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Kappa Extends Greetings to Class of '43

Home of Zeta Beta Tau at Cornell



KAPPA'S ATTRACTIVE HOME at Edgecliff which has housed Cornell ZBT's since 1923, and where a warm welcome always awaits alumni and guests.

House Looks Better Than Ever as Repairs Near Completion; Insurance Claim Adjusted

The home of Zeta Beta Tau on Edgecliff has returned nearly to its normal state what with the remodeling and reconstruction work just about completed at this writing. The house has been rebuilt just about the same as before, no major changes having been made. Only difference is in the decoration of rooms and in the roof covering.

The new roof is entirely covered with slate, instead of the wooden shingles formerly used. The new covering is much more substantial and certainly fire-proof. The walls of all rooms downstairs have been painted a lighter shade, although the woodwork remains the dull, Old-English finish.

All floors in the south wing have been rebuilt, hardwood used throughout. New drainage of the floor area in the second-floor bath has been installed and a new tile floor laid. A clothes closet has been added to the top floor.

The fire-place chimney, which appeared as though it needed replacing,

has been found to be perfectly intact, although some bracing was done. The work is being handled by the Ward Construction Company, Ithaca firm which built the house originally, and details are supervised by "Ned" Feinberg '06, treasurer of the Kappa Holding Corporation.

The chapter is pleased to announce that settlement of insurance claims have been entirely satisfactory and in full. The settlement on damage to the house itself amounted to \$11,976.99 which is to be paid to the Holding Corporation.

The furniture claim amounts to \$980.82 which covers all damage in that connection. And, very fortunately for undergraduates, the chapter's insurance policy contained a clause covering personal effects of resident members and guests. Adjustment for such effects amounted to \$3,777.46.

In this connection it might be stated that much of the loss to undergraduates was sustained in the at-

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Freshmen Given Tips About Rushing Week

Fraternities at Cornell Add to Student Life

Since this issue of Zeta Beta Tau's chapter paper appears not many weeks prior to the opening of the 1939-40 school year, we wish to address some remarks directly to those incoming freshmen into whose hands this paper may fall.

Fraternity rushing at Cornell is carried on during the first week of school, beginning this year on September 25. During this period of intensive activity the incoming freshmen see the various fraternities and are assisted by members of such houses in registration, choosing their course, and in becoming acquainted with Cornell, its traditions, customs and social life.

Dates During Rushing Week

The first four days of rush week consist mainly of a series of dates with various houses at any of the set times—lunch, afternoon or dinner (hour and other rushing regulations are fully described in the Freshman Desk Book or in the Interfraternity Directory).

At such times the freshmen become acquainted with many men in various fraternities and make numerous friendships which last on through college after he has pledged one house. Such a method introduces the freshmen into social life and permits him to make friends among many other houses in addition to the one he chooses.

Go Deeper than the Surface

Of course, most freshmen realize that during rushing week each fraternity is outdoing itself in an effort to put its "best foot forward". With this thought in mind a freshman should try to go deeper than the surface in an effort to locate the type men with whom he will be happy during his college life. Too

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Albert Aschaffenburg '41 Editor

Clippings, photographs, news for publication and letters are solicited at all times. Please address the editor at the chapter house, Edgecliff, Ithaca, New York.

Kappa President Extends Welcome to New Students

It is a real pleasure to welcome a new bunch of fellows to Cornell, to a University where opportunities for broadening one's self are many, and where lasting friendships are easily made. It is natural that an incoming freshman will expect these things of his Alma Mater.

Fraternities at Cornell are so closely woven into the pattern of campus life they can do much for the freshman in helping him to feel this attachment. In the first place, they provide a means of making friendships quickly, friendships of the type he will want to perpetuate.

Fraternities help the freshman to get a start in another way—through their member's representation in campus activities. ZBT's can give you a big boost. Whether you are interested in sports, publications, dramatics or student government there is someone at Edgecliff who can give you tips on the whys and wherefores of it all.

When you are our guest at the beginning of the school year we want to welcome you and to help you feel at home. Take a look around. Improvements made to the house and grounds during the summer put the property in better condition than ever before.

