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Fraternity Life Gets Closer to Normal

By ISAAC SARBACKER '24

In the spring, I wrote a short piece about how the fraternity looked during the pandemic for a freshman who hadn't yet attended an in-person lecture. Now, half a year later, things are on their way to being normal. By the end of school last year, my class and I were able to all have a few meals together. Unfortunately, there wasn't much time in between this starting and most of us returning to our

hometowns for the summer.

Although it was tough to leave all of my new brothers just as it was becoming possible to really build our relationships, we are now engaged in first class brotherhood. On August 15th, we moved into the chapter house at 1601 Washtenaw, and many others will move in around Ann Arbor. As all Michigan students are now required to be vaccinated, we are

hopeful for a semi-normal social and brotherhood schedule. In particular, I'm dying for my first Lambda Chi Alpha tailgate, and watching the Wolverines with my brothers. While this last year was difficult for everyone, I think I speak for all the actives on campus when I say I couldn't be more excited for the new year. Here's to hoping I won't write Part III for this series.

**Stop by the
Homecoming
Open House**

at

**1601
Washtenaw**

from

**10 a.m. to
Noon on
Sept. 25**

**We hope to
see you there!**

Chapter Statistical Profile

By ISAAC SARBACKER '24 and ETHAN REIN '07

Coming into the Fall 2021 Semester, Sigma Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha finds itself with 26 sophomores, 28 juniors, and 32 seniors. 35 of these brothers grew up in the Great Lakes state, while 51 call other states home. These numbers line up pretty well with the chapter's alumni, 42% of whom call Michigan home. The next two most represented states on our mailing list are California (9% of alumni) and Illinois (7% of alumni).

The most common majors among the chapter include Engineering (all disciplines) (22 brothers) Economics (18 brothers), and Business (10 brothers). Seven brothers intend to go on to medical school after graduation. Many of the brothers were able to find gainful employment this past summer in fields related to their majors. Nathan Tindall '23 is a Chemical Engineering major who interned at a biomedical company in Portland, Oregon. Alec Winden '22 is a business major who worked as an investment banking analyst in Chicago.

Physics Department Leases House for the Summer

By ETHAN REIN '07

This summer, the fraternity partnered with the Michigan Physics department to host eleven students from other colleges and universities in our home at 1601 Washtenaw. These students were participating in the summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. In addition to fostering a good relationship with the university, the rental income provided by this arrangement will be put to use making improvements and paying down the debt on house. Thanks to Brad Quinn '01 and Colin Campbell '09 for their help in securing this arrangement.

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From the High Alpha

To start, I would like to thank the entire Sigma Alumni Association for their continuous support of our Zeta. We are truly grateful for all the hard work and dedication we have received throughout the pandemic. The past year has been difficult for all of us, but the unrelenting support of our alumni has allowed for us to adapt and thrive in this new setting. With that being said, Sigma is looking forward to a very exciting year ahead.

Since being elected back in April, I have worked diligently with our newly elected High Zeta to prepare for our long-awaited "in-person" semester. As our undergraduate brothers return to campus, we get the ball rolling right away. Recruitment ramps up shortly after classes begin, and we cannot wait to return to an in-person environment after the abnormal virtual recruitment process from last year. We are confident that this return to normalcy will result in even better recruitment numbers than we had last year, and we look forward to showing these new members everything our amazing brotherhood has to offer. On top of that, I am most looking

forward to finally having a Homecoming this year. Being able to finally connect with our alumni in-person is something that all of us are excited to do, especially those who have yet to participate in an in-person alumni event. Lastly, I will add that I had the pleasure of attending this year's virtual General Assembly to represent our chapter. It was truly an enlightening experience as I had the opportunity to work with Alphas from across the country to shape Lambda Chi Alpha for a prosperous future.

I can confidently say that this upcoming year will be one to remember for the entire brotherhood. Our hope for a successful year is unmatched. Like I mentioned earlier, none of this would be possible without our alumni as well as our alumni board who have made my transition as Alpha as smooth as I could have ever hoped for. I speak for all our undergraduate brothers when I say that we are certain that this year will be a tremendous year of growth for our chapter, and we cannot wait to share that experience with our alumni as well.

