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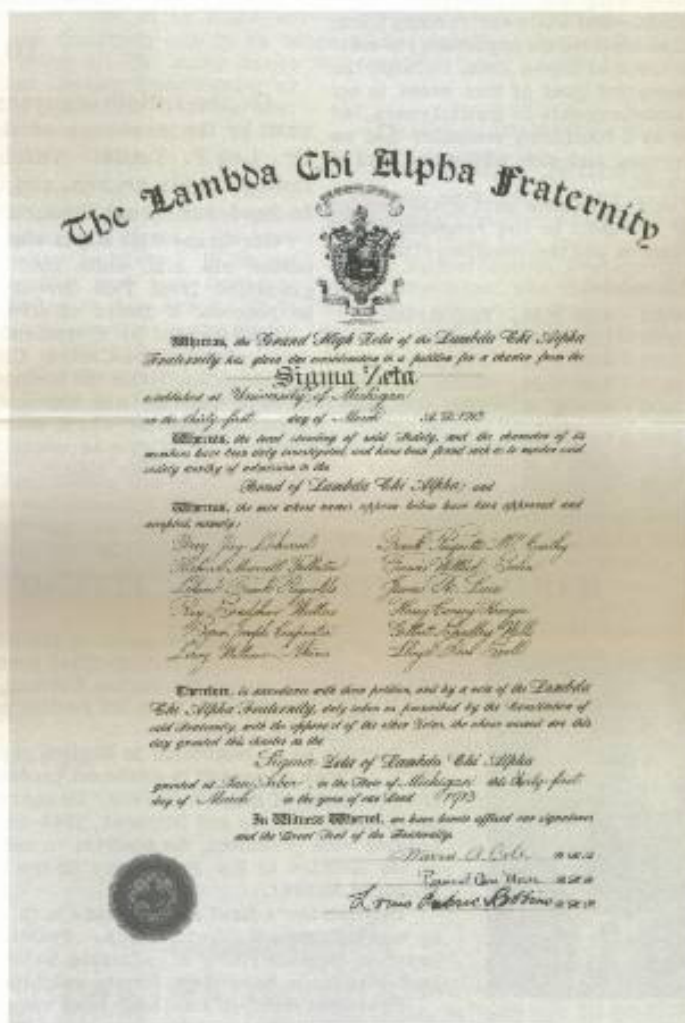
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In the Spring of 1912, a floundering social group was born — almost unnoticed — on the Michigan Campus. Nameless and unimpressive, it seemed but another of the countless student organizations which bloomed and faded with each passing year.

But this group was not one to resign itself to a short, uneventful life. It burned with a desire to build a firm brotherhood and a lasting tradition. To facilitate its goals, it was determined to become affiliated with a national fraternity. Weak in numbers but strong in spirit, it made its voice heard — and in less than twelve months, on March 31, 1913, it was installed as Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha.

This was not a time to be complacent, however — Sigma was not going to sit on her laurels and boast of her name. Remembering her ultimate goals of an ideal brotherhood and a position of influence, her 12 initiates were eager to work and to build. And build they did. In 1914, Sigma merged with Mu Psi, a promising local fraternity to comfortably swell her ranks. When her potential could no longer be stifled by lack of size, she began to gain in momentum and prestige. She absorbed a national fraternity, Theta Kappa Nu, and weathered two wars, bouncing back each time with new and greater strength. Her vitality today would not have been possible but for the heritage of 12 courageous and devoted men. To these twelve men, this issue is dedicated.



Sigma to Celebrate in Grand Style

Washtenaw Country Club to be Scene of Banquet, Dance

Fiftieth Anniversary Joint Effort of Active Chapter and Alumni

In her first 50 years, Sigma Zeta has significantly enriched the lives of 929 men. Sigma is proud of her accomplishments, and has made extensive plans to honor her brothers. Sigmen from all walks of life have been summoned from nearly every state, and first returns indicate that a sizeable crowd will be here March 30th to join in the festivities.

The day's agenda is jam-packed with things to do.—and while you're doing them, you will be afforded the opportunity to meet the new blood of Sigma Zeta. Perhaps the most important goal of this event is not just to commemorate 50 fruitful years, but to serve as a continuing reminder that we are all-young and old— within the bond of brotherhood.

The most enjoyable part of the day for you will probably be the renewing of old acquaintances and the recalling of the good

Brief Schedule:

10:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Registration
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.	Buffet
1:00 - 2:30 P.M.	Pictures
2:30 - 3:00 P.M.	Group Picture
3:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Tour
5:00 - 6:30 P.M.	Social Hour
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Banquet
9:00 - 12:30 P.M.	Dance

times, embarrassing situations, and budding romances of your youth. But to fill the verbal pauses and to augment your recollections, we've arranged a full day of activities. Of course feel free to attend only what you wish.

You will be amazed at some of the improvements and changes of the University and of Sigma. You will be pleased, we're

quite sure, with all the materials we've been collecting, depicting these changes.

