



In Ann Arbor for Founders' Day were, left to right: First row, Warren Heller '48 and Doug Ferguson, RPI '45. Second row, Lester "Windy" Meeks '18, Ed Nielsen '41, Wayne Brownell '28, David Mattern, Cornell '15, Harry Hutchinson '49. Third row, Ross Mac Naughton '26, Weldon Hare '27, Ray Scott '47, Bill Ruzicka '44, Gard Vose '26, George Spasyk '49 and Charlie Kay '46. -- Missing from Picture: Bill Housel '23.

Pledge Formal, I F C Ball, and Pledge Party Highlight Social Calendar

Pledge formal, I.F.C. Ball, and the Pledge party have highlighted the social calendar the past two months. The Pledge formal, honoring our 13 pledges, was held April 29 at the Pine Lodge Ranch near Brighton.

After dinner and the introduction of the pledges the fellows and their dates danced to the music of Art Starr and his orchestra. As favors all the dates received beer mugs with their own name.

Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra attracted a large turnout to the annual I.F.C. Ball May 12. The evening's festivities started off with a lobster and steak dinner at the chapter house followed by the dance at the Intramural Building.

The theme of the decorations at this year's dance was famous buildings of the world. Lambda Chi joined with the Alpha Sigs to build Hansel and Gretel's gingerbread house.

Famous courtes through the ages was the theme of the Pledge party May 20.

Among the various people represented were Joan of Arc and the executioner, Adam and Eve, and Teddy and Mrs. Roosevelt. During intermission the pledges presented a satirical skit on the rushing technique at the house, which was very amusing to everyone. The prize for the best couple went to Dick Knopf and his date for portraying Rhett Butler and Scarlet O'Hara.

The social activities have also included exchange dinners with the Alpha Phis, Alpha Delta Pis, and Alpha Chi Omegas. A number of men joined with the Michigan State chapter for a picnic and softball game at East Lansing May 6.

An Open House was held after the Inter-Fraternity Sing May 10 for the Alpha Chi Omegas, who sponsored us at the Sing.

Ice cream and cookies were served as the group gathered around the piano and sang songs.

Sigma Zeta was privileged, on Sunday April 2, to honor 15 of its alumni at the Annual Founders' Day Banquet. With men representing classes from 1915 to 1949 on hand, the days' activities started shortly after noon, with the traditional bull-sessions around the fireplace, and the inevitable and critical tours of the house. Two o'clock found the wolves feasting at the Lambda Chi Alpha board in as friendly and informal an atmosphere as could be found this side of the Gayety Theater.

The big living room was the scene of one of the most informative alumni-active discussions seen here in years, following dinner. Alumni Chairman Gary Hicks called the meeting to order and called on High Alpha Ben Gates who delivered the "State of the Union" address. High Tau Warren Roeger commented briefly on the chapter's finances, and High Beta Chic Giffin reported the Zeta's scholastic "achievements." Reports on Rushing, Social Activities and the 1950 Great Lakes-Ohio River Conclave were also presented.

President Ray Scott of the Detroit Alumni Association gave a report on the recent activities of that chapter. It was noted that the Alumni group was preparing to send a delegate to the forthcoming General Assembly in Chicago.

The last two hours of the meeting were spent in discussing the membership requirements of the fraternity. With Wayne Brownell moderating the remarks, practically everyone present had something to say on the subject.

The encouraging participation of the alumni in the activities of the day was appreciated by the men of the active chapter. It's always a shame that more of you are unable to take part in these events, however. We did hear from many who could not attend, and were pleased to note that a number of you took part in Founders' Day activities in other places. Similarly, Sigma was very pleased to welcome two visitors: Professor David Mattern, Cornell '15; and Doug Ferguson, RPI '45. . . another indication of the truly national scope of Lambda Chi Alpha and a changeless custom in a changing world.

