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SIGMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROSS MacNAUGHTON ON FOUNDER'S DAY



ROSS MacNAUGHTON

On March 13 of this year, the traditional Founder's Day recognition was kept here at Sigma; and this time the occasion held special significance for alumni and active members alike. It was named Ross MacNaughton Day in honor of that brother who, all connected with Sigma Zeta felt, has done so much to preserve and promote the name of Lambda Chi Alpha here at Michigan. A special dinner was arranged in Brother MacNaughton's honor and afterward a presentation of a gift to him was made by H. A. Gus Gianakaris as a token of appreciation for his efforts felt by both actives and alumni. Brother Gianakaris also read several telegrams from absent alumni, attesting to the esteem in which Brother MacNaughton is held by all who have come in contact with him.

In accepting the gift and sincere thanks from all of those connected with Sigma, Brother MacNaughton pointed out that it is not always necessary to have a great deal of specialized training or aptitude to serve the fraternity. More often, he stressed, a desire to use what talents we have cooperatively can accomplish the tasks to be done. He praised such men as Brothers Scott, Smith, and Raymond for the great help which they lent him willingly and unselfishly in saving the chapter during the critical war period. He thanked sincerely the men of the active chapter and those officers and members under

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SIGMA PLEDGES 10 MEN DURING THE SPRING RUSH

Sigma Zeta's successful spring rushing added seven names to the list of three acquired during the open rushing period. As has been the custom, on the first Saturday of the formal rushing period, football movies of the Detroit Lions' highlights of 1953 were shown to the rushees, followed by a live telecast of the Michigan-Minnesota basketball contest. The informal gathering aided in getting six men to sign the pledge cards on Wednesday night, and one on Thursday. Out of nine men bid, the seven who accepted gave us another commendable average of 77%.

We feel that Sigma has the cream of the crop, as indicated by the fact that the other top houses on campus wanted these men very badly. During the past few semesters, Sigma has been constantly fighting for and getting the best men from the better houses where you know the competition is keenest.

Three track men are listed among the ten who pledged. Laird Sloan ('57 Nat. Sc.) who is setting the pace for the Michi-

gan track squad hails from Montreal, Canada along with another fleetfooter from the same city, Pete Stanger ('58 L.S.&A.). Dick Hill ('58 L.S.&A.) is a state champion hurdler from Woodbury, N.J.

Gary Englegau ('58 E.) from St. Clair, Mich. and Jim Perkins ('58 L.S.&A.) from Grand Rapids, Mich. are the two pledges along with Laird Sloan who signed during open rushing. Rounding out the top ten are: John Sharp ('58 L.S.&A.) Carrollton, Ohio; Carl Walker ('57 E.) Duluth, Minn.; Bob Rickert ('58 L.S.&A.) Wauwatosa, Wisc.; John Cross ('58 E.) Huntington Woods, Mich.; and Neil Taylor ('58 E.) Grandville, Mich.

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

During the year, if any of you alums have any good rushing prospects enrolled please drop a line or two in the direction of 1601 Washtenaw. Many thanks for your cooperation in the past in helping to bring Lambda Chi Alpha to the top.



SIGMAS SPRING PLEDGE CLASS

Back Row (L to R): Carl Walker, Pete Stanger, Dick Hill, John Sharp, Neil Taylor, and Bob Rickert.

Front Row: John Cross, Laird Sloan, Gary Englegau, Jim Perkins.



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SCHOLASTIC STANDINGS

At the end of each semester the scholarship chairman is called upon to report the house average and interpret it in terms of past achievements, campus averages, and future scholastic programs. The overall house average including actives and pledges was 2.45. This falls two hundredths of a point below last semester's average, and is due to the poor showing of the pledges. Their average was 2.17 and nine out of twenty-two failed to make their grades. Of the nine whose averages were below 2.0, seven were freshmen.

