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## Kappa Welcomes Guests to Junior Week Houseparty

### Kappa is Selected Best ZBT Chapter

#### Receives Fraternity Cup For Year 1939-40

Just in case you didn't see the December, 1940, issue of the ZBT Quarterly, we thought you might like to know that your chapter was selected as the winner of The Fraternity Cup for having the *best all-around chapter during the college year 1939-40*.

This is a splendid tribute to Kappa's efforts during that year, and to the regime of officers headed by *Jim Frank '40*. While we didn't know we were leading the pack, we did know we were trying to establish a good record.

Another award to come to Kappa chapter is the Julius Kahn Cup to the *best individual undergraduate*, and that was presented to prexy *Marne Obernauer '41* who has been particularly active on the campus since his freshman year.

### Editor Will Pass Duties Along to New Successor

As this issue goes into the mails, your current editor bows out of his *Edgecliff News* duties and passes the copy paper along to his successor who will be selected at the spring elections.

We look forward to seeing the *News* continued on its present regular schedule; to seeing it constantly improved; and to seeing it contain an ever-increasing amount of alumni news items since that is the principal reason it is published.

Since editors need the assistance of alumni in gathering alumni items for publication, we hope you will resolve to send in news material any time you have the opportunity. Just one more term and we present seniors will be on the other side of the fence — receiving the paper instead of pounding out the material for the printer.

### Junior Week Calendar Offers Variety of Events

Following is the general program of events during Junior Week, February 6-8;

Thursday—Ice Carnival, Cascadilla tennis courts, 8:00.

Friday — Dramatic Club, "My Heart's in the Highlands" by William Saroyan, Willard Straight Theater, 8:15.

Musical Clubs, "Co-ediquette", Bailey Hall, 8:30.

Junior Prom, "Midnight in Manhattan", Barton Hall, 10:30.

Saturday—Hockey, Colgate, Beebe Lake, 2:00.

Basketball, Penn, Barton Hall, 2:30.

Tea Dance at house following game.

Wrestling, Yale, Barton Hall, 8:30.

Dramatic Club, repeat performances, 7:45 & 9:30.

Sleigh Ride for ZBT's and guests.

### Compulsory Car Insurance Goes Into Effect in Fall

When student car owners return next fall they must show proof of liability and property insurance to the extent of "five & ten" before they may register their cars with the University.

This is the result of a new ruling passed by the University Trustees. And their action is the result of a petition to that effect from the Faculty and Student Council. The Council had been discussing the proposal for many months, feeling that the steady increase of serious accidents among student drivers in recent years called for some definite action.

### New Address in Brooklyn

*John H. (Jack) Strasbourger '30*, brother of *Sam Strasbourger '33*, gives his new address as 75 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn. He is with Orvis Bros. & Co., stock brokers.

### Benny Goodman Plays In Manhattan Setting

#### For Prom; Ice Carnival Is Bigger Than Ever

Junior Week with all the trimmings has descended upon us in a hurry this year, and here we are right in it, February 6-8, before we've had many long breaths following the exam session.

It's "Midnight in Manhattan" this year with Barton Hall (Drill Hall) decorated as a night club atop a Manhattan skyscraper and overlooking the little New York town. The orchestras of Benny Goodman and Bob Chester are signed to furnish the music.

#### Ice Carnival is Extra Special

The annual ice carnival is to be more elaborate than usual this year. Instead of having it on Beebe Lake, the committee has had a special rink built on the Cascadilla tennis courts, with bleacher space to seat 4,000 people. In addition, a professional troupe of 45 performers has been engaged to do the job up right.

The Musical Clubs will present "Co-ediquette", the smash hit of the holiday tour, on Friday night, tickets for which were all sold weeks ago. The Dramatic Club is presenting "My Heart's in the Highlands", a play by Pulitzer prize winner, William Saroyan, both Friday and Saturday nights.

#### Tea Dance at House Saturday

Saturday is well booked up with hockey against Colgate on Beebe at 2:00; basketball with Penn in Barton Hall at 2:30. And then the chapter's tea dance at the house following the basketball game.

We are planning a sleigh ride for Saturday night, weather permitting, of course. If this weather of exam week continues, snow conditions should be just about perfect. All in all, it looks as though we are in for a pretty swell party, so let 'er come, we're all set for it!

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**Chapter Prexy Extends  
Welcome to Our Guests**

On behalf of the entire chapter let me say "Welcome" to those of you visiting us for the first time; and "It's good to see you again" to those who are returning.

