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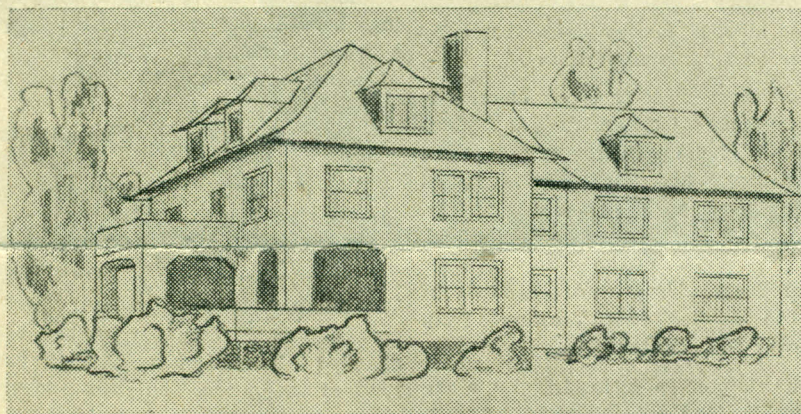
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This is the Kappa Sigma house with the proposed addition as conceived by Artist Bill Schwartz. The 55-foot addition to the rear of the house will furnish badly needed quarters for 14 men, plus considerable improvement in dining, kitchen and hostess facilities.

All-Campus Rushing Nears Completion House Permitted To Take 21 Pledges

Rushing got a good start on Oct. 13 at Kappa Sigma's first party in the organized campus rushing season. As has been the procedure in the past three years, the theme of this season's get-togethers is that of a gambling casino. After a tour of the house and an informal welcome, the rushees are given a fist-full of Lambda Chi currency and ushered into the smoke-filled dens of chance on the second and third floors. The guest winning the most in the course of the evening is awarded a small prize for his efforts honest or otherwise. Anyone who can "do" the sharks that run these games deserves some token of achievement.

In one room Don Garrison, equipped with black vest and eye shade, may be heard calling "36, even, high, and on the black," while in the adjoining chamber is heard the click-click of the old "african dominoes" and the chant "the point is coming out." Upstairs we hear the rustle of the pasteboards and "call and raise you \$5." as Diamond Steve Prusik deals a friendly-ugh-game of poker.

An hour before the Interfraternity Council designated closing time, all the rushees and members gather in

the chapter room for some sobering words and the inside dope on fraternity life by High Alpha Bob Cotton and the honoraries. Following this, Lambda Chi's own band, the "filthy five" play several popular tunes and Lambda Chi songs in very fine style. The evening is climaxed by group singing to the accompaniment of Bill Brown on the piano. Bill, genial tailor who will be remembered by classes from way back, is one of our most loyal friends and plays the piano in a style not often duplicated in these days.

Preferential night is Dec. 2 and tapping on Dec. 5. At that time, we hope the success which has marked Kappa Sigma rushing seasons every year since the war will again be apparent. Under Interfraternity Council regulations re-drawn last year, 21 men may be pledged from each class.

Kappa Sigma Plans 14-Man Addition Alumni Interested

Plans are nearly completed for a 30 X 55, three-story addition to the 47-year-old home of Kappa Sigma chapter. The addition, greatly needed to accomodate the more than 60 members and pledges, will include a dining room for 50, sleeping quarters for 14, large bathroom, kitchen and hostess quarters.

Harold Huffcutt '32, chairman of the building committee, said bids are expected soon for the addition which is estimated to cost more than \$15,000. "We hope construction will start before cold weather sets in," he added.

The decision to enlarge the house was tentatively reached at the alumni meeting last Spring. At that time the view was taken that it was unlike that the Agricultural and Technical Institute, which eariler had held an option to buy on the property, would be able to secure the necessary appropriations.

The addition will be financed largely with the house building fund which contains more than \$6000, according to Dr. G. Stewart Nease, treasurer. "Room rent will aid slightly," he said, "and for the remainder we hope to depend upon the loyal support of the alumni and active chapter."

One contribution already has been received from William Young '29, of Wellsville, who contributed detailed architectural plans.

Dr. Willard Sutton, High PI, stated that he would "like to hear any views of the alumni concerning the addition."

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Fleming Visits Alfred

Brother James Fleming, the new traveling secretary, visited Kappa Sigma Zeta on Oct. 17-19. Jim obtained first-hand information on all phases of our operations, and extended very helpful advice to us. He commended the chapter as being very outstanding, but at the same time offered suggestions for greater efficiency such as "continue to emphasize scholarship, college relations and the alumni program."

The men of Kappa Sigma Zeta feel that a great deal was accomplished toward the progress of our chapter through the efforts of Brother Fleming.

