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## Tuesday Night Club Holds Gala Gathering On December 22 At

Pythian Hall, New Place Of Meeting Which is Highly Endorsed

The Tuesday Night Club "rode again" on December 22 in New York City, a medium-size group gathering at Pythian Hall to bowl, billiard, bridge and bull. Dick Graham '38 was chief organizer of details.

Various bowling teams waged furious battle with men of '37 from 9:00 to midnight, but that class staved off all comers from '11 to '41 and was acclaimed the "winnah!" However, the old timers took over the more recent graduates at bridge. Seems as though the men had a pretty swell time—Gustav Gants '35 was even heard to say "Ah" as he slid gently under a table.

### Next Gathering on April 4

Next assembling of Tuesday Nighters is scheduled during the university spring recess—April 4—again at Pythian Temple, at which time the mettle of the '37 class will be tested. Men of other classes are warned to start training or be prepared to bow again. Further notice of the meeting will follow in a special mailing; in the meantime, reservations are already being accepted by Richard S. Graham, 151 West 86th street, New York City.

### Elected Vice-President

Morris A. Lightman '13, 415 S. Highland Place, Memphis, Tenn., was elected a vice-president of the national fraternity at the annual convention in New York City during the Holidays. One other honor Kappa received was honorable mention for its chapter paper.

### New Justice Is ZBT

Newly-seated Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter was made a member of Zeta Beta Tau the same night he received President Roosevelt's appointment to the high tribunal.

Don't Frown 'Cause



FOR THE 1939 Junior Week, February 9-11.

## Dartmouth Game Brings Throng to Edgecliff

Approximately 50 Kappa alumni were on hand for the Dartmouth game last November 12 when Correllians and friends enjoyed one of those weekends that clicked off successfully; you recall the Big Red knocked off Dartmouth in grand style.

Since many alumni arrived Friday afternoon, a beer party was held that night to get things started in good spirits. By the time Saturday noon rolled around there were no fewer than 200 ZBT's and friends to share a buffet lunch.

Following the game were cocktails, then a banquet at which Ned Feinberg '06 and Dick Graham '38 were the speakers. Later in the evening the chapter held an informal dance for the entertainment of alumni and undergraduates.

Sleeping quarters were at a premium, but all alumni and guests were provided with a place to lay the head. Most of the tickets for the game were for seats behind the South goal post, but since much of the action took place at that end no one kicked particularly.

Much credit is due Alan Mock '39 for his work in making arrangements for the gathering which was one of the largest in the history of the chapter.

## ZBT's Welcome Guests For '39 Junior Week; Prom Will Feature

Orchestras of Ellington, Jimmy Lunceford; Dance At House Saturday

That once-a-year (but what a once) event of houseparty is at hand—February 9, 11—and has some of those poignant earmarks that predict a high old time; for it isn't often the bands of Duke Ellington and Jimmy Lunceford get together for a battle of colored music, and this time they will be augmented by Les Brown and his Duke Blue Devils.

Chaperones for the weekend are Donald Dryfoos '36 and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gratz (sister and brother-in-law of undergraduate Greil Gerstley '41. Among the official events at the house are the Saturday afternoon tea dance, followed by a dinner dance, followed by a barn dance, and in turn followed by a sleigh ride. Now that is some Saturday!

### Annual Ice Carnival Planned

As customary, an ice Carnival on Beebe Lake is planned for Thursday night with three professional skaters as the main attractions. Friday afternoon may present opportunity for tobogganing and skiing, while preceeding the prom is a Musical Club show. Then of course the Saturday-afternoon basketball game with Penn is on the books again.

To the careful observer, the coming of Junior Week brings about changes in undergraduate temperament. The third floor—always elite and exclusive—is a strange sight. In a desperate attempt to please a particularly invited guest, Jay Seley sits in a corner, plucks out tufts of hair in a desperate attempt to change his hairline.

### Schemes and More Schemes

Noland Blass purses his lips thinking up diabolical schemes for keeping his date out an hour or so longer.