It is our wish that you will all come back again and again, and that each visit will be as enjoyable as we are all sure this Junior Week party will be.

I have heard it said and repeated, and proved many times, that the more creates the merrier. It is plain to see we have provided for the "more" part of the axiom. Won't you all participate in helping us make it merrier?

*Marne Obernauer '41*  
President

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**Norm Levitt '39 Engaged**

*Norm Levitt '39*, the furniture man, is engaged to marry Miss Betty Ginsberg of Kansas City, Mo., where Norm is working at present. We maintain his Minneapolis, Minn., mailing address, however, of 2629 E. Lake of the Isles Blvd.

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**Remarks from Bachrach '37**

*Clifford A. Bachrach '37*, student at the Cornell Medical College, writes: "I spent six weeks last summer studying tropical medicine at the University of Havana on an exchange scholarship. My name was spelled incorrectly in the last *Edgecliff News*. I don't mind, but *Joe Barach '39*, who is a very fine gent, might object to the confusion". Cliff may be addressed at 670 East 18th Street, Brooklyn.

**Construction is Started  
On New Engineering Unit**

Some weeks ago the *Cornell Alumni News* ran a sketch of proposed new buildings on the campus; and ground has already been broken for one of them—Olin Hall for Chemical Engineering.

The new building will be the result of a \$700,000 gift by Franklin W. Olin '85 and is being erected in front of Sage College at the corner of Central Avenue and Campus Road.

The structure will contain three stories and basement; faced in native building stone it will contain over 100,000 square feet of floor space which will include many laboratories, class rooms and offices.

The new group of engineering buildings will all be built between Barnes Hall and the Kappa Alpha House. The Old Armory is scheduled to go when enough funds are available to start other buildings, especially the new athletic building on the present baseball field.

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**Houseparty Guests Come  
From Vassar, Texas;  
Seven Are Cornellians**


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Eighteen guests are expected at the house for the Junior Week house party, and will come from many Colleges and Universities, not omitting, of course, Cornell.

Following is the guest list:

Dorothy Colman, Cornell.  
Eunice Gitlow, Cornell.  
Dorothy Katzowitz, Cornell.  
Beatrice Kevitt, Cornell.  
Frances Pearlman, Cornell.  
Katherine Stein, Cornell.  
Helen Zinn, Cornell.  
Patsy Aloe, Philadelphia.  
Sue Block, Baldwin School.  
Harriet Fuchs, Philadelphia.  
Joyce Herzog, Hathaway-Brown School.  
Marian Lichtenstein, University of Texas.  
Marian Miller, New York City.  
Barbara Rossman, Scarsdale.  
Jean Spitzer, Hood College.  
Mary Schwalb, Pittsburgh.  
Joan Strassburger, Wheaton College.  
Emily Weisberg, Vassar.

**Cornell Indoor Teams  
Start Off '41 Season  
With Good Showing**
**Basketball Team Must  
Defeat Dartmouth  
To Win Title**

Most indoor sports got off to a good start during January, particularly basketball which has battled through five league games, winning four, and dropping a heart-breaker to Dartmouth before a record crowd in Barton Hall by a close score. Dartmouth is defending champion, and is undefeated so far this season.

Cornell has been without the services of its lanky captain and forward, Duke Ramsey (Psi U), who has been on pro. If he is permitted to return to the lineup in the second term, the Big Red may "take" the Indians on the Hanover court; and if so, Cornell will have a good chance for the 1941 title. Otherwise, it looks to be all Dartmouth again.

The wrestlers met Army and Columbia during January and experienced not too much difficulty in picking up two victories. The team has a balanced group of grapplers this year. The boxing team is the uncertainty so far. Forfeiting in two classes, they lost the opening meet to Syracuse, winning but two bouts, with one declared no contest. The real test here comes February 15 when the Penn State boxers invade the Hill.

Track hasn't started yet; the skiers looked good in taking Colgate and Syracuse in a triangular meet; and the swimming team is about average.

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**Dick Helstein To Marry  
Miss Lenore E. Gardner**

A member of the class of '34 is scheduled to take the vows in the near future. The engagement of *Richard S. (Dick) Helstein '34* to Miss Lenore Elbe Gardner, both of New York, was announced in December; the wedding date is still forthcoming.

Miss Gardner is a graduate of Fieldston School, and of the Pulitzer School of Journalism, Columbia University. Dick received the AB at Cornell, is an accountant with S. D. Leidesdorf & Co., 125 Park Avenue. His home is 666 West End Avenue.

