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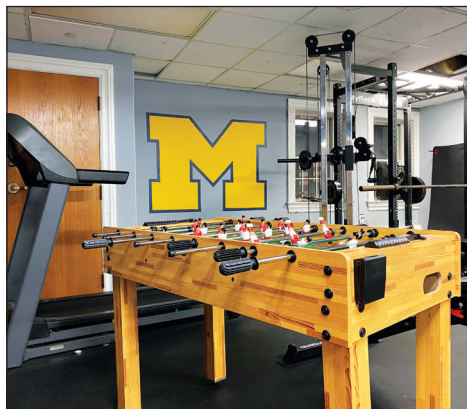
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1601 Capital Campaign Update

By THOMAS MAENTZ '80

Thanks to the generous contributions of 163 alumni brothers, the Sigma Alumni Association raised more than \$104,000 for investment in the chapter house. Renovation projects began last fall with a new front

porch. We expect the porch to receive a significant amount of use this school year, with some chapter activities being moved outdoors. The kitchen has also been upgraded with a new stove, new wall paneling, and refurbished cabinets. An outdoor shed will be built on the south end of the property. This long-desired feature will be used to store equipment that has taken up space inside the house.

Three rooms have undergone significant renovations. The Cold Dorm has been converted into a lounge area, offering our collegiate brothers a place to watch sports and

relax. The old basement game room was upgraded and now serves as a fitness center as well, restocked with game and exercise equipment. The former bike room is being transformed into a study room for those seeking an area to focus on academics.

As these projects are completed, the Alumni Association will continue to evaluate the state of the chapter house to ensure we are providing the best possible housing option to our undergraduate brothers. We are grateful to all our alumni donors for supporting the chapter house and giving our active membership a better place to live.

COVID-19 Pandemic Roils Campus

By ETHAN REIN '07

AXA is no stranger to the COVID-19 Pandemic that has brought so much uncertainty to our current moment. As the virus spread across the country, alumni and undergraduate brothers adjusted to life under unusual circumstances.

When the University of Michigan made the momentous decision to suspend in-person instruction and move final exams to an online format on March 11, a series of changes were made to modify fraternity activities. Chapter meetings, including some High Zeta elections, were moved to an online format, the planned initiation of fifteen new brothers was deferred. The Founders Day celebration, planned for March 21, was cancelled as alumni across

the country took part in a societal effort to contain the pandemic.

As undergraduates left the confines of 1601 Washtenaw throughout March and April, the alumni association agreed to waive \$240 of the rent for the semester for all residents. A tentative plan to lease the house to visiting students participating in a summer program with the Physics Department was cancelled due to the cancellation of that program.

The biennial General Assembly which been scheduled for this summer was deferred to Summer 2021. The Stead Leadership Seminar which was planned to be held concurrently with the Assembly took place in an online format. High Alpha Sam Bobitz

represented the chapter at this conference.

The Fall 2020 semester will have a mix of remote and in person instruction. Classes begin on August 31 as previously planned. Fall break has been eliminated and in-person classes will end on Friday, Nov. 20. Classes will resume remotely on Monday, Nov. 30 and continue until Dec. 8, with finals running Dec. 10-18.

For more on the University plans, please visit <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu>

The chapter is developing plans for what public health informed programming will look like. There are nineteen residents at the chapter house for the Fall 2020 semester. That drops to 18 residents in the Winter 2021 semester.

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From the High Alpha

Representing all of the Sigma's undergraduate brothers I would like to thank all of the alumni brothers for their continued support of our Zeta. Without your support there would be no brotherhood and for that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The alumni of the Sigma Zeta embody the motto "A Lifetime of True Brotherhood"

The past school year has seen exciting changes at 1601 Washtenaw. Through the hard work and dedication of the Sigma Alumni Association Board, \$104,798.57 was raised for the Sigma Capital Campaign. Renovations include a completely revamped Cold Dorm, improved kitchen, a remodel of the game room including a home gym, and my personal favorite, the new patio. These renovations have helped in our recruitment efforts and will be enjoyed by the brotherhood for years to come. Thank you to all who all donated and worked on the Sigma Capital Campaign.

