

THE SIGMAN

HOMECOMING WEEKEND 1989

Hassan Azar

Homecoming took place over the weekend of October 27 and was a complete success. At Sigma, we have renewed the old tradition of having a brunch for returning alumni before the football game on Saturday. Active members of our chapter were excited to meet Sigma's from the past and wanted to make each alumni feel welcome in his old home. Over the course of the weekend, fifty Lambda Chi Alpha alumni visited the house. We enjoyed meeting those Sigma alumni that brought families with possible legacies.

Jack Withrow, President of our House Corporation, spoke briefly during the brunch thanking our alumni chairman and praising the chapter for reinstating the homecoming tradition. Many alumni made donations to the chapter to assist in the financing of the activities. Special thanks are given to Gregg F. Averill and Glenn M. Watson for their generous donations. We are also grateful for the assistance that Tim Cleary provided in organizing the weekend. The weekend could not have been a success without his help.

As a chapter, we were very pleased with the event. We enjoyed meeting all of you who returned and hope that you had an enjoyable time both meeting the current members and reminiscing with old friends. In the future, we hope to meet even more alumni by increasing the turnout for the weekend. Thanks again to all who attended, your support is appreciated.

High Pi Search

Sigma is well into the search process for obtaining a High Pi. The chapter has been without a High Pi (alumni advisor) for several years. Three candidates for the position have made or are scheduled to make presentations

to the chapter. The three alumni who have generously responded to the chapter's need are Vince Chrisman, Wallace J. Tatara, and Edward T. Downs, Jr. The chapter thanks these men for their time and concern for the chapter's need. A decision regarding the selection of a High Pi from these three candidates should be made shortly.

Alumni Who Returned

1951	Gary Hicks
1952	Sam Prato
1954	Mark McQuiggan
1959	Mike Foy Larry Richard
1960	William S. Mitchell
1966	Van W. Tillotson Ted Winkel
1973	Todd Peterson
1975	George Isaac
1977	Tim Cleary Paul Johnson Scott Timmer
1978	Scott Channel Richard Hrivnak
1979	Jim Klaserner Bill Hall Steve Scheidt Jack Withrow
1980	Bob Kunz Doug VanDagens John Wallbillich
1981	John Harder
1982	Lewis Byrton
1983	Gregg Averill
1984	Chris Cleary Jeff Reitmeyer
1985	Frank Koziara Louie Theros Dave Wright
1986	Scott Carr Patrick Kelly Brian Muma Dan Sheridan
1987	Ramin Azar
1988	Jim Lico Jim Byrne
1989	Joe Holland



(left) William Mitchell, '60; (middle) Larry Richard, '59; (right) Gary Hicks, '51

Jubilee

Marc Schaberg

The chapter is anxiously awaiting the 75th anniversary celebration of Sigma Zeta on March 24th. We anticipate a large turnout and a fun-filled evening of memories and friendship. The open house reception begins at the chapter house on Saturday the 24th at 1 p.m. Alumni that are returning to Ann Arbor the previous day are encouraged to visit the chapter house. The cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres will be held at the Michigan League beginning at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. After dinner speeches will be given by George Spasyk, Executive Director of Lambda Chi Alpha, in his final public appearance in that capacity and Robert Forman, Executive Director of Alumni Services for the University of Michigan. All alumni and their spouses are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you all there.

The Rose Bowl: A Michigan Tradition

Marc Schaberg

This Christmas vacation, many active members of Sigma kept up the tradition of following the Football team to Pasadena. Over thirty five actives made the trip west to watch Bo's last game as the head coach of Michigan. Eighteen members made the trek in two rented recreational vehicles. The vacation started off well with front page coverage of our departure featured in the Ann Arbor News.

Although the game was a bit of a disappointment, the overall experience of the trip was excellent. The trip brought a large group of the house together outside of the context of the chapter house. It strengthened bonds and provided renewed energy to tackle the Winter Semester.

An Associate's Point of View

T.R. Eppel

What exactly does it mean to be an associate? Webster's dictionary defines an associate as one who is in the company of others; implying intimacy and equality. As an associate currently going through the program intimacy and equality strike me as the two greatest advantages of Lambda Chi Alpha's associate program.