AU Closed Nine Days
As Water Supply Fails

Faced with an acute water shortage which might last throughout the Winter, 1800 Alfred University students were given an emergency nine-day recess Oct. 28. The Village Board of Trustees met in a special session the evening before and authorized a resolution advertising for bids for an additional 400,000 gallon supply.

The students returned to classes Nov. 7, but the severe restrictions which had been in force for nearly a month remained in effect for two weeks. The supply at present is at a safe level and intramural and varsity sports programs for the Winter months are going ahead as planned.

From The HA Kaleidoscope

High Alpha Letter
Dear Brothers,

I again have the pleasure of extending the best wishes of the active chapter to the alumni. In doing so, I hope those of you who have not renewed your acquaintance with the house will do so at your earliest convenience, by letter or a personal visit.

The progress of the local chapter is synonymous with Lambda Chi Alpha's national policy. This summer the High Alpha and High Beta attended a very inspiring Management Seminar at Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio. All phases of the fraternity were covered and ideas were gathered at the bull-sessions with brothers from all over the country.

Our chapter operation is going along smoothly. The present rush season is disclosing some good men as likely pledges; and our campus activities are very numerous.

The House Corporation has plans out to bidders for an addition to the house. It is intended to start building next spring if everything goes along well. Of course, the money angle is their important concern but they are doing everything in their power to swing the deal. Much credit is due this energetic and interested group of brothers.

Homecoming drew many alumni that have not been back in several years. We were honored by the visit of two men of the Class of '27 who had not been at the house since their graduation. The campus as a whole saw more alumni than ever before.

We are planning another Alumni Banquet next spring, so note this on your calendar.

More information will be sent you in time to plan on attending.

Here is hoping you visit Alfred and your Lambda Chi Alpha home soon,

Fraternally yours,
Robert A. Cotton
High Alpha

MCGILL MOVES

Bruce McGill '41, is now track coach and science teacher at Horace Greeley High School, Chappagua, N.Y.

Although a few Lambda Chi alumni arrived as early as Wednesday, many more arrived on Saturday, October 15, for Alfred's 1949 Homecoming football game with the University of Buffalo.

The afternoon was a scene of greetings between old and new LX's. After being welcomed at the door, the alumni were given yellow ribbons, on which was printed "LXA Homecoming 1949" and asked to sign our guest book. A buffet dinner under the supervision of Sis Dyke amply took care of the food angle.

That evening we all witnessed a drubbing which was hard to take. The Buffalo Bulls had a new "herd" on the field every time the ball changed hands while Alfred substituted one-by-one. The Saxons fought grimly but took it on the chin 32-6.

During the half all eyes were on Pine Hill waiting for the all-famous flaming Greek Letters. All but "LXA" were seen at once, then all at once there came into view three rising towers of flame which formed the letters "L X A." The letters were giants compared with the others and we thank Brother Bob Bowen for making them.

After the game many a chilly spectator welcomed the hot coffee, cupcakes and the warmth of Lambda Chi's open house. Old friends had a chance to get together again Sunday at a tea dance.

Homecoming

Homecoming guests, according to the Guest Book, included:

Robert Welch, Bemus Point; Jerry Hathaway, Youngstown; John Busch, Ford City, Pa.; Ray Scholts, New Castle, Pa.; Edward F. Dick, Lancaster, Pa.; Robert Jolley, Hartford, Conn.; William Hoitink, Randolph; John G. Pabst, Jr., Steubenville, O.; Lee Hoitink, Randolph; Ray Fulmer, St. Marys, Pa.; Donald E. Stearn, Syracuse; Harold Huffcut, Andover; Donald MacIntyre, LeRoy; W. E. Taylor, LeRoy; Wayne Brownell, Hornell; C. P. Riley, Southbridge, Mass.; Paul Plummer, Westfield, Pa.; E. A. Mulligan, Geneseo; Bob Nelson, Norris-

'49 Class Reports All Placed In School, Industry

We are happy to report that the Class of '49 is in industry and graduate schools as follows:

Donald Bemis, General Ice Cream Co., Erie, Pa.; Edward Dick, Radio Corporation of American, Lancaster, Pa.; Richard Dunne, Bainbridge Central School, Bainbridge; Frank Elliott, History Fellowship, Ohio University Graduate School; Richard Johe, applying at Johns Hopkins University Graduate School;

Donald Knowlton, Mosaic Tile Co., Zanesville Ohio. Donald MacIntyre, Lapp Insulator Co., Leroy; Robert Nelson, Refractory Insulator Co., Norristown, Pa.; John Pabst, Steubenville Pottery Co., Steubenville, Ohio, and Rodger Skinner, Sylvania Electric Products Corp., Montoursville, Pa.

