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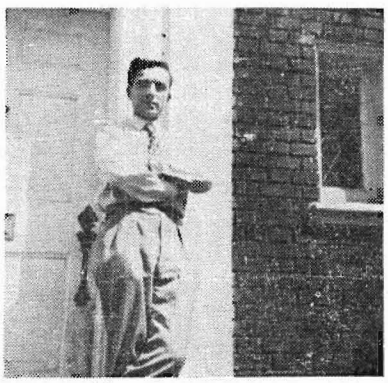

FELIX MIELZYNSKE

Chapter Sponsors Displaced Person

Perhaps the most important thing done at Sigma Zeta this year was the decision to sponsor a displaced person. Brother Ed Sandell brought the matter up early in the year and was appointed a committee of one to look into the matter. One week later it was voted to accept a displaced person.

The week after J-Hop our ward, Felix Mielzynske, arrived. Those of us who were worried about his speaking and understanding English were soon very pleasantly surprised to find that he spoke better English than most of us. Following is a brief biographical sketch.

Felix was born January 17, 1925, in Mchy, Poland, but most of his education was in other parts of Europe. He attended St. Croix de Neuilly in Paris from 1932-34, and Dounside College in Somerset, England. Next Felix went to Scotland where he studied at St. Andrews University, and Birmingham University in England.

During all this time, however, Felix was doing more than just studying for he was active in the War beginning in 1939, when he started fighting in Poland. It was about this time that Felix was captured by the Russians. He was held prisoner for 10 days and then escaped to the German zone of occupation.

In 1945, after graduating from a British Cadet Officers School, Felix was promoted to a 2nd Lt., which rank he held upon his discharge in 1948. While in service he received the War Medal and the British Defense Star.

After trying for three years Felix finally succeeded in obtaining a U. S. visa, and arrived in New York late in 1948 whereupon he applied to several medical schools throughout the U. S. After being interviewed by Dean Walter, Felix was one of five out of forty applicants chosen to study here at Michigan.

Felix is doing well in all his classes and is well liked by all of us here at 1601. This has been a rewarding experience for both Felix and all the brothers of Sigma Zeta. Anytime you visit us I suggest you meet Felix—that is if you have about 2 hours to spend talking to one of the most interesting persons you'll ever meet.

Sigma Zeta Affairs In Capable Hands

There is no need to worry about the future here at Sigma Zeta with the capable officers which have been elected this year.

President: Emmett Smith, '50, from Saginaw, a junior in Engine School. "Smitty" has long been active in all fraternity functions and was last year's ritualist.

Vice-President: Ted Black, '50, from Canton, Ohio, a junior in Business Administration. Ted has the distinction of having the lowest Zeta number in the house at the present time. He has been rushing chairman and athletic manager in the past.

Secretary: Charles Giffin, '51, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, a sophomore in pre-med. "Chick," although only initiated last March, has been extremely active, especially in athletics, and has proved himself to be very capable and hard working.

Treasurer: Jim Coleman, '50, from Hastings. Jim is a junior and has long had the reputation of being the hard working type which is essential for the job of treasurer.

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Banquet Turnout Good, Many Send Greetings

On Sunday, March 20, sixty actives and alumni of Sigma Zeta gathered at the Chapter House for one of the finest Founders' Day Banquets in recent years.

Over 400 invitations had been sent out, and the returns, from almost half of the alumni was most gratifying. The vast majority was not within travelling distance of Ann Arbor, but twenty of them did show up with ravenous appetites and a wealth of old tales to relate. At two in the afternoon, our fine cook, Mrs. Minnie Carr, won the hearts and stomachs of the returned Sigmans with a splendid and sumptuous repast.

After dinner, the traditional alumni-active meeting was held. The new High Zeta was introduced and reports on the various phases of the current chapter were given. The meeting was then turned over to Ross McNaughton, '27, who presided over the business session of the meeting. Among other things, it was decided to have published a list of Sigma Chapter's alumni in booklet form. Ross then introduced Perry J. (Doc) Lockwood, '14, charter member of this chapter, who gave an entertaining and inspiring Founders' Day talk.

