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FOUNDERS' DAY

On Sunday March 19, 1961, Sigma Zeta observed its 46th Founders' day program. In the afternoon a cocktail party began at Dave Merrimans. After all the old stories of campus days were dusted off and retold again, the group came over to the chapter house for a meal and short business meeting. The meeting was directed by Dave Merriman, president of the Alumni. Chapter President, Jim Nette, gave his report as did all of the Alumni officers.

Approximately forty attended the function and it was a fine turnout. We of the active chapter are gratified to see the upsurge of interest the Alumni are showing in the house. The past year has brought forth many evidences of this trend; the new kitchen, homecoming and now Founders' Day. It is our hope to further such close association between present members and alumni. We are deeply indebted to you, the Alumni of Sigma Zeta, for it is through your help and guidance that we are able to function as a coordinated unit.

We hope to see even more of you at homecoming next fall, and at the cocktail party and banquet next spring at Founders' Day.

THESE MEN ATTENDED FOUNDERS' DAY. DID YOU?

Sigma

- #95 Curt Bottum Sr.
- #253 John Kagay
- #265 K.K. McKenzie
- #286 David Merriman
- #305 Jack MacLeod
- #313 Larry McKay
- #375 Vern Cook
- #384 Weldon Hare
- #412 Gard Vose
- #498 Warren Heller



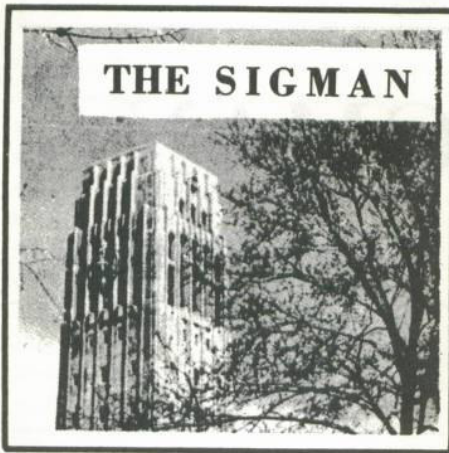
SPRING RUSH? EXCELLENT!

Spring Rush was one of the best a long time for Lambda Chi. A general attitude of enthusiasm and spirit enabled us to stage an excellent rush in its entirety. Of the three hundred men who came through the house on Friday and Monday, one hundred-thirty were asked to return. On Thursday of the second week we extended our thirty-second bid and obtained our twenty-ninth pledge. These men are:

Harry Anderson, 63 Eng., Royal Oak, Michigan; Jeff Clark, 64 A&D, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mark Hall, 64 A&D, Warren, Michigan; Jack Hardy, 64 Eng., Howell, Michigan; Curt Harrison, 64 Eng., Birmingham, Michigan; John Ghill, 64 Eng., Midland, Michigan; Bill Hoffman, 64 LSA, Avon Lake, Ohio; Matt Kiisk, Pre-Dent, Saginaw, Michigan; Russ Kirk, 62 LSA, Traverse

City, Michigan; Bill Lincoln, 64 Eng., Litchfield, Michigan; Mike Knapp, 64 LSA, Plymouth, Michigan; Dave Mackstaller, 64 Eng., Grosse Pointe, Michigan; John Martin, 64 Eng., Detroit, Michigan; George MacCarty, 64 LSA, Traverse City, Michigan; Ron Modreski, 64 Eng., Detroit, Michigan; Jim Muir, 64 Pharmacy, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Ron Mulder, 64 Eng., Grand Rapids, Michigan; Ted Mullet, 64 LSA, Niles, Michigan; Jim Mumby, 64 LSA, Flint, Michigan; John O'Malley, 64 Eng., Oak Park, Michigan; Paul Robertson, 64 Eng., Franklin, Michigan; Bob Schaberg, 64 LSA, Lansing, Michigan; Dave Sheldon, 64 Eng., Percival, Iowa; Paul Simmons, 64 LSA, Birmingham, Michigan; Steve Small, 63 LSA, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Kim Wade, 64 LSA, Leonard, Michigan; Reg Wagle, 64 LSA, Niles, Michigan.

