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Welcome High School Grads

WELCOME, NEW JAYHAWKERS:

As you embark upon your college career always bear in mind this one cardinal thought, "I will receive from my college life just what I put into it." Many opportunities are opened up for you at a university such as ours; we must each discover these opportunities and make the best of them. When you leave your home for Mount Oread, you will be leaving many golden friendships and strong guiding hands but by and by you will

begin to make new friends and the place in which you live will become a new fireside. The chances are altogether likely that the fraternity house may be that new fireside.

Wishing you the best of luck upon this new adventure,

I remain,

Ray Buzzell

President, Kansas Gamma
Sigma Phi Epsilon



Able Leaders At Helm Of Sigma Phi Epsilon



PRESIDENT

Ray Buzzell Buzz will be a senior in the School of Business (of which he is vice president) next year. His home is in Topeka. Ray has a record of leadership both in the fraternity and on the Hill. He is an Alpha Kappa Psi, former Student Councillor, Pi Epsilon Pi, and former secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Easily one of the most popular boys in the house, he knows how to get things done with and by the boys. And he has some very definite plans for an even better and more noteworthy Sig Ep year in 1940-41. Other interests include Eleanor Russell, also of Topeka, fiancée.

VICE PRESIDENT

Sig Ep's vice president also hails from up the Kaw at Topeka. John Martin is blond, dashing, and studious. His job is seeing that the Sig Eps are known on the Hill, that the committees of the chapter function, and that Buzz doesn't overwork. Johnny is a touch-football flash; as a halfback he is known as "Peter Rabbit." Basketball is also in his line. When you see him in Brick's it will be with Jean Norton.

PLEDGE CHAIRMAN

Pledge Chairman Bob Cooper is from Washington (Kansas). Introduc-

ing the pledges to the fraternity and university customs, regulations, and possibilities is a job to keep any man busy, even one as capable as Bob. He has already had experience from last semester, and says he has lots of new ideas to put into effect. Coop's favorite recreation is baseball—he was an intramural All-Star at left field and part of "Murderers' Row" on the Sig Ep championship line-up. But he also likes basketball and football very much. Like Johnny Martin, he will be a junior next year.

SECRETARY

H. D. Fisk is secretary, and is now from Concordia by virtue of a couple of months' residence; before he hailed from 'way out west in Goodland. H. D. is a true fraternity worker and has served more than a year on the Interfraternity Council, of which he was scholastic chairman. He is also an Alpha Phi Omega (national service fraternity). If you want a workout in tennis or ping-pong, just try him. He quarterbacked the finalist six-man intramural football team. In school next year he will be a first-year law.

COMPTROLLER

Comptroller (Sig Ep for treasurer) is Bill Timothy, from the hills of old Wyoming—Green River, to be exact. Summers, he works for the Union Pacific. Winter, he collects and pays bills. We picked him because he can get in people's hair (collecting, you know) without being a pain in the neck. (Quite an athletic feat, really!) Besides being in intramurals, Tim is also a student. And furthermore, he is the best looking boy in the house. (Which doesn't keep him from having female trouble, however). His ambition also runs to law, starting next year.

HISTORIAN

Alan Houghton, of Beloit, is a brave man. He is rush chairman and historian. He not only gets the boys, but also records what they do for four years there—detail work from beginning to end, plus personality. A sophomore next year, he is getting plenty of assists from the older men. But he is capable and we expect him

soon to be all on his own. Alan is also a sportsman, pole vault for K. U. being his specialty. Co-ordinator of rush work is Clay Center's Glenn Elliott. During rush week Glenn is the man who actually knows what is going on; during the school year he concentrates on pharmacy. Result: High man, scholastically, in the class of 1941 in pharmacy.

Introducing

Mrs. Day K. Smith, known affectionately to all the boys at the Sig Ep house as "Mother," spent her first year with the Eps last year; the boys took to her like a bear takes to honey. Many is the time that Mother Smith has lent a sympathetic ear to the trivial troubles of the different fellows; perhaps this boy has had words with his girl; perhaps that one has had difficulty in class, but always they feel better once they unburden themselves to Mother.

Mother Smith is exceedingly talented in writing children's poetry, much of which has been printed in newspapers, magazines, and books. For recreation she reads poetry, mostly classical.

