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## No Scholarship Award This Year

### *Emerald Club Leaves SAR*

The Emerald Club, Sigma Alpha Rho Alumni Club of Philadelphia, recently disaffiliated with Sigma Alpha Rho and joined in formal ties with another Jewish Organization. It seems that the Club was having difficulty finding new members from within the Sigma Alpha Rho frame-work, and requested permission to induct out-siders. Another reason was that friends of Emerald Clubbers, not in Sigma Alpha Rho, were denied the advantages offered by the organization. The Supreme Board answered that no outside members were to be inducted by the Emerald Club. After several efforts at running affairs in order to increase membership, the Emerald Club decided to make the secession.

### *ICR Standings As of April 30th*

1	Theta Iota	196.5
2	Eta	178.0
3	Alpha Kappa	134.0
4	Theta Epsilon	121.5
5	Alpha Xi	85.8
6	Tau Xi	71.5
7	Zeta Theta	64.0
8	Zeta Eta	60.0
9	Epsilon	32.3
10	Gamma	24.0

Other chapters in order of points received are: Alpha Sigma, Rho, Beta Tau, Eta, Lambda, Zeta Iota, Xi, Phi, Zeta Tau, Theta, Omega, Sigma, and Tau Epsilon. The standings are the last ones to be published in accordance with a motion made by the Supreme Board of Chancellors. Chi chapter also has entered the race and has amassed a total of 120 points. The race ends on July 10th. The winner of the Howard B. Pastor Award is the chapter which accrues the greatest number of points during the Fraternal year.

### *Masters-of-Rolls Report:*

Brothers Jerry Halpern and Burt Forman, both of Tau Xi, were appointed several months ago to the job of keeping the rolls in shape. They wish to report the following: "The addressograph plates have finally been put in complete order with over 375 new plates (needed to complete the rolls). The roll-cards were very recently received and are in total disorder. They will be in perfect shape by convention. Few active men have cards on file.

### *Questionnaire Yields Useful Information*

A new Sigma Alpha Rho Handbook will be published this year and distributed at Convention. The last one was written in 1945 by Brother Lee Linder, Omega, now National Honorary Active.

No major changes are forecast for the Handbook, but there are some revisions of parliamentary methods along with clarifications and explanations of the present procedure.

The Questionnaire yielded interesting and even astonishing results. It clearly showed the differences between each chapter. Some results which might be of interest to all are as follow:

1. The delegates to convention are appointed by the Sigma Rho in 20 chapters and elected in only six.

2. Twenty chapters have a member-at-large whereas seven do not. Of the 20 chapters having such an office, 12 elect and seven appoint. 20 chapters have a Kappa Sigma (corresponding secretary) and seven do not. Of the 20, 18 are elected and two appointed.

3. Four chapters have no time requirements for election to office; only 13 chapters use the time requirements in the Handbook; ten other chapters have time requirements varying from three months to two years.

4. An important question is the one concerning the power of appointment and removal of committee members by the Mu Rho in the case of absence of the Sigma Rho: 15 chapters give the Mu Rho power of appointment, nine chapters do not; ten chapters give him the power of removal, 14 do not.

The above points show the differentials which do exist throughout the Fraternity. It is not the purpose of the new Handbook to make chapters conform, but to provide a working constitutional and parliamentary tool. Every chapter, wherever located, no matter how large or small in number, should not change the model constitution to any great degree. Additions may be in order in exceptional circumstances, but these are few and far between. Many chapters, from information received by the National Historian, have unworkable constitutions and poor parliamentary tools. This could be solved by stricter use of the Handbook and a better knowledge of it. The Supreme Board should recall all chapter constitutions in order to check for poor construction which may have escaped unnoticed in the original approval. The Handbook, in its new form, should prove very useful if applied in the right manner. To use it is wise, to ignore it may prove disastrous.

### *Lack of Applicants Blamed*

Phila., June 7, 1950 — In a surprise announcement today, the Supreme Tribunal, Sigma Alpha Rho's highest judicial body and selectors of the recipient of the Scholarship, said that the Irving Rathblott Memorial Scholarship Award will not be given this year.

