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Whirlwind Redecoration Squad Hits House



ACTIVES LAUGH FIENDISHLY AS THEY STONE WARREN HELLER, WHO SET THEM AT THIS HELLISH TASK *Picture by "Hold It" Olson*

"Work Week" Repeats Success

For the second consecutive year, the men of Sigma Zeta have displayed their eagerness to make the Chapter house at 1601 Washtenaw the sharpest on campus by coming back to Ann Arbor a week early in September for an intensive period of remodeling and redecorating. A continuance of the "work week" policy which was instituted last fall was unanimously agreed upon before leaving for summer vacation.

Upon arrival here, we found paint, brushes, picks and shovels waiting for the necessary manpower to wield them. Jerry Millar had been to Detroit with (see WORK WEEK, p. 4)

Wall Construction Gets Under Way

In line with Sigma's "If you can't pick it up, paint it, etc.," campaign, work has been begun on the Lambda Chi Alpha Bulwark. This endeavor, roughly equivalent to the building of the Great Wall of China, was undertaken in an attempt to thwart the coal-truck pilots. In the past, these devilish motormen have been compelled to churn their way up 1601's front lawn, leaving only the more gritty portion of the sod in place, and shoving the grass out into the street with reckless abandon. Whether or not the havoc they have wrought has been intentional is immaterial, but — in the words of Frank "Shiek" Pipp, "We simply had to fight, fight, fight this awful menace."

At any rate, the solution, as arrived at by the chapter and Brother Pipp, was to build a drive around the back. To that end, work has been carried out under the direction and fatherly guidance of J. T. "Poochie" Zurawski. The project entails the construction of a stone and concrete wall and the subsequent filling-in of the drive itself.

Since the brothers are finding little spare time this fall, what with football, studies, and chain-letters eating away at their invaluable time, the manpower requirement of the job is a serious problem for the foreman. In an interview with reporters from the SIGMAN and the Police Gazette, "Dog-dope" Zurawski declared, "I hope it don't snow!"

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A Message From High Alpha

Dear Brothers,

Sigma Zeta is now well into a new period of its colorful history. It has passed through two difficult periods — the depression of the thirties, and the recent war. In the past year we have made many strides forward. The house has been returned to the chapter and is now in splendid condition; the membership has increased to fifty-six actives, ten pledges, and many more married and graduate brothers are on campus; but best of all a fine spirit of fraternalism prevails throughout the chapter.

In spite of all this we have one more big task facing us and more than ever before the success of it depends primarily on you, the alumni brothers. It is our goal in the next year to bring the actives and alumni closer together. We are not alone in our efforts, for our program will be similar to one planned by the national office.

Of course, we all realize it is almost impossible for all of you to get back to Ann Arbor as much as you would like, but it is comparatively easy for you to attend the alumni meeting closest to your home. It is only through these local associations that we can ever hope to bind the graduates together, and it is only through the efforts of each one of you that these organizations can flourish. If every Brother will do just a little more in his local group, it will be an easy job to bring the whole gang together.

Last year's homecoming was a big success and we are hoping for

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Listed below are the names of Sigma alumni who have paid their annual voluntary alumni dues, as of October 20, 1947:

- Allen Blair\$10.00
- Paul E. Gibson 10.00
- Jerome B. Mikesell 10.00
- Fred Lange 10.00
- R. J. Hodgeson 10.00
- R. A. Campbell 10.00
- Edwin A. Schrader 10.00
- Lee D. Craig 25.00
- H. A. Mills 10.00
- H. L. Caverly 10.00
- Jack Marson 10.00
- Homer R. Marson 10.00
- A. E. Reichenbach 10.00
- Perry J. Lockwood 10.00
- Gil E. Leppelmeier..... 20.00
- Warren Robinson 25.00
- E. E. Weber 10.00
- Damon Woods 10.00
- Ross E. MacNaughton 10.00
- Robert B. Miller 10.00
- William K. Duff 10.00
- Colonel A. H. Luse..... 10.00
- C. E. Bottum 25.00
- R. E. Farmer 10.00
- Major V. J. Gottschalk..... 10.00
- Larry McKay 10.00
- F. A. Meyers 5.00

the same this year. However, by the time this reaches you homecoming will be history, so we must look beyond that. Whenever you are in Ann Arbor drop into the house; we are always glad to see you. Also, we always appreciate your sending us anything of interest, especially prospective pledges, so sit down now and drop us a line.

