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SIGMA TO UP HOUSING CAPACITY HOUSE HOLDING CORP. LAYS GROUNDWORK

At two important Alumni gatherings this semester, the Chapter Housing Situation was discussed at great length. The two meetings were the Householding Corporation Meeting on November 22nd, and the Ann Arbor Alumni Dinner on December 12th. The three possible solutions mulled over were (1) building an addition onto the house, (2) buying an annex or (3) leasing an annex. The last alternative was picked as the best choice.

The cause for concern is due to the recent increase in the University enrollment and a corresponding rise in the active membership of the Chapter. The number of men rushing this fall reached 1,000 and indications are that the number will remain large in the future. The last two pledge classes have totaled 42 men and with a new pledge training program installed the percentage of men being initiated has been high. The present active membership totals 53 and the Alumni expressed a desire that is not go much higher than 55 - 60.

The main reason that the addition to the house was not feasible at this time was that fact that there is still approximately \$15,000 out of the original \$125,000 outstanding in mortgages and Alumni Bonds that have to be retired first. At the present rate of retirement, we should have a contract burning party in about five years. A new addition would also have entailed a very large initial investment that would have been most difficult to raise in the near future and our housing needs are with us right now. For the same reason it was decided it would be better to rent or lease an annex rather than to purchase one.

Three committees were set up at the December 12th meeting to handle the current problems. The first was a committee to secure an annex, headed by Sank Hare and including Pat Cusick and Carl Strieff. The second one was a committee to list all major house improvements needed at the present time. Al Ueker was chosen head and the group includes Bill Duerr, Dick Good, and Dick Knopf. The third group was set up to improve the method of Alumni Dues collection and had Ross MacNaughton as leader and has Gary Hicks and Gordie Merritt as the other members. All three committees meet on January 30, so reports can be ready by Founder's Day in March. We would also like to mention that Founder's Day this year will be Ross MacNaughton Day in honor of his long service to Sigma Zeta. Ross has just stepped down as President of the House-Holding Corporation.

Dick Good



Once again this year as in past years, Sigma held an alumni dinner for area alumni. Many familiar faces returned and old friendships renewed. Talking over old times are: (clockwise) Sank Hare, Gary Hicks, Stu Kissinger, Charlie Kay, Karl Strieff, Ray Scott and Dick Good present chapter president.

ALUMNI NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

A few weeks ago the House Holding Corporation met here at the chapter house. It was a meeting of considerable importance since plans were started in the direction of a future addition to our housing facilities. But perhaps, we feel, even over-shadowing this is the fact that Ross MacNaughton resigned as president of the House Holding Corporation. As long as we can remember Ross has been president of the Corporation, and even longer than that has been active in house affairs. This does not mean, however, that Ross is dropping out of the alumni picture. He says that he will remain as an active member of the House Holding Corporation in an advisory capacity. It would be impossible to thank Ross for all that he has done. Even with this change in officers, we know that Ross will always be willing and ready to offer a hand whenever he is able.

Taking over Ross' old position is another very capable man in Raymond T. Scott. Ray has always been interested in Lambda Chi and we feel that if anyone can fill brother MacNaughton's old place, Ray can. Brother Scott is from Dearborn, Michigan and is employed by Ford Motor Co. as Production-Control Manager of their Tractor Plant.

Taking over as Vice-President of the Corporation is Weldon "Sank" Hare. In recent years, brother Hare has been a

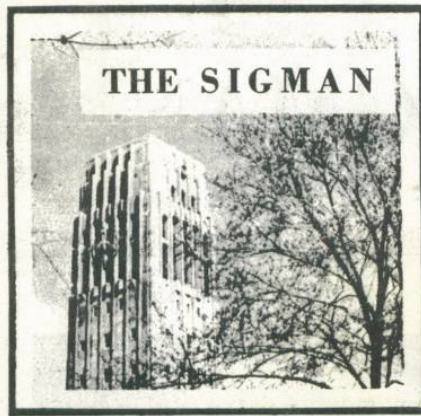
familiar sight at Alumni functions. This reflects the interest "Sank" has in Lambda Chi. We here at the active chapter are certain he will do an excellent job in his new position. "Sank" is an Ann Arbor man and works for the King-Seeley Corporation as Staff Coordinator. He has two sons, Bill, a junior at Northwestern University, and Jeff, a senior at Ann Arbor High School.