And those delectable and wholesomely filling meals at the Sig Ep House! Who that has dined there can forget those fine dinners, especially the three-course ones on Thursday



evening or Sunday noon? Sigma Phi Epsilon is just naturally famous for their good food, and rightly so. And whom do we have to thank for these fine meals? Why, Mother Smith, of course. There is stint of neither time nor money when she prepares the menus or orders the viands for the Eps.

Yes, we Eps have come to know that "our" Mother Smith is a "reg'lar feller."



Home On The Hill

*"Dear old fraternity, all my life through
I'll love and cherish the memory of you.
Should harm betide me
Thou e'er will guide me,
Sigma, dear Sigma Phi Epsilon true."*



Bob Hedges, Honor Man

For his outstanding achievements on "the Hill" for the year 1939-40 the Kansas Gamma Sig Eps elected Bob Hedges Honor Man; his name will take



its place on the Honor Cup along with those names of the past. It seems that in this case too many broths only added to the quality of the cook, for Bob partook liberally of extra-curricular activities found on "the Hill." Bob had the distinction of being a Summerfield scholar. He has played in the University of Kansas band; he plays

the French horn. Bob likes both popular and classical music, and he is accumulating a collection of classic recordings; but seldom does a dance band pass by without Bob's making an appearance with a date.

Brother Hedges has held the secretaryship of both the Pachacamacas and the Panhellenic Council. Bob has acted as treasurer of the Owl society. He served on the debate squad; he caters always to a good argument. Bob is journalistically inclined and has been editorial assistant on the Jayhawker; he has written many interesting articles for the Jayhawker.

For recreation Bob indulges in a few (or more) hands of bridge. Although he is extremely well informed on the English language, Bob doesn't know the meaning of the word, "dislike"; perhaps that is the reason he is so popular.

Study Regulations Aid Scholarship

Sigma Phi Epsilon believes that scholarship should be the first objective of every college student. Study is not encouraged but required, as may be seen from the following excerpts from house study rules:

1. Quiet is to be maintained after seven-thirty p. m. on nights preceding school days.

2. Freshmen must keep study hall from seven-thirty to ten-thirty preceding

school days, except on Sundays and Wednesdays, when the time is to be from eight to eleven.

3. The house must be kept quiet for twenty-four hours a day during and just preceding final examination week.

4. The scholastic chairman is to check on all grades at mid-semester so that special aid may be given to those who are low.





They played on the great Jay-hawker basketball team which defeated such strong teams as Oklahoma A & M, Rice, and Southern California to earn the title of the second best college team in the United States; Indiana defeated K. U. in the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association final. Jack Sands (left) is a veteran of the courts, having played his third year with the varsity. Bob Johnson, a sophomore, got his first taste of college competition and is slated for a starting position this fall.



The boys pile in Stoneback's convertible coupe in anticipation of a nice, long joy ride.

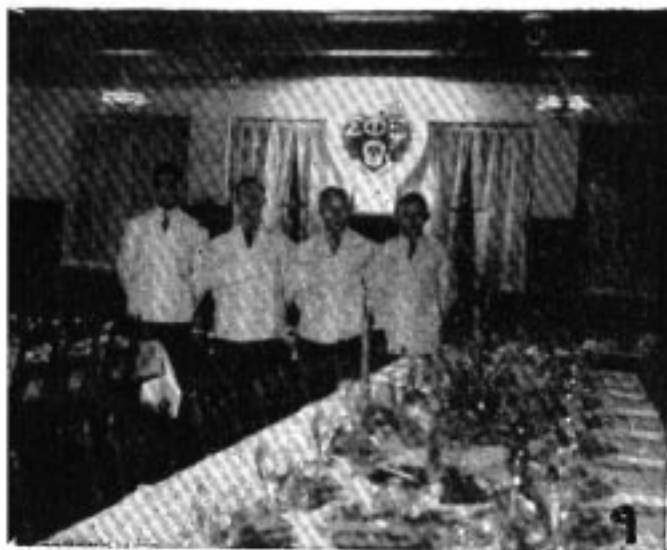


Comfort is the keynote as President Buzz prepares to "hit the books," a scene typical of the Sig Ep house any evening before a school day.



