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A Message From Our High Alpha

Dear Alumnus,

I have some good news to report, since my last letter, concerning the active chapter. In spite of all our difficulties with employees and the sizeable sums spent for equipment and repairs, we were still able to come out financially in the black for the first six weeks of the semester. With this news we are certain of holding the present room and board rates without decreasing our payments to the alumni association. I want to thank all of the members of the Householding Corporation who met here last month for their support of our recent efforts.

The football season was not only a success on the gridiron but also here at the fraternity house. It was gratifying to see so many of you alums here for the open houses and we hope in the future you will make it a point to drop in at the house when you are in Ann Arbor. We have done our best to get tickets for all of you, when you have requested them. However, in many instances, especially for the Rose Bowl game, we have not been able to fulfill your expectations due to the distribution system set up by the University.

The turnout for homecoming was encouraging, but not what we had expected. Our next gathering here at the house will be Founders' Day, Sunday, March 22, 1948. Keep the date in mind so you can be with us. In the meantime give us your cooperation by sending us the

Pledge Formal Tops Social Season

Sigma's annual Fall Pledge Formal, held December 5th, 1947, brought an already successful social schedule to its highest peak. Held at the outlying Farm Cup-

Following this tasty meal, the dining room underwent a metamorphosis, becoming a large dance floor, where the members and their guests danced to the seductive strains of Johnny Oakes and his orchestra.

The group of feminine guests, who were judged by all as being beautiful beyond comparison, were made even more so by the adornment of tiny nosegays, and became the recipients of miniature pledge paddles bearing the name of their escort, the occasion, and the date.

On the following night, the men of Lambda Chi threw away their Tux's, donned heavy clothing and dungarees, and wound up a memorable week-end with a hayride and a houseparty, in further honor of the pledges. After a spin on the hay-bearing wagons, the party assembled at 1601, where rustic decorations, and refreshments of hamburgs and cocoa awaited them. In-
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Season's Greetings!

The brothers of Sigma Zeta join in wishing each member of Z.A.X. the merriest of holiday cheer. May your Christmas be joyful and festive; may the New Year bring you health, happiness, and good fortune. May the principles of Lambda Chi Alpha guide each of you towards surpassing throughout the new year your best efforts of the old year.

There is one resolution which we wish you would make. In the coming year, how about making a special effort to keep in just a little closer contact with your fraternity? We know the New Year will bring to you those promotions, reunions, improvements and breaks which you've been waiting for. When they arrive, won't you let us in on them? We can see to it that 600 of your brothers satisfy that desire to know how you are making out. So take a minute and bat out a Who's Who, or better still, drop us a short line. The above address will do, or 1601 Washtenaw.

board roadhouse, the party offered a welcome change of surroundings for familiar personalities. Following a brief but cheering reception at the house, the brothers and their dates were speedily transported to the Farm Cupboard, where they sat down to a sumptuous repast consisting of steak for the luckier ones, and fried perch for the others. The dining room, which is furnished in knotty pine, was embellished with white roses.

names of any prospective rushees you may know.

Yours in Z.A.X.,
EDWARD LAW, Jr.

Perry Leading Chapter To New Heights In Singing

Under the direction of Song-leader Will Perry, Sigma hopes to become a vocal group which will take a place among the best in any type of songfest. To that end, the brothers have been practicing at least once weekly, and have shown commendable improvement. New songs have been added to the Lambda Chi Alpha repertoire, including "Susan Van Dusen," "Finigan's Alley," "Quaker Girl," etc., and attention has been focused on the more familiar "Sweetheart Song" and others.

The particular aim of this singing improvement campaign is to enable Sigma to capture the honors in the Interfraternity Sing which the brothers feel were stolen from us in last year's judging. Improvement is also sought in the general quality of our singing at exchange dinners and similar functions. Group singing has aroused favorable comment at Lambda Chi parties, and this may be considered a positive indication that the efforts of Perry and the boys have begun to bear fruit.

... ANOTHER INTERCEPTED LETTER ...

