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## Lambda Chi And Theta Kappa Nu Chapters Merge

The union of two outstanding college fraternities was brought about when Theta Kappa Nu and Lambda Chi Alpha ratified an agreement which made them one united fraternity. Action to this effect was taken first by Lambda Chi Alpha at its convention at San Francisco and then by the Theta Kappa Nu Grand Chapter which had been in session on the Birmingham-Southern College campus.

The union, becoming effective at once, creates a fraternity of 105 chapters located in 39 states and one province of Canada. The united fraternity will bear the name of Lambda Chi Alpha, and will be the fourth largest among national college fraternities.

### Union Recognizes Trend

The union of the two large college organizations recognizes the trend in the fraternity world today which is toward a strengthening of national ties among local chapters, economy in operation, and firmer national leadership, to the end that the college fraternity may more fully discharge its functions as a moral, social and educational force among college men. The union has been consummated upon terms of equality and mutual consideration. The rituals, insignia and business systems of the two orders will be blended and each contribute its share to the union. Undergraduates and alumni of Theta Kappa Nu will at once be classified as members of the united Lambda Chi Alpha.

The idea of a combination of this magnitude had its origin at the National Interfraternity Conference in New York last November when officers of Theta Kappa Nu and Lambda Chi Alpha, who had long been personal friends, informally discussed its possibility. They recognized that since the histories, ideals, ritualism and business methods of the two groups were in harmony; and since there were few colleges where both maintained chapters, the situation was most favorable for a blending of identities. Both groups therefore appointed committees to explore the feasibility of a union.

## Sigma Offers Panorama Of Homecoming Events

### Chapter Places High In Sports

#### Finishes In Seventh Place In Competition With 41 Fraternities

Turning on the heat in several important sports in the latter part of last year's athletic season, Sigma's athletes, under the direction of Jack Strait, drove from fourteenth to seventh place among the forty-one fraternities. This made the fourth straight year that we have finished among the coveted first ten positions.

Brothers Strait, Carr, Knowe, Handren, Wolf, and Linscheid were the chief cogs in the successful machine and were awarded Intramural Letters.

A very green aggregation fought their way to fifth place in the speed-ball competition to contribute greatly to our point total. Dick Knowe was superb in this sport doing nearly all of the scoring in front of a stellar defense.

Although short on talent in swimming and water polo, Lambda Chi presented well balanced aggregations in both of these sports to finish fifth in them also. Walter True, Frank Bussard, and Charles Wolf were outstanding.

A fast quartet composed of Jule Schmitt, Larry Handren, Charles Newman, and Frank Burt contributed a fourth in the 880-yard relays.

A flashy cage squad of twenty fellows gained a third in "A" competition and a fifth in "B" competition as well as furnishing some thrilling contests for several teams about the state. Harold Nelson was selected on the All-Star Team and Thomas Graham and Harry Kohl were given honorable mention.

It took a double ringer by the champions of the past two years to defeat Sigma Zeta, 21-19, in the horseshoe finals after we had easily defeated five previous opponents. Harold Nelson, Charles Wolf, Jim

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### East and West Conflict Features Michigan-Yale Game On October 28th

Come on you grads! Your favorite day, the annual homecoming spree, hits the Michigan Campus again this year. This time it takes place on Saturday, October 28, and old Ann Arbor will be buzzing with more than usual activity for a football game day. The air will be filled with cries of greeting, and many an arm and hand will be sore before the day is over as the alums renew old friendships and make new ones.

The campus will be decked out in many and various kinds of Homecoming decorations as the sororities and fraternities vie with one another for that coveted decorations cup. Lambda Chi will have something new and different this year that should give you quite a kick. Yes, this is the grads' day and everything will be done in their honor.

### Michigan Has Strong Team

The game promises to be darn good, and it should be well worth seeing what "Old Eli" can do against Michigan's team which is even better than last year's second place team. This team should be in top form after resting the week before at Chicago, and it is really exciting to watch Harmon, Evashevski, Kodros, and company perform with that deadly precision that bids fair to bring Michigan the Big Ten championship once again. You will undoubtedly see Michigan's second string quarterback, and our Pledge-brother, Harry Kohl, play part of the game.

Sigma Zeta is planning a tea after the game, and a dance, with Claire Saltz and his Pepper Shakers playing, in the evening. We are certainly counting on a great many of you alums to come back and see your old classmates again and to meet the fellows who now make up Lambda Chi Alpha on the Michigan Campus.



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### Here's To Our Mothers!

Sigma Zeta is extremely proud of its Lambda Chi Mothers Club. This club was organized a year ago last Mother's Day at which time Mrs. Linscheid was elected president. On last Mother's Day Mrs. Linscheid was re-elected president.

