

THE CHI ZETA GRAM

University of Illinois Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha

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HIGH ALPHA CHATS

The day is here...For four years we at Chi Zeta have heard others and ourselves speak again and again of the day when the campus would once more be peopled by a reasonable ratio of men--the day when Lambda Chi's would be back to continue their collegiate studies. Those four war years saw many things--men leaving the university by the hundreds, fraternities shutting their doors for an indefinite period, Chi Zeta down to four men. They also saw Chi Zeta as the only fraternity on the U. of I. campus operating and serving meals exclusively for members.

Today the chapter house is full and letters come almost daily from Lambda Chis who plan to return in the summer and fall. They will return to a fraternity chapter which is recognized as one of the few in the U.S. to have survived throughout the war years; they will return to a house in A-1 condition physically and to a chapter in A-1 condition as an operating organization.

I would like to toss a few bouquets of "thank-yous" to those who have made all this possible.

First, I want to thank the Chi Zeta Alumni Association and its officers who have contributed unstintingly of their time and experience--especially George Hillstrom, Carlton Fowler, and the late Leo Mucho.

Second, I want to thank all of the active members of the chapter who were here, some for only a short time, who worked like dogs to keep things going--particularly past High Alpha's Bill Jack, Bob Duensing, George Sturm and Dick Kosobud.

Third, I want to thank one person whom you all know--Alice Empson. If we couldn't buy it, she made it; if it was scarce, she stretched it; if it was wearing out, she fixed it--and so on, ad infinitum.

It's been hard work; it's been good experience; it's been fun; and above all, it's been worth it.....

MEET OUR PLEDGES

Bruce Barnes, Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Lindbloom High School in 1946. He was the State Manager of his high school. He is the son of one of our alums, Russell "Cap" Barnes. Bruce is in the School of Commerce.

Richard R. DeWitt, Glen Ellen, Illinois graduated from Glenbard Township High School in 1944. He served in the Army Air Corps for fourteen months. Dick is in the School of Engineering.

Lee Frey, Litchfield, Illinois, graduated from Litchfield High School in 1942. While there he earned a letter in tennis for three years. Lee was a navigator in the Air Corps for three years. He served with the European division of the Air Transport Command. Lee is in the School of Engineering.

Donald "Duck" Miller, Oak Park, Illinois, graduated from Oak Park-River Forest High School in 1942 and then enlisted in the Army Air Forces in which he served for over three years. He was in the 509th Bomb. Group. Don is now studying Chemical Engineering.

George E. Sturm, Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Harper High School. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in 1943 and served for two years. George is the cousin of our past High Alpha, George J. Sturm. He is in the School of Engineering.

RETURNED VETERANS

Robert F. Quaintance, originally a member of the class of '46, spent three years with the office of the Chief Engineer in the European theater of operation with the rank of Sargeant. Bob left Chi Zeta in January, 1943, and is now reenrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Science.

James Roberts served three years with the Field Artillery of the 104th Infantry Division. He served in the European Theater of Operations and held the rank of Sargeant. Since returning to Chi Zeta this semester,

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Brother Roberts has been elected High Tau and is doing a splendid job in the position.

Donald Clander, originally a member of the class of '45, entered military service in February, 1943. He is a veteran of three years service with the 75th Infantry Division where he held the rank of Technical Sergeant. Don served in the ETO for a period of 14 months and, upon his separation, returned to the chapter with the intention of receiving his B.S. Degree in the College of Commerce.

Earl Martin, originally a member of the class of '46, entered the service in April, 1943, and attended paratrooper school. Upon completion of his "trooper" training he joined the 517th Paratroop Regiment and saw action in Sicily, Italy, and France. Brother Martin earned a battlefield commission and was separated from the service as a First Lieutenant.

Tom Shaunnessy, originally a member of the class of '45, was High Gamma when he entered military service in March, 1943. Brother Shaunnessy served in the ETO with the 331st Regiment of the 83rd Division. He is now back in school and in the College of Liberal Arts and Science studying Pre-law.

Robert Vana, originally in the class of '47 served in the Marines for three years and saw action in the South Pacific. He is now reenrolled in the College of Commerce.

George Reihmer, originally in the class of '46 was in the Phillipine Invasion in the 289th Field Artillery Battalion. He received the Bronze Star for gallantry in action. He is in the School of Architecture.

It is a real pleasure to have these boys back with us again. They are a great asset to the house.

ALICE EMPSON

Alice Empson, affectionately known as Al who has been with us for twenty-eight years is still as active as ever. Of course, she is always talking of you alums so show her that you haven't forgotten her by contributing to the Alice Empson Fund, which is being built up for her as a token of our appreciation.

HOME COMING

The Chi Zeta Undergraduate Chapter and Alumni Association are planning to make the next Homecoming the biggest and best Homecoming since the founding of the chapter. In the past few years the war has restricted them, but by next October most of our Alumni should be out of the service and travel should be easier. So whether you come to Homecoming regularly or not, plan to be here next October. You will enjoy seeing your old friends, and they will enjoy seeing you. A plaque will be dedicated at that time for members of Chi Zeta who served in World War II.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marriage bells have chimed for Miss Mary Howard Hardy of Craig, Montana and Lambda Chi Lt. Col. Charles Nelson Wagner, Lt. Col. Wagner is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Northwestern University School of Law. He recently returned from two years in the South Pacific, where he commanded the 569 Field Artillery Battalion of the 93rd Division.

Miss Audrey Jeanette Sies was married to Mr. Robert W. Duensing, United States Navy, on January 27, 1946, at LaPorte, Indiana. Mr. Duensing is a past High Alpha of Chi Zeta.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hudson of Libertyville, Illinois are the proud parents of Carolyn Ann, who, although only a few months old, has already learned to laugh at her father's jokes.

Dude Hubka, who graduates this June, has announced his engagement to Miss Muriel Stuart, Theta Upsilon. They plan to be married sometime this summer.

SPORTS

With a full house and back on a peace time schedule, the chapter is very active in inter-mural sports. The bowling team tied with two other teams for second place. Glenn Head reached the finals in wrestling. We had a team entered in basketball and the tennis, golf, and softball competitions are now in full swing.

Joe Hayes earned a letter last spring in the Big Ten Championship track team. His events were the 440 and 220 yard dashes, and the mile relay.