

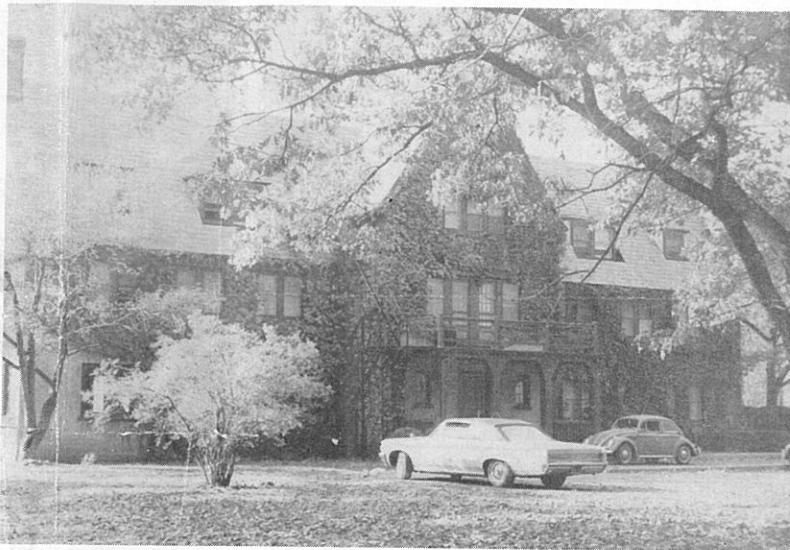
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Our proud house is pictured before the winter set in. Its present fine condition is largely the result of the concern and support by our loyal alumni body over the years.

Undergraduate President Cites Reasons For Excellence Of Present Chapter

On behalf of the undergraduates of Kappa Chapter I would like to send you greetings. It has been over a year since the last issue of the *News*, but I am sure that this has not led you to believe that the chapter has been standing still. Indeed, the opposite is closer to the truth. If I might indulge in a proud boast, I would like to list some of the most notable events in this year's history at 1 Edgecliff Place.

To begin, the house itself is in its usual excellent physical shape. Two factors are responsible for this happy condition. We still have the loving services of Henry Van Horn whose magic hands have kept the house in beautiful repair for over 30 years. And, secondly, we are blessed with an alumni association that realizes the importance of keeping the physical property in the best condition possible. The Kappa

Foundation has been maintaining the house as usual, and has recently purchased new tables and chairs for the dining room, a new bulletin board, and two new couches.

But a fraternity is more than chairs and couches. It is a brotherhood of men. And at Kappa today, as traditionally, these men are the best on campus. Without boring you, let me quickly mention the important campus offices held by the brothers. President of the Student Government last year (the first sophomore in the history of the University to be elected to that position); this year's vice president of the Student Government; chairman of the Undergraduate Judiciary Board; president of the Willard Straight Hall; treasurer of the senior class; president of the junior

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Chapter Gives Support To Honduran Student

Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and Delta Gamma Sorority are sharing the expenses of sending a talented Honduran student to high school. Guillermo Houghten, 16 years old, is now about to start his second year at the Evangelist Mission School thanks solely to the efforts of these two Cornell chapters.

Less than one half of one per cent of the Honduran children can attend school beyond the level of grade six because of the prohibitive costs involved. While schooling up to this level is free, beyond it costs \$460 per year; and very few families are capable of making these payments. Guillermo, a straight A student, was forced to leave school after grade six for precisely these reasons. His father, an English soldier who married a Honduran girl, died in 1952, leaving her to support her three young sons; and Guillermo the oldest was forced to work as a tailor since his twelfth birthday to help support the family.

There are government scholarships for a very few boys, but Guillermo was eliminated from the competition because his mother's political thinking did not follow the government line. In such dire straits, said Guillermo, "I would have the sole object of earning enough to help my family and without hope of obtaining anything sure for the future." He promised not to "defraud the generosity" of his American friends—friends who are now wondering if they will be able to continue their assist-

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Thorough Preparation Stressed For Rushing

Early preparation and better sophomore training should make this an even more successful year for us in rushing than ever before, according to Harvey P. Mays '66, Kappa Rushing Chairman.

"H.P." and his illustrious committee have been hard at work planning the program since early September for "those first two weeks in February." On the agenda is an extended and intensive training period for our "new" sophomore brothers before they are ready to "go on the floor" and more effective use of the two pre-rushing smokers recently instituted by the I.F.C.

The prospects look very good and especially with the many alumni recommendations coming

Fraternity System Growing With Times 2 Million Initiated In Last 8 Years

Statistics revealed in the recently published 17th edition of Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities serve to nullify the contentions of the current critics of the fraternity system who charge that the system is dying.