The banquet is going to be a deluxe affair, and the dance to follow, featuring the soothing music of Clarence Byrd, will furnish a golden touch to this grandest day in Sigma's history. How long has it been since you've been back?

Dr. Tuttle, Grand High Alpha, to Give Address

On the fiftieth anniversary of her founding, Sigma Zeta is to be honored by the presence of the new Grand High Alpha of Lambda Chi Alpha, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle. Throughout his 58 years Dr. Tuttle's devotion to his family, to his church, and to Lambda Chi have shown him more than worthy to lead our great fraternity.

Our Grand High Alpha attended Duke University in the middle 20's where he received his A.B. while also playing varsity football for three years. In 1934 he graduated from Yale Divinity School with a B.D. degree and in the following year he received a doctor of divinity degree from Edon College.

Spearheaded by a tremendous ability to preach the Word Of God, Dr. Tuttle became pastor of the Central Church in Asheville, N.C., in 1944, beginning his gradual ascension within the Methodist Church, culminated in 1960 when he was appointed by an executive committee to head the World Methodist Council. In this position Dr. Tuttle is concerned with the operations of all phases of his church. He has held many other

offices of high esteem whenever called upon by his colleagues.

Mrs. Tuttle, the former Miss Mae Simpson,

has presented our new president with two daughters, Marcia Lee, presently librarian at the Princeton Theological Seminary, and Diane (Mrs. Glen B. Handyman), now a teacher in Durham, N.C.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle's contributions to the fraternity speak for themselves. Since 1954 he has served on the Grand High Zeta as both Grand High Delta and Grand High Gamma, and he was a member of the executive committee for four years.

The election of Dr. Lee F. Tuttle to the office of Grand High Alpha is a surprise to no one who is familiar with his many qualifications. Tozier Brown, past president, describes him with these words: "A leader in every sense and a man of unlimited resources—spiritual, mental and temporal—he will move Lambda Chi Alpha even further ahead in the educational and interfraternal worlds in which it now casts a long, strong shadow."



HARLAN HATCHER WILL ATTEND

A very special honored guest at the 50th Anniversary Banquet will be the distinguished president of the University of Michigan, Dr. Harlan Hatcher, Ph.D., Litt. D., L.L.D. Dr. Hatcher is in his twelfth year as chief executive of the University.

Starting as an instructor in English at Ohio State in 1922, he was promoted to assistant professor in 1928, and professor of English in 1932. He served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1944-48, and in 1948 became vice president, the position he held at the time of his election to the Presidency of the University of Michigan in 1951.

Dr. Hatcher's first eleven years have been marked by many important developments. Policies to be followed in meeting rising enrollments while maintaining high standards have been firmly established.

President Hatcher has long been especially interested in the history and development of the Great Lakes region and served on the Soo Locks Centennial Com-

mission. He is the author of several novels and volumes of history dealing with this region and especially with his native state of Ohio.

Dr. Hatcher has been awarded honorary degrees from more than twenty outstanding colleges throughout the country. He is a member of educational associations and societies, and several clubs. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Defense Analyses and the Boards of Directors of the Council for Financial Aid to Education, The Detroit Edison Company, the Ann Arbor Bank, The Economic Club of Detroit, and Tecumseh Products Company. Sigma Zeta is very proud to extend the opportunity for all alums to meet the esteemed President of The University.



ROSS MacNAUGHTON NAMED HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF 50TH

Order of Merit

Received for Efforts

As we ponder our half-century of achievement, we cannot help but recall the man acknowledged as one of the immortals of our fraternity, Brother Ross MacNaughton.

If actions do speak louder than words, then the deeds of Ross MacNaughton seem to shout, for he is a man who has consistently given everything of himself to make Sigma the great chapter she is today. Though the story of his efforts in the building and revival of Sigma during the depression and World War II is well known, it is always worth repeating. As the depression of the thirties deepened, Sigma found herself falling. Her membership was plummeting, and the resulting loss of funds imperiled the security of our 20 year mortgage. Only through a strongly organized and feverishly executed plan could Sigma expect to maintain her strong position on campus.

It was Ross MacNaughton who provided this plan—plus the inspiration, energy and persistence which were needed to make it effective. By leasing the house to the University, moving the active chapter to another location, setting up a financial program, negotiating with debtors, and conducting an all-out alumni drive, Ross was able to save our threatened chapter.

In addition, when Sigma was back on her feet, MacNaughton took the position of president of the House Holding Corporation, in insure a continuing sound financial base for the fraternity.

What does this modest man have to say about his work? "I just yelled and organized and got people interested. I had a lot of help and inspiration—I made a plea, and the alumni assumed their responsibility, and we did all right."

Ross retired from the Ford Motor Company two years ago. He has decided to spend his golden years in Ann Arbor, except for three or four months each summer when he leaves for Lake Huron. A recent comment by Ross may explain why he has been endeared to Sigma:

"I'm glad we're still going so strong, and I'd like to keep active in working for the house, but I think it's time we sixty-year-olds stepped down and gave the younger fellows a chance. I have an awful lot of faith in the house."

