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SIGMA'S HOMECOMING

The fever of Homecoming has marched upon Sigma Zeta again. In its wake there lingers a few personal memories. Mac, the new collie pup, has learned to temper his appetite for donuts. Brother Ferrar has seen the advantages of keeping calm, especially under the exciting pressure of a twelve-touchdown extravaganza. To the entire active chapter remains the pride in a big job well done. But to all, the parents, the alumni and the actives, remain the common memories that has made Homecoming a tradition at Michigan.

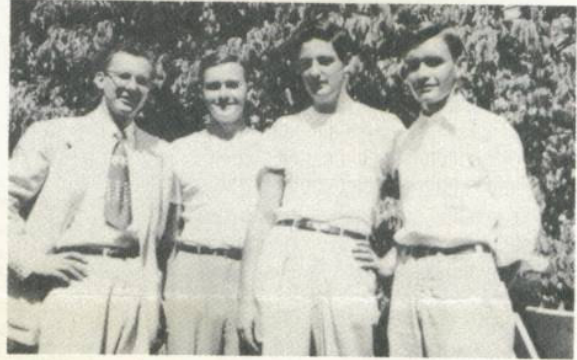
Every year campus interest centers around the mad, last-minute preparations for the annual Homecoming display contest. This year our neighbors, the Sigma Nu's, topped us and took first place among fraternities. With remarkable insight the Sigma Nu's built their display around the observation that hens lay eggs. Of course, Michigan's new president, Harlan Hatcher, occupied the feathered position. Congratulations, Sigma Nu.

Perhaps with less imagination but great gusto the entire active chapter stayed up all Friday night to erect our display. Under the guiding inspiration of Brothers Leengran, Grybas, Barrett, and McLean the chapter put into structural form the little realized fact that twice in the last two years Wes Fesler has been "snowed" under by the Maize and Blue. Last year in a snow storm as coach of Ohio State. This year by a 54 to 27 score as coach of the Northman. Michigan is represented as a gigantic snowman throwing snowballs at the diminutive Minnesota Gopher. A long pile of snow represents the "snowed" under Buckeye team of last year. By unanimous agreement the chapter votes a new pair of bucks to Brothers Hollis and Knopf whose above-and-beyond stands into the wee hours on three successive nights resulted in the new snowman-annex of Lambda Chi.

No Homecoming is complete without alums. And alums there were plenty. Some say there's nothing like college spirit. Little do they know. With them, the alums brought spirit to burn. Needless to say, it wasn't wasted in this ridiculous manner. While past High Alpha Patten told of the really tough rushing days of World War II, Brother Piggott '24E informed the younger men of the by-gone days of Theta Kappa Nu. Of course, many of the more recent crew including Brothers Bill Thomson, Jack Waite, Bill Duerr, Ray Reece, Gary Hicks, Dick Collinge, Warren Roeger and Jim Coleman were here to swap tales and meet their younger Brothers. And there's a persistent rumor that E.I. and Chick Giffin persuaded "Fanny" Cornell to do his famous zippy

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Michigan Alumnus George Spasky, Assistant to Administrative Secretary gets together with Monte Marshall, Fred Barrett and John Cannon.



1951 MANAGEMENT TRAINING SEMINAR

Indiana University at Bloomington, set the scene for the second Lambda Chi Alpha biennial Management Training Seminar last August 19-24. Sigma was well represented by Brothers Fred Barrett, John Cannon, and Monte Marshall. The 300 and some odd delegates from 139 chapters throughout the United States and Canada were housed in Sycamore Hall, a beautiful women's dormitory building. (Sine Pulchrae?)

The program of events started Monday morning with a very humorous, yet enlightening, address by Past Grand High Alpha Elles M. Derby. The week's class schedule consisted of seven panel discussions concerning such topics as the Individual, the Student, the Chapter (Internal and External), the General Fraternity, the International Situation, and Lambda Chi Alpha Membership. Each of these topics was subdivided and the various aspects of each were explained by members of the Grand High Zeta and the Fraternity's national administration. After each speech, questions, comments, and discussions were received from the delegates. This provided many of us with the opportunity to get new ideas and correct old ones from the experiences of many of the Brothers with whom we might otherwise never have had contact. From the prevailing opinion it seems that the system worked out remarkably well.

