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THE NEW BLOOD OF SIGMA ZETA



RUSH RESULTS

The fall rush program of 1961 brought eleven top-flight men to Lambda Chi. Rush began on October 1 and continued for two weeks. 921 men rushed this semester and 379 of them pledged. This shows the trend toward second semester rush which seems to be inevitable with the new tri-semester system beginning next fall.

Here at Lambda Chi we had 160 men through the open house period. Of these 160, 129 were invited back. As rush progressed we extended bids to twenty-one rushees. Of these twenty-one bids we received eleven pledges, lost five to other houses, and five of the men decided not to pledge. For this reason we have decided to employ an extensive open rush period before Thanksgiving for the second straight year. There is a good chance that the open rush will give us ten or more new pledges. This seems to be our only method of combating the new feeling for deferred rush.

Again we would like to remind you that if you know of any men here whom you believe are good Lambda Chi material, please drop us a line or inform the national office. In relation to other houses on campus we receive very few alumni recommends and it leaves us at a disadvantage. We would appreciate your interest and help.

With the job of formal rush barely completed, the next task in the cycle of fraternity operations begins—pledge training. Sigma's eleven new pledges, who constitute what we feel is one of the strongest and finest classes on campus, are all possessors of fine high school records of leadership and participation. Perhaps a thumb-nail sketch of these eleven men will give the reader some evidence to support the feeling of the men of Sigma that Lambda Chi is a strong leader among the Greeks at the University of Michigan.

Our "home town" of Ann Arbor is best represented with four pledges.

Warren Huss, president of the pledge class, is a freshman in the school of Liberal Arts. While in high school Warren was class vice-president in his junior and senior years, a nominee to the Wolverine Boy's State, and a member of the varsity football team.

Bill Prakken, our pledge class vice-president, is a sophomore and is also in L.S.A. Bill is a past member of his high school varsity football and basketball teams, a member of the Student Government Council, and sports' editor for the school newspaper.

Bob Tobias is a freshman in L.S.A. While attending high school, Bob played

varsity baseball, sang in the school choir, and was a member of the Student Government.

Dave Newton, our last addition from Ann Arbor, is also a freshman in L.S.A. Athletics dominated Dave's high school years. Dave won letters in both football and tennis, receiving all-city awards for football. Dave also found time to serve on the Student Government Council.

Leaving Ann Arbor, we find Bob Heaps of Okemos, Michigan, a freshman in L.S.A. and also a member of the U of M freshman wrestling team. In high school Bob played on the varsity football and wrestling teams, placing fourth in the state in the latter.

John Eisele of Cleveland, Ohio, is also a freshman, but in Engineering school. John's high school activities included participation in the school band and school choir.

Ed Petrick is from Park Ridge, Illinois, a freshman in Engineering, and a member of the U of M freshman basketball team. While in high school Ed played on the basketball, baseball, and football teams, and was treasurer of the letterman club.

Mike Merritt, our only junior, is from Bay City, Michigan, and is studying Pre-law. Way back in high school Mike's activities included everything from class office (vice-president) to varsity swimming with countless others included in between.

Bud Palmisano, of Garfield Heights, Ohio, is in the Sophomore class of Education, a freshman letter winner in wrestling, and now a member of the U of M varsity wrestling team. In high school Bud was president of the senior class, Student Council, and athletic club. He also played on the varsity baseball team and was Ohio State champ in wrestling.

Kip Selmeier, who calls Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, his home, is a freshman in Pre-business. Kip's activities in high school consisted of Student Government President, dramatics, a member of the varsity track team, and a member of the school choir.



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Jack Moorhead is a sophomore in the Engineering school and hails from Maumee, Ohio. While in high school, Jack, in keeping with the rest of his pledge brothers who lettered in varsity sports, won awards in football and baseball. In addition Jack was a member of the high school band.

In short, we feel that these eleven men will be a tremendous asset to the House. The men of Sigma are looking forward to the benefits both parties will receive because these men pledged Lambda Chi.



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ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

Last spring was a good one for Sigma in the scholarship department. University records showed Lambda Chi Alpha in sixteenth place on campus with a 2.58 average while the All-Fraternity Average was 2.50. This marks the second semester in a row that Sigma has risen in the academic standing.

Scholarship awards this year were presented to six men for their achievements. This year's winners are as follows:

- Tom Kress High active outside the House. Most improvement above overall grade point.
- Rod Johnson . . . High active in the House
- Dave Matzen and Bill Sutter Tied for second high active in the House.
- Dave Mackstaller High pledge
- Steve Small Second high pledge.

It should be mentioned that the pledges were twelfth among all pledge classes on campus with a 2.51 average. We feel that it was a good showing for all concerned, and we look to even greater improvement this fall.

FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S
LETTER

Recent years have seen an ever increasing interest and activity on the part of both alumni and Foundation officers in developing a chapter-alumni relationship that is coming to have more and more meaning. The several events during the year on which we focus our attention have grown to a point where individual participation is proving to be warmly rewarding.

The first such event each year is our Founders' Day celebration in March, which, for the past several years, has included a well-attended cocktail party at the home of a nearby alumnus, followed by entertainment and dinner at the House. Next year's party will be at the Barton Hills home of Sank Hare, and it will be a Spring affair to plan on now.

The Homecoming Football game this year saw one of the largest crowds ever to gather at the Chapter House, which had arranged a luncheon before the game and the traditional cider and doughnuts afterwards. Arrangements had been made in advance to buy a block of tickets to the game so that quite a few were able to enjoy the game together. The Purdue game which we won was a real cliff-hanger and the results helped erase the shock of the Michigan State debacle.

The next event to point toward is the Annual Meeting to be held at the Chapter House at 8:00 P.M., Monday, November 20. This is the important business meeting of the year, in which Foundation officers and directors for the coming year are elected. Our mortgage, through the continued efforts of our alumni group, is down to a very respectable figure, and we can almost begin to see the day when it can be eliminated. 1963 will mark the 50th anniversary of our Chapter, and we want to start on the plans that will make that year a particularly important one in the history of our Chapter.

The response this year in the payment of annual dues has been most gratifying, and is at least one very important way in which all alumni can say thanks for the efforts of their Foundation officers. We have been particularly blessed this year with a team of officers and directors who have made the writer's efforts effective and who have injected a real spark into the year's operations. So, with one more year in the Foundation's history coming to a close, I would like, as President of the Foundation, to express first my personal thanks for the excellent work and initiative which your Board and officers have contributed to this year's efforts, and on behalf of your officers and Board to express to our chapter alumni group our thanks for the support and aid you have provided throughout the year.

David D. Merriman

FIRST PLACE TO LAMBDA CHI

On May 18, 1961, another laurel was added to the already well bedecked and honored Sigma Zeta musical heritage with a first-place finish in the I.F.C. Sing. The House was led by John Emmert in a medley entitled "Wonderful Women," and was supported beautifully by Alpha Phi Sorority. It was an evening long to be remembered. In scoring this triumph, Sigma Alpha Mu placed third and a rather recent upstart on Campus, Delta Tau Delta, featuring the Michigan Glee Club, placed second. The difference in total points between these top three houses was three—a rather close contest.

Following the concert, tea was served at the Chapter House; and the charming guest of honor was Harold Swoverland, a rising young star on the University staff, but perhaps best remembered by the brothers for his dry humor. Unfortunately for everyone, Mr. Swoverland left early, but we can only assume by the reaction from his visit that he was as impressed with us as we were with him.



P. R. (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

In response to an overwhelming demand by the entrants in the Panhellenic sponsored Lantern Night, our chapter was asked to sing for this function on November 13. For those of you who do not remember Lantern Night, it is to the sororities what the I.F.C. Sing is to fraternities. Needless to say, we accepted and are planning to sing "Winter Song," "A-Roving," and "Aura Lee." This appearance will give Lambda Chi an opportunity to increase its P. R. among the many sorority girls who will be either participating or listening to the sing. Lambda Chi is just as sharp now as when you alums were active members, and would never pass up a chance to advance its prestige among the ranks of the weaker sex.

We have also had several recent pinnings in the House, and are presently working diligently on our serenade songs under the direction of our new song leader, Cliff Taylor.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ending up last spring's social calendar with a celebration of our I.F.C. Sing win, Sigma Zeta has assumed a somewhat different policy toward social functions this fall. We have been enjoying most of our parties in the Lambda Chi annex. The Chi Psis invited us to a party at their house early in October, and we spent Homecoming night at the Phi Gam House—except, of course, for those brothers who attended the Homecoming Dance at the I.M. Building.

Following in tradition, we have enjoyed meeting many new alumni and seeing familiar ones after the football games over cider and donuts. We sincerely encourage our alums to return to Michigan for a football game and to drop over to the House for cider and fellowship.

Speaking of fellowship, a brotherly weekend was shared by Sigman and Gamma Omicron of Michigan State which included, besides a disheartening game, parties and sleeping on the floor. Although we lost the game this year, we managed to hold our heads high in anticipation of next year when perhaps we will be Number One in the nation.

Plans for the fall pledge formal, officially named the "Sleigh Ride" and scheduled for December 9, are beginning to take form. We will probably eat dinner in the House and dance at the country club in Howell.

In these ways does Sigma continue to remain busy—in its own functions, in those of the fraternity system on campus, and in the mingling with other Lambda Chi chapters.