William "Pat" Cusick is the new man to hold the money bag. Pat is also living in Ann Arbor now and is manager of The Quarry Inc. Pat's interests go beyond the Fraternity and his regular job. Somehow he finds time to be Vice-President of the Ann Arbor Junior Chamber of Commerce. Pat has always done a good job in everything he has tried. Therefore, we are glad to see him in the important post as Treasurer.

As the Secretary, we have one of the very active of the active Alumni in E. I. Smith. E. I. has always been a real pusher in Alumni Affairs and with his interest in
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ATTENTION

For the second straight year, the Sigman has won an award from the National. Last year we finished first in the offset type class of chapter publications. This year we finished second behind the University of Cincinnati's paper. We hope to regain the trophy in 1955.



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ALUMNI NEWS

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Sigma Zeta, he will make a good Secretary for the Corporation.

Sigma Zeta will lose a very good alum when Franz "Duke" Zimmerli moves to New York State. On January 1, 1955, "Duke" assumes a new position as Director of Engineering and Research for the Associated Spring Corp. As a result of this promotion, brother Zimmerli will have to move to new headquarters to be set up in Western New York.

Bits of Alumni information have reached me by one means or another which may be of interest to some of you.

Charles Kay is now with the Ford Motor Company in the Steel Division as a Procedures Analyst.

Gary Hicks still isn't married and as personell director of the Penberthy Injector Co..

Richard Yarmain is in the Air Force now and is stationed at Gunther AFB., Montgomery, Ala.

Ensign Bill Markstrom, who has been in the Far East with the Navy, is planning on being back for this year's J-hop.

Second Lt. Andy Hess of the USMC will be home from Quantico for Christmas.

Gene Kochkodan recently finished his basic training and currently visited the club house before going on to further training in Army personnell work.

HIGH ALPHA'S LETTER

This will be my last opportunity to speak to you as High Alpha. Usually that is a chance to wax sentimental over the preceding year. I will only make one statement regarding the past and then speak of the future. The one thing I would like to say is that being president of this chapter has been undoubtedly the greatest experience and honor I have ever had. If the next High Alpha gets the same kind of cooperation from his fellow officers and the active chapter as I have, then 1955 will be another year of continued advancement for Sigma Zeta.

We will certainly not be able to rest on our laurels for the coming year however. We are embarking upon a program involving expansion of our housing facilities that will necessitate the utmost cooperation between all the brothers, active and alumni. You will read more about that in another part of this issue. Suffice to say that this program will be a milestone in our chapter's history.

In closing, I would like to say I have been most happy to meet many of you personally in the last year and only wish I could have met more. At any time, we would welcome suggestions from you on and matters involving the chapter operations and especially on improving alumni contact. Only through a strong bond between all the brothers can Lambda Chi Alpha at Michigan remain at the top.