Tabulations shown in this edition reveal:

At that time, there were 4,092 fraternity and 2,125 sorority chapters established at 415 accredited colleges and universities. This was an increase of 352 men's groups and 249 women's groups since 1956.

Since 1940 the number of established chapters has more than doubled.

It is pointed out that 7,324,471 living college men and women have been initiated by the Greek-letter societies, representing a gain of 1,779,875 within the past eight years. Because of the greater number of chapters today, and the larger size of most of their collegiate groups, more than 90 percent of all initiates are still living. Currently, approximately four new members are initiated to replace every member who dies.

News From Alumni Brothers

Anthony Lee Seibert '61 is temporarily employed by the U.S. Navy, stationed on the U.S.S. Outgamie County, San Diego, Calif. Prior to this, "Tony" was with Lockheed Aircraft in Georgia, where he was a project assistant in their engineering department. "Tony's" address is 240 Colonial Homes Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

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Robert I. Kully '58 is president of the Mid-Continent Cold Storage Co. His address is 1202 Jones Street, Omaha.

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Kalman Kelly Marx '55 and his wife are living at 353 Morris Ave., Newark, N.J. They have two children. "Kelly" is with the Clinton Milk Co. and is president of the Newark Junior Chamber of Commerce.

in. To assure another fine pledge class, we hope to receive more information from our alumni regarding promising prospective freshman Z.B.T.'s.

Lawrence B. Sunderland '50 is a forest products specialist with the U.S. Tariff Commission. Prior to this, he was a forester in private business. "Larry" is a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry (1955) and has been active in the field ever since his graduation. No longer in the woods, "Larry" has offices in Washington, D.C. and is living with his wife and their two children in Bethesda, Md.

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Eugene Morton Turboff '62 is a public accountant with Farb, Miller & Beerman in Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Cornell and the University of Texas, studying business administration and accounting. The Turboff's address is 6530 Bellaire Blvd. #513, Houston 36, Texas.

Just returned from two years of study at the London School of Economics, David Wolf Ruttenberg '62 is now at Northwestern University, studying law. He expects his degree in the next three years. "Buzz" is living at 1709 Wells Street, Chicago.



Chapter officers take a moment to face the camera. From left to right: Thomas Graboys, secretary; Paul Friedman, treasurer; Stephen Goldstein, president; Mark Dembrow, Vice President; Elliott Fiedler, Historian.

Present Chapter Officers Interested In Different Areas Of Campus Life

Seven men have been responsible for the guidance of the fraternity since their election to office March, 1964. They will serve until March, 1965. Under their administration, Kappa Chapter has developed significantly, continuing a steady history of growth and maturation.

President Stephan H. Goldstein '65 of Cheyenne, Wyo. is a government major in the Arts School. He has been active in various campus activities including two years spent as men's dormitory advisor (1963-4). He was house manager in 1962.

Vice president Mark Dembrow '66, from Freeport, N.Y. is an economics major in the Arts School. Prior to this position, he has been pledgemaster; and during his term, he led one of the largest pledge classes in recent history.

Secretary Thomas B. Graboys '66 is from Fall River, Mass. He is a pre-medical student taking a general arts course. He has been director of freshman orientation (1964) and has been so-

cial chairman (1963).

Treasurer Paul L. Friedman '65 is from Buffalo. He is a government student and has been president of the Student Government (1963) and president of the Quill and Dagger (1964).

Historian Elliott M. Fiedler '66 of Brooklyn is a government major in the Arts School. He has been chairman of the Freshman rotation program of the Student Government (1964).

Social chairman Jon Siegel '66 is from South Nyack, N.Y. He is an agricultural economics student and has been manager of the Varsity basketball team.

I.F.C. representative Jon Myers '66 of Clarion, Pa. is an English major. He played freshman football.

Barry B. Zacks '58 is vice president in charge of sales for R. G. Barry Cord in Columbus, Ohio. He has been with Barry Cord since graduation. The Zacks are living in Columbus at 2412 Brentwood Road.

Parties Compensate For Grid Defeats During The Fall

This year, as always, Kappa's program of intramural athletics and social events are off to a strong start.

The football team, under the guidance of Player Coach "Knut" Goldstein '65 and led by QB "Bronco" Kinzelberg '65, were in the thick of the league title race until a recent "upset" defeat, attributed to darkness and unlucky breaks, dimmed hopes for a chance at the playoffs this year. Nevertheless, when the "great Scorer in the sky" comes to mark by the name of Z. B. T., He will note with pride that Kappa played up to the great tradition of the past and a good time was had by all. Here's looking forward to more success in the upcoming basketball season.

