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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

# THE SIGMAN

SIGMA ZETA • LAMBDA CHI ALPHA FRATERNITY

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## THE CAMPAIGN FOR SIGMA

Our house renovation project is finally complete! The house reopened on time September 3 and was rededicated at Homecoming 1993 on October 23 (see photos on Page 3).

The Executive Committee and class leaders are still soliciting donations in order to reach our goal of \$800,000 and are enthusiastic about the nearly \$727,000 that has already been raised. We would like to thank you for your generous contribution to the Campaign for Sigma. Your support has helped guarantee the future of Sigma Zeta at the University of Michigan.

We hope you will stop by the house soon to see the completed project. Again, thank you!

## CHALLENGES HAVE JUST BEGUN

By David Wheeler '94, Past High Alpha

Hello, alumni! As always, it is a pleasure to inform you of the current happenings at 1601 Washtenaw. As you may know, "Restoring the Pride; Campaign for Sigma" was a success, having attained the complete renovation of the house. Yet from an undergraduate standpoint, the challenges have just begun.

With the rebuilding of the house, we undergraduates have been presented with an opportunity with enormous potential. It is now up to us to capitalize on that opportunity.

Last year at this time, the house was as much of an attention-getter as it is today, but for all the wrong reasons. Unfortunately, it was an eyesore — and not completely safe. Through the tireless effort of many individual alumni, and the generosity of even more alumni brothers, the project can now be declared a huge success. These alumni have received our tribute at Homecoming 1993, but we can never thank them enough. It is these individuals that every member of Sigma — past, present and future — should salute, for without their efforts, the great tradition of Sigma could not continue.

The undergraduates are already enjoying opportunities that will result in a better, stronger Sigma. We are making changes that will be easier because we are able to say, "Lambda Chi has the nicest house on the campus. It has no equal." The new renovations, and the alumni support they symbolize, had to be major factors in attracting our most recent class of excellent associate members.

Our undergraduate membership should be commended for the strength it was able to maintain throughout the time when the house was in terrible condition. We must now seize the opportunity to move ahead, taking the initiative offered to us by our alumni brothers, who have shown their confidence in and support for us by entrusting us with this beautiful new home.

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## THE CAMPAIGN FOR SIGMA UPDATE AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 1994

**Fund Goal**  
\$800,000

Pledged	\$726,865
Percent of Goal Pledged	91%
Dollars Received to Date	\$369,590
Percent of Pledged Dollars Collected	51%
Number of Pledges	269
Average Gift Size	\$2,702
Percent of Alumni Participation (based on 1,086 living alumni)	25%

Gifts for fulfilled pledges will be shipped to donors at a later date.

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## ANNUAL DUES IMPORTANT TO SIGMA

Please support our annual dues program in addition to supporting the Campaign for Sigma. Annual dues contributions enable us to continue our alumni communications program and support our alumni get-togethers. A contribution card and reply envelope are enclosed with this mailing. Even if you were not able to make a commitment to our Campaign, it is of utmost importance that you continue to support the annual dues program. Both are important to the survival of Lambda Chi Alpha at Michigan. Thank you for showing you care about our fraternity and its future.

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## Sigma Zeta

### Officers

#### High Alpha

*Matthew D. Helber '96*  
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Mechanical Engineering

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Business

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Biology

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Business

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Pre-Med

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Grosse Pointe, Mich.  
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Undecided

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Psychology

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Business

#### High Rho

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Undecided

#### High Epsilon

*Jarrett K. Benavidez '96*  
Grosse Pointe, Mich.  
Spanish

Assistant High Epsilon  
*Drew C. Woodruff '96*

Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.  
Physics

#### High Zeta

*Randy M. Erskine '96*  
Ypsilanti, Mich.  
Kinesiology

Interfraternity Council  
Representative and Member of  
Greek Activities Review Panel

*Jared B. Lehne '96*  
Troy, Mich.  
Sociology



Drew Woodruff '96, Don Fortune '96, Mike Denards '95 and Miles Underwood '95 (left to right) prepare for dinner at the Formal.

