

Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity Alumni Association

SERIOUS ISSUES CONFRONT 'ACTIVE' FRATERNITY'S FUTURE!

SPECIAL ALUMNI MEETINGS HELD

On Tuesday, June 25 and Wednesday, June 26, Alumni meetings took place in Cherry Hill and Phila. The meetings were held to try and seek the support of all SAR Alumni in helping to strengthen the active fraternity. About 40 brothers attended each meeting.

Many good ideas were offered and as a result, the active fraternity will start receiving the type of support from the alumni that it needs and deserves.

We are trying to establish an alumni support network that will benefit active brothers in many ways. This support network will help the fraternity by making alumni available to the fraternity to help train new chapters, work with existing chapters, help locate prospective brothers, provide part-time employment to qualified brothers, help high school seniors in establishing the right contacts at colleges and universities they wish to attend and help raise money for fraternity programs and Rathblott Scholarships.

As PSER Bro. Charles Bogdanoff stated, "The active fraternity is counting on the alumni to help solve both our short term and long term problems. Alumni that wish to help in the short term should make the commitment to be available to go to chapter meetings as an advisor. Alumni should work with active brothers to help develop their leadership skills and motivate them to stay active beyond high school." Bro. Bogdanoff adds; "The long term problems can be solved by building a strong alumni support network that active brothers and chapters can utilize to be more productive."

The most important point to come out of both meetings is that as Alumni we need to help the active fraternity survive and grow stronger. Since SAR is independent, it is up to us to provide the mentoring and advising that other Jewish youth groups receive from their parent organizations.

If you were unable to attend either meeting and wish to get involved, please call SER Bro. Rob Malmud at 215-464-7000 during the day and find out how easy it is to help.

The active fraternity needs our help! Think about how nice it would be to give the fraternity back a little of what it gave you.

Alumni Letters That Remember the Past

From Bro. SIDNEY DENBO, Epsilon:

I pledged as a Camden High School sophomore and was initiated in my junior year 1926, along with DR. MILTON ASBELL's older brother, LEO, now deceased, and DR. GEORGE SHEPPARD, an optometrist, also now deceased. I have an interesting anecdote to tell you. Many years ago, as a student at the University of Alabama, I went to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans in 1929. A college fraternity brother named Sam Lang told me of a "feeders club" of young high school students attached to our college frat. He wanted to know about a national high school fraternity. I recommended S.A.R. (Soon) a chapter was formed in New Orleans. I was always proud of the fact that I was partially instrumental in the initiation of this group into a Sigma Alpha Rho chapter.

From Bro. VERNON DESOUZA, Omega:

SAR showed me what fraternalism means, the act of being Brothers. It was a privilege to become a member of SAR, like going into high society. To this day my dearest friends are my SAR Brothers - to name a few, Max Solomon, Paul Solomon, Freddie Snyderman and Marty Frank. The social life was great. I was introduced to a different class of girls, and how can I ever forget the inter-chapter football games in Fairmount Park? The closing affair, the old clothes dance, the Thanksgiving dance, the Sweetheart dance. Those were days I'll never forget.

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