It is with pride that Sigma names Ross MacNaughton Honorary General Chairman

A Letter from the President of the House-Holding Corporation

A milestone in the history of Lambda Chi Alpha at Michigan will soon be reached, for as you know, on Saturday March 30th, the brethren of Sigma Zeta will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the University of Michigan chapter.

The "Fifty Years at Michigan" celebration will allow all of us a chance to gather in Ann Arbor and to reflect back upon those memorable times of our college days. It will also give us a chance to see the tremendous growth of our Alma Mater over the last decade. For some of us it may be the first return visit to Ann Arbor since graduation. For others it will be one of many returns. For all, it will be a day full of the nostalgic memories of yesterday.

Alumni, representing you through the Lambda Chi Alpha Foundation, have been busy for sometime to make the approaching anniversary day worthy of the importance it represents. Our general chairman, Bill Schepers, has been doing an outstanding job of organizing committees and attending to all the many things that have to be taken care of to make our celebration a real success. The active members of our fraternity are to be congratulated for the co-operation they have given us in doing all the many things that must be done. Let it be understood, this is not just another Homecoming or Founders' Day gathering. This is that once-in-a-lifetime gathering of all the brothers of Sigma Zeta.

You have all received the New Year's announcement, and then later, the program and registration form. We have heard from many brothers. It is not too late to contact that lost friend to arrange a meeting in Ann Arbor. It is not too late to contact your pledge brothers for a motel gathering on Friday evening. If you will let me know, I'll be most happy to supply any addresses that you may need.

The welcome mat is out. As President of the Foundation, and on behalf of your officers and Board, I would like to personally urge that you attend the anniversary celebration of "Fifty Years at Michigan" for Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Walter H. Stein
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Ann Arbor, Michigan

House Improvements Raise Morale

In the past year, many needed improvements to our physical plant have been made, and plans have been formulated for further improvements. Perhaps the greatest improvement was the recarpeting of the foyer, stairway and second floor hallway complex. Another notable renovation was the conversion of the antiquated "cooks quarters" into a modern study room and an adjacent drawing room.

Also, within the past year, the entire first and second floors have been painted, the executive suite and second floor hallways partially replastered, new lamps have been purchased, several new bunkbeds have been secured, and a hedge has been planted which will eventually screen our parking area from Washtenaw.

These and many more endeavors this past year have undoubtedly raised the value of our property, but more significantly have contributed to the warm and cheerful atmosphere of our fraternity, and to its ability to fill the needs of the brotherhood. Thank you, alumni for helping to make this possible.



The beautiful Washtenaw Country Club, scene of the 50th Anniversary Banquet and Dance, now boasts a newly re-

HOMECOMING: A GOOD TIME FOR ALL AGES

Over Forty Alums Return "Home"



Evidently the judges scurried too.

Homecoming at Sigma was made a success in spite of several depressing aspects: a losing football team, a beautiful but not victorious display, and the first Diag Chariot Race without our Major. The day was made much brighter with the presence of over forty alums and their families. They started gathering at the house at noon, and those present enjoyed a buffet lunch before the game.

After the game, the house was again the center for the meeting of old friends and for making the acquaintances of many new ones. The brothers in the house thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the alums and their families. Coffee, cider, and donuts were served; many aspects of Sigma's history and present activities and achievements were talked over by all. The subject of the Fiftieth Anniversary was a popular topic of conversation; all of us here, actives and alums alike, were anxiously looking forward to the March reunion, with the hope that many more alums would be present.

New L.C.A. Fathers

If the future of Sigma is to remain bright, it must recruit new blood to fill the ranks. Several of the brethren are doing their best to help the cause, but they are producing Kappas instead of Lambda Chis! Len and Punch Cercone are the proud parents of Kelly Lynne, as of early November, while Mike and Betty Fast, in their campaign to double the population of Jonesville, have begun with a little daughter, Michelle. Rich and Marie Johnson are expecting their first child quite soon. Here's hoping it's a hearty male!

Brothers Who Returned for Homecoming

Mark Farrell	S-17
Larry McKay	S-33
Charlie Parker	S-297
Ray Scott	S-475
Ed Lam	S-485
Emmett Smith	S-555
Jack Whaito	S-557
George Tuck	S-571
Bob Connell	S-577
Charles Giffin	S-588
Gary Hicks	S-590
Richard Yarmain	S-609
David DeVries	S-614
Fred Barrett	S-626
Paul Bachmann	S-638
Baird Surgert	S-643
R. T. Good	S-657
Gordon Merritt	S-665
Les Knowlton	S-673
Elliott Burd	S-677
Ray Stokes	S-679
Ralph Richter	S-680
Robert MacMicheal	S-695
Richard Blodgett	S-703
George Grove	S-706
Don Scotilla	S-722
Tom Bosch	S-727
Francis LeMire	S-729
W. B. Martin	S-732
James L. Hart	S-735
Kerry Johnson	S-736
Neil Taylor	S-739
John Cross	S-745
Gerry Merritt	S-758
William Mitchell	S-778
Bill Schepers	S-779
Stan Fuller	S-782
John Winter	S-819
Tom Kress	S-824
Mike Fast	S-830

Detroit-Site of December Foundation Meeting

new officers elected

The Annual Meeting of the Lambda Chi Alpha Foundation, Inc. was held at the Clifford Hotel in Detroit on December 4, 1962. A new slate of officers were elected to replace those who had served for the last year. The new officers are President, Walt Stein; Vice-President, Claude Morehouse; Treasurer, Ed Sandell; and Secretary, Jack MacLeod. Those who stepped down were: Claude Morehouse, and Secretary, Ed Sandell.

