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Sigma Zeta Homecoming Was Sensational

'Naval Battle' For Homecoming



PRIZE-WINNING DISPLAY—Sigma Zeta won second prize in homecoming all-campus competition for house decorations. Damon Woods was the designer.

Sigma Pledges Fine Class Of Fifteen Men

Fifteen men are wearing the new Lambda Chi pledge pin as a result of this year's rushing. Under the energetic leadership of Jack Strait, with excellent cooperation of the entire chapter and several alumni, Sigma was able to pledge a fine and versatile group made up of one senior, three juniors, four sophomores, and seven freshmen.

RUSSELL BERG is a junior Lit. student hailing from Detroit.

ARTHUR BILLET, a sophomore from Berkley is taking up Aero Eng.

JOHN CROMBIE of Gary, Ind., is a freshman engineer.

ROBERT HARRIS is a freshman engineer. He is from Rochester, New York.

RODNEY HATHAWAY is from Kalamazoo. He is a junior in the Lit. School.

ERWIN HEINIGER an Ann Arbor boy, active on Michigan pub-

lications, is a sophomore in the Lit. School.

HOWARD HOWERTH is the brother of Herb Howerth and is a freshman engineer from Pontiac.

CLARENCE LAMBERT is another freshman in the engineering school. He comes from Aurora, Ill.

HARRY LUSTGARTEN is a freshman in the Lit. school and is from Oak Park, Ill.

EDWIN NIELSON from Jackson, Mich., is a senior Aero Engineer.

JAMES OLIVE, a pre-med, is a junior from Schenectady, New York.

MASON SEIBEL is a sophomore Lit. transfer from Syracuse, New York.

BILL WEIR is a Cleveland boy and a nephew of tennis coach Weir. He is a freshman Lit. student.

KEN ZEMKE is from Ann Arbor and is a freshman in the Engin. School.

MILTON KOHL, brother of Harry, is a sophomore engineer from Dayton, Ohio.

Display Features Naval Battle

Well, we tried to be like F.D.R., and win first prize again this year, but precedent is precedent, and the committee was loathe to break it—result—Lambda Chi Alpha: second prize.

Maybe we're a trifle prejudiced, but we thought our display was without peer.

It all happened on Saturday, October the nineteenth. The weather was drizzly, and the roads were packed with returning alumni. Illinois was to be revenged upon this day. It would be a great game.

There were plenty of traffic jams at 1601 Washtenaw, and good reason—the Lambda Chi Homecoming Display.

What a racket!

Over the public address system can be heard the sounds of a great naval battle, interspersed with a running account of the engagement.

In the background can be seen a submarine, representing Michigan, with its gun revolving and flashing red.

Over to the left is a steaming destroyer racing away from the "sub." This represents Illinois, as it flashes "S. O. S." in its distress.

In the foreground are the remains of the teams (represented by destroyers) already defeated by Michigan. The lawn (sea) is strewn with survivors of the wrecks.

A dumb-founded Michigan State player dazedly anchors himself to an inflated life-raft, and a "passed-out" man from dear old Hahvahd grimly hugs a life-preserver, while all that can be seen of California is a pair of woe-begone legs, as Illinois gapes fearfully from his post on the destroyer's bridge.

All the ships, or remains thereof, are pivoted and rocked back and forth by an intricate maze of ropes and pulleys attached to a motor.

This extravaganza was the brain child of Damon Woods, who put in a lot of work on it, with the able assistance of Glidden Doman, George Bosch, and company.

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High Gamma..... Aubrey Roberts
High Tau..... Lawrence Handren
High Phi..... Charles Bush
High Epsilon..... Damon Woods
High Pi..... Prof. Ormondroyd



High Alpha - Vincent James Gottschalk

The spring election last semester brought into office a group of ambitious officers, anxious to make this year the best that Sigma Zeta has ever had. The chief accomplishment of the last administration was to establish closer alumni relationship with Lambda Chi alumni together with the former Theta Nu alumni. The aims of the new administration are to strengthen this alumni relationship, to build up the financial standing of the chapter, and to get, through follow up rushing, a larger and stronger pledge class.

Vincent Gottschalk, who was initiated only last fall, was elected president. He is a senior from Pontiac, Michigan, taking a combined course in engineering and business administration.

The other officers are: vice-president, Don Ryker, a senior engineer from Royal Oak; secretary, Aubrey Roberts, a combined lit-business administration senior from Pontiac; treasurer and house manager, Lawrence Handren, a senior Lit. from Pontiac; pledge trainer, Chas Bush, an engineer from Montclair, N. J.; and social chairman, Damon Woods, a senior engineer from Waxahachie, Texas.