NEW PLEDGE PROGRAM



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A BROTHER GOES TO RUSSIA

Bruce W. Galbraith '62, of Detroit left on February 19 with the University of Michigan Symphony Band on a ten-nation tour of Eastern Europe and Asia. The 25,000 mile tour, equivalent to an excursion around the world, is sponsored by the United States State Department, with expenses paid by the President's Special International Program for Cultural Presentations. After two months of performing in the major cities of Russia, the group will go to Cairo for an International Trade Fair, and then on to Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus, Turkey, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Poland. They return to America June 2, for a concert at Carnegie Hall.

The Band will play a maximum of six concerts a week on the tour. All the news so far indicates that they have been well-received. Of the one hundred numbers readied for the tour, Gershwin tunes and college marches seem to be the best liked. The Soviet News Agency, Tass, hailed the Moscow concert as "on par with many professional groups as regards the standard of performance."

Bruce, baritonist in the ninety-four member group, will receive four hours of academic credit in addition to the invaluable cultural benefits of the trip. He is a junior in the University of Michigan school of Music Education, and also a member of Kappa Kappa Psi-national honorary music fraternity.

Sigma recently initiated a new pledge training program which we feel is tailored to present college life. The program has been organized with the idea in mind that the pledges should have an opportunity during pledgship to learn to accept and manage the responsibilities of fraternity living.

With these ideas in mind, John Meyerholz, High Kappa, has put together a Sigma Pledge Manual which outlines in considerable detail every aspect of pledging. The manual has been a long-felt chapter need as there previously has been no written statement of pledge duties or procedures.

The main objective of the new program, as has been stated, is the fostering of a true sense of responsibility in the pledge. To accomplish this end, the program provides for the election of pledge class officers who act as the governing body within the pledge class itself. The four elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, comprise the Executive Committee whose functions are similar to those of the Exec Committee of the active chapter.

The President is directly responsible for the smooth operations of his pledge class as well for conducting the weekly pledge meetings and work sessions. The Vice-President is responsible for keeping the pledges on the straight and narrow scholastically as well as handling the PR with sorority pledge classes.

The Secretary takes care of phone duty sign up and scheduling of the weekends which the pledges spend in

the house; and the Treasure handles collection of the pledges house bills and other financial matters incurred by the pledge class as a body.

The Executive Committee meets once a week other than regular pledge meetings to discuss policy and progress and to take action on any disciplinary cases referred to it by the High Kappa, who acts as spokesman for the active chapter at these meetings. Most disciplinary action is handled within the pledge class itself.

The appointed officers consist of the Athletic Chairman, Rushing Chairman, and Social Chairman whose duties are similar to those of the corresponding offices in the active chapter. It is their specific duty, however, to see that the pledge class is integrated into these important aspects of the active chapter.

The program also provides for a pledge meeting procedure which is similar in form to a chapter meeting with the last half-hour set aside for the High Kappa. It is at this time that they are taught Lambda Chi Alpha instead of just fraternity.

The program has proved to be a huge success for our chapter during this past semester. Brother George Spasyk, Service Secretary of the National Fraternity, has analyzed the new manual and program, and has requested permission to print copies of the manual and distribute them to other chapters that desire an outline of a constructive pledge program. We sincerely hope other chapters will have similar success with such a program.



They call these playmates?



Who asked you to butt in?

MAJ FINDS SOME PLAYMATES

Although our mascot, Major V, isn't the most energetic creature in the world, he certainly does have a way with the women. This Spring, a local men's store featured two of Playboy Magazine's "Playmates" as

a publicity stunt. Into the crowded store strode Maj and, as the pictures illustrate, camly took control of the situation. The two Playmates shown are: (left to right) Miss November and Miss October.

NEW COLOR ADDED

Recently the actives and pledges of Sigma worked together to win a color television set. P. Lorillard Co. sponsored an all-fraternity cigarette package contest on the Michigan campus. The fraternity collecting the most packages was declared the winner.

Sigma managed to collect from various sources over nine-thousand packages. Spirit ran high and when the contest was over, it was discovered that no other fraternity had come close to the totals of Lambda Chi.

SINGING

The House Chorus, under the direction of John Emmert, got a late start this year, but is rallying to the cause, and sounds fine. The Alpha Phi's will support us in the Annual IFC Sing on May 18, as we sing about "Wonderful Women"—a medley consisting of "Aura Lee," "Saro Jane," and "Maria." Old actives and alumni are welcome to come to the Sing, and we would certainly appreciate your support. We have been honored by the request to sing for the Tri-Delts' Mothers on May 13, and also for a House Mothers' Dessert on May 16.



