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SIGMA INITIATES TWO HONORARIES

On February 13th of this year, Sigma had the pleasure of initiating two fine men—Alfred B. Ueker and Dr. Donald F. Drummond—as honorary members of Lambda Chi Alpha. We can be very thankful to our present High Pi, Steve Speronis, for bringing these men to 1601 Washtenaw and arousing their interests in Lambda Chi.

Dr. Drummond is a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He attended Western Michigan College, receiving his A.B. in History in 1938. In 1939 he achieved his master's degree at the University of Michigan, plus the key of Phi Beta Kappa. Often he enjoys relating how, during the last war, he met and served under his wife to be, Betty, who was his superior officer. After the war, he returned to Michigan to earn his Ph.D. At present, he is a History professor and a counselor in History Teaching. Dr. and Mrs. Drummond have helped Steve and Connie Speronis chaperon many parties for us in the past two years.

Mr. Ueker is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1933 he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a member of the Eta Kappa Nu honorary fraternity. Then he studied Law at Marquette University, receiving his L.L.B. in 1936. At present he is the head of the Personnel Office here at the University. Mr. Ueker and his wife, Alice, also have chaperoned several parties for us this year. The Uekers reside near South Lyon, where Mr. Ueker spends his weekends as a "gentleman farmer."



Don Drummond & Al Ueker

1954 ZETA



FRONT ROW, L to R—Ralph Richter, Les Knowlton, Dick Good, Jim Dutcher, Neil Cords, Hal Cruger. BACK ROW, L to R—Gordie Merritt, George Fomin, Jim Pickard, Don Good, Willy Larson, Dick Gates, Lloyd Anderson, Paul Bachman.

1954 CHAPTER OFFICERS CHOSEN

In February of this year, Richard Good officially received the presidential gavel from the past High Alpha, Dick Sonntag; thereby heralding the tenure of the new Zeta. Brother Good was chosen for the post by the active members because of the ambition, cooperation, capability, and leadership which are inherent in his personality. The brothers are very confident that R.T. will command respect in and out of the chapter house as the present High Alpha.

Assisting Brother Good as Vice President and scholarship chairman is Jim Dutcher, a varsity basketball man and physical education major from Alpena. Performing the secretarial duties is Les Knowlton, a musically talented junior from Flint. Les has chosen economics as his field of study. Neil Cords, from Detroit, is the High Tau. Neil's business administration experience and his keen mind for figures should result in financial efficiency for Sigma this year.

A vote of thanks for excellent work done goes to Hal Cruger, the new Rushing Chairman. Hal, a student in business administration, was a foremost contributing factor to the large quantity and good quality of the Spring pledge class.

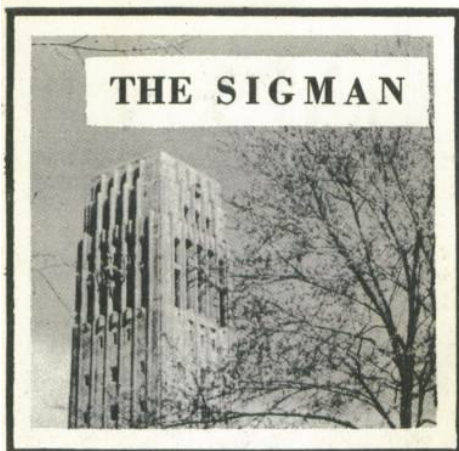
Initiations in 1954 will be administered

by Bill Larson, the newly-elected High Phi. Ralph Richter, as Social Chairman will plan and direct procedure of parties, formals, exchange dinners, charitable affairs, and a host of other social programs.

The appointed officers for the Spring semester as chosen by the High Alpha with concurrence of the chapter are: Pledge Trainer, Dick Gates; House Manager, George Fomin; Stewart, Bob Thorne; Athletic Manager, Don Good; Alumni Director, Lloyd Anderson; Song Director, Dick Sonntag; Historian Librarian, Jim Pickard; Dog Trainer, Jerry Gase; Chapter Editor and Correspondents, Paul Bachmann and Gordie Merritt.