In order to inject a note of influence from an outside source, Tuesday's general session was highlighted by an address by Professor Lawrence Wheeler of the Journalism Department and Director of Communications at Indiana University. Professor Wheeler was an Alpha Tau Omega at I.U.; he related many comical incidences involving the ATO's and Lambda Chi's back in the days when fraternities and sororities were first getting a start on the Indiana campus.

On Wednesday the assembly was addressed by Hon. Lloyd D. Claycombe, Past Grand High Alpha. I believe without a doubt (and I don't think anyone present would dispute the fact) that Judge Claycombe's speech was one of the most stirring and inspiring orations given in a long time. To describe or try to explain it, surely

would not do justice to such a fine talk.

Wednesday evening at the University Theater a group of Brothers (each from a different chapter) presented a Ritual exemplification which was very excellently described by Grand High Beta Tozier Brown.

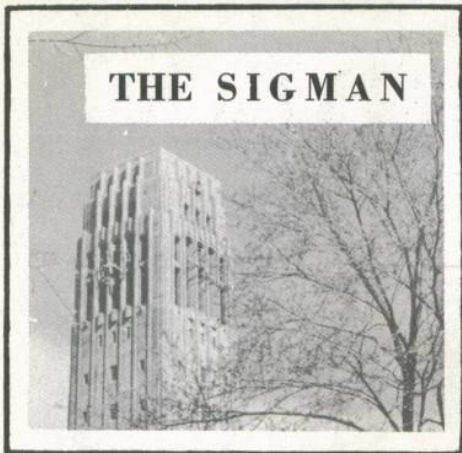
The seminar wasn't all work and no play. Beautiful weather prevailed throughout the week and gave an incentive for swimming, tennis, and other forms of relaxation. The county fair was held that week, although I don't believe it was planned with the Lambda Chi's in mind.

Our Tuesday dinner was a barbecue picnic held in Dunn Meadow behind the Union Building. A huge banquet was held Thursday night for all delegates and guests. Entertainment was provided by a Lambda Chi Glee Club, made up of those delegates who were more musically inclined. They were directed by Larry Bertram of Missouri. However, the old rivalry between the North and South really stole the show. The Northern Contingency started out with a chorus of "Yankee Doodle," and the Rebels immediately retaliated with "Dixie." The whole assembly ended up singing fraternity and college songs.

Before the Seminar was adjourned on Friday, a very interesting and intellectual panel took place in the morning. The topic of discussion was Lambda Chi Alpha membership. It is a well-known fact that many schools, including the University of Michigan, have recently put a lot of pressure on fraternities with discriminatory clauses in their national constitutions. In several cases legislation has been passed, threatening campuses unless the said discriminatory clauses are removed. Realizing this possible crisis, our national officers and administrators are seeking to find a suitable solution to the problem. However, no definite action can be taken until the convention next summer.

As most of the fellows loaded up their cars and were getting ready to pull out of Bloomington, many week-old friends parted with the words, "I'll see you next summer at the convention."

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HIGH ALPHA'S LETTER

Dear Brothers:

It was very gratifying to see so many of you return to Michigan for the Homecoming game and festivities. We of Sigma enjoy having you back and hope that you will not restrict your visits to Homecoming Day.

Our house is in very good condition, having just redecorated the two living rooms, purchased furniture, and finally acquired our set of silverware.

However, our problems are not all within the house. One of our major problems, that of the restrictive clause, is being aired again by the Interfraternity Counsel. Last Spring you may remember that President Ruthven vetoed the Student Legislature proposal that all groups having restrictive clauses by 1956 be refused recognition by the University. Naturally, we were very relieved by this action. The Student Legislature has decided to wait until our new president, Harlan Hatcher, has established himself here before trying to put such a ruling through again. Thus the IFC is going to try to handle the problem itself. There are 13 fraternities on campus which have a restrictive clause. We would, of course, rather have any action concerning such clauses come from our own group.