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### Prexy Alan Mock Extends Chapter's Official Welcome

Junior Week is the high spot of Cornell's year. Exams are over, and it gives us the first opportunity to "let off steam" since the Christmas vacation, that wonderful occasion of the dim past. It's been a hard grind since then, but we're still here. So you can see, fair guests, that we have one and only one object in mind—to have a good time.

But we won't have that unless you do too. So, throw your hats in the corner, let down your back hair, put on your Sunday-go-to Meetin's Regalia and join in with us. Everything from an Ice Carnival to a sleigh ride is planned, so—let's go!!

Alan F. Mock '39  
Chapter President

### Named to Med School During Junior Year

Francis Greenspan '40 was signalily honored recently as one of six members of the junior class to be selected for enrollment in Cornell medical school next fall. Although nipping a year off his stay on the Hill, the chapter is proud of his achievement.

Other undergraduate doings include Phil Enken's membership on Junior Prom committee; Gerstley '41 out for cheerleader; Dave Bradt '41 working on the *Engineer* staff; Bob Graham '41 a *Cornellian* compet; Dave Hast '42 a *Sun* compet; and Mickey Newman '42 on the frosh polo squad.

Julian Garbat '40 was just named to Med School; will accompany Greenspan.

### Waiters Narrowly Escape Falling Ceiling

Saved by a bowling game was the fortune of chapter waiters late last fall when the ceiling plaster of the diningroom crashed to the floor at 5:55 p. m., the hour at which the fellows usually prepare the tables for dinner. Had they been in the room the damage would have been greater than the crushing of several chairs by the 5,000 pounds of falling debris.

It seems the waiters had a bowling match on their hands that afternoon and were forced to roll an extra game to decide the winner. That game saved them. Anticlimax of the story came some days later when several ZBT's eating breakfast in the partially repaired room, rushed out when they heard a crash overhead expected to see the ceiling give way again. Noise resulted from skis falling to floor of a second-story room.

### Presenting Briefs About Houseman Henry VanHorn

Houseman Henry VanHorn looks back upon 1934 as one of the good years of his life since it was during that year he was hired by Dick Kaltenbacher '36 and Charles Keller '36 to keep things in tiptop shape at the House on the Cliff.

Henry has fitted into the picture admirably, says the ZBT's are a fine group of fellows—that he has ideal working conditions. And the fellows think a lot of him, and of Mrs. VanHorn who serves as maid during houseparties. Just notice how efficiently they handle the "behind the scene" tasks during this Junior Week.

Fraternity work was not new to the VanHorns when they came to Edgecliff. Previous to that coming they took care of the Cornell SAE's for several years.

Henry has served as a scout master of an Ithaca boy scout troop, is president of the Ithaca unit of the Civil Liberties League, secretary of the Tuscarora Social Club at the South Side Community Center, secretary of the local negro Elks club. In addition, he is a trustee and a member of the choir at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church of Ithaca.

### After Several Years In Tropics, Kahn Is Back To Med School

#### Where he Teaches Public Health and Preventive Medicine

To the editor:

"I have read with a great deal of interest the recent Edgecliff News and note, with much satisfaction, the splendid record of attainments our men made in so many fields of endeavor. This brings a glow to the hearts of the old timers.

"The chapter has not heard from me more often because I have been in the tropics a good deal during the past few years. However, I am delighted to make my identity known and re-establish connections."

Morton C. Kahn '16

#### Teaches at Cornell Med School

Brother Kahn at present is associate professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the Cornell Medical College in New York City. His accomplishments in the medical field have been many and varied during his 20 years on the teaching staff and faculty of the Medical College.

For instance, he was the leader of seven expeditions to Dutch and French Guiana for the College and for the American Museum of Natural History; director of the Cuban National Tuberculosis Survey; was decorated by the Cuban government with the Order of the Star of Cuba and the Order of Cantis Finlay (both in 1937).

#### Authors Many Articles

He has written many articles on tubercle bacillus and tuberculosis control; malaria; bacteriology of gas gangrene; and anthropological studies of wild Indians and Bush Negroes of the Guianas. He has also had a book published by the Viking Press—"Djuka, the Bush Negroes of Dutch Guiana".