While no definite conclusions were arrived at, both the alumni and active groups were urged to discuss the matter further in preparation for possible statutory discussion at the National Convention to be held in Chicago September 1950 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

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Dear Brothers:

Since our last issue of THE SIGMAN was a special issue, this is the first opportunity I have had to contact all of you since the new High Zeta took office last February. Needless to say the retiring officers left things very shipshape. Brother E. I. Smith and his fellow officers are to be congratulated and the only task which we face now is to attempt to duplicate the fine job which they did.

This last semester has been an eventful one both on campus and as far as the chapter is concerned. In addition to the very successful conclave which occupied most of our efforts during the early part of the semester; we have participated in the bi-annual Michigras celebration, the Interfraternity-Sing, Fraternity Week, and the competition at the I.F.C. Ball. Of course, we held our annual Founders' Day Banquet and our Mother's Day Dinner, at both of which the attendance was splendid. Our thoughts right now are mainly of plans for the coming semester and our annual work week.

As usual we will all be back a week early next fall so that we may make necessary repairs and redecorate the house so that it will remain a house which you will be proud of and one which you will want to show your friends. We want to have everything ready to open the football season next fall when we again hope to see you at the open houses following the games. I am happy to say that as far as the campus and college relations go, Lambda Chi Alpha is among the leaders at Michigan and we hope that you will drop in and see for yourselves.

In closing I would like to reiterate that this is your house and we hope that you will make it your home when you are in Ann Arbor. We always welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with you and for that reason the men here at the chapter house are looking forward to next fall



Above: MOTHERS' DAY

Mothers' Day Dinner

The annual Mother's Day Dinner was held at the chapter house Sunday May 14. This year the fathers were also invited. Mothers and fathers came from near and far to help make the day a huge success. In all, 104 people were on hand for the dinner.

Each son presented his mother with an orchid as she arrived. After dinner all the parents could see why their sons have put on weight this year.

To make the day one long to be remembered, Wally Barth a local photographer, took a group picture. However, the graduating seniors wanted something extra special to mark this Mother's Day, therefore it was decided to initiate the mothers into the Sigma Zeta Auxiliary. George Spasyk wrote the initiation ceremonies, which included some of the history of the fraternity and the role the mother plays in keeping the fraternity strong. At the close of the ceremony each mother was presented with a certificate of membership in the Sigma Zeta Mothers Club by her son.

After the ceremony the parents started to make their way back home with everyone feeling the day had been successful.

when we hope for bigger and better crowds at our Saturday get-togethers.

Yours in Z.A.X.

Benton E. Gates, Jr.
High Alpha

Sigma Athletics

Sigma athletes have been busy with a full spring sports program. As THE SIGMAN goes to press the softball and horseshoe teams are still in the playoffs.

The spring campaign got off to an early start with foul-shooting and indoor track. Though neither team copped any honors, they managed to improve over last year's performance.

With a strong nucleus back from last year, the softball team got off to a fast start, winning their first two games before dropping two heartbreakers by one run margins to end up the season in third place. The victories were scored over Tau Delta Phi, 12 to 8, and Triangle, 23 to 0. Sigma Alpha Mu inflicted the first defeat, 8 to 7, and Zeta Psi was on the long end of a 6 to 5 score.

The horseshoe team earned two victories to advance into the quarter-finals where they will meet Phi Delta Theta. The tennis team advanced to the semi-finals before bowing to Chi Phi, 2 to 1.

The golf team finished down the list in the all-campus tournament this year. Lack of practice caused the scores to soar higher than last year's total.

Dave DeVries, number one man on the House tennis team has reached the finals in the All-Campus Tennis Tournament.

Gordon Lindland is one of the mainstays on the freshman golf team this spring and next year should move up to the Varsity.



Below: FOUNDERS' DAY



Warren Heller is the center of attraction above. Surrounding him are Manvel Coombes, John Tolfree, Gary Hicks, Harry Hutchinson, Gunnar Anderson, Charlie Kay, George Spasyk, and Bob McMillin.

