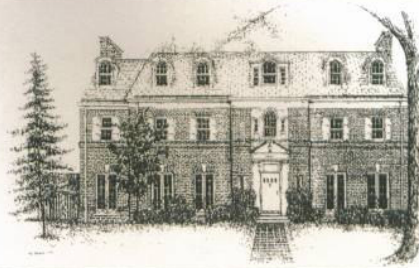


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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you are doing anything noteworthy that you want to tell your brothers about, or if you simply want to let your brothers know where you are, please fill out and return the enclosed form and we will include your news in the next issue of *The Sigman*.

SIGMA ZETA COLONY UPDATE

By Benjamin Walraven, High Pi

The Sigma Zeta colony at University of Michigan has been extremely busy this semester, focusing exclusively on building a stronger colony through recruitment and brotherhood events.

On January 30, the colony held its first brotherhood retreat in Holly, Mich. While staying at a Campfire Boys and Girls camp, the brothers planned the activities of the colony for the semester, set some fairly aggressive goals and still found time for a huge campfire, some intense cooking, and a little Trivial Pursuit (not to mention a lot of fun!). Pictures of the retreat and other colony events can be found on the colony Web page at <http://www.umich.edu/~lxa>.

One of the most exciting events of the semester has been the acquisition of fraternity housing on campus. The brothers of Sigma Zeta colony have signed a lease to the former Delta Zeta house at 1451 Washtenaw, and a large portion of the colony will begin occupying it in the fall. A central location for the colony is a much-needed step in rebuilding the chapter. This is just part of the plan to move the colony back into the Lambda Chi Alpha house at 1601 Washtenaw, which is scheduled for fall of 2000.

Throughout the semester, the colony has continued to associate new members. Currently, the colony has 16 initiated brothers and seven associate members.

All in all, winter semester 1999 has been a great success for the Sigma colony. There is still a long road ahead. If you're interested in donating a little time and effort, or attending the initiation ritual, please contact me via phone or e-mail (313-359-0200 x206 (O), bwalrave@essweb.com). With brotherly help and encouragement, I believe the colony will attain its goal to recharter Sigma Zeta at the University of Michigan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

By George Friess '57, Sigma House Corporation President

We would like to report the initial success of our new annual voluntary dues program for the Michigan chapter.

We have received \$1,710 in voluntary dues from 26 Michigan alumni, plus \$1,000 from John Braidwood '60 of Portland, Ore., for purchase of new ritual equipment, which the new colony needs.

This is after one newsletter appeal, and we are hopeful that additional alumni will join in on the voluntary dues program as time goes by. Below are the names of the initial dues-paying volunteers. Thanks to all listed, and a special thanks to John Braidwood '60 for helping to provide a good start for the new Michigan colony.

Chester P. Shelly 1936	Robert Frank Taugner 1966
Raymond T. Scott 1947	W. Scott Chilman 1967
Carlyle V. Stewart Jr. 1950	Richard E. Van House 1967
Francis J. Lemire 1956	Thomas J. Gaffney 1968
James Alvin Pickard 1956	Michael J. Head 1969
Alan Denune Simmons 1957	Michael Brennan Farrell 1970
Robert Bruce Johnson 1958	Roger T. Whitaker 1973
Thomas L. Capua 1959	J. Scott Timmer 1977
Thomas G. Nicholls 1959	Paul W. Durance 1979
John Craig Braidwood 1960	Mark S. VanderBroek 1981
John Richard Moorhead 1963	Mark Lawrence Schaefer 1982
Gary D. Gillespie 1964	William F. Brinkerhoff 1987
Ronald John Russell 1965	Kurt John Schneider 1988

Alumni News

David D. Merriman '35 (7970 E. Camelback Rd., #706, Scottsdale, AZ 85251) moved to the Grand Canyon State over a year ago and is enjoying the sunshine there.

Retired educator **John D. Howarth '44** (P.O. Box 851, Gleneden Beach, OR 97388) is president of the Lions International Service Club, president of the Lincoln County Shrine Club and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

J. George Friess '57 (33995 Ramble Hills Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331) is semi-retired as chairman of Shaw Electric Co./Shaw Construction and Management.

At the law firm of Robinson Silverman Pearce Aronson & Berman, **Robert B. Johnson '60** (17 Glen Oaks, Summit, NJ 07901; johnson@rspab.com) serves as director of information services. He notes that **Paul Becker '60** is a fellow resident of Summit and that **Bob Rickert '57** lives nearby in Short Hills, N.J.

Now retired from Whirlpool, **David A. Matzen '63** (9 Juliana Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630; dmlmatzen@worldnet.att.net) is teaching part time at Ivy Tech State College. He has also worked on Habitat homes and played bass guitar in a worship group at church.