Yours in ZAX and Friendship,

Cormac Henriques

Cormac Henriques '23
2021-22 High Alpha

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These brothers funded scholarships and chapter house improvements.

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NEW GRADUATES

Congratulations to Σ 2009 Mark Havdala '21, who graduated this spring. Unfortunately, the other members of the senior class resigned from the fraternity due to the restrictions the pandemic put on chapter operations.

IN MEMORIAM

Σ 1336 Peter Schaefer '80 passed away March 4, 2021. Few got more out of being a Lambda Chi than Pete. He was well respected and always there to help a brother in need. His recent memorial service was attended by Lew Burton, Tom Cox, Bob Discipio, John Harder, Tom Maentz, Bruce Murphy, Gerry Olson, Craig Page, Jeff Paulsen, Mark Schaefer, and Dave Ulgenalp. A commemorative plaque in his honor will be displayed in the George Spasyk Room.

Σ 1574 Thomas D. Randall '87 passed away May 4, 2019

SIGMA INITIATED...

...fifteen men on February 6, 2021:

Will Fitzpatrick	Σ 2091
Luke Bernard	Σ 2092
Logan Cooper	Σ 2093
Ethan Coyle	Σ 2094
Matthew Detar	Σ 2095
Matthew Falzon	Σ 2096
Benjamin Heppberger	Σ 2097
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Congratulations, brothers!

ADVISORS WANTED

The Alumni Advisory Board is looking for members to develop the Fraternal experience for brothers of $\Lambda\chi\alpha$ and improve the chapter's operations. Alumni who are curious about joining this group should contact Ethan Rein at ethanrein@gmail.com.

Decorations Added to Chapter House

By ETHAN REIN '07

Alumni and Undergraduate brothers worked together on August 17, 2021 to add artwork to the walls at 1601 Washtenaw. The installations included reprints of the group photo from the chapter's 50th anniversary in 1963, a reproduction of a flyer promoting a 1941 alumni-undergraduate day on Whitmore Lake, a four-part display about Michigan's Theta Kappa Nu chapter, and framed replica blueprints from the 1992 renovation. The final decorations in the study room were also installed. They are four reprints of pages from the 1914 yearbook, which was the first time the chapter appeared in the *Michiganensian*.

If you have anything in your collection at home that you'd like to occupy a place of prestige on the walls of the chapter house, please let Ethan Rein '07 know about it. Ethan can be reached at ethanrein@gmail.com or 313-618-5860. He'd be happy to borrow your memorabilia, produce reproductions, and get those installed for all to enjoy, while keeping your treasures safe.



1958 General Assembly

This photo from the 1958 General Assembly in Montreal was a part of the photo collection belonging to George Spasyk '49. After seeing it, Brothers Kerry Johnson '58 and Al Haynes '57 wrote in to share memories of the Assembly and beyond.

From Brother Johnson: We rode up from Ann Arbor in Al Haynes' 1957 Red Ford Convertible with the top down. Somewhere in Ontario, Neil Taylor '58 found some firecrackers in his pocket and proceeded to light and toss several out of the car before we prevailed on him to stop. It was a beautiful day for convertible driving.

The Queen Elizabeth hotel in Montreal was fairly new and beautiful. Neil, Al, Bill Schepers '60 and I had a free afternoon and spent it in a mezzanine grotto bar. We were the only customers for most of the two plus hours. It was dark and cool with aquariums mounted in the walls.

We drove back through Boston. The waitress at the Durgin Park restaurant thought our Canadian money, multicolored as it was, was play money. We had a tough time convincing her that the tip was real.

From Brother Haynes: I don't recall the Montreal trip, but I sure do remember the red convertible. Brother Schepers bought it from me in 1958, just before Al Simmons '57 and I left to travel through Western Europe in a 1958 MGA I bought with Bill's money.

That was during the Soviet occupation of East Germany and Berlin was still surrounded by the Soviets. On the road to West Berlin, every so often an East German soldier would pop out from nowhere, pull us over and demand to see our "papers" and, I guess, look over the car, which they probably didn't see many of. After five or six unscheduled stops, I was a little irritated about the delays, mainly because we wanted to get off the road before sundown. We heard about nasty incidents on country roads at night in the Soviet sector.

