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Here's Where Alumni Will Gather On Founders' Day



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A New View of Sigma's Chapter House

HEADQUARTERS FOR ALUMNI RETURNING MARCH 15 FOR FOUNDERS' DAY

March 15 Is Date Set For Founder's Day

Numer One alumni event on Sigma's spring calendar is the annual Founders' Day observance to be held Sunday, March 15, at the chapter house. The undergraduate chapter is hoping for a BIG turnout of alumni for this important event.

While no definite plans have been made yet—you'll hear more about this later—the gathering will be one well worth attending. Make plans now to be here!

Preceding the Founders' Day meeting by three weeks will be the annual spring initiation ceremony at which alumni are always welcome and urged to attend. It will be held Sunday, February 22, at the house.

The initiation services will be formal and will be followed by dinner in the chapter's dining room. They will climax the chapter's four-day informal "Hell Week" period, devoted to constructive work around the house and good fun. The number of men to be initiated will not be known until February 5, when exams end.

Sigma's 500 Members Face Difficult Days Ahead With Determination And Confidence

WITH OUR NATION at war it is urgently necessary at this time for us to appraise the situation to determine how it is going to affect Sigma Chapter—and to make plans to meet the war emergency.

First of all, it is very encouraging for your Alumni Association to be able to report that both Sigma's undergraduates and alumni are displaying the utmost confidence and quiet determination that the chapter will come through the war satisfactorily. There exists a certain feeling among our nearly 500 members that Sigma's splendid manpower is not only going to help win the war but is also going to lick all elements and problems which will inevitably tend to jeopardize the chapter's position during the war.

Sigma is going to survive the war because we're confident that her members are going to make sure that she does!

All will agree, however, that there is nothing easy about the

task that faces our chapter. It will be the hardest job we've ever done. It will call for the real help of every member. Mere confidence without getting down to business and "doing the job" will not accomplish our aim of pulling Sigma through the war crisis.

The UNDERGRADUATES who remain at the chapter are going to have to work harder than ever before. With considerably reduced numbers, they'll be required to "carry on" the essential work of the chapter such as rushing, pledging and the initiation of new members—and generally so operate the house that it will emerge from the war with adequate strength.

The ALUMNI must be prepared to act in case of an emergency should the chapter's undergraduate membership at any time during the war become dangerously small. All alumni of Sigma will be informed from time to time as to "how the chapter is coming along" and each

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Rod Hathaway '43.....Editor

Who Is The Fraternity?

A college trustee once countered the protest of a group of alumni against what the college was doing to it with the question, Who is the college? I have read the wise address of the college president who supplied the answer to the question. And that suggests another question which seems pertinent, Who is the fraternity?

IS IT THE ALUMNI, who have gone out into the world often outgrowing, in a mistaken sense of values, the impressions of the days spent in the chapter house; sometimes remembering and cherishing, and basing on this a vision and a service which repay many fold what they have received? Is it the alumni, whose worldly fame we claim as our own and whose interest we try so desperately to recapture?

IS IT THE ORGANIZATION which holds us together, and yet is only the framework that directs the shape we assume? Is it the machine, which in the eyes of the engineer is more important than its purpose or destination?

OR COULD IT BE THE UNDERGRADUATES, whom we cultivate so passionately, who keep feeding the lifeline and supplying the revenues with which we maintain our organization and do missionary work among our own alumni?

IT IS ALL OF THESE, YET NONE OF THEM. For the fraternity is the spirit of brotherly service, which gathers its members only to inspire them and to help them to a way of thinking and of living which otherwise they might not achieve. If this spirit does not persist after your members leave the chapter house, they had no fraternity while they were there. If your organization is not more than an instrumentality for the aggrandizement of self rather than for the service of its young members, it directs no fraternity.

YOU HAVE A FRATERNITY ONLY when all three elements are (Continued on page 3)

More Pay Dues

Alumni dues payments for the current year continue to come in and the total received to date from some 50 alumni has passed the \$500 mark. Indications are that many more members will send in their dues checks out of the large number who have not yet paid.

A fourth statement was mailed to alumni January 15, explaining the change in dates from "1941-42" dues to simply "1942" dues. Because the letter pointed out the need for thorough alumni co-operation to help Sigma weather the approaching difficult years for all college fraternities, it was mailed to all alumni, including those paid.