He is president of the New York Society of Bacteriologists; member of numerous scientific societies; life honorary member of the American Museum of Natural History. Married to Ruth King, he has one son—Morton C., III—lives at 25 East 86th street, New York City. The chapter is proud to present this brief biography of one of its distinguished alumni!



## 9 Neophytes Survive Rigors of Initiation, Are Newest Kappas

Freshman's Diary Reveals His Reactions During December Workout

By Joe Alexander '42

Hell Week is the nadir of a freshman's social standing in a fraternity. Anything and everything can and does happen. It all started on December 12 with the announcement at dinner time that pledges were to arrive at the house at five-minute intervals the next morning beginning at 2:30 and to keep strict silence.

About 3:00 a. m. we were allowed in the house and given general instructions. Followed a succession of running around securing ridiculous costumes, doing a strange kind of walk while in the house, talking in peculiar accents, eating meals (slightly over-seasoned) backwards and without table silver, giving after-dinner speeches, and evening games among frosh for amusement of upperclassmen.

### Traditional Silent Dinner

One night pledges were ordered to appear in good clothes. We were placed in peculiar positions and made to recite limericks as loud as we could. Immediately afterwards came the traditional silent dinner by candlelight. The beauty and impressiveness of the meal, in contrast to what took place before, escapes description.

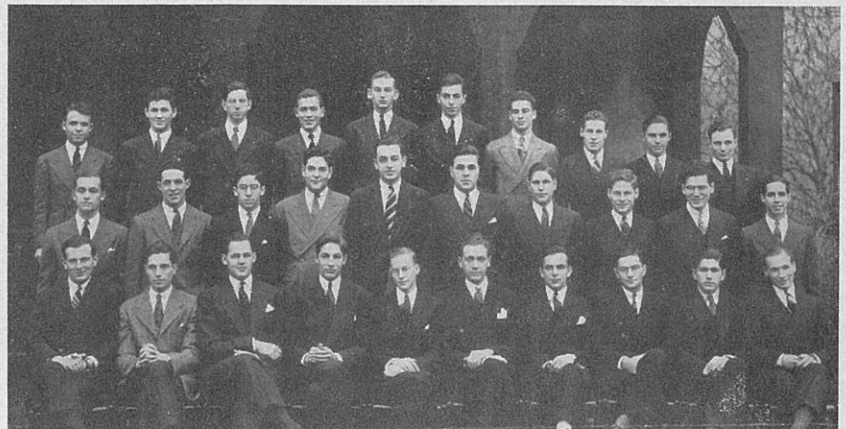
January 17 was the final day. During the afternoon was a continuation of the informal initiation "party", perhaps just a little more strenuous. Just before the initiation banquet was the secret induction ceremony presided over by president Alan Mock '39.

### Nine Men Formally Inducted

Following is the list of new Zeta Beta Tau's at Kappa: *Joseph A. Alexander*, Binghamton; *Edward B. Arenson*, Toledo, Ohio; *Albert Aschaffenburg*, New Orleans, La.; *Justin Brandt*, New York City; *Reuben Garner*, Rochester; *David G. Hast*, Pittsburgh, Pa.

*David F. Mendelsohn*, Steubenville, Ohio; *Howard A. Newman*, Lawrence; and *Carl S. Salmon, Jr.*, Amsterdam. All are freshmen with the exception of sophomores Aschaffenburg and Salmon.