The purpose of this club was to get our mothers better acquainted with each other, to get them interested in our chapter house, and to let them know that we are interested in them.

But the mothers didn't stop at the purposes of their club. They took a look around our house and decided we needed new drapes. With their own time, labor, and money they supplied us with beautiful drapes, a donation which was particularly rosey in the eyes of our house-manager.

A week before the present school year started, our mothers were at it again. This time they were making covers for our furniture.

Whether at home or at college it is still true that a man's best friend is his mother.

Matrimony has claimed two grads and one undergraduate during the summer months. Morgan Gibbs, last year's High Alpha, enjoyed our song about "Ypsi Girls" so well that he married one and is living with her in Ypsilanti where she is still a student. Morgan is attending Business Administration School here.

William Struve was also married. He and his wife are living in Ann Arbor while Bill finishes his graduate work in chemistry.

Jule Schmitt gave up his job as High Beta this year in order to live with his wife during his senior year at Michigan.

## The Yale Game Is on The Ice!



### Introducing Sigma's New Pledge Group

GEORGE E. BOSCH is a freshman Lit. student from Grosse Pointe, Mich.

ALBERT G. CHARTERS is an Ann Arbor boy. He is a freshman and is taking up Pre-Med.

KENNETH B. FIELD is taking up Electrical Engineering. He is a sophomore and is from Holyoke, Mass.

JOSEPH M. GWINN from Buffalo, New York, is taking up Aero Engineering. He is entering as a freshman this fall.

HERBERT J. HOWERTH is from Pontiac, Mich. He is taking up Engineering as a freshman this fall.

JOHN W. MacMILLAN is a sophomore from Rochester, New York. He is in Lit. school.

WARREN R. ROBINSON is taking up Aero Engineering. He is from Chicago, Ill., and is a sophomore.

SAMUEL J. RUPERT is also taking Aero Engineering. He is a freshman from New Castle, Pa.

HOWARD E. WHISLER is a sophomore Automotive Engineer from St. Claire Shores, Mich.

THOMAS E. ZEERIP is a sophomore in the Engineering school from Wayland, Mich.

### Dear Alumni,

I don't know what they mean when they call you fellows "alumni." I only remember you as Bill and Jim and Jack and Shorty and names like that, but the editor said that if I were going to write to you I must address my letter "Dear Alumni," so I did.

I want to tell you fellows that I certainly lead a dog's life around here, and it won't be any better when all you birds blow in. (At least I hear the actives say that the alums are going to take over the house for the week-end.) I'll probably be in the dog-house for sure then, but I guess maybe it will be worth it with the treats I will get and the attention from your pretty wives and girl-friends.

I am writing this letter to warn you about what you will be up against if you come this week-end. First of all, they are putting all kinds of crazy things on the lawn which they call decorations, but which are really put there for you to trip over if you get in late at night. Then on Saturday afternoon everybody goes to the stadium to watch a stupid fight: twenty-two men pile on one little pig-skin, and they won't even let me lick that new Chi Phi dog. After the fight, which the little pig-skin hasn't a chance to win, the whole crowd comes back to the house. This is the part I like, for everybody makes a fuss over me; and also I get all the cookies they drop on the floor. But when someone spills coffee on the rug I get a dirty look from the house-manager who didn't see anyone spill the coffee.

You would think that everyone would have had enough excitement for a day by the time nine o'clock rolls around, but just when I am ready to turn in for the night I know damn well some guys will start blowing tin horns and the others will start jumping around with their girls. If I go down stairs I will find that room full of people too (only they won't be jumping around), so I might as well head for the dog-house.

I know that you alums will probably come anyway, but don't say I didn't warn you.

So long,

Major.

P. S.—I wish people would stop calling me Drizzle-Puss.

LEO J. ZOGRAPH is taking up Mechanical Engineering. He is a freshman from Detroit, Mich.



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Colenso, and Don Ryker were the principles in this successful campaign.

Tennis wound up our successful season and this sport at last presented Lambda Chi with the Championship she had been so near in other sports several times during the year. Although our only championship, it was never very much in doubt that we would win this one. The team was composed of a group that completely dominated the tennis activities on campus. Not only did they win the fraternity team championship hands down, but also were the only ones to occupy the final brackets in the all-campus singles and doubles tournaments and climbed well into prominence in the campus mixed doubles. Harry Kohl, our Number One, did not drop a set in either all-campus or fraternity competition, thirteen matches in all, excepting a 4-6 set to Don Carr, our outstanding Number Two Man. Thus Harry won the singles title for the second straight year.

Our number one doubles team of Carr and Knowe was unbeaten until upset by Kohl and Strait, campus doubles champions, in the semifinals. Damon Woods and Aubrey Roberts were important members of the fraternity team also.