Our next big gathering will be Founders' Day; but in the meantime look up your local alumni association and see what they are doing. If they are at a standstill, get the ball rolling by calling up some of your friends and classmates. You have done a fine job in the refinancing of the house and we feel that we have done a good job of getting the house back to where it should be, so let's all join together and make Lambda Chi a fraternity of which we'll always be proud.

Yours in Z.A.X.,
TED LAW, H.A.

- George N. Carleton 10.00
- Fred W. Ballentine..... 25.00
- Robert Eno 10.00
- H. F. Stotzer 10.00
- R. D. Albertson 10.00
- E. S. Doman 5.00
- James A. Oline 5.00
- Herb Howerth 5.00
- Orville W. Reed 10.00
- A. D. McCombs 10.00
- William S. Armour 10.00
- E. A. Nielson 10.00
- Clifford C. Pratt 10.00
- E. C. Appold 10.00
- Jim Weikel 5.00
- Ralph Madison 10.00
- Raymond A. Gaul 5.00

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In this list of members who have paid their 1947 dues you will notice that many have paid double and triple the amount asked for—in other words, they have paid your (see HONOR ROLL, p. 4)

Initiation Held Recently

Initiation ceremonies for this semester, held Saturday and Sunday mornings, October 4th and 5th, saw the addition of fifteen names to the Chapter Roll of Lambda Chi Alpha. The new actives are:

Stanley W. Attwood, Engineering '50, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Curtis E. Bottum, Jr., Engineering, '48, Ann Arbor, Mich. Curt's father, Curtis E. "Kirk" Bottum, Sr., Michigan, '20, is also a Lambda Chi, Sigma.

Sam W. Burdge, Engineering '49, Franklin, Ohio.

William M. Chase, Jr., Literary '48, Chicago, Illinois.

Jack E. Evans, Literary '49, Flint, Michigan.

Elmer A. Friewald, Engineering '48, Detroit, Michigan.

Don E. Kelly, Literary '50, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Leo Kulka, Jr., Bus. Administration '49, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

Robert E. McMillan, Literary '50, Allen Park, Michigan.

Fredrick A. Otto, Literary '50, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Donald F. Pitz, Architecture '50, Detroit, Michigan.

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Fall Rushing Nets 10 Topnotch Men

As the result of two-weeks of rushing, Sigma Zeta netted ten pledges. Rushing started on Sunday, September 28, at which time Open House was held. Following were two night gatherings and in the second week rushees were invited to dinner on three nights. The men who became Sigma pledges were:

Michael F. Belmonte, '50, who hails from Muskegon, Michigan.

Jay Boll, who is in the Class of '51, and comes from Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Robert D. Cornell, of East Chicago, Indiana.

Guy K. Culver, also of the Class of '50, who comes from Stockbridge, Michigan.

Benton E. Gates, Jr., who is pre-law, '51, hails from Columbia City, Indiana.

Ralph B. Guy, Jr., of Dearborn, Michigan, is in the Class of '51.

Don Ralph Kingdon comes from Detroit, Michigan, and is in Architecture School, Class of '51.

Hugh Lockhardt, '52, is from Northville, Michigan.

Charles Rymes comes from San Francisco, California and is also in the Class of '51, and

Robert H. Werme, '50, who hails from Norwalk, Connecticut.

Sigma Zeta is very pleased to thank the Alumni for their help. We want to further urge you to keep sending information in on future Lambda Chis, for the success of rushing depends much upon close Alumni-Active co-operation.

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Eric W. Soennichsen, Literary '48, Bay City, Michigan.

Carlyle V. Stewart, Engineering '50, Scarsdale, New York.

George W. Tuck, Literary '50, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Jerold D. Wingeart, Engineering '49, Niles, Ohio.