(Ed. Note: This letter was found, de-odorized, and is hereby duly published)

Hi, Hounds,

Excuse me while I arrange myself comfortably, draw up my smelliest rug, and reach for my most choice shoe to nibble on. (Ed.: So that's where it went!) Well, I'm pretty well settled here now. Don't want to seem cocky, but if you'd ask me I'd tell you that I know all the ropes. For instance, I know a dilly for getting fed. It's ridiculously simple. All I do is stand there and sniff suggestively.



"How many has he left . . . boy, that's a toughie! Two? Four? Three?"



"A man has three apples. He gives one of them to John, and eats another . . ."

Then I put on my saddest expression, drool a bit, and fall over in a swoon, moaning. If the boys haven't gotten the idea by this time, I clinch things by biting someone in the leg. The funny part of this thing is that I spring this routine at least three times a day, yet it has never failed. This Zurawski sucker always falls for it.

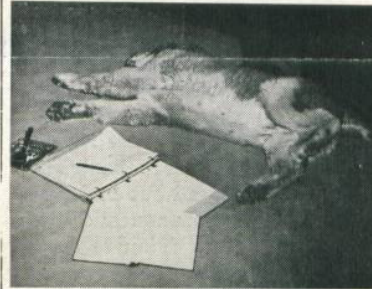
Dogs, don't laugh at me for this, but I'll have to admit that

I'm dumber than just a little. Now, I don't claim to be the dumbest hound in this house, but I'm plenty dumb. I just found out the other day that I'm a Saint Bernard dog. Shucks, all this time I thought I was a polar bear. I had the Lambda Chi's fooled, too. They had me figured for a sheep. I was really confused until I met that Lady Saint Bernard. She straightened me out. She also hit me in the eye.

I've got me a fine new house now. It's a modest little place . . . only four rooms and a bar . . . but it's my castle and I'm satisfied. After all, you have to start someplace. Of course it's outside the chapter house, but I was getting kicked out in the snow about every five minutes anyway, so why not save wear and tear on my hind end by staying out?

Sometimes it gets sort of lonely out there at night, so I sing kennel songs real loud, to keep my spirits up. Every time I do that Bill Jack leans out of the house and sings along with me. His voice is so bad that I can't tell what he's singing, but it usually is all full of swear words.

Don't know when I'll start writing for the Sigman . . . the terms of the contract Collinge offered me



"Aw, the hell wih it!"

just won't do. I'm holding out for two extra bones a week and a vacation in Florida.

Well, hounds, so long. I hope Santa remembers and brings you all plenty of meat scraps, toy firehydrants, and rubber mice that glow in the dark. Myself, I want a radar buried-bone detector.

Yours in D.O.G.,

MAJOR II

... LOST ...

In our current files there is no information concerning the whereabouts of the following men. We would appreciate any news on their present mailing addresses.

- Charles W. Bush, '42
- Colin C. Vardon, '33
- Frank E. Dickson, '19
- Gordon C. Gravelle
- Wilfred C. Dresser, '36
- Charles R. McKinley, '35
- Dwight A. Joslyn, '22
- Kent Bowsher
- Charles H. Beardsley, '26E
- Wentworth T. Durant, '29
- Richard A. Hart, '30

Spirits Run High In Sigma Sports

Although having suffered a lapse in prominence in recent years at Sigma Zeta, athletics are proving this year to be one of the main house functions. The members have shown a true interest in sports and an earnest desire to have the coveted Interfraternity athletic trophy placed above the fireplace at 1601.

It has been the policy of the house, this year, to enter all of the twenty or more competitive events set up by the Intramural Department and to advance as far in

these events as our ability and sheer determination will carry us. The results to date show that the Lambda Chi's are not to be taken lightly in the field of sports. We are now engaged in the championship volleyball play-offs, which if won would enable us to retire the volleyball trophy, having won it twice previously. Further, we have finished third in touch football and proved ourselves worthy opponents in cross country, swimming, and handball.

Sigma Gourmets Treated To Top Chow by New Cook

The gourmets at Lambda Chi Alpha are having their fondest dreams come true this semester. From all reports, the chow is the best ever put out. The credit for all this goes to our new cook, MINNIE CLARK, who took over at the beginning of the semester when Mrs. Lee broke her arm, and was forced to retire from the cooking scene.