At a recent IFC House Presidents' Meeting a ruling passed last year, stating that fraternities having restrictive clauses must show proof of having petitioned their most recent General Assembly to remove such clause or be refused recognition by the IFC, was rescinded. To replace this, a motion was passed to establish a committee to investigate thoroughly the prob-

FALL RUSHING

Sunday, September 30, 1951

There stood before me forty actives with beaming faces. And why not? This was the first day of Rushing Open House. All the boys had their suits pressed, shoes polished, and some even took showers. (The Lambda Chi's often make supreme sacrifices such as this.) Eagerly the forty men, dressed to greet even the Editors of Esquire, awaited the entrance of the first rushee.

As I sat in one corner reading the Police Gazette, I was startled by cries and then a loud cheering. "A rushee has arrived," I mused. I nonchalantly strolled into the vestibule and witnessed the coming of ten healthy specimens of manhood into our house. They were taken through the house, wine and dined, talked and sung to; we laughed at their jokes, and even invited them back. This continued till six P.M. We were elated. Never before had such a promising group honored us with their presence.

Monday, October 1, 1951

Another day of Open House and another fine crew was entertained in our hallowed hall and rooms.

October 2 through October 4

Lunches, World Series and Smokers till nine. Then rushees would be wine and dined.

During this week we would work very hard, Hoping that soon they would sign the pledge cards.

Friday, October 5, 1951

The last day of rushing this week! (We will have nothing to do now till Monday when rushing will once again be resumed.) As we sat around the fireplace, we looked in retrospect over our week's work. The cream of the crop was left to be rushed during the last week. "What a tremendous pledge class we may get," exclaimed Sleepy, one of our more alert actives.

October 8 through October 10

Lunches and dinners and cocktails again.

Completed by smokers from seven to ten.

This was the week when soon we would know how many rushees fell for our "snow."

Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha is very proud of its seven pledges. We feel that they are a fine group and will be a definite asset to our chapter. Listed below are the pledges for the fall semester.

Paul Duncan, Bus. Ad '53, Grand Rapids

Jerry Groat, Pre-Med. '55, Detroit

Donald Kaiser, L.S.&A. '55, Roseville

Gordon Merritt, A.&D., '56, Detroit

Jack Nicholls, L.S.&A., '55, Detroit

Dick Sonntag, Engin. '55, Terrace Park, Ohio

Dave West, Engin. '53, Findlay, Ohio

lem and offer recommendations to the IFC by December 4, 1951. This information would help us solve the issue ourselves. The committee is composed of seven members; three from the Student Legislature and four from campus fraternities. One of the latter will be from a fraternity which has a restrictive clause in its constitution. Let's hope that the committee will be successful in this work and that the proposed solution will be to the satisfaction of all.

Yours in Z.A.X.
Charles Cuson
High Alpha

SIGMA ATHLETICS

For a successful athletic program, the Lambda Chi's have entered a team in every sport. Captained by Andy Hess, the football team has won one and lost three. In the first two games Alpha Epsilon Pi and Phi Kappa Psi have trimmed us by scores of 9-0 and 15-0 respectively. In the last minute of the final league game with Theta Chi the passes of Bob Ballman to Dick Yarmain and Bill Burnie netted us a touchdown and after-point for a 7-6 victory. However an infraction of the rules caused the judges to reverse the decision in favor of Theta Chi. This fatal blow placed us in the fourth place playoffs with Phi Kappa Sigma. Passes from Ballman to Harper and Milliken to Burnie gave us a 12 point edge. A safety was added by Harper in the final minutes of play to net us a 14-0 win. This victory allows the team to enter the second round of play-offs.

Congratulations are in order for Bob Ballman, Pat Heck, Fred Hollis, Blair Milliken, Bill Burnie, Andy Hess, John Hobyak, John Harper, Dick Knopf, Baird Swigert, Dick Yarmain, Al Grybas and Dick Good for their time and effort to make this season a success.