Two important items of consideration were discussed at length by those present. An old topic, expansion of house facilities, met with new interest and enthusiasm on the part of both Alumni and Active representatives. The major interest, however, revolved about the plans for the upcoming Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. After discussing the plans for this celebration, all who attended felt that this would be the "kind of celebration that a once-in-fifty-years homecoming occasion deserves."

George Spasyk Among Most Devoted Alums

George Spasyk needs no introduction to any members of Lambda Chi at Michigan. Nor does he need an article to acquaint any Sigman readers with his accomplishments. However, as a token of honor we wish to include his name and achievements in this special issue of our paper. The sole representative of Sigma in the national organization, George has attained the post of Service Secretary after brief sojourns as Traveling Secretary and Administrative Assistant. In this position of responsibility he has supervised the expansion of our fraternity at both General Motors Institute and Ferris Institute in the State of Michigan. Because Sigma was invited to participate in the initiation of the new chapters, we especially appreciated George's presence and helpful hints. Whenever George is here, we admire more than ever his continuing devotion to our fraternity.

Congratulations Schep!

Bill Schepers, formerly a sales and management trainee, has just been promoted to Product Manager in the Extruded Plastics Division at Sackner Products, Inc. One of our most active alums, Bill is also the Alumni General Chairman of the 50th Anniversary.

The Sigman

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News of alumni is always eagerly awaited. We'll be more than glad to pass news on to the rest of the brothers.

If you want extra copies of this 50th Anniversary Sigman, feel free to mail your request to 1601 Washtenaw. They are yours for the asking.

STRONG NEW PLEDGE CLASS



It was another banner semester at Sigma. Pledged were sixteen men, to go along with the present seventy-five actives. The new pledges are: First row (left to right)—Larry McLaughlin, Grand Haven; Tom Pink, Saginaw; John Lipkowitz, Grand Ledge; Dick Swan, Traverse City; and Ed Zimmerman, Reseda California. Second row—Win Schrader, Plymouth; Bob Kidder, Farmington; Tom Brigstock, Battle Creek; Russ Hamula, Adrian; and Ken Stokoe, Grand Rapids. Third Row—Ron Kinder, Oak Park, Illinois; Ken Vanderveide, Kalamazoo; Steve Smith, Park Ridge, Illinois; John Zeldenrust, Jackson; John Thompson, Pontiac, Illinois; and Tony Lopucki, Romulus.

The new district rush system, which requires that each person who pledges must have visited a total of eight houses, including at least one on each of the five districts, made the rushees come out to Hill and Washtenaw and out of the clutches of the Sig Chis and Betas. Three hundred and forty-three rushees came through our house breaking all previous marks for the past ten years. When one considers that a total of 646 men signed up for rush, Sigma was able to select from over fifty percent of all rushees.

We all hope that we will be able to show off this fine pledge class when we see you on March 30th at the 50th Anniversary.

Active Chapter Remains a Campus Leader

Industrious Sigmen

Extracurricular campus activities are generously dashed with men from Sigma Zeta. Sigmen can be found in I.F.C. offices, at honorary meetings, at Glee Club rehearsals, in the Stadium and in Yost Field House.

L.C.A.'s I.F.C. dynasty includes President Meyerholz, Fraternity Affairs Chairman Taylor, Rush Chairman Lude, and committee members VanderHeide, Peterson, Baird, Bock, and Tobias, the latter two preparing to fill newly-appointed chairmanships.

Brothers Lude, Meyerholz, Newton, Johnson, and Nette hold eight seats in the top four Michigan honoraries—Sphinx, Druids, Michigauma, and Rectorians. Brothers Simmons, VanderHeide, Herbert, Taylor, and Beaver form a significant L. faction of the world-renowned Michigan Glee Club.

The past year, six brothers have headed committees for special events such as Homecoming, Soph Show, and Spring Weekend. Our representation in varsity athletics is also an impressive one: Football—Baty, Twitchell, Brigstock, Smith, Kinder, and Alix; basketball—Pomey, Patrick, Brown, Clawson, Tillotson, Thompson, and Smith; baseball—Wahl, Pink; track—Lenox; golf—C. Newton, B. Newton; hockey—D. Newton; wrestling—Palmisano

Scholarship is High

Sigma has earned its best scholastic standing in thirteen semesters, finishing above the Michigan General Fraternity Average and besting all other Big Ten Lambda Chi Alpha chapters. No less than 22 brothers had a B average or better. Evidently, the office of Scholarship Chairman, newly-created by the General Assembly, has done much to encourage a healthy study atmosphere.

