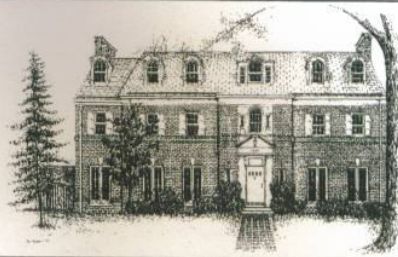


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MORE GREEK HOUSES TO GO DRY

By Jacquelyn Nixon, *Michigan Daily News* Writer

Within two years, the Theta Chi and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity chapters on campus will be alcohol-free, adding to a number of Greek organizations that are making the move to "dry" houses.

In recent years, many national fraternities have taken significant strides toward making all chapters nationwide alcohol-free as a result of insurance liability and the trend of limiting alcohol at fraternity houses.

"It's a long-term changing of the norm," said Interfraternity Council President Marc Hustvedt. "Ten years from now there may not be chapter events at any of the houses with alcohol."

The rise in dry fraternities began in 1997 when the national leadership of Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta made the decision to become alcohol-free by 2000.

All chapters of Delta Sigma Phi and Theta Chi are slated to be alcohol-free by 2003.

National Theta Chi Director David Westhall said the decision to make all chapter houses alcohol-free is not to absolve liability in alcohol-related incidents.

"It's about the changing culture in the chapters," he said. "We saw the trends of chapter houses and we made a task force of alumni and undergraduates to look at the issue."

In 1998, national officials from Delta Sigma Phi decided to remove alcohol from its chapter houses by December 10, 2000.

"It's a better way to manage operations," said Delta Sigma Phi executive director Jon Hockman.

Adam Small, president of the University's Delta Sigma Phi chapter, said the action came as



The colony will live in this house at 707 Oxford until fall 2002.

a result of low grades among members at other schools around the country in addition to insurance liability issues.

Although the move toward alcohol-free houses has begun on a national level, some local chapters have acted independently of their national organization to institute alcohol-free chapters.

The University's Lambda Chi Alpha chapter was shut down in 1994 after its board of directors put the fraternity on probation for four months due to its risk-management violations.

"Our guys got out of hand and ruined the house," said Lambda Chi Alpha President Sachin Master.

The fraternity is reforming this semester and has plans to move back into their house in late 2002. Master said Lambda Chi Alpha members do not foresee any problems with living in an alcohol-free environment.

"We've been a dry house since we started up again in the winter of 1998, so the brothers in our house are used to it," Master said. "It doesn't take a lot to have alcohol-free parties in the house, but we still haven't decided what we're going to do about holding parties outside the house."

Like Lambda Chi Alpha, Interfraternity Council members now face the

challenge of finding locations for Greek social events. "Ann Arbor isn't like Wisconsin with 150 bars, so we're limited to an amount of third-party vendors," Hustvedt said.

Hustvedt said IFC is in the process of modifying its social policy to support alcohol-free houses. "We're encouraging

houses to use third party vendors and make a concerted effort to move events out of the chapter houses," he said.

Small said although having parties at other locations is an option for many fraternities, it is too costly for his chapter, which does not receive significant funding from nationals. The chapter's solution has been to hold fewer parties.

"It's been a bit of a problem," Small said. "We just try to limit our alcohol completely. Sometimes it's hard to control everyone in the house."

After the National Panhellenic Conference passed a resolution last year that banned member sororities from co-sponsoring alcohol-related events with fraternities, many sororities chose to go to third-party venues, Hustvedt said. "We are helping them get better bus prices, and we are encouraging presidents to start moving toward third-party vendors," he said.

This change has paved the way for IFC members who have decided to go alcohol-free. "We've already seen four times as many party vendors and that's mostly inspired by sororities and NPC, since sororities can't sponsor events with alcohol," Hustvedt said.

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Alumni News

Retired CPA Chester P. Shelly '37 (Surfsedge, Apt. 400, 4001 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples, FL 34103) reports on several of his Lambda Chi Alpha contemporaries: **Rodgers Bradley '38** is living in Sarasota, Fla.; **Wally Truce '37** is a resident of Aptos, Calif.; Port Huron, Mich., is home to **Fred Linscheid '39**; and **Chuck Kocsis '34**, of Lambda Chi Alpha golfing fame, resides in Michigan and belongs to Red Run Golf Club.

Alexander H. Elliott '41 (429 W. Grand Ave., Jackson, TN 38301) a retired accountant, spent his freshman year at U. of M. and went on to graduate from Vanderbilt. He's given more than four decades of service to the Jackson Rotary Club.