Yours in Z.A.X.
Richard Good
High Alpha



SIGMA'S ZETA 1954

- Front Center: Major IV.
- Front Row: Bob Clark, Tom Gøugeon, John Erlager, Dan Maybee, Stan Head, John Walper, George Vollis, Fred Schreiber, Fran LeMire, Dick Heusel.
- Second Row: Bart Snyder, Joe Betts, Kerry Johnson, Jim Hart, Tom Burd, Frank Brabaw, Bob Luft, Ed Woods, George Friess, Bob Hovie, Tom VandenBosh.
- Third Row: Gordon Merritt, Don Scotilla, Pat Cleary, Jack Nicholls, Ralph Richter, Les Knowlton, Dick Good, Jim Dutcher, Neil Cords, Bill Larson, Hal Cruger, Jim Pickard, Lloyd Anderson, Hank Lang, Wendel Chadwick.
- Fourth Row: Don Rupprect, Bob Thorne, Bill Beillmeier, Roy Pero, Dick Ward, Fred Sheffler, Dick Smith, Al Haynes, Gus Gianakaris, Chuck Forrest, Al Williams, Jack Nichols.
- Fifth Row: Dick Morgan, Wes Wheeler, Dave Hurst, Jim Lawrence, Dick Blodgett, John McCrae, Ian McLeod, Ray Stokes, Vic Gibbons, Ralph Cadger, Dave Grupe.
- Back Row: George Nasse, Don Reisig, Gene Terrill, Fred Walker, Dick Sonntag, Mike MacMichael, Bob Yanko, George Fomin, Don Good, George Grove, Al Simmons, Dale Jensen, Jerry Gaze, Gervv Stein, Don Head, Bill Guv.

SOCIAL NOTES

Two major events highlighted the social schedule of the fall pledge class as well as that of the whole active chapter. First a pledge open house was held on Sunday, November 14, followed by the annual pledge formal, Saturday, December 4. Invited to the open house honoring the pledge class were the pledge classes of four top sororities on campus, namely Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Delta Gamma. Dance music for the open house was furnished by a house combo featuring brothers Les Knowlton and Dick Sonntag. Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon and success of the event has made it a must on future social calendars.

The biggest social event of the year, however, was the 1954 Fall Pledge Formal. Social chairman Ralph Richter stated that seventy couples attended the dance honoring the fall semester's pledge class which was held this fall in the Christmas decorated American Legion Hall in Ann Arbor.

Preceding the dance, choice prime rib dinners were served in the Ballroom of the Michigan Union to those attending. At the dinner banquet the girls found their favors, twenty-four inch long, gaily-covered, cloth clown dolls, awaiting them.

Music at the dance was offered from 9 till 12 by the nine-membered "Brown Band" from Detroit which featured tempos from waltzes to tangos. Chaperoning were our Hi Pi and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Al Ueker, and our Faculty-Scholarship Advisor and his spouse, Mr. and Mrs. Don Drummond.

MISSING SIGMEN

The Brothers listed below are currently on our "missing or incorrect address list." We are at present trying to locate them and bring our files and mailing list up to date. So if you know anything about these brothers or know their address please drop us a card. Also if you should move please drop us a card telling us your new address.

Maitland Alexander, Nicholas A. Assismos, C. Hubert Baker, Wallis F. Baubie, Seymour V. Bolton, Charles A. Brown, Edmund M. Brown, B. J. Carpenter, Kenneth M. Cogar, John N. Crombie, Howard R. Dean, Thomas S. Dimmisk, Oliver R. Eames, Dr. Henry Fields, Richard M. Fulleton, Raymond A. Gaul, Robert K. Garner, Harold W. Graham, Richard Hart, Erwin C. Heiniger, Gordon A. Ironside Jr., Grant L. Jacks Jr., Bradford A. Keith, Ralph B. Kelly, Clarence J. Kinkead, James R. Leece, William F. Luce, Harry Lustgarten Jr., Charles O. Marshall, Robert E. McNillin, John G. Morrow, Charles W. Newman, John Padgen Jr., Frank J. Pipp Jr., Stuart W. Reed, William H. Renison Jr., Arthur W. Renner, Robert D. Richmond, Josiah Ross, Charles Rymes, Thomas Sage, Charles H. Seilheimer, John C. Sibley, George D. Sellards, Vern R. Shrader, Hames F. Smigle, Paul J. Steer, Harold S. Tiffany, Charles L. Tomlinson, Eldon L. Ward, A. F. Wendler, David E. West, Howard E. Whisler, David A. Wilcox, J. Holbert Woods, Gilbert Waythol, Robert P. Young, Roger Zatkoff.