Jack MacLeod, '38, President of the Detroit Alumni Chapter, "Duke" Zimmerle, '17, "Tony" Marson, '19, and Ray Scott, '47, also spoke briefly.

Among the other oldtimers present were Les "Windy" Meeks, '18, Curt Bottum, '20E, and Bill Housel, '23. Seen for the first time in many years were George Kyes, '34, Weldan Hare, '27, Morgan Gibbs, '39, and Fred Linscheid, '40. Off in another corner were such recent grads as Curt Bottum, Jr., '48, Bill Ainslie, '47, John MacKay, '47, and Charlie Kay, '46. Howard "Not-So" Howerth, '43E, Bob Snell, Don Snider, '46, and Chet Shelly, '39, were holding forth in still another part of the room.

We were very encouraged, on this occasion to have heard from so many of our men all over the country who could not attend. Mark "Doc" Parnall, '23, wrote from San

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Ralph Guy, '51 ..... Editor

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High Alpha Letter

Dear Brothers,

First of all, I want to thank past High Alpha Frank Pipp, '49, and the members of the previous High Zeta for leaving Sigma in such good condition when the reins were turned over to us. Now we can carry out our plans from the beginning and not waste time getting started.

I can happily say that the chapter is in the best condition, physically and financially, since the war. This is especially gratifying considering all the money we have spent in completely redecorating the small living room—new paint job, new rug, chairs, couches, drapes, tables, and lamps. In the next month we plan on replacing mirrors and lighting fixtures in all the bathrooms, or "heads" as we ex-Navy men call them.

I imagine all of you tall or even average sized alumni know what a job it was to shave or comb your hair in the mirrors that we now have. One more thing I might add, in the way of house improvements, is that we plan on getting an automatic hot water heater by the end of this semester. We feel that house spirit will be much higher when the house is in good physical condition.

At present our chapter strength is 55 actives and 14 pledges. Our new pledge trainer, Ed Sandell, has revised our pledge training program. More emphasis is being placed on pledge scholarship. We also plan on having one or two pledges stay in the house every weekend so they will get to know the fellows better and will see the workings of the house first hand.

In order to foster better relations with the University and its faculty, we are going to have the men's and women's deans over to dinner this semester. We plan on having a member of the faculty over for an informal discussion and dinner every Thursday.

This has been a brief outline of what we here at 1601 are doing and have in mind for the future. We can only accomplish these plans with help and advice from you alumni. Anytime any of you are anywhere near Ann Arbor drop by 1601, meet some of the brothers, and look the house over. We are proud of our house and I'm sure you will be also.

Yours in ZAX,
Emmett I. Smith, Jr.

Smoke Clears, Sigma Discovers 14 Pledges

Sigma had an intensive and highly successful rushing period this spring. When the smoke-filled rooms were finally vacated, fourteen men had pledged Lambda Chi. The members of our new pledge class are:

JOHN BOX, a freshman in the Engineering school and a native of Detroit.

JAMES B. FISH, who hails from Muskegon, Michigan, and is a sophomore pre-medical student.

RICHARD LEE FOSTER who makes his home in Hastings, Michigan, is pursuing a course in the Engineering College.

DONALD HASSETT GREINER, is a Toledo boy who ranks as a sophomore in the school of Architecture and Design.

THOMAS W. HEALY, another student in the Architecture and Design school, and a native of Waltham, Massachusetts.

DWIGHT STUART HEIM is a freshman in the school of Engineering. Dwight makes his home in Buchanan, Michigan.

GEORGE CORNELIUS INMAN from Hudson, New York, is a freshman in the L. S. & A. school.

HARRY DALLAS MILLER is a freshman in L. S. & A. and intends to major in English. Harry is a native of Ashtabula, Ohio.