Kappa Sigma Combo Enlivens Brothers

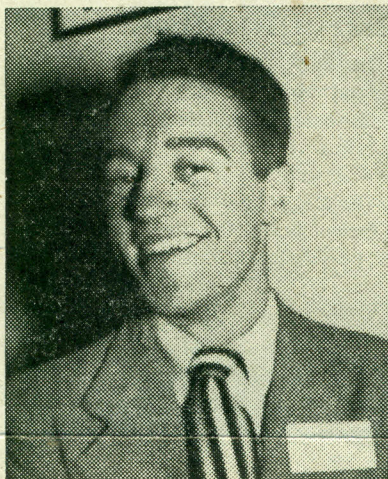
Kappa Sigma is boasting of its own six-man combo this year. Brothers are subjected to some noisy jam-sessions at times, but there always is an audience when the sextet takes off on boogie phrasing after dinner.

The leader—if there is one—is Trumpeter John McKenna, who composed a "sweet" theme, "It's You" and five other unarranged numbers. All class of '52, other members include Pete Riker on the saxophone and clarinet, Carl Small, piano, Will Sutton, bass, Bob Mangels, trombone, and "Square Al" Baxter, drums.

The theme and an original "Dixieland One Step" were recorded, more or less. It was the first time that the combo had played the theme with any degree of seriousness and they played so slow that the recording technician, Fred Palmer, couldn't get it all on the record.

town, Pa.; Eugene R. Burgess, Hornell; Harold Boulton, Schenectady; Donald Bemis, Erie, Pa.; and Donald Knowlton, Zanesville, O.

Rushing Chairman



The above is Charlie "Tip" Bryant and the smile that is going to snare 21 frosh and an undetermined number of transfer students. Tip, whose job also involves prodding members into action, denies that he ever sold brushes, vacuum cleaners or magazines.

LXA's Christen Bus

Inaugural trip for the Bryant-Foster Bus Lines was a Lambda Chi outing to the Hobart-Alfred football game. Lambda Chi's descended upon the field in the guise of a band, formed an irregular "A", and burst forth with a jazzed up session of "On Saxon Warriors". Brother Holmstrom colored things up when he distributed "commandeered" four inch pom-poms. Although the game ended up in the lost column, the trip didn't die with it, for the more than 25 men descended upon Cornell, and sang away their sorrows with brothers at Omricon. Humor appeared later when the bus was stopped at the old Corning bridge, and all hands had to pile out and walk across because of the limited weight restriction. One member bounced from pillar to pillar during that perilous crossing. By four a.m., the group chugged into Alfred at the end of an exciting day with many thanks to brothers of Omricon Zeta for helping to make it so.

Dan Foster Buys Bus, Fulfills Pledge As Senate President

"He finally made it."

That is what the boys at Lambda Chi are saying about Student Senate President Danny Foster '50, and his "Orange-Crate," the 30-passenger Reo bus which Dan and his campaign manager-partner, Charles Bryant '50 of Hudson, have been trying to get into operation since school opened.

The bus has made its first trip—uneventful except for Dan and Charlie who felt as pleased as a new papa.

They didn't pass out any cigars, however, because as Dan explained candidly. "We've got our shirt invested in this rig—our silk shirt."

The story opens last May when Dan ran for the Senate presidency on a platform which had a plank "to enable students to attend out-of-town games."

During the Summer, Dan saw a bus for sale at his home-town Celeron High School. Conscience-stricken because little had been done to carry out his platform, the Liberal Arts senior inquired into the price. Later he consulted Charlie and eventually the two jointly bought the 1938 bus.

Dan drove it back to school in September and set out to secure the involved Public Service Commission certification and \$10,000 insurance for each of the 30 potential passengers. Approval came—finally—Nov. 10. "We had planned to start operating in time for the first game on Oct. 1—we made it by the last," Dan said.

Does operating college bus line involve more than taking fares, he was asked. Dan sighed.

"It sure does," he said.

NEW HOUSEMOTHER

Wedding bells rang three times since we last went to press: Robert Kennedy '50 was married to Ruth Shepardson at Canisteo June 11; Jerry Smith '50 was married to Mary Alice Hamblen at Evans City, Pa. on Aug. 31; and James Thayer '50 was married to Elizabeth Berglund, ex '50 at Jamestown on Sept. 6.

Three LX's Play Saxon Basketball

Three Lambda Chi men are expected to be important additions to the Saxon varsity basketball squad this year. They are: Donald Garrison '50, who played first string forward last year; and two sophomores, Pete Riker '52 and Bob Mangels '52.

Certainly none of the sophomores on the squad have displayed talents needed to spark the team, with the possible exception of Little Pete, who comes from Spencer, and reminds fans of Bill Argentieri 1948-49 sparkplug.