A very enjoyable evening was had by all at this Falls Pledge Formal. Enjoying the delicious dinner which preceded the dance are: (clockwise from rear) Trudy Reams, Dave Hurst, Jackie Boggan, Gus Gianakaris, Janeen Lewis, and Dave Grupe.

SIGMA CLIMBS TO SECOND IN I.M. SPORTS*

At this printing of the Sigman, the Michigan Lambda Chi's have boosted themselves into second place in the intramural standings. Passed by Sigma in her climb were Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Chi Psi, all strong contenders for the all-year championship.

In volleyball, Sigma has reached the semi-finals and the chance to beat Pi Lambda Phi to gain the finals. With the excellent "spiking" of brothers Dick Good and Jim Dutcher and great team play of Don Good, Bill Larson, and Dick Sonntag, Sigma blasted Phi Gamma Delta 6 to 0 and followed with victories over Trigon, Theta Chi, and Theta Delta Chi, losing only 1 game out of 22.

Two new additions, Bill Graham and pledge Fran Le Mire, have added new life to the handball team of George Nasse and Jim Pickard, and Sigma has advanced to the semi-finals against the Sig Eps., grinding under the S.A.E.'s, Phi Sigma Delta, and Pi Lambda Phi.

The swimming team veterans, Mark McQuiggan, Neil Cords, and Bill Graham, were helped considerably by the addition of pledges, Stan Head, John Walper, and Dan Maybee. Also with the Sigma tank men in their march to the quarterfinals were Pat Cleary, Hal Cruger, and Ralph Cadger. Beaten by Sigma were the S.A.E.'s and A.E.'s.

In wrestling, Sigma was beset by injuries and only pledge Dan Maybee and Ralph Cadger, a former freshman team matman remain in contention in their respective weight classes. However, they won their first matches fairly easily and at present are in the quarterfinals of the tournament, with a good chance of winning their divisions.

All in all the participation in intramural sports has been good and especially to be noted as factor in Sigma's rise is the excellent attendance as spectators on the part of the active chapter. A little more gas and we could catch those Sammies.

ACTIVE ACTIVES

This semester has seen the Lambda Chis move into many important posts on campus. Don Head, a senior in Engine school, was appointed to lead the important committee in charge of the I.F.C. President's Conference. Brothers Mike MacMichael and Al Williams are also doing important jobs for the I.F.C.

The 1954 Michigan Glee Club is likewise studded with Lambda Chis. Fred Walker, Dave Grupe, and our newest initiate, John McCrae are doing some fine singing. Gus Gianakaris, Lambda Chi's congenial Big Man on Campus, not only sings in the glee club, but sings in Michigan's select singing group, the Novelaires. Gus is also president of the Triangles, an Engineering Honorary Society, chief of the Michigan Union Social Committee, and Chairman of Gulantics. Wendell Chadwick and Dick Heusel, two of our new pledges also sing in the glee Club.

This year has seen more Lambda Chis out for varsity athletics. Ralph Richter has distinguished himself on the track team, Jim Lawrence looks like one of the stalwarts for next years baseball team, and Dale Jensen has battled his way to a multitude of successes on the tennis courts. Mike MacMichaels has established himself as a consistent par breaker on the links squad. Some of our pledges have likewise made names for themselves; Laird Sloan, Stan Head and Fran Le Mire are bidding for the athletic spotlight.

Dick Sonntag our former High Alpha is a member of Phi TaySigma, an Engineering Honorary Society, and Jim Dutcher has been elected president of Phi Epsilon Kappa an athletic fraternity. Dick Good is President of our eight-fraternity district, is a member of the Executive Committee of the I.D.C., and was recently elected Vice-President of the Hectorians, a campus honorary for fraternity men.

This semester has seen a record number of Lambda Chis out for extracurricular activities; and the new pledge class has been strongly encouraged to take advantage of the many campus opportunities.