HARRY DEAN MOSHER, another freshman, but this time in Engineering school. His home is in Detroit.

APHONSUS CHRISTOPHER MURPHY is a native of Ann Arbor and a sophomore in the L. S. & A. school.

RICHARD ORVILLE REED comes to us from Painted Post, New York. Dick is a freshman and plans on receiving an Engineering degree.

BRUCE SODEE, an Ohioan who hails from Canton, is a freshman in the L. S. & A. school.

RICHARD YARMAIN is another local boy who is in his junior year at the L. S. & A. school.

HAROLD J. ZIGMANTH comes from Detroit and is in the school of Architecture and Design. Hal is a sophomore.

Don Kingdom, '51, above, is one of the many golf enthusiasts in the house who have turned the lawn (and the living room) into practice greens these warm spring days in preparation for the intramural matches. Representing Sigma on the links will be Gordon Ironsides, Bob Power, Guy Culver, Hal Timmer and pledge Jim Fish.

Sigma's athletes have their eyes set on one of the top ten spots in the final standing of the intramural sports program, a feat that hasn't been accomplished in several years.

Both the A and the B basketball teams did well in the playoffs with the A team finishing 1st in the 2nd division. The A team was sparked by Jerry Wingart, last year's all-fraternity selection.

Hopes were high in bowling after a close win over the SAEs in which brother Bill Van DeGraaf collected a nice 630 series including a torrid 273 opening game. The match with ATO was another story and the Sigma bowlers bowed out of the tournament.

With the excellent pitching of Jerry Wingart and the able assistance of an experienced team we stand an excellent chance in softball. Sigma will be represented in tennis by Ralph Guy, Jack Waite and pledge Hal Zizmanth.

Social Program Hits High Gear As J-Hop, House Parties Head List

Sigma's heavy oaken doors, creaky after a session of inactivity, were thrown wide on January 7 for the winter Pledge Formal. The fifty couples wolfed their way through a large dinner at the Union, where Will Perry, '49, directed the Sigma Singers in his newest song creations. (This brought down the house, and almost brought down Will, also.) Then the party was transferred to the house.

As the party-goers entered the doors, they found themselves in the courtyard of an eighteenth century English Tavern. Entering the door marked "Wickshire Inn—Television Nightly" they arrived at the dance floor where Cliff Hopp and his band were offering quaint old Anglican Bop. Later in the evening, a group of carollers, directed by Rog Appleby, '50, appeared and sang Madrigals to the delight of the crowd. After hot punch and muffins were served by the fireside, the revelers dispersed.

J-Hop, the weekend about which Lambda Chi's dream, followed soon after Pledge Formal. Weeks beforehand crews started scrubbing walls and washing glasses, and by Friday morning, the house was in tip-top condition. The girls came down like a wolf in the fold or something and by Friday night it was a shamble again.

The festivities got under way early Friday evening with the first of five superb meals and continued unabated until Sunday evening, under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Katherine Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wistert, chaperones. Sometime during the course of the weekend, the Lambda Chi's found the time and strength to listen to Charlie Spivak and Elliott Lawrence at the I-M Building. The girls received rabbit-fur dogs, matches, coasters, and napkins, and to show their gratitude they all pitched in and bought the house a T-V table and a Condon album.

The new term got under way immediately after J-Hop with a very successful haunted house party. All guests, including around twenty-five couples from Phi Kappa Psi, arrived through the card-room window. They were then conducted through a maze of horrors too awful to be described here, ending up staring into the artfully made-up face of Jerry (the thing) Smith. Dress was strictly informal, luckily for those who were splattered by blood. After everyone's nerves had been tried to the breaking point, Dick Collinge and his ragged troop of Thespians put on a dramatic skit, fully as horrible as the surroundings. Jack Whaite and Emmett Smith shone as gibbering ghouls, while Dick Entenmann "killed 'em" with his part. Ben Gates and Bob McMillin were especially obnoxious as bodies.

