



THE SIGMAN

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED



A SCENE FROM LAST YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Warren Heller is the center of attraction above. Surrounding him are Manvel Coombes, John Tolfree, Gary Hicks, Harry Hutchinson, Gunnar Anderson, Charlie Kay, George Spasyk, and Bob McMillin.

SIGMA SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

J-Hop, the most gala and entertaining of all week-ends, was a tremendous success here at Sigma Zeta this year. Held between semesters, February 9-11, it gave the brothers a few days to relax and forget about schoolwork. The week before the party the brothers worked tediously and energetically to put the house in ship-shape condition, doing odd jobs such as painting, plumbing, and any other task that was necessary.

On Friday afternoon the brothers moved out to permit their dates to move in for the whole week-end. Then the fun began. Dinner was held before the dance on Friday, which featured Freddy Martin and Ray McKinley and their orchestras. The Intra-mural Building was decorated very beautifully and adequately in keeping with the theme of "Southern Silhouette." Breakfast followed here at the house at 2:30 A. M. Then, the brothers reluctantly left at 4:00 A. M. so that their dates might get some sleep for the next day. A record dance party here at the house dominated Saturday, but, of

course, the brothers took time out for dinner and breakfast. Sunday mainly consisted of dinner at the house and shooing the girls out, so the actives could take over the old homestead again.

The atmosphere of J-Hop induced a few of the fellows to lose their most valued possessions--their pins. Among those who were pinned during this week-end were: Al Grybas to Jane Little; Ralph Guy to Peggy Reed; Pat Cusick to Barb Demmer; and Ray Patryn to Anne Wolfe. A few days later "Butch" Milliken pinned Jean Sennet.

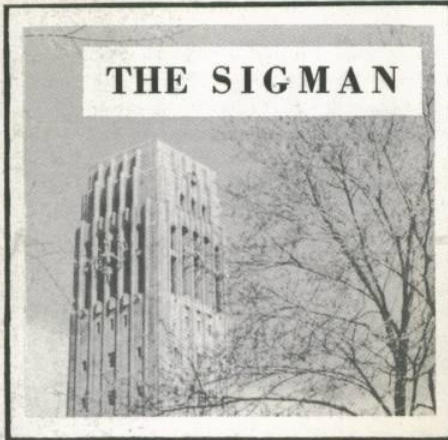
A party for the newly initiated pledges was held in the beginning of March. In their honor an orchestra was hired to furnish the music. The rest of March will be utilized in planning for Founder's Day on April 1st.

Exchange dinners with Alpha Epsilon Phi and Gamma Phi Beta, Pledge Formal, Mother's Day, and IFC Sing and Dance are the most important coming attractions for the social calendar.

The actives have planned on Sunday, April 1 for the annual Founder's Day dinner and program. Although in the past we have sent out double post cards to secure your response, we have chosen to use the Sigman for this purpose. You will notice the blank which appears on the back page of this issue. We would greatly appreciate it if you would immediately fill out the desired information and return the blank as soon as possible. We hope that you will fill in the blank even if you are unable to come to the meeting.

Those of you who were able to attend the Founder's Day last year will remember that in addition to the all-around good fellowship that accrues to such a get together, we had a very fruitful discussion upon the problems which face fraternities in general and Lambda Chi in particular. To coin an old cliché, "A good time was had by all." It is our hope that as many of you as can possibly make it will attend the dinner on Sunday, April 1. If you cannot make the dinner, we urge you to try to attend the meeting to follow. In this period of unrest and mobilization it is important that we all realize the problems which Lambda Chi faces so that we may be better able to deal with them. There will be a representative of the Dean's office present and we again plan an interesting program including a discussion of fraternity status at Michigan in a national emergency. In addition there will be the usual officer's reports and entertainment.

It has been very gratifying in the past to note the excellent turnout for this annual event and now, more than any other time in recent years, it is important that we have a good representation. We are looking forward to seeing many of you again and sincerely hope that many will be able to make their first appearance this Founder's Day. We do hope that you will send in your reply as soon as possible, especially if you intend to come for dinner. Dinner will be served at 1:30 P.M. and the program will start at approximately 2:45. The date again--Sunday, April 1; the place--the Chapter House at 1601 Washtenaw.