## Frosh Are Trying To Revive Kappa's Athletic Reputation

### Chapter May be Able To Boast Athletes In Coming Years

Most noteworthy about the activities situation among Cornell ZBT's is the increase in number of freshmen from the house engaged in athletics. Following a period in which the chapter boasted of practically no athletes whatsoever, that picture may change during the next few years.

*Mort Goldenberg '44* won his numerals by playing a bangup game of soccer for the frosh; *Art Keston '44* is a promising member of the basketball team at guard; "*Skeeter*" *Myers '44* is on the yearling wrestling team; *Dan Bloch '44* is a diver, and *Dick Alexander '44* a swimmer on the freshman tank team.

*Dave Bradt '41* has been elected to Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholarship. *Ed Arenson '42* is serving as a member of the Junior Prom committee. And taking advanced R.O. T.C. are *Justin Brandt '42* and *Fred Guterman '42*.

Star of a specialty number by the band is *Carl Salmon '41*; a number which uses a Pennsylvania march, and features a hot and syncopated trumpet solo—that's Carl. The piece has been in demand at rallies and basketball games.

### Mantell Has Law Practice

*N. Bruce Mantell '34* went back to law school in 1939 after being out of college five years, and received the L.L.B. last June. He passed the New York State Bar during the summer and has gone into law practice with his brother in New York City. Their firm is known as Mantell & Mantell. Bruce visited the house last summer while enroute to Canada, and expressed complete approval of the changes made. He may be addressed at 505 West End Avenue, New York City.

### Pittsburgh Correspondent

*Jim Frank '40*, former chapter prexy, is correspondent for the Zee-BeeTee Club of Pittsburgh to the *Quarterly*. He lives at 5535 Aylesboro Avenue.

## A Familiar Sight to Many Cornellians



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WHILE NOT AS MUCH skiing takes place on Library Slope as this picture indicates, the spot does attract some skiers when they haven't time to visit the more popular spots such as Caroline, Virgil and the golf course. Skiing is ever-increasing in its popularity at Cornell.

### Obernauer Represents Chapter at Convention

The chapter's official delegate at the 42nd National Convention in Omaha, Neb., was *Marne Obernauer '41* who had the company of *Aaron Levitt '36* and *Norm Levitt '39* for most of the functions and business sessions.

All in all, the convention seemed to have been a mighty successful occasion, according to reports. The main speaker was Henry Monsky, honorary ZBT, who is president of Bnai Brith. Father Flanigan of Boystown also spoke; and one of the convention features was a sightseeing trip to the magnificent grounds and buildings over which the Father presides.

### With Whitehall Ins. Agency

*Gene C. Merrill '26* (formerly *Gene Merzbach*) is in the insurance business with the Whitehall Agency, Inc., 10 Gold Street, New York City. Gene married Lloyd Lauchheimer, has two boys—Roger 8, Jack 7. He is a member of Sunningdale Country Club, Scarsdale; lives at 239 Central Park West, New York.

### Bob Tishman '37 Engaged To Miss Phyllis Gordon

Announcement was made several months ago of the engagement of *Robert V. Tishman '37* to Miss *Phyllis J. Gordon*, both of New York City. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Gordon is a graduate of the Kew-Forest School; attended Wellesley; is a senior at New York University School of Law. She has received a prize scholarship in law, and is on the editorial board of *The Law Review*.

"Tish" came to Cornell from Horace Mann; was editor of the *Widow* and member of Sphinx Head. He attended Columbia University Law School, and is an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. His mailing address is 1095 Park Avenue, New York.

### Specializing in Pediatrics

*Al R. Mintz '35*, who received the MD from the Cornell Medical College in 1938, is resident physician at the Medical Center of Jersey City, specializing in pediatrics. He is a member of Phi Delta Epsilon (medical), lives at 24 High Street, Morristown, N. J.

## We're Continuing Column Of "Neglected" Alumni

We had a little better luck with the second installment of "unheard-from" alumni, so we will go on with the third installment. Please help us check these addresses. If a man is listed from your community, kindly check the telephone directory (or city directory if available), and notify us if our address is in error.

And if you find yourself mentioned in these lists, let's hear from you with a little information about yourself.

### From the "G's to the "K's"

*William S. Gutwillig '22*, 40 East 88th Street, New York City.

*Merrill Gross '34*, 2646 Wicklow Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

*John Guggenheimer '37*, Park Lane Apts., Buffalo, N. Y.

*Irwin Harris '37*, 221 Wyoming Avenue, Maplewood, N. J.

