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RENOVIZE OMEGA

Omega is keeping step with national progress by instituting for the Active Chapter a renovizing campaign. With the aid of the Alumni Corporation we have begun the work by painting the exterior as well as the interior of the house and as soon as we are able the lawn will receive its share of our attentions. Reconstruction is the keynote of our campaign.

Emphasis on grades, activities, and rushing is our present aim. Every member is attempting to raise his grades; activities are fast coming to have a recognized standing, and we have at last begun to reap the harvest of our improved rushing plans. These are the goals of the Active Chapter.

The Alumni have responded nobly to date as evidenced by their aid on the house renovization as well as by our increased Alumni News section in this issue of the Omegaphone. Continue the good work, Alumni! Write to us, and, above all, reserve the weekend of April the eighth and ninth for the Alumni-Active get-together at State College. We are celebrating Founders' Day, are installing officers, and are keeping this weekend free for the entertainment of the Alumni, exclusively. This is to be an entirely stag affair, so you can not afford to miss the opportunity.

Remember, Alumni, -- the weekend of April the eighth and ninth! A card will suffice to inform us that you will be here, or, merely fill in and return the questionnaire on the last sheet of this issue. You are promoting the renovizing campaign by your attendance.

We await your visit!

Fraternally,

Robert H. Young

### INITIATION BRIEFS

A comforting thought to us, of Omega as we proceeded to the initiation of an unusually small class of four pledges: "It is not quantity but quality that counts," for we can point to any one of our new brethren with pride. They have passed our most trying tests and met our most exacting qualifications. They have shown themselves to be worthy fellows, fit to accept our responsibilities and our brotherhood.

A number of humorous side lights were furnished during the progress of the informal initiation. Tom White displayed a weakness for breaking eggs. Corley, we understand, was well prepared for such an eventuality. Pritchard exhibited an astonishing propensity for sleep, and yet we may safely say that there is no greater sense of humor in the house than his. A smile a day (whether I want to or not) keeps tormentors away. Can it be that this Pritchard lad is another Skillen? Or, still stranger, can it be that the reader is unacquainted with our future Divine's unfailing sense of humor, his ever-ready laugh? Pledge Nemesis Wilby, from his third-floor sanctum in the Theta Chi building (home of the Omegaphone -- the Greek world's greatest quarterly) was dictator for a week and kept every one on the hop. This here now pledge Baxter showed great facial control and restraint. When questioned as to his unusual staying power, he quoted from Shakespeare, "Hey Nonny! Make me laugh? Not much! Hey Nonny!" Beyond these few portentous words, he would not commit himself.

Sometime during the week, Brothers Fay and Decker -- Brothers Decker and Fay -- (Now are you both happy?) established a great reputation for cockery excellence. The memory of those pork chops will never leave those who partook. The odor was hard to get rid of too. "Am I good or am I good?" sneered Fay, as he poured grease in Decker's lap. "I just can't take it!" Decker parried in a soft throaty manner, shuddering as the last bite of pork chop vanished, then tucked Fay in and sang him to sleep. To climax an evening of riotous fun, President Young offered one of his original puns, rich in humor, giving rise to laughs and sighs: "Strike me pork!" said he, and retired giggling.

After being formally initiated into the brotherhood of Theta Chi, the pledges were honoured at a banquet whose excellence we attribute to Brother Frey's genius and inspiration for things foodwise. Brothers Nesbitt, Doan, and Cassel offered words of encouragement, bits of wisdom, and some excellent gems of humor. With this festival ended the annual initiatory period and all turned with a sigh of relief to studies once more. Eager, earnest eyes perused the pages of knowledge, and busy fingers returned to the task of composition and problems.

R. K.A.

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### RENOVIZE ACTIVITIES

The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things -- of ships and shoes and sealing wax, and cabbages and kings. Well we have almost

the same idea, only we're not thinking about cabbages and sealing wax and kings but about rushing more men, getting more activities, and creating more fraternity spirit. Furthermore, we're not just going to talk, as the walrus did, but we're going to act.

