on Thursday, September 2, ready for the time of its life. This was not just Labor Day Weekend, this was SAR Convention 1976! Atlantic City will never be the same again.

The buses from Philadelphia and Cherry Hill arrived late Thursday morning, packed to the brim with exuberant brothers and TEX sisters. Registration, which approached 180, went slowly but surely. The only problem that appeared was that the Shelburne Hotel and its annex, the Empress Motel, were obviously not ready for the spontaneous arrival of 200 people. But with some time everything was fine.

Thursday night the brothers officially ushered in Convention at the annual Convention Show. Everyone who filed into the large ballroom had a riotous (and maybe hilarious) night. The show soon ended and the SAR mob headed out to the boardwalk, where everyone did their own thing.

Friday morning marked the beginning of the long, productive I.E.C. sessions. The business of fraternity was handled, with matters of last year completed and work for the new fraternal year started. Once the meeting adjourned, it was time

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The 1976 Beta Tau Chapter

BETA TAU TAKES ABBIE

The 59th Convention Awards Breakfast, at the Shelburne Hotel in Atlantic City, will not just go down in the file as just another year's beginning and end. It will be remembered as the Awards Ceremony at which Sigma Alpha Rho regained its confidence. After a sporadic, disappointing year, the fraternity was sinking; it can now be said that Convention 1976 has awakened SAR. In particular, the Breakfast is responsible for this.

It started slowly, but picked up as time passed. The brothers grew rowdier by the minute; the amount of fraternalism shown was invigorating. The individual honors were

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Of all I.E.C. sessions, the most important and vital to the stability of the fraternity are the International Elections. A good example of this is the SBC Election Meeting in Atlantic City. A strong Supreme Board of Chancellors has been built for this year.

Heading this board is the ideal Supreme Exalted Ruler, Bro. Stuart Discount. Inducted into Rho Omega in 1970, Bro. Discount transferred to the new Zeta Tau chapter; in 1972, as Sigma Rho, he led his chapter to a successful year in which they asserted themselves to be PDC's finest. He was granted Honorary Active. After that, Bro. Discount served the fraternity as a Council Board member, and, more recently, a leader on the Supreme Board. A senior at Temple University, he was elected SER by Unanimous Acclamation.

Elected to serve as Supreme Mortal Ruler was Bro. Brad Whitten. On the Supreme Board of Chancellors for over 30 years, Bro. Whitten was the Sigma Rho of the 1973 "Abbie" Beta Iota Chapter. He is an invaluable part of the International Fraternity.

Exalted Mortal Ruler went to Bro. Gary Discount. Brother of the SER, Bro. Discount's list of achievements are long. As Sigma Rho, he pioneered Zeta Tau to their 1974 Abbie, was granted Honorary Active in the

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"A Word From the Editor"



Having an editorial space in this publication is not all joy and optimism. Sometimes one has gripes, complaints and the sort. For this issue I do.

Being Sigma Rho of my chapter, I have many responsibilities and concerns. One of the most important duties is maintaining a stable treasury; this has become impossible lately in this fraternity. The reason is taxes. Convention taxes, Per Capita taxes, Council taxes well, you get the idea. Things have gotten out of hand, boys.

Now, an SBC member or Council board member would probably choke (or maybe laugh) at this complaint. But it's a genuine problem, especially with a big chapter such as mine. With 50 cents a month for Convention taxes, 50 cents a month for Council and 1 dollar to the International for each brother, that's \$2 per brother per month. In a chapter of 30 active, that comes to \$60 a month in taxes.

I hear the SBC members saying the International needs money more than anyone. I hear Council boards saying that they need money. I hear the Convention Committee saying that they need money to run a good Convention for us. But now I am asking you to hear me when I plead that the chapters need a break! What's the sense in running money-making affairs when we can't even hold onto the gains?

That's my opinion. I'd like to hear yours, whether you are on the Supreme Board or a regular old brother in Philly or Cherry Hill. The address for mail is in the box at the upper left corner of this page.