H. A.'s Letter

Dear Alumni:

To begin, I would like to thank the many of you who have visited with us this year. While Homecoming, from the weather angle, was not ideal, the rigors of the elements did not thwart the many loyal alumni from paying us the customary visit. We hope that you all enjoyed your re-enactment of old school days, and that you once again renewed many old friendships.

From the executive viewpoint, there can be no complaints about the general welfare of Sigma Zeta. The entire chapter has worked long and efficiently toward the achievement of a bigger and better Zeta. Our pledge class numbers sixteen men, and seems to be a truly representative Lambda Chi Alpha class of fellows. We hope and legitimately expect to add several more men to this already sizable class before the expiration of the year.

Scholarship seems destined to rise considerably above its present and previous level this year. Both the members of the pledge class and the active group have exhibited ability and initiative in this field. Study conditions in the house are almost abnormally good. Our proctor this year is Dan Miller, from Hanover College, now a law student at the University.

Financially the chapter is staying in the black with careful supervision of the table, and prompt payment of house bills by all members and pledges. It is imperative (as most of you know) that this year be a successful one financially for Sigma. We are doing everything in our power to make it so, and there seems to be a very good prospect that our hopes will be rewarded. We sincerely thank all of you who have aided us financially in any respect and we hope that our record this year will prove us deserving of your timely help.

In closing I would like to extend a very sincere welcome to all alumni, as well as to the wives and friends of this venerable and respected group. We do hope that you still remember your carefree days at "the house" and will want to drop around occasionally to revive them.

Yours in
Z. A. X.,
Vincent Gottschalk.

Sig Alumnus Wins Over War Injuries

Amateur Radio Holds Interest of Barney F. Boyd

A typical example of what Lambda Chi Alpha holds worthy as a symbol of achievement may be said to be personified in the character of BERNARD F. BOYD, an alumnus whose sincere interest in the fraternity and its individual members has not diminished with his own active participation.

"BARNEY," a member of the class of 1917, found his aspirations in his field bedimmed by disabilities brought on through World War injuries. A student of architecture, he designed buildings and bridges, but a man confined to a wheel chair must inevitably suffer the handicap to his work that such an impediment to his freedom would bring.

As a result, Barney's interests were directed to another channel, that of amateur radio. In a recent letter he has informed the editor of "The Sigman" that he operates on a 75 and 20 meter radio telephone, calling letters W6LYY. During 1938 and 1939 he was the United States contact station for the Archbold Expedition in Dutch New Guinea. During this period some 300 contacts were made over a distance of 7,000 miles. Thus to this ingenious brother, radio has become more than a hobby; it is a vital interest which has born fruitful results.

However, Barney wishes to turn it into a hobby to the extent that it may become a means of contacting fraternity brothers whose interests might be similar. Unable to make personal contacts outside of his own home, he says, "I would appreciate hearing from any of the brothers, especially those who were in school with me."

He suggests that this could easily be made possible by radio, if brothers would contact an amateur's station in their home towns. According to Barney, they can be found everywhere, including New York, Detroit, and Ann Arbor.

Initiation

Sigma is happy to announce the initiation of Howard Whisler. He has been valuable in fraternity sports and an asset in fraternity cooperation. Whisler is a sophomore engineer from St. Clair Shores.

Pledge Formal To Be Held Dec. 7th

Homecoming Week-end Dance Proves Big Success For Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha is well known on the U. of M. campus as a hospitable house. "Lots of fun and parties for everyone" is our motto, and we're doing our best to live up to it.

The season was opened up by a "Welcome Back" dance after the M.S.C. game on October 5th.

Next came our big Homecoming dance on October 19, to welcome back all the alumni to our big "Revenge is Sweet" battle with Illinois. By the way, Michigan won 26-0, heh! heh! The victory certainly did not detract from the spirit of the dance—jive, jokes and jam flowed freely throughout the evening—music was produced by that mighty mite of Michigan—Earl Stevens and his Tremendous Ten—swell terpsichoratin'.

After that battle of the century, the Michigan-Northwestern game, there was more whooping and hollering up at 1601 Washtenaw. Over fifteen brothers from Alpha Iota chapter at Northwestern were up for the game, and attended the dance in full force, swell fellas those Lambda Chi's. After every game there were plenty of refreshments and good company to be found at the chapter house. We were sure glad to see so many of our newly-acquired Theta Nu brothers put in their appearance.