## BONDS THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME

By Jeff Nyenhuis '97, Associate

As I sit here in the room of one of the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha, I think of what being an associate of this chapter means to me. In the short time that I have been associated with these men, I have had many new experiences that have greatly added to my college life.

College, up to the point of receiving my bid, was a very confusing and difficult experience. I lacked the guidance and confidence that I felt I really needed, but joining this fraternity has pointed me in the right direction. I have found that since I became an associate at Lambda Chi Alpha, many of the fears and inhibitions I had have disappeared. My confidence has increased, and I no longer worry about the little things that freshmen find themselves worrying about all the time. The reason for this? Lambda Chi Alpha. I feel that no matter what questions or problems I have, there will be a brother who has experience in the ways of college life and who can help me.

Many people believe that fraternity life is only parties. Not so at Lambda Chi Alpha. I have found that the most gratifying experiences have come from just being around the brothers. Whether it is during a pick-up football game, playing cards, or having an older brother help me study for an exam, the bonds I have made since I joined the fraternity are ones that will last my lifetime. The closeness of the undergraduate members is something that I have never before experienced, but I look forward to maintaining for the rest of my life.

## PRIDE RESTORED TO SIGMA

By Jarrett Benavidez '96, High Epsilon

I am very pleased to be able to report to you that Homecoming 1993 was a huge success. I felt confident that the overwhelming majority of our alumni were impressed with our new house. I think that this would be an appropriate time to express our thanks to the many generous alumni brothers who contributed to help "Restore the Pride." Your gifts were greatly appreciated, and we hope you are all as happy with the finished product as we are.

As our alumni relations are now stronger and more important than ever, we would like to make it clear to all of our alumni who have not yet seen our new house that you are welcome to stop in anytime to see what your dollars produced. Even if you could not make a pledge toward the restoration, don't hesitate to stop in. You are all welcome!

We were happy to see so many of our alumni turn out to spend the day with us at Homecoming 1993. However, we are looking forward to having even more of our senior brothers visit 1601 Washtenaw during the coming year. Thanks again for your help and generosity.



The undergraduate brothers prepare for their annual Winterfest 1993.

## Sigma House Rededication

October 23, 1993



Bruce Koepfgen '73 (left) presents the newly framed Chapter Charter to High Alpha Dave Wheeler '94. (The charter was framed and restored to the chapter by George Spasyk '49.)



Brothers (left to right) Jack Withrow '79, Jack Moorhead '63, Dave Wheeler '94 and Bruce Koepfgen '73 helped cut the ribbon at the chapter house rededication ceremony.



Jack Moorhead '63 reads the plaque he received in appreciation for his work as general contractor for the chapter house restoration project.

# ALUMNI NEWS

James H. Weikel '44 (1505 Pebble Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410), who is associated with The Weikels - Manufacturers' Representatives, has partially retired to devote more of his time to his volunteer activities. He has been selected as the Greensboro Male Senior Citizen of the Year. Jim and his wife were planning to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 1993 in Hawaii with their family, including their three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

President of the Crelo Foundation, Christopher Story VI '47 (1812 La Coronilla Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93109) recently returned from Russia where he conducted the Moscow Philharmonic and recorded Tchaikovsky's "Fifth Symphony" at Tchaikovsky Hall in Moscow.

After serving as a faculty member in the communication studies department at California State University at Sacramento, Al Grybas '51 (5346 Terrace Oak Cir., Fair Oaks, CA 95628) has retired and plans to travel extensively with his wife. Next stop, China.

Urologist Mark McQuiggan '54 (29653 Club House Ln., Farmington Hills, MI 48334) recently completed a term as president of the Michigan Urological Association and is now serving as chairman of the section of urology at Providence Hospital in South-field as well as treasurer of the Providence Hospital Medical Staff.

The new address for Alan D. Simmons '57 is 6503 Sunrise Park, Temperance, MI 48182. Al is a partner with Braun, Simmons & Co., a firm that designs, creates and markets computer software for the financial industries.