SIGMA VISITS SPAIN

John Emmert, a junior and our former song leader, is spending the year in Madrid, Spain. A Spanish major working toward a foreign service career, John has been studying at the University of Madrid since the beginning of October and will continue until next summer. He is living in a rented room since the university has no dorms or Lambda Chi chapters. Sigma is interested to learn how our sorority girls measure up to the señoritas of Spain. John will find out.

LCA RUNS FOR SGC

John Vos, a senior transfer student from the University of Arizona, was recently appointed to the U of M Student Government Council to fill a vacancy created by a graduating member of the Council. He will be running for election in the November all-campus elections.

John was high Beta of his chapter at Arizona and is now actively participating in chapter functions at Sigma.

We all wish the best of luck to John.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

Just a reminder to all alums for the Annual Meeting being held here at the Chapter House at 8:00 P.M., Monday, November 20. Since Foundation officers and directors will be elected at this meeting, it is very important that you make a conscious effort to attend this year. For further details, please check the Foundation President's Letter.

MAJOR V BEGINS NEW TRADITION

Major V may not be the most intelligent Saint Bernard to grace the Lambda Chi house at Michigan, but he does know four particular words—"wait 'til next year." Major likes this phrase, and he's found reason to use it in the last two Homecoming dog races. For the second time in succession, Delta Upsilon's Brandy was the first and only one to cross the finish line. Once again Major found it fitting to act like a fullback and plow head first into the crowd. Why does our big handsome canine do upsetting things like this? The rumor has it that he's throwing the race in order that Brandy might ask him to visit her dog house. Oh well, dogs will be dogs.

SIGMA VISITS ITALY

"What In The World" was the theme selected for this year's Homecoming. The Homecoming Central Committee selected this theme in hopes of doing away with some of the violence which has often been portrayed in homecoming displays of the past. Its feeling was that there is enough of this type of sentiment in the world without generating such emotions by using slogans such as "Kill Purdue" or "Murder the Boilermakers."

We in Lambda Chi Alpha felt that as well as using the general theme as a criterion for the display, we should also keep in mind the fact that Homecoming is essentially a celebration for our returning alums to meet again and to reminisce about their days at Michigan and Lambda Chi.

It is for this reason that we chose the theme of a jovial Italian organ-grinder with the caption "Purdue Dances to Michigan's Music." We felt that it had the feeling of a festive occasion, yet kept the idea of winning our Homecoming game in a sportsman-like way.

At completion, the organ-grinder

KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT

There have been few large scale changes in the kitchen this year, but several small changes have been made. Because the number of meals served has increased since last year, it was found necessary to add another waiter to the force. The number of kitchen help now stands at eight, which is both sufficient and efficient. We recently bought about \$60 worth of new dishes, silverware, serving bowls, and other kitchen implements. Our serving capacity is now seventy-five and on Monday night this capacity is nearly reached as there are seventy-two hungry Lambda Chi's to be served.

If you ever happen to be in the near vicinity with or without wife and family, feel more than welcome to join us and enjoy some of Bernie's good home cooking.



stood sixteen feet high and was about seven feet wide at the stomach. He wore a sloppy black hat, white shirt, and blue trousers. His left arm was movable and rotated with the handle of the organ itself. Besides the movement of the arm, the right foot tapped along to the college songs in the background while the brown monkey with red pants pranced on a long rope-chain.

Again this year, work progressed throughout Friday night and gave rise to good occasion for spirited fellowship between the actives and pledges. Incidentally, we feel that this fall's pledge class deserves recognition for its fine attitude towards Homecoming, and for its hard work to ready the display by eight o'clock Saturday morning.

As is the case when time and effort bring good results, we received favorable comments on our display from townspeople and students alike. As a whole, the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha were pleased with Homecoming and we are looking forward to next year to surge further ahead in the spirit of Homecoming.

It looks like a good year for Lambda Chi sports. The addition of eleven athletic pledges combined with a sizeable number of wily old veterans should make us hard to beat.

The "A" football team, captained by Bill Patrick and Phil Whittemore, placed second in its league, boasting a 2-1 record. Its only loss was a 13-7 defeat by the Tau Delts in the season's opener. The passing of Patrick and Mike Fast along with some colorful pass catching, gained the team its second-place berth.

The "B" team, under Bruce Galbraith, also placed second with a 2-1 record. Despite the loss of the nimble-bodied John (Blob) Everhardus, the "B" squad played very well. The shotgun arm of Galbraith, a hard charging line, and the B's usual stalwart defense helped wing up the season with a 36-0 romp over Theta Chi.

Paul Robertson's second place in the high hurdles event gave the Lambda Chis a place in the I.M. outdoor track meet.

Volleyball, handball, dual swimming, and basketball begin soon, and hopes are running high for more Lambda Chi victories. Cheerleading positions are available for those who are interested. Instruction will be given free of charge by the colorful Ambrose MacCarty.

