



THE SIGMAN

University of Michigan Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha

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Dear Brothers,

The '73-'74 school year is shaping up as one of the finest years in quite some time at Sigma. As High Alpha I would like to briefly state some of the accomplishments of the chapter.

A massive work session at the beginning of the semester helped shape the house for the coming year. We painted and cleaned for five days and the house still looks quite nice. Thanks to the Alumni Corporation the exterior received a fresh coat of paint also.

Shortly after school started so did rush. With a lot of hard work we have associated 24 new members for the year. They are fitting into the scheme of things quite rapidly, and we have nothing but praise for them. These additional men bring our total membership to 72 brothers.

In case you missed it, Sigma celebrated its 60th Anniversary this past fall, and we are currently working on expanding our alumni program with this and subsequent newsletters. We know that our alumni program has been well below expectations and we are currently working on this problem.

Some of the major events for the year have included a parent's weekend, a casino party, a race track party and a retreat to Cadillac. Also included in our social calendar are assorted parties and T.G.'s, a hayride, and a Stroh's Brewery tour. Not all of our interest is directed to social engagements though. We are currently sponsoring a foster child from Guatemala and have cooperated with the Ann Arbor Blood Bank.

On top of all our activities, we still take pride in our studies. For first semester, the chapter grade point average was approximately 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

My intention is to make this letter brief and to the point, so I shall close in saying that this has been a prosperous year at Sigma and I hope future years will continue in this trend.

Yours in ZAX,

Michael Bartholomew

Michael Bartholomew, High Alpha

NOTICE: There will be a Housing Corporation meeting on Sunday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the chapter house. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend.

CRESCENT CLUB ADDED TO SIGMA. This fall, Sigma chapter added a new dimension to Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Michigan. The house created and established a Crescent Club, similar to what many fraternities call a "little sister program". With the passage of the Crescent Club by-laws, the house voted in seven charter members and formally presented them with a certificate of Crescent membership, a white rose, and a Lambda Chi Crescent T-shirt.

The Crescents or Crescent Club, as presented in the Crescent by-laws, is "the name given to the women's club of the undergraduate fraternity. The basic structure is as follows: The girls are invited to join by a chapter vote. The members are selected from amongst special friends, pin-mates, fiancee's, or wives of the fraternity members, or from amongst campus leaders. Crescent activities are planned by the Crescents and the chapter coordinators. The Crescent coordinator shall be the High Beta (vice president) of the active chapter and the Crescent rush coordinator shall be the High Delta (rush chairman) of the active chapter."

The Crescent Club is a completely separate organization from the active fraternity, and since the Crescents do not attend chapter meetings, they do not have a voice in the chapter affairs. They are invited, however, to attend all social functions given by the active chapter. The Crescents do have their own meetings at the chapter house at least once a month. Some of the objectives of the club as presented in their by-laws are:

1. To assist in chapter rush
2. To participate in chapter functions
3. To cooperate in chapter civic projects
4. To strengthen interfraternity relations
5. To sponsor events for the chapter's benefit
6. To participate in a big sister program

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Crescent Club, Cont'd.

Our experiences to date with our new Crescent Club have been enjoyable. We have enjoyed having the Crescents as our dinner guests; we were pleasantly surprised by a pizza party they gave for the house; and we appreciated their help at an informal Christmas decorating party. With the addition of six more members, our present club membership stands at thirteen, with five different sororities being represented. Next term we look forward to the development and expansion of the club.

Alumnus WILLIAM THOMAS (Sigma 1193) donated two 6 foot Flowering Crab trees to the house. Their pink and white blossoms should add a colorful touch to the front yard in the spring.

60th ANNIVERSARY SUPER SUCCESS !!! Thanks to the help from alumni William Schepers (Sigma 779) and George Spasyk (Sigma 556) our 60th Anniversary celebration came off with flying colors. The big event coincided with homecoming and the sunny fall day couldn't have been more perfect.

The day started with an open house in which the alumni wandered around the house talking over past memories and renewing old friendships. Everyone was also able to look over 8 beautiful posters depicting the history of Sigma Zeta. These posters were done by Gary and Eleanor Tiller who are members of George Spasyk's executive staff.

Next on the agenda was a pre-game brunch and then the football game between the mighty Michigan Wolverines and the Wisconsin Badgers. As expected, the Wolverines came out on top 35-6.

After the football game, everyone started filtering out to the Holiday Inn West. There things started out with a social hour whereby actives and alumni got a chance to get better acquainted. Then active Wayne Leimback gave a beautiful invocation before everyone began an excellent dinner of beef tenderloin. After dinner toastmaster Clarence Pozza (Sigma 1045) introduced the chapter officers, housing corporation members, and our two oldest attending members, Richard S. Cole (Sigma 202) and Edwin A. Schrader (Sigma 212). This was followed by a short speech on the values of fraternity life by Vice President of the University of Michigan in charge of student affairs, Henry Johnson. Active William Snell then presented a special award to Bill Schepers for his help in carrying out the celebration. The award was a pewter mug with the inscription, "Schep, we couldn't have done it without you. Sigma Zeta, October 20, 1973". Chapter President Mike Bartholomew followed by presenting Sigma's own George W. Spasyk (Sigma 556) with an award for his life long devotion to Lambda Chi Alpha. George became a Lambda Chi in 1947, and has since worked his way to the position of Executive Director. The award given to George was a walnut plaque bearing the Coat-of-Arms and the following inscription:

I want to go back to Michigan to dear Ann Arbor town . .
To George W. Spasyk
For your years of unselfish service to Lambda Chi Alpha
Sigma Zeta
October 20, 1973

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Following this presentation, George gave a talk on Lambda Chi Alpha, and did some reminiscing on the years that he spent at Michigan.

This ended the speeches and the center of attention moved to the dance floor, where active and alumni brothers danced to music from a great band till one o'clock in the morning.

All in all, every one of the 221 people attending had a marvelous time.

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Those of you who have been somewhat out of touch with the fraternity for awhile may be pleased to know that the fraternity is constantly trying to increase undergraduate participation at the national level. They have successfully improved the role of the undergraduate by the formation of the Student Advisory Committee. This Committee (SAC) is a product of the foresight constantly being demonstrated by our National Fraternity. The Fraternity, recognizing a need for increasing undergraduate participation on the national level, looked for a way to bring undergrads more actively into the picture. The solution was found in the formation of a completely undergraduate committee of thirteen men representing all parts of the country. A Chairman, elected by the members, serves as the undergraduate voice on the Board of Directors, receiving one vote in all Board meetings. Where else but in Lambda Chi Alpha could you find the undergraduates so involved in shaping fraternity policy? (Bruce Koepfgen of Sigma Zeta is the current appointee to SAC from the Great Lakes Conclave.)

Alumnus CHARLES W. COLE, JR. (Sigma 1141) who is a graduate architecture student at Michigan, receive from the fraternity for the '73-74' school year, the \$1000 Jack Mason Scholarship award for academic excellence.