Never before has Theta Chi been so low in activities on the campus but seldom have we had in the past so many good men with so much potential ability. Take a look at Gilmer, 120 high hurdle track star, who steps over them sticks in less time than that when he wants to, and Gilliard, our big gun politician, basket-ball player, et al., who has high and lofty schemes these spring days. There's Grun, the Christian Soldier -- don't ask us Y -- and Harbison, erstwhile gymnast and tap dancer in Sock Kennedy's Thespian Show who seems to be hiding his talent under a bushel basket this semester or sumpin. The Flying Dutchman J. P. (not Morgan) Scwenk is a keyed up over a gym team managership, they say. Ditto Lang in tennis. Ditto Baxter in base-ball who has already stolen a few bases at the Corner Room before the opening of the official season. Mattis sells a few Bells every once in a while and parades around with a blue rope on his arm. O.K. So much for the sophomores.

In the freshman class there is White, a budding lacrosse player and Pritchard who tootles a horn. These boys, together with Corley, also wrestled around a bit this past winter.

With the exception of Kaufmann, gym team manager and La Vie art editor, and Young, soccer, there is nothing to speak of in the upper classes. Speaking of activities, of course the juniors have less than nothing to show for their two and one half years of college. Of course there is Skillen, varsity tennis, but then he's Skillen. These upperclassmen, however, all recognize their shortcomings along these lines, and are constantly urging their under-brethren not to do likewise.

We have practically no activities. This is bad, but we know it and we're out to get them again. The sophomore class, together with the freshman, are out to put Theta Chi on top. Alma Mater First and Theta Chi for Alma Mater. Let's Go Omega!

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#### RENOVIZE GRADES

The Omega Chapter of Theta Chi has always had a high scholarship rating at Penn State. However, this past year we have dropped below our previous records. There is no reason for this because the men in the house now are just as capable as any group that we have ever had before. We can offer no excuse for this falling off of grades, but we can give a reason. As individuals we are capable but we do not cooperate with each other. I would suggest that each man do all that he can to raise his own average and help all his brothers to do the same, -- that we all help and do our best to keep a good study hour, -- that we make the best use of our time by budgeting it, -- and that we study our professors. Many a time a student has known the factual

material of a course, but because he did not understand his professor and the way that professor would attack the problems arising in the course, the student did not get as high a grade as he might have. Know your professors, fellows.

Let's go and bring the old high-average-days back again!

W. R. S. Jr.

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### "HOUSE PAINTING"

During the present school year our chapter house has undergone a great change, for we have been painting. When the brothers returned from the summer vacation, it was decided that the inside of the house should be painted. Therefore, each one was required to paint his own room, and we all helped in the painting of the halls. After much labor by inexperienced painters, the work was finally finished and now we are all proud of our rooms. We used a buff paint, and now the rooms are much more pleasant, as before they were unpainted and dirty.

Each room was also equipped with a picture molding from which to hang our "beautiful pictures and what not."

The outside of the house had begun to look a little shabby, and since "Spring" is almost here, it was decided that something should be done about it. Thus, at the present time Brother Boodin, who is a resident of State College, is painting the shutters, the window sashes, and all other outside woodwork. Brother Boodin is quite a painter and before long we expect to have our house fully beautified.

C. C. S.

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### RENOVIZE RUSHING

Plymouth is doing it in their advertisements; presidents of large organizations are telling us to buy now. Theta Chi's grand officers are telling us to work. Omega is rushing the best of campus non-fraternity men now, selling them the idea of Theta Chi. We're not just talking, we're acting, and here's how.