The names of those who had sent their dues checks since the last issue, and up to January 15th, are:

- Earl C. Payne\$10
George D. Kyes 10
Rodgers A. Bradley 5
Mark Stanton 10
Roland H. Simmons..... 5
John P. Thomas..... 10
Jack McLeod 5
Fred Linscheid 5
F. C. Empey..... 10
Morley M. Piggott..... 10
Perry J. Lockwood..... 10
Homer R. Marson..... 10
John E. Marson..... 10

Sigma Gets Official Photos Of Grid Stars

THE CHAPTER is indebted to Ross MacNaughton, '27, for his valuable contribution to Sigma's photographic collection and wishes to extend its sincerest thanks to him for his donation.

Looking over the fine new decorations in Sigma's card room, Brother MacNaughton was inspired to obtain and present to the Chapter the official portraits of our Chapter's two All-Americans and two football captains. As you all know, our two All-Americans are "Jack" Blott '23, and "Chuck" Bernard '33. Both men were centers at Michigan and won All-American recognition in these years. Sigma's two football captains are "Joe" Truskowski '29, and "Tom" Austin '34.

These official photographs are the same as those recently presented to Fielding H. Yost and those which have been placed in the Michigan Union by the Board in Control of Athletics. These portraits now adorn the walls of the chapter's new card room.

Detroit Lambda Chi's Gather Monthly At University Club

Motor City Meetings Draw Many Sigma Zeta Alumni; All Are Invited To Attend

Lambda Chi alumni in the metropolitan Detroit area have been holding monthly dinner meetings for the past five years which are well attended by alumni members of the Michigan and Michigan State chapters, as well as several alumni from other chapters.

There is no business transacted at the meetings and programs consist of moving pictures or card playing. The last meeting was held on December 11 at the University Club, which has come to be the customary site for the gatherings.

Those present at the December meeting were Bob Dusseau and Hank Hamilton from Michigan State College; Burt Sholz, from Union College, and Chuck Barkdull, Rog Bradley, George Carleton, George Ecker, Bob Heusel, Fred Linscheid, Doc Lockwood, Jack McLeod, Larry McKay, Bob McKenzie, Ross MacNaughton, Windy Meeks, Bill Mohrhoff, Morley Piggott, Stu Reed, Al Schmalzriedt, Chet Shelly, Germany Wells and Duke Zimmerli from Michigan. Ray Hodgson made the arrangements for the meeting, but was unable to attend because of a business trip to Washington.

Fred Lange Sends 1926 Theta Nu Photo

THE CHAPTER takes this opportunity to thank Fred F. Lange, '28E, for his kindness and courtesy in sending in the 1926 group photograph of Theta Kappa Nu fraternity.

Fred's photograph has been "copied" by an Ann Arbor photographer and returned safely to him in Minneapolis, Minn. The "1926 T.K.N. picture" has been added to the 1929, 1930 and 1931 official (Michiganensian) pictures of that group which have been secured and placed in the chapter house.

Still "missing" from Sigma's photographic collection are pictures of T.K.N.'s group in 1927, 1928, 1932 and 1933. The chapter is very anxious to obtain pictures of these years. ATTENTION ALL FORMER THETA NUS: Please let us know if you have any of these prints. Thanks again, Fred.

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alumnus should hold himself ready to step into the breach to help in any chapter job that is assigned to him.

More ALUMNI COOPERATION will be necessary to help rush and pledge new members who'll replace men who have been called from the campus for war duty. Please send names of your rushing prospects to the chapter immediately. Each alumnus should visit his home high school to learn the names of any graduates who are entering Michigan for the second semester. Remember that next fall, a group of alumni will have to be organized to help during the two-week rushing period! Please volunteer for this work! (Detroit and Ann Arbor alumni are especially needed for this job).

All alumni, we believe, will now come to the chapter's side with their financial aid. Alumni surely will recognize that the chapter's need for financial support is urgent and that it faces a difficult emergency brought about by a situation entirely beyond its control. We're confident that Sigma's alumni are not shirkers and that all will fully accept their responsibilities.

Sigma Chapter is fortunate in a good many respects as she faces the most critical period in her existence. First, Sigma has enough members to pull through the war if a sufficient number of them will make the effort to bring her through.

Second, our alumni are far better organized, are more actively interested in the chapter's welfare, are directing its finances more closely and are supporting it financially far more adequately than ever before in Sigma's 29 years at Michigan. Nearly 100 members (and we believe that many others will soon pay their dues) have paid their "voluntary alumni dues" so far during the two years that Sigma's Alumni Association has operated as a regular "dues-paying" organization. And we're certain that many more alumni members will now pay their dues when they realize that Sigma is in for an extremely difficult period.