On the other hand the active chapter had an overall of 2.61, which is a fairly good record. Although seven men did not make their grades, many of them were on the border line. The whole active chapter had but seven hours of E and fifty-one hours of D as compared with one hundred twenty hours of A and two hundred sixty-five hours of B. From these statistics it is apparent that during the next semester much effort must be directed toward the new and holdover pledges, especially those who are freshmen. Since there are fewer pledges this semester, the active chapter will be more able to concentrate on them. Dick Good, this semester's pledge trainer, has suggested an innovation. Cards will be made out for the various freshman courses, especially, those which are perennial trouble makers. The actives, who have taken these courses, will sign the cards and list their instructors as well. When a pledge needs help he can not only

A LETTER FROM OUR HIGH ALPHA

Here again is the new spring semester bringing with it a new slate of house officers. Not being unlike my predecessors in that my aim as well as that of my fellow officers is to help put Sigma Zeta on the top at Michigan, I shall not spend the next two hundred words expounding on our new program.

Rather, this seems to me the ideal time and place to examine the progress of our chapter during the past year under the past officers headed by Dick Good, past High Alpha.

The first factor which catches one's eye is the upswing in manpower with Sigma Zeta graduates approaching the 700 mark. Under the guidance of past rushing chairman Hal Cruger, two consecutive semesters of at least twenty-man classes were pledged thereby strengthening the chapter in quality as well as in number. In regards to giving these largepledge classes the good, proper training necessary for becoming good Lambda Chi's, Brother Good selected two well respected men, one a Phi Beta Kappa, Dick Gates, '54, now, incidentally, in Michigan's Law School, and another past High Alpha, Dick Sonntag, to serve as pledge trainers.

Sportswise, Lambda Chi now stands third in Inter-Mural standings thanks to many of the points earned under last semester's athletic chairman, Mike McMichael. Past High Tau, Neil Caris, saw the house mortgage dwindle and the chapter stabilize financially during his tenure of office.

Add up all these factors plus the other committees set up and put them under the tutorage of Dick Good, and the reason for Lambda Chi's excellent position now on campus seems crystal clear. Pin-point planning added to house cooperation were the chief ingredients in Brother Good's success. Consequently, emphasis will remain on these two vital factors as Sigma Zeta again lifts anchor this spring to launch another year on the waters of a large university campus.

Yours in Z.A.X.
Gus Giankakis
High Alpha

RECENT PINNINGS

Although the brothers are kept pretty busy with their academic work, many still have time for the social whirl. Along with dating comes pinning and many of the brothers have done just this to their Lambda Chi Sweethearts.

Jim Dutcher pinned Miss Marilyn Hill to make New Year's Eve an extra special event for them. Jim and Marilyn are both from Alpena, Michigan. Jim will gradu-

find aid but he can also seek an active who has had the same instructor as himself. It is hoped that this semester's program will be instrumental in raising the overall average above 2.6.

SECOND SEMESTER SOCIAL PROGRAM

Another heavy social schedule is on tap for the spring semester at Sigma, to afford the brothers with plenty of relaxation on the week-ends after a week's hard struggles with the books.

Opening the program that has been planned was a record dance on February 19, which was attended by over thirty couples. March 5 will offer a combo party for a Saturday night diversion, featuring Tom Gilmore's combo. Two weeks following this will be another record dance, in the theme of "Music for Lovers Only", a la Jackie Gleason. And on the twenty-sixth of March, the pledges will give their annual party for the active chapter.

Spring vacation falls a week later on April 1st, during which the men at Sigma will be resting their voices in anticipation of IFC sing; this will be held soon after the vacation ends. This year we will again sing "Lindy Lou", the song with which Lambda Chi won this event in 1949. This year, if talent and interest are any indication, we have never been better and will give the other entering houses some stiff competition for the trophy.

IFC Ball will be held the day after the Stag; one week after this another combo party is planned with a decorative theme as yet undecided.

May 8 will be our annual mother's day open house. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to see the house and meet the brothers, and a large turnout is expected, as usual. Climaxing the busy semester will be the pledge formal, May 14. As it was last year, this event will be held at the Washtenaw Country Club, a perfect spot for a spring formal, following a dinner at the Michigan Union.

The active chapter would like to extend a cordial invitation to all alumni who may be in the area to drop in for any or all of these events. We're looking forward to seeing you here at 1601 Washtenaw soon.

ate this June on a Physical Education program.