INDOOR SPORTS

During the semester, the social life of Sigma Zeta was highlighted by many excellent theme parties. The Basin Street party started the semester off right. Our basement was transformed into the well-known French Quarter area of New Orleans. Colorful costumes and Dixieland music added to the atmosphere of this very enjoyable party.

Our next party also took place in the deep South. In keeping with the forthcoming migration to Florida during Spring vacation, the pre-Florida party set a very convincing mood. Potted palms, several tons of sand and Bermuda clad students previewed the fun to come in Florida.

The Flintstone party, patterned after the humorous television show, was done-up in true caveman style. After crawling through the cave entrance, the brothers and their dates suddenly found themselves back in the days of the cavemen (and cavewomen). For refreshments, the bearskin-clad Flintstoners were served "Dinosaurs."

Next came the Frontier party, given for the actives by the pledges. As is the custom, the pledges performed their skit in which they verbally cut the brothers into tiny pieces. After the riotous skit, the brothers devoted the rest of the time to putting themselves back together.

No semester would be complete without the Pledge Formal. Around the Polynesian theme of Mau Loa (everlasting), the formal will be held on

SIGMA HONOR MOMS

The men of Sigma held their annual celebration in honor of their mothers on Sunday, May 14. This year we were fortunate in that the Men's Glee Club Concert and our Mother's Day were on the same weekend.

The Mother's Day program began around 11:30 on Sunday with an informal gathering at the chapter house. This afforded the mother's a chance to become acquainted with the brother's and their families.

After an excellent lunch prepared by our new cook, High Alpha, Jim Nette, called the meeting of the Sigma Zeta Mother's Club to order. Each mother attending Mother's Day for the first

time was presented with a certificate of membership and a flower, making her a duly initiated member of the Mother's Club.

Brother Nette then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Harper, president of the Mother's Club who presented High Alpha Nette with a check for \$500. The money will be used for new porch furniture and other house improvements.

The house glee club concluded the meeting by singing a selection of serenade songs and our I.F.C. Medley. As a lasting memory of Mother's Day 1961, a group picture was taken on the front lawn.

NEWTON SPARKS GOLF TEAM

Chuck Newton, a sophomore, pre-dental student, is playing a vital role in the success of the University of Michigan golf team this Spring. Big things were forecasted for Brother Newton in his freshman year by coach Bert Katzmeyer. Newton has responded well. His record since the start of the season shows clearly the fine job Chuck has been doing. As Michigan's fourth man, he has lost but 1/2 point against his opponents in match play competition thus far, and has been shooting consistently in the mid-seventies. These



results are even more impressive when one considers the handicap Newton encountered with the poor weather conditions; rain and cold have plagued the matches throughout the Spring. Katzmeyer, all the brothers, and Chuck himself are anticipating bigger and better things for him.

Brother Newton's fine work has not been restricted to the fairways and greens, however. Along with being a recent initiate of Sphinx, a junior men's honorary, Chuck is the High Phi of the chapter. We are very proud of the fine job Brother Newton is doing, not only for the university, but for Sigma Zeta.

May 20, and will certainly be the crowning touch to this Spring's enjoyable social events.



SPRING SPORTS

The Spring sports got off to a rather slow start. The "A" and "B" basketball teams, captained by Bill Patrick and Mike Fast each compiled a 2-1 win-loss record for the season.

We established another 2-1 record in water polo, but in ping pong we were beaten by last years champions, Phi Kappa Psi. Our big sport now, which is not completed, is softball. The "A" and "B" teams again have scored a 2-1 record. (There just doesn't seem to be a 3-0 record anymore). Because of the forfeits by the teams in our league and Ann Arbor's foul weather, we have not been able to play as much softball as we had hoped. The active chapter recently accepted a challenge by the pledges to play softball. All the actives are happily awaiting the outcome of this contest.

In horseshoes, we didn't look like the defending champions we are and got defeated in the second round of play in an elimination tournament.

We have an optimistic attitude towards our golf team comprised of Stan Fuller, Fred Herbert, Dave Breiholz and George McCarty. We are hoping to keep this trophy in our house for another year.

