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WAGMAN ELECTED 47th S.E.R.

On the strength of a unanimous ballot, Brother Alan M. Wagman became Sigma Alpha Rho's forty-seventh Supreme Exalted Ruler. In so doing, the delegates chose a man of unequalled popularity as well as outstanding fraternal experience and ability. Having previously served as Exalted Mortal Ruler and Supreme Mortal Ruler, Alan will now lead the fraternity in the forthcoming fraternal year. He served as Mu Rho of Tau XI for two years, during which time the Chapter won numerous Council and International awards. Alan was also Exalted Ruler of the Philadelphia District Council, and has the unique honor of being Honorary Active in both his Chapter and his Council.

Following the Supreme Exalted Ruler's election, the delegates paid tribute to Past Supreme Exalted Ruler, Brother Fred H. Ratner. After being officially recommended by the Judicial Tribunal, Brother Ratner was bestowed International Honorary Activity by the cheering delegates.

Brother Stuart M. Discount won unanimous acclamation of the delegates for the position of Supreme Mortal Ruler. Honorary Active in the Zeta Tau Chapter where he served as the 1973 Shapiro Sigma Rho, Stu is also Tonorary Active in Philadelphia District Council which he served last year as Exalted Ruler. Stu has served the International Fraternity as Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Scribe.

After declining to run for S.M.R., Brother Brad Whitten was unanimously re-elected Exalted Mortal Ruler. Brad was Sigma Rho of the 1972 Shaefer and 1973 "Abbie" Beta Iota Chapter. For his great accomplishments he was granted

the status of Beta Iota Honorary Active. Brad also has held the offices of Exalted Ruler of Eastern District Council and Supreme Chancellor.

In a hotly contested election, Brother Steve Greenberg was chosen Supreme Exchequer over Brother Jeff Chester of the Eta Chapter. Holding almost every Omega Chapter office, Steve was granted the status of Honorary Active. He was Member-at-Large and Grand Exchequer of P.D.C. and has served the fraternity in the positions of Supreme Scribe and Supreme Exchequer.

After declinations by Brothers Bruce Lane, Alpha Iota and Dave Schwartz, Sigma, the delegates once more unanimously agreed, and Brother Jeff Frankel was selected Supreme Scribe. Jeff served as Sigma Rho of Alpha Iota Chapter, and as the Metropolitan District Council's Grand Exchequer and Exalted Ruler. He is Honorary Active in his chapter and council for his work and dedication in both.

Brothers Paul Bernstein and Bruce Lane were elected to the positions of Supreme Chancellors in another hard fought contest. Paul, of the Beta Iota Chapter, is serving this year as Eastern District Council's Exalted Ruler. Past Sigma Rho and Honorary Active in his Chapter, Bruce is now Exalted Ruler of the Metropolitan District Council.

For the three Chancellor-at-Large posts there were seven nominations and several declinations. After a great deal of discussion and controversy, Brothers Gary Discount, Zeta Tau and Glenn Perimutter and Dave Schwartz, Sigma were elected.

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EPSILON "ABBIE," ZETA XI PASTNER

Highlight Award Ceremonies

In the year 1926 Jerome Abramson, second president of the original Phi Chapter, suffered the loss of his brother Edward Ross, a member of the Theta Chapter. Moved by this great loss and his deep interest in Sigma Alpha Rho, he established the Abramson Memorial Award—a beautiful cup to be awarded annually to that Chapter which exhibits the greatest degree of fraternal activity throughout the year. Sigma Rho Henry Doner accepted the award in behalf of the Epsilon Chapter from Jerry N. Krader, P.S.E.R. The realization of winning the "Abbie" was the second in the past four years for Epsilon.

Under the leadership of Sigma Rho Steve Koffs the Zeta XI Chapter was awarded the Harold J. Pastner Memorial Award. As Sigma Alpha Rho's most improved chapter, Zeta XI exhibited increased activity in every fraternal endeavor.

Zeta XI was also presented with the Howard B. Pastor Memorial Award for doing the most to foster Inter-Chapter Relations, the Leonard Goldberg Memorial Award for outstanding effort in scholastic achievement, the Isreal Margolis Award for contributing the most to the Irving Rathblott Scholarship Fund, the Bernard Defren Memo-

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From the desk of the Editor . . .