The same date was chosen by Jim Lawrence to pin Miss Mary Hague, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mary is a freshman pre-medical student from Flushing, Michigan, and Jim is a sophomore engineer from Saginaw, Michigan.

The biggest social event of the year was even a bigger one for Bill Larson and Miss Salle Hildebrand, because their pinning occurred during J Hop. Salle is a sophomore music education student from Holland, Michigan and Bill is a junior engineer from Fredonia, New York.

Hal Cruger knows now how lucky he was when Miss Mary Lancaster decided to transfer from Mount Holyoak College to Michigan, because on February 18, Hal and Mary became pinned. This date was also Mary's pledge formal. Now an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Mary is a junior music major from Westfield, New Jersey and Hal is a senior psychology major from Detroit.

The active chapter extends congratulations to these couples.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS CHOSEN RECENTLY

GUS GIANIKARIS ELECTED HIGH ALPHA

Again this spring, a new Zeta headed by new High Alpha Gus Gianakaris, takes over the reins here at Sigma. This year's Zeta will have an especially difficult time filling the vacancy left by Brother R. T. Good, and the men who were officers in his administration. A great part of Sigma's rise on Michigan's campus is directly attributed to the efforts of that Zeta.

To further the name of Lambda Chi Alpha at Michigan, and make it even more highly respected in all phases of campus life, we, here at Sigma, felt that none was more capable or qualified to achieve these goals than "Gus" Gianakaras. A Junior in the Literature school, Gus is both well known and well respected for his participation in campus activities. He is a three year member of the Michigan Men's Glee Club, the lead singer in the Novelaires, a popular campus quartet, and the president of Triangle, an engineering honorary fraternity. Also as chairman of the Michigan Union's social affairs committee, he was appointed director of Gulanics, the all-campus talent show, and did a great job promoting an evening of fine entertainment.

Backing Gus up will be a fine slate of elected and appointed officers. Included among these will be vice-president George Grove, a sophomore in chemical engineering, who carries about a 3.7 overall point average, Bill Larson, '56 Eng., High Tau, who has had a good background as athletic chairman and High Phi, and Jim Pickard '56 Eng., a former house manager, as High Gamma. These officers will make a fine Executive Council for the coming year.

Rounding out the elected Zeta will be Fred Walker, Bob Yanko, and Mike MacMichael. As social chairman, Fred brings with him a good deal of experience along this line, as he was social chairman for his class three years back at Rocky River High in Cleveland. Bob Yanko, as High Delta, has already proved himself worthy of his office in the recent spring rushing in which Sigma obtained ten fine pledges. His willingness to work and his personality were key factors in gaining these men.

Mike MacMichael, '57 BA, the new High Phi, is another sophomore as are Fred and Bob. Mike has been in the house for a year and a half and has had previous experience on the Zeta as last semester's athletic chairman.

High Alpha Gianakaras and his elected Zeta have placed well qualified men in the house's appointive offices including two past High Alpha's, R. T. Good, as pledge trainer and Dick Sonntag, as Alumni Relations Director. Other officers include Alex Haynes, house manager; Cal Strom, steward; Bill Graham, athletic manager; Dave Grupe, historian-librarian; Dick Ward, grounds superintendent; Jim Lawrence, dog trainer; and Don Good, IFC rushing chairman.

ALUMNI NEWS

Response to the alumni questionnaire in the last issue of the Sigman was so tremendous that we can't possibly relate all of the news in this issue, but we will surely get to it before the end of the semester.

Stanley G. Lush, BBA '53, is an officer in the U.S. Navy and is presently serving on the USS Mississippi, which is engaged in guided missile experimental work.

Glidden S. Doman, '42E, is the Vice President—Engineering and Chairman of the Board of Doman Helicopters Inc., U.S., and Doman—Fleet Helicopters Ltd., Canada. He is married and has 3 children, and resides in Trumbull, Conn.

William F. Ruzicka, Jr., '44E, '51 MBA, is a purchasing agent for Argus Cameras, Inc., here in Ann Arbor. He is married and has 2 daughters.