On the social front, Chairman Jon Siegel '64 has provided the brethren with a varied program to suit all tastes. Among the recent highlights have been the regular after-game cocktail parties, the Theta-D.G. "thrasher" and exchange and a delightful Fall Weekend. For the future, Jon is planning such traditional events as the Christmas Orphans' Party, the Freshman Tea and the annual "Winter-Formal" dinner. All should provide great entertainment with the usual "Siegel-touch" added for some interesting surprises.

Jonas Weil '58 is a trainee with the American Acceptance Corp. in Omaha, Nebr. He is also a partner in the Weil Land and Livestock Co. While at Cornell, Jonas studied agricultural economics and business administration. The Weils are living in Omaha, and they have a baby son.

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ance. It is not often that we get the opportunity to do anything as important as help a young man form his future: to let him down, after bringing him this far would be a terrible act of poor faith. All the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau must band together to give Guillermo a future and to give Honduras an educated and capable citizen.

Two members of the 40-man Cornell project in Honduras met Guillermo and were apprised of his situation. Lynn Korda '65 and Ed Gage '66 (ZBT) had been teaching him in their English classes, realized his extraordinary talent. They brought him to the mission school in San Pedro, the finest in the area, where he scored one of the highest grades on the entrance examination. Now that he is in high school, Guillermo has consistently earned a 98 average which, again, is the highest average in the history of the school.

The total yearly fee Guillermo must pay is \$460. This includes tuition, room and board, books, \$5 a month for laundry, and \$2 a month for spending money. This is not much money, but without it, Guillermo has nothing.

James Horwich '59 is a salesman for General Felt Products, Los Angeles. Prior to this, he was studying business administration at Harvard; this is his first trial in the field and he is a huge success. James is living at 2912 N. Commonwealth, Chicago.

Dan Shilstat '60 is presently completing work for a Master's degree at Rensselaer Graduate Center, Hartford, Conn., sponsored by Pratt & Whitney. Before

President Cites Chapter Excellence

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class, and treasurer of the sophomore class; and the Commodore of the Big Red Crew. This should be enough to let you know that we are still doing our share to help President Perkins and the Trustees run this University.

The chapter itself is running extremely well. My executive committee is doing an excellent job. The steward and social chairman are doing a more than sufficient job in supplying the brothers' needs and wants. Morale is very high and we are all looking forward to another successful year in a long history of successful years.

If it seems that I have spoken too briefly about the many accomplishments of the men of the chapter, and if I have still left many questions unanswered, I am sorry. It is simply impossible to talk about an institution like Kappa Chapter in so few lines. But I have a solution. Why don't you come to Ithaca and see for yourself just what we are doing. I mean this seriously. We are working on an alumni weekend, but the plans are still tentative. So if you are ever near here, please drop by. Finally, if there is anything that I, or any of the brothers, can do for you regarding the chapter, the University, or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are all hoping to see you soon.

Stephan H. Goldstein '65
President

going to Rensselaer, Dan studied at Vanderbilt University where he met his wife, the former Heloise Wiltshire. They have a baby on the way. The Shilstats are living in Glastonbury, Conn. at 58 A. Nanel Drive.

Frank Edgar Sommerfield '54, after taking a degree in economics, is now working as an insurance agent with State Mutual in Dallas. Before joining the insurance business, Frank was active in textile sales. In Dallas, he is a member of several civic organizations. He is on the board of directors of the Dallas Home of Jewish Aged; the Dallas ZBT Alumni Association; the executive committee of the association of Cornell alumni in northern Texas; vice president of Pi Tau Pi fraternity; and a member of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce Lasso Club. The Sommerfields live at 5332 Glenwick Lane, Dallas.

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Kenneth Jay Riskind '59 is working at the Metal Service Center of Fullerton Metals in Chicago. He went from Cornell to Columbia where he received his Master of Business Administration degree (1961). As an undergraduate, "Ken" was active as an orientation counsellor working with the freshmen, on the business board of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and as a member of the class social committee. "Ken" is living in Wilmette, Ill. at 1616 Sheridan Road.

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Donald M. Spero '61 is a graduate student at Columbia University studying physics. He has his degree in engineering from Cornell and attended Columbia last year on a NASA Predoctoral Trainee Fellowship. The fellowship is continued throughout Donald's years of training. Donald devoted his efforts to many undergraduate activities: freshman, JV and Varsity crew; Student-Faculty Arbitration Committee; and was a student representative to the board on physical education and athletics. Donald's address is 340 Riverside Drive, Apt. 3C, New York 25, N.Y.