NEW INITIATES

Nine were initiated into the chapter last February 13, totaling the membership at seven hundred and two. The new initiates are: David N. Hurst, '55 LSA, Napoleon, Ohio; Robert J. MacMichael, '57 LSA, Detroit; William B. Guy, '57 LSA, Dearborn; Donald B. Head, '55 ENG., Detroit; Alan D. Simmons, '57 ENG., Toledo, Ohio. Eugene Terril, '57 A & D, Flint; Calvin E. Strom, '57 ENG., Detroit; Alfred B. Ueker, Donald F. Drummond.



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Don Good, Cal Strom, Major.

On February 13, 1954, Sigma accepted into the brotherhood its seven hundredth member. The man chosen for the honor was Calvin Strom from Detroit. Cal is a freshman studying to become a mechanical engineer. If his first semester's grade average (2.9) was indicative of outstanding ability, then Calvin should achieve much success in his field. Cal, a man with much potential, promises to be a future leader in the chapter as well as a successful personality on the entire campus.

HIGH ALPHA'S LETTER

Since the installation of the new officers this is my first chance to greet you as the new High Alpha. With the good groundwork laid by Dick Sonntag and the retiring Zeta I believe Lambda Chi will continue to improve and strengthen its position as one of the top houses on campus. I am especially happy about the quality of the other new officers who were elected and appointed.

The house is presently in excellent shape. Along with the remodeled kitchen and 56 new chairs obtained last fall, three study rooms were redone between semesters with new rugs installed. Improvements considered for the future are a new deep freezer, new dining room tables and the conversion of the downstairs room into an officer's suite.

Our chapter started off the semester on the right foot with the pledging of twenty very good men. This was the largest pledge class of any of the forty social fraternities and constitutes 8% of all the men who pledged. Congratulations are in order for the Rushing Chairman, Hal Cruger, and the active chapter who did a great job.

Finances are in good shape and our scholarship standing just took a big jump upward. We are still in the top six in athletics and a full social calendar is planned for this Spring.

Probably the only department in which the chapter could be greatly improved is in alumni relations. Unfortunately, in the past, we have not maintained enough contact with our alumni after they left Ann Arbor. I hope that with Founder's Day, Pledge Formal, I.F.C. Ball, and other social events coming up in the Spring time, we will see you back at 1601 participating in these festivities.

Yours in Z.A.X.,
Dick Good
High Alpha

SCHOLARSHIP

The men of Sigma studied hard last semester and raised the scholastic position on campus nine places from their previous status. Actives smashed through with a 2.58 average (97 hours of "A"), and pledges compiled a 2.13 aggregate score. The brothers who achieved a 3.0 or over were Dick Gates (tops with 3.75), Mark McQuiggan, Les Knowlton, Gen Kochkodan, Norm Burke, Dick Sonntag, Jim Dutcher, Hank Lang, Don Good, and Andy Hess.

The High Beta is planning an improved scholastic program which will lend study aid to the brothers that are on the scholastic borderline. Moreover, scholarship is emphasized to the new pledges, according to Mike MacMichael, Pledge Scholarship Chairman. Although the aggregate average of the class for the past semester was 2.8, there is yet room for improvement. Scholarship is never overstressed at Sigma.

SIGMA OTRUSHES GREEK RIVALS

By Hal Cruger

Sigma Zeta's Spring rushing program was a success! The chapter pledged twenty men—more than any other fraternity on campus. A Saturday afternoon stag party for the rushees keynoted this rushing success. Movies of the Detroit Lions' 1953 season were the highlight of the informal gathering.

Pledge cards were released on the second Wednesday of the rush period. Sixteen of the nineteen rushees present at the house signed cards that night, with two more signing on Friday. Rounding out the total were two men who had pledged unofficially in open rushing the previous semester. Our average was eighteen acceptances out of twenty-two bids (81.8%).