## The Current Undergraduate Crop



UNDERGRADUATE ROSTER FOR 1938-39 pictured above follows, top row, left to right: Aschaffenburg, New Orleans, La.; Mendelsohn, Steubenville, Ohio; Alexander, Binghamton; Hast, Pittsburgh; Salmon, Amsterdam; Brandt, New York City; Sachs, N. Y. C.; Garner, Rochester; Newman, Lawrence; Arenson, Toledo, Ohio. Second row: London, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Kriegsman, Cincinnati; Bradt, Erie; Graham, N. Y. C.; Enken, Brooklyn; Rothman, N. Y. C.; Blass, Little Rock, Ark.; Greespan, Perth Amboy; Garbat, N. Y. C.; Frank, Pittsburgh. Front: Obernauer, Pittsburgh; Gerstley, Jenkintown, Pa.; Levitt, Minneapolis, Minn.; Cole, N. Y. C.; Mock, Buffalo; Klepper, N. Y. C.; Block, Buffalo; Sinauer, N. Y. C.; Seley, Newark, N. J.; H. Frank, Detroit.

### ZBT's Welcome Guests For '39 Junior Week

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Joe Barach, usually quiet and conservative, lifts his head from a physics book at regular intervals to half yell "wool! wool!"

On the second floor Phil Enken, trying to bury his "time capsule", jitters violently. Joe Block, suffering from ennui and too much sleep, was driven to the extreme of giving a history book a curasory glance.

In the sophomore triple, Bob Graham, occupying the easy chair as usual, figures out how much he saved on toll calls *this* Junior Week. Mike O'Brien (nee Obernauer) breaks the solitude with a wild scream, "It checks", throws a profit and loss statement on his desk and dashes off to a "meeting".

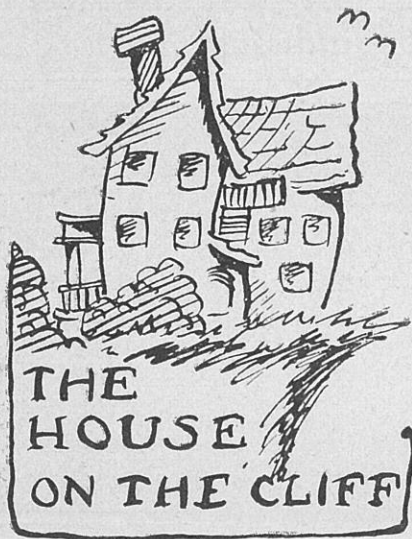
Gas House Gerstley, now aroused, slams his book shut after 131 hours of study for the week (still made only 45 on the prelim) and yells "Quiet! Let's get something to eat". This gets Graham out of the chair, O'Brien returns to the call, and the triple stages a first-floor raid. But, come Junior Week and the boys will settle to more normal living.

### Directors Pass Resolution For Better Representation

Ten men were present at the November 12 meeting of the directors of Kappa Holding Corporation several hours before the Dartmouth game, November 12. The meeting was presided over by Chairman "Ned" Feinberg '06.

Main subject of discussion was the reorganization or rearrangement of directors' terms of office. It was agreed that additional directors should be named, that the expiration date of terms of office should come in staggered intervals, and that directors should be chosen on the basis of geographical and class representation.

Chairman Feinberg is to select a committee to work out the details of the new plan. Attending the meeting were H. S. Graham '11, Harold Riegelman '14, M. C. Meltzer '17, Howard Saperston '21, E. M. Kaufmann, Jr. '26, Theodore Adler '28, C. M. Freeman '30, R. S. Graham '38 (who assisted in an unofficial capacity), and Alan Mock '39. Alan gave a report on the undergraduate chapter.



The long expected event has arrived—a blessed (or not) event no one can tell as yet. Ever since Christmas the waverings and wonderings of the brothers have been table talk, bullsession bull, and the general concern to exclusion of study and exams.

Finally, the lady of choice has accepted and now we are gathered together in unholy convention for the weekend. The prom, house dances, parties at the Dutch, sleigh rides will exhaust the heartiest of souls and soles and leave us all in the green of condition for Monday classes.

However we may look at it, house-party must really include the five weeks of preparation and three weeks of re-hashing, plus any indefinable results that may occur. In some cases the couples are carefully chaperoned to prevent elopment. Some sages predict from three to ten possible marriages excluding the nuptials of mascot "Coke" and Chi Psi's Moonshine Rum, III.

However, hotter heads may prevail; and if so there may be a mass wedding at 3:00 a. m. Saturday morning in the Libe Tower with Proctor Manning and Dean Fitch off-fitch-iating.