Immediately on the heels of the haunted house party came three very successful exchange dinners. The first dinner was with Pi Beta Phi and was followed by singing and an evening of watching television. This was followed by equally successful dinners with Alpha Gamma Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta. Dick Entenmann, our ambitious new social chairman, has two or three more exchange dinners on the docket for the remainder of the semester.

Anyone walking into our next party would have thought they had come into the New York Stock Exchange by mistake, for this was our highly entertaining capitalist party. With the fellows wearing the finest gold watch chains and handlebar mustaches and the women just dripping with jewels, it made a very colorful picture. Being swamped behind the stock exchange was one of the new pledges, John Box, who had a very busy evening manipulating the market. Prizes were awarded to the two most successful financiers. Brother Mike "I-sold-short-in-'29" Belmonte won first prize. This was thought by all to be one of the cleverest parties held at 1601 for a long time and received extensive coverage from the Michigan Daily.

On the social agenda in the future is the Pledge Formal, May 21, a Spring Formal, and a jazz party similar to the one held last year which many thought to be last year's best party. There is also a big I. F. C. week-end being planned. In short, there is something doing every week-end and if any of you alumni are anywhere in the vicinity we would be only too glad to see you.

DECEASED

Leland Frank Reynolds, '14, January 20, 1948.

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Francisco, and his message was relayed to all those present. Dick Weske, '18E, also dropped a card from Oakland, Calif., Tom Sage, '48, sent a card from Pittsburgh, Ted Law, '48, was heard from Covington. Virginia, Bob Eno, '22, from Bronxville, N. Y., and Smith Childs, '23, from Jackson, Tenn., to name just a few.

After the business meeting the active chapter, led by its able music director, Will Perry, entertained the grads with a few selections.

It was extremely gratifying for the actives to see the fine turnout; it was especially gratifying to see some new faces in the crowd. It is the active chapter's goal, and the express aim of the alumni chairman to keep the alumni interested in what is happening here. The support which the alumni have shown on this and other occasions has made our job an easier and a pleasurable one.

—George W. Spasyk

New Officers

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Rushing Chairman: Ben Gates, '51, from Columbia City, Indiana. Ben is a sophomore in pre-law, and has the ideal personality for this job. Our very successful rushing program this year is due largely to Ben's hard work.

Social Chairman: Dick Entenman, '50, is from Toledo, Ohio. Dick is a junior majoring in speech. Dick's hard work in our social program is going a long way in furthering the good name of Sigma Zeta on this campus.

The appointive offices have been filled as follows:

Pledge Trainer: Ed Sandell, '50.

Athletic Manager: Gordon Ironsides, '50.

Alumni Relations: George Spasyk, '49.

Librarian: Bob MacMillan, '50.

Sigman Editor: Ralph Guy, '51.

Cross and Cresent Correspondent: Grant Jacks, '50.

A new post originated this year —Coordinator of Extra-curricular activities, has been filled by Charles Rymes, '50.

Lost Sigma Zetas

Cameron Alexander Ross, '24.
John Scheller, '29.
Rollin C. Smith, '18E.

NEWS of SIGMA ZETA ALUMNI EVERYWHERE

WARREN L. HELLER, '47, is still a student, too: he's in the training department at Ford Motor Co. in Detroit, studying administration and production after getting his AB from the University in "eck." He was president of the chapter two years ago and besides that busy occupation was active in the University band. Warren was married October 9, '48, to Betty Jean Dow and they live at 3421 W. Chicago Blvd. in Detroit.

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JOHN MacKAY, '47, one of those engineers again, is a full-fledged bread-winner as a sales engineer at Mackworth G. Rees, Inc., in Detroit. He married his college sweetheart, Kathryn Atkinson, Aug. 21, '48, and they are living in Grosse Pointe at 859 Lakepointe Ave. John wants to know "How's the Detroit Alumni Association coming?"

