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Chapter Raising \$\$ For New Mascot

It was a sad day in the spring of 1943 when it was found necessary to relieve "Major" of his misery, but he was literally on his last legs, and since the house was closing at the end of the term there was no alternative.

Now, however, things are looking bright, and the house has unanimously decided that we need a new St. Bernard dog to carry on the traditions for Sigma. Burt Vincent, who was here before the house closed, seems especially anxious to get another dog. He constantly plays that record "Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?" Someday we're going to break it over his head; but nevertheless, his spirit is typical of those in the house. So now, through the generosity and co-operation of Dow Baxter who contributed \$25.00, we have established a fund which will be used to purchase a new St. Bernard. Through various contributions from active members the fund has now grown to approximately \$35.00, but it will have to increase considerably before we can buy a dog of the quality necessary to carry on our best traditions. Anyway we hope it won't be long before you'll be receiving letters from the "Major" again.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

Chapter Enters On New Era Of Fraternity Life

Dear Brothers,

This fall marks a new era for Sigma Zeta; it is a key opening the way to a bright and successful future which will make every Lambda Chi proud to be a member of this chapter. For the benefit of the brothers who were away during the war, and who may have lost contact with the chapter, I will start back a few years and give you a brief resume of the activities at Sigma which have led up to this fall.

It was the spring of 1943, when old man war finally caught up with Sigma. Approximately sixteen men lasted out the term but it was quite apparent that the house would have to be closed. Accordingly, the house was rented to the University and in the following two years it housed first men, then women. In July of 1945, the house was leased to the American Red Cross, who kept it until we moved in this fall.

But it's not just a house that makes a fraternity; the fellows

are the important part. After moving out of the house the gang scattered to all corners of the campus. Meetings were held at any place available. Membership dropped to a point where there were thoughts of giving up our chapter rights on the Michigan campus.

However, 1944 was the turning point because in quick succession came the apartment on State Street, new pledges from the campus military units, and a fighting spirit to some day open the house and again be the best fraternity on campus. As you undoubtedly read in the last Sigman, plans were made well in advance, and the house was reopened with a blaze of spirit and confidence.

Today, with thirty-nine men in the house and an additional thirty-five on campus, Sigma is a well organized fraternity — active in campus and social life, athletics, and in keeping the traditions and ideals of Lambda Chi alive at Michigan. We are re-establishing the high ideals which you, who have gone before us, have held to be the true fraternity. We are reviving the old traditions — first place for homecoming decorations — representing the house with another "Major". But probably most important today is the fact that Sigma is looking ahead and planning. We intend to keep the house filled with the best men on campus.

Keeping our house filled with the best men is only half of our program. The other half is YOU. True fraternity brotherhood does not stop with a diploma; it is a continuing, growing feeling which carries on years after college days are over. We, who are at Sigma now, want you to feel that this is still your fraternity, and that you are an active part of it. Drop in and visit your house and us any time; the welcome carpet is always out. We will be expecting you.

Yours in Z. A. X.
Ray Scott, H. A.

Dances, Exchange Dinners Set High Social Pace

The Sigma Zeta social season continues to move at a rapid pace with the three Exchange Dinners, the two informal house dances, and the Pledge Formal, all in the months of November and December.

Most important of these functions was, of course, the Pledge Formal which was held December 7th. Before the dance the pledges and their dates gathered at the Red Coach Inn for dinner. When they arrived at the house for the dance at 9 o'clock the gals were presented with white roses and the pledges received white carnations. The decorations were in the purple, green, and gold theme and the music for the evening was turned over to Del Elliot and his band. Of course, everyone had a great time;

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More Than 52 At Homecoming Party

The following is a list of those who signed our Scrap Book at the Home Coming Party in October. We hope you will bear with us if there are a few mistakes or omissions, because we had difficulty in deciphering some of the signatures.

Howard R. Stein, Allan J. Blair '46, Ted J. Black '46, Jack MacLeod '38, Frank A. Myers, Herbert Hauser '46, Al Raymond '45, Vern R. Schrader '46, Bill Tornow '46, James Weikel '44E, M. B. Eichelberger '16E, Cameron A. Ross '26E, Paul C. Willet '27, Harold Parker '35, Ross E. MacNaughton '27, Thomas E. Zeerip '42, C. R. Shelley '39, H. F. Stotzer '20, H. J. Howerth Jr. '43, C. Wayne Brownell '28, Brad Keith '45, R. J. Heusel '36, Don Lau '34, Bill Widern '32, Dan Miller '40, Damon C. Woods '42E, Stew Rissinger '28, Larry Hyslop '38, Everett C. Vallin '38, Fred H. Linscheid '40, Joe Miller '27, Morley M. Piggott '42E, Bob Albertson '19, Richard H. Knowe '39E, Ross R. Monroe '43E, A. R. Cook '27A, Richard S. Cole '30, L. A. Meeks '18, J. W. Mac Millan '42, Jack C. Strait '41, L. E. Ecker '17, A. C. Roberts '41, A. A. Whiting '37, Edwin A. Schrader '31, William S. Armour '31, Dr. P. J. Lockwood '14, Arthur P. Belmonte '46, Melvin L. Meyerhoven '46, O. G. Declerck '40, R. M. Van Duzer '27E, Bill Snell '46, Kenneth M. Zemke '44.

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since we had second floor permission we had more area in which to have a great time.