*Robert H. Hartman '32*, 175-06 Devonshire Road, Jamaica, L. I.

*Joseph A. Heller '17*, 150 West 82nd Street, New York City.

*Walter Hertz '17*, 68 Oliver St., Newark, N. J.

*Seth Hess '15*, 242 West 76th Street, New York City.

*Herbert Hoffheimer, Jr. '34*, 4130 Rose Hill Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Ben H. Homan, Jr. '25*, 336 Central Park West, New York City.

*Sidney Isaacs '13*, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

*E. Charles Jackson '37*, 1419 Deniston Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Willard S. Karn '17*, 125 East 50th Street, New York City.

*Frederick L. Katz '18*, 285 Central Park West, New York City.

*Walter L. Katzenstein '20*, 426 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia.

*Joel A. Kaufman '12*, address needed.

*Joseph H. Kauffmann '14*, address needed.

*Warren Kern '36*, c/o L. Kirschbraun, 1185 Park Avenue, New York City.

*Richard M. Kochenthal '28*, 405 East 54th Street, New York City.

*Lawrence W. Kohlman '32*, 114 E. 90th Street, New York City.

### With Cigar Mfg. Co.

*Al W. Edelman '38*, former chapter steward, is with D. Emil Klein Co., cigar manufacturers of 444 East 91st Street, New York City, lives at 70 East 96th Street.

## News Items about ZBT Alumni

### Recent Address Changes

Among new addresses recently received by the chapter are those below. We need cooperation on this address problem more than ever now that military training is with us. Be sure to notify us if and when you change your address.

David M. Solinger '26, 39 Broadway, New York City.

Henry P. Cowen '30, 1378 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, Ohio.

Mark Wotiz '34, 6 Woodland Crescent, S. Orange, N. J.

Jason L. Seley '40, 1040 Norwood Avenue, Alberon, N. Y.

### Kindly Use News Blank

There is a news blank enclosed for you to send us some dope about yourself; your work; your family; or about other members of Kappa chapter. Please jot down some information and mail it to the editor at the house.

### Business is Expanding

*Sig Kriegsman '40* reports from Redding, Calif., that his company has opened another Coca Cola plant at Red Bluff, Calif. Sig was just recently inducted into the Elks at Redding.

### Should Take ROTC Seriously

*Philip M. Blume '27*, merchandise manager for Sears Roebuck in Brooklyn, attended the Business & Professional men's training camp at Plattsburg last summer and suggests that we in college now take our R.O.T.C. seriously if we haven't before. Similar reports come from fellows who have been conscripted. They claim a second loonie's rank is much more important at camp than a Phi Bete key, for instance. Phil married Paula J. Friedman of Newark, N. J., in 1932, lives at 11 Hedden Terrace, Newark.

### Chairman, Appeal Committee

*Abner Bregman '25*, 1 Wall Street, New York City, is executive chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in the New York City metropolitan area.

### Greil '29 in Jenkintown

*Jack Greil '29*, formerly at Hotel Gotham in New York, is addressed at Inanter Circle, Jenkintown, Pa.

### Weiner Still at Cornell

One of the really popular young members of the faculty (and this is no bunk) is *Harold S. L. (Hal) Wiener '30*, an instructor in the Department of English since 1937. We hear many complimentary remarks about him as a teacher. After being out of college three years he entered Yale in 1933 and studied to 1937. As an undergraduate at Cornell he was on the Sun, member of Sphinx Head, Book & Bowl, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His office is 343 Goldwin Smith; and his residence is 3 Reservoir Avenue.

### Wedding News Awaited

We have been awaiting some months for wedding news from *Samuel A. Guttman '34* whose engagement was announced some time ago to Miss Claire Miller Stern, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Miss Stern is a graduate of Barnard, and has been attending the Pennsylvania School of Social Work.

Sam attended the Cornell Medical College, and last we heard he was serving his internship at the Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia.

### Kaufmann Sends Recordings

*Gene Kaufmann '26*, 1530 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., recently sent the chapter an album of Victor Herbert recordings which is one of our prized possessions. We are indeed grateful for this thoughtfulness—particularly since the ASCAP feud with BMI has been on.

### Three Witness Bowl Games

Three bowl games on New Year's Day were witnessed by Kappa undergraduates this year. *Les Jacobs '43* of Dallas, Texas, was present at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas; *Ted Hankoff '43* of Miami, Fla., saw the Orange Bowl game in Miami; and your editor witnessed the Sugar Bowl classic in New Orleans.