



Lambda Chi Alpha

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CURTAIN RISES ON RUSH

The well known drama, Spring Fraternity Rush, had its grand opening at Sigma Zeta on Sunday, February 25. Our theater was immaculate due to a fine job during Help Week and the added efforts of all the brothers. The usual props—a congenial handshake, a warm smile, and great enthusiasm—waited the celebrities as they filed up the brick walk of 1601 Washtenaw. Our premiere had such a fine turn out on Sunday that we have decided to extend the run for two weeks.



Box office receipts for the first three days of open house showed that more than 200 rushees had been given the grand tour of our chapter house. Various reports from the brothers indicate this is a number exceeded by few if any other houses on campus.

Smokers began on Tuesday night followed by lunches on Thursday and Friday. Friday we treated the rushees to an afternoon of bowling and a buffet. When the Sigman went to press, we were looking forward to the second week of rush complete with dinners, and more lunches and smokers.

It is too early to give you the final reviews, but we are sure that this spring rush will be listed among one of the all time great spectaculars. Sigma Zeta can boast one fine open rush pledge, Dave Griffin. Dave is an Ann Arbor boy who transferred to Michigan this year after spending his freshman year at Stanford. He is majoring in pre-med and we are sure that Stanford's loss is Michigan's and Lambda Chi Alpha's gain.

Important news at Michigan is the new rush program that will go into effect next fall. This innovation was set up by the Interfraternity Council in an effort to allow all the rushees to see more houses. During open house which will be held on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, the rushee will be required to visit at least eight houses if he desires to pledge. Five of these houses must be in each of five geographical districts. This means that many more rushees will be making the long trek from the Quadrangles to the Hill and Washtenaw area.

Wednesday of the first week will be a free day with all rushing prohibited. This will give both the rushees and the actives a chance to catch up on lost study hours. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, will be rush lunches and smokers. The second week of rush, Monday through Sunday, will consist of lunches, dinners, and smokers.

One of the important aspects of this program is the clause prohibiting bidding until Tuesday of the second week. This definitely favors Lambda Chi since our policy is to carefully scrutinize all rushees before we extend any bids. Houses who depend on early bids and "hot boxing" to establish their pledge class will no longer be a threat.

COMES MICHIGRAS

It's a Michigras year again! We here at Sigma Zeta are again going to try to place as high as in the past. Two years ago we took a second place in the skill booth division with the aid of the Kappa Gamma's. However, this year nothing will do but a first for the Lambda Chi's.

We have the lovely ladies of Delta Delta sorority to help us this year. Working with the usual bad theme, this year "Ad-lib," we have designed a skill booth and submitted our petition. Just last week the central committee selected us as one of the thirty groups to construct a booth. With this announcement the spirit in both houses has risen. In an effort to maintain this enthusiasm an exchange dinner—T.G.I.F., is planned for Friday, March 9.

Our particular idea for a skill booth revolves around a "twist" on the twelfth labor of Hercules, a trip through Hell. The actual title is "Hellbound with Hercules." The customer, entering to play the games inside Hell, will have to slide down on a ski-lift type chair over a pool of water, representing the River Styx. Once inside there will be a choice of three games to play. The first, the tire game, consists of a row of vertically hanging tires. The object is to "walk" the entire line of these without falling. The second game is entitled the "sin pin" game. Here the people will try to throw away their sins by sitting on a circular swing and grabbing bowling type pins off of platforms and throwing them into a cauldron to be burned away. The actual twelfth labor is the basis for the third game. It consists of a moving turntable on which the contestant stands. The object is to throw three balls into the mouths of the three headed dog, Cerberus. In an effort to "kill" him. After playing as many games as they desire the customers then leave Hell by sliding down a chute out on to a trampoline.

I'm sure most of you "old dads" remember that Michigras is the biggest event of the year on campus. We here at Sigma Zeta would like to see as many of you as possible go to Hell with the Lambda Chi's.

SIGMA'S NEW LEADERS

On February 13th, the newly elected officers of Sigma Zeta were installed by High Pi, Al Ueker, in a very impressive ceremony attended by the active chapter. The nine officers, four of whom are sophomores and the remainder juniors, were elected at the chapter meeting of January 8th.