This year Sigma Zeta holds an excellent opportunity to climb into the first four with only a few of last year's stars gone and with the addition of a wealth of new talent. Several athletic transfers and a twelve-man pledge class offers this new strength.

### Sigma Gets Two Transfer Students

Ronald Hardy of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, is a freshman aeronautical engineer from Epsilon-Epsilon Zeta at the University of Toronto.

Lawrence Smith of Muskogee, Oklahoma, is a junior forestry student from Gamma Chi Zeta at the University of Arkansas.

The alumni has asked the "Sigman" for more alumni news—The "Sigman" now asks the alumni for more alumni news.

## Left Foot in a Puddle

—Humphreys.

So the next day Joe got his pin back and his Pi Phi never called him again. Joe said if she was that dumb he didn't give a damn.

It happened this way:

We were all sitting around down at Starbucks. Joe was waiting for this Pi Phi and her brother. Her brother had dropped into town for the week-end. The two of them had gone out to dinner. Joe hadn't been able to make it. He'd tried. But no one he had phoned could work for him that night at dinner. So he told her he'd meet her and the brother at Starbucks around nine. That was why we were all sitting around down at Starbucks and Joe wasn't with his Pi Phi.

All of a sudden Joe took a look at the clock on the wall and banged his fist down on the table like he wanted to drive the legs through the floor. "Nine-thirty, nine-thirty and she ain't here," Joe yelled.

One of the waiters scowled at us. Bill said: "Come nine-thirty-five and you bang the table again like that and you yell again like that and you won't be here."

"I'm telling ya . . . I'm telling ya . . . come nine-thirty-five and she doesn't show up I won't be here anyway." He banged the table again but he didn't yell as loud.

The waiter leaning on the bar didn't scowl as bad but he scowled.

Joe said: "I'm going to get tight. I'll tell her I had to wait so long for her I couldn't help getting tight."

Bob said, "You are tight."

Joe said: "I'm sore. I'm mad." Joe waved at the waiter and ordered another beer. He picked up the glass in front of him. The glass was half full. He drained it.

When the waiter brought the new beer Joe paid him. Then he made a grab for the beer. He had decided he would drain that one too then order some more. But he'd drained quite a few already. His grabbing fingers were a trifle uncertain. They fumbled the glass and it fell over the edge of the table. It broke.

Beer all over the floor. Glass all over hell.

The waiter came scowling over. He began picking up the glass. When he had a handful he carried them away. He hadn't wiped the beer up yet. Joe sat there with one foot in the puddle. He was counting his change to see how much money he had left. Joe knew his left foot was in the puddle but he just didn't give a good damn.

There Joe sat, one foot in a big puddle of beer counting change, Bob telling a new story and the rest of us listening . . . hard. There all of us sat when the Pi Phi and her brother walked in. Bob saw her first and quit telling the story. Then Joe looked up. The Pi Phi was just standing there with her brother. But her face was red. Man was it red, as red as Major's tongue. Her mouth was open and she stood there stunned with her embarrassed brother on one side and a yelling crowd all around her. First she looked at Joe. Then she looked down at Joe's foot in the beer. Then she looked back at Joe. Then she started bawling. Then she turned and she and her brother walked out in a hurry.

Joe got up and ran out after them.

He came back in a couple of minutes. He didn't have a black eye yet but you could see it was going to be. Joe sat silently down. We could see he was as mad as hell.

Bill asked Joe what happened.

Joe took his handkerchief out of his hip pocket. He began to wipe the beer off his left foot. He said, "I've been insulted. Order me some more beer. A lot of beer." Then he seemed to speak to himself, "Got no control of myself have I?"

#### Editor's Note:

Richard Humphreys, author of "Left Foot in a Puddle," wrote short stories for the "Gargoyle" and also won the Hopwood award in short story writing last year.



## News from Brothers Everywhere

### Class of 1914:

P. J. LOCKWOOD is a dentist in Detroit. His daughter, Dorothy is 20, and his son, Jerry is 12. He belongs to the Masons.

### Class of 1917:

LEE D. CRAIG is a Dodge distributor in Rockford, Illinois. He has a son, James 12. He belongs to the Elks, Legion, "40 and 8," Kiwanis, and a couple of country clubs.

FLOYD F. KINGS is an architect in Mitchell, S. D. He is a member of the Elks, Masons, and American Legion.

ROLLIN C. SMITH is in the advertising business out in San Francisco. He has two boys, 13 and 16, and belongs to the American Legion, U. of M. Club, and Big 10 Club. He writes: "Say hello to Dr. Perry Lockwood — that fast-stepping dentist from Detroit."

### Class of 1918:

W. T. MILLER is with the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington, D. C. He belongs to the Army-Navy Country Club there.

WALTER J. DIXON is an architect in Mitchell, S. D., also. His children are Walter, Jr., 18, Warren, 15, Robert, 13, and Marilyn, 10. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Masons.