Two of the Eps' baseball stars; above is first baseman "Red-Dog" Thompson. Ask anyone from Iola if Jack Sands (left) is a good pitcher or not; he almost single handed lifted their Ban Johnson club from the cellar position to second place. Jack also shines at first base.

View of the Sigma Phi Epsilon dining room where three times a day the fellows gather to talk of the day's events as they enjoy wholesome meals. In the background gleams the golden heart of Sigma Phi Epsilon.



A birds-eye view of the Sig Ep House located in the exclusive West Hills district. It is situated on a hill about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the University campus.



Maestro "Doc" Weltmer swings out as he tickles the ivories. Each evening "Doc" relaxes and improvises all the boys' favorite music to their enjoyment.

Epic Eps: Left to right are the late Dr. James A. Naismith, inventor of basketball; justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, Hugo Wedell; and Walter A. Huxman, former governor of Kansas. All are Honorary Members of the Kansas Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.



SIG EP PANORAMA

When it comes to outside activities, you will find the Sig Eps a well rounded group. We are represented in some twenty-five organizations.

Read through the following activities and see where you might fit in.

As for politics, we have a full house, "Pinky" Bartlett, Frank Bures, Bob Hedges, Ray Buzzell and Floyd Smith are inner circle members of Paheamiae, the Hill's leading political party. Brother Buzzell and "Red" Thompson were members of the Men's Student Council. And one of our freshmen, Harry Smith, was elected dance manager of his class.

Scholastically, our fraternity has its leaders. "Horace" Hedges, a Summerfield scholar, was treasurer of Owl society, junior men's honor society, made the Dean's honor roll four times, was awarded Beta Gamma Sigma, or highest honors in the School of Business. Bob did tutoring on the side. Bob Cowgill, a whiz at math, also did some private instructing. "Rocky" Smith, Gordon Petty and Hal Ruppenthal have been members of the Dean's Honor Roll and Glen Elliott topped the junior class in the School of Pharmacy.

In sports, too, Sigma Phi Epsilon is making a fine showing. The 1939 championship intramural baseball cup sits on our mantel. Bob Johnson and Jack Sands played on the varsity basketball team which won honors in the N. I. C. A. A. tournament. Brother Nees and Cooper, too, supported the famous K. U. court five. In varsity baseball brothers Chilson, Thompson, Kresie represented the Sig Eps on the diamond with Knute Kresie and Sands doing a skillful job as hurlers. Last year six men were outstanding in Intramural sports: Brothers Martin, Cooper, Timothy, May, Savely, and Johnson. Jack Mankin was chosen center on the six-

man all-star football team. Ivan May and Bob Johnson were selected for the campus all-star team. "Red" Thompson acted as Intramural manager for the university. Harry Smith and Knute Kresie represented us in the pool, and Alan Houghton and Wayne Nees brought us honors in track and field events.

The Sig Eps have reached into almost all activities. Less Hey, Paul Lewis, Hal Ruppenthal, Ken Campbell, and Frank Spink have taken the CAA student pilot training. Ray Buzzell and Red Thompson belong to A K Psi, business fraternity. Hal Ruppenthal is treasurer and H. D. Fisk is a pledge of A. P. O., national service fraternity. Bob Hedges was secretary of Pan-Hellenic council, while Brother Fisk was scholastic chairman. Brothers Faust, Savely and Buzzell are members of KuKu, men's pep club.

Brothers Mankin, Hedges, and Ruppenthal played in the renowned K. U. Band. Glen Elliott and Gurney Norris belong to the pharmacy club. Former prexy Weltmer sang with the Boys' Glee Club. Stewart Walker was assistant editor and Brother Ruppenthal was feature writer for the University Daily Kansan, Ivan May headed the Newman Club, Catholic young people's organization.

In the Jayhawker, the University annual, Bob Hedges won honors with his feature interviews. Hal Ruppenthal was one of the staff photographers. Jack Sands and Wayne Nees proudly wore the "K" of the K-club, and Brothers Cowgill, Walter, Lewis, Hey, Lonsdale, and Kuchs belong to engineering fraternities.

From this you can see that the Sig Eps have reached into all types of extra-curricular activities—the necessity of a well-rounded fraternity.