Also, our big brother—little brother system must have been operating at top efficiency last semester, as nearly all pledges made the 2.2 grade point required to be initiated. Here's hoping that Sigma can continue to do fine scholastic work.

Golden Anniversary Officers begin their Tenure

Our newly-elected officers are Frank Lude, President, a junior in Actuarial Science; Mark Hall, Vice-President, a junior in Architecture; Curt Harrison, Secretary, a junior in Engineering; and Jim Tuck, treasurer, a sophomore in Engineering.

Ending a successful year are Rod Johnson, a senior in Art and Design; Jed Maebius, a senior in Political Science; Dave Mackstaller, a junior in economics;

Manpower Strong

Sigma Zeta attributes her high degree of influence on campus to her strong and diversified membership. As of this semester, Lambda Chi at Michigan ranks third among forty-three fraternities in general membership. Our chapter strength is rapidly approaching the century mark: 75 actives; 15 pledges; and 6 superpledges.

The chapter has been growing in total membership at an increasing rate since her conception back in 1913. Beginning with only 12 charter members, Sigma 250 was initiated 17 years later in 1930, Sigma 500 in 1943, and Sigma 750 in 1956. At the present rate of activating 25 to 30 men a year, Sigma should initiate her 1000th member by 1965.

and Steve Small, a senior in Pre-law.

The new suite is approaching the task of guiding the house with enthusiasm and competence. All of the officers seem especially well qualified, as the occasional blunders which have always typified officer turnover have failed to appear, and several policies initiated by the newcomers have worked quite well. Here's to your success—the whole house is behind you.

When You Were An Active.....

Glancing Back Through the Old Sigmas, We Read of the

1920-1925

One of the first house publications (then called The Missing Link) was produced for the National Assembly held here at Sigma Zeta in January of 1920. It stated that we had grown to a national strength of 53 chapters in only 10 years time. Lambda Chi Alpha had experienced a "steady growth and advancement."

Even then the Sigma talked of Michigan's rather hopeless battle to maintain her athletic status as "Champions of the West," but her spirit was undaunted. This spirit was exemplified by such traditions as the football games in Nickel's Arcade, "bag rush," and Freshman "pots." Along with wearing the "pot," Freshman responsibilities in those days included: not smoking a pipe on campus, not stepping in front of an upperclassman, and removing his "pot" whenever he entered U-Hall or the Michigan Union.

Rushing procedures were a little different then. A "Hoola" dancer film was shown on a "movie machine" at rushing smokers, and a "Pro Week" was held. The Chi Omegas lived next door, yet the brothers never seemed to be invited to any of their social functions. But as an act of House-pride, many of the brothers took it upon themselves to make sure they took part in the refreshments anyway. An LCA Ragtime Band served to bring the name of the house into public focus, and were reputed to be the swingers on campus.

1925-1935

Alumni activities were increased considerably during this era. In 1925 Sigma announced the first assessment of Alumni Dues (\$1.00); two years had passed since the national's announcement. The following year saw the first annual meeting of Sigma alumni and Sigma's first celebration of Homecoming on the weekend of the Wisconsin game. In a 1929 Sigma we found this significant quote, "football season provided nothing unusual, except perhaps, that the alumni contingent behaved like gentlemen—either that or they are better able to hold their 'likker' these days." One of the high points of the initiation banquet in the fall of 1930 "was provided by 'Doc' Lockwood, who performed on the harmonica." Incidentally, could anyone who took part in the 1929 initiation explain to us the "Royal Rites of Queen Lil?" A formal dance always followed initiation in those days.

During Spring Vacation, 1926, we moved to our new house here at 1601 Wash-tenaw. She was the first on campus to be built strictly as a fraternity house. The cost of \$125,000 turned out to be much more than anyone expected, but she's given us many fine years of service. In 1929, the management of house finances was shifted

from the Detroit House-holding Corporation to the active chapter.

In 1930, Brothers Metz, Sears, and Parvin won the House Pool and traveled east to support the "Maize and Blue" at the Harvard game. Perhaps Ted Metz picked up some "Ivy League" color on that trip, because the following spring he was elected "Coed's Choice" in the Senior Class Election. "Chuck" Bernard was also bringing honor to Lambda Chi then, Just 10 years after Jack Blott, "Chuck" was named All-american center in 1933.

On Nov. 11, 1930, the Brothers put on a smoker to establish closer relations with Trigon; and then in April our neighbors entertained us at a "tea-dance." Perhaps they came to see our new drapes; the Sigma described then as "quite the nertz."

In 1932, the faculty promoted a deferred rushing policy to prove that fraternities are not conducive to study. That fall only 265 men pledged the 65 houses then on campus. As a result, all rushing rules were suspended, and a campus wide free-for-all ensued. Despite all this, Sigma still has a successful year. Scholarship moved up 20 places, we were swimming champs, and won 1st place in Homecoming Decorations.