The past year has been one of turmoil but through it all the Sigma has persevered. At the start of the year the university presented all of Greek Life with a unique

challenge by instituting a deferred recruitment process, requiring students to have completed one semester on campus before joining the Greek community.

Despite this, the Sigma initiated 19 new members this year while other fraternities struggled with new rule. In the winter semester school and Greek Life were shut down in wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Fortunately all of our undergraduate brothers have remained safe and healthy through this. We have been able to conduct chapter meetings, High Zeta meetings, and host High Zeta elections online. I am confident in the next High Zeta, led by High Alpha Sam Bobitz. He is an ambitious young man who has great plans for this brotherhood.

Presiding over this brotherhood has been one of the great pleasures of my life. I'm proud to be a part of an organization that has developed so many amazing men. The future is uncertain with a pandemic at hand but I know for certain that the Sigma is in good hands and will continue to flourish.



Yours in ZAX and Friendship,
Benjamin Campbell '22
2019-20 High Alpha

Academic Awards Presented

The Sigma Alumni Association recognized the following academic achievements in the 2019-2020 academic year. Congratulations to all brothers receiving recognition.

The *Bruce L. Koepfgen Award* for the highest GPA was shared by 9 brothers. They are Max Rosenberg, Ryan Lawson, Andrew Kitain, Daniel Bianchini, Peter Burns, Conor Handlogten, Paul Rozek, Gavin Taylor, and William Morland.

The *William K. Hall Award* for the most improved GPA was presented to Nicholas Torsky.

The *Paul Robertson, Jr. Award* for a GPA of at least 3.5 was awarded to these 35 brothers: Rushil Shah, Ryan Troll, Brandon Wertz, Jack Bruno, Rohan Patel, Thomas Gilbert, Reuben Guttman, Brett Smith, Kevin Zettner, Andrew Moore, Philip Wah, Keenan Sullivan, Tiernan Slawewski, John Yaeger, Thomas Kirby, Alex Gotsy, Luke Francis, Dean Tangalos, Grant Marshall, Johnathan Gibson, Dylan Horowitz, Drew Booher, Zach Roberts, Ryan Shultz, Chris Frary, Glenn Goist, Max Rosenberg, Ryan Lawson, Andrew Kitain, Daniel Bianchini, Peter Burns, Conor Handlogten, Paul Rozek, Gavin Taylor, William Morland

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Many thanks go out to the 170 brothers who donated 170,280.17 in 2019 and 2020! These brothers funded scholarships and chapter house improvements.

\$10,000 or more

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\$5,000 – \$9,999

Σ 609 Richard A. Yarmain '51
Σ 1071 W. David Tull '71
Σ 1141 Charles W. Cole '73
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\$2,500 – \$4,999

Σ 1312 Hugh D. Sullivan '80
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Σ 1073 M. Brennan Farrell '70
Σ 1187 George A. Isaac '75
Σ 1208 John E. Malloure '75
Σ 1258 Gerald L. Olson '78
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Σ 1301 Jack D. Withrow '79
Σ 1317 John F. Ackerman '80
Σ 1346 Wesley N. Mitchell '80
Σ 1347 Peter J. Bouyoucos '79
Σ 1376 John E. Cunningham '82
Σ 1389 Robert G. Hiss '81 —

In memory of Chuck Vinson

Σ 1397 David B. Root '81
Σ 1415 David R. Humphries '81
Σ 1429 Daniel L. Girdler '82
Σ 1493 John W. Rutledge '85
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Hogie, for rallying all of us to donate to this important cause