It was not long before another rifle-toting soldier popped out of the woods and hailed us down. I had enough of the delays and grabbed the MG Owners book, which was about the size and color of some of our official papers, and handed it to our obviously flustered interrogator. I realized



L to R: Alex Haynes, Al Simmons, Bill Sheppers, George Spasyk, two unknown Lambda Chi brothers, Kerry Johnson. (Photo courtesy of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity)

the soldier couldn't read English, so I began to explain in great detail, page by page what all the pictures in the booklet were about. After a few minutes of this, I suddenly realized we were being observed from the edge of the woods by several other armed soldiers, one of which probably was his superior officer. I figured before these other fellows walked over, we needed to get out of there, so I smiled at our soldier and asked if everything was OK. He hesitated for a second, handed me the booklet, stepped back and said very sternly, "Danke schoen, have a safe trip," which was probably the only English he knew.

Do you have a memory to share? Send it in to info@lcamichigan.com.

LOST

Please send email or mailing addresses of, or other information about, these 142 lost brothers to info@lcamichigan.com.

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523	A. Joseph Cote '48	898	Michael R. Palmisano	1106	Joseph Allen	1419	Stephen Fletcher
525	George W. Jones '48	905	Dennis B. Phelps '64	1111	David H. Nadelman '71	1423	Michael D. Sullivan
539	William E. Ainslie '47	927	Douglas M. Baird '65	1112	Mark J. Knapp	1457	Robert J. Nathan
552	Gordon D. Olson '49	929	Charles Peterson	1116	David J. Ameen	1492	Ramon C. Raneses
561	William M. Chase '48	932	William Henderson	1153	David C. Scott	1514	Bruce H. Amlicke '86
605	Dwight S. Heim '52	951	Ronald Earley '66	1157	William L. Deleeuw '71	1549	Pierre I. Laxa
616	John A. Hobyak '51	963	Jack Murchie	1160	Keith F. Clark	1554	Jeffrey J. Larson '85
624	Nicholas A. Semos	985	David M. Love '67	1182	Mark R. Buckley	1556	John J. Perry
625	Walter H. Stein '54	986	John P. Ketels '68	1195	Bradley LaLonde '75	1560	Andrew H. Rosen
626	Milton F. Barrett '53	990	Christopher Tompkins	1197	John S. Mullen	1562	Walter E. Traver
630	William E. Duellman	991	James E. Allen	1203	Barry W. Kowal	1565	Calvin W. Hunter '87
639	Robert Bloom	992	John Sterner	1207	Randall S. Jacobs	1566	Anthony D. Iannone '86
655	James W. Beatty '52	993	Roger S. Ulrich '68	1210	William G. Merchant	1568	Herbert M. Stephens '88
660	Albert N. Scaccia '54	998	Roger A. Leslie	1211	Peter D. Anderson	1586	Michael J. Fitzsimmons
678	Paul D. Duncan '53	1001	Charleton Johnson	1220	Gary Telling '75	1597	Richard J. Gagnon '88
684	Gerald T. Stein '53	1004	Earl Hamilton	1222	Carl Meister	1606	Andrew T. Watts '87
687	Robert E. Thorne	1020	Ronald A. Grand '69	1227	Leonard J. Van De Wege '76	1617	Benjamin R. Lummis '89
711	Ralph Cadger	1023	David R. Thompson '68	1228	Ernest L. Li '76	1618	Christopher C. Johnson '88
726	Stanley M. Head '58	1035	David M. Colwell '69	1234	Kevin Mills	1622	James A. Schechter
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782	Stanley E. Fuller	1054	Robert Kraft '70	1261	Drew Walsh	1632	Jeffrey D. McMillen
796	Harvey C. Pearce '59	1056	William Brater	1263	John Simon	1634	Michael A. Margolis
799	Gary R. Engelgau '57	1063	Dennis Beemer '67	1280	Kevin Kerwin	1671	S. Tyler Staelin '91
801	William Watson	1078	David V. Paul	1281	Thomas Kornmeier	1695	Douglas A. K. Bennett
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