Anyone who evinces the slightest interest in the "time capsule" or the "Don't Frown, She'll Come Down" motto is taboo and will be placed in protective custody for the weekend (with date of course).

So endeth the message on HP. Remember, no drinking at the prom except in the booths and on the dance floor; and try to remember at least a few of the parental don'ts.

## Notes About Alumni Members

### A Letter from Goldsmith '14

To the Editor:

"Your November issue of the Edgecliff News was so good I can't hold back the impulse to extend congratulations. Previous issues have been good, but the most recent one is the smoothest yet.

"The paper is practically the only way the house and some of the old alumni can be visited by one as far away as I; and I'm glad the paper will come out more often. Hope the budget will be big enough to allow you to print more pictures.

"I'd like to know if 'Bunk' Bordon '14 conducted himself with all his judicial dignity at the reunion, or whether Meyer Nebenzahl '15 had to take care of him as he did in 1913. Keep up the good work".

Nate Goldsmith '14

*Those kind words came from 315 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Calif., whether Brother Nate is in the insurance and annuities business. Yes, Bunk Bordon conducted himself with splendid "judicial dignity", needed practically none of the 1913-type assistance. Next time you write you might give us a little dope about the years around 1913.—Ed.*

### Better Wear Palm Beach

It seems that Al Morse '33, who married Frances Wayne in 1934, became the father of Carolyn Morse last June. In notifying the chapter of the new daughter Al writes: "Carolyn will not be a co-ed when she grows up. In fact, Carolyn will not be anything when she grows up if youse guys don't wear Palm Beach next spring".

Seems that Al is assistant to the sales manager of the Goodall Company, makers of Palm Beach suits. Former Daily Sun associate editor and official chapter highball-stirrer, he lives at 3233 Griest avenue, Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### With Department Store

Recent Kappa alumni will be interested to know that Harry Stern, II '37 is already approaching his first wedding anniversary (May 10) with Selma Greenberg (Penn State). Harry is associated with the Isaac Long Store in Wilkes Barre, Pa., lives at 597 S. Franklin street in that city.

### Is Memphis Cotton Merchant

Eric D. Hirsch '21, who was a driving force as an undergraduate in getting the present house built, is a cotton merchant with the Allenberg Cotton Co., Memphis, Tenn. Eric married Leah Aschaffenburg, sister of Lysle '13 and Eugene '21, has three children—Donald 10; Eleanor 6; Eugene 2—lives at 2245 Court avenue, Memphis. Mrs. Hirsch is an Alpha Epsilon Phi from Newcomb (Tulane). Among Eric's accomplishments is the inventing of the Holdafone—some sort of a piece of furniture for holding a French phone.

### Tom Frank Marries

The chapter extends sincere best wishes to Tom Frank '38 Pittsburgh, who married Claire Weil, also of Pittsburgh, on January 25, 1939. Vice-president of the chapter last year, Tom is an engineer in the metallurgical lab of Timken Roller Bearing Co. of Canton, Ohio; may be addressed at 5535 Aylesboro avenue, Pittsburgh.

### On Junior Chamber of Commerce

Arthur (Phil) Phillips, Jr. '33, who came to Cornell as a sophomore from Wesleyan, is secretary of the National Oil & Supply Co. of Newark, N. J. Formerly chapter president, Phil married Marjorie Pollack in 1936, lives at 10 N. Ridgewood Road, South Orange, N. J. where he is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Mt. Ridge Country club.

### Meyer Nebenzahl Passes; Attended Dartmouth Game

With deep regret the death of Meyer Nebenzahl '15 was recorded on chapter files during the early part of December, a passing that was as unexpected as it was untimely. Just several weeks previous to his death he joined in the reunion at Edgecliff over Dartmouth weekend. He suffered a heart attack.

Forty-seven years old, he was a clothing merchant in Cedarhurst, L. I. N. Y., lived at 861 Woodmere Place, Woodmere, L. I., where his widow and two children survive.