EPSILON'S CONCLAVE

The Epsilon chapter ran a fine conclave on the weekend of October - 15 & 16. The Epsilonians' 53rd Anniversary Conclave featured a Monte Carlo that Friday night, and a dance plus Roller Skating afterwards on Saturday night. Attendance was excellent from Philadelphia and Cherry Hill.

ZETA TAU'S NIGHT AT THE RACES

On Friday night, October 22nd, the Zeta Tau chapter ran a Night at the Races. The brothers ventured out to Philadelphia's Liberty Bell Race Track for the affair, and, fortunately, the mediocre turnout from the fraternity did not hamper the good time everyone had.

SIGMA RHO CONCLAVE

Sigma Rho's Conclave this year is scheduled for the weekend of November 19-21. It will take place in Cherry Hill, with the S.A.R. Anniversary Dance to be held on Saturday night of the weekend. For more information, contact Ric Edelman (609-429-3801).

RATHBLOTT SCHOLARSHIPS

1976-77 proved to be a great year for the Irving Rathblott Memorial Scholarship Fund. A near-record total was collected and spread over 13 Sigma Alpha Rho brothers of outstanding merit.

The recipients:

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| 1. Bro. Howard Lassen, Epsilon | \$100 |
| 2. Bro. Steven Singerman, Theta | \$100 |
| 3. Bro. Gabe Pavlotsky, Zeta | \$200 |
| 4. Bro. Eric Hershman, Zeta | \$200 |

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| 5. Bro. Dave Schwartz, Sigma | \$200 |
| 6. Bro. Steven Greenberg, Omega | \$200 |
| 7. Bro. Gary Discount, Zeta | \$300 |
| 8. Bro. Brad Whitten, Beta | \$300 |
| 9. Bro. Alan Roth, Tau Xi | \$300 |
| 10. Bro. Alan Wagman, Tau Xi | \$300 |
| 11. Bro. Stuart Discount, Zeta | \$500 |
| 12. Bro. Steve Effries, Theta | \$800 |
| 13. Bro. Dan Rosner, Omega | \$800 |
| for a total of \$4300. | |

UPCOMING AFFAIRS

Other chapters' affairs which are approaching: Beta Tau's Fourth Annual Masquerade Ball will be held on Saturday night, November 13. It begins at 8 p.m., at the Holiday Inn on Route 73 in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. The donation will be \$25 per couple.

The Zeta Tau chapter presents the progressive rock group Kachina in a concert on Saturday, January 8. The location will be the Pennypack Jewish Community Center (Welsh Rd. & Dewees St.), with tickets priced at \$2 in advance and \$3 the day of the show. For more information or directions, call Ricky Linsk at (215) OR 3-6198.

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RULER'S

REPORT



Dear Brothers:

I hope you are enjoying this year's first issue of the Gleaming Eye. Hopefully you will receive at least 3 more before the year is out.

Since the end of Convention many things have happened to both strengthen and increase the size of Sigma Alpha Rho. Since our goal is to induct 10 new chapters, the S.B.C. has devoted most of its time to this. We can be proud to say that we have training groups in Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, Dresher, Margate, N.J., and Wilmington, Delaware. We are also in the midst of putting together new groups in Baltimore and other areas of Maryland. By Mid Year we should have at least 7 new chapters.

Our goal of inducting 250 Bros. seems to have been a low estimate as both PDC & EDC have about 175 pledges. We must make sure these pledges are inducted.

We have already had a successful Epsilon weekend and there are more conclaves on the way. On November 19-21 there will be a Sigma Rho's Conclave. The meetings and the breakfast will be for the Sigma Rhos, but on Saturday night we'll celebrate S.A.R.'s 59th Birthday with a giant dance. I expect to see everyone there.

By the time you read this, deposits for New Orleans will probably have been accepted. There will be a conclave in January, and, of course, Mid-Year I.E.C. will be announced soon.

Brothers, as you can see, the fraternity has been moving. Let's continue this pace by giving 100 pct. support to osr chapters, Council Boards, and the Supreme Board of Chancellors. We can use all the help we can get.

Remember...."Nothing Less Than Success"!