Peter R. Stanger '59 (P.O. Box 221, Niagara on the Lake, Ontario L0S-1J0, Canada) recently accepted a position as vice president of marketing with The Glen Ardith-Frazier Corporation. Pete is on the

board of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada and a member of the Niagara on the Lake Conservancy and the Shaw Festival Guild.

Associated with David C. Breiholz & Co. Inc., David C. Breiholz '63 (6 Blackwater Cyn., Rolling Hills, CA 90274) received The Structural Design Award of Merit for his 1992 seismic retrofit of a historic 12-story apartment building in Long Beach. "Breeze" enjoyed a visit with Carol and Jim Nette '62 after the '93 Rose Bowl game.

A child psychiatrist and the vice president of clinical affairs for The Devereux Foundation, John E. O'Malley '63 (653 Conestoga Rd., Villanova, PA 19085) was invited to join a team of U.S. physicians to survey the health care system in Vietnam this past fall. John also recently became a diplomat for the American Board of Medical Management.

When he wrote in April, Mark F. Stuart '65 (2624 Graham Lake, Battle Creek, MI 49012) reported that he and canoeing partner Gary Trepod '65 were planning another white water river expedition. Mark is with Stuart Law Offices, P.C.

"I am probably the youngest grandfather in Lambda Chi Alpha history," writes Dennis S. Sirosky '69 (30823 Country Ridge Cir., Farmington Hills, MI 48331), who is vice president of the Health Alliance Plan of Michigan. His son, Christopher (U.M. '91), and daughter-in-law presented Dennis with a grandson in February 1993. Dennis also told us that his daughter, Kristin, graduated from the University of Michigan School of Nursing in May '93. "I regularly see Jim Banar '69 and on rare occasions, Rocky Pozza '69. I think he still hasn't forgiven us for his 'special' dinner at the house in 1966, even though the idea came from Dave Brewer '69."

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# MORE ALUMNI NEWS

**Michael B. Farrell '70** (P.O. Box 520, Haslett, MI 48840) is a partner with Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg, P.C.

As a "gentleman farmer," **Bruce C. Westrate '74** (21675 McKenzie St., Cassopolis, MI 49031) cultivates over 300 acres of Christmas trees near Dowagiac in addition to teaching history at Indiana University at South Bend. Last year he published *The Arab Bureau, British Policy in the Middle East, 1916-1920* with Penn State Press. The book has enjoyed critical success in, among other publications, *The Times Literary Supplement* (Jan. 1992).

You can now reach physician **Lawrence C. Agee '78** by writing to P.O. Box 9333, South Burlington, VT 05403.

**Robert F. Casalou '81** (451 Ann St., Plymouth, MI 48170) and his wife, Sally, announce the birth of their first child, Julie Marie, on March 15, 1993. Robert is the vice president of clinical support services at Providence Hospital.

The new address for **James P. Johnstone '82** is 2404 Pemberton Pkwy., Austin, TX 78703. Jim, the owner of a new men's clothing store, Johnstone Made to Measure, is looking forward to the day when his two-year-old daughter, Caroline, will be a Lambda Chi Little Sister. He talks regularly with **Joe Parke '82**, **Mike Kinna '82** and **Marcus Freihofer '81**. Jim would like to hear from **Billy Kunz '83**.

**Christopher J. Wojcik '83** has been living in Hong Kong for six years. You can contact him at GPO Box 11532, 2 Connaught Pl., Central, Hong Kong. Chris, who is an account director at Colby & Staton International Co. Ltd., writes, "I'm doing great!"

An engineer with Klever, Catco, Gorlitz & Papa, **David R. Brown '84** (339 Chesterfield St., Birmingham, MI 48009) and his wife, Cecilia, are the parents of a one-year-old boy, Marcus.

Leslie and **Paul B. Gessler '85** have moved to 234 N. Rogers St., Northville, MI 48167. Paul accepted a position as a business development manager with Guardsman Products Inc. in April 1993. He recently saw **Pat Conway '83**, **Rob Carr '84** and **Scott Carr '85**.