High Phi Will Perry's degree team was made up of Ed Sandell, Jack Blomshield, Merle Schwarz, George Spasyk, Don Carter, and Jim Coleman.

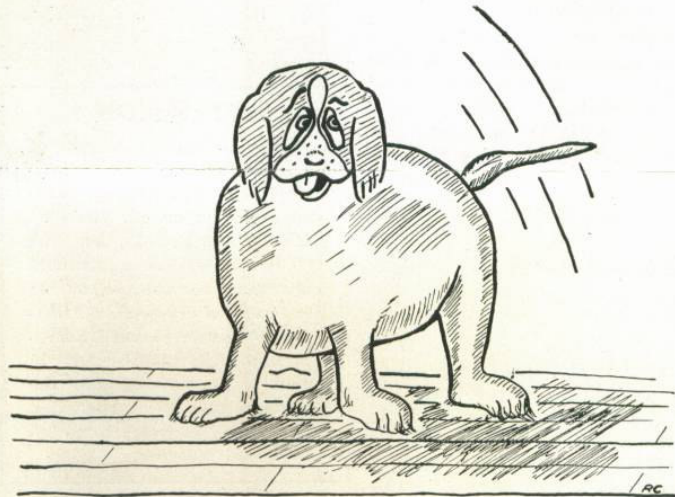
... AN INTERCEPTED LETTER ...

(Editor's Note: This letter, opened by mistake, is reprinted in its original translation.)

Dear Boys,

Hope you guys back at the kennels have everything under control without me because I'm not comin' home again. Lads, I never had it so good — not in all my eight weeks. These Lambda Chi's

he used to bat out a column for the Sigman, besides rounding up women for the gang. Guess I'm elected to carry out both duties. I've been pretty good at attracting women so far, but shucks I wish that other dogs would go for me



know how to fix a guy up. You boys may not believe this, but I'm actually getting fat. Yes, fat. You know, I was picked because I'm supposed to resemble another character named Major I. Well, although it pains me to admit it, right now I guess I'm built more along the lines of Major Hoople. "Skeezix" Zurawski, my buddy, says he doesn't know how tall I am, but that my spherical diameter is eighteen inches.

I try hard, but I just can't seem to get housebroken. Sometimes I think I'll never get the hang of it. I took it with a grin when I was banished to the porch; I thought it was all part of a swell game, so I played my part enthusiastically. Imagine my surprise when those folded newspapers began to land on me. I think I've got the scheme of things now, but it's still somewhat confusing.

I have other items to keep track of besides remembering what not to do where. The previous head-dog around here must have made quite a name for himself. It seems

like the coeds do. Maybe when I land that steady job on the Sigman that sloe-eyed female in the next block, the one with the nice tail, will give me a tumble.

Well, so long, dogs. Drop around and chew the bone with me if you get to 1601 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. I'll try to serve you some of the really fine neckties and house-shoes I get to nibble on.

Yours in D.O.G.,
MAJOR II

Detroit Alums Hold Dinner

The first fall dinner meeting of Sigma Chapter's Detroit Alumni Association was held at the University Club, Friday evening, October 17.

Among those present were Lattelle E. "George" Ecker, '17; Francis X. Nutto, '45E; Herbert Howerth, '43E; Howard Howerth, '46E; Leo Zograph, '43E; Ross E. MacNaughton, '27; Morley Piggott, '24E; Ray Scott, '47; Jack MacLeod, '38E, and Robert H. Townsend, '39.

Sigma Places Again In Homecoming Contest

A genuine spirit of warmth and friendship characterized the many reunions enjoyed Saturday, October 25, as Sigma successfully staged her annual Homecoming celebration. Approximately 150 guests streamed in and out of 1601 Washtenaw, bent on renewing old acquaintances.

While guests mingled inside, groups were gathering outside to inspect the Lambda Chi entry in the Homecoming display contest. This year Sigma featured an animated steam-roller negotiating a mythical road, which turned out to be route 66, ending at the Rose Bowl.