ROLAND H. MARKER is a consulting engineer in Toledo, O.

EARLE S. LADD is in the lumber business in Providence, R. I. He has two daughters, Betsy, 3, and Geraldine, 1½.

### Class of 1919:

EARL C. PAYNE is Consulting Engineer in Bituminous Coal with the Consolidation Coal Co. in New York City. His daughter, Margaret, was a senior here at U. of M. last semester.

T. Y. HEWLETT is an architect in Toledo, Ohio. He has two sons, Richard, 16, and Timothy, Jr., 14. He is a Mason, and belongs to the Toledo Yacht Club and the Toledo Club.

### Class of 1920:

W. J. DAVIES is Superintendent of Schools in Grandville, Michigan. He belongs to the Masons, American Legion and the Rotary Club. He has two sons, John, 13, and James, 10.

W. GALE LUSH is a merchant in Galeton, Pa. He has a son, Stanley, age 9. Most of his activities at present are in the Masons (Scottish Rite) and in Boy Scout work.

HAROLD F. STOTZER is in the retail hardware business in Archbold, Ohio. He has two sons, Robert, 17, and Don, 11. He belongs to the Masons and the American Legion, and is Director of the Ohio Hardware Association.

RALPH B. TAYLOR is an insurance engineer with the Flat Top Insurance Agency in Bluefield, W. Va. He has a son, John, 12, and is a member of the Elks, Masons, and University Club.

### Class of 1921:

NEIL A. MOORE is General Manager at the Sealed Power Corporation in Muskegon, Michigan. He is Director of the Y.M.C.A. and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His children are Charles, 12, Harriet, 8, and James, 2.

RALPH B. KELLY is Secretary-treasurer of the Zeroll Co. in Toledo, Ohio, makers of ice cream dippers. He has two daughters, Alice, 4, and Joan, 2. He belongs to the University Club, Blue Lodge, and Lambda Chi Alumni Group of Toledo.

### Class of 1922:

H. E. ORR is an engineer for an insurance company in Chicago. His daughter, Blanche, is 7 years old and he also has a son, Howard, about 6 months old. He belongs to the Collegiate Club and Naval Post No. 372.

### Class of 1923:

K. E. TAFT is an accountant with the National Carbon Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. He has a son, Kenneth, Jr., and a daughter, Patricia, 12 and 7 years respectively.

### Class of 1924:

FRANK M. EDWARDS is an Attorney for the Aetna Life Affiliated Cases. He has a son, William Cromwell, 6, and a daughter, Susan, 2.

### Class of 1925:

W. F. BUTLER is Sales Agent for the National Cash Register Co. He is also a Mason and a member of the Rotary Club. He has a son, William, 2, and a daughter, Elizabeth, 8.

CLIFFORD C. PRATT is a Lawyer in Hinsdale, Illinois. He has a son, Gordon, and a daughter, Margaret.

### Class of 1926:

GEORGE M. PIERCE is Plant Manager for the Olney and Carpenter, Inc., Quick Frozen Fruits and Vegetables. He is a Mason, and has a son, George, Jr., 12.

### Class of 1927:

R. M. VAN DUZER, JR., works at the Detroit Edison Co. in Detroit. He has two daughters, Teresa, 10, and Mariann, 7.

T. A. NOWLEN is in the lumber business in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He has three sons, John, 8, Albert, 7, and Russell, 5.

JOHN B. SCHOENFELD is a M. D. at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He has a son, John, Jr., 5 years old, and a daughter, Shirley, only 9 months old.

### Class of 1928:

C. WAYNE BROWNELL is a lawyer in Detroit. He has a son, Charles, 3, and a daughter, Barbara Ann, 4. He is a Mason and a member of the American Bar Association, Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Bar Association, and is a second lieutenant of the Michigan National Guards.

### Class of 1930:

DAVID A. WILCOX is a landscape architect in Lansing, Michigan. He works with the Department of Conservation. He has a son, David, Jr., about 15 months old.

### Class of 1931:

EDWIN A. SCHRADER is a mortician in Plymouth, Michigan. He is a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge there.

### Class of 1932:

CHARLES E. WILCOX is a heating engineer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is with the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

### Class of 1934:

J. PHILIP SCHAUPNER, JR., is with the Cadillac Motor Car Co. in Detroit, Michigan.

### Class of 1935:

J. GORDON MORROW is a mechanical engineer with the Rupert Brewery in New York City. He belongs to the A.S.M.E., and the S.A.E.

KEITH T. DAVIS is teaching physical education in Oriskany, New York. He writes, "Glad to hear Tyler and Struve are getting along. Utica wishes them good luck."

ALLEN D. MCCOMBS works with Sears Roebuck & Co. in Highland Park, Michigan.