With many of Sigma's younger members serving their country and facing all the dangers that come with actual warfare, it is inconceivable that any older alumnus will do anything less than his best to

preserve our beloved chapter for the return of the undergraduates.

World War II and its effects on Sigma constitute the gravest test of our chapter's morale and mettle. Members of both chapters—active and non-academic—will be called upon to make tremendous sacrifices. They will make them willingly. Sigma has a splendid record of service in the First World War and has reverent memories for her hero dead.

Sigma survived World War I when she was a far younger and smaller organization than she is today. In 1917 she was only four years old. Her members numbered only a few score. She had practically no alumni to call upon. Today, 25 years later, Sigma is able to call to her side nearly 500 members. And is backed by an Alumni Association that is gaining in strength all the time.

So, it is with well placed confidence that Sigma faces the world at war. We're simply not going to let Hitler and the Japs take away our chapter from us. We are going to lick these dirty so-and-sos who have attacked us and we're also going to preserve our own organization. We're all going to pay our dues (some alumni we notice are paying their dues two and three times over) and we're all going to work like hell so that we'll still have our chapter when the dictators are in the ash can. We're pledging ourselves to have the chapter's door wide open for the boys when they come home. Carry on, Sigma!

Correspondent Dave Nichol, '32, Returns To United States

David M. Nichol, '32, correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, who has been in Europe for some time covering the war, has recently returned to this country.

"Dave" was first located in Berlin and then moved over to Bern, Switzerland. Many brothers have read and commented upon his dispatches which have appeared locally in The Detroit News.

Brother Nichol has splendid firsthand knowledge of the war situation and right at the moment his series of articles called "Hitler's Europe Today (Uncensored)" is being featured in The Detroit News, Chicago Daily News and other papers of the North American Newspaper Alliance.

U. S. Marines Claim Sigma's President; Howerth Gets Job

John MacMillan Is First Of Three To Leave House At End of First Semester

John MacMillan, '41, Rochester, N. Y., relinquished his duties as chapter president in January to Herbert Howerth, '43E, Detroit, former vice-president. John entered the Marines January 9.

Brother MacMillan left Ann Arbor early in the month (seniors no longer have to take final exams if they are enlisting in the armed services) for the Philadelphia Naval Station where he will undergo a three-months' training course prior to getting his commission as a second lieutenant.

His absence will not be the only one in the chapter ranks when the second semester begins February 9. Two others finish their undergraduate work the first semester.

These men are Charles Willison, '42E, Battle Creek, who will enter the Navy as an ensign sometime in February, and Damon C. Woods, '42E, who will go to work for Curtiss-Wright in their Buffalo airplane plant.

The chapter's June graduates will receive their degrees three weeks earlier than planned this year—May 30, instead of June 20 by eliminating spring vacation and cutting exam periods to one week.

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merged invisibly in the spirit of unflinching friendship through unselfish service; when fraternity is the lodestar which guides youth to cleaner thinking and fuller living, and impels alumni to share the heritage of their experience with their younger brothers; when organization is a means of service, and not an end to itself.

WHO IS THE FRATERNITY? No one, nor any material thing. It is the spirit of friendship emanating from the love of our fellowmen. It is an attitude which dominates our thinking and doing. It dissolves with analysis and evaporates with organization. But there is nothing within the purview of young and old which gives life more meaning, which gives men more worth.

—ALVIN E. DUERR, *Chairman*
Committee on Public Relations,
National Interfraternity Conference

Sigma Contributes Many Members To Nation's Forces

Army, Navy and Marines List More Than 20 Alumni Now Serving Their Country

Twenty-four Sigma alumni are now serving their country in the armed forces or related branches, according to a recent check made of the chapter's membership. Two of them are now in the Pacific.

The list, as known (there are sure to be omissions—tell us if you know of any), is printed here. In some cases full details are not known. For that reason, we are enclosing with this issue a new "If You're In The Army" blank to bring our data up-to-date. Fill it in and mail it, even if you are listed here. The service men are:

Kingsley S. Anderson, '23E, Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Engineers Office, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Edmund L. Andronik, '38, Ensign, U. S. Navy, c/o U.S.S. Mississippi, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Homer G. Barber, '36, Lieutenant, U. S. Army, 27th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Charles H. Beardsley, '26E, Captain, Ordnance Dept., U. S. Army, c/o Asst. Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Franklin D. Burt, '42, aviation cadet, U.S. Army Air Corps.

James E. Colenso, '39, private, U. S. Army, Camp Grant, Ill.