Most fraternities rely on a pledge program to acclimate their initiates into the fraternity. As much as a pledgship is an educational and enlightening experience it has also been described as humiliating and degrading for the pledges. Immediately a pledge is thrust into an antagonistic, we-they relationship with the active members. Many friends of mine in fraternities with a pledge program said they hated going to the house because they knew they would be treated somewhat less than equal. As well the fact that they were often forced to be at the house a certain number of hours and collect a certain number of interviews made the relationships they had with active members seem forced and entirely genuine. As an associate I enjoy getting to know the actives because I know it's not a forced thing. I love going to the house and just "hanging out" and getting to know the

guys. I go over just about every day because I know I'm not forced to go and that I will be treated as an equal. I feel the freedom associates enjoy fosters more respect for the fraternity and the active members than a rigid pledge program could ever hope for.

With this freedom however comes even greater individual responsibility. Many actives have said that being an associate is much more difficult than being a pledge because there isn't someone telling you what specific things you need to do all the time. An associate has to rely on himself for motivation and active participation to become a part of the house. Because much of this challenge is left to the associate to tackle on his own each associate puts as much into the house as he desires to receive in return. Speaking specifically for the other associates in my class I know each understands and accepts this responsibility. In meeting their responsibilities, associates regard the program as a rewarding education in Lambda Chi Alpha and their own chapter.

As I was first beginning my associate term and starting to see my chapter from the inside I was often amazed to see the closeness of the friendships of guys in the house. I saw guys getting excited to do the littlest things only because they knew they would be doing them with other guys in the house. Things as everyday as going to lunch or going to the library seemed almost special because these guys were going together. I can't even claim to have

that intimacy with friends that I knew all my life and that is what I think is unique about Lambda Chi. As an associate you can experience firsthand the closeness of friendships in the house. Because we are not outsiders like pledges we have a greater understanding of what it means to be a Lambda Chi and the relationships it offers.

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Alumni news will be gratefully accepted. Address all communications to *THE SIGMAN*, 1601 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.



—Photo Courtesy of David Ursin '73

Alumni Advisory Board Helps Chapter

Charlie Cousland

In the spring of 1989 an Alumni Advisory Board was created to aid the chapter's officers. The Alumni Advisory Board meets with the High Zeta twice a semester. The Board serves a strictly advisory role and has no official power to interfere in Chapter affairs. Each officer on High Zeta has an Alumni Advisor that checks the officer's progress and goals as he serves his term in office. Besides providing some gentle prodding, the Alumni Advisory Board has helped establish the continuity that has been lacking in past administrations. Although each office is replaced by a new man every year, the same advisor remains in place, allowing him to give all the experience and wisdom of past experiences and officers to the actives. The following individuals are members of The Alumni Advisory Board:

Edward T. Downs, Jr., Chairman

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Cal Poly '88

General Fraternity Liaison

From the New President

As High Alpha for 1990-1991, I am looking at the coming year with great anticipation and zeal. Along with the other new members of High Zeta, we hope to continue to set Sigma on a course that will make it a chapter of which everyone, alumni and undergraduates, can be proud. The new High Zeta consists of Pat Tummonds, High Alpha; Marty Saad, High Beta; Steve Soechtig, High Gamma; John Wenglerski, High Tau; Bob Serr, High Kappa; Kenny Oehler, High Delta; Tyler Staelin, High Phi; Marc Schaberg, High Rho; Steve Berg, High Sigma; and Paul Gryzenia, High Epsilon. We believe our chapter to be at a crossroads and that the coming year will be very important. A new attitude is readily apparent in the chapter, an attitude that reflects our belief that change is both beneficial and needed. Within the chapter, a new committee system has been created that allows more brothers to feel that they are an integral part of the house, as well as taking some of the pressure off the officers. This enables the chapter to be run more efficiently. We also believe that through increased communication with National Headquarters we can overcome some of the animosity that has occurred in the past.

Most importantly, we are very excited by the tremendous response that we have received from the alumni. The knowledge that you can

share with us in running an efficient and prosperous chapter will be greatly appreciated. On behalf of the entire chapter, I would like to thank you for your support, and all of us look forward to seeing you at Jubilee.

Yours in Zax,
Pat Tummonds

ALUMNI PROFILE: George Pomey

Marc Schaberg

George Pomey graduated from The University of Michigan in 1965. While at Michigan, he played on the varsity basketball team and served as rush chairman for Lambda Chi Alpha. Five other Sigma alumni played on that same team. Van Tillotson ('66), John Thompson ('66), John Clawson ('66), Dan Brown ('67), and Craig Dill ('67) all played basketball for the University. This Sigma fortified team won the Big Ten championship in both Pomey's junior and senior seasons. The 1963-64 season ended in a third place finish in the N.C.A.A. tournament, while the following season ended in a loss to John Wooden's U.C.L.A. team, giving the Wolverines a second place finish in the national tournament.