Heading the list of officers is Rod Johnson, the new High Alpha. Rod's election brings another first to Sigma Zeta, that being two High Alphas from the same family. Rod's older brother, Bruce, held the office back in 1958. The new High Alpha brings with him many qualifications for the office. He was the High Kappa last semester and was house manager before that. Rod is a junior in the School of Architecture & Design and scholastically won the award for being the Most Improved Active living in the house.

Ably backing up Rod is the new High Beta, Jed Maebius. Jed is also a junior, and he came to Michigan from Houston, Texas. He followed up his chairmanship of homecoming two years ago (which netted Sigma Zeta second place), by becoming the High Epsilon. To add to these activities, Jed has been active in IFC while persuing his political science major.

Dave Mackstaller, the new High Gamma, is the only sophomore in the Executive Suite this year. Dave assumes his duties with some excellent experience, for he was the secretary of the 1961 Spring Pledge Class. Furthermore, he just curtailed his job of Assistant Pledge Trainer under new High Alpha, Rod Johnson. To add to this list, Dave has also been active in IFC.

The last member of the Executive Suite is the new High Tau, Steve Small. Steve's willingness to go beyond the call of duty makes him an excellent brother for the position of treasurer. His 3.52 average is continually improving for he was the high man in last spring's pledge class and followed that up with a 3.8 average last semester to claim the honors of high active. However, Steve does more than just study; several times each week he's seen donning a green and yellow LCA jersey while competing in IM Sports.

Our new high Epsilon is Mark Hall. After just a few short weeks Mark has established an exciting social program. Stepping into the office of High Phi is Ron Modreski. Ron's successful completion of one initiation attests to his abilities. Straight from the Iowa soil banks comes Dave Sheldon, our new High Delta. Dave's smile and personality make him the perfect brother to carry out the duties of this office. Taking over as High Kappa is Randy Mitchell. Randy is fresh off a semester as Athletic Chairman and is ready for Dave's pledges. Paul Simmons is the new alumni secretary and is already busy working on Founder's Dav.

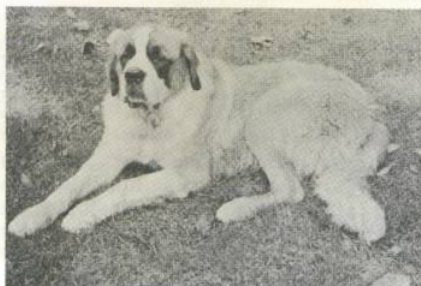
GAIN IFC POSTS

Sigma's active participation in campus activities has shone through again as we placed two brothers in committee chairman posts on the Interfraternity Council. The new I.F.C. rush chairman is brother Frank Lude who replaces another Sigma at the post, John Myerhol. Frank had previously served on the rush committee before petitioning and winning the head spot.

The committee on fraternity relations is now being headed by Sigma Cliff Taylor. Cliff who was a member of the alumni committee last semester, has had a great deal of experience in improving relations between organizations, especially with the Kappa Alpha Thetas.

We are quite confident that both will do fine jobs on behalf of Sigma and Michigans fraternity system.

FAITHFUL AND TRADITIONAL FRIEND LEAVES



A long tradition at the house has ended with the selling of Major V. The motivating force for the departure of major was the number of arrests, court appearances, and convictions the dog had accumulated because of the recent campaign by city officials to enforce animal loitering by-laws. As court appearances followed the inevitable arrests by those bastions of law enforcement, the Ann Arbor Police, some of the more verbose and tactful members of our Zeta tried to convince the judge that Major was not loitering but rather contemplating the passing panorama; however, as arrests piled up it became increasingly difficult to put up a stout defense for our stud. Therefore, because it was financially unfeasible to allow our perceptive canine to run in this city he was confined to quarters. It seemed for a while that the solution had been reached. Still, it wasn't to be as Major reacted in a violent manner to his imposed isolation and it soon became obvious that it had become impossible, if this city would not allow the dog to run, for Sigma to keep Major with us. Thus with many a misty eye, but basically for the good of our long time companion, Major was sold.

JOB WELL DONE

Hurrah! The pledges of Sigma Zeta survived the hardships of Work Week—with high spirits at that. The fellows began bright and early Monday morning, February 5, with clean clothes, combed hair, a bright smile, and excess energy. On the following Sunday night the situation was not quite the same. They looked like "wet backs" from Mexico—paint-stained clothes, unshaven face, lice-infested hair and still a big smile. They did a tremendous job putting the house back in tip top shape.