Late Bulletin:

The "B" football team has reached the semi-finals of the second place playoffs by trouncing Chi Phi 28-0. The volleyball team has compiled a 2-0 record with victories over Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Psi.

RESIDENCE RECLAMATION

On September 10, at 8:00 A.M., twenty-seven bright-eyed and bushy-tailed pledges arrived at the House and began what is now the traditional "Help" Week. One week later these somewhat bedraggled men had changed the house and grounds from a state of nature back to the civilized and recognizable site you all remember. Aside

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Although the weather was not what we had hoped for, and Michigan might have won by a larger margin, the active members of Sigma were certainly impressed by the fine turnout of alumni for Homecoming, 1961. Fifty-three Alums dropped in to say hello, enjoy Saturday lunch, and share in cider and donuts after the Michigan victory over Purdue. Among the fifty plus were Perry J. Lockwood, Sigma #1, and David Merriman, President of the Alumni Foundation.

The turnout and warm atmosphere of Sigma alumni was looked on by the actives as a fine example of real fraternalism, a spirit of brotherhood that has lasted beyond the days of college. Alumni of Sigma Zeta have always had a good turnout for activities, and this Homecoming showed a particularly fine

from the usual scrubbing and painting and scrubbing and painting, there have been several major improvements around the house.

First, new light-mahogany doors have been placed on all the rooms of the second floor, and there are plans to complete this improvement by doing the same to the third floor between semesters.

Secondly, three new carpets were added in the rooms, and we are glad to announce that all rooms are now carpeted, even the kidney bean room. (The kidney bean has been axed.) Several of the rooms were completely redecorated with one of them being panelled.

We have also purchased several new lamps and shades for the living rooms.

Finally, and without a doubt the largest improvement has been the purchase of new tables and chairs for the dining room. There are eight round folding tables and matching chairs. This has been a much needed replacement, and all the brothers are quite satisfied with the new dining room furniture.

With the new improvements, the revitalized house, and the new Lambda Chi actives, Sigma has begun the year with a full and refreshed house

representation. Many also brought their wives and family to enjoy a warm afternoon.

Please look over the following list and see how many of your classmates were present; then consider if you, too, would not like to maintain an active membership with your college fraternity and its members.

Among those present were:

Class	Name	Home Town
'14	Perry J. Lockwood	Fort Myers, Fla.
'17	Mark Farrell	Farmington, Mich.
'22	Howard E. Orr	Palos Heights, Ill.
'34	Robert K. McKenzie	Ann Arbor, Mich.
'35	David D. Merriman	Ann Arbor, Mich.
'37	Charles Parker	Bethesda, Md.
'38	Jack MacLeod	Grosse Pte Frms, Mich.
'43	Erwin C. Heininger	Wheaton, Ill.
	Howard E. Whisler	Canton, Ohio
'44	Ned Lau	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
'46	Charles H. Kay	Livonia, Mich.
'47	Warren Heller	Dearborn, Mich.
	Ray Scott	Dearborn, Mich.
	Hans Wolfe	Birmingham, Mich.
'48	Joe Cote	Birmingham, Mich.
'49	George Spasyk	Indianapolis, Ind.
'50	Bob Powers	Grosse Pte Wds, Mich.
	Claude Morehouse	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Bill Duerr	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Emmett Smith	Benton Harbor, Mich.
'51	Al Grybas	Columbus, Ohio
	Dave DeVries	Grd Rpd, Mich.
	Gary Hicks	Grd Rpd, Mich.
'52	John Box	Detroit, Mich.
'53	Peter Vestevich	Lathrup Village, Mich.
'54	Paul Bachman	Detroit, Mich.
'55	Les Knowlton	Detroit, Mich.
	David Hurst	Napoleon, Ohio
'56	James A. Pickard	Muskogee, Okla.
	Francis J. LeMire	Kalamazoo, Mich.
	Ralph Richter	Lombard, Ill.
	Don Scotilla	Ebensburg, Pa.
	Elliott Burd	Toledo, Mich.
	Hal Cruger	Detroit, Mich.
	George Fomin	Detroit, Mich.
	Gordon Merritt	
'58	George Grove	Detroit, Mich.
	Richard Blodgett	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Dave Hedrich	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Kerry Johnson	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Neil Taylor	Ann Arbor, Mich.
'59	Chuck Schroder	New Buffalo, Mich.
	Leonard Lybarger	Lakewood, Ohio
	Gerry Merritt	Hammond, Ind.
	Harvey Pearce	Lincoln Pk, Mich.
	Jud Treat	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Bill Hockenberger	Euclid, Ohio
'60	Tom VandenBosch	Charleston, W. Va.
	Jim Tanner	Pleasant Ridge, Mich.
'61	Jim Knowlton	Livonia, Mich.



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