After his undergraduate career at Michigan was finished, George served as a graduate assistant coach of the basketball team while pursuing his masters degree. George planned a career in coaching and received the job of freshman coach. His plans changed, however, with the desire for a more stable career. George had been married shortly after graduation. He met his wife, Barbara, while at Michigan. She was an Alpha Delta Pi. George left his career in coaching in 1970 when he went to work for the State Farm Insurance Company. He now owns his own agency in Ann Arbor.

George remains close to Michigan basketball. He announces Michigan's games for Raycom Sports on television. George also served as the chairman of the Michigan basketball reunion that took place in Ann Arbor over the weekend of February 10th. He has kept in close touch with the members of the basketball team that he played with in the mid-sixties. These team members, including many Sigma alumni, have been meeting every five years since they graduated.

Ann Arbor is still home for George and his wife, Barbara. They have three children; Jill is a junior at Michigan and is an Alpha Delta Pi, Joe is a sophomore at Bowling Green, and Chris is a junior at Gabriel Richard High School.

Alumni Profiles

Charlie Cousland

In the last issue of *The Sigman*, we enclosed an Alumni Information Sheet. We received over 50 responses, giving us details about the lives and pursuits of several alumni. We unfortunately do not have the space to print all of the information which we received. However, all responses have been placed on file and will be available for the use of future alumni directors. Although we are encouraged by the enthusiasm which these responses reflect, there are still over 950 alumni who haven't replied. We want to hear from everyone.

We have again enclosed an information sheet. If you have not filled out a previous form, please take five minutes of your time to answer the requested information as completely as possible.

We hope you enjoy the following section and see a few familiar names among those who graduated with you.

1920

B. Vernon Severance is our oldest responder with a Zeta Number of 76. He retired on nearly two acres of land overlooking Puget Sound in 1960. He will be celebrating his 64th wedding anniversary with his wife, Gladys, this June.

9302-192 Place SW, Edmonds, WA 98020;
206/778-7075 (home)

1933

Clair E. Carpenter is a reverend with the United Methodist Church. He lives with his wife of 54 years, Dorothy, in Saratoga Springs, New York. Embury Apts., 61W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

1934

Charles Richard Ashton serves as a lumber salesman and an Associate Professor at Eastern Michigan University.

6551 Red Cedar Lane, Union Lake, MI 48085

1935

David D. Merriman is enjoying his retirement through bronze and stone sculpting. He is currently living with his wife of 50 years, Mary Lee. Summer: 5686 Co. Rd. 667, Maple City, MI 49664; 616/5256/5686

Winter: 7820 Camelback Ave. #304, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Keith T. Davis is a retired Director of Pupil Personnel Service currently residing in Oriskany, NY. He is currently active in the Rotary Club and enjoys hunting, fishing, and square dancing.

401 Utica St., Box 375, Oriskany, NY 13424;
313/736-4007 (home)

1937

Charles F. Parker used the skills he learned as house treasurer at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. He is currently retired and living with his wife of 50 years, Marion.

9316 Lindent Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814

1946

Lawrence W. Hester enjoyed a dual career for twenty years as an industrial relations manager and an active Army Reserve Officer. He also served as a member of the staff and faculty of Tennessee Tech University, retiring in 1983. His wife, Jean, is a scratch golfer and has successfully competed in the championship flight in the amateur National Senior Women's Golf Tournaments. They have recently completed a golfing holiday in Scotland where they played the venerable courses of St. Andrews, Turnberry, and Prestwick. He resides in Cookeville, Tennessee and spends his winters on the Caribbean island of Antigua.

626 N. Maple Ave., Cookeville, TN 38501

1950

James E. Coleman is president of Coleman Agency, an independent insurance agency in Hastings, Michigan. He also serves as Chairman of the Board for Pennock Health Care Systems, Pennock Foundation, and Hastings City Bank. He also serves on the chamber of commerce. He has served as president for both the Hastings Rotary Club and Hastings Country Club.

109 W. State Rd., Hastings, MI 49058; 616/945-2827

1951

Gary M. Hicks is president of Award Swimming Pool Company. He lives with his wife of 39 years, Rosemary. He has served as member of our Housing Corporation in past years and is currently a member of the Kent Optimist Club.