Come around and let us show you why we are proud of being members of the country's leading Jewish fraternity. We want you to feel at home here; and we are going to do our best to help you do so. Again, it is a genuine pleasure to welcome a new bunch of fellow Cornellians.

James A. Frank '40
President, Zeta Beta Tau

Fall Homecoming Reunion On November 4

Although summer weather still prevails, and talk about reunions and football games is about as much out of place as a Dartmouth victory would have been last reunion, we want to mention a date which we hope you'll check on your calendar and for which to make some mental reservations.

Fall homecoming for 1939 is on November 4; and homecoming weekend is beginning to mean more than ever around Edgecliff. Last fall, as you will remember if you were here, or read about in the *Edgecliff News*, the reunion date brought a batch of Kappa alumni to these parts; and from our observation, those attending had a pretty swell time.

So, give a little thought to a visit to the campus on November 4; Columbia is the football attraction, and the house is your headquarters. If you don't mind saying so, we of the undergraduate chapter put in a lot of thought and effort towards reunions these years, so you can be assured of a warm welcome and satisfactory accommodations.

Do You Know a Candidate For September Rushing?

Since Kappa is always on the lookout for new members for Zeta Beta Tau who will be a credit to the chapter and to the fraternity, we are particularly anxious to have recommendations from alumni in order the membership will maintain its high quality.

Alumni recommendations are valuable in two ways—they give us assurance of a boy's background; and they bring to our attention boys from wider areas since our alumni are scattered to all parts of the country.

So, we ask you to "cover" your community for the names and addresses of boys coming to Cornell this year whom you feel would make good rushing material for the chapter. Perhaps a call to the school principal or headmaster would be helpful. Enclosed is a recommendation postal which I hope I may have the pleasure of receiving from you within a few days.

Sig Kriegsman, Jr.

Freshman Greeted; Are Given Tips About Rushing Week

Fraternities at Cornell Add Much Warmth To Career

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many students rush into a fraternity unsuited to them and regret their action during their college career.

In an effort to distinguish the worthwhile from the gladhanding, freshmen might note the cosmopolitan atmosphere and varsity of home towns represented in the members. A distributed membership is one of the major inducements of a fraternity, for in offering friendships with men from all parts of the country, a broadened outlook results which is part of a real college education.

Members From Wide Area

Zeta Beta Tau is particularly fortunate in this respect since we have members from most of the eastern metropolitan centers as well as from numerous towns in the mid-west and south. Following is some of the representation:

New York: New York City, Lawrence, L. I., Rochester; *Massachusetts:* Boston; *Pennsylvania:* Pittsburgh, Philadelphia; *New Jersey:* Newark, Deal; *Ohio:* Cincinnati, Toledo, Steubenville; *Michigan:* Detroit; *Arkansas:* Little Rock; *Louisiana:* New Orleans.

Last year among the senior class at the house was a German refugee who completed his college education through the efforts of our chapter. This was the first of this nature undertaken at Cornell, and our chapter received national recognition for the service.

Alumni Own House

Zeta Beta Tau chapter house is owned by the alumni and is supervised by an alumni board of directors with one member resident in Ithaca. This year the house bill has been cut again as has the initiation fee. There are no required extra assessments of any sort above the regular bill.

In Executive Capacity

Arthur S. (Art) Baker '22 serves in an executive capacity for Century Circuit, Inc., 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, lives at 210 West 90th street.

Presenting Summary Of Extracurriculars Of Zeta Beta Taus

Blass Succeeds Mock As Widow Editor; Others Active

As proof of the number of ZBT's in campus activities at Cornell the following summary is presented. *Jim Frank '40* is business manager of the *Cornell Engineer*, member of Kappa Tau Chi and Junior Smoker committee.

Nolie Blass '40 succeeds *Alan Mock '39* as editor of *The Widow*, is a member of Book and Bowl, leads his class scholastically in the College of Architecture. *Dick Rothman '40* is business manager of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, a member of Quill and Dagger.

Two Will Attend Med School

Julien Garbat '40 and *Frankie Greenspan '40* are two of the seven men elected from last year's junior class to attend Cornell Medical School during the coming year. *Phil Enken '40* is a member of the Willard Straight Board of Managers, served on the Junior Prom committee.