Σ 1645 Peter W. Riehl '90 —
In appreciation of Tom Huff
Σ 1737 Thomas L. Smith '94
Σ 1769 Donald D. Fortune '96
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Σ 706 George A. Grove '58
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Σ 1017 Michael J. Head '70
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Σ 1055 Edwin Donnelly '69
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Σ 1359 David Ulgenalp '80
Σ 1364 Douglas R. VanDagens '80
Σ 1370 Mark S. VanderBroek '81
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Σ 1432 Peter M. Kelley '83
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In honor of D.S.
Σ 1832 Ethan A. Rein '07

\$250 – \$499

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Σ 771 Robert L. Metzger '59
Σ 855 C. Phillips Whittmore '63
Σ 870 Bruce Barker '62
Σ 879 Ronald A. Modreski '64
Σ 937 Kenneth H. Stokoe '66
Σ 1009 William P. McDaniel '68
Σ 1088 Craig Slayter '70
Σ 1293 David J. Wurster '79
Σ 1334 James F. Sansone '79
Σ 1383 Robert Fechtner '79
Σ 1391 John V. Acciaioli '80
Σ 1395 Bruce H. Murphy '79
Σ 1427 David R. Miles '80
Σ 1430 Mark L. Schaefer '82
Σ 1431 Christopher Cameron '81
Σ 1494 Thomas S. Freytag '84
Σ 1525 Patrick J. Kelley '86
Σ 1542 Andrew M. Grove '86
Σ 1545 Douglas F. Londal '87
Σ 1662 James W. Phieffer '92
Σ 1680 Hassan B. Azar '92
Σ 1702 Kevin S. Moore '93
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Σ 676 Angello Zannis '55
Σ 729 Francis J. LeMire '56
Σ 736 Kerry E. Johnson '58
Σ 768 R. Bruce Johnson '60
Σ 778 William S. Mitchell '61
Σ 790 David H. Koto '59
Σ 836 Frederick A. Herbert '63
Σ 839 Bruce W. Galbraith '61
Σ 858 David C. Breiholz '63
Σ 884 Ronald A. Mulder '64
Σ 885 Curtis A. Harrison '65
Σ 902 John A. Eisele '66
Σ 916 Donald A. Baty '63
Σ 917 George J. Pomey '65
Σ 922 William G. Newton '66
Σ 934 Theodor Winkel '66 —
In memory of Van Tillotson and John Clawson
Σ 952 Thomas A. Landsittel '66
Σ 997 Charles Henstock '66
Σ 1016 R. Miles Chandler '68
Σ 1024 Arthur L. Golin '68
Σ 1026 Lawrence I. McKay '69
Σ 1061 Bruce J. Carlton '70
Σ 1062 William L. Jackson '70
Σ 1074 Ralph W. Moxley '71
Σ 1152 Gary P. Barton '76
Σ 1186 David A. Carlson '76
Σ 1201 John Partridge '73
Σ 1213 William G. Snell '74
Σ 1225 Jay Ritter '76
Σ 1236 Paul L. Johnson '76
Σ 1307 Timothy M. Cleary '78
Σ 1316 John J. Wallbillich '80
Σ 1324 Peter L. Canzano '77
Σ 1392 Joseph D. Parke '82
Σ 1393 Marcus W. Freihofner '81
Σ 1411 Robert M. Swiller '81
Σ 1424 Rainer J. Schmidt '81
Σ 1443 R. Nikolaus Schmidt '83
Σ 1476 Mark T. Vestevich '85
Σ 1533 Louis Theros '86
Σ 1590 Peter K. Hoglund '88
Σ 1608 Scott H. Sirich '89
Σ 1640 Tarek F. Saad '89
Σ 1840 Andrew W. Turckes '08
Σ 1859 Anthony J. Budzinski '10
H 1149 Matthew Caestino '94

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Σ 665 Gordon R. Merritt '56
Σ 685 James A. Pickard '56
Σ 849 David M. Gaskin '63
Σ 866 Randall L. Mitchell '64
Σ 868 Frank A. Lude '64
Σ 1034 Robert F. Taugner '67
Σ 1105 Kurt Kimball '71
Σ 1336 Peter L. Schaefer '80
Σ 677 Elliott E. Burd '56
Σ 918 Gary D. Gillespie '65
Σ 983 Matthew J. Mason '68
Σ 994 A. Stanley Duffendack
Σ 1445 Jeffrey J. Reitmyer '84

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NEW GRADUATES

Congratulations to these brothers who have joined the alumni ranks!