Another sophomore, Bob Mangels, of Floral Park, may develop as the Saxon's set-shot artist, something Alfred has sorely needed for two years. Bob was high scorer for the Freshmen last year with 98 points.

Athletic Committee Acquires New Jerseys

New football jerseys, supplementing the basketball jerseys acquired last year, have been purchased by the house Athletic Committee. The Kelly green and gold jerseys will be used as sweat shirts during basketball season.

Included in the order was one size 6 for Mascot Jim Smith, 4-year-old son of Jerry Smith, who is assuming his duties with the gusto of all 4-year-olds.

Members of the Committee include Chairman Olenchuk, Steve Pfusik, Pete Riker and Bob Norton.

Boarding Club To Get New Deep-Freeze Unit

Expansion of the house refrigeration facilities will be made this year with the purchase of a combination deep freeze-refrigerator.

Steward Paul Kiesow '50 stated that the unit which will cost about \$600 will be purchased with surplus funds realized from the boarding club. About \$300 was slated for the refrigerator last year and another like amount will be added probably during the first semester of the 1949-50 year.

One immediate advantage will be to enable Kiesow and Mrs. Bertha Dyke, housemother and cook, to purchase meats in wholesale lots. The unit will be added to the present re-

Olenchuk Elected Intramural Manager

Brother Olie Olenchuk has been elected manager of the Intramural basketball league for 1949-50 by the Intramural Board.

Olie, who is serving his second year on the Board, has taken an active part in Board activities and is chairman of Kappa Sigma athletic committee.

KS Places Second

Final statistics for the 1948-49 intramural season shows that Kappa Sigma placed second in the competition. Besides coping first place in golf, tennis and volleyball, LXA athletes boosted the point score by capturing the following places in other sports: third in touch-football, softball and badminton and fourth place in basketball.

Brother Tom Cantwell was awarded medalist honors as individual champion of the campus-wide golf tourney.

THANKFUL HUNTERS

Probably the first deer shot in the area this year was taken by two LX's who stayed at Alfred during their Thanksgiving vacation to go hunting. Roberts Rogers '50 dropped a 150-pound, crotch-horned buck at 7:05 a.m., Nov. 24, just five minutes after the season officially opened. Accompanying him was Norman Skillman '50.

INTERFRAT LISTED

Lambda Chi's will soon be brushing their tuxes for Alfred's annual major Fall social event, the Interfraternity Ball held on Dec. 15. Dancing will be to the sweetest music out of New York City, Elliot Lawrence and his orchestra.

FATS-SLIMS

The annual feud between the Fats and the Slims reached a peak early this year with a touch-football game on Nov. 19. The Fats won, 7-0.

The decision is not final inasmuch as the feud will continue as each sport comes up during the season. The usual opener is a foot-race down State Street. This year hefty Tom Cantwell defeated peanut-sized Dick Kennedy when the latter slipped out of the race on a patch of ice.

frigerator and a commercial ice cream cabinet on loan from the dealer.

LXA Cagers Look For Good Season

The outlook is rosier this year for the house-intramural basketball team because of the addition of sophomores to a core of experienced men.

Bill Schwartz will coach the hoopsters assisted by Fred Eichenberger on their more than ten-game schedule.

Veterans of the 1948-49 campaign include Bob Brooks, Dick Hallberg, Al Hitchcock, Norm Schoenfeld, Tip Bryant and Bob Bowen. Promising sophomores include big Jack Stubbs, Jim Ridgeway and Will Sutton as well as Gordon Shippy who played with the Saxon frosh last year.

LXA Wins Three Games

The water shortage cut short campus intramural competition during the football season when all remaining games were cancelled. Lambda Chi ended the season with three wins and no losses.

The first two games were won on forfeit, but the third came on a close 8-0 decision over Psi Delta. Bill Schwartz and Tom Cantwell coached.

"Lightening" Shippy played a superb game scoring a touchdown on a pass from Steve Prusik and scoring a safety in the final minutes of the contest.

Four Initiated Oct. 10

Four new members were initiated on Oct. 10. They are: Edward Gegner '51, Bronxville; Robert O. Hitchcock '51, Alfred (brother of W. Allan Hitchcock '51); Robert F. Johnson '52, Niagara Falls; and Norman C. Skillman '50, Bemus Point (brother of John Skillman, RPI '46).

CAVERN DANCE

This year's social calendar of Kappa Sigma got off to a very good start with a novel dance entitled "Cavern Tavern Dance" Oct. 7. Music was furnished by Brother Olin Johnson and his "combo." The house was converted into a very realistic cavern under the direction of Wayne Husted and Bill Schwartz.