The next big event is the Annual Pledge Formal, which is coming off on the night of December 7th. We have a swell band booked and a lot of magnificent ideas, which we hope will make this the best, biggest, and by far the most boisterous of any dance for a long time back. If you can possibly get up here to Sigma for it, don't let anything stop you—it's guaranteed!

Two Additions

Jack Adams, hailing from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has transferred as a sophomore premed. He was formerly associated with Gamma Zeta at Washington and Jefferson.

Dan Miller, a former Theta Nu from Hanover College, is the new House proctor. He is a freshman in the Michigan Law School.

A Letter From Major



Dear Alumni,

Do you know, a dog's life is a hell of a life? It isn't so bad when I can roam around as the king of the campus, but last spring they had that blinkety-blank (censored) dog quarantine in Ann Arbor, and I stayed tied up.

What a beating I took while I was tied. My house is right by the horseshoe pits, and sometimes when those real good pitchers like Strait and Linscheid pitched, I found a shoe rolling in the door and hitting me on the nose. The only thing I could do to remedy the situation was to turn around, and then when the shoes rolled in they hit me on . . . well, they didn't hit me on the nose. I guess the quarantine is off now, 'cause I'm a-roamin' again.

The Lambda Chi's did pretty good this year in their rushing. Too good as far as I am concerned. There are so many pledges that I am damned lucky if I pass a Saturday without a bath. You know, this rushing business is a dirty deal for me. I go around all nice and friendly and make a hell of a good impression on these rushees. I figure that I pledge about half of the number we get practically single-handed. And then what is the first thing they turn around and do when they are pledged? They give me a bath!

I guess winter weather is really on us now. I can't feel much change on account of my heavy fur coat, but the air must be pretty cool for I hear a lot of fellows talking about the draft. And what gets me is the way these few-and-far-between Republicans are sour-graping around the house. They blame everything on Roosevelt, even this cool weather, this draft they are feeling.

It seems that Smith didn't bring enough clothes or covers with him

Sigmathletics

In both of the last two years, under the directorship of Jack Strait, Lambda Chi Alpha has ended seventh in the year's athletic standings. With Brother Strait again in charge and the acquisition of a fair amount of new talent it appears that we should again end as high or higher this year.

In the sports where we gained high places last year, Track, Volleyball, Squash, Basketball, Tennis, Hockey, Wrestling, and Horse-shoes, we have the same or even better talent at hand. In addition, we appear to be headed for strong seasons in swimming, "A" Basketball, Bowling and Baseball. So optimistic are we in Basketball, in fact, that negotiations are being made to enter the city competition.

The most encouraging fact noted so far is that in the past two years we have not ended higher due to our showing in fall sports. This season we have held our own in track, due to great work by Larry Smith, we ended higher in speedball, are keeping pace with last year's fine volleyball record, and are already ahead of the records with surprise strength in swimming, water polo, and handball.

Herbert Howerth, Jack Strait, and Larry Handren paced the surprising natators with five firsts, a second, and a third while swamping a strong Phi Beta Delta team, 39-21. This trio also scored all points in upsetting their water polo team.

from Oklahoma this year, for he felt the effects of the draft first. And his room-mate, Strait, got it next. It must be pretty chilly in their room. I always say, (I guess someone else says it, too) "Whether it's cold or whether it's hot we're going to have weather, whether or not." This draft is something that you can't do anything about, so why worry about it?

We . . . I mean "they" got a new rug in the upstairs hall. It definitely isn't for me because they keep me away from it as if it were gold-plated. I wonder why I am definitely in the dog-house?

Well, I guess I will close now, but remember, fellows, when your wives or steady girls put you in the dog-house for a few days, think of me spending half of my time there.

Love and drizzles,
"Major"

News from Brothers Everywhere

Class of 1915

RAY B. WATTERS, now a common pleas judge in Akron, Ohio, has in the past few years held the offices of assistant prosecutor, prosecutor, and municipal judge, and is an active member of the Masons and Eagles. He has a son, 19 years old.

Class of 1919

GLENN W. HALCOMB is professor of civil engineering at Oregon State College, is past exalted ruler of the Elks, and an active member of the Masons. He has two children, Ellen Martha, 16, and Richard Glenn, 10.

Class of 1920

CLARENCE L. BUTLER, whose home is in Cheboygan, Michigan, is president of the Northwood Oil Company located there. He has a daughter, aged 17.

WILLARD J. DAVIES, superintendent of Grandville public schools in Grandville, Michigan, has two sons, John, 14, and James, 11. His varied activities include membership in the Masons, the presidency of the Grandville Business Men's Association (1932-33), the presidency of the Grandville Rotary Club, (1939-40), and commander of the American Legion (1933-34).

