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Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

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A Word from High Rho . . .

And here it is - the fall semester issue of the Kappa Sigma. In this you will find the updates on the pursuits of our alumni as well as the plans and achievements of the active brotherhood at Lambda Chi. We have been doing everything from searching for the St. Louis blues to wine-tasting with the University faculty.

The following is a list of next semester's main events:

Tapping Night	Friday, February 13
St. Pat's Weekend	March 20-22
Hot Dog Weekend	April 24-26

Please call for more details or suggestions for future alumni activities. I am planning a trip to the local wineries on next year's Homecoming Weekend. This

trip would be for the brothers and/or wives who do not want to attend the football game. I also hope to complete an ambitious undertaking of former High Rho, Doug Crane - compilation of an alumni directory. These directories will be available to alumni at a price which will cover the printing costs.

Next semester we will feature a report from our new High Pi - Dr. George Ronan, Professor of Psychology. He has been serving us well since last April.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Kappa Sigma. See you soon.

Yours in ZAX,
Christopher Miller
High Rho

ALFRED OVER CANISIUS 17-13 IN HARD FOUGHT VICTORY Good Times at Lambda Chi All Day!!

Yes, it was indeed a hard-fought victory, but the Saxons pulled it out in a game dominated by the defense. That is not all that went on Homecoming Weekend, however. Activities for alumni were abundant on the Alfred campus as well as here at Lambda Chi. As you recall, invitations were sent to all of you to inform you of our plans for the weekend. We apologize for such short notice; the University caught the printer and us off guard with an early Homecoming. Anyway, here's what went on in Alfred's Homecoming Weekend.

On Friday night a few alumni decided to get the weekend off to an early start by stopping in for a couple beers (or many, in some cases!). Everyone rose bright and early Saturday for the Alumni Corporation meeting. A proposal was made by active brother Bryan Feinberg to form a "link committee" composed of several actives. The purpose of this committee will be to correspond with the Alumni Corporation to provide a better channel of communication between the actives and alumni board members.

The pre-game lunch followed the meeting. At \$2 per person it was certainly the best deal in town--roast beef and other meats, salads, cake and cold beer. Those who attended enjoyed mixing with new brothers and reminiscing about the old days (or young days) at Lambda Chi. Those of you who did not attend missed a good time.

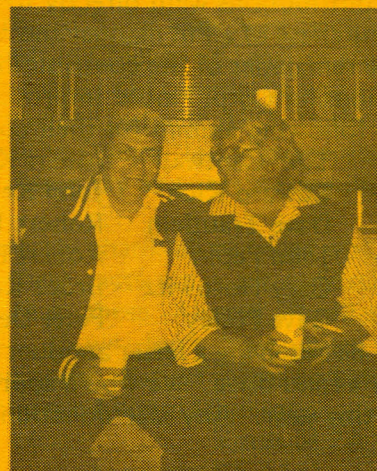
I have already mentioned the next event--the football game (which took place under typical Alfred conditions--RAIN!!). Alumni who stayed for the evening attended our Homecoming Formal on Saturday night. The DJ supplied a great mix of music, and the bartenders supplied smooth drinks for those who did not like the music selection.

I feel the weekend went well but would like to see more of the older brothers return in the future to meet us and share a good time. We want to meet you!

High Rho



Steve
Coleman
and
Mark
Falzone



Frank
Finnerty
KE 493

A Keynote from High Alpha

First of all, the active brothers would like to thank all the alumni brothers for attending Homecoming and making the weekend a success.

Everything in the Fraternity is running smoothly. We are in the process of staining the house and replacing some windows. Other improvements are being made with the assistance of our house manager, Mark Sikora, and of course Housing Corporation. Our High Gamma, Ed Milliken, has developed a system whereby brothers who are lax in attending meetings will be fined \$20.00 (donated to social budget, of course); their name is submitted to the ever popular House Manager for a duty. Although headaches abound for Dave Tilley, our High Tau, he is cracking down on unpaid bills and keeping us financially sound. Our High Delta this year, Ed Fostveit, has been doing a good job of getting the fraternity into a "dry" rush program. This takes time, but we are confident that Ed will bring us the brothers we can rely on in the future. Bryan Feinberg is our new High Kappa. His program is just beginning, and it looks promising for both this and next semester. Working close with Bryan is Dana Holliday, our new High Phi. Dana has the whip ready, and the brothers are on top of their preparation for the ritual. In dealing with the educational aspect of our chapter, Eric Groat is the new High Sigma. He has organized the test files and made them more accessible. As you might have known, we have a new study area which is in the process of being redecorated. And yes, after all the anticipation, Paul Kuchinski is our new High Epsilon. Our social director has done a marvelous job of keeping the brothers' thirsts quenched; for example, we held a "Wine Cooler" Party which went over well. When our thirsts are quenched, we eat. Thanks to Feliz Benitez, our new steward, we always have something to eat.

There you have it, the update on the brotherhood as viewed by the High Alpha.