Certified financial planner **Ronald L. O'Connell '53** (7655 W. Gulf-to-Lake Hwy., Ste. 3, Crystal River, FL 34429) is an investment adviser with O'Connell Financial. He's retired as an Air Force pilot, having flown more than 200 combat missions in Vietnam. Ron is a certified flight instructor and airline transport pilot. He flies reconnaissance for the State of Florida Department of Forestry and is a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flying Rescue Flights in the Gulf of Mexico.

Gordon R. Merritt '56 (1139 Calle Ensenada, Marathon, FL 33050) enjoys catching fish and doing water colors in the Florida Keys and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He's joined a co-op art gallery and won a "Peoples Choice" ribbon in a local art show.

Physician **Robert R. Rickert '58** (25 Kenilworth Dr., Short Hills, NJ 07078) is chairman of the Department of Pathology at St. Barnabas Medical Center. He's been active in professional activities and is serving as chief medical spokesperson for the Eastern Division of the American Cancer Society. As for hobbies, Bob enjoys wine and art collecting, antiques and showing dogs. He and his wife, Sonja, have three daughters and three grandchildren.

Frederick A. Herbert '63 (1013 S.E. 82nd Street Rd., Ocala, FL 34480) has been elected chairman of the National Kidney Foundation.

As chief academic officer at Rock Valley College, **Michael K. Bequette '67** (3629 Applewood Ln., Rockford, IL 61114; mbequette@ednet.rvc.cc.il.us) is second in charge at the 12,000-student school. He reports that attorney **Don "Metz" Mateer '67** is also a resident of Rockford, Ill., and is "chief honcho" at his law firm. "Becket" notes: "We wish Lambda Chi Alpha well. It was part of our growth. Metz and I are looking for 1967 contacts, especially **Ron Earley '66** and **Dick Van House '67**."

"I'm encouraged by *The Sigman* and what you fellows have accomplished," writes **James P. Avery '74** (3863 Appian St., Pleasanton, CA 94588). "Keep doing what's right."

J. Scott Timmer '77 (301 E. Circle Dr., North Muskegon, MI 49445) comments: "Nice job on *The Sigman*! I wrote it in 1976-77."

James P. Johnstone '82 (2404 Pemberton Pky., Austin, TX 78703) sends us a contribution as a tribute to the late **Rich Lenzi '81** and strongly encourages other brothers who were touched by Rich to do the same.

Nancy and Steven Yuan '88 (5 S. 760 Springdale Dr., Naperville, IL 60540) celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in February 2000 and welcomed the arrival of their second child and daughter, Kristin, two months later. Their older child, Allison, is 3. In May 2000, Steven finished his fifth year of a Bible study fellowship.

We regret to inform you of the death of **Samuel P. Soluri '29** (2/1/00).

Charles F. Parker Jr. '36 (1/22/00) and **Richard Lenzi '81**. Lambda Chi Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

MUDBOWL, PEP RALLY LIVEN HOMECOMING

By Whitney Elliott, Daily Staff Reporter

In addition to a 58-0 drubbing of Indiana on Saturday, University students and alumni watched mud fly as Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity sponsored the 70th annual Mudbowl.

Before the football game Saturday, University alum Terry Roach and several of his friends watched students slip and slide in the mudpit outside of the SAE house on the corner of Washtenaw and South University avenues.

Remembering his days at SAE, Roach watched the players getting down and dirty.

"It's a great time. My friends and I come back every year for Homecoming and the Mudbowl," Roach said.

SAE defeated Delta Sigma Phi in a game that attracted hundreds of students and alumni.

During halftime, sisters from Sigma Kappa and Kappa Alpha Theta engaged in a mud war of their own. In a last-minute decision Saturday morning, Kappa Alpha Theta agreed to play in the game after Kappa Kappa Gamma backed out.

"I loved it — it was Sigma Kappa pride. It was something we all loved to do," said Sigma Kappa pledge Lorelee Bankert, an Art and Design freshman.

Earlier in the weekend, watermelons and a pre-Homecoming pep rally kicked off the pre-game festivities.

At Lambda Chi Alpha's annual Watermelon Bust on Friday afternoon, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Gamma sororities competed in field-day events like a watermelon toss and a seed-spitting contest. "It's a fun way to be able to give something back to your community," said LSA sophomore Julie Ponitz, a member of Alpha Phi, while cheering on her sisters during the slice-of-watermelon toss.

The winning sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, split the proceeds from the event with Lambda Chi Alpha and will donate the money to YMCA camps. Lambda Chi Alpha will give donations and canned goods it received to the North American Food Drive.

Later on Friday, Ann Bonevick, a 1960 University graduate, watched the pep rally on the Diag.

"All four of my brothers and I come back here every year during Homecoming. It's a sort of family reunion," Bonevick said.

The pep rally included performances by the Michigan Marching Band, the Michigan cheerleaders and members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Although head football coach Lloyd Carr was not able to attend the rally, team co-captain Steve Hutchinson came out to get Michigan fans ready for the game.

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