Marne Obernauer '41, who was president of his freshman class, is a member of Student Council, Willard Straight Board of Managers, and the Cornellian Board. *Dave Bradt '41* is on the Dean's list in College of Engineering, and on the business board of the *Engineer*.

Sophomore Class Active

Last year's freshmen—now sophomores—made rapid strides in the activities field. *Fred Guterman '42* landed the post as coxy of frosh crew and directed the yearling boat at the Poughkeepsie Regatta. *Dave Hast '42* made the *Sun* business board; *Al Aschaffenburg '42* is a member of Dramatic Club; *Carl Salmon '42*, who plays a pretty swell trumpet, is in the ROTC band and in the Musical Clubs.

Ed Arentzen '42 was on the boxing squad; *Micky Newman '42* was on the frosh polo and swimming squads; *Alan Blair '42* also played polo; and *Joe Alexander '42*, Newman, Salmon and Blair were all on the swimming squad.

The Resident Chapter of 1938-39



UNDERGRADUATE ROSTER FOR 1938-39 pictured above follows, top row, left to right: Aschaffenburg, Mendelsohn, Alexander, Hast, Salmon, Brandt, Sachs, Garner, Newman, Arenson. Second row: London, Kriegsman, Bradt, Graham, Enken, Rothman, Blass, Greenspan, Garbat, Frank. Front: Obernauer, Gerstley, Levitt, Cole, Mock, Klepper, Block, Sinauer, Seley, H. Frank.

Those Coming Back for 1939-40

Seniors

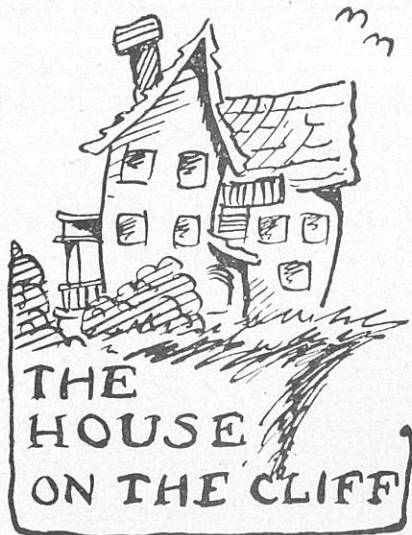
Nolie Blass	..... Arch	..... Little Rock, Ark.
Phil Enken	..... Hotel	..... New York City
Jim Frank (Pres.)	..... A. E. M. E.	..... Pittsburgh
Julien Garbat	..... Medicine	..... New York City
Frank Greenspan	..... Medicine	..... Perth Amboy
Sig Kriegsman (V-Pres.)	..... A. E. M. E.	..... Cincinnati
Dick Rothman	..... Arts	..... New York City
Jason Seley	..... Arts	..... Newark, N. J.

Juniors

Al Aschaffenburg	..... Arts	..... New Orleans, La.
Dave Bradt (Treas.)	..... M. E.	..... Erie, Pa.
Greil Gerstley	..... Arts	..... Philadelphia
Bob Graham	..... Arts	..... New York City
Bob London	..... Arts	..... Perth Amboy, N. J.
Marne Obernauer	..... Hotel	..... Pittsburgh
Carl Salmon	..... Ag	..... Amsterdam, N. Y.

Sophomores

Joe Alexander	..... Arts	..... Binghamton
Ed Arentzen	..... M. E.	..... Toledo, Ohio
Alan Blair	..... M. E.	..... Deal, N. J.
Justin Brandt	..... Arts	..... New York City
Reuben Garner	..... Arts	..... Rochester
Fred Guterman	..... M. E.	..... Boston, Mass.
Dave Hast (Historian)	..... Arts	..... Pittsburgh
Dave Mendelsohn	..... Arts	..... Steubenville, Ohio
Micky Newman	..... Arts	..... Lawrence, N. Y.



Life is rapid and complex in this advanced year of 1964; but members of the class of '39 find themselves gathered en toto at Edgecliff for their 25th reunion.

The returning tribe of six is mumbled a greeting at the house by the seventh member, *Joe Barach*, who is about to begin his 29th consecutive summer session at the University. *Joe (Pinkie) Block* is quickly spotted by an over-size diamond stick pin which keeps his head up straighter than formerly. He has to tow Mrs. Block and four chips.

