

THE SIGMAN

University of Michigan Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha

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HOMECOMING 1968 --AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

By all measures Homecoming 1968 was an overwhelming success for both Sigma Zeta and The University of Michigan Wolverines. The Blue blitzed the Gophers with 30 points in the first half as Michigan regained The Little Brown Jug.

Sigma Zeta outdid the varsity football team in garnering honors that weekend. The men of Lambda Chi combined efforts with the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma in producing the first prize award winning Homecoming float. We also sponsored a candidate, Fran O'Dell, a Kappa, in the Homecoming Queen competition who brought additional honor to Sigma Zeta by being selected a member of the Queen's court. We concluded our Homecoming festivities by entertaining and enjoying the company of our alumni, their families and friends.

Our Homecoming float was the result of hundreds of man hours of work by almost everyone in the chapter. Special mention must be made of the contributions of Dave Lustgarten, Rick Maxley and Hal Hultquist.

At the outset of the float competition, actually early in September, we knew that we were working with a unique idea. We were also faced with some pretty unique problems in executing our ideas. The theme "Utopia is . . ." was obviously open to a wide variety of interpretations.

After a thorough discussion the members of the chapter decided to discard all the frills, flowers and paper mache, and to design and build a float based on a serious theme—world peace. We attempted to do something reasonably artistic. In the end our efforts were successful.

Dave Lustgarten is an art major and was able to direct our efforts, especially with regard to the construction of the figures. Rick Maxley and Hal Hultquist were responsible for the carpentry. The result of our efforts produced first prize and considerable conversation among all of those who saw our float.

Our theme was not an anti-Viet Nam protest. Many of our members were quite surprised that we were forced to make this

clear on so many occasions. No one can reasonably question the role of negotiations as a preferable alternative to war. Life on the college campus is generally more serious than it used to be. Fraternities and sororities are among the most responsible of all of today's student organizations. Many observers in the Ann Arbor community were pleasantly surprised and impressed with our efforts.

Huge Turnout Makes Weekend

Almost 100 alumni, their family members and friends joined the undergraduates for the annual Homecoming celebration October 25th and 26th.

Many of our alumni members returned to the Chapter House after both the Mudbowl and the Minnesota game. At noon we had a buffet luncheon in honor of our alumni. After the game many alums returned to the House for the traditional cider and donuts.

Homecoming plans, programs and arrangements were handled by Dave Arnold. He secured tickets and accommodations for some of our alums who found out that they could join us at the last minute, but had neither hotel space nor tickets for any of the events.

The undergraduates were pleased and honored to act as host to the following alumni, their families and friends:

Jim and Diane Miller, Royal Oak;
Ron and Gay Russell, Royal Oak;
Carl Walker, Kalamazoo;
John Highhill, Muskegon;
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van House, Ann Arbor;
Bill Schepers, Grand Rapids;
Paul Robertson, Trenton;
Doug and Robin Abbott, Mt. Clemens;
Ronald Modreski, Detroit;
Harry Pearce, New York;
Thomas Gougeon, Cincinnati;

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The Sigma Zeta entry, entitled "We Will Never Go To War Again" which won first prize in the Homecoming competition.

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A publication for the alumni undergraduate members and friends of Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Michigan. Among the objects of the Sigman are: To afford such alumni of the Chapter a means of maintaining his interest in the Chapter and in all Lambda Chi Alpha affairs after graduation of his class from college; to keep alumni in touch with one another and with the Chapter; to keep all alumni members advised . . . and to seek advice and assistance from those alumni . . . concerning worthwhile projects undertaken by the Alumni Board of Advisors and the undergraduate chapter; and to provide for Sigma Zeta a record of alumni and undergraduate activities, accomplishments, problems and goals so that later generations of the Chapter may have a record of the efforts of their precursors with which to measure progress.

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Report of the High Alpha

Time continues on at its unflinching rate and the actives of Sigma Zeta are rolling along at that same unceasing tempo. Having completed our new bathroom, thanks to your concern and backing, we are washing, shaving, and showering in real luxury. The improvement was much needed and is now greatly appreciated. Also, we no longer need fear the threat of fire as Sigma Zeta now possesses the "Cadillac" of the fire alarm systems installed on this campus. This also we owe to your concern and interest.

On the more fraternal side of things, Sigma Zeta has started out with a real roar. As of this moment we are undefeated in Intramural sports and have a grand opportunity to reveal our hidden athletic prowess. But I am sure you will also be glad to hear that our academics are heading upward just as swiftly as the athletics. Last year our grade-point jumped from a 2.66 over-all to a 2.78 and we will be trying to improve this during the coming year. Socially, well, there is not much I can say. Lambda Chi has always had the best social calendar on campus and this year is no exception. It was great "way back when . . ." and it has not changed.