WHY FRATERNITY?

It is only natural that a high school senior upon being approached by a college fraternity should ask this question: "Why join a fraternity at all?" It is a logical question to be answered straightforwardly. Following are a few of the reasons why Greek-letter organizations have grown to the place they occupy today.

Membership in and life at a fraternity house is concentrated experience in human association. Just as is college itself, it is a laboratory of life. Fraternities supplement the education received in the classroom by providing a human organization in which to practice cooperative daily group living. It is true that a student may rub off some of the rough edges at college without belonging to a fraternity, but the more numerous the contacts, the brighter the polish.

Fraternities offer organized home life to its members, most of whom are away from home for the first time. Parental restriction is replaced by the supervision and association of the group. Often when the freshman becomes bewildered by the variety and newness of campus activity, the fraternity will aid the newcomer to become adjusted to college life.

Scholarship Important

Scholarship is an important measure of the excellence of a group. All pledges must secure an average mark before they can be initiated. All well organized fraternities have supervised study facilities. Group discipline and organization pride are powerful incentives to good scholarship.

The operation of a fraternity house is a sizeable business. The chapter is completely self-governing; officers are elected to perform the basic functions. Supplementary committees are appointed to take care of the chapter's many varied activities. Individuals having qualities of leadership get a fine opportunity to develop. It is the first real opportunity most young peo-

ple have of really making a big organization go. And after all, is that not one of the important things that a person expects to get from college?

Frosh Receive Training

Freshmen and fledges are instructed and trained. They learn to take orders, to perform tasks well, and to accept discipline for failure to comply with rules made for the good of the group. Those who would aspire to give orders to others must first learn to take orders.

As upperclassmen the members have a priceless opportunity to practice the art of "handling people," something which they will undoubtedly need in the future.

In chapter meetings members are faced with making decisions in endless problems. As in business, they must develop the courage to stand by those decisions and responsibilities once they are made. Here also is practiced the art of parliamentary procedure, speaking before a group in presentation and selling of ideas. For instance, summer rushing is a practical organized sales campaign. Pledging is an extensive sales experience. What other experience in life can people of college age enjoy that provides an equal all-around training in the same period of time? It is doubtful that there is any.

Have Facilities For Guests

Fraternities provide members with facilities to entertain their friends and families. This is one of the great short-comings of rooming and boarding houses. Instruction in etiquette and the social graces are advantages offered by fraternities that cannot be matched by any other university organization.

Alumni contacts offer additional opportunities to practice the art of meeting people. They oftentimes open up many social and business contacts after a member graduates. Often men-

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bership in a common fraternity will convert two total strangers into intimate friends. Membership in secret organizations has always appealed to man. The fine principles and beautiful ritual which symbolizes fraternity membership tend to make that organization sacred to the brothers.

Service To School

In addition to the many things which fraternities offer the individual, they render a fine civic service to the colleges. They are invariably the first to offer their contributions to the myriad of undertakings attempted by the school. Fraternities help solve the housing problems of conventions. They are the greatest recruiting agency an

institution of higher learning possesses.

In schools such as K. U. where there is only one dormitory, they provide without cost to the state an excellent place in which part of the student body may live. Indirectly, they compete with private houses, and have forced down prices of room and board for independent students. They relieve colleges of the burden of providing social life for a large number of students.

Perhaps the greatest contribution has been keeping alive alumni interest without which a university cannot become truly great.

Only after one has enjoyed the advantages of daily contact with a fraternity chapter for four years can he realize what he might have remained without it.



Dr. James A. Naismith

November 28, 1939, was indeed a sad day for Sigma Phi Epsilon, for it was then that Kansas Gamma lost its most famous and one of its best liked Honorary Members. Dr. James A. Naismith was a very common appearing man, but once you became acquainted with him you would soon realize that he was far from that. True, he wished to appear unpretentious, but his beneficial accomplishments sang out against him; he could not shun the greatness that was so justly his. Dr. Naismith, The Father of Basketball, wanted to better the world, to bring only good into it, so he invented a game. Little did he realize then that the whole world would adopt and thank him for basketball, his living monument.