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HIGH ALPHA'S LETTER

Dear Brothers:

This is my first opportunity to greet you as High Alpha since the installation of the new Zeta in February. Brother Ben Gates and the rest of the retiring Zeta did a magnificent job during their term of office and deserve only the highest of praise. They have set a fine example for the new Zeta and we hope we can do as well as they have done.

The chapter finances are in good shape and we are operating very efficiently in the kitchen. We hope to be able to build up a reserve to meet the contingencies which will undoubtedly arise next fall.

With the draft situation as it is, all fraternities are beginning to feel the pressure. Next fall a number of them will certainly be forced to close because of the lack of men. Fortunately, however, Sigma does not fall in this category. We have enough men in ROTC courses and enough men who do not expect to receive notices before next fall, thus we are quite certain to be open again.

Rushing, of course, is much more competitive than ever because of the shortage of manpower and the unsettled world situation. However, Sigma is again one of the top competitors and we have a fine new pledge class, as a result of a good job of rushing by High Delta Ferrara and the active chapter.

10 MEN PLEDGED IN SPRING RUSHING

For the past two weeks the members of Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha have been competing for what may be termed the life blood of the fraternity system—membership. To say we attained our goal would be an exaggeration, to say we failed would exhibit a defeatist attitude, but to say we did better than many fraternities during this competitive rushing season would be a fitting statement. The rushing committee tried to encourage as many men as possible to attend our open-houses. Letters of invitation were sent to approximately 130 men most of whom attended open-houses and made them very successful. By the end of the highly competitive rushing sessions Sigma Zeta pledged ten men.

As the rushing chairman for this semester and the next, I would like to urgently encourage all alumni, actives, and pledges to be on the look-out for prospective Lambda Chi Pledges. The names and addresses of such men will be gratefully received and an invitation to our open-houses will be sent to each individual prior to the next rushing session in September. With the present world situation such as it is, it is quite evident that fraternities are undergoing a situation which may be described by the phrase, "survival of the fittest." Our survival as a large national fraternity depends upon each individual's awareness of this critical situation.

The men pledged this semester are as follows: Maitland B. Alexander '54 LSA, Berkeley, Michigan; James Ward Beatty '53 LSA, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Thomas E. Fricke '53 Engine, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Richard T. Good '56 Arch. & Design, Miami, Florida; Henry Lang Jr. '55 LSA, New York City, N.Y.; Mark C. McQuiggan '54 LSA, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Laurence A. Price '53 LSA, Detroit, Michigan; Albert N. Scaccia '54 Engine, Prospect Hills, New Jersey; Paul K. Trojan '53 Engine, Detroit, Michigan; Peter Vestevich '53 LSA, Detroit, Michigan.

Our Founder's Day celebration will be held the first of April. (You can find more pertinent information about this on page one). We are looking forward to seeing a good many of you here. Since I do not know many of you, I am personally looking forward to making your acquaintance. If you have any questions in regard to Founder's Day write to Ben Gates, our Alumni Director, or myself. We will be only too glad to answer your inquiries.

Again I want to say that we are all anticipating your visits April first and welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with you.

Yours in Z. A. X.

Charles E. Cuson
High Alpha

HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

Despite the threat of military service which hangs over our heads, scholarship here at Sigma has not suffered. Although we did not average up to the par set during the spring semester of 1950, we did equal the over all average for the academic year of 1949-50. Top on the list of scholars last semester was Brother Dan Ulisnik, a transfer from Washington and Jefferson, with a grade average of 3.88. This is a shade below all A's. To top it off, Dan was enrolled in the difficult field of Aeronautical Engineering. "Nice goin' Dan." We hope he does as well as an Air Force Cadet, for which he is now training at Lackland Air Field in Texas.

High man on the Pledge Class "totem pole" was Harry Timmins. Harry is an NROTC student and came through with a 3.4. Up to this year, fraternities on campus have been faced with the problem of meeting a grade average of 2.4 in order to remain in good standing with the University. This was considered to be unfair since the requirements for the men living in the University Residence Halls need only to maintain a 2.0 average. On February 13, the committee on student affairs voted to abolish the controversial "2.4" rule. This change was made on the recommendation of the executive committee of the Inter-fraternity Alumni Council. And now fraternity men can return to the "gentlemen's average" of 2.0.

We at Sigma hope that this will not squelch the incentive of the brothers to maintain their good grades and raise Lambda Chi to the top of the campus in scholarship.