The cry goes up once more. WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR

(These Men Attended, con't from page 1)
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#545 Bill Duerr	#680 Ralph Richter
#551 Claude Morehouse	#683 Hal Cruger
#553 Ray Reece	#691 Neil Cords
#554 Ed Sandell	#695 Mike McMichael
#560 Curt Bottum Jr.	#702 Don Drummond
#593 Bob Powers	#703 Dick Blodgett
#595 Bill Van De Graaf	#705 George Grove
#602 John Box	#716 Roy Pero
#616 John Hobyak	#725 George Friess
#617 Richard Knowlton	#759 Jim Knowlton
#625 Walt Stein	#833 Doug Abbott
#665 Gordon Merritt	Fred Luchs
#673 Les Knowlton	Ray Scott
#677 Elliot Burd	

Why don't you drop in on Sigma sometime? You're always welcome.

(Spring Rush, con't from page 1)

Needless to say, we are quite proud of these men. With the inclusion of these pledges our membership count is now ninety. Of course, rush next fall starts in the first week of October. Please send us your recommendations in plenty of time.

CUPID'S CORNER

We extend formal congratulations to the following men of Sigma who have fallen into the female trap:

MARRIAGES:

Sigma 768 Bruce Johnson to Miss Sally Ann Cochran, April 1, 1961 in Detroit, Michigan
Sigma 787 Gerald Montry to Miss Judy Ann Nolan, May 6, 1961 in Carlton, Michigan

PINNINGS:

Sigma 849 David Gaskin to Miss Carol Foxen
Sigma 814 Ray Margherio to Miss Rita Zajac
Sigma 858 David Breiholz to Miss Susan Bigby
Sigma 810 Denny Shermeta to Miss Margo Mensing

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BRINGING YOU UP TO DATE

Alumni News, Spring 1961

PAUL BACHMANN, #638, is currently enrolled in the Wayne University Law School and is planning to take the bar exam in September. He is engaged to Miss Norma Gran of Berkley, Mich.

PAUL BECKER, #774, is presently in Harvard Business School and is well satisfied with the school. He feels that he was well prepared by Michigan Business School.

DONALD CARTER, #535, has an interesting position. He is working as a project engineer at IBM's Space Guidance Center at Owego, N.Y. He is the father of four children.

NEL GIBBONS is working with the Borroughs Corporation after coming out of a short retirement. He is on the Central Purchasing Staff. Nels is a member of the Detroit Engineering Society and is active in Masonic and Shrine organizations.

DICK GOOD, #657, works for Procter & Gamble as a product manager. He is serving on the Board of Governors of the local University of Michigan Alumni Club of Southern Ohio. He has three small daughters and his current address is: 332 Hilltop Lane, Wyoming 15, Ohio.

BILL HOCKENBERGER, #781, writes that his new address is: Navy Finance Center (C Dept.), Cleveland 14, Ohio.

MERLE LATSON, #392, finds he is still very busy although semi-retired. His children are now through college.

ED LAU is now associated with Parke-Davis and Co. in Detroit and serves as a Superintendent of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Manufacturing. He is on the Board of Directors of the Engineering Society of Detroit and Vice Chairman of the

Detroit section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is married to the former Aileen Watson and has two daughters and a son.

MARK McQUIGGAN'S new address is: 1008 Island Dr. Ct., Ann Arbor.

JOHN NICHOLL, #666, has been married since 1958 and has a three-month old daughter. After leaving the U-M he has earned a law degree and is presently employed with The Detroit Bank and Trust Company.

AUBREY ROBERTS, #347, has accrued many honors. He is Associated Professor of Accounting at Wayne State University and is Chairman of the Accounting Department and Graduate Advisor. In his spare time he teaches an Adult Education course at Michigan State University Oakland. In addition, he is Treasurer of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

AL SIMMONS, #698, after a stint in the Marine Corps is employed in the Industrial Sales Department of Toledo Edison. He is now working on his Master's Degree.

ART SMITH, #409, has been associated with Cadillac Motor Car Division for nineteen years. He and his wife have six grandchildren.

PETER VESTEVICH, #662, is another member of Sigma currently working for The Detroit Bank and Trust Company. He received his law degree from the U-M in 1956 and subsequently served two years in the army as a legal advisor.

JOHN WALPER, #730, is married to the former Sandra Simes of Harvey, Ill. They have two children. John begins his third year as controller at Adrian College after receiving a BBA and MBA from Michigan.



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