It seems that the object is to get several good men regardless whether they be freshmen or upperclassmen. That's it, get the good ones. That's what we're working for. It seems as though we are not acquainted with those good ones. Probably we think all the good boys are fraternity men. That is not true. We are working with the co-operation of the brothers on the faculty and they have suggested several fine fellows who are being interviewed and their interests recorded. However, we ourselves are finding the men right beside us in our classes who are good, capable men. We do not realize them



to be in the sea of those who are on the outside wishing to get in. If we speak, we shall learn.

After learning of the men, the next step is to invite them to meet our brothers. We are having them visit our home on an evening and eating with us. In the meantime, we tell them what Theta Chi is and acquaint them with our interests here on the Penn State campus; and, finally, we are finding out if they are interested.

We have grouped ourselves into committees to investigate the several fellows. Each committee is responsible for certain given men, and it is the duty of those Theta Chis to see that we others meet the men. All of us are on a committee. We are all working. We all entertain. We are working to get results.

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#### INTER-FRATERNITY BRIDGE

This year's Inter-fraternity Contract Bridge Tournament found the Theta Chis represented by a team consisting of Brothers Small, Wilby, Frey, and Young.

Each contest of the tournament consisted of sixteen hands played under the duplicate system, the object of course being to score the greatest number of points.

OX's first opponents were the TNE's; the game was played at the TNE house. The first part of the game was closely contested in spite of the fact that Small insisted in finessing things the hard way. As one TNE said, "It only takes one bad hand to lose a game." The next hand the TNE's went down 1400, which made things nice for the home team. The game ended with OX winning by sixty points.

Our next opponents were the Triangles. The outstanding feature of this game was when Young had bid six no trump and Frey played the hand and made it. Apparently there were three losing tricks in Frey's hands but the finesses worked out nicely, so friendship still reigns between the two partners. One of OX's spectators was accused of shaking his head after a certain bid was made. A bid such as it was, on a hand like that, would have made the Statue of Liberty shake its head, so this individual's actions may have been excusable. In this game OX came out on top with a margin of two hundred points.

The next victims were the Kappa Sigmas, the winners of last year's tournament. These boys were our most formidable opponents, but we managed to defeat them by 290 points. The only unusual occurrence of that game was that one of our most worthy opponents tried to trump a spade lead when he had four spades in his hand; however, the error was apparently accidental so the penalty for renegeing was not taken advantage of.

The last victory put the boys in the semi-finals and we hope they will keep up the good work, because that cup certainly looks good to us.

.....A last minute despatch has it that our men have just bowed to the Pi Kappa Phi's. Nice try anyway, fellows!

W. A. C.

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OMEGASEER

by Bill X (the Madam's kid brother)

Dear Mabel,

Wuz I ever glad to here from you, jees kid wuz I ever huh? Wuz I? Your last letter wuz a darb, honest, a darb. You kinda make me feel sorta uneducated by the way you rassle them big words around and the way you say things. Honest Mabe, I'm completely unnoived like the way Tommy White gets when he has just lamped his suppressed desire, you know, his Jane, all atwitter like, see?

My hands is even gettin out of control. The thumb is always twisted around the ring finger and my little finger is all curled up so as I can hardly hold my smoke. You know, the ten cent kind we get in Snokey Joe's room. Honest Mabe, my hands is behavin just like Sam Baxters. Only I ain't got the appetite he does. Jees, he can stow away the vitamins.

Cal Saunders, the fellow who short-sheeted Rodge and put peanuts in my bed, is talkin that baby talk of his again and I'm gettin lonesome for you. I'd a sent you a present for your birthday only the banks is closed. I know they're closed because Roy Maize is always going down to see and he keeps comin back with a funny look on his face, like he'd lost his best friend or something.