Class of 1921

NEIL A. MOORE, working as general manager in the Sealed Power Corporation, is living in Muskegon, Michigan. He has three children, Charles, 12, Harriet, 9, and James, 2. Having served in the capacity of Y.M.C.A. director, and director of the local chamber of commerce, he is also an active member of the D.A.C., engineering society of Detroit, and other local social organizations.

Class of 1922

LUMAN Y. DAUHLER, employed in the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit as a metallurgist, has made his home in that city and has one child, Barbara Jean, aged 8.

Class of 1923

KINGSLEY S. ANDERSON is captain of the corps of engineers in the United States Army. He has made his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and has two children, a son, Gunnar, aged 14, and a daughter, Merry, aged 12. His activities include membership in the D.A.C., Army and Navy Club of Manila, and Society of American Military Engineers.

Proud Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker are receiving congratulations on the birth of a seven-pound baby, Herbert Bruce, born November eighteenth.

SMITH C. CHILDS, living in Jackson, Tennessee, is assistant secretary-treasurer of the William H. Coleman Co., located there. Among other affiliations, he is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary business fraternity. He has two children, Mary Grace, aged 11, and Josephine Ann, aged 9.

EINAR A. FRANDBSEN is with the State Mutual Life Assurance Company employed as district manager in Hastings, Michigan. He has two children, Philip, 13, and Helen Ann, 5.

Class of 1926

GARDINER C. VOSE is living in Detroit, where he is located as an architect. He has designed numerous Detroit residential and commercial buildings, including many Fisher building shops. His daughters, Margaret Ann and Trudy Lee, are 9 and 2 years old, respectively. He is a member of the Lions International.

Class of 1927

WILLIAM E. PENNER is head of the Department of Administrative Engineering at Syracuse University, a position which he recently filled (Sept., 1939) following 12 years of service in the General Electric Company. In 1939 he was president of the General Electric Engineers Association. He has three sons and a daughter.

Class of 1928

ARTHUR HARRY SMITH is employed as a metallurgist in the G-M Detroit Diesel. A member of the American Society for Metallurgists, he has two daughters, Alma Jean, 11, and Carolyn Ann, 7.

HENRY WAYNE BROWNELL is a lawyer in the firm of Wiley, Streeter and Ford in Detroit, Michigan. He has two children, Barbara Ann and Charles Hastings, aged 4 and 3, respectively.

FRED F. LANGE is president of The Mechancila Service Company in Minneapolis. He has served as judge in Hennepin County, Minn. (1936) and as mayor of Deephaven, Minn. (1937). He has two sons, William, 10, and Fred, 6.

Class of 1929

CHARLES D. LAWTON, electrical engineer, is located with the Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co., in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has a son, Stephen, aged six months.

MERLE G. WOOD is a physician and surgeon in Hart, Michigan. His two daughters, Judith Ann and Mary Jane, are aged 6 and 11 years respectively. He is an active member of the Masons.

Class of 1930

MILTON E. BERGMAN is Physical Education Director and Coach in Amherst Central High School, Snyder, New York. He has one son, Kent Leon, aged 5.

Class of 1931

LESLIE BEACH is a plant engineer at the Certo Division of General Foods Corporation in Fairport, New York.

Class of 1932

RAY A. NUSBAUM is a mortician in Walkerton, Indiana. He has served as president of the Alumni Association of Walkerton High School, as president of the Walkerton Masonic Lodge, on the Walkerton School Board, and is a member of the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce. His son, Michael Ray, is 15 months.

Class of 1933

CHARLES R. ASHTON is a lumber salesman in the C. J. Ashton Company in Detroit, Mich. He is married, and is a member of the Detroit Yacht Club.

Class of 1936

HOMER G. BARBER is an army officer, at present stationed in Hawaii, having attended West Point upon leaving here in 1936.

WILFRED C. DRESSER is a chemical engineer in Everett, Mass. A new addition to the family is Steven Todd, now 2 months old.

Class of 1937

ROBERT McKINVEN, JR., is an industrial engineer employed by the Chicago Rawhide Company in Detroit. He was married to Madge Booth, also a Michigan grad, in February of this year.

ARTHUR A. WHITING, JR., is an aeronautical engineer employed by the Curtiss Aeroplane Division in Buffalo, N. Y. He has spent the past two years in aircraft design.

Class of 1938

HANLEY W. STALEY is coach and teacher in Hammond High School, Hammond, Indiana. He is an active Mason.