Quality as well as quantity is the mark of the Spring 1954 pledge class. The great potential in each man is indicative of Sigma's top position on campus. The following men were pledged: Donald Albright, 57E—Monroe; William Billmeier, 57E—Saginaw; Ralph Cadger, 57SE—Royal Oak; William Dixon, 57LSA—Flushing; Gus Gianakaris, 56E—West Palm Beach, Florida; Victor Gibbons, 56ED—Grayling; William Graham, 57LSA—River Rouge; George Grove, 57E—Detroit; David Grupe, 57E—New Hartford, New York; Alexander Haynes, 57E—Port Huron; James Lawrence, 57E—Saginaw; John McCrae, 56E—Detroit; John Nichols, 55LSA—Flint; Roy Pero, 57LSA—Detroit; Donald Rupprecht, 57E—Dearborn; Fred Sheffler, 57LSA—Rocky River, Ohio; Fred Walker, 57LSA—Rocky River, Ohio; Richard Ward, 57LSA—Rocky River, Ohio; Albert Williams, 57LSA—Ferndale; Robert Yanko, 57LSA—Poland, Ohio.

A biographical sketch of each man will be included in the next issue.

We would like to thank all of you alums for sending us your rushing recommendations. With your future help, Sigma will continue to establish the necessary contacts with incoming freshmen.

OUR NEW COOK

There's a new face around the kitchen here at 1601 Washtenaw. It's Mrs. Alett Kennedy, our new cook. She's originally from Mexia, Texas, and is now living at 726 Moore Street in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Kennedy attended Prairie View State College, deep in the heart of Texas for two years, and then spent two years at the New York Institute of Dietetics, where she learned to turn out that wonderful food we have been having lately.

Our new cook is kept busy at home too. She has five children (ages 3-12) who are all fond of music.

If the food here at the Lambda Chi house continues to be as good as it has been these past few weeks, there will be forty smiling faces in the dining room at every meal. (No fooling, she's terrific!)



ROARING TWENTIES PARTY

SIGMA SOCIAL SWING

By Ray Stokes

Sigma's social activities for the spring semester got off to a roaring start with our annual J-Hop Weekend festivities, which were held on February 5th and 6th, just prior to the beginning of classes. The brothers and their dates were treated to a formal dinner and pre-party before leaving for the dance, which featured the music of Ray Anthony and Buddy Morrow. Afterward, the couples returned to the house for breakfast. On Saturday night the fellows climaxed the weekend celebration with a party in the house.

After a two-week pause for rushing, the Lambda Chis honored their new pledges with a combo dance.

With appropriate decorations to lend atmosphere to a "Roaring Twenties" Party, Sigma's first costume dance of the semester was held on March 13.

Next on our social calendar is a combo dance planned for March 26.

The University's biennial carnival, Michigras, is to be held on the 23rd and 24th of April. Since this year's carnival theme is "Life is a Book," Sigma is planning a float depicting "Kon-Tiki." The Lambda Chi entry in the booth division is a basketball-throw entitled "It's in the Book."

The Pledge Formal is scheduled to be held at the Washtenaw Country Club on April 30. The dance will be preceded by a formal dinner here in the house. Don Kenny and his Orchestra will provide music for the occasion.

On the following weekend another formal event, the Interfraternity Council Ball, will be presented at the Intramural Building. The featured big-name band will be announced at a later date. The Lambda Chis are tentatively planning a dinner and pre-party in the house.

Mother's Day, on May 9, will provide the brothers an opportunity to treat their

mothers to dinner and entertainment. Included in the entertainment will be singing by the active chapter.

As yet, no date has been scheduled for the pledge party, which traditionally is a costume dance planned and staged by the pledge class for the actives.

The active chapter wants to remind its alumni that they are welcome to attend any and all of Sigma's social functions, since these events are planned for your enjoyment, as well as ours.