When Fraternity Rush was completed Sigma Zeta had a new pledge class of sixteen of the best potential Lambda Chis on campus. We are very pleased with our "catch" as it was one of the largest ones on campus, and are certain that the future of Sigma Zeta will be in good hands in the coming years. Rush this semester promises to be just as good as both the actives and pledges have been busy contacting potential rushees and making the necessary plans for a successful and productive rush.

Homecoming too, was a successful event for both the undergraduates and alumni. For those of you who attended the activities at Homecoming we are confident that you can attest to the quality of the undergraduate chapter. This quality was graphically shown by Sigma Zeta's first place winning Homecoming float.

Enthusiasm is high and everyone is looking forward to a successful, worthwhile, and fun year. But, the only way to really see how the brothers are, is to come back to 1601 Washtenaw and take a look for yourself. Feel welcome to stop by and say hello if you're in the Ann Arbor area. We know you will enjoy it and the younger men will welcome and appreciate your visit.

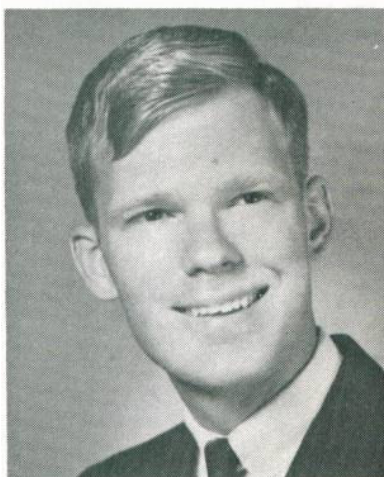
Yours in ZAX,
Jamie Quackenbush
High Alpha



Jamie Quackenbush

Community Service Project

The men of Lambda Chi Alpha at The University of Michigan continued to participate in activities of interest to and the benefit of the Ann Arbor community. The brothers of Sigma Zeta went trick-or-treating with the girls of Delta Gammas. After collecting several large bags of assorted favors we took these to the Childrens Ward at the hospital. All concerned enjoyed both the collecting and donating and the children certainly seemed to enjoy the candy.



David Arnold, High Beta

Introducing The Officers

Below you will find a list of our undergraduate officers with a little information that will give you some idea of the high caliber of men that are currently leading the chapter.

High Alpha is Jamie Quackenbush, a junior majoring in Anthropology. A native of Ann Arbor, he was president of his senior class in high school and is currently Assistant Business Manager of the Glee Club, on the advertising committee of UAC, and is the manager of the varsity tennis team.

High Beta is David Arnold of Huston, Texas. Dave is a sophomore majoring in political science, a member of the Honors Council steering committee, a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honorary, and is serving as an honors counselor.

High Gamma is Jim Peggs of Dearborn, Michigan. He is a junior in premed, and is active in intramurals and golf.

High Tau is Mike Farrell of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mike is a junior majoring in political science which he has put to use as a member of the Student Government Council. He is a transfer from Kalamazoo College where he played basketball. Mike also serves on the Student Advisory Board on University Relations, and was the advertising manager on

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Fall Rush Nets 16 Fine Men

Our fall pledge class of sixteen, one of the largest on campus, is high in quality, as is usual at Lambda, Chi Alpha. The class includes many outstanding athletes and scholars, and just good "all-around" men. The new pledges are: Ramon Almonte, number one tennis player in Puerto Rico, varsity at Michigan; Jim Bilick, Dearborn Heights, Michigan; Jim Goodling, East Liverpool, Ohio, all-state football; Ron Haskins, Constantine, Michigan, all-state basketball, West Point transfer; Gary Herzler, Saginaw, Michigan, high school quarterback, 4.0; Dan Hunter, Huron, Ohio, golf; John Jui, Grand Rapids, Michigan; John Lambert, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Jeff Morrison, Northfield, Illinois, pole vaulting; Joe Oeming, Saginaw, Michigan, freshman football; Russ Smiley, Detroit; Pete Schuler, McLean, Virginia; John Schroeder, Grand Blanc, Michigan; Joe Violi, Dearborn Heights, Michigan; Bob Zolkowski, Allen Park, Michigan; Ted Garman, Ann Arbor. The great diversity of interests and backgrounds of these men should add much to Sigma Zeta in the coming years.

Sigma Zeta Individuals Succeed

We at Sigma Zeta are justly proud of our many accomplishments this year. We are also very proud of the individual accomplishments of the brothers.