They began by painting the large living room, Executive Suite, second and third floors. Professional painters couldn't have done better (two of the fellows are professional painters!). Next they moved on to more challenging work by converting the Cook's Quarters into a functional study area (we said it couldn't be done)—tiled floor, indirect fluorescent lighting, and wall-projecting tables. Just for kicks they laid new linoleum on the stairway to the basement. With renewed vigor new doors were cut, sanded, and finished for both the second and third floors. In fact they had so much vigor, they were going to attempt to change the rugs in the foyer and the front stairs. However, we felt it better (by this time they were going around by twos to hold each other up) that a professional company do it. It will be done within the next month.

Probably one of the finest and crowning achievements of the week was the sensational job they did on the pride and joy of Sigma Zeta—Berney's stove. Congratulations, men!!!

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We were very happy to learn that our scholarship has improved over last year. Although we haven't received the official report from the university, an estimate as accurate as possible showed the over-all house average to be 2.6. Last semester our average was 2.5. While we aren't sure of the official scholarship awards, the performances of several of the brothers deserve recognition. Jeff Clark, who was a super-pledge last semester, earned a 3.8 and by far showed the most improvement of any of the brothers. Among those brothers living in the house having the highest averages were Hank Lenox, Steve Small, John Drewry, Paul Simmons, and Bill Sutter. With our 2.5 last semester we placed 15th among the fraternities, and we are confident that our 2.6 this semester will boost our standing.

-FLASH-

17 Pledges

SWINGING AGAIN

After a semester of parties at the Annex, compliments of brothers Sheldon, Knapp and Wagle, Sigma is back to having parties in the house. The first party was something of a rather unique nature. The beginning portion of the party began with tray riding (on kitchen serving trays) in Nickels Arboereturum, after which everyone came back to the house to thaw out. The house was decorated on the order of a ski lodge with couches circled around fires in the fireplaces on the main floor, while in the lower dining level, there was the Twist in conjunction with the tubism. The tubism, a new color model, was utilized here as something of a different vein to add a touch of color in the basement as a counterbalance to the color of Mac McCarty on the main level.

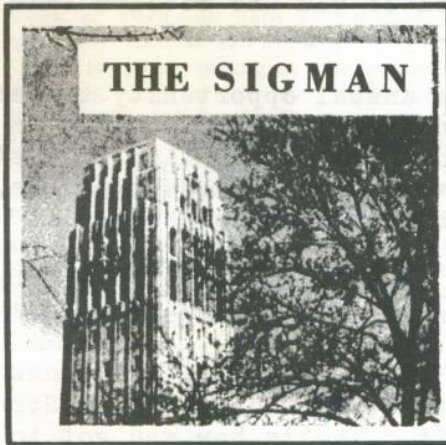


On Sat. May 3, Al Capone no doubt turned over in his grave. Sigma had a "Gangster Party." There were numerous characters from Chicago such as Ron Drummond—that Hood of Hoods, with certain others from the East such as the Hatchet man, Herb Harper and Chris "Baby Face" Wines. No murders were committed this night, but I have a feeling plans were made by Paul Robertson to "shoot" some innocent females down.

Sigma has adopted a new policy this year of scheduling exchange dinners on Fridays so that we can offer Mr. Swoverland a fish sandwich when he comes by to see us. The reason for this may seem obscure to some people, but it is merely because Mr. Swoverland has an affinity for 'Fish' on Fridays. Our exchange dinners for this

semester, providing KAΘ doesn't call at the last minute, are with KAΘ, Tri Delta, and AΦ.

A few other parties this semester are the annual pre-Florida Party on March 31, which is just before Spring Vacation. Here a truck load of sand is poured into the basement to simulate the beaches of Lauderdale. A Semi-Formal Party is planned for April 21 followed by the semi-annual Pledge Party where Merv Gaskin will no doubt take his usual bit of gas about his motor cycle, Cliff Taylor will not live down his upset stomach, and Rod Johnson will be reminded of his "E"s. The next week-end will be Mother's Weekend where the Brothers take their Mothers to a Michigan Glee Club concert on Saturday night and Jed Maebius will introduce his mother as this year's president of the Mother's Club. Saturday May 19 will top off this semester's social calendar with the Pledge Formal, being held this year at Lakeland Country Club.



