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65th Annual Convention Ocean City, Maryland Here We Come!

The Convention Committee has planned another fabulous convention for you. As you all know, the 65th Annual Convention will be held at the Carousel Hotel in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland. Ocean City is a great vacation town, one we know you'll love. There are miles of beaches on the Atlantic, filled with female sun lovers. Ocean City has lots of great inexpensive restaurants and shops, a boardwalk, and a strip filled with a variety of stores and amusements. There's go-kart racing, waterslides, amusements, arcades, pizza parlors, and a host of other activities.

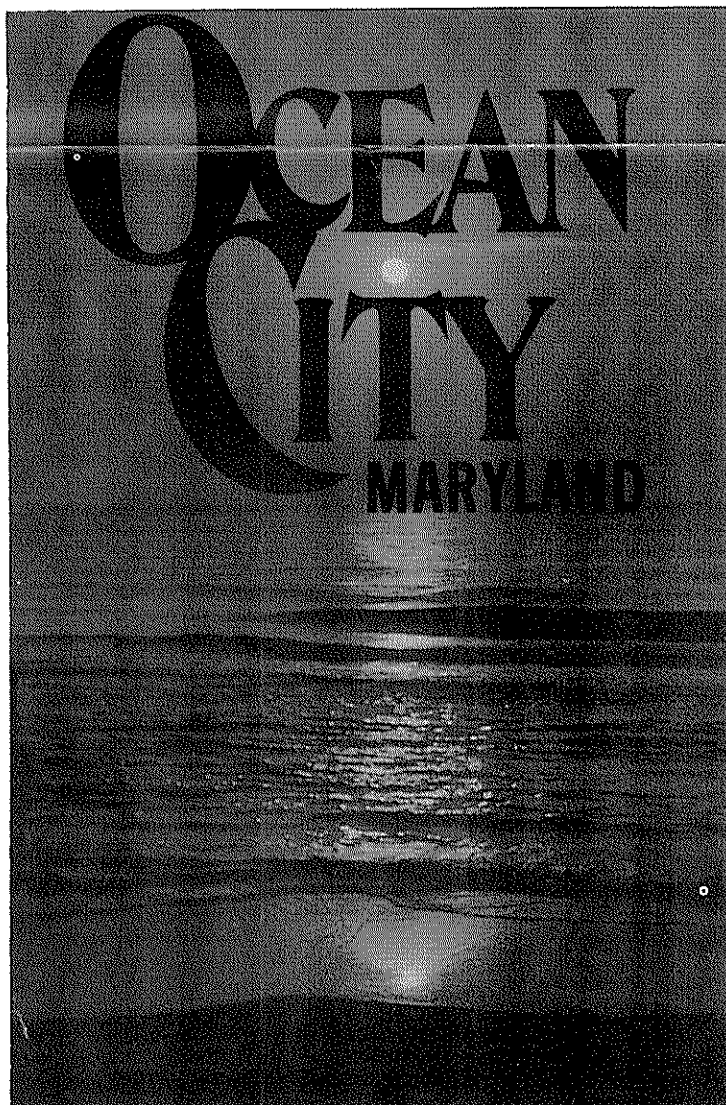
Our hotel, the Carousel, is excellent. It has an indoor pool, restaurants, a disco, a gameroom, a beach patio, and every room comes with a fully equipped kitchen!! It is a huge hotel, but you must get your reservations and deposits to the hotel as soon as possible. After July 10, they will open up our rooms to the public, and they will sell out!! Send your reservation card and one night's deposit for the room to hold your place!

The Convention Committee has planned a great time for all. We'll be going to Ocean Downs Racetrack for a night at the races, roller skating together as a group, enjoying some Convention entertainment, and experiencing a few more surprises we've cooked up for you.

Of course, on Sunday morning we'll have our annual awards breakfast. This year's breakfast will include a five course buffet breakfast, an SAR event you won't want to miss.

Convention will take place on the 26th to 29th of August, 1982. Pre-registration is \$25.00 before July 1st. Please Brothers, register now, and be sure to send your reservation card and one night's deposit per room to the Carousel Hotel, 118th Street, Ocean City, Maryland, 21862.

See you on the beach in Ocean City, Maryland!!



Editorial

By Evan Kaminer

Dear Editor,

I am very disappointed in the selection of affairs for the War Memorial Conclave held by Sigma Phi this past month. The dance on Saturday night was a good choice, but the porn movies shown Friday night were inexcusable.

First of all, this type of films should not be publicized fraternity wide. We just rid ourselves of a bad name, why should we have risked getting it again? It is not a big secret that too many ears lead to too many mouths. Eventually the news of these movies will get out to parents, girlfriends (who may not approve of it), and worst of all, Jewish institutions like the Jewish Community Center, the JYC, and local synagogues (who already dislike SAR). If the Brothers want to watch these films, they should do it within the chapters, not fraternity wide.

