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## SIG EPS OPEN FIRST POST-WAR FRAT HOUSE



NEW HOME OF KANSAS GAMMA

### Opened With Gala Housewarming

Kansas Gamma moved into its new home January 28th. Ever since the chapter was reactivated in 1946 the uppermost thought in the minds of all Gamma members has been the building of a new house. This goal has finally been reached.

The house is built on a modernistic, California, ranch style and will accommodate 60 men. The interior is finished in various pastel colors. The furniture is sectional. One entire wall of the living-room consists of a gigantic mirror. The lighting is of the fluorescent type, with the exception of the living-room, and music room which have nothing but floor and table lamps. The other first floor rooms are the dining-room, chapter room, rumpus room and the housemother's quarters. Upstairs are the study rooms and the dormitory.

The official opening of the new house was March 5th when a tea honoring Mrs. Virginia Brammer, the new housemother, was given. The visitors, which included Chancellor and Mrs. Deane W. Malott, members of the faculty, and representatives from each organized house on the hill, were shown through the house by fraternity members.

The new house is located at 17th and Tennessee Streets, three blocks off the campus.

### Election of Officers

New officers for Kansas Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon were elected in February. The following officers were elected: President, Eugene Ryan; Vice-President, Bob Bell; Comptroller, Gene Bullinger; Historian, Don Glasco; and Secretary, Charles Haverly.

### SUMMER ADDRESS

All chapter correspondence during the summer months should be sent to 2024 New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kans. This does not include correspondence concerning rushing.

### Wichita Alums Get Charter

On April 13, twenty Kansas Gamma men dined Mexican style with about thirty Wichita alumni at El Charro restaurant in Wichita. The event celebrated the petitioning of the national chapter by the alumni for an alumni chapter in Wichita. Paul E. Sutoris, Kansas Alpha, president of the organization, said that he was confident that the charter would be received in the next few weeks. Gene Ryan, president of Kansas Gamma, told the group of the accomplishments of the K.U. chapter in the last year. The honor guest, Mr. W. E. Rogers, District Governor for this area, spoke on his memories provided by Sigma Phi Epsilon, the pleasure which may be derived from such an organization, and the future of the fraternity. The group unfolded excellent plans for rushing aid for nearby chapters during the summer and fall, extensive social events throughout next year, and widespread membership in the Wichita area. Any alumni who have not been contacted by the group are asked to get in touch with Fred F. Sandfort, 222 S. Chautauqua, 62-7742. The Wichita alumni certainly have congratulations from Kansas Gamma on their untiring assistance and fervid endeavor in the cause of fraternalism.

### Gamma Initiates

Since February 20 there have been 28 new Sig Eps at the University of Kansas. The total number of men in the chapter is now 85 actives and 19 pledges. The following men were initiated:

Bob Powers, Wichita  
 Dick Bertuzzi, Arma  
 Hal Wilkie, Concordia  
 Herb Rettig, Fredonia  
 Bill Turner, Kansas City  
 Carl Sandefur, Lawrence  
 Mike Maturo, Lawrence  
 Scott Phillips, Lawrence  
 Al Haverly, Lawrence  
 Jim Younts, Independence, Mo.  
 Arnold Stricker, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Carl Ellis, Henderson, Texas  
 Bill Snook, Wichita  
 Warren Baker, Hutchinson  
 Pat James, Denver, Colo.  
 Boyd Burns, Chanute  
 Morgan Johnson, Onaga  
 Harry Newby, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Jim Reynolds, Ft. Morgan, Colo.  
 Randy Barron, Mission  
 Mel Larson, Topeka  
 Dwight Boring, Colby  
 John Whealan, Wichita  
 Zack Farha, Hutchinson  
 Jay Carby, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Charles Benschmidt, Hutchinson  
 Bill Franke, Kansas City, Mo.

## THE SPECTER

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## Socially Speaking

The social opportunities which accompanied the opening of the new "Sig Ep" house were a welcome change after somewhat of a restrained social season in the Community Building, the fall semester of '48. The house was formally opened March 5, 1949, with a formal dance for the active chapter and their dates, with "Keg" Moorhead and his band on the entertainment. Previous to the formal house opening however, were several house warmings and receptions. The first of which was the faculty reception February 27, for the Housemother, Mother Brammer. The Chancellor, the Deans of the schools, Professors and housemothers of other Greek organizations were invited. Following this reception was a house warming March 4 for the merchants of Lawrence.

An Alumni Open House is being planned for the first of May, which will give an opportunity to the many "alums" to visit the house, some of them for the first time.

In the meantime, however, there has been a continuous round of hour dances and tea-dances, and with the onset of spring even terrace dances have been very successful, with more being planned. A Breakfast Dance was given from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, the day of the K.U. Relays, and furnished a bit of diversion for the weekend guests.

The Sig Ep parents were officially shown the new house on March 20. The informal open house consisted of a buffet lunch and the inspection of the house by the parents.

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reese of Wichita are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ruppenthal recently announced the birth of a boy in February.

## Mary Wilkins Is Sig Ep Dream Girl



Miss Mary Wilkins, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was named Sig Ep Dream Girl for 1949 at the annual "Golden Heart Ball" held May 14. Mary was presented the imposing golden trophy by Gene Ryan, chapter president.

A sophomore in the school of fine arts, Mary is from Lawrence. She is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weight 118 pounds, has blond hair and blue eyes.

Mary was chosen from six beautiful candidates by the men of Kansas Gamma. The other candidates were: Marilyn Barnum, Chi Omega; Mary Wolfe, Alpha Chi Omega; Dottie Baldwin, Sigma Kappa; Mary Beth McNaully, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sydney Letson, Alpha Omicron Pi and Patsy Landis, Alpha Chi Omega.

The dance was held on the terrace, and in the main living room which was decorated with a nine foot golden heart entrance.

## Personal Notes

The second semester was welcomed with a number of pinnings and engagements.

The pinning of Miss Joan Alton, Sigma Kappa, and Art Riordan was announced recently at dinner.

The engagement of Miss Joyce Salmon of Wichita and Gene Ryan was made public at the House Opening Formal.

The pinning of Miss Dottie Baldwin, Sigma Kappa, and Cliff DeLude was announced in February.

The engagement of Miss Mary Ann Cruse of Wichita and Lyle Woodring was announced April 20.

The engagement of Miss Mary Sue

## BEOC -- Big