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Alumni—Please keep us posted on your whereabouts and activities. As you can see there is no news from alumni in this issue. After renewing old acquaintances on Founders Day lets make a point to send letters to Sigma and keep your fellow alumni informed.

CUPID'S CORNER

Pinnings
Steve Small to Susan Frick
John Drewry to Diane Robinson
Jerry Kellum to Connie Koski
Mark Hall to Bobi Brown
Bill Sutter to Dale Coughlan
Rod Johnson to Sandy Hanson
Reg Wagle to Barbara Semenak
Paul Simmons to Gene Smith

Engaged
Hank Lenox to Nancy Blagdon
Len Cercone to Punch
Lemessurier
Bruce Galbraith to Karen VanDam

SPORTS

The eyes of Sigma athletes are turned toward the calendar in anticipation of the spring sport season. Spring sports, a perennial strength, are regarded with greater than usual delight this year for it is in this crucial area where the hopes of an improved athletic standing are found. Currently reposing in twenty first place, such strongholds as swimming, golf, and softball, along with high finishes in both "A" and "B" basketball, are expected to provide the impetus for an upward swing in athletic fortunes.

Basketball-wise the competition was extremely rugged this year as both Sigma teams often took the court with height deficiencies. Compensating with an effective fast break attack and an aggressive defense the "A" team under John Carton's guidance gained a second place playoff berth only to drop the first encounter 43-41. Bruce Barker's "B" team has already won its first contest in the second place playoffs and are shooting for a championship.

In other winter sports competition paddleball, table tennis, water polo, and indoor track was not as successful as hoped for. But in bowling the brothers rolled to a semi-final berth and were defeated by only two points at that stage. This outstanding team was led by Hank Lenox and also included John Carton, Jim Muir, Jack Hardy, and Randy Mitchell. Our hats off to these fine competitors.

Looking forward to swimming we find we are blessed with fine individual performers such as Kim Wade, Bill Scovill, and Mike Trautman. A high finish is anticipated in the spring swim meet if sufficient depth can be uncovered to support these men.

The swimmers will not be alone for then the first warm weather will usher in the outdoor sports competition. Representing Sigma this year in the I.M. golf tournament will be several returning linksters who last year carried us to a third place finish. Based on last years performance these boys should raise L.C.A.'s colors considerably on the athletic standing pole.

Meanwhile the sound of bat-on-ball will herald the beginning of an intensive effort by softballers to produce a winner in the spring sports favorite. Big things are expected this year from a balanced team of fresh blood and seasoned veterans; likewise from horse-shoes, tennis, and a winter throwback, free-throw shooting where Hank Lenox will try to improve his eighth place all-campus finish of last year.

That's our round up of spring sports at Sigma this year. With the usual spirit the purple, green and gold should shine this semester.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA
SIGMA ZETA - FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, April 1, 1962

Mar. 3, 1962

Dear Brother:

In spite of the weather we've been having, winter will soon be over. One sure sign of spring is your Chapter's Founder's Day Celebration, and it is to herald in this glad event that we are writing you now.

In the last several years Founder's Day has grown into a well attended, thoroughly enjoyable opportunity to assure each other as to how we haven't changed a bit since we were in school. Maybe April 1 is just the right day to load up on this sneaky sort of reassurance.

We are planning again this year for the same excellent turn-out that we have had in the last few years. Your committee is doing everything possible to assure that everyone within a reasonable distance from Ann Arbor is personally contacted. No matter how hard we work at this, we always seem to find that we have missed several who we just couldn't locate in time. So, each of you who receive this letter are expected to spread the good word. Will you help?

To make the most of this annual opportunity to get together, we have planned the day to begin with a cocktail party in the grand manner at the new home of Claude Morehouse, which will start at 1 o'clock. At 3 o'clock we will move, as orderly as possible, to the fraternity house for dinner and "the songs we love so well."

Begin making your plans now - call the other Lamba Chis you know, and try to have a full car when you hit the road to Ann Arbor.

Directions: Claude's house is in the brand new area on the west side of town, just off Liberty Street. You remember Liberty St. That's how you got to the Pretzel Bell. So, you keep on going west on Liberty, cross Main St., almost to the edge of town, just beyond a beautiful new Lutheran church at your left. Then, turn left on Dartmoor Ave. about half a block to 641 Dartmoor where all the cars are.

With these clear directions there is no excuse why anyone should not be able to fumble his way there without too much trouble.



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