Yours in ZAX
Rick Smith
High Alpha

A REMINDER

Last year's fund drive raised \$1550! One-third of these alumni contributions went directly to the brotherhood for the purchase of a Phi manual and also stain for the house. The remainder of the contributions went directly to the Housing Corp. House Improvement Fund. Thanks to the following alumni for their contributions:

Mike Nadler	T.M. Cantwell	Albert Kenny
Bob Steilen	Edward Rich	John Kelso
Al Broder	Dave Trautlein	Robert Tucker
Warren Nelson	John Pepin	Robert Baldino
Mark Mattar	Gary Horowitz	Bruce Kelly
Brad Crump	Dave Pixley	Peter Dewey

You will soon be receiving a letter announcing the kick-off of this year's fund drive. We would appreciate everyone's support this year. Any size donations will be put to good use.

KE 1251

What's New in Alfred?

Many exciting things happened here in Alfred since the last Kappa Sigma. These include the final finishing of Alumni Hall and a Lambda-sponsored professional wrestling match.

The wrestling match went off very well. Everyone enjoyed the main event which pitted "Dr." David Schultz against Johnny Rodz. This brutal match ended in a double count-out. Lambda was able to make a contribution to local charities from the funds raised.

Alumni Hall is finally finished and looks great. It houses the Admissions Staff and Financial Aid. It's good to see Alfred starting to renovate our older buildings. Let's hope this trend continues.

Another trend on campus is that of students forming new athletic teams. The new Rugby team has been very successful against competition, including Ithaca, R.I.T. and U. of R. Brother Dana Holiday competed on the first team. I have started the first A.U. ice hockey team. We are currently undefeated in competition against local men's teams. We eventually hope to play other schools - possibly Fredonia and Brockport. Also on the team are brothers Paul Kuchinski and Tom Malzacher.

The A.U. Football Team has done well this season. They are now 8 and 2. By the time you receive this, they will have finished one of their best seasons.

A recent campus tradition, the Annual Halloween bash, was an overwhelming success. This was sponsored by the American Ceramic Society, with all Greeks helping out in one way or another.

Alfred is also constructing a new building for the Mechanical, Electrical, and Industrial Engineering programs. This should be finished by the end of this semester.

All in all, there are a lot of things happening on campus this semester. I hope to see you soon.

Yours in ZAX,
Andy Cole
KE 1221

In Remembrance Of . . .

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of Merritt VanLier's ('67) untimely death.

Stephanie (his wife of 21 years) notified us that he took his own life and that she remembered how many fond memories he had of Lambda Chi Alpha. Stephanie wishes all of us at Lambda Chi the strength to achieve the peace of mind and self-confidence that must have eluded Merritt.

Yours in ZAX
Marty Meagher KE 1239

Welcome Brothers!

The following became initiates of Kappa Sigma on April 11, 1986:

Randy Anastasia	Ed Fostveit	Peter McGinnis
Peter Colella	Mike Gesek	Chris Miller
Frank Dalessandro	Paul Harding	Geoff Ryback
Mike Danson	Tim Hedlund	Rob Schilling
	Mike Landsittel	

The total chapter membership is now 1253 brothers!

Alumni Life

After graduating from Alfred as Theta Kappa Nu in 1926, Walter Ormsby went on to Columbia University where he earned his M.A. in Education. In 1931 he married and nine years later he and his wife had a daughter. He is now a retired Superintendent of Schools, a position he held in Manning, N.Y. He was a member of the N.Y.S. Association of Superintendents from 1936 through 1962 and served as its president. In 1962 Walter ran for a seat in U.S. House of Representatives. Walt likes to relax in his retirement now and enjoys traveling, golfing, reading, and playing bridge.

Two-year High Alpha Bob Sinclair, '43, also was High Beta for one year. He is still active in his California business of Pyro Engineering Refractories and Insulations Co. as Vice-President. While working on his B.S. in Ceramic Engineering, Bob, in addition to his offices, played basketball and was active on the St. Pat's Committee and as a Blue Key. Bob has two children with his wife who is from California. He is a past V.P. of the American Ceramics Society and played in the Hawaii Seniors International Golf Society last June and then jetted up to Alaska with Brother Bowman and their wives. Bob wrote a very nice note on the back of his Alumni Profile expressing some concern over the active brotherhood's housekeeping ability and the lack of an Alumni Directory and toward its development he made a much appreciated donation. Bob has stayed in touch up here as he served on the A.U. Board of Trustees.

Those of you who remember Ed Dick who graduated with a B.S. degree in Glass Science in 1949 may also recall Sigma Chi Nu sister Joyce Killian. Well, since 1952 they've been married and busy. Six children, including one set of twins, have no doubt kept this ex-High Alpha's hands full. This can be evidenced by his lack of hobbies. Ed started a new career as an Account Executive for Merrill Lynch when he moved to Gulfport, MS six years ago and seems to be enjoying himself. His brothers William and Robert are also Alumni but we didn't hear from them.

Retired Ceramic Engineer Joe Holmstrom, class of '50, is now living in San Antonio, Texas. He earned his degree in Ceramic Engineering here at A.U. and we presume (you didn't mention it Joe!) that he put that degree to work for him. While an undergraduate, Joe was High Delta and High High Epsilon as well as a Blue Key and a member of the golf team. Now he is affiliated with the American Foundrymen's Society, the American Society for Metals, the Knights of Columbus and the San Antonio Gun Club where he enjoys skeet shooting. Joe was married in 1952 and has a son and six daughters. He is now a Deacon candidate at the Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.