The Eps' Epoch Making Parties

FRIDAY THE 13TH

It's usually believed to be bad luck, but the fellows at the Sig Ep house have proved it different. Instead of running out on that boogey-day, what did those stout fellows do but have a "Club 13" party which was talked about for months after in the Hill's leading social circles. Guests and couples had a lively time dancing to Clyde Smith's orchestra, one of the best on the Hill, amid paintings of College Humor gals and other pieces worthy of mention by "visiting cartoonists."

But that is not the half of it. The Sig Eps' winter party came when the frozen-rain was four feet deep and all snow plows were grounded. Did that stop those fellows? Not on your life. Instead of worrying about that cold weather, they literally melted the snow by giving such a sizzling dance that even the icicles began to melt and drip. The guests were warmed by dancing among large pictures of Dante and his associates to the music of Clyde Smith, the red-headed music swinger.

The spring party was indeed a memorable affair. The party appealed to the idea of "In spring a young man's fancy turns to ———." Well, you



The Eps dance to the music of Clyde Smith at the Union Ballroom, April 5, 1940, at their Spring Formal.

know. The Union Ball Room was decorated with scenes from far-off Hawaii, and some scenes they were too, dancing girls and such. Instead of having only one orchestra play, the dance was turned into a gala occasion by having two bands, Clyde Smith and Dale Brodie. But not to stop with this, dinner was served in a dinner-dance style with dancing between courses.

Throughout the year the Sig Ep fraternity gives the best parties on the Hill as well as hour dances every other week and social dinners. It can truly be said that Sigma Phi Epsilon is not lacking in social achievements



SIG EP WHO'S WHO

NAME	NICKNAME	HOME
Roger Weltmer	Doe	Beloit
Rockwell Smith	Rocky	Pratt
Ray Stoneback	Jr. Woodsman	Lawrence
Hal Ruppenthal	Hal	Russell
Louis Thompson	Red	Oskaloosa
Floyd Smith	Smitty	Colby
William Kuchs	Bill	Ouray, Colo.
Don Overmier	Don	Ponca City, Okla.
Lloyd Savely	Rudy	Greensburg
Gordon Petty	Gordon	Wellsville
Lindley Hines	Einstein	Russell
Frank Bures	Cockle	Topeka
Bob Cowgill	Reverend	Topeka
Robert Ramsom	Badger	Montello, Wis.
Hoyt Dan Fisk	H. D.	Concordia
Harry Smith	Harry	Topeka
John Martin	Fuzz	Topeka
Bob Johnson	Rod	Kansas City, Kans.
Bob Cooper	Coop	Washington, Kans.
Joe Walter	Weasel	Kansas City, Mo.
Bob Stoddard	Stod	North Platte, Nebr.
Forrest Kresie	Knute	Auburn
Ray Buzzell	Buzz	Topeka
Bill Burt	Brut	Topeka
Glenn Elliott	Gabby	Clay Center
Bill Timothy	Timmy	Green River, Wyo.
John Foust	Johnny	Iola
Alan Houghton	Curly	Beloit
Bill Smedley	Bill	Soda Springs, Idaho
Paul White	Paul	Garden City
Alan Daugherty	Alan	Topeka
Richard Behmer	Behm	Hamilton
Paul Conway	Paul	Emporia
Edward Hoskins	Judge	Tonganoxie

AMONG THE MISSING

Lynn Bartlett	Pinky	Kansas City, Mo.
Bob Chilson	Chilly	Topeka
Paul Lewis	Gunner	Emporia
Kendall Campbell	K. C.	Lakin
Jack Mankin	Mank	Kansas City, Mo.
Bob Hedges	Horace	Wichita
Lester Hey	Les	Baldwin City
Irvin Stoneback	Sr. Woodsman	Lawrence
Wayne Nees	Gus	Brazil, Ind.
Gurney Norris	Jeep	Garden City
Gene Haynes	Farmer	Lawrence
Jim Lonsdale	Brimsmade	Kansas City, Mo.
Frank Spink	Spink	Kansas City, Mo.
Jack Sands	Sleepy	Lawrence
Stuart Walker	Stu	Kansas City, Mo.
William Brass	Bullet	Wilmore
Ivan May	Cherub	Topeka
Gene Cormany	Cor	Kansas City, Mo.
Benedict Kilmer	Bennie	Topeka