1935-1940

Lambda Chi won first place in Homecoming Decorations in 1936 and again in 1939. In fact we would like to have seen the smile on High Alpha Hope's face when he received the trophy from "Miss America" Patricia Donnelly. Major was also doing his share in Public Relations with a picture and a feature article in Gargoyle. He was also one of the best journalists contributing to the Sigma for many years.

Even in those days the world was getting smaller. In 1937, two far-wandering brothers, Matson and Mitchell, accidentally came upon each other in Athens, Greece.

On the social scene, radio dances were

the popular function, and a house "Jam" band was formed by Brothers McCormick, Schmitt, Carr, and Roberts. The Homecoming Dance of 1939 featured "Clair Saltz and his Pepper Shakers," and one of the popular hangouts was a place called "Starbuck's." 1939 also marked the fourth consecutive year that we finished among the top 10 houses in Intermural Athletics. This same year Theta Kappa Nu came into our bond, bringing us to a total of 105 chapters, and making Lambda Chi Alpha the fourth largest national fraternity.

A statement by High Alpha Gibbs in the 1938 Sigma said, "We have weathered the storm! The depression is over—."

The building of new dormitories (East and West Quads) threatened fraternity rush, and the number of houses on campus had dwindled from 65 in 1932 to 41 in 1939. We are indeed grateful to those brothers who maintained the standing of Sigma throughout those troubled years.

1940-1945

The motto of LCA, as stated in the November, 1940, Sigma was "Lots of fun and parties for everyone." The "thought" for final exams that year was "J-Hop (with Tommy Dorsey) is coming, hot darn!" In those days it was almost a tradition that a Lambda Chi be chairman of the "Capitalist Ball."

In January, 1941, our financial problem had brought on the "closing action of the University, this coming June." We did not have enough men to fill the house and were forced to turn to the 450 alumni for financial support. In 1942 the brethren were determined that "Sigma's splendid manpower is not only going to help win the war but is also going to lick all elements and problems which will inevitably tend to jeopardize the chapter's position during the war." We did both. That same year scholarship moved from last of 41 houses to 10th place, and the Sigma was awarded 1st prize by the national. (The Sigma has since been honored twice more

House Meetings Haven't Changed

Whether in 1915 or 1963, whenever a group of happy young men get together, there's going to be some laughs for all. House meetings are no exception. The following crazy excerpts from pre-1920 minutes could just have well come from post-1960 minutes.

1915: A committee of three- Rathlems, Higgin, and Ladd- were appointed to buy a whistle. No details.

May 8, 1916: The entire treasury report of Brother Williams consisted of a suggestion that an investigation for some money be made. Good idea.

March 5, 1917: "Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a collar for the dog."

March 6, 1919: A motion was made that we except Brother Payne's quart of wax. The motion was carried. We wonder about this wax.

Feb. 16, 1920: Brother Zimmerli reported that the ventilation committee had ordered ventilation. Quite a trick if you can do it.

Fortunately for Lambda Chi, a little business did and still does seem to get transacted, in spite of all the colorful "filler" material that dominates most meetings—or maybe we should say because of it.

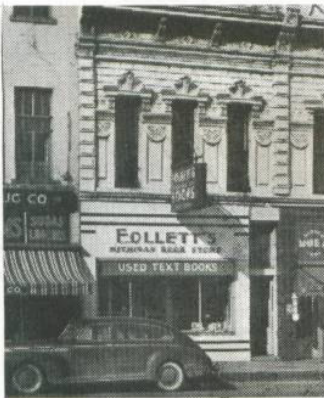
Crisis, the Good Times, and the Milestones of Sigma's Rich Tradition.

-----By Reg Wagle

—in 1950 and again in 1958.) The 15 tons of scrap collected by the brothers for the war effort was second largest on campus. The pile was suitably inscribed, "The Hell with the Axis."

The headline on the May, 1943, Sigman read, "Future of Sigma Chapter Remains Doubtful." Our proposed 4-point program included " (1) Leasing the chapter house to the University in order to obtain some amount of income for the duration, (2) Secure reduction in carrying charges of Sigma's huge house debt, (3) Refinance Sigma's entire debt, and (4) Re-establish the chapter at Michigan at the end of the war." On May 1, 1943, the brothers held the last party for the duration. The next fall found 1601 Wastenaw inhabited by freshman girls. Our "Central Office" was established at 232 Nickel's Arcade, and soon we announced that our tax debt from the depression had been paid off.

The headline on the April, 1944, Sigman read, "Future of Sigma Chapter Is Now Good." Our new local address was 320 S. State Street (over Follett's Bookstore), and by December a total of \$5,700 had been raised by the alumni for the Re-financing Program. Then on July 1, 1945, the house was rented once more—this time to the Red Cross, for one year. In April, 1944, Sigma counted 78 men in the service.



The New House—Upstairs

Alumni donated over \$300 to allow the actives to fix up their temporary home. A comfortable home was made out of what everybody called "a crummy mess."

1945-1950

In the fall of 1946, the Sigman heralded the reopening of the chapter house: "Post-war Dream Comes True." The brothers worked hard to bring the name of Lambda Chi to the forefront once again. That year we won first place in Homecoming Decorations again, and pledged 42 men. Those 42 men must have been tops; they drubbed the actives in the annual Softball Game, 13-5.