Perry J. Lockwood, DDS '14, reports that, after 37-1/2 years of active practice of dentistry in Detroit, he retired to Fort Myers, Fla., where he is now enjoying the glorious sunshine and fishin'.

L. Blair Milliken, BBA '52, is an Air Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Navy, and is stationed at Jacksonville, Fla.

George W. Tuck, Jr., AB—Math '50, is now an Auditor with the Crescent Electro-type Corp. in Battle Creek, Mich. He was married last fall, and has also been active in the Kalamazoo Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Thomas E. Zeerip, '42E, is now the director of manufacturing with Doman Helicopters, Inc. He was married in 1948 and has 2 children.

Homer R. Marson, '19E, City Assessor for the City of Detroit, has held many civic offices, such as City Controller, City Land Assessor, City Personalty Assessor, and others too numerous to mention at this time.

Stuart H. Watson, BS Ed '45, is currently a Health Education Teacher in Detroit. He was married in 1947 and has 2 children.

Wilbur J. Markstrom, BBA '53, is a Lt. J.G. in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Regulus in the Pacific Ocean.

William E. Duerr, '50E, office manager for the Johnson-Greene Co. in Ann Arbor, was married in 1947 and has 2 children, William and Susan.

Glenn W. Holcomb, '19E, is an Education Engineer at Oregon State College, and has served on the City Council and the Oregon State Board of Engineering Examiners.

John W. Bridgwater, AB '30, Treasurer of the Bridgwater Machine Co., lives in Cuyahoga Falls, O., with his wife and 2 children.

George G. Stitzwiger, BS '45, & MD at the U. of Pittsburgh, lives in Wooster, O., is married and has a daughter.

M. Rivard Klippel, '22E, Production Engineer with the General Magnetic Corp., lives in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Henry C. W. Brownell, AB '28, LLB '31, is the Director of Industrial Relations for Bendix Products Division in South Bend, Indiana. He is married and has 4 children.

Lawrence McKay, Jr., AB '38, is in the insurance business and lives in Birming-

SIGMA ROLLS IN I.M. SPORTS

Things are looking bright for the LCA's as Intramural sports progress. After a good beginning last semester in football, volleyball and handball, Sigma continues to fly high. The end of last semester, however, proved to be fatal as the bowling, and swimming teams were defeated early in this fraternity-wide competition.

The bowling team, consisting of Bros.; Lawrence, Pickard, Knowlton, Scotilla, Cruger and Burd, was eliminated right after its qualification match with ATO.

Plagued by sickness and injuries, the swimming team found itself wanting more men. Despite this, Sigma fought its way into the quarter-finals, then losing to last years champs, ZBT, in a very close meet. Many thanks to Bros.; Cadger, Cleary, Cords, Guy, Stan Head, Maybee, McQuiggan, MacMichael, Rupperecht, Walper, and Capt. Graham.

Wrestling was in progress during the same time as swimming. Ralph Cadger and Dan Maybee did well, placing Sigma 11th on campus in wrestling.

The new semester began with the Lambda Chi's getting ready to deliver their one-two punch in "A" and "B" basketball. Both teams made the first-place playoffs. Unfortunately, the "B" after advancing to the quarter-finals, lost a hard fought battle to Sigma Chi. A vote of thanks to Bros. Lawrence, Blodgett, Hart, Billmeier, MacMichael, Clark, Brabaw, Maybee, Don Good, Scotilla, and pledge brothers; Luft and Ellison, for their superb playing.

"A" basketball is still in progress. With stellar ability and teamwork, Bros. LeMire, R. T. Good, Sonntag, Burd, Heusel, and Larson, have made short work of all opponents. Up to date they have beaten the DU's, PGD's, and Pi Lam's by wide margins. Sigma will play SAE, an old nemesis, in attempt to gain a berth in the quarter-finals. From there Sigma should go all the way.

The paddleball team also looks well on its way to a blue ribbon. Capt. Jim Pickard and Fran Lemire, an outstanding athlete, handle the singles without trouble. Bros. Sonntag and Dick Brown take care of the doubles match.

"Nick" Nichols, Mike MacMichael, Dick Heusel, Stan Head, and Fran LeMire have taken their first victory from Alpha Sigma Phi as table tennis is getting underway.