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STUART H. WATSON, '46, took a pre-med course while he was here in Ann Arbor, then went on to Wayne University for two years, graduating in Physical Education in '48. Now Stu is coaching at Parma Union High School and has taken up Parma, and his career, in earnest: he belongs to the Parma Men's Club, the Parma Chamber of Commerce, the Coaches Association of Jackson County and he and his wife live at 1190 W. Parma Rd., in Parma.

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WILLIAM M. SNELL, '46, with an AB and an MA in mathematics, is an actuary for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, Wis. He and his wife, Patricia, and baby daughter, Pamela, make their home at 919 N. Glenview, Apt. 16, in Milwaukee.

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DR. GEORGE STITZINGER, '45, took his medical work at the University of Pittsburgh after leaving Michigan in Feb., '43. He is an intern, at present, at the Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago, but gives his residence address: 305 E. Falls St. in New Castle, Pa. He married Nancy Lee Gordon, an Alpha Gamma Delta from Westminster College in August, '46.

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Going way back to the '42's we find that one of our most interesting characters of that class has forged ahead in his well-formulated profession—even at that time—of writing. It should be no surprise to his classmates to know that JAY McCORMICK is not just a budding writer: he has blossomed. With two novels, "November Storm" and "Nightshade" (both published by Doubleday) behind him, plus numerous short stories which have appeared in The American, Mademoiselle and Tomorrow, Jay has certainly arrived. For a regular living, however, Jay teaches at Wayne University in Detroit; and, more than any of his published works, he is proud of his twins: Margaret Elizabeth and Marcia Ellen, aged two. This happy Family McCormick lives at 676 Philip Ave., Detroit 15.

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Do you remember the Howerth brothers, Herbert and Howard, both of the class of '43E? Well "Hot" (that's Herbert) married Virginia Wakeman, a Gamma Phi at the "U" and they are settled down at 60 Cherokee road in Pontiac with their two very small daughters. During the day, Herbert can be found at the Gar Wood Industries in Wayne.

HOWARD (NOT SO) HOWERTH came back to school after a three year stint in the Navy but is now District Training Manager at Packard Motor Car Co. Howard is still "in" things—an old habit of his—for in college he was on the Engineering Honor Council, the Engineering Council, the Men's Judiciary, Vulcans, Triangles, and was secretary of his class. You can reach Howard at 1000 Whitmore, Detroit 3.

Let's see where the recent graduates have landed, after being tossed out of the cloisters at 1601 Washtenaw. WILLIAM CHASE, JR., '48, an aero engineer-english degree-holder, is doing all right, for one. He's in advertising—or "creative selling" if you like that better—for General Electric in Schenectady, N. Y., and lives at the Y, at 13 State St., in that city.

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THOMAS SAGE, '48, is with Westinghouse Electric Corp., in Pittsburgh but is still a student engineer, in their training program, and lives at 101 Penwood in Edgewood, Pa. Tom married a Washburne college girl, Mary Jane Robb, last fall.

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EDWARD LAW, JR., '48, is still another engineer of that class, and lists his occupation as "technical service" in the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. in Covington, Va. Ted, who was chapter president last year, married Patricia Reid, a U. of M. Chi Omega, right after graduation and they live in that beautiful country around White Sulphur Springs. You can write them: P. O. Box 811, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Albert G. Baker, '32, Kaiser-Frazer executive, was killed in a two-car collision November 22 near Willow Springs, Ill. enroute to a regional sales meeting in Joliet. He was 38 years old.

Albert was assistant regional manager for Kaiser-Frazer's Chicago division but lived in Ann Arbor, at 914 Lincoln Ave., with his wife, the former Margaret Pulfrey of Ann Arbor, and their two children, Herbert Bruce, 8, and Lillian Margaret, 4.

After graduating from the University Albert went to the University Law School for two years and then left to accept a position on Chrysler's export staff where he remained until joining Kaiser-Frazer in January, 1948.

Lost Sigma Zetas

George Frederick Lawley, II, '24E.
Thayer Joseph Lauer, '30.
Edward James, Jr., '37.