Another reason, and probably the one that most Brothers and alumni agree with, is the very nature of the conclave. This was our War Memorial Conclave.. It's obvious purpose is to honor our Brothers who fell in action. How would you like to be honored with a porn movie? I would probably turn over in my grave. I could picture Irv Rathblott's face. I bet if the alumni were to find of our actions, they would be very unhappy.

The blame for this affair lies in part with Sigma Phi for proposing it and with the fraternity as a whole for supporting it, but most of the blame lies with the Supreme Board of Chancellors for approving it. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Evan Kaminer
Epsilon

Editor's Note

Cooperation is an important factor if a job is to be done effectively. I would like to take this chance to apologize for the tardiness of this final issue. Due to a lack of cooperation on all accounts, the burden fell heavily. This has been a problem throughout the fraternal year.

Many chapters fell drastically this year due to a lack of cooperation internally. One man can not do a job alone, that is why committees and boards were invented! We all must work together and the results will exemplify our efforts.

On a more positive note, I would like to congratulate Alpha Omega on their recent induction, Gamma Xi on their re-induction, and Delta Nu on a great start after their induction. A hearty welcome is also in order for Theta Eta, our reinstated chapter in Houston, Texas!!!!

In closing, I'm looking forward to a great year, starting off with convention. Hope to see everyone in Ocean City!

Fraternally,
Bro. Marc Uknis

The Philadelphia District Council Exalted Ruler's Report

awards and election meeting was held on June 20th at Temple Judea.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone especially my board members and Sigma Rho's who have contributed to the success of P.D.C. and S.A.R. this year. I am looking forward to seeing you at convention where P.D.C. will again dominate and bring home most (if not all) of the awards.

Fraternally,
Exalted Ruler
P.D.C.
Bro. Mitch Green

provided the leadership necessary to develop these chapters into strong ones and have also been visiting troubled chapters.

For the remainder of the fraternal year, the council will be stressing three fraternal areas. They will be: I.C.R., which there is a complete lack of in the fraternity at present, Rho, and of course Convention! This year P.D.C. is planning to send three buses to convention, after having over two full buses at mid-year! For all interested, the P.D.C.

This year for P.D.C. has been an up and down year. Highlighted by the induction of Gamma Xi and Delta Nu, the council grew to an active chapter of twelve, the highest the council has reached in many years. The P.D.C. dance, the Parents Breakfast Affair, the eukernia drive, and three major sports leagues are just some of the successful events run by P.D.C.

The council has seen most of its chapters this year become solid, and the council board has

The Eastern District Council By Bro. Jeff Lichtman

good young chapter who, under the leadership of Sigma Rho, Al Garber, will go to convention seeking the Shaefter Award.

After a somewhat disappointing year last year, the council has bounced back under the leadership of Exalted Ruler Bro. Joel Doner and is expecting to take many awards at the convention in Ocean City! The 1982-1983 year will find E.D.C. prepared for another

The Eastern District Council has made tremendous strides during the 1981-1982 fraternal year. Epsilon and Beta Tau are finishing very good years, Beta Eta is stronger than in the beginning of the year. Beta Epsilon and Nu Epsilon are still rebuilding, but are also showing improvement. Now the highlight of the year for E.D.C., the induction of Alpha Omega in Kinnaminson. Alpha Omega is a

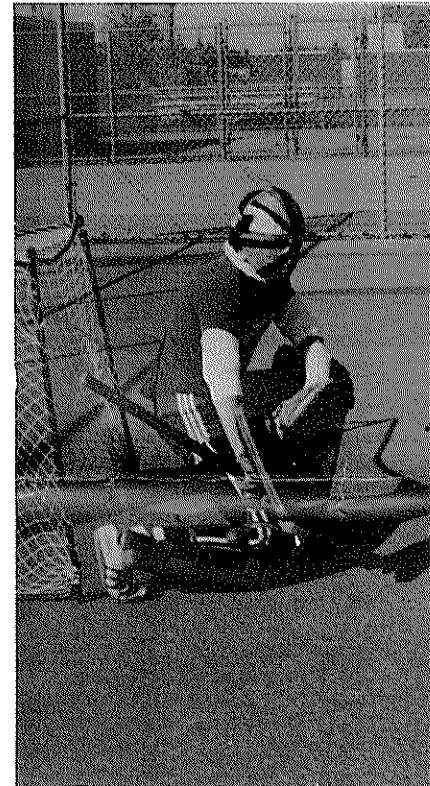
good year, and new Sigma Rho's (Neil Frankel, Epsilon; Ken Turner, Beta Tau; Maury Kaufman, Beta Iota; Stu Ganski, Beta Epsilon; Al Garber, Alpha Omega) are already preparing for a great fraternal year.