Syl Cole has stowed-away via airplane directly from Alaska where he nearly completed a two-year solitary confinement studying cosmic rays. *Owen Klepper* announces his own arrival, but it soon gets around that the former golden-voice announcer returns on Monday to fulfill a barking engagement at the 1964 Peoria, Ill., World's Fair. While in Ithaca he is imposed upon to direct the Varsity Show.

Al (Schmork) Mock arrives a little late—hitch-hiking is waning. But he insists that, as assistant editor for Falstaff Press, he finds business showing a cleaner outlook. A bulging 1964 model Crosley burns in the drive—certainly that small-lettered name on the side can't be "Sterile Susie"! Could be, though. *Normando (Lunging) Levitt* extracts his professional-wrestling frame under supervision of one blond Mazie, manager. What happened to the Levitt future in the furniture business? One should bulge pianos for small profit when mus-

News Briefs about ZBT Alumni

James Spear '40 Marries

James D. Spear '40, who spent but one year at Cornell, married Marjorie Stern of Pittsburgh on July 23, according to Jim Frank '40 who bumps into Spear occasionally in the Smoke City. The Spear's will make their home in Pittsburgh where the recent groom is busy manufacturing a new piece of photographic equipment of which he is the designer. He may be addressed at 6306 Beacon street.

Frank '38 Has New Job

Tom Frank '38, who has been with the Timken Roller Bearing Company at Canton, Ohio, recently accepted a position with the Copperweld Steel Company in Pittsburgh. At present he and his wife (Claire Weil) are looking for a small home; they may be addressed at 5335 Aylesboro avenue, Pittsburgh, in the meantime.

Still With Clothing Concern

A recent communication from *Arthur K. Aloe '19* informs us he is still with Nelson Trent, Inc., Philadelphia clothing merchants at 1627 Chesnut street in that city. He lives out in Melrose Park at Oaklane Manor where his children are Patricia 17, Paul 13. Mrs. Aloe is the former Rose Schwenger (Wellesly). Brother Aloe is a member of Undine Barge Club and Rydal country club.

cles are bulging for big takes!

About to take over the job of governor of Kansas, *Ernie Sinauer* was not long back from Devil's Island off French Guinea and conducted exhaustible studies in the lingo of Spain.

During the weekend Block relates recent travels to Hot Springs, Warm Springs and Saratoga Springs. Barach delivers talk to entire '39 class on importance of retaining the anti-coed policy.

Cole, Mock and Levitt make extended samples of the chapter's beer supply, Mock growling: "Chees, what lousy grog". But they each down another quart just to make sure.

Dick Wile '26 Married

Following the last *Edgecliff News* *Richard H. (Dick) Wile '26* wrote: "You certainly had a real bonfire; hope the insurance premiums were paid." And paid they were.

Dick joined the law firm of Saperston, McNaughton & Saperston of 820 Liberty Bank Building, Buffalo, on February 1, 1939. He told us in his June letter that he was to marry Jane Himmell (Smith) of Buffalo during the early part of July, and that he and the bride would reside at 661 Lafayette avenue, Buffalo. May we extend the chapter's most hearty congratulations. Hope you will bring the bride down for a visit in the fall. Dick is a member of the Wilmot Town and Country Club, the University Club.

Lou Block '27 is Father

Shortly before college closed we received a "Look Who's Here" birth announcement from *Lou Block '27* and wife—that Shirley Ann Block had arrived on May 18, their second child, and second daughter.

Lou is in the jewelry business at 101 S. Michigan street in South Bend, Ind., lives at 1713 N. Wilbur street in that city.

Insurance Claims Adjusted; Repairs Nearly Completed

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tic storage area where most of the boys had their trunks; otherwise the personal-effects claim would have been considerably less since but few of the study rooms were damaged to any extent. Credit for adjusting this latter claim belongs in a good measure to *Marne Oberbauer '41* who served as chairman of the committee appointed for that purpose.

The total claim on the house itself will be used to restore the building to its former condition; likewise is true of the furniture claim. Losses to chapter members will be paid to individual members through the chapter's accountant, T. B. Maxfield, to whom the claim has been given. It may be of interest to know the total amount of insurance carried on the house, furnishings and personal belongings amounted to \$40,000.