While the gladiators were knocking their heads together, the cindermen took to the track and cross country meet. Captained by Hank Lang, the track team of Al Scaccia, Ed York, Mark McQuiggan, Ron O'Connell and Dave West took off for the cinders. While the entire team made a good showing, Pledge Brother West set them a mark as he took fifth place in the mile.

The cross-country squad was led by Ed York. The members of the team were Hank Lang, Vince McLean, Mark McQuiggan, Al Scaccia, and Paul Trojan. Although the day was cold, all the boys completed the run.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The school year 1950-51 was a good year financially for Sigma Zeta. Some of the items in our budget such as laundry, equipment, and gas, water and electricity exceeded the budgeted amount, but the operation of the kitchen at 61% of the total board bill, managed to show a profit of \$1,723.41. This fine kitchen operation coupled with reductions in other operation costs allowed the house to take cognizance of depreciation to the sum of \$2000.00

The summer session showed an operation profit of \$158.88. At this time the house purchased new living room furniture and drapes, these being made possible by the successful winter operation and the Mothers of this Zeta.

As yet we have no report which gives adequate enough statistics to determine the cost and revenue trends for the 1951-1952 operation. The house is budgeted for 40 members boarding and 38 members living in the house. The actual board count is up to 42 and the room count is as budgeted. The actual expenditures for last year were carefully scrutinized and every effort is being made to economize in this year's operation. We hope, even in the face of continually increasing costs, to operate as successfully as in the past year.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SIGMA

The coming of fall at Michigan has brought with it a number of acquisitions and improvements in the facilities of the chapter house. For years there has been the cry "How come the Michigan Union has been supplying your silverware?" and "I don't see how we ever get any pledges with that 19th century monstrosity we call a living room!" Well, steps were taken during this past summer to alleviate the situation.

Beginning the 1st of July, correspondence was begun with Ron Hayes, Class of 1938, concerning the purchase of some new silverware for the dining room, and by the time that the active chapter returned for Work Week, September 17th, all the necessary arrangements had been made. The order was placed following the immediate approval of the House. The silverware finally arrived at the beginning of the 2nd week of rushing and proved to be valuable asset to our rushing program.

The silverware is the Morning Star pattern of Community Service. In order to discourage the souvenir hunter and keep the entire set intact, the silver is neither stamped nor engraved. The set includes a hundred place-settings.

It has already proved that any sacrifice we had to make for it was certainly worth while; this is evident by the many compliments we have received.

Perhaps an even more impressive improvement in house's facilities has resulted from remodelling project done in the large living room. The room was repainted, wall fixtures removed, the old furniture replaced with new custom-made pieces, new draperies were installed and finally a new foam rubber matting for the carpeting was purchased. The latter two items, the draperies and the matting, were very graciously presented to the house by the Mother's Club. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the valued contributions.

In a house which must withstand the gay spirits of forty odd teeming young men, furniture must be built to last. The Windsor Furniture Company fulfilled our request. And so we now proudly show a living room full of fine custom made furniture to all who return to Lambda Chi.

NEW ACTIVES

Nine pledges became actives of Sigma chapter on May 20, 1951. It is assured that the men at the Lambda Chi house at Michigan will benefit by the association of the new initiates.

Unfortunately, due to illness in the family, Mait Alexander was unable to return to Michigan for the fall semester.

Jim Beatty, a junior in the Literary School, is planning to enter Law School on a combined-curriculum course next fall.

Thomas E. Fricke, "connoisseur de la femme," contemplates a job as a civil engineer after he gains his diploma. Tom is a junior and hails from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

As a freshman in the School of Architecture, Dick Good looks forward to four more years of education. Presently, Dick is trying for position on the Varsity basketball squad.

Henry Lang, distinguished by his New York accent, is a chemistry major and hopes to be a research chemist.



MAC CLEARY OF WASHTENAW

...And Lambda Chi has bent her knee to a little dog named M A C. That's it, the Scotch have succeeded the Swiss as little Mac replaces Major III as the mascot of Sigma Zeta.