Fraternally yours,
Chancellor-at-Large
Bro. Jeff Lichtman



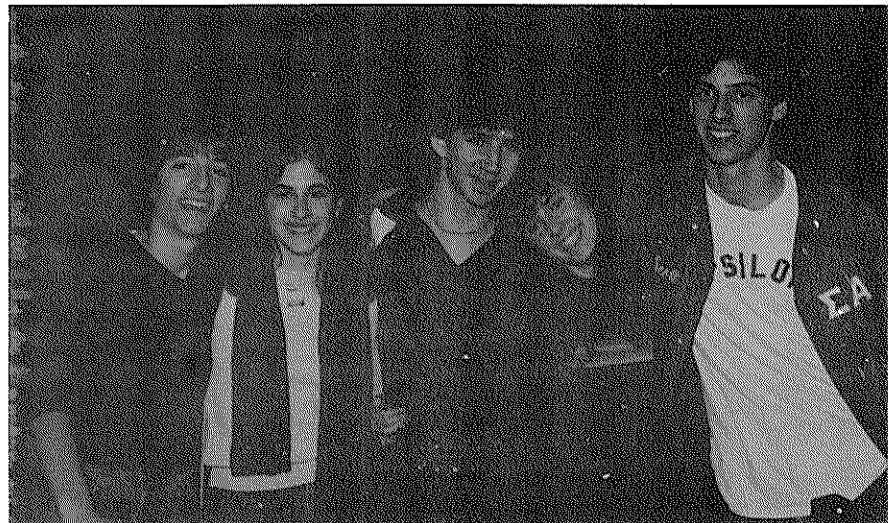
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The Epsilon
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S.E.R. Report

Dear Brothers,

The fraternal year is almost over, and its been a great one. In addition to the induction of four new chapters (Delta Nu, Gamma Xi, Theta Iota, and Alpha Omega), PDC and EDC have enjoyed a fine year. Adding the Theta Iota chapter to our Theta Epsilon chapter leaves SAR just one step away from having a 3rd strong council.

There are many things that can be done between now and convention. First of all, chapters can get a head start by planning for next year. By setting up an affair or even starting a pledge class, your chapter can get a head start on the other chapters. Finally it is imperative that you, and as many brothers as possible, attend convention. Convention is the time to meet all the fraternity brothers and experience fraternalism and brotherhood. Also, since Sigma Alpha Rho is a democracy, you can voice your opinion on how to change SAR thru legislation at our IEC meetings. Don't be the brother to be listening to convention stories, be the one to tell them. It is of utmost importance to register with Bro. Greg Maisel and avoid the extra cost and inconvenience of registering at convention

The thing that encourages me most about Sigma Alpha Rho is not only the number of active brothers, but the type of hard-working, dedicated new brothers that we are inducting. Inductions are the liveblood of the fraternity. If we continue to induct the type of brothers we are, SAR will become greater than it's ever been.

This past year Sigma Alpha Rho has taught me many things. From working along with all different types of people to organizing the fraternity, I have gotten more out of SAR than I could have from any other organization. I thank the brothers for allowing me to serve the fraternity; and I know the fraternity will be even more successful in the future. Until we meet again at convention, I remain

Fraternally Yours,

Brad Heisman
Supreme Exalted Ruler

Philadelphia District Council Sports

A definite powerhouse this year in the Philadelphia District Council has been the Eta Chapter. They ran away with two major championships in football, and hockey. Sigma Phi took the third league (actually a round-robin tournament), basketball. Sigma Phi also made it to the finals in football and in hockey. The Phi Chapter dropped below its standards this year, but was right in the running for hockey. Tau Xi had a decent year in sports, also, making it to the playoffs in football and hockey. Delta Nu, Philadelphia's newest chapter, made some amazing stands in the first league they participated in. They had a great year making it to the playoffs in football. This is the first year any district council in the fraternity had three major sports leagues.

Softball All-Stars

On a clear May Sunday, Philadelphia met Cherry Hill on neutral grounds at the Merrill Bryer Softball Marathon. The final game was an all-star game that pitted Philly against "The Hill". The Philly All-Stars jumped out with thirteen runs by the sixth inning! The Phi Chapter showed its true strength by dominating the P.D.C. All-Stars. Lloyd Brouse, playing short-field, had three hits, Glenn Manoff, at third base, had two hits, Wayne Kaplan, at left field, had three hits, and Marc Uknis, at shortstop, had three hits. Towards the end, the Cherry Hill All-Stars tried a last ditch effort, but the game ended;

Philadelphia District Council All-Stars.....13 !
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IN MEMORIUM.....