Fraternally,

Stu Discount
Supreme Exalted Ruler

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chapter, and subsequently was elected to the PDC Board. He distinguished himself as PDC's 1975-76 Grand Ruler and will serve as Exalted Ruler in 1976-77.

This year's Supreme Exchequer is Bro. Mike Wolfe, Order of the Gleaming Eye. Famous as the annual Director of Convention, the unique Bro. Wolfe has come back to S.A.R. in a full-time capacity.

Supreme Scribe will be Bro. Dan Rosner, Sigma Rho of the 1976 "Shapiro" Omega chapter, one of the fraternity's most diligent and dedicated brothers.

Elected to the posts of Supreme Chancellor were Bros. Steve Effres, former Sigma Rho of the '76 "Pastner" Theta chapter, and Steve Wernick, the leader of a rebuilt Delta Nu chapter last year. Both of these brothers also are on the Philadelphia District Council Board this year.

The Chancellors-at-Large are Bros. Alan Roth, Associate Active in Tau Xi, Ric Edelman, Sigma Rho of last year's Beta Tau "Abbie" winners, and Mike Richman, of the Beta Tau chapter.

The Election session of the I.E.C. also saw some other important developments take place. PSER Bro. Fred H. Ratner was presented with an International Honorary Active plaque; Bro. Steve Greenberg was granted Royal Order of the Gleaming Eye; Bro. Alan Wagman was unanimously voted International Honorary Active.

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presented; the Jerry Krader Award for SAR's brother of the year went to Brother Ric Edelman of Beta Tau. Omega took the Defren, Rifkin, and Shapiro Memorial Awards; Epsilon took the athletic crown and the Margolis Award for Tahblott funds. Zeta Tau captured the War Memorial Award and the Bogdanoff for excellence in flyers. Theta was SAR's most improved chapter (Pastner).

But the champions of 1976 were the brothers of the Beta Tau chapter of Cherry Hill, N.J. After winning the Medoff Award for Jewish interest and the Pastor for Inter-Chapter

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for the beach. The Conventioneers caught the rays until returning to the Shelburne for the great It's-too-cold-to-Swim-Party. At midnight came the fantastic Captain Starns boatride on the Atlantic. Those few people that arrived too late had the pleasure of watching the boat from the Boardwalk at Chelsea.

Saturday afternoon brought the 2nd and 3rd sessions of the I.E.C., the 3rd session being the Election Meeting, during which Brother Stuart Discount (Zeta Tau) was elected SAR's 48th Supreme Exalted Ruler (see Election article for details). After the elections, more beach and more rays. Then it was Saturday evening, and in the giant ballroom of the Shelburne the band Meridian Sun rocked at the Annual Convention Formal Dance. Following the dance, the brothers returned to their rooms for a rest. Some went out to the boards; some stayed in the hotel ballroom for the annual amazing PDC caucus.

Suddenly, it was Sunday morning. The weekend was over and the only thing remaining was the Awards Breakfast, which was highlighted by Beta Tau's capturing of the 1976 Abbie (see Awards article for more details). A fine brunch was enjoyed, a lot of cheering took place, and the brothers and sisters said their farewells. Convention had ended, but with a bang, not a whimper. If it is true that Convention sets the tone for the upcoming year, then Sigma Alpha Rho is on the move in 1976-77!

Relations, they topped it off with the Edward Ross Abramson Memorial Award. The superior chapter of SAR over the past year, Beta Tau set examples for the rest of the fraternity, running numerous successful affairs, including their 3rd Annual Masquerade Ball.

Hopefully Beta Tau and all others can equal or surpass these accomplishments in the coming year, so that when next year's Convention arrives there will be 10 or 15 contenders for the 1977 Abbie.

After all, Sigma Alpha Rho IS all winners, right?

<p>P.D.C. '76-'77</p> <p>"Older, Bigger & Better"</p>	<p>RHO OMEGA</p> <p>PASTNER '77</p>	
<p>OMEGA</p> <p>ABBIE "77"</p> <p>Compliments of Roach and Mr. PDC</p>	<p>THETA</p> <p>PASTNER '76</p> <p>ABBIE '77</p>	
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