Andrew W. Brown Σ 1982
Daniel J. Bianchini Σ 1983
Jack R. Bruno Σ 1984
Christopher J. Frary Σ 1985
Thomas J. Gilbert Σ 1986
Conor A. Handlogten Σ 1987
Samuel R. Karnofsky Σ 1989
Rohan Patel Σ 1991
Reid D. Pringle Σ 1992
Tiernan A. C. Slawecky Σ 1993
Jordan D. Spencer Σ 1994
Keenan R. Sullivan Σ 1995
Alexander J. Vigneau Σ 1996
John W. Yaeger Σ 1997
Cameron C. Greifenberger Σ 1999
Ryan J. Schulz Σ 2002
Glenn W. Goist Σ 2008
Andrew P. Moore Σ 2012
Paul S. Rozek Σ 2014
Joshua A. Shourds Σ 2015

SIGMA INITIATED...

...nineteen men on January 31, 2020:

Tommy Banks Σ 2057
Sam Bobitz Σ 2058
Gabe Brisbois Σ 2059
Declan Doherty Σ 2060
Jasper Drumm Σ 2061
Michael Fischer Σ 2062
Luke Francis Σ 2063
Dan Kovacevich Σ 2064
Ryan Lawson Σ 2065
Grant Marshall Σ 2066
James McLucas Σ 2067
Gregory Moore Σ 2068
William Morland Σ 2069
Nathan Newman Σ 2070
Timothy Picciotti Σ 2071
Colin Satterwhite Σ 2072
Jackson Strausse Σ 2073
Gavin Taylor Σ 2074
Brandon Wertz Σ 2075

Congratulations, brothers!
The next Initiation is TBD.

ADVISORS WANTED

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

ALUMNI NOTES

Σ 1024 *Arthur L. Golin '68* — Retired from a urology practice in early 2014. Still enjoy attending Ann Arbor fall weekends, travel with Mary Ann, hunting, hobby farming, along with 8 grandchildren.

Σ 922 *William G. Newton '66* — Still working as a semi-retired dentist. Wife recently passed away (almost 48 years of marriage), graduate of UofM dental hygiene Class of 1969, Susan Delong Newton.

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IN MEMORIAM

Σ 476 *Kenneth M. Zemke '47* passed away on October 10, 2017.

Σ 500 *William F. Ruzicka '44* passed away on May 15, 2019.

Σ 633 *Samuel F. Prato '52* passed away on April 23, 2016.

Pumpkin Bust

By **TOMMY PENDLETON**

When the Undergraduates of Sigma Zeta began planning for a Watermelon Bust event in September 2019, they replaced typical melons with fall favorites – pumpkins. The event, held November 4, 2019 at the chapter house, raised more than \$1,800 for the University of Michigan's CS Mott Children's Hospital.

The event consisted of twenty four teams of five members. Each team paid \$60 to participate in the day long event, which included relay races, tug-of-war, a pumpkin smash, and a pumpkin toss. These games and activities were staffed by fraternity brothers. Money was also raised through directly solicited contributions.

Philanthropy Chairman Tommy Pendleton reports that the event turned out extremely well thanks to the efforts of more than 50 brothers who were involved in the execution. Plans to host a similar event in Spring 2020 were shelved due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The chapter plans to host a similar event when circumstances allow.



From left to right: Ryan Troll, Rushil Shah, Owen Denn, Max Rosenberg, Zach Roberts, Brett Smith, Philip Wah, Michael Caserio (kneeling), Steven Shinas (standing), Lucas McCluskey, Eric Solberg

LOST

Please send email or mailing addresses of, or other information about, these 124 lost brothers to info@lcamichigan.com. Sigma numbers are on the left.