Over the past fifty-eight years, Sigma Alpha Rho has excelled in nearly all of its fraternal endeavors. There are many past accomplishments for which indeed we can be very proud. As Keeper of the Archives, perhaps there is no active Brother in this Fraternity who can make these statements with as much knowledge and confidence. (Did you know that in 1968 Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada attended the Q.C.D.C. closing affair? It's true!) But today there is a new call from our Supreme Exalted Ruler: In his own words, "To have a vast amount of Chapters is not enough. These members must work and care, as well." He will lead Sigma Alpha Rho to be ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD.

To face the challenges of tomorrow, we cannot afford to sit back and bathe in the glory of our past achievements. Brothers, we must all become involved in our Fraternity; plan and work hard until we succeed in meeting our goals. All Chapters must also meet their obligations to the organization as a whole. For in Sigma Alpha Rho we are taught not to work from the individual, but to work for the betterment of the group.

Perhaps this will be the year that contentment passes from the vogue, and that action stems from the heart of the Fraternity. I strongly urge that we concentrate our efforts on building up the prestige and image of Fraternity officers. Particularly, this goes for the Sigma Rho who is the local S.A.R. representative to the community. This will only occur when Chapter members elect a Brother who has proven that he doesn't want the office for reasons of personal glory, but instead feels that he can best serve his Fraternity in this way. It is important for every Brother to realize that success or failure is up to each of us. We should not fear failure, for it will build strong leaders who in the future will succeed and show others pitfalls that can be avoided.

This year's Supreme Board of Chancellors will set the examples of leadership and dedication for you. Now you must demonstrate that you truly believe in our ideals. Work for your Chapter and our Fraternity and you will be improving yourself. Induct Brothers who will help carry the torch. Then our Fraternity shall surely always be one step ahead—and Sigma Alpha Rho will be the greatest that it has ever been.

ANNIVERSARY DANCE

On Saturday, November 8, 1975, the Supreme Board of Chancellors ran a dance commemorating Sigma Alpha Rho's 58th Anniversary. The dance was held to help the Fraternity's financial situation, and to highlight the social affairs of this fraternal year.

Entertainment was provided by Dan Isard, past Sigma Rho of Omega and Alan Karpowitz, alumni of Beth Iota. Special thanks go to Dave Schwartz for co-ordinating the affair.

The dance, which was held at Temple Judea in Philadelphia, was a success attended by nearly three hundred persons.

RATHBLOTT

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Rathblott Scholarship fund is undoubtedly the fraternity's worthiest achievement. This year a record amount of money was awarded.

The thirteen recipients were: Bro. Fred Ratner 600, Bro. Alan Wagman 600, Bro. Stu Discount 600, Bro. Glenn Perlmutter 500, Bro. Eric Hershman 500, Bro. Steve Koffs 500, Bro. Gary Discount 400, Bro. Steve Greenberg 400, Bro. Brad Whitten 400, Bro. Scott Share 300, Bro. Jeff Katz 200, Bro. Jeff Raines 200, Bro. Marty Siegmister 200. The total award was \$5400.

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rial Award for excellence in chapter newspapers, the Max Bogdanoff Memorial Award for the fraternity's best flyers and the David Rifkin Memorial Award for the best program of cultural and intellectual activities.

For outstanding general improvement, the Rho Gamma Chapter of Montreal won the Jack Shapiro Memorial Award. The Saul Medoff Memorial Award for Jewish Affairs achievement went to Lambda. The Nathan Sherman Memorial Award for the best Chapter in Southern District Council was presented to the Theta Theta Chapter. Zeta Tau captured the War Memorial Award for the best community service program. The Jerry C. Schaefer Award for the best newly-induced Chapter was presented to Zeta Iota.

The Iota Chapter received the

Herbert Heft Memorial Award for the best athletic program, and the Mid-year Schaefer Award, a special non-permanent award given because there were several Chapters inducted too late last year to compete for the regular Schaefer Award.