At this writing we have had exchange dinners with Alpha Gamma Delta, Chi Omega, and Kappa Delta. Just before the dinners half the guys and gals switch over to be guests of the other house. The dinners drew to a close, after a few hands of bridge and the singing of a few songs, around 8 o'clock. It is appropriate at this time to com-

Sigma Zeta Is Active In All Sports

Michigan's '46 Varsity Captained By Art Renner

With the house at full strength and things rapidly getting back to normal, our athletic program is again in full swing.

The top name in this department is, naturally, Art Renner. Art, who won varsity letters on Crisler coached teams in '43, '44, and '45, was elected captain of this year's grid team. Quiet and unassuming, Art was one of the most popular fellows on the team. He came here originally as a Marine trainee, and returned after his discharge. He is married, and he and his wife are now

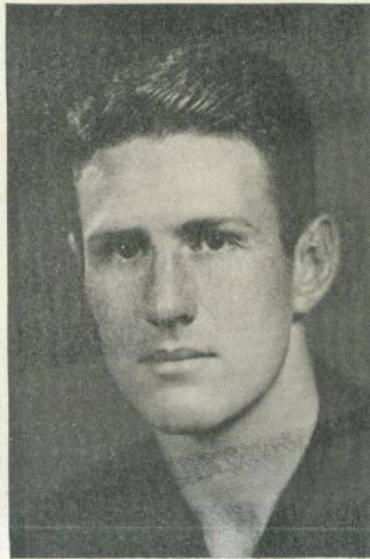
living at Willow Run Village. We're all proud to have as fine a fellow as Art Renner in our chapter, and we'll be sorry to see him leave when he graduates in January.

With Art Renner giving us fine representation in varsity athletics, the job of handling the intramural activities was given to Jerry Millar. First on the agenda was the speedball tournament, in which we advanced to the semi-finals before being dumped rather abruptly by the Theta Chi's. Much of our success in this tournament can be attributed to the educated toe of Paul Hood who would just as soon drop kick a ball as look at it.

Currently we are riding the crest of a wave of victories in the volley-ball tournament and our hopes are high for a championship. Under the direction of Ted Law the boys have played six sets of three games each, and have been victorious in five sets — losing only to the Kappa Sig's. In winning these five sets we have amassed a total of 13 victories against only 5 defeats.

Though volley-ball is in the spotlight now, the boys are looking forward to the basketball season which begins immediately after Christmas vacation. Paul Hood has been appointed "coach" of the cagers and even though he won't be able to drop kick any points for us we're sure he'll do a great job.

Art Renner



Sigma 539!

The ritual team went to work again on Sunday, November 17, and the result of their efforts was the acquisition of another stalwart brother. Bill Ainsle, Sigma 539, is from Flint, Michigan and he's a senior in the school of Business Administration.

—mend Brother Perry for the song written in honor of the Chi-O girls, and his efforts in directing same. The dinners have proven to be quite successful in the social calendar.

Chapter Paid A Visit

Two men who dropped in for a short visit recently were Howard "Whiskey" Whisler and Erwin Heiniger both of '42. "Whiskey" was in the Air Corps and just got back from Okinawa. He's now on terminal leave. "Heinie" came in for the weekend from Schenectady, N. Y. where he is working for General Electric.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI EVERYWHERE

Among those who sent in their Who's Who record for this issue was Dr. Alfred E. Reichenback, '35. Rick has his own physician's and surgeon's office in Waterbury, Conn. He states that he served in the armed services from May of '43 to April of '46. In 1938 he married Thia Hambury, a graduate of the Boston City Hospital school of nursing. Today Rick and Thia have two children, Judith Ann, age 5, and Craig Alan, age 2.

Major R. H. Townsend, '35 lives at 226 S. 58th St., Tacoma, Wash. and would like to contact any Sigmas in the vicinity. How about that you Washington Sigmas?

Dating back to the class of '22E is Howard E. Orr. Howie is now in insurance engineer for the Hartford Accident Indemnity Co. of Chicago. During the past year's he has served as chairman

of various community projects and for 1945-46 was American Legion Commander. He and his wife and two children are at present living at 12412 S. Oak Park Ave., Palos Heights, Ill.

To those of you who are recent graduates you will be interested to know that Tom Zeerip '42E is located with the Doman-Frasier Helicopters, Inc. "Zeep", who participated in inter-fraternity sports, A.S.M.E., and P. Bell activities while at Michigan, is a former High Tau. Tom says: "Glad to see and hear that things are booming for Sigma." He may be contacted at 1732 Main St., Stratford, Conn.

We've been just a little late in publishing news about Nelson J. Gibbons, '23E. Gib is supervisor of purchases at the Motor Wheel Corp. in Lansing, Mich. and prefers to be addressed there at 735

E. Saginaw. Special civic offices which Brother Gibbons is holding for 1946 is president of the Lansing Engineers' Club and 1946-47 president of the Central Michigan Purchasing Agents' Association. He is also a member of the Lansing Press Club.

Capt. Robert E. Farmer '28, was released this summer from active duty. He was a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department with last station in Sydney, Australia. During the war the JAG school was located in the Lawyers Club of the Michigan Law School. Brother Farmer's home address is 696 Lochmoor Blvd., Grosse Pte., Mich.

Col. Arthur H. Luse '19E, now has a new address. He may be found at the Sierra Ordnance Depot, Herlong, Calif.

Recognize These Old-Timers of About 3 Decades Ago?