The Tribunal met on Tuesday, June 6th, the day they decided to take this action. The Tribunal consists of Brothers Emil Goldhaber (Chief Justice), Martin Bornstein, and Tommy Roberts, all Past Supreme Exalted Rulers. Brother Roberts said, (conveying the sentiments of the Tribunal), "The Irving Rathblott Memorial Scholarship Award will not be given this year due to lack of support and interest shown by the Fraternity-at-large. We feel that this general state of conditions which exists throughout the Fraternity can be attributed directly to the Supreme Board. The Supreme Board of Chancellors should be severely censured for the way in which they have handled the Scholarship. No effort whatsoever has been put forth by these men in the past ten months, to publicize it, solicit funds, or increase the number of applicants. The Tribunal cannot see its way clear to award the Scholarship under these circumstances."

### *Awarded Twice*

The Irving Rathblott Memorial Scholarship Award had its inception at the 1946 Victory Convention, was legislated into being in 1947, and was first awarded in 1948 to Brother Seymour Zogott of Omega Chapter. The second Scholarship was awarded in 1949 to Brother Irv Seitzer of Eta.

### *Not Permanent Situation*

The Supreme Tribunal made it clear in their announcement that the Scholarship is not to be considered permanently discontinued, but merely suspended for this year. In blaming the Supreme Board, Brother Roberts said that they may appeal to the Tribunal. It appears, however, that the Supreme Tribunal was justified in their drastic action, and the Supreme Board will have to bear the brunt of the blame.

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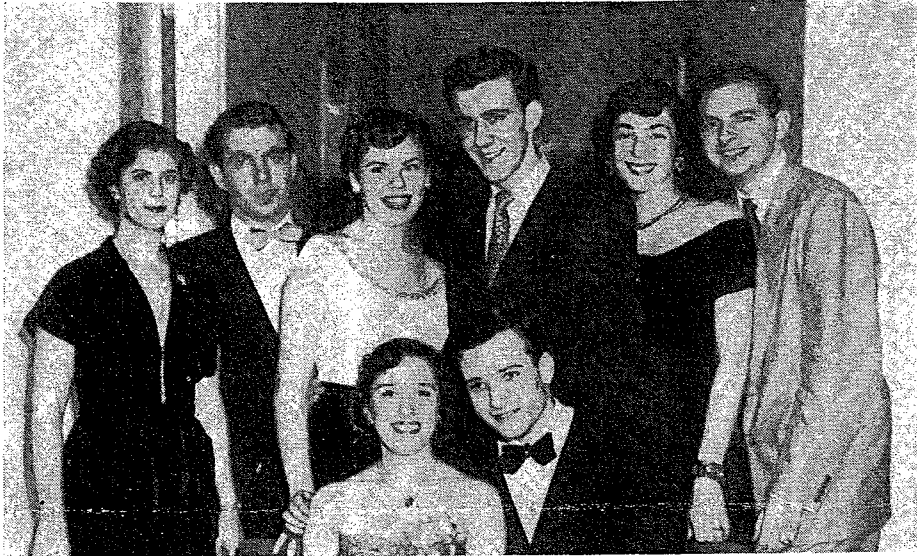
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*Memorial Scholarship Fund?*

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## SEEN AT TAU PHI DANCE



Seated: Cinderella, Ina Fisher; Prince Charming, Allen Gordon; standing (left to right): Rochelle Coonin and Calvin Zedd, Pat Posner and Sherman Lichty, Gladys Goldblatt and Seymour Cohen.

### Tau Phi Really Rolling

Brother Allen Gordon of Tau Phi reports that the Norfolk, Virginia chapter is really moving along at a pretty fast clip.

Tau Phi held five open dances thus far this year, everyone a social success. They hold a closed social and at least five cultural affairs a month.

In the local youth council, Tau Phi men hold the offices of president and treasurer. A Tau Phi Brother is the chairman of the local and state United Jewish Appeal drive. Seven of the committees of the youth council are under the direction of Tau Phi Brothers and in the one remaining, half the membership consists of men from SAR. The council is composed of 14 groups.

Last year, Tau Phi raised more money for the United Jewish Appeal than all other Norfolk Fraternities combined. Tau Phi holds three offices on the Virginia State Youth Council.

Tau Phi has one major complaint, and that is the one of awards. The trouble has existed for some time, and despite visits from two National Board members, has not been cleared up. Tau Phi maintains that in view of such activity, they are more deserving than the awards history in SAR shows, especially in the past few years. Bro. Gordon, Sigma Rho, says, "We want Sigma Alpha Rho and know you want us, but we cannot continue to sacrifice our principles . . . All we want is a square deal from National."

