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## AT LAST WE GLEAM

In the fertile brain of our Supreme Exalted Ruler arose the idea of a fraternity paper. He developed plans to carry it out and now behold the fruits of his work.

"The Gleaming Eye" cannot be successful unless it has behind it the support of every man in Sigma Alpha Rho. Each one of you can aid in three fields—literary, advertising and subscription.

A tentative staff has been selected, but by working for it, any man may make the staff. Those of you who can write—find any interesting topic and send it in. It will aid you and it will benefit the paper.

The business and financial side of "The Gleaming Eye" needs advertisements. It is by money secured from these "ads" that we can print our paper. The advertising board can and will easily be augmented by any "ad-getter."

The One Dollar Subscription also aids in financing this sheet. But more than that, it shows the staff that the subscriber thinks enough of its product to back it. Our greatest effort will be expended in printing a paper that is worthwhile. Are we to feel that we stand alone, that your support is absent? Or is it to be that every man in Sigma Alpha Rho is a subscriber? We pray that the latter may be the case.

Our present plans are for a semi-monthly issue that will contain news of interest to all connected with Sigma Alpha Rho.

Since "The Gleaming Eye" has been made a separate department subject only to the National Executive Council, it is free from politics. Our policy is to make this a fraternal paper, not a personal one. Recognition will be extended to anyone who wishes to and does send in contributions.

This paper is absolutely public and no restrictions are placed on subscriptions. Extra copies can therefore be sent to any wife, sweetheart, mother or friend, for the "minute" sum of One Dollar.

There is at present a vacancy in the position of business manager. His work consists of supervising the advertising and circulation boards and of being the treasurer of the staff. Here is your chance.

## COUNCIL DANCE LOOMS NEAR

Preparations to make the Annual Council Dance of 1924 more spectacular and more glorious than any of its predecessors, are being made by Alexander David Segal, Chairman of the Council Dance Committee and genius of affairs.

A system of what might be termed "interior advertising" has been arranged to acquaint the Brothers with the facts of the event and to further the sale of tickets.

"Al" has already announced the date as Saturday, March 1, the place as the Rose Garden of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, the orchestra as Ben Gleenblatt's; but he has failed as yet to mention the price. Probably about twenty-four billion marks.

## TAU ELECTIONS SPIRITED

The elections of the new Tau chapter in Pittsburgh, which followed its induction on December 27, were very snappy and well contested. After the debris was cleared away it was finally decided that Arnold A. Weinberg was, and still is, Sacred Ruler. To Edward A. Lewis went that exhausting job known as Mortal Ruler, while Walter H. Adler (to whose telegraphic dispatches the chapter is due, was struck with the office-boy's job of Keeper of Books. Jack L. Cohen will hold the money for the chapter (that is, if they have any) in the office of Keeper of Monies and Theodore Herzl Makrauer will keep watch on Cohen's deficits, as Keeper of Accounts.

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Harry Miller, Eighth and Market Sts., Camden, N. J.

**Change of Status**  
Alexander Lipschutz, Theta active to Theta associate.

**Official Count**  
Active, 152; Inactive, 32; Associate, 21; Deceased, 1 Total 206.

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It is up to you to see that all interesting bits of news of the chapter are sent to Henry Weiss.

Do not let your correspondents fall down on the job, chapter members. See that the news is sent in!

## EDITORIAL

Fraternities are once more being strenuously attacked. Once more, one person has decided that fraternities as a class are injurious to the high school students. In particular, a ban has been placed in Camden High School on further participation of fraternity men in school affairs.

We cannot help from feeling that the attitude taken by the principal of Camden High School, where one of our chapters is located, is a mistaken one. The assumption under which she proceeds seems false to us.

We believe that fraternities as a class benefit primarily the student and secondly the school. The fraternity man in the first place is brought into contact with more men, older men, wiser men and thus has the scope of his mind and intellect broadened considerably. The

aims and ideals of fraternities give a higher something to strive for. The men to join the fraternity must be of a certain level in mentality, scholastics and athletics usually above the average. To raise himself past the mean is an added incentive to greater achievements.

Then, what school is not bettered by an improved student body? The average grade of marks in what school is not made higher by marks of men who know they must pass to join an organization they respect and wish to be affiliated with? What school does not have better teams when fraternities advise their bids to try out for athletics?

The students and the school are ameliorated by fraternities. They should exist and thrive.

## IOTA DANCE A SUCCESS

The second annual dance of the Iota chapter held in the Masonic Temple of Chester on December 28, was indeed a wonderful success.

The music was furnished by the Novelty Surprise Orchestra of Philadelphia, which gave us a real idea of music a la Ted Lewis.

An exhibition of the Argentina Tango was given by James McClay and Ann Gallagher. This couple had previously won the first prize in a dancing competition with 300 other couples at the Arena.

Each young lady was given a small Cuple Doll surrounded by a beautiful semi-circle of feathers, on which there was a ribbon bearing the name "Iota Chapter."

It was admirable to see how the Philadelphia boys supported the dance. Some came by machine, some by train and some even had Chester dates.

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## A WORD FROM THE SUPREME EXALTED RULER

The issuing of this paper marks another great step in the history of this organization. So fast has this fraternity grown that it has almost slipped past the men who are attempting to handle its affairs and further its destinies. Leader after leader has tried to cope with conditions and always it has grown too great, developed too quickly, outdistanced him in his race for experience. First, Feinstein, the founder, then Marion, the constructionist, then Abramson, the perfecter, Hyman, the builder, and so down the line. And now comes this paper as an elastic bond—to hold the fraternity together and at the same time allow it to grow. It comes at an appropriate time when the fraternity has extended far beyond the limits of this "home of Sigma Alpha Rho."