A check on the records will show that Mac is the son of champions and as such is entitled to more formal name of MacCleary of Washtenaw. Sired by Seaburn Parader's Chad out of Scotch Taffy, Mac has the great tradition of the Seaburn Kennels to maintain. But being born on July 9th, he is only four months old (it figures) and has yet much to learn.

SCHOLARSHIP

In conformity with national trend of higher education the marks of Sigma Zeta were not improved by the international situation. The younger men were uncertain of the length of their scholastic tenure. The older men were faced with the certainty of immediate induction upon graduation. This damaging variable resulted in a 2.4 average for the house. Contrasted with the 2.47 average of campus fraternities and 2.55 average of the entire student body, a need for improvement is evident.

To effect this improvement the chapter has converted the dining room into a co-operative study area in order to benefit those who can profit most on a co-operative basis and to minimize noise on the second and third floors. The house has been divided into three areas and each has been assigned to a responsible member who acts as a restraining influence. So far there has been no need for these men as the study hours are taking care of themselves.

Two new names have been added on the Scholarship Cup. An appreciative nod goes to both Mark McQuiggan and Dick Gates.

A potential Varsity swimmer, Mark McQuiggan is headed toward four graduate years at Medical School.

Al Scaccia will be a naval architect upon completion of his four years of Engineering School.

Another engineer, Paul Trojan, is a junior from Detroit. Paul is peerless athletically as a track competitor.

Pete Vestevich is also a sports enthusiast, his favorite being baseball. Pete is currently a junior in the School of Business Administration.

Whether by instinct or the example of the brothers, Mac has developed several characteristic traits of the Lambda Chi's early in the game...that of retrieving Mark McQuiggan's slippers every morning. Mac made it known that he has a definite preference for women. With the slightest ruffle of a skirt Mac is seen leading the chase. Of course, he always beats the brothers. He's also been heard uselessly barking in the Chapter Room. But all in all, the entire chapter has become very fond of the little pup since his arrival and is grateful to Brother Inman for his time and effort in finding our new mascot.

SOCIAL SWING

With the coming of fall, snow is the expected thing. And so Brother Garner has announced his pinning to Mary Jane Brand. The chapter has gladly sent Mary Jane a rosey congratulations. The highlight of this week's social activity centered around the Homecoming game with Minnesota. After the Wolverines' zanny victory over the Northmen, the brothers brought their dates back to the house for dinner and merry making. The gay mixture of flannels and tweeds, parents and alums, cider and songs made for a tremendous, though confused, time. After the donuts and dinner, many of the brothers went to the I-M building and danced to the tunes of Elliot Lawrence, while others dispersed to other areas of entertainment.

If you see the spotted dominos bouncing from time to time, its not the older men preparing for a career in the service. On Nov. 17 the Pledge Brothers have invited the chapter to attend the Carnival Party which will feature Cuppie dolls, stale cigars and all the games of chance and amusement that make for a "step back sonny" time. Meanwhile the pledges continue to practice.

Coming up: one tra-gay Pledge Formal on December 1. The location is, as yet, uncertain. However, there's a rumor that either a veteran's club or a country club has it. Johnny Harberd has been retained for the rhythm and fancy steps.

A vote of thanks is in order for the man with the feet, Brother Barrett. For it is due to the efforts of this budding Paris that the Hellenes of Collegiate Sorosis and Alpha Gamma Delta will enjoy the sparkling wit and wandering eye of Lambda Chi at forthcoming exchange dinners.

ALUMNI NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Homecoming Weekend brought back to the house quite a few Alumni who enjoyed Michigan's fine victory over Minnesota. Among the returning alumni were Everett Vallin, Francis Nutto, Charles Kay, Robert Patton, Charles Giffin, George Zograph, M. Piggot, Lester Meeks, Robert Cornell, Jerry Millar, Mike Belmonte, Frank Pipp, Ted Law, Dick Collinge, W. G. Lush, and others who missed signing the register at the open house following the game.