In the wake of this ponderous machine, which was piloted by a brown jug-drinking Michigan football player, were the teams previously defeated by Michigan; a Wildcat rug, a Pitt grease spot, a heaven-bound Stanford Indian, and a somewhat punchy Spartan. The teams yet to be played were represented as creatures fleeing in terror; a horrified Gopher, an Illini, 1946 ig Nine king, a Badger, an Indiana farmer, and an Ohio Buckeye. An amazed Notre Dame Smoe looked out over this fear-inspiring scene.

Honors Won Despite Trouble

Grief and pain were suffered by the brothers when the intricate mechanism which motivated this gigantic display conked out just as the judges passed the house. In spite of this tough break, however, second prize was awarded to the house, topping the fraternity entries. The project was masterminded by Bill Tornow, Joe Cote, Bud Kulka, and "Ski" Zurawski. Animation was devised by engineers Merle Schwarz, Ed Law, and Bill de Rocher, while Don Pitz and Dick Colledge slung the paint around.

Activities Enjoyed By All

After the game, in which Michigan edged Minnesota, 13 to 6, cider and doughnuts were served on the side porch, following a well appreciated custom at 1601. With appetites at a razor edge, the guests then descended upon a splendid buffet supper, which was roundly enjoyed by all present.

... ALUMNI NOTES ...

WILLIAM (Bill) RENISON, Jr., '28, Aero Engineer, who last spring visited the Sigma Chapter House, writes that he has taken a position in charge of the Management Engineering Section of the Naval Air Station at Alameda, California. During the war, Bill was Assistant Superintendent of the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation's plant at San Diego. He's building a new house in the hills of Oakland, California, and plans to visit the fraternity's

chapter at Berkeley, California. His present address is 5960 Ascot Drive, Oakland, California.

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DON (Snid) SNIDER, '46, Aero Engineer, is now employed in the engineering department of the Bowler Roller Bearing Company in Detroit. This summer, "Snid" says, he flew a plane to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He promises to drop in at the house and give us the details of his thrilling experience. Don's married and lives at 16934 Ten Mile Road, East Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENTION !

The annual meeting of Lambda Chi Alpha Foundation, Inc., will be held Monday, November 10, 1947, at 8:30 p. m., E. S. T., at 1601 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the purpose of electing six trustees, a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, and in general transacting all the business of the corporation which may properly come before said meeting.

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share—unless you now respond to this last two-months' opportunity to PAY YOUR SHARE!

This list—plus names of members who pay their 1947 dues between now and December 31, 1947—will again be published as "The Roll of Honor for 1947" in the January SIGMAN. To have your name placed on "The Roll of Honor" is evidence that you care enough about Sigma to aid her financially in order that we may strengthen her already firm position on the Michigan campus.

If your name is not on this list now, please send in your check so that it will appear in the January issue of the SIGMAN.

We feel certain that you would far rather be a dues payer and therefore a supporting member of Sigma Chapter than just a name and Zeta-number on the membership roll. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Yours in Z.A.X.,

SIGMA ZETA ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

WORK WEEK

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Alum Ned Lau and picked up some much needed furniture, lamps and drapes as well as new Venetian blinds for many of the rooms in the house. Ted Law with the aid of Bob Tracy rounded up about twenty gallons of paint which was vigorously applied.

The boys worked on the larger house projects by day—and decorated their own rooms by night. Just to give you an idea of some of the work done, the second floor decks were sanded and varnished, the large living rooms washed, the grounds cleaned, and the first stage of building a retaining wall at the side and back of the house was completed.

Perhaps the greatest improvements were in the kitchen, dining room and trophy room. The kitchen was completely done over in white with the much needed exhaust fan installed during the summer. The dining room was painted an original shade of red with white trimmings and now rates second to none in beauty. The trophy room was enlarged and done over in ivory and walnut with a new tile floor.

Past High Alpha Warren Heller did an able job of supervising the complete project. However, the opening of school found Lambda Chi ready, willing and able to enter the Michigan rushing and social seasons with one of the finest looking lay-outs on fraternity row. However, seeing is believing—so come on out to the house and look around.