ALUMNI NEWS FROM

HERE AND THERE

Colonel Kingsley Anderson '23E is now with the United States Constabulary stationed in Germany. Colonel Anderson is presently serving with the Seventh Army as chief engineer and according to current plans he is to return to the United States in October, 1952. Colonel Anderson last visited us in 1949 during the Army-Michigan game. If you wish to contact Colonel Anderson, his address is Seventh Army Engineer, APO 46 % Postmaster, New York. In case this address has changed you can always find out his address through his mother, Mrs. Karen Anderson, 816 N. Fourth Ave., Big Rapids, Michigan.

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We are proud to inform the brothers that John Howarth '47LS&A, and his wife Annabelle have a new addition to their family, John Brian Howarth. Brother Howarth predicts that Brian will be an avid Michigan rooter and is a real potential fullback. John and Annabelle are now residing at 235-1/2 Coolidge St., Coalinga, California where Brother Howarth is teaching in Coalinga Union High School.

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**HOUSE FINANCIAL
CONDITION GOOD**

It is with pleasure that we of Sigma Zeta can report that the house is in good financial condition. As of January 31, we are operating at a profit. We have been exceeding our monthly budget as set up by the Ann Arbor Trust Company, but our actual revenues have exceeded the revenues we estimated. At the beginning of the current school year we set up our budget on the basis of 40 members living and eating in the house, and 48 members paying chapter dues. Since the budget was established we have had an additional five brothers eat meals in the house and 17 more paying chapter dues. This accounts for our exceeding our budget both in respect to revenues and expenses. Since the school year began we have met all of our obligations and showed a modest surplus.

We have been able to make some improvements in the living room and hall way and are contemplating some additional improvements in the house. This needed repair has been made possible by the generous assistance given to us by the House Holding Corporation.

We have renegotiated the debt upon the house. The old land contract fell due on the first of November last year. The House Holding Corporation succeeded in obtaining a first mortgage with the Ann Arbor Trust Co. for the remainder of the debt. The mortgage runs for ten years and the monthly payments are \$183.37 including interest and amortization of the principal. We feel that the mortgage payments are small enough that the chapter can handle them easily under all but the most dire circumstances.

The chapter has good financial prospects for next year. We feel that we can operate successfully with thirty brothers living in the house and unless some unforeseen changes take place in the current draft program we believe that we will have that many men returning. In case we cannot see our way clear to operate our kitchen profitably we plan to go in with another house and open our kitchen one semester and theirs the next. An arrangement which we feel would be financially advantageous to both of us.

We are presently financially sound and have good prospects for next year.

ATHLETICS

The actives on the house "B" basketball team had a lot of fun this year. That should explain the rather poor record. Brother DeVries, Inman, O'Connell, Hobyak, Cannon, Smigel, and Johnstone, played off and on while the team won one of four games. The win was over Theta Delta Chi.

The "A" team made a much better showing this year than last. It tied for first in one of the leagues. Zeta Psi and Pi Lambda Phi fell to our boys while the Delts proved a little too strong. This loss to the Delts proved disastrous. We tied the Delts for the league championship; but, because they beat us, we were delegated to second place playoffs. This was a bad break because at the rate the team was improving it

**SIGMA ELECTS
NEW OFFICERS**

In the annual election for fraternity offices the active chapter chose men who they thought were best all-around to serve at the helm of Sigma Zeta.