There were many more alumni and brothers who we wished could have been here, but with the world situation as it is and other things preventing their return, we know it was impossible for them to come. Especially mindful of the ones who are now in the service, many of whom are last June's graduates. From Geneva, New York, George "Cherp" Cherpelis writes us that the Samson Air Force Base is finally getting used to his presence. "Cherp" doesn't especially care for the life there, but says that he'll make it alright. Still stationed at Samson is Bob Johnstone who has finished his basic training there. Wm. "Bill" Van DeGraaf also was stationed at Samson, but is now located with the Air Force in Virginia. All three fellows are June 50 graduates.

Ray Patryn '51 has visited us many times this fall. He is with the U.S. Air Force at Indianapolis, Indiana.

A recent letter from Tod Collins E 51 tells us

of his new job with the Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle, Washington. He tells us he is very busy and working hard, but expects to be home around Christmas time. Hope to see you around then, Tod. His address is: Apt. 103, 616 E. Thomas St., Seattle 2, Washington.

Rus Gish writes us that he is now located in Chicago. Says that he is very sorry not to be able to return to a game this fall. He is with the Chicago Housing Authority. Any friends who may wish to write him may send their letters to: 189 Lester Rd., Park Forest, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Gary Hicks Ed 51 has a job with Chrysler Corp. He works in the Personnel Office of the Jet Division. Gary has visited us quite a few times this fall. He is residing with E. I. Smith in Detroit.

Roger Vandewater BA 51 is at home in Grand Rapids. Roger is presently in a training program with Standard Oil of Indiana. He is working in the sales division. Roger visited us this weekend and we hope he visits us again soon.

Also around Homecoming weekend was Chick Giffen, 51. Chick is now attending the University of Indiana, taking graduate work in sociology.

Weddings seem to have spotlighted the summer for many of the brothers. On August 18, 1951 Don Kingdon and Joyce Smith were married at St. Thomas Church here in Ann Arbor.

The wedding was followed by a reception at the Washtenaw Country Club with many of the brothers attending. Having received his commission in the United States Navy the day before his marriage, Don and his wife are now located at the Bayone Naval Supply School. Good luck to both of you!

Brother Warren Reager, also '51, married Miss Beverly Bradford last June. The wedding was held in the Presbyterian Church in Hastings, Michigan. Warren and Beverly are now living in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Jean Ballantine and Mr. Gordon Ironsides were married August the 4th in Bay City. Jean is a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital, School of Nursing here in Ann Arbor. They are now residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan where Gordie is the Executive Secretary of Kalamazoo Builders Association.

Other recent marriages include that of Bill Duerr and Pat Hall, who was an Alpha Phi here at the University. Bill is with the Ford Motor Company.

From New Jersey we hear that Dick Collinge was married to Miss Mary Grace Aldrich in July. Congratulations to both of you.

The editor would be very happy to receive any news which you may have about yourself or any of the other brothers in order that contact may be kept between yourselves. Please send it to the Sigman Editor. Thank you.

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rushing dance. This was firmly denied by Bob who hinted that Brothers Pipp and McKay were probably up to it. Naturally, this is all off the record. As too are the festivities which followed in Detroit at Smitty's apartment. But for the record the chapter wishes to thank all the alums who came back and express the hope that you'll be back....SOON.

If anyone happens to know the address or any information concerning the following men, we would appreciate it if you would contact us concerning their whereabouts.

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| John Adams | Kent Bowsher '33 | Robert Ernst '21E | Richard Knowe '39E |
| Darrel Alton '17 | Russell Bowerman '30 | Boniface C. Fell T.K.N. | Thayer Lauer |
| Mark W. Alger T.K.N. | Hubert Bronson | Howard Fettes '32 | Lt. Don Lyon '33A |
| C. Hubert Baker '28 | Edmund Brown '18 | Prof. Wm. Ferguson | Gordon Olson |
| Charles Bernard | Ernest Brownbridge '25 | John B. Flynn | Alfred Reichenbach '35 |
| Rodger Blake '39 | Charles Bush '42 | Hjalmer Hansen '24 | Wm. Reynolds |
| Jaques Blumer T.K.N. | Clair Carpenter '33 | Thomas Hunt '36 | Christopher Story, Jr. |
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