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LIFE WITHOUT EPSILON TAU

AS it has for countless numbers of mornings past, the blaring clock radio brought me into a state of semi-consciousness. Yet, there was something strange about awaking this morning. I sat up in bed and looked around the room. That was it. Where was the old couch? Where was that ever-present fan whose droning had kept me turning on nights too hot to turn it off? Why did my windows have curtains? In fact, where was I? I looked at the clock, which read 6:30 A.M. "I went to bed at 10:30," I thought. "That means I got an entire night of sleep. No dope-crazed neighbors waking me up at all hours with screams, groans, hacks, and other drug-induced hysteria. That's odd." It was only when my bare feet hit the cold linoleum floor that I realized where I was: "Of course! This isn't the Epsilon Tau house. I graduated last year and am now in graduate school." Now that I had solved the morning's mystery I could start my day. I gathered my toilet articles and lumbered off to the washroom.

Coming out of the shower I was greeted by a cheery "Good morning, John." I returned the greeting and chuckled to myself as I remembered the many mornings in the washroom at Epsilon Tau when the most communicative response I could get was a grunt, a dirty look, or an obscene gesture.

As I walked to breakfast I thought about the many differences I had found between my fraternity days and my graduate career. Upon entering the cafeteria, I could see that my usual tablemates were engaged in a heated discussion. I soon discovered it concerned whether *Romeo and Juliet* was a tragedy or a comedy — a classic argument among English majors. When we looked at our watches we discovered we were dangerously close to being late for classes, and rushed out of the cafeteria. As I hurried across the campus I couldn't help but feel that something had been missing from the discussion. Then it hit me. Six men between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five had sat together at a table for nearly an hour and no one had thrown any food, or insulted anyone else's mother, girl friend, or personal appearance. Surely that would be a world's record at the TEP house!

When I returned from classes I took out my familiar shooting-range earphones, which I use to shut out the noise from the stereos, the yelling in the hall, and the other fraternity house racket. As I put them on my head I noticed that there *was* no noise in the hall. Not only did we have quiet hours here, but they were actually *honored*. "Now *that's* a switch," I thought. As I returned the earphones to the desk drawer I thought of the many differences I had discovered that day, and as I opened my book I said to myself, "Yes sir. I sure miss Epsilon Tau. I *sure* do."

— John Wagner Epsilon Tau 197



Alumni of the Kappa Zeta Phi Chapter at Northeastern University representing classes from 1945 to 1970 recently met in reunion in Boston.



David E. Roloff, 29, left, of Cambridge, a third year law student at Northeastern University School of Law, accepts the 1977 Merrill Lovinger Scholarship Award of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity from William Lovinger of Newton. The award of $400 is presented annually to an N.U. law student of high academic achievement in memory of Mr. Lovinger's late son, Merrill, once a student at Northeastern's School of Law. Mr. Roloff was selected for the award by a panel of faculty from the N.U. School of Law. From left to right: David P. Abrams, Paul Witty, David E. Roloff, William Lovinger, Dean Norman Rosenblatt, Jason Hochberg and Burton Herman.

Suntag Scholarship Announced

WHEN Sid Suntag announced his plans to retire as Executive Secretary at the end of 1978, at the Cherry Hill, N.J. Convention, the Delegates by unanimous resolution directed that a scholarship be established on an annual basis in Sid's honor as a tribute to his untiring service to the Fraternity for more than 32 years. The scholarship is to be known as the "Sidney S. Suntag Scholarship Award" and will be given annually to an outstanding TEP student in perpetuity. The Trustees of the Scholarship and Student Aid Fund have appointed a Committee consisting of: Sanders D. Heller, President of the Scholarship and Student Aid Fund; Consul S. Earl Gordon; E. J. Evans, Past Consul; and Harris Jacobs, Past Consul to raise the necessary funds among Brother Suntag's TEP friends and associates so that a truly meaningful cash grant can be made annually to a deserving TEP student.

Chapter News

Sigma — Syracuse

ALTHOUGH brothers of the Sigma chapter often talk about the possibility of the house dissolving, we didn't mean it literally! But much to our surprise, upon returning from Christmas vacation we found a private indoor swimming pool had been installed over the carpeting and basement. Fortunately, however, brothers, firemen and contractors managed to drain "Lake TEP" before the house really went under.