Vernor H. Cook, '23, Communication officer, U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

Vincent J. Gottschalk, '41, Lieutenant, U. S. Marines, Quantico, Va.

Richard J. Humphreys, '40, Headquarters Div., U. S. Army, Fort Custer, Mich.

Stanley Kracht, '32, Private, Co. H, 126th Infantry, APO 32, Camp Livingstone, Alexandria, La.

Arthur H. Luse, '19E, Lieutenant-Colonel, Hdqs. NCS, 7th Army Corps, APO 307, San Jose, Calif.

Donald W. Lyon, '35A, Lieutenant, U. S. Army. Res.: 604 North Commerce, Stockton, Calif.

John W. MacMillan, '42, cadet, U. S. Marines, c/o Philadelphia Naval Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

Daniel Miller, '43L, U. S. Army, Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Richard H. Moore, '32, Captain, Battery A, 182nd Field Artillery, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Charles W. Newman, '40, U. S. Navy, Mare Island, California.

News of Interest To Alumni

William S. Housel, '23E (TKN), associate professor of civil engineering in the University (soil mechanics department), addressed a joint meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Transportation Club of the University January 15 on the subject, "Recent Problems in Airport Construction." Brother Housel is an active member of the national defense council and a consultant to the Michigan State Highway Department.

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Allen McCombs, '35, recently became the father of a boy, Michael Allen. Al is working for the Fruehauf Trailer Company and is living at 12 L, Dutch Village, Albany, N. Y.

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Robert K. "Bob" McKenzie, '34, is employed by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. He is one of those loyal Lambda Chis who regularly attend the meetings of the Detroit Alumni Association. He lives at 960 Beaconsfield, Detroit.

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Mark Parnall's latest address is 228 Massol, Los Gatos, Calif. Drop a line to the Detroit alumni, Doc, and let us know what's new on the coast.

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Morley M. Piggott (TKN) is working in the U. S. Naval Ordnance Plant of the Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit. The home address is 11040 Courville Ave., Detroit.

Prof. Jesse Ormondroyd, '20, Consultant, U. S. Government, Washington, D. C.

W. Victor Owen, '26E, station not known.

William E. Renner, Captain, U. S. Army, R.O.T.C. Headquarters, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Don W. Ryker, '41, Lieutenant, Ohio River Ordnance Works, Henderson, Ky.

Lawrence E. Smith, '41F, Officers' Training School, U. S. Army.

Mark Stanton, '30, station not known.

Robert Harry Townsend, '39, 1st. Lieutenant, Company A, First Ordnance Training Battery, Ordnance Replacement Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Charles J. Willison, '41, Ensign, U. S. Navy, Mare Island, California.

Edgar C. Appold, '27, is general manager of the Genelectric Rayos X, South America, with head offices at Paseo de la Reforma 265, Mexico City. Brother Appold has seen a lot of the world since leaving Ann Arbor and in 1935 was golf champion of the Philippine Islands. He was married in Canne, France (October, 1939) to Miss Rosalinde Bailey.

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Homer R. Marson, '19, formerly a civil engineer for the Detroit Water Board, is now assistant budget director of the City of Detroit. He lives with his family, which includes two children, Jean, 13, and Harry, nine, at 2995 Iroquois Ave., Detroit. Mrs. Marson was Evadne Wright, Michigan Sorosis.

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Out in Quincy, Mass., lives **George F. Lawley, II**, '24E, who is connected with the National Youth Administration. Brother Lawley's family includes a daughter, Constance, 10. They live at 14 Howes St., Quincy.

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Gordon C. Harris, '22, is in the sales department of the Ford Motor Co., Buffalo, N. Y. "Gord" is married and has two sons, William, 10, and Robert, seven. They live at 324 Wardman Rd., Kenmore, N. Y.

Ray Hodgson, '29, Heads Graham-Paige

Raymond J. Hodgson, '29, was named president of the Graham-Paige Motor Corporation, January 2, succeeding Joseph B. Graham, one of the founders of the Detroit automobile concern.

Brother Hodgson, who is treasurer of Sigma Zeta's alumni association, left his position as manager of the Detroit office of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on December 31 to assume his new duties at Graham-Paige.

"Ray" Hodgson studied at Michigan for three years, leaving in 1928 to become a State bank examiner. In 1930 he joined the Detroit Trust Company and was with that firm until 1933 when he began his work with the RFC.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Chisholm, Michigan alumna, and they have a son, Richard, two and one-half years old. The Hodgson home is at 17556 Muirland Ave., Detroit.