Right: Wayne Brownell speaks--



Left: Ross Mac Naughton and George Cherpelis

Below: Windy Meeks and Gard Vose



Banquet Scene



Alumni - Active Meeting

ALUMNI NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Edgar Appold '27E is now operating his own business down "South of the Border" in Mexico. Ed tells us that the deep sea fishing is wonderful in Mexico. He brought in a 260 pound marlin on a six ounce rod--which was a record catch for the year.

Walter Truce '39 writes from San Carlos, California. He is the city Judge in Belmont, California, and also is practicing law. Walter reports that Edward Bruna '38 became the father of a baby boy last November. Ed lives in Los Angeles. Walt also ran into Don Lyon '35, in San Francisco. Don is head of the local Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Branch.

A note from Larry McKay '38 says that he will be back to Sigma Zeta for Homecoming next year to hold a Board of Directors meeting so that if by any chance another quarterback fails to call the right play, the alumni can cut his salary off for a few months. Jim Colenso lives at 1646 Hamilton Avenue, Flint, Michigan, Larry, in case you haven't contacted him yet.

Bill Ruzicka '44 is back in Ann Arbor doing graduate work in Business Administration. On November 21 last year Deborah Leah Ruzicka was born.

James Rye, Jr. '31 is a funeral director in Ludington, Michigan. He has one daughter, Julianna, who is four years old. Jim is quite active in community affairs in Ludington. He is Secretary of the Rotary Club and Treasurer of the Community Chest.

A letter from Clifford Pratt '25L tells us that he has three children (two girls and a boy). Cliff is now practicing law in Chicago.

From New Jersey way we hear that Frank Higgins '18 is a Civil Engineer with the New Jersey Highway Department. He

has one son who will enter college next fall.

Fred Matson '33 is a professor at Pennsylvania State College. He is now President of the State College Bach Choral Society.

Another letter from Ed Andronik '38 is postmarked Rome, Italy. Ed is now a Naval Adviser attached to the American Embassy in Rome. He invited all traveling Lambda Chis to drop in on him.

From the class of '31 we received a nice note from Joseph Witter. Joe is now Senior Surgeon of Highland Park General Hospital. He is married and has three children. He asks for Frederick Bauckham's address which is 3441 78th Street, Jackson Heights, New York. Flying is the doctor's chief hobby at the present moment.

Frederick Beal '27E writes from Stevensville, Michigan. He is in the construction business, in St. Joseph, Michigan. Fred was in the Army from 1941 to 1946 as a Major. He is married and has three children. Big game hunting and golf keep him busy in his spare time.

The SIGMAN Takes A Bow

Following the last issue of THE SIGMAN, which inaugurated our new printing process, we received quite a batch of congratulatory mail. Several of the Grand High Zeta members were especially pleased with the new issue, and it has attracted the attention of the National Office, at whose suggestion the change was originally made. A number of chapters around the country have indicated a desire to copy its style. For all this, THE SIGMAN humbly says, "Thank you."

George Pierce '26 is managing the Fairmont Foods Co. in Barker, New York. He has just been appointed President of the Association of New York Cannerymen for the coming year.

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Brother Gilbert D. McEachern '35 on October 11, 1949. Brother McEachern had been living in Dearborn, Michigan and was very interested in the chapter.

Jerry Millar '48 stopped by the house a few weeks ago. Jerry is working in the Media Department at Brooks, Smith, French, and Dorrance Advertising Agency in Detroit. Jerry spent nearly six months in South America after graduating before starting to work in Detroit over a year ago.

Mike Belmonte '50 started to work recently in the Parts Division at the Ford Motor Company. Art, Mike's big brother, was married May 11 to Miss Eleanor Kroll.

George Tuck '50 is also in Europe. George went with Professor Dow Baster to attend the International Botany Congress in Sweden. They expect to be gone until late August or early September. In addition to visiting Sweden, George and Dow plan to visit other European countries during their stay.

Lyle Stewart, another February grad, spent a week in Ann Arbor recently. At the last report Stew was still looking for a job. Good luck.

We have finally caught up with the Alumni News for this year. The response to our letters has been tremendous, and we hope that you will drop us a line once in awhile so that we can keep track of what you are doing.

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