In Buten, the editor of this paper, I place a great amount of confidence. It was his push and endeavor and persistency that made possible this first issue and I have no doubt that those same attributes will bring forward many more—if you Brothers will support him.

As a mouthpiece, an eye is not supposed to be very eloquent but I have no doubt that this gleaming eye will achieve its purpose—a purpose which can be easily ascertained by a glance into the Ritual.

LEON S. ROSENTHAL

## THETA

The suspension of the meetings of the Theta chapter and the proclamation of the Sigma Rho that all offices were declared vacant, necessitated the reorganization of the Theta chapter.

The following officers were elected:  
Albert Drucker, Sigma Rho.  
Bernard Meyers, Mu Rho.  
Nathan Edelstein, Kappa Beta.  
Jack Wallner, Kappa Mu.  
Harry Kessler, Kappa Alpha.

Because of his many duties connected with the National Organizer's Department Emil Goldhaber refused any nomination, with the statement that with his time so limited he could not properly handle the affairs of the Theta chapter as it should be done.

Albert Drucker was elected Sigma Rho. He is a man well liked by every one and a man who is capable of handling the destinies of a large chapter like Theta.

**GLIMMERS**

Can Harold Brody, of Iota, do the "cancan" dance? In a moment of fun (the kind that breaks bones, Harold claims) Emil Goldhaber and Al Drucker put him in an ash can in College Hall the other day and then rolled him a few miles. At the bottom of a flight of steps Harold fell out with the rest of the rubbish. Well, can he?

Most everyone enjoyed the exhibition dancing at the Iota dance. Never before have we seen two Jewish people perform so well. Ann Gallagher and James McClay certainly can step.

A Brother from the wilds of Chester (Pennsylvania) objects. He says that they are not Jewish.

Nor is subtle pronounced as spell. See Nat Edelstein.

Our Greek expert—Mish Buten—has finally decreed that the au in Tau is pronounced as ow in cow. Take heed! The Supreme Court has rendered its decision.

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**GOLDHABER'S REPORT**

The trip to Pittsburgh has caused the following poetic outburst from our national organizer:

It was the night after Christmas, and all through the house not a soul was stirring, not even a mouse. Yet what was that sound, that mystic sound, that wavered and trembled on high? Could Santa—brave Santa—have come back anon, once more to say good-bye? Nay, nay, my dear Brothers, mistake me no more; that noise that you heard was only a snore. 'Twas, Rosie, our Rosie, the President so fair, whose nostrils were wafting, aye!—sucking in air! He slept like a hero—a hero of old; but he breathed like a sucker that had a bad cold. A movement was heard, a sound like a sigh, it marked the awakening of yours truly, poor I. I arose like a madman and looked at the clock, then turning I struck Leon a resounding sock! "Arise thee rascal, and out from this house, before I crush thee just like a louse." Hurriedly we robed us, and out to the street, and down to the station with steps that were fleet. Miles we rode upon your good money, recklessly indulging in the vices of rummy. Yards and yards of track flew past, until we arrived in Pittsburgh at last. And so we made them, though we know not how, our tenth glowing chapter henceforth called Tau. Nice fellows they are, straight-forward and true, with blood in their veins that could be called blue. They're workers and pluggers who will find success or damn it believe me I never could guess. They're men whom we'll hear from, for that I'll vouch, or else—say, don't push me, I'll quit, eh ouch! Mish says this is rotten and I think it's true, so I'll close with a Happy New Year to you.

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**SPORTS**

There is, indeed, very much to say about this subject, because there are many sports in Sigma Alpha Rho. The last official count was two hundred.

As far as athletics are concerned, however, the basketball season is now in full swing, and, knowing how successful basketball games have been among chapters of Sigma Alpha Rho in the past, it should be a very simple matter to organize a league and play inter-chapter games. However, the hardest thing in such a project would be the securing of proper halls and the getting of a fearless referee. I mention the latter because I happened to be present at the gentle tete a tete that the Sigma and Theta chapters engaged in last year. Needless to advise, the referee was taken to the hospital after the game and I think he is now a famous football authority, having received his experience and knowledge of the game at the Sigma-Theta affair.

But that game, upon which we must rely for all our information, showed that we should have a fairly decent-looking hall. We want to make our basketball games social affairs—and have the women present. Not that we couldn't play basketball without them or that we are women chasers or anything like that, but, while five men of each chapter play basketball, you know, the rest could play—well, it reminds me of a couple of actors I knew who tried to play Ben Hur. The company consisted of a he and a she. The funny part about it is that she played the part of Ben and he played Hur.

But, without getting bad, or ever thinking bad thoughts, women could be of use at basketball games. To some of the players they would be an inspiration, to another, out of the game, a doctor, nurse, and after the game, a partner for a dance—to those who could yet dance; and to all of us a lot of trouble before and after. However, they should be there, and for that very reason we must have more than a mere basketball floor. It must be a presentable place, and a floor on which we can dance after the games. When I say games I really mean the plural, for, in order to cut down expenses and have a really nice hall, we could play two games in one evening and have four chapters engage—and four chapters in footing the bill, which should be very reasonable, and should make a big night. If any of the Brothers know of good halls such as these, find out all about them, their capacity, price, and so forth, and give the information to the manager of your chapter team. If you don't have a manager or captain, elect one. Get a team and arrange games.

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