Once again TEP staged THE social event on campus this semester with our second annual 55th Hilton party. But more important than the success of a social gathering was the social implications of the party. TEP put an end to the controversial issue of bussing. Anyone who could prove they were at least part JAP (in most cases by wearing at least three pounds of Gold or Gucci) was allowed to make use of our free 25¢ bus service.

Another new innovation started by our chapter was the "Babyface Brigade" where everyone shaved off their mustaches. It was discovered, however, that the brother who invented the idea had been wearing a falsie all this time which came off after a vicious cold.

But perhaps the greatest innovation of the semester was in the kitchen. The house's new steward instituted new dinner hours. Dinner is now scheduled at 5:15 as opposed to 5:30 so that brothers with night classes or who want to be in the library by six can make it on time. The way it works is that when you come back from class or the library at about 10 o'clock, dinner is almost ready.

As far as naked bodies go, one night we went all the way and one night we only got as far as side vent pajamas. On the night of the former, the brothers took the pledges to a strip joint called The Better Half. Many brothers can also be found there during finals week.

The pledges did show their prowess in the art of thievery, however, as they stole our composite, TV set and attempted to kidnap the pledgemaster. The brothers chose not to turn them in to the authorities and instead took the law into their own hands by sentencing them to three years of clean-up duty in the upstairs bathroom without the use of sponges. They'll be up for parole if they ever learn the Greek alphabet.

Tau Zeta — Maine at Orono

DESPITE a near epidemic of the flu bug on campus and some great snow storms, Tau Zeta is alive and well this semester with 25 active brothers, including the founder of the University of Maine at Presque Isle Phi Beta chapter, who is a student teacher in a Parks and Recreation course in Orono. Since our brotherhood will dip below 15 by summertime, we have been rolling out the barrels in a vigorous rush.

Between the good times and classes, Tau Zeta took a house outing to Sugarloaf USA for some of the finest skiing in New England the first weekend in February. Much to our dismay, two feet of snow fell the next week, covering everybody on the East Coastline and topping off the mountains with oodles of the white stuff. The brothers enjoyed the skiing and snow, especially when school was called off, the first time in 15 years. The effects were felt a couple of weeks later as a near-epidemic of the flu attacked the campus, stumping students and faculty with running noses, pounding heads, and heavy chests.

We're back to normal now, except for a couple of incurable cases, and full of decent gossip. Vice-Chancellor, Photographer, and a budding bureaucrat for sure, Brother Dean Warren got cheap thrills one Friday evening recently when President Carter visited a nearby town and held a Washington-version "town meeting." Deano reports his front-row photos were fantastic and potential prize winners.

Another brother heading for the top is graduate Dave Ledew (TZ 473) who has taken over as the treasurer of the holding corporation. He replaces brother Harvey Hillson (TZ 217), a businessman in the neighboring city of Old Town and an active brother of the mid-1950's. Tau Zeta plans to honor Mr. Hillson with a banquet late in March. Brother Ledew graduated in December 1977 with a B.S. degree in Business. He is a former hour bursar and enjoys pouring brew.

Brother Phil Herzburg is attempting to start an alumni association and is seeking advice and comments. If you've got ideas that could be helpful, jot them down and postmark them in care of Phil, 380 College Ave., Orono, Maine 04473.

New to the brotherhood this semester are five fine gentlemen, Tau Zeta's 508 through 512. They are, in order of initiation, Steve Guthrie of Ellsworth, Me., Jeff Jordan of Saco, Me., Jeff Pavlick of Monticello, N.Y., Steve Merrill of Portland, Me., and John Chantrill of South Portland, Me.

The new officers, who all staked their lives just to get elected, for the ensuing are, Chancellor Jon Chapman of Cape Elizabeth, Me., Vice-Chancellor Waring of Brewer, Me., Scribe Carl Beal of Hallowell, Me., Bursar Jeff Hersom of Farmingdale, Me., House Manager Dave Greer of Lynnfield, Mass., Rush Chairman Bob Zipse of Maplewood, N.J., and Steward Tom Duross of Saco, Maine.

Looking to the future, we're planning a big bash for a year from now when Tau Zeta celebrates their 50th anniversary. If you've got advice that may reflect some of your ideas or past experiences about anniversaries, alumni celebrations, or other parties, we'd appreciate hearing from you. We have a year to plan and we can change our schedule anytime.

Omega — North Carolina

OMEGA chapter has been hit by hard times in the past few years. Fraternities were at a low at the University of North Carolina, and Omega had fallen with them. Our lowest point was reached in the fall of 1976 when only 19 brothers were living in the house and the fall pledge class numbered only three. The threat of dormancy was not out of the realm of possibilities at that time.