Chris Chatain, '70, Engineering, recently placed third in the Olympic trials for sailing in San Diego, California. Sailing his own Flying Dutchman with his brother as crew, Chris missed second place and an Olympic berth by only two points out of a possible sixty. Chris is a member of the Michigan varsity sailing team.

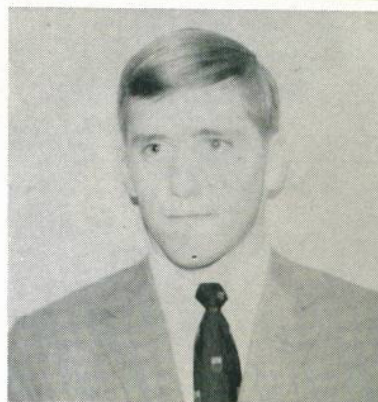
In a different type of activity, **Kurt Lauer** landed a part in the all-campus production of Camelot. Only a junior, Kurt was competing against many professionals.

Alumni Guests . . .

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Mike and Sarah Knapp, Ann Arbor;
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strait and Connie, Pontiac;
Larry and Char McKay, Birmingham;
Jack and Gloria MacLeod, Grosse Pointe Farms;
Bill Hope, Rochester, New York;
Phil and Carole Whittemore, Mt. Prospect, Ill.;
Morley M. Piggott, Detroit;
Gary Trepod, Battle Creek;
Edward R. Elleson, Detroit;
George Friesa, Farmington;
Gary Hicks, Grand Rapids;
George Grove, Southfield;
Rog Ulrich, Birmingham;
John Schroeder, LaJolla, Cal.;
R. T. Good, Lake Forest, Ill.;
John and Barb Eisele, Westland;
Bob and Marty Mulitty, Detroit;
Jim and Carol Knowtown, Wellington, Ohio;
George and Barb Pomey, Ann Arbor;
Frank Lude, Pontiac;
Howie and Greta Leavenworth, Ann Arbor;
Bill and Carlene Mitchell, Farmington;
Tom and Bobbie Flatland, Northbrook, Ill.;
David and Trudy Hurst, Wauscor, Ohio;
Ted Winkel, Ludington;
Joe Korthak, Ludington;
Mark Stuart and Sharon Knapp Marshall.

The above list does not contain the names of all of those who attended all or part of our Homecoming program. We appreciated the opportunity to act as your host.



Jim Peggs, High Gamma

Individuality Marks Room Improvements

An unusual amount of time, effort, and good taste has gone into room improvements this year. Relying heavily on such materials as paneling, cedar shakes, and barn wood, the brothers have been painting, sawing, and hammering with much vigor. Each room was finished before rush, and we were proud to show each rushee all the rooms.

The rooms reflect the individuality of the brothers, and range from sedate dark paneling to yellow walls with paisley wallpaper on the closets. In other words, the house is pretty much as usual—each individual asserting himself and contributing what he personally has, and while at the same time all are working together for the good of the house.

Chapter Officers . . .

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the Homecoming Central Committee.

Other officers are:

- Pete Graff, '70,—Pledge Trainer
- Dave Brewer, '69,—Rush Chairman
- Dennis Beemer, '70,—Ritualist
- Fred Matthaei, '71,—Academic Chairman
- Kerry Norwalk, '70,—Social Chairman
- Dr. George Greey—High Pi.

Alumni Corporation Directors Meet

Bill Shepers, President of the Householding Corporation, presided over a meeting of that Board of Directors Sunday evening, November 17th. The undergraduates expressed pleasure at having the meeting held at the Chapter House so that we could gain a better appreciation of the problems faced by the Board.

Many important matters concerning the house and the entire physical plant including both short and long term improvements and long run expansion plans were discussed.

Attending the meeting were President Bill Shepers, Secretary Jim Nette, Gary Hicks, Ross MacNaughton, Mick Fast, Dr. George Greey, Dave Medrman and the High Zeta.

Jamie Quackenbush, High Alpha, expressed the desire of the undergraduates for closer co-operation and better communication with both the alumni board of directors and with our entire alumni membership.

Thank You

Sigma Zeta wishes to thank the Householding Corporation, all the Alumni, and especially our High Pi, Dr. George Greey, for your contributions toward the new bathroom, and the fire alarm system.



A close-up of the prize winning work of Dave Lustgarten on our Homecoming float figures.

Sigma Zeta Elected to Student Council

During the Fall elections our High Tau Mike Farrell was elected a member of the University of Michigan Student Government Council. There were six seats available and 13 candidates for the positions.

Mike finished fourth in the balloting. We are looking forward to Mike providing some of the leadership needed to bring student government into a more responsible role at The University of Michigan.



Mike Farrell is a new member of the Student Government Council.



Studying is easier in a pleasant environment.