In our first effort in the Annual IFC Sing, in 1948, the brothers got a little ex-

cited and left Director Perry several bars behind. But the next year, the men of Sigma calmed down a bit and came out number one, with "Mah Lindy Lou." This same selection won another first in 1955. By November of 1949, gathering around the television set in the living room had become a favorite pastime.

The same year, Lambda Chi Alpha became the sponsor of a displaced person, Felix Mielzynske. Then in March, 1950, Sigma Zeta was host to the Great Lakes—Ohio River Conclave, which drew 75 men from 23 chapters in 7 states.

1950-1955

In 1951, our own George Spasyk took his position as Traveling Secretary. This was only a beginning of the twelve fine years of service George has given our fraternity. Roger Zatkoff was winning many honors on the Michigan gridiron. In April, 1952, the Sigman announced that our academics were still down, but IM athletics was on the way up. However, the brothers came through in quick order, and by the next winter LCA's scholastic standing was also on the rise. By 1953, we were 2nd in IM. The "B" basketball team even made it into the second place playoffs without a single victory (due to a number of defaults and ineligibilities). We also took time to give parties for 30 negro orphans whenever Christmas time came around. The Sigman called the 22 man pledge class of 1954, "indicative of Lambda Chi Alpha's rapid rise to the top rung of fraternities on the Michigan campus."

Major II was deactivated in 1951; he had grown tired of the taste of mailmen and had begun to include some of the actives in his diet. By 1954 Major IV was bragging of being BMOC (Big Mutt on Campus). It was that year that he started his winning tradition in the Homecoming Chariot Race, which he carried on for the next six years.

In November, 1952, an old tradition was taken up once again: the machinery of the Homecoming display went dead as the judges passed the house. (We might add that this grand heritage has continued faithfully up to the present.) The Sigman announced that free beer would be offered to all alumni who attended the Feb. 5, 1954 meeting of the Detroit Alumni Association at the Goebel Brewery. And back in 1953, we combined efforts with Delta Tau Delta for J-Hop. (This seems quite incomprehensible to the current actives.) The last of the J-Hops was held in 1954, to the music of Ray Anthony and Buddy Morrow.

In January, 1955, the plans for increasing the house capacity were first announced. However, the presentation of these bright new plans was dimmed by the resignation of Ross McNaughton as president of the House-holding Corpora-

tion. The Founder's Day celebration of that spring was dedicated to Brother McNaughton in gratitude for his faithful service to Sigma Zeta, especially during the dark years of the war.

1955-

In 1956, we were tops again in Homecoming. That year also, Brother Sloan carried Sigma's name to the Olympic Games. Our IM standing was beginning a steady climb, (seventh in 1956, fourth in 1957, and second in 1958). Thanks to IM organization, our football team performed the impossible: we lost the championship without ever being scored upon once in the entire season. We took second and third prizes in Michigras in '60 and '62 respectively. We sang our way to victory in IFC Sing in '59, '61, and '62. We have also had four out of the last five "Mud-bowl Queens," Treet, Everhardus (twice), and Rabideau. And the Spring of '61, we won a color television set in a cigarette wrapper contest.

George Jackson, who has been our porter for the past 16 years was honored at a banquet back in 1957. An article in the Sigman at that time spoke of George's familiar, "All right, all right, seven o'clock." George hasn't changed one word of his format. In the spring of 1961, Major V made a well publicized visit to two Playboy "Playmates" at a local clothing store. We believe that such extracurricular interest as these explain his failure in upholding Major IV's tradition in the chariot race. After selling Major V last year, we adopted a refugee boy named Tao, in Viet Nam.

In the Fall and Winter of 1960, the Student Government Council proposed action on Bias clauses, and a number of independent groups again promoted a deferred rush policy. Sigma has weathered these times well, however.

In recent years we have also had a number of our actives in various influential positions here on campus. Brothers Carpenter and Merrill served on SGC in 1958-59, and Warnock served in 1959-60. Brother Becher on IFC in 1959. John Meyerholz, who was instrumental in the National's adoption of the present pledge program in 1961, is the current president of IFC. This past summer, several of our brothers traveled to Pasadena, California to attend what the Grand High Zeta has hailed as Lambda Chi's "most historic convention."

In this article, certainly, we have not attempted to include all the important events which have made Sigma Zeta what it is today. We have intended to give only a sprinkling of those things gleaned from the Sigman, which we thought would be of interest to our brothers.

REMEMBER WHEN?



1926

1601 is born.