However, during the past year under the able leadership of Chancellor Mike Jacobson, Vice-Chancellor David Freedman, and Treasurer Bruce Benator, Omega chapter has again risen back to respectability. Many house improvements have taken place, an annual Parent-Alumni weekend was originated, and Omega is currently ranked second academically and fourth athletically among the thirty fraternities at Carolina.

Elections were recently held and the new officers are Bob Goldwasser, Chancellor; Hank Steinberg, Vice-Chancellor; and Mark Schewe, Treasurer. Plans are currently being made for the initiation of a quarterly newslet-

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Alumni Notes

After 32 years of an outstanding career as a Certified Public Accountant in Orlando, Fla., **Brother Joseph Wittenstein**, Tau Alpha (Florida) has begun two new careers. One as senior Vice President of M. G. Lewis & Co., and as chairman of the Advisory Board of Winter Park National Bank.

Brother Erroll H. Stambler, Nu (Georgia), former Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County has gone into the private practice of law at 9401 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California.

Brother Donald G. Cohen, Delta (Cornell), has become a member of the law firm of Siegel, Chalif & Winn in New York.

Brother Alan M. Brunswick, Tau Alpha (Florida) has been named Vice President and Secretary of the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers. He continues to reside in Studio City, Calif.

When **Brother Alex Robbins** was initiated into Tau Alpha chapter at the University of Florida in 1932 he could not afford to buy a Fraternity pin, and in the intervening 46 years, he never got around to getting one even though he has been continually active in chapter and alumni circles in Gainesville, Florida throughout all those years. One can therefore imagine his surprise, when he was presented with a TEP pin on the occasion of his 64th birthday by his three nephews, all actives in Tau Alpha chapter. One of them, Jonathan Roberts is Chancellor of the chapter.



Bro. Jonathan Roberts pins Uncle Alex Robbins, as Brothers Stephen and Mark Roberts, and Regional Governor Irving Klepper look on. A fourth nephew, David Roberts was not present.

Brother Leslie I. Rose, Tau Theta (George Washington) has been promoted to Professor of Medicine at Hahneman Medical College and Hospital. He is Director of the division of endocrinology and metabolism.

Brother Jeffrey E. Picker, TAK (Lehigh) has been promoted to partner in the national accounting firm of Laventhol and Horwath. He continues to reside in Mountaintop, Pa. with his wife and 3 children.

Brother Harold Sydney, Theta (Boston), a renowned Judge of dogs for more than 25 years has now become an expert driver of trotters. He owns two ponies and drives them at races in his home state of Massachusetts. He has won more than 200 races in recent years.

Chapter News (cont.)

ter and an alumni association, house improvements (including a new sun deck), and an exciting fall social and rush calendar. Omega, with a present total of 43 brothers, is on the rise again!

Lambda Phi Epsilon—Clarkson College

NINETEEN seventy-eight is a big year for us here in the tundra of Potsdam, NY — February 24 marked the completion of our tenth year as a TEP chapter. Brothers Grady and Shepherd ran the show as all the alumni were invited to the biggest party we've seen in years. On Friday night free beer was offered to the public at the Rusty Nail Tavern, owned by brothers Hippele and Thorburn. On Saturday, between brothers, alumni, pledges, dates, and our new regional governor, over 150 people were on hand for a buffet dinner, followed by an open bar and band. Everyone had an excellent time visiting and comparing notes with the "oldtimers" from '68, and all the alumni enjoyed seeing the changes made in the last year, which include:

— a new paint job on our century-old mansion

— a new game room in the cellar with pool, foosball, pinball, and barnwood walls

— a home-made beer cooler and wall tap system.

With the biggest pledge class this spring in four years, we are looking forward to an especially productive eleventh year.

TEPROGRESS

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Bro. Paul Saltzman, Tau Beta, to Terry Rones

Bro. Andy Klein, Tau Beta, to Jayne Zion

Bro. Howard Norwick, Tau Beta, to Carol Hirschman

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Bro. Gary Reicher, Tau Beta, to Adriane Pantel

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BIRTHS

To Bro. Howard and Ilene Perlow, Tau Beta a future TEP Sweetheart, Robyn Nicole

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Bro. Sam J. Heiman, a Founder of Mu chapter (Emory), and past member of the Grand Council

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