Al Grybas is currently serving as a Professor at Cal State University in Sacramento. He served as the Faculty Advisor to the local Lambda Chi chapter since its inception. He keeps an Ericson 32 sloop on San Francisco Bay and enjoys both cruising and racing on it.

5346 Terrace Oak Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628;
916/961-5634 (home)

Communication Studies Dept. 6000 J St., Sacramento, CA 95819; 916/278-6688 (business)

1955

David N. Hurst runs his own company, Hurst Realty, working as a real estate broker. He lives with his wife of 32 years, Trudy, in Wauseon, Ohio. He has served as president of both Wauseon Chamber and Wauseon Rotary Club. He has worked for the past eight years as County Commissioner, Fulton County Ohio.

123 W. Superior, Wauseon, OH 43567; 419/335-0341 (home)

136 N. Fulton, Wauseon, OH 43567; 419/335-5981 (business)

Elliott E. Burd is currently living in Maryland. He is Vice President of Sales for Medical Life Insurance Company. He served as a member of the Alumni Advisory group for Ohio State University in 1984-85.

2119 Kimrick Place, Timonium, MD 21093;
301/252-4264 (home)

2300 W. Joppa Rd., Suite 309, Lutherville, MD 21093;
301/296-6282 (business)

1956

Ralph C. Richter is General Manager for Trade Paints at PPG Industries. He lives with his wife of 30 years, Sondra, in Washington state.

206/644-0557 (home)

2233-112th NE, Bellevue, WA 98027; 206/453-1700 (business)

1957

Richard T. Good is President of R.T. Good and Associates, Incorporated, a management consulting firm that is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. He is active on The Dayton Ballet Association, Dayton Art Institute, and The Dayton Performing Arts Fund.

69 Park Rd., Dayton, OH 4519; 513/294-3606 (home)
2541 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 4519; 513/294-4448 (business)

Alex Haynes serves as the Director of Energy Forecasting for the U.S. Department of Energy, working with the government for 27 years. He has told us about his upcoming retirement plans in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He invites anyone in the area to drop by to enjoy some fishing and water skiing.

2703 Hambleton Rd., Riva, MD 21140; 301/956-2302 (home)

DOE Washington, DC 20585; 202/586-5391 (business)

1958

Gary R. Sprague is President for Healthcare Facility Systems. He lives with his wife of five years, Michelle, in Malibu, California. He is a member of American Association of Healthcare Consultants (AAHC) and American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

213/451-1711 (home)

1434 Sixth St. #2, Santa Monica, CA 90265;
213/451-1711 (business)

John Cross serves as Vice President of Marketing and Materials for Chardon Rubber Co. The former Social Chairman is living with his wife of 29 years in Ohio.

13422 Walnut Trace, Chardon, OH 44024;
216/564-7781 (home)

373 Washington St., Chardon, OH 44024;
216/285-2161 (business)

1959

Bill Hockenberger is a Senior Manager at Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells. He lives with his wife, Lynn, of 25 years in Birmingham, Michigan. He enjoys reading, fishing, and participates in several bridge clubs.

31530 Waltham, Birmingham, MI 48109;
313/647-8137 (home)
100 Renaissance Center, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48243;
313/446-0171 (business)

1960

Don L. Truex has established a dental practice in Goleta, California. Don enjoys running, backpacking, and other outdoor activities when he's not logging flight time as a pilot.

4631 Via Bendita, Santa Barbara, CA 9310;
805/967-1800 (home)
6134 Calle Real A, Goleta, CA 93117; 805/967-8300
(business)

1961

Eugene Terrill is currently Executive Vice President of The Fina Group, an architectural firm. Before moving to the Carolinas he served as president for the Kiwanis Club of Flint, Michigan Society of Architects, and the International Institute of Flint. He is currently taking golf lessons at Riverhills Country Club—we all sympathize. He says that with the exception of Hurricane Hugo and the absence of "M" football he loves the Carolinas.

97 Heritage Dr., Lake Wylie, SC 29710; 803/831-8131
(home)
220 North Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202;
704/332-7004 (business)

1963

David Matzen is a managing engineer for Whirlpool Corporation. He is a Board member of the Evansville Association for the Blind, and enjoys his spare time on the golf course.

9 Juliana Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630; 812/853-2142
(home)
Highway 41 North, Evansville, IN 47727; 812/426-4878
(business)

1965

Ronald J. Russell is currently working for Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee as their Corporate Compensating Manager. He has served as president of the Central Region of the American Compensating Association Research Committee. He also helped found the Milwaukee Area Compensation Association.