Ain't it funny how some guys go daffy about a skirt? Arp Heutchy goes to see Ruth Chatterton every time she's on at the show just because he knows a girl who looks like her. And al Frey went to Chappel to-day on account of a babe. Ain't it awful, Mabel? But that ain't all. "Farmer" Doubler and "Deedle-deedle-dum-dum" Fay have joined the ranks of the parlor shieks. Now don't get me wrong Mabe, gals are all right in fact I saw one the other day that looked pretty good to me...Get this straight, Mabel, I only saw her, that's all, only saw her. But things is pretty bad when our bachelor, Rodge, looks twice at a woman.

The other day a stranger wandered into the house. His hair wuz hangin over his face so as he looked like Rubinoff, you know, the fiddler. So we takes him down to the barber shop and has his ears set back, and what do you think Mabe, it wuz Bob Asplund who said he had jest been fiddlin around. Ha, ha, pretty good, huh Mabe, pretty good, Huh Ha ha.

High pockets Dunlap, our cash grabbin treasurer, is getting to be a public nuissance. Honest Mabe it's awful, He's got Bob Grun talkin thru his nose and Shy Decker walkin around in a daze mumblin somethin about "Jimmie Jones". By the way, Mabe, I'll tell you about Jimmie some day. Quite a person, you bet, quite a somebody.

Well Mabe, this ain't much of a letter but I done the best I can. And after all, Mabe, after all. So, so long Mabe, so long.

Yours,

Bill

ALUMNI NEWS

At the alumni dinner held in Philadelphia the first Monday of February, twelve members of Omega were present. Among these were Norm Horner, Johnny Irwin -- the inseparables -- Sher Booth, Al Gilmer, Sam Sinclair, Charlie Schwenk, Paul Fugate, Ben Conard, Sobbels, Jack Carson, and George Chapman, who was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate this proposed movement of having regional conventions yearly and national conclaves every second or third year.

Recently a letter was received from Harry Girard. His present address is 415 Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. He has a position in Sears, Roebuck and Co., acting as audit clerk or, as he puts it, "manager's right-hand man."

The alumni who attended the initiation banquet were Russ Nesbitt, Abe Doan, "Doc" Hofford, and El Cassell.

Recent visitors to the house have been Puss Miller, Harry Heil, Max Suerkin, Tommy Thompson.

LAST-MINUTE ELECTION RETURNS

As we go to press the important last minute news items are called to your attention. The men elected to be officers of Omega Chapter for the following fraternity year are as follows:

President.....	W. Randall Skillen
Vice-President.....	Ernest D. Wilby
Secretary.....	John A. Fay
Treasurer.....	Chester V. Harbison
Marshall.....	John P. Scwenk
First Guard.....	Louis W. Mattis
Second Guard.....	Thomas H. White
Librarian.....	Robert T. Corley
Historian.....	Leonard P. Deubler
Assistant Treasurer.....	Franklin Pritchard

These men will take office on Founders' Day, April 9, following the usual (extra special this time) banquet. Also elected were Junior I. F. C. delegate, S. Bruce Gilliard; Assistant Caterer (to become caterer in September), Walter A. Coates; and Robert L. Grun, Rattle Correspondent.

Another important development of the meeting was the decision of the chapter to approve the proposed omitting of the fraternity convention this year. This plan to make the convention a biennial affair, if approved by the other chapters, will save our chapter the goodly sum, at present appropriated for the official delegate's expenses.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

Inter-Fraternity Ball.....March 31, 1933  
 Founders' Day.....April 9, 1933  
 Junior Prom.....April 28, 1933  
Mothers' Day.....May 14, 1933

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FOUNDERS' DAY

Founders' Day will be celebrated at Omega Chapter on April 9th. We plan to make it a Spring Alumni Day. It will not be like the all-college alumni day in the fall but will be a strictly Theta Chi affair with no outside diversifications or interruptions. Set this date aside. Motor up, fly up, hitch-hike up, or, if worst comes to worst, ride the rods up, like Sammy Sinclair did last summer. At any rate, be sure to be here at any cost. Fill out the enclosed blank and mail it at once; we'll even pay the postage!!

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Alumnus Data Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

Present Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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