To a Great Brother

and a Better Friend

S.A.R. Mourns the loss of an outstanding brother and a great friend to all.....

On March 6, 1982, tragedy struck Sigma Alpha Rho. Brother Merrill Bryer died that night of complications from a blood clot. We all knew Merrill as an extremely dedicated and hard working brother. He had served as Sigma Rho for his chapter, Zeta Tau, for two years, he was a Member-at-Large on the Philadelphia District Council Board, and was a Chancellor-at-Large on the Supreme Board. Merrill's accomplishments in the fraternity were many, including running many Monte Carlos, running the P.D.C. Dance, and most recently training the Theta Iota Chapter.

We will not remember Merrill as much for the work that he did, but rather as a friend, and a brother, who for five years had been one of (if not *the*) most popular brother in the fraternity. Merrill was always a fun person to be with and that is what we will remember, all of the good times we had with Merrill.

The fraternity, the following Monday, mourned its great loss by attending the funeral in large numbers. The whole Bryer family was extremely pleased with the turnout that S.A.R. had.

There is nothing we can do now to bring Merrill back, but there is one thing we all can do, and that is never forget Merrill or the things we did with him. As a brother we respected him; as a friend we loved him. Wherever you are Merrill, we miss you.

Midyear - Atlantic City

Midyear, held from February 19-21, 1982, in Atlantic City was a successful conclave by any and all standards. Over two hundred brothers, girls, and friends literally crammed into the Lafayette and had a good time. Despite many problems with the hotel, SAR men and guests behaved admirably.

Midyear, run by Brother Jeff Lichtman, set new standards for convention-type conclaves. It showed that the fraternity can come out in force and have a great time. Many important decisions were made at the International Executive Council meeting, including introduction of anti-hell night legislation, and an election for the Supreme Board of Chancellors.

The entertainment went pretty well, with people attending the Friday show featuring two comedians and a psychic, and Saturdays showing of Phantom of the Paradise. These events were, of course, overshadowed by the action at the casinos, where many brothers did well.

Midyear was a complete success and all those attending had a great time during this great fraternal weekend. Convention is coming, so get your brothers psyched and make a good showing at the first event of a promising fraternal year.

Sweetheart Ball

This year's Sweetheart Ball was a tremendous success. Everyone who went had a "wild and crazy" time. It all started at 8:00 p.m. in the Rickshaw Hotel Ballroom in Cherry Hill. Before everyone entered the room the tables were set up with sweetheart ball shirts at each table. After the finishing touches were complete, the maple doors opened wide to allow the one hundred couples to begin a great evening. Before people had time to think about sitting down the band started playing and everyone got rowdie. Brother Kaplan, Epsilon's Sweetheart Chairman, finally managed to calm everyone down, and begin eating the fantastic gourmet meal. After a few words by Epsilon's president, Scott Toporov, the band began to play once again. Hours later, the moment that everyone was waiting for finally came. The Parents of the Year, and Epsilon's Sweetheart Award. Mr. and Mrs. Kaminer were named Parents of the Year, while Marla Toporov was given the recognition of being Epsilon's Sweetheart. Before we knew it, time had run out and the band began to pack up. The party then continued at Brother Kaplan's house for the traditional Sweetheart Ball Afterparty. For those of you who weren't there, you missed one of the greatest affairs ever put on by any chapter in SAR. Next year's Sweetheart Ball promises to be just as great, so be there. Aloha!!!!!!

"A Computerized Chapter?"

Yes, it is true. Epsilon has decided to use a computer for its Alumni list and chapter roll. This is prompted by our large amount of alumni, 58 years worth.

The program for the keeping of the list was written by Bro. Evan Kaminer. Evan, with the aid of Bro. Elliot Kaplan, is now in the process of entering well over 600 names, addresses, and years of induction. The process is expected to take at least another month, when at this time we will publish our first Alumni Newsletter using the computer.

The program written for the alumni has also been modified to accept our current roll. Epsilon will soon be sending roll cards to the Sigma Rhos.

Those chapters who have access to an Apple computer and wish to have a copy of the program should contact Bro. Evan Kaminer.

Dear Brothers,

It has been my pleasure serving as Editor of the *Gleaming Eye* under the Heisman administration. I hope all of you have enjoyed the *Gleaming Eye* as much as I have enjoyed compiling them.

Farewell till August
and Thank you,
Fraternally,

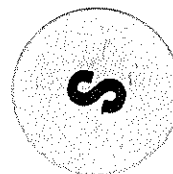
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