ACTIVE TRANSFERS

George Nasse arrived in Ann Arbor last September, a graduate from Theta Theta at Clark University, where he excelled as an honor student in geography. Brother Nasse, an ex-marine has been the bulwark of the chapter's handball and paddleball teams. George will continue his geography work next year with a Ph.D. as the objective.

After receiving his bachelor's and Master's degrees at MIT, Paul Lobo transferred to Michigan for further study in the Fall of 1951. Paul, who hails from Westfield, N.J., has strengthened our chapter with his athletic prowess—football basketball, and baseball, active participation in Homecoming and I.F.C. sing, and his generally cheerful and cooperative fraternal spirit. After attaining a Ph.D. this June, Paul will plunge into research and development work in his field, chemical engineering.

Richard Brown, from San Diego, is a doctoral candidate in biology. He has demonstrated his athletic skill as a participant in Intra-Mural sports, placing second in the cross country race, in a field of seventy. He has also participated in volleyball, and paddleball.

SIGMA SLIPS TO SIXTH

By Don Good

Owing mainly to a poor "A" basketball season, Sigma slipped from second to sixth place in the fraternity standings. The hoopsters lost two out of three scheduled games and ended up in the third place playoffs. "A" basketball marked the first sport in which the brothers failed to get into the first place playoffs.

The cagers started out by winning their opener 40-18 against Theta Delta Chi. Jim Pickard led the scoring with ten points. The hoopsters then lost a close game to Chi Phi 22-20 in overtime. In the final game of the schedule, a fine Sigma Chi team beat the Sigma team 44-22.

In the playoffs the brothers lost their second game of the season by one point, being nipped by Tau Delta Phi 22-21. Dick Good took the scoring honors with five field goals. Participating on the "A" squad this year were Dick Good, Don Good, Dick Sonntag, Paul Lobo, Jim Pickard, Dick Knopf, and Bill Larson.

In contrast to the "A" team the Sigma "B" team played a fine brand of basketball and went to the quarter finals of the second place playoffs. The "B" team started off the season by winning their opener 27-21 against Delta Chi. In their second tilt the "B" hoopsters walked over Theta Delta Chi 28-17 with Dick Morgan and Dick Blogett tied for scoring honors at 8 points apiece. In the final game of the regular schedule the Sigma cagers lost a heart breaker to S.A.M. 28-24. In the playoffs the "B" team won their first contest by edging Phi Kappa Psi 25-23 in the last minute of play. The "B" hoopsters ended their season by being beaten by S.A.E. 44-36. Playing on the "B" team this year were Dick Blodgett, Dick Morgan, Dick "Petoskey Twist" Smith, Paul Gruner, Eddie Ellison, Dale Jensen, Mike MacMichael, and pledge John Nichols.

The paddleball team also had a very fine season by going to the quarter finals before being beaten by a fine Sigma Phi Epsilon team. The paddleballers beat Delta Tau Delta and Chi Psi in the first two rounds. Playing on the team this year were captain Jim Pickard, Dick Knopf, George Nasse, and Dick Brown.

The bowling team, consisting of Hal Crugar, captain Jim Pickard, Norm Burke, Les Knowlton, and Don Scotilla also reached the quarter finals in their tournament and added up valuable points for the house.

Hats off also to the relay and table tennis teams. Although both teams were knocked out in the first round of their tournaments, the brothers practiced hard and made a good showing.

Although Sigma has slipped in the standings in the last month, our power in spring sports should pull us right back up near the top.