N 82 W15698 Valley View Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051; 414/255-3173 (home)
3939 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53201;
414/931-2704 (business)

1966

John A. Eiselle left IBM after 22 years and started his own PC consulting business, JE Computer Solutions Consulting, in November of 1988, business is doing great. He has served on the chapter's Housing Corporation and is currently living with his wife of 23 years in Tucson, Arizona.

7981 E. Ft. Lowell, Tucson, AZ 85715
602/298-7164 (home); 601/721-0755 (business)

1969

Lawrence McKay, a former president and athletic chairman, is the managing partner of a law firm. He reports that for 18 consecutive years he has gone fishing with Sigmas John McPeak ('69) and John Heidtke ('69).

667 Crystal Ave., Frankfort, MI 49635;
616/352-9564 (home)
719 Main, Frankfort, MI 49635;
616/352-4412 (business)

1972

John "Jack" Gerstein is a partner at a Washington, D.C. law firm. He serves as a member of the Defense Research Institute, Bretton Woods Club, and City Club of Washington, DC. He is currently performing commercial litigation work all over the country.

5151 N. 14th St., Arlington, VA 22205; 703/525-7709
(home)
555 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004;
202/662-2009 (business)

1973

According to *David Ursin*, his occupation "really varies." Like all actors David has no hobbies other than trying to get a job. He recently played the dim witted anchorman in the film, "Die Hard." He recently landed a part as a bad guy in a high budget "sci-fi" thriller, "Solar Crisis," with Charleton Heston and Peter Boyle.

1770 N. Highland Ave., #200, Hollywood, CA 90028;
213/668-2756 (home & business)

Gary Kreps, a former chapter president, is an Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon who also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor for the Medical College of Pennsylvania and is a member of the Chalmers J. Lyons Academy of Oral Surgery and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

108 Poplar Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238; 412/963-1877
(home)
Timber Court, 127 Anderson St., Suite 202,
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

1977

Gordon M. Tucker is the Executive Vice President of Lojack Corporation, which deals in electronic security systems. He is a member of the town finance committee and enjoys golf, tennis, and skiing.

5 Firecut Lane, Sudbury, MA 01776; 508/443-6311
(home)
72 River Park, Needham, MA 02194; 617/444-4900
(business)

1980

Robert DiScipio is an attorney in New Canaan, Connecticut. He is a member of the American, Connecticut, and New York Bar Associations. He is also legal counsel and director for New Canaan Cares, Inc.

163 Woodbridge Circle, New Canaan, CT 06840;
203/322-7991 (home)
25 South Ave., New Canaan, CT 06840; 203/966-9583
(business)

1984

Jeffrey "Teddy" Reitmyer is an attorney in the Detroit area. He enjoys spending his spare time sailing, skiing, and at the U of M stadium.

1313 Woodbridge, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080;
313/445-9439 (home)
30020 Schoenherr, Suite D., Warren, MI 48093;
313/771-7800 (business)

1985

Bruce Kendrick Patterson (AKA Bam Bam), is a clinical pathologist in Frankfort, Michigan. He has published two papers on Coxsackie Virus Group B. Hew enjoys sailing, tennis, platform tennis, and skiing.

1986

Dan "Sleepy" Sheridan is an attorney, pending his bar results, in the Detroit area. He reports that Bill Fisher '85 took a new job with The Ritter Company in Chicago, Illinois and is doing well.

19945 Norton Ct., Grosse Pte. Woods, MI 48226;
313/884-4254 (home)
Clark, Klein & Beaumont, First Federal Building,
Detroit, MI 48226; 313/965-8527 (business)

Louis "BLT" Theros, a former treasurer, is an attorney in the Detroit area.

724 Perrien Place, Grosse Pte. Woods, MI 48236;
313/886-5211 (home)
Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen, & Freeman,
800 First National Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226;
313/223-3500 (business)

Sigmas Who Have Passed

In 1989 three Sigmas have passed away. Our condolences and sympathies are with their families as we all mourn the loss of our brothers.

Robert Hayes, '32, March 9, 1989

Floyd W. Hartmann, '35, March 19, 1989

Richard B. Collinge, '50, August 16, 1989

More Homecoming Memories



(left) Scott Timmer, '79; (right) John Wallbillich, '80; (foreground) Lambda Chi Alpha legacy?

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