Leaving Michigan in June 1998, **John R. Moorhead '63** (P.O. Box 3268, Crested Butte, CO 81224) moved to the mountains of the Centennial State to raise Sean and Becca, his "second batch of kids." Jack is a partner in SRF Group, a custom-home building and development firm.

Ronald J. Russell '65 (N82W15698 Valley View Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051; rjuss@aol.com) has retired from Miller Brewing Co. after 23 years of service and is now compensation manager at Midwest Express Airlines.

Thomas J. Gaffney '68 (P.O. Box 596255, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059) serves as inventory control manager at M.E. Campbell. He is co-founder of the Antique & Classic Boat Show of Port Huron and has been active in many civic and community organizations.

Architect **Charles W. Cole Jr. '73** (880 Little Bend Rd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714; ccole@hbfm.com) is now a partner in Hunton Brady Fryor Maso Architects and serving as director of health care design.

Roger T. Whitaker '73 (1071 Denman Ct., Westerville, OH 43081; rwhitaker@slnlaw.com) has two daughters. Kate is a sophomore at U. of M. and Sarah is in high school.

Ernest L. Li '76 has quit working and returned to school. Brothers can write to him at 1672 Reliance Cir., Superior, CO 80027.

Attorney **J. Scott Timmer '77** (301 E. Circle Dr., North Muskegon, MI 49445; timmersc@lnilaw.com) is a partner in Lague, Newman & Irish. He and **Paul Johnson '76** went to the Indiana game last fall and stopped by the house. The two are looking forward to Lambda Chi Alpha events at this year's Homecoming.

When he's not on the job as a vice president at Merrill Lynch, **Robert M. Swiller '81** (8300 Norman Center Dr., Ste. 125, Bloomington, MN 55437) is active as a volunteer. He especially enjoys working with the Big Brother Program. Bobby keeps in touch with **Jim Lefkowitz '80**.

Joseph D. Parke '82 (34 Newberry Pl., Grosse Pointe, MI 48236; jparke@excitecorp.com) has opened a Michigan sales office for Excite Inc. He now serves as regional sales manager for the Internet media company and is directing the advertising programs for corporate accounts.

Jeffrey J. Reitmyer '84 (2829 Rossmoor Cir., Bloomfield, MI 48302) is an attorney and estate administration officer with Comerica Bank. In June 1998, he and his wife, Linda, welcomed the arrival of their second child and son, Matthew.

Graduate student **Michael J. Wittbrodt '84** (10875 Northview Sq., Cupertino, CA 95014; wittbrod@leland.stanford.edu) wrote to us in December. He was preparing for the Ph.D. qualifying exam in applied mechanics and computation at Stanford.

"Many of my best friends are the friends that I met, lived with and grew up with at Lambda Chi," notes **John W. Rutledge '85** (1720 N. LaSalle Dr., Townhouse #21, Chicago, IL 60614; jwr@oxford-capital.com). "Lambda Chi is the place we come to when we are back in Ann Arbor and I look forward to coming next fall." A private equity investor, John is co-founder and managing director of Oxford Capital Partners Inc.

Anesthesiologist **Mark H. Dougherty '88** (254 Shawnut Ave., #5, Boston, MA 02118; jendd@ibm.net) has finished his residency at Mass. General and is now in private practice with Northshore Medical Center. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a 1-year-old son, Thomas.

Working in the field of advertising, **Kurt J. Schneider '88** (4217 Portland Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48323; kuschneid@aol.com) is a partner and management supervisor at J. Walter Thompson. For him, the fraternity provided the foundation for life-long friendships. "Lambda Chi Alpha was, is and will continue to be an important part of my life."

Peter A. Haun '93 (5800 Nottingham, Detroit, MI 48224) is in his first year of teaching at Roosevelt Middle School. He is planning to be married this June and hopes to have his master's degree by the end of the summer.

Stephan P. Meadows '96 (2449 N. Racine, Chicago, IL 60614) is an options trader with Wolverine Trading. One of his roommates is **Josh Broder '95**.

We regret to inform you of the death of **Wilfred J. Smith '29** (3/15/98), **J. Colwit Whitmer '32** (5/13/98), **Harry E. Kohl '40** (3/8/98), **Herbert J. Howerth Jr. '42**, **Merle E. Schwarz '47** (9/23/97), **Don E. Kelly '49** and **Ted J. Black Jr. '50** (7/27/98). Lambda Chi Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.



(Left) Cookin' at Colony Retreat, Holly, Mich.



(Below) Brothers pose for a shot during Retreat.



Rush festivities.