The new slate of officers were installed on February 12. They are Charles Cuson, High Alpha. Chuck is a Junior in the School of Business Administration and hails from Monroe, Michigan. He is enrolled in NROTC receiving his commission at graduation. Patrick Cusick, High Beta--our new "Veep" is one of our few pharmacy students. Likeable Pat hails from Detroit, the home of many members of Sigma Zeta. It is certain that he will continue to do as fine a job as the retired High Beta, Charles Giffin. William Burnie is our new High Gamma. Between the hours of his piercing wit Bill is an English major, reveling in the works of Shakespeare and Walt Whitman. He is another of our future military officers, aspiring to a commission in the army quartermaster corps. With Bill heading the P.X. our army men are certain never to run out of razor blades and soap. In all seriousness Bill's fine administrative capacity will aid the house in his job as secretary. Our new High Tau, Frank Stocking, is Virginia's gift to Sigma Zeta. Frank is one of our finer students and the financial situation of the house will be ably handled. The social activities of Sigma Zeta for the coming year will be under the direction of Fred Barrett. Our Pledge Formal and exchange dinners are activities which Fred will certainly make enjoyable for all. Bruce Sodee, whose home is in Canton, Ohio, is our new High Phi. Bruce is a pre-med student and is now a junior in the Literary College. Dick Ferrara succeeds George Cherpelis as Rushing Chairman. For the past few weeks he struggled through the turmoil of a hectic rushing session. It is to his credit that we succeeded in getting such fine pledges this semester. A psychology major, whose home is in Hempstead, Long Island, Dick proudly upholds the eastern tradition along with a few other members from the glorious state of New York. John Cannon, one of our members from Grosse Pointe, is the new Cross and Crescent Correspondent. He is a Sophomore in the Lit School pursuing his studies in the pre-medical curriculum.

The list continues with Rodger Van de Water, house manager; Blair Milliken, steward; David DeVries, athletic chairman; George Cherpelis, pledge trainer; Ben Gates, alumni relations chairman; Ed York, Librarian; and Bill Markstrom, Sigman Editor.

could have gone further in the Fraternity championships. Brothers Giffin, Knopf, Harper, Gates, and Heck spark the team which we hope will win the second place playoffs.

The house paddleball team lost to Phi Gam in its first contest. A couple more weeks of practice would have made a world of difference in this contest.

The swimmers of the house have decided to battle till death in water polo competition. This is a really rough sport that requires excellent physical condition. The only rule is the bell meaning the end of a period.

MISSING SIGMEN

We have just completed a reorganization of our alumni files. In checking we have found that there are a great number of inaccurate addresses. If you have any information about any of these brothers please drop us a card so that these men may know the goings on at Sigma Zeta.

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| Oliver Clipper '26 | Bruce Rathborn |
| Richard Cole '30 | Alfred Reichenbach '35 |
| John Detwyler | William Reynolds |
| Robert Eno '22 | Glenn Seeba |
| Oliver Eames | Charles Seilheimer |
| Robert Ernst '21 | Robert Shaw |
| Charles Fairman Jr. | John Sibley |
| Boniface Fell | Frederick Stevenson |
| Howard Fettes '32 | Christopher Story Jr. |
| John Flynn | James H. Taylor |
| Nelson Gibbins | Harold Tiffany |
| Russell Gish | Robert Townsend |
| Robert Glahn | Edwin Van Cleaf |
| Vincent Gottschalk | Frederic Van Dorn '33 |
| Charles Greene | Seymour Van Bolton '20 |
| Arthur Grossman | Burton Vincent |
| Dick Gustine | James Wanland |
| Otto Haa | Eldon L. Ward |
| John Hanley | Alfred Wineman |
| Howard Haftel | William J. Wildern |
| Hjalmer Hansen '24 | Robert P. Young |
| H. G. Hauser Jr. | |
| George Hayward | |
| Homer Healy | |
| Thomas Hunt '36 | |
| Edward James | |
| George Johnson | |
| George Jones | |
| D. A. Joslyn | |
| Marcellus C. Keck | |
| Jack Kelly | |
| George Killeen | |
| Richard Knowe '39 | |
| Charles Kocsis '36 | |
| Tom Kyler | |
| Thayer Lauer | |
| Lt. Donald Lyon '35 | |
| Frank MacTernan '39 | |
| Ross Monroe | |
| Roy Neff Jr. | |
| Charles Newman | |
| Gordon Olson | |
| Samuel Page '18 | |

Please send us all changes of address so that we can keep an up-to-date file on you.

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We are happy to hear from past High Alpha ('18-'19) Gale Lush '20 Forestry. Brother Lush is a retail merchant in Galeton, Pa. He is Past President of the Galeton Rotary Club, Past Commander of the American Legion Post, Past President of Galeton School Board and a 33 Degree Mason. Brother Lush's present address is 10 West St., Galeton, Pa. Brother Lush's son Stanley is presently one of Sigma's new initiates.

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Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Brothers,

As regards Founder's Day, Sunday, April 1:

I will be there for dinner _____

I will be able to attend the meeting only _____

Sorry, can't make it this year _____

Yours in Z. A. X.

Name _____

Address _____

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