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523 A. Joseph Cote '48	951 Ronald Earley '66	1160 Keith F. Clark	1486 Douglas A. Leik
525 George W. Jones '48	985 David M. Love '67	1195 Bradley LaLonde '75	1487 James C. Becker '83
539 William E. Ainslie '47	986 John P. Ketels '68	1197 John S. Mullen	1492 Ramon C. Raneses
561 William M. Chase '48	990 Christopher Tompkins	1203 Barry W. Kowal	1514 Bruce H. Amlicke '86
605 Dwight S. Heim '52	991 James E. Allen	1207 Randall S. Jacobs	1528 Richard K. Byers '83
624 Nicholas A. Semos	992 John Sterner	1210 William G. Merchant	1530 Daniel F. Stoffel '85
626 Milton F. Barrett '53	993 Roger S. Ulrich '68	1211 Peter D. Anderson	1531 David A. Duttonhofer
630 William E. Duellman	998 Roger A. Leslie	1220 Gary Telling '75	1549 Pierre I. Laxa
639 Robert Bloom	1001 Charleton Johnson	1222 Carl Meister	1554 Jeffrey J. Larson '85
655 James W. Beatty '52	1004 Earl Hamilton	1227 Leonard J. Van De Wege '76	1556 John J. Perry
660 Albert N. Scaccia '54	1020 Ronald A. Grand '69	1228 Ernest L. Li '76	1560 Andrew H. Rosen
684 Gerald T. Stein '53	1040 James Neel '70	1234 Kevin Mills	1562 Walter E. Traver
687 Robert E. Thorne	1051 John W. Dugan '69	1254 Robert R. Fuller	1566 Anthony D. Iannone '86
711 Ralph Cadger	1054 Robert Kraft '70	1256 Jeffrey Traina	1590 Peter K. Hoggund '88
762 Joseph Gray	1056 William Brater	1260 Allen H. Lambacher '76	1597 Richard J. Gagnon '88
764 Thomas A. Smith '58	1078 David V. Paul	1261 Drew Walsh	1606 Andrew T. Watts '87
765 Richard C. Canfield '59	1079 Henry Bonislawski	1263 John Simon	1617 Benjamin R. Lummis '89
782 Stanley E. Fuller	1080 David A. Lustgarten	1280 Kevin Kerwin	1618 Christopher C. Johnson '88
796 Harvey C. Pearce '59	1090 J. Michael Luerich '70	1281 Thomas Kornmeier	1622 James A. Schecter
801 Michael Watson	1091 Michael Schubring	1284 Michael Darland	1623 John N. Ekelman
808 Douglas Gladowski '60	1094 Ramon M. Almonte	1285 Richard A. Hrivnak '78	1625 Michael N. Gouda
881 James Mumby '63	1100 Robert Zolkowski	1294 Michael Nash	1632 Jeffrey D. McMillen
882 George A. McCarty '64	1106 Joseph Allen	1297 Howard Roth	1634 Michael A. Margolis
888 Mark W. Hall	1111 David H. Nadelman '71	1305 David Montford	1671 S. Tyler Staelin '91
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898 Michael R. Palmisano	1116 David J. Ameen	1311 Mark Johnston '79	1713 Fredrick H. Chang
927 Douglas M. Baird '65	1153 David C. Scott	1319 Lawrence C. Agee '78	1727 Matthew S. Couzens
		1373 Jeffrey Zheutlin '80	1733 Michael D. Barnes
		1401 Mark R. Graham	1734 Mark G. Gaynor
		1419 Stephen Fletcher	1741 Edward J. Stone
		1423 Michael D. Sullivan	1765 Kevin I. Hickman '95
		1457 Robert J. Nathan	1785 Yong-Uk Choi
		1470 Sean M. Mulroneu '83	1854 Richard A. Moreno '08