1930

A classy living room for a fraternity



1956

Carrying the Chi-O pledges



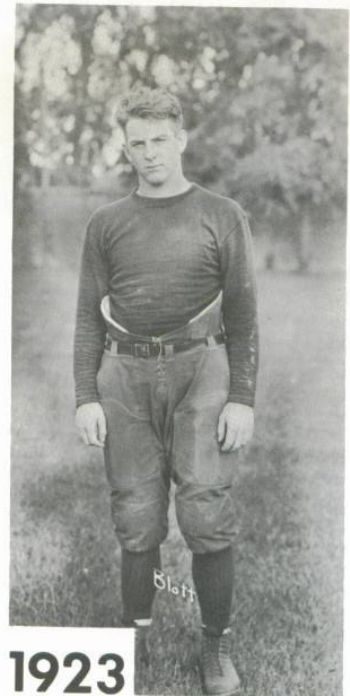
Last Major in a long tradition



1951

Whooping it up at a Hobo Party

Jack Blott—
All-American Center



1923

1935



LAMBDA CHI ALPHA - 1935

First row, left to right: Davis, Abele, Dresser, Lyon, McCombs, Hartman, Merriman, H. Parker, Austin; Second row: Matson, Olmstead, Maranek, Sahlmark, Snyder, Bower, Ashton, Barber; Third row: C. Parker, Thompson, Roe, Stanley, Heusel, Reed, Mitchell; Fourth row: Tyler, James, Burnett, Whiting, Hayes, Struve, Mac Leod, Foote; Fifth row: Neumann, Truc, Vallin, Wagner, Bruna.

This clever theme coped first place in the first competition after the war



1946

Paul Sellard was mighty proud of his band uniform—but look at those shoes!



12 proud mothers on the front lawn. Our annual Mother's Day has more than quadrupled since then.



— THE CHANGING COMPLEXION OF THE UNIVERSITY —
the new physics building humbles the old one, which should soon be "retired".



Following is a letter to all Brothers of Sigma on the occasion of our 28th anniversary. Its authors have stepped down and its style has weathered, but its message remains firmly intact

Our Pledge of Responsibility to Sigma Chapter

Brothers of Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity:

At this traditional meeting of Sigma Chapter, held annually on Founders' Day at our Chapter House in Ann Arbor, each one of us shares in facing the definite responsibility for the spiritual and material needs of our beloved fraternity for the ensuing year. Because of circumstances with which we are all familiar, at this our 28th Annual Founders' Day Banquet we are at the crossroads of our Chapter's life.



Shall we go straight ahead over the hill of difficulty, inspired to do our very best for the Chapter; vitalize our fraternal life with increased effort and its resultant spiritual uplift to each one of us; shall we be aggressively interested in our Chapter's welfare; have a warm, friendly greeting for all who step through our portals; set an example for our younger members and campus associates that will make each one of us proud to be members of Sigma Chapter; shall we carry our activities at Sigma up to a higher level of usefulness for ourselves, our fraternity and our University?

Or shall we take the left turn, following the level, easy road of indifference; make the same errors as last year and the years before; the ineffective carrying out of our responsibility of Sigma Chapter; the self-satisfied, luke-warm atmosphere which results in inadequate and insufficient Chapter effort?

This is our Chapter, yours and mine, and any Brother or friend who enters within her portals. The proper functioning of our Chapter, the quality of her spiritual uplift, and the many benefits of fraternal endeavor are the collective responsibility of each one of us.

At this 28th Annual Banquet—at which time we pay tribute to the Founders of Sigma Chapter—let each of us dedicate ourselves to fully do our part by increased giving of spiritual and material aid to our Fraternity, by taking a greater interest in her work and problems, by establishing a determined attitude that will carry our Chapter through her present difficulties, and by exemplifying fraternally the high ideals of Lambda Chi Alpha.

LET US FULLY MEET OUR CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITY

March 30, 1941

A Continuing Responsibility....

A few months after this timely plea, the nation was plunged into the most massive struggle of all. By the time the 29th birthday was to be celebrated, a majority of the undergraduate brothers were in the military services. Truly, the chapter was "at the crossroads"—as it has been at several other times in its 50-year history: The 1920's saw the need for a new chapter house—1926 saw the realization of this dream; The depression was a trial for all fraternities at Michigan—Sigma survived and prospered. The call to military service found the chapter unable to maintain the house in 1942 and

"The Sigman" reported "Future of Sigma Doubtful"; but the resourcefulness of the remaining members and loyal alumni came through once more and, the house rented to the University and chapter quarters moved to the Nickels Arcade, "The Sigman" then reported "The Future of Sigma Is Now Good!" Following World War II, alumni were called upon to refinance the house and secure funds for furnishings in order to resume occupancy. Nearly \$8,000 was raised and in the fall of 1946, the chapter began a new era which has kept it in the forefront of fraternities at Michigan to the present day.

And yet in a very real sense, the Chapter, the Fraternity, is again at the crossroads. More than ever before do we find a need to re-dedicate ourselves to the never old-fashioned concept of ideals, brotherhood and fraternalism. More than ever do we, as alumni and undergraduates, need to take a greater interest in our Fraternity and her problems.

Accept once more, if you will, your Pledge of Responsibility to Sigma Zeta, that our efforts in the next fifty years may bequeath a legacy even greater than that which the first 929 Sigmen have left in these first fifty years.

LET US CONTINUE TO MEET OUR CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITY

March 30, 1963