MAJOR BARKS

"Now that I've been shaped up by the older men of the house, I will pause for a moment to reflect upon my sophomore year as a Lambda Chi: First, I have attained the respect of the brothers in my efficient execution of the duties of night House Manager. (They're grooming me for a higher office for next year.) I made my big splash on campus at the football games, drinking fountains, Bus. Law Lectures, Chicago House, exchange dinners, and 1309 other things—in spite of that scheming, second-class relative of mine from down the street, Athletically, I have awards for swimming (dog paddle), heavyweight wrestling, houndball, and jai alai. I finally made my grades and was initiated this spring after being a holdover pledge for three semesters. Furthermore, I received an Academy Award from the Warner Bros. in St. Bernardino for my production; "For Dogs Only", an expose on the evils of spoiled horsemeat in fraternity kitchens.

Enough of this puppycock! It's time to get doggone serious—and I mean about our alumni. You know we are interested to find out how you've adapted yourselves to the outside world. (Of course, I'm predestined to a dog's life when I get out of school.)

Many thanks for the letter from Brother Jim Wanland, '48 and his reflections on the clean up campaign of Fall 1946. I sure wish some of you other grads would bone up and send me a tale of some memorable experiences in the past years at Sigma. (Whew), I'm dog tired. I think I'll gobble up a bushel of Ken-L-Bone and go to bed."

—MAJOR IV

A GLANCE TO THE PAST

by Lloyd Anderson
Alumni Director

When the Sigman comes out the Alumni Relations Director is requested to write an article on news received throughout the past few months from the alums. Since this issue will be published in the proximity of "Founder's Day," I thought it would be both fitting and interesting if this column were devoted to those first men of our Zeta. Therefore I asked Franz "Duke" Zimmerli, (who lives in Ann Arbor), if he would pay us a visit and scan the old record book pointing out as much as he could recall about the founders and originators of the Fraternity.

It was forty-one years ago in 1913 when the charter members held their first meetings as Lambda Chis. This was the eighth chapter of the young national organization. A couple of years later when additional manpower was needed the charter members from Thayer Street went over to 522 Monroe and persuaded the men of Mu Psi, a local fraternity, to becoming a part of Lambda Chi Alpha. This was a tremendous boost to the fraternity which was to activate its seven hundredth member in 1954.

The man who received the Zeta number of Sigma One was Perry Jay Lockwood '14. At the present time "DOC" Lockwood is living in Florida, retired from a successful career in dentistry. Previous to his retirement "Doc", (whose practice was in Canada) was an avid duck hunter. In "Duke's" words "he was a sportsman in many ways." At Ann Arbor, we remember well the frequent visits of Brother Lockwood at the house.

Frank McCarthy, Sigma 2, also was a Dentist in Detroit until his death a short while ago.

Lloyd Ross Bell '16 graduated from law school and became principal of a high school in Iowa where he remained until his death.

Three men have settled in industrial

careers in Detroit: John Philip Thomas '14, an accountant for a steel concern; Frederick Stevenson working for an alloy company; and Gilbert Bradley Wells, '15, who is in charge of Chrysler Motors' salvage department.

Horace Marvin Covey '14 became an aviator in World War I. Later, as an instructor flying in Texas for the Air Force, he was killed when his plane crashed.

Lee Daniel Craig '17 is presently operating an automobile agency in northern Wisconsin.

Kenneth Lee Porter became a flying ace in World War I, second only to Captain Eddie Richenbacher. It was from Porter that the house obtained the wooden propeller which has stood in the card room for quite some time.

Walters John Dixon '18 is a hotel owner in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Clarence Butler '20 started pumping gas at a station and ended up as president of the Aurora Gas Company in Detroit.

Mark S. Ferrell '16 lives in Detroit. He practiced law for a number of years, but is presently working for the government in the pension and unemployment departments.

Brother Zimmerli recalled many more interesting experiences of the early years of Sigma Zeta; from the struggles in getting Darrel Alton up for his eight o'clocks to the many trips to Joe's or the Orient. Many other names were mentioned: Empey, Bottum, Blood, Watters, Maxwell, Lush and many more. It was certainly an enjoyable visit with "Duke". We sincerely hope to chat with him again about the days when Lambda Chi began to grow at Michigan.

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