Alan Guernsey is Senior Vice-President of Investments at Shearson/American Express in Chicago. He graduated in 1959 and then went on to earn his M.B.A. at Harvard in 1963. Al was married in 1968 and now has four children. Al was a Keramos member while here at A.U. and was active in intramural sports. He still enjoys sports as well as music and gardening.

Bob "Korky" Korkin, '63, was High Alpha for two years and High Tau for one while earning his undergraduate degree in Economics and Business. Now he is a Colonel in the U.S. Army in charge of Armor and Personnel and is stationed in Atlanta. He was captain of the Varsity Golf team here and took up that avocation again recently after a twenty year hiatus. Korky tied the knot in 1968, five years after his graduation, and now has a son and a daughter. He enjoys numismatics, fly-fishing and aiding his children in their athletic pursuits.

From the class of 1977 we present Irwin I. "Kotch" Kotcher! High Phi and house photographer during his undergrad years, he also was involved in the St. Pat's Board, band, intramurals and coached J.V. Basketball. Kotch likes to travel with his wife Merri and also enjoys photography and "all sports". (Does that include curling, Kotch?) He lives in Lawrence, N.Y. where he has organized and coached in a youth basketball league, proudly taking the title for four out of five years.

Former House Manager Rich Coyle, '80, is our second military man for this edition of the Kappa-Sig. He was a Finance major here at A.U. and in 1981 married his wife Lynn, who was a Techie. Now he is a U.S. Marine Captain and Chairman of the Armed Forces Committee of Johnstown, PA. A swimmer in school, Rich has expanded his athletic repertoire and is now a triathlete training for the granddaddy of them all, the Iron Man competition. Rich served in volatile Beirut, Lebanon for the first six months of 1983 and happily returned home safely.

Mark J. Mattar is now a product specialist for Nalco Chemicals in Oak Brook, IL as he is putting his Ceramic Engineering degree to work. Seargant-at-Arms for his chapter of the ACS, he lives only twenty minutes from O'Hare Airport in Chicago and invites anyone in the area to stop in and visit. On campus he was a Student Senate member and helped out with APO. In the house he served on the Executive Committee, was Secretary and went to the General Assembly as our representative.

We sincerely thank all of those who responded and if some of these facts are a bit outdated we must acknowledge that these Alumni Profiles are eighteen months old. If we don't have yours, please send us something in order that we might be able to update and improve upon our Alumni Directory.

Yours in ZAX,
KE 1181

Community Relations Are As Strong As Ever

Last spring was a busy one here at Lambda. Under the direction of former High Beta, Jeffrey Ramos, the brotherhood sponsored an Easter party for the Alfred Adopt-a-Youth program. Around sixty kids went pillaging through the house looking for eggs, and some showed their appreciation by throwing them at brothers.

In the spirit of exercise, we ran to our fellow chapter in Mansfield, PA to raise money for the March of Dimes. Initially, Lambda Chi's from Mansfield were to have run to meet us at the half-way point. When they balked on short notice, we felt obligated to drop in for refreshments after the Long March. Our 80-mile journey began at 6:00 A.M. and ended late that afternoon. The project of the semester was the professional wrestling brought to Alfred by Lambda Chi Alpha on last spring's Hot Dog Day. Thanks to the brotherhood and especially wrestling enthusiasts Bryan Feinberg and Mark Dillon, this was the first profitable event held in McLane Center.

This fall semester has been just as busy. The semester began with the annual Faculty Wine and Cheese party which was a huge success with over 20 satisfied faculty attending. The brotherhood also took part in the campus-wide "Harvest Run" for charity. Twenty-four Lambda brothers, and eleven other Alfredians ran in the event. Unfortunately, Dean of Student Living, Don King, finished ahead of many brothers. We are in training for the next time. The major project of the semester

is the upcoming "Battle of the Bands." The prospect of various bands playing live music has created a stir. Four of our own brothers--Phil Lawson, Andy Brewer, Jeff Ramos and Rob Schilling are planning to enter their band. Finally, the community service will be concluded for the semester with our annual Adopt-a-Youth Christmas party. Please feel free to write or call for information concerning these events or to suggest future service projects.

Yours in ZAX,
Brian Hibel
High Beta

Congratulations to Bryan Feinberg and Michael Kinner!

Both endured the heat and humidity, and made it to the 76th annual General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri this past summer. The five-day assembly consisted of various seminars and activities that hopefully will help the general Fraternity to become better attuned to the legalities and procedures necessary in striving for a stronger chapter. The two of them, however, unsuccessfully searched the streets of St. Louis for the Blues the city is known for. The search ended in a return to the hotel and a drink with the wife of Murphy Osborne (New Grand High Alpha).

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Addresses, Please!

We are still in need of the addresses of many of the brothers listed as "Lost" in the last Kappa Sigma. Please write to us if you know any from the list.