Brother Alan M. Wagman received the Nelson T. Hoffman Memorial Award as Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity's incoming Supreme Exalted Ruler. The Robert and Anna Weissman Award was presented to Bro. Wagman's parents.

The Jerry N. Krader Award, for the Brother who has best aided the Fraternity in a non-Supreme Board capacity, was given to Bro. Mike Wolfe, Gamma. Past Supreme Exalted Ruler Harold "Whitey" Weissman received the Jack Wallner Memorial Award as the Fraternity's most outstanding alumnus.

**Message from the
Supreme Exalted Ruler**



Brotherhood! Fraternalism! Are they empty words? What good is it to sing "Brother All" in the same manner you sing your school song; without feeling, without meaning. What happened to the days of sacrifice, of giving yourself to your friend, your brother, without expecting something in return.

It wasn't so long ago that Sigma Alpha Rho was a fraternity, with "brothers" working side by side, helping, caring, loving one another as true friends can only love. What are we now? If I ask someone for a favor, is he doing it just because I'm the SER, or is he doing it for me, the brother, for the fraternity, Sigma Alpha Rho.

Brothers, its not too late to bring back the spirit of brotherhood. Sure it will take up more of your time, but aren't lifelong friends worth it.

When we were inducted into Sigma Alpha Rho, we were told that we should do for your brother more than you would expect him to do for you. We were told to perform our duty to Sigma Alpha Rho, not as a task, but as a pleasure. This was the kind of fraternity I was inducted into, and this is the kind of fraternity I want to have. It's not too late, but it takes a special kind of man to do it, it takes a brother.

If I accomplish anything this year as your Supreme Exalted Ruler, let it be that I united our fraternity, and brought it back to the days of pride. Being a brother in Sigma Alpha Rho is special and unique, and you can make it meaningful and worthwhile. Let's all start now, for it's not too late.

Fraternally,
Alan M. Wagman
Supreme Exalted Ruler

MONTREAL CONCLAVE: HUGE SUCCESS

On Thursday night November 28, 1975 a bus load of Brothers from P.D.C. and E.D.C. began their venture to the Montreal Conclave run by the Brothers of Rho Gamma and Sigma Omega. The Conclave started off with the annual hypnotist show, followed by a night on the town where the Bros. did what they pleased.

On Saturday afternoon in very high snow the Bros. attending had a choose up football game.

Saturday night was movie night for the Bros. as they went to McGill University to see the Four Musketeers. Again the Bros. went on the town this time to old Montreal.

On Sunday morning the Bros. attended a traditional breakfast consisting of bagels and cream cheese. The breakfast was highlighted by a sermon by the local Rabbi and an address by SER Alan Wagman.

Following the breakfast the visiting Bros. departed home for what turned out to be a very exciting ride.

The coordinator of the Conclave Mike Rubenstein did a great job and all the Q.C.D.C. Bros. can be commended on their parts in the Conclave. All the Bros. attending

once again proved that Conclaves bring out the true Fraternalism that each and every Sigma Alpha Rho Brother has.

SIGMA ALPHA RHO REACTIVATES FIRST CHAPTER

On Sunday, December 14th, Sigma Alpha Rho welcomed back to active status our first chapter. Phi Chapter, out of Washington High School, Phila., was trained and inducted by Bro. Gary Discount, Chancellor at Large. Their first Sigma Rho is Bro. Dave Massey formally of the Rho Omega Chapter. His mailing address is 1133 Glenn St., Phila., Pa. All Chapter correspondence will be greatly appreciated.

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All three men are Past Sigma Rhos of their respective Chapters. Gary led Zeta Tau to the "Abbie" in 1974. Glenn is starting his third term as Chancellor-at-Large. Dave is also serving as Exalted Ruler of Philadelphia District Council.

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<p>ZETA TAU</p> <p>ABBIE '76</p> <p>"None Of Us Is As Good As All Of Us"</p>	<p>ZETA XI,</p> <p>PASTNER '75</p> <p>ABBIE '76</p>	<p>ZETA TAU</p> <p>The Chapter</p> <p>That Brought</p> <p>You Mid-Year I.E.C.</p>

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