Along with our all-conquering football team, one of the bright spots of the current varsity football season was the institution of Minnie's Saturday evening buffet dinners. The many alumni who got here for the games will verify this.

For the unfortunate few actives who remained here for Thanksgiving, Minnie went all-out and presented what was unquestionably one of the finest dinners ever served at 1601 Washtenaw.

Financially, the kitchen is having one of its best years. Sigma is now feeding fifty-five men . . . more than ever before. Although food costs are around 15 per cent higher than the previous semester, we are still operating on our \$1.75 daily (per man) budget. Despite assurance from our financial watchdog, Homer Heath, that we could hardly expect to make ends meet on such a budget, we came through with flying colors. Our food costs were more than 15 per cent below the estimate given us by Mr. Heath.

This efficient work is being carried out under the watchful eye of Frank Pipp, who manages the all-important job of steward.

Can You Help Us?

The addresses of the following men are incorrect and thus go to our "Lost" file. If you have any information concerning these men, please contact us at once.

Homer G. Barber, '36
Richard J. Humphreys
Donald W. Schneider, '37
William S. Struve, '37
Charles W. Taylor, '23
Harry W. Watson, '29E
John Clark Sibley, '28

Keeping Up With Alumni Everywhere

The SIGMAN wishes to extend to Mr. and Mrs. George Woods its rather belated congratulations. George and the former Miss Dora Jennings were married in Washington, D. C., last August, and are now residing in Ann Arbor. George is further developing the artistic talents which won him fame in past Homecoming display contests. Their address here in Ann Arbor

A meeting of the Lambda Chi Alpha Foundation, Inc., was held Monday, November 10, 1947, at the chapter house. Trustees for the coming year were elected as follows: Ross E. MacNaughton, '27, President; Duke Zimmerli, '17E, Vice-president; Ray Hodgson, '29, Treasurer; Ray Scott, '47, Secretary; and "Doc" Lockwood, '14, Bob Townsend, '36, "Kirk" Bottum, '20E, Al Schmalzriedt, '33, Jack McLeod, '33E, Morley Piggott '24E, Bob Scanlan, and Bud Kulka. Resolutions were passed commending the excellent work of Ross MacNaughton in the refinancing of the chapter house and in the many other services which he has rendered, and expressing appreciation of the efforts of Al Schmalzriedt as past president of the Foundation. A similar resolution was passed in praise of the entire active and alumni organization for their fine work in re-opening the house and maintaining it at the high level of efficiency characteristic of Sigma.

In Memoriam

Word has been received of the recent death of Leroy H. Bibby, '33, who graduated from the Law School in 1917. Mr. Bibby was widely known in legal circles, having served as prosecutor of Muskegon and Kalamazoo counties, and as an assistant attorney general. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ethel Molliter of Muskegon, with whom he shared many pleasant times at the old Lambda Chi house.

is 633 Church Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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A very recent marriage was that of Richard M. "Mac" MacFarland, '47. The "admiral" was married December 6, 1947, to the former Miss Virginia FitzRandolph Ripley in Detroit. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, at which a number of Sigma alums and undergraduates were present. The McFarlands plan to make their home in Hammond, Indiana.

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Robert Stanley Reed, who graduated from the engineering college in the Class of 1923, is living in Burlington, Iowa, where he has risen to the position of General Manager of the Kimble Electric firm located there. Stan came to Michigan from Princeton in 1919, and held the office of High Gamma during his days at Sigma. He is married to the former Marian Bigelow of Iowa State College, and has a son, Stuart, 14. Stan's address is 1614 South Main Street, Burlington, Iowa.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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termission entertainment featured a dreadful skit depicting the rushing procedure which captured the pledges for us.

An outrageous trio composed of Brothers Collinge, Smith, and Tornow insulted the guests with original, if unplanned, renditions of several unpopular songs. After this, of course, the guests dispersed for home.

The fall, 1947, social schedule climaxed by the Pledge Formal, has been acclaimed as one of well-rounded, highly interesting events. Sigma's activities in this important part of college life have consisted of numerous exchange dinners, parties, guest dinners, and open houses. Conventional exchange dinners have been held this fall with Alpha Xi Delta and Gamma Phi Beta sororities, while plans for the remainder of the term include at least one more of these popular events.