The Lambda Chi's earned more vital points by tying for fifth place in the 1/2 mile relay. Brothers Jim Dutcher, Fran Lemire, and pledges George Volis, and

ham, Mich, with his wife and 2 children. Charles R. Ashton, '35 AB—MBA, a lumber broker in Huntington Woods, Mich., is married and has a son.

Russel S. Gish, AB '23, MLD '25, is a landscape supervisor in Chicago. He lives in Park Forest, Ill., with his wife and son.

NEW INITIATES

Initiation ceremonies for this semester were held on Saturday, February 12. Thirteen names were added to the Chapter Roll, bringing the total membership of Sigma Zeta to seven hundred thirty four.

Those men just initiated are:

- Don Scotilla, '56, Liberal Arts, Ebensburg, Pa.
- Don Albright, '57, Liberal Arts, Monroe, Mich.
- Joe Betts, '57, Liberal Arts, Gaylord, Mich.
- George Friess, '57, Engineering, Livonia, Mich.
- Stan Head, '58, Engineering, Detroit, Mich.
- Tom VandenBosch, '58, Liberal Arts, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Tom Gougeon, '57, Engineering, Holly, Mich.
- Fran LeMire, '56, Physical Education, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- John Walper, '58, Liberal Arts, Monroe, Mich.
- Bob Clark, '57, Liberal Arts, Ypsilanti, Mich.
- Frank Brabaw, Jr., '57, Engineering, Port Huron, Mich.
- Richard Heusel, '56, Business Administration, Ann Arbor.
- John Erlanger, '57, Natural Resources, Rochester, N. Y.

Already these men have taken an active part in the fraternity, and Sigma is proud of its newest initiates.

Chapter strength now rests at sixty-two active members and seventeen pledges, including seven hold-overs from last

I.M. SPORTS (Cont'd. from p. 3)

Gary Engelgau each ran a good race, being eked out of the four top qualifiers by .7 of a second.

There is no other competition at the moment, however the dates for future events are as follows; Water Polo, March 3; Foul Throwing, March 21; Indoor Track, March 30; and immediately following Spring Vacation, Softball. The Sigmas believe their Spring and Summer Sports to be their best. If this year's performance means anything—Watch out Sammies! At the present Lambda Chi ranks 3rd among the 42 fraternities on campus. For a looksee as to our present and foremost competitors, here is a list of the top ten houses in I.M. Sports;

1. Sigma Alpha Mu
2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
3. LAMBDA CHI ALPHA
4. Sigma Phi Epsilon
5. Phi Delta Theta
6. Sigma Chi
7. Delta Tau Delta
8. Alpha Tau Omega
9. Chi Psi
10. Pi Lambda Phi

There is plenty of competition, thats true, but this is LAMBDA CHI'S year to GO. . . .GO. . . .GO.

semester. Class balance is distributed well, although weighted somewhat toward the sophomore class. This reflects Sigma's rapid growth over the past two semesters, in keeping with the growth of the entire fraternity system at Michigan that has been noticeable during the same period.

ROSS MAC NAUGHTON

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him during his term of presidency of the Householding Corp. who cooperated so faithfully with him in restoring the name and reputation of Lambda Chi Alpha after the war and up through the present.

Further Brother McNaughton expressed the hope that we would tender that same cooperation to Brother Ray Scott, new president of the Householding Corporation during his term and deflated any notion that he would now sit back and take a rest. He expressed great hope in the future possibilities and attainments of Sigma and felt sure that Sigma would become even stronger and more respected among fraternities given the cooperation which he had received.

After the presentation alumni and actives adjourned to the living room to discuss these future possibilities and attainments of which Brother McNaughton had spoken, especially in regard to maintenance and improvement of the physical house. Discussions involving the buying of a new house, leasing an annex, and immediate repairs to the present house were brought up. It was felt that at this time, considering the shape of the house and its location, plans for a new house were to be shelved temporarily, and that immediate repairs and redecorating were more in order financially.

Thus Sigma observed Founder's Day with a spirit of recognition of past deeds—and a concrete plan for future achievements.

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