In view of such an enviable record, it figures that Tau Phi has ample reason to protest. The matter is one which should be straightened out immediately.

### IMPORTANT

CONVENTION TAX of 35 cents a month per active man is due by each chapter participating in the Convention plan. This includes every chapter except Theta Theta, Theta Eta, and Chi. The money should be sent to Bro. Ben Dickstein, 3860 N. . . .

### Theta Iota Dance Great

"The greatest!!" was the superlative used by Brothers and friends who attended Theta Iota's Cherry Blossom Ball in Washington, D.C., on May 27th. The dance was held at the Shoreham Hotel, one of the finest and newest in the Capital City. Phyllis Citrenbaum was chosen Cherry Blossom Queen. Music was supplied by Lee Hardesty and there was entertainment.

In conjunction with the dance, Theta Iota held a stag on the 26th at Benny Bortnick's Village Inn. Stag films, beer, refreshments, and a host of out-of-town Brothers made the Stag a great success. Immediately after the dance, festivities were resumed at the Village Inn where a buffet dinner was served to some 75 couples. Brothers from Philadelphia (Sigma, Alpha Xi, and Eta), Richmond (Tau Delta), and Baltimore (Theta Epsilon), were in attendance as well as many SARTY's from Washington. Brothers Jack L. Weissman, "Nates" Strauss, and Dave Rifkin were also there.

On Sunday, May 28th, Theta Iota defeated Theta Epsilon in softball by a score of 10-3. After the game, Theta Iota held a chapter meeting. Brother Dave Goldsmith, Sigma Rho, and all the men in Theta Iota wish to thank all the Brothers who attended and hope that they will long remember that weekend in Washington, D.C.

### Convention in New York

Brother Ben Dickstein, Director of Convention, wishes to remind all Brothers to start saving their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for Convention this year. It will be held at the Hotel Roosevelt on Madison Avenue between 45th and 46th Streets in New York City. A great program is planned, but it all depends on YOU, as to what kind of a good time you will have. Remember, a GOOD Convention this year means a GREAT Convention in '51.

### S. E. R. says: . . .

Brothers, not since I was awarded the Jack Shapiro Essay Award, have I attempted such an ambitious literary undertaking, but perhaps this message will be my most formidable accomplishment this year.

To be elected Supreme Exalted Ruler was not beyond my dreams. It was, rather, the culmination of a planned program of work and sincere effort. After my election, I was confident; confident of the Board, of the Fraternity, and of my ability to promote the many changes and revisions that I felt were necessary.

Now, let us review the past year. At convention, the youngest Supreme Board in the history of Sigma Alpha Rho was elected, at an election which was bitterly fought down to the wire. Many thought everything would work out all right, and I was one. But, unfortunately, it didn't. That pre-election tension has loomed in the minds of the Board like a Shakespearean spectre.

At the first Board meeting, when it was my desire to fill National committees with non-Board members, I met strong opposition by Board members anxious to insure their re-election with as little outside interference as possible. All I could do was concur and hope for the best. I told the men what was expected of them and waited for results, some of which never came. Some changes were made and the ones who were non-Board members did what was asked — a good job. This is an example that it pays to remember, for my tardiness in making those changes was my greatest mistake, and failure to make even more changes my greatest blunder.

Fortunately, no permanent damage was done. Sigma Alpha Rho was too big and great to let petty jealousies and ambitions mar her spirit and heritage.

To look back is reactionary (and I am definitely not inclined along those lines), but to pause and reflect sometimes sharpens ones outlook on the past, present, and future. Each of us has a stake in Sigma Alpha Rho, we are Sigma Alpha Rho. The decision of the Supreme Tribunal to withhold the presentation of the Irving Rathblott Memorial Scholarship Award should be cause for much concern, and we should realize that the action was caused by a definite lacking; that lacking is knowledge. We must regain our knowledge of the true ideals of Sigma Alpha Rho. We must rebuild and re-educate. We must plan in detail, carry out to the letter.

We are looking forward to this year's Convention, for it is an important milestone in our history. It clearly shows that "good years" don't just happen — they are made! The future of Sigma Alpha Rho depends on our ability to provide good years and make the bad ones, if they are inevitable, as little-felt as possible. No, Brothers, good years don't happen, they are made. They are made by good Fraternity Brothers (which we have), good chapters (which we have), good councils (which we have), and good leaders. May God grant that the spirit of Brotherhood can help us attain and maintain each of them.

Brother Jack L. Weissman.