As an attorney with Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, **Louis Theros '85** (867 Lincoln Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230) practices employment relations and commercial and product liability litigation. He reports that **Dan "Sleepy" Sheridan '85** has joined his firm's Chicago offices. "Greek" also told us that he attended the wedding of **John Bone '88** in May, and the Final Four in New Orleans with Sleepy, **Pat "Sluggo" Kelley '86**, **Doug Leik '83**, **Bill "Fish" Fisher '83**, **George Tanasi '82** and **Bob Mylod '88**.

When he wrote us in June, **William F. Brinkerhoff '87** (99 Bellevue Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043) announced that his wife, Kathy, was expecting a baby that same month. Bill is a marketing analyst with Lederle Laboratories.

A litigation consultant with Coopers & Lybrand, **John R. Bone '88** recently married Tyra Totte and moved to 2328 N. Lakewood, Chicago, IL 60614. John is in his third term in the night program at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He often sees **Bob "Load" Mylod '88**, **Scott "Spotty" Metcalf '86** and **Chip "Seymore" Moore '87** on campus and around town.

**Mark H. Dougherty '88** (42 Appleton St., Boston, MA 02116) has finished medical school and will begin an anesthesia residency at Massachusetts General in Boston. He and his wife, Jennifer, would like to hear from brothers living in the area or planning to visit.

"Congratulations to the ice hockey intramural champs!" writes **Steven Yuan '88** (31 E. Chicago Ave., Westmont, IL 60559). "I hope to skate with you next year." Steven is a dentist in practice with his father for the past year and plans to begin orthodontic training soon.

**Joseph H. Holland '89** (535 Weatherend Ct., Alpharetta, GA 30202) is associated with Andersen Consulting.

"I won my first trial," writes attorney **Tarek Saad '89** (3227 McKinney Ave. #16B, Dallas, TX 75204).

When he wrote in April, **Michael P. Wiehn '89** informed us that he had moved to 59 W. Cedar St. #2, Boston, MA 02114. "Wiener" is a broker with Fidelity Investments.

The new address for **Mark Wurfel '89** is 420 E. 70th St., Apt. 14H, New York, NY 10021. When he wrote in October, "Steamboat" reported, "I'm going to be a professional student, at least until I get my M.D./Ph.D. degrees sometime in 1995. Also, **Jim Wade '87** and **Andy Watts '87** have very long hair!"

Although he is now living in Los Angeles, you can still reach **Ross Lacy '90** by writing to 2500 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20008. "I had to try the other side of the camera. I'm giving myself five years to be supporting myself comfortably by doing what is a fantastic passion — acting." Ross stays in contact with **Drew Grandi '90**, **Jim Schecter '89** and **Mike Burke '89**.

**Jack H. Prause '90** (2513 Stuart Ave., Apt. 1, Richmond, VA 23220) is a permanent project engineer with International Paper.

**John C. Hanks '91**, a second-year law student at Ohio State College of Law, and **James W. Phieffer '92**, associated with Mobley Homes, are sharing a house that Jim built just outside of Columbus at 5922 Nike Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026. John and Jim would love to see any of the brothers. "We still bleed maize and blue." John wants to congratulate **Jeff "Kicker" Yeamans '91** on his new job in D.C. Jim sends congratulations to Ashley and **Peter Riehl '89** on the birth of their twins; and to **Bill Gryzenia '91** on his recent engagement.

In October, **Jay Simpson '93** wrote to inform us that he had moved to 1776 "I" St. N.W., Washington, DC 20008. "I moved to D.C. to seek fame and fortune. I am going through interviews at the Drug Enforcement Agency and teaching aerobics part time to pay the bills."

We regret to inform you of the death of the following brothers:

**B. Vernon Severance '20** (8/12/93),  
**William V. Owen '26** (12/23/92),  
**Edwin E. VanCleaf '28** (6/4/93),  
**Charles E. Wilcox '31**,  
**Hanley W. Staley '37** (4/7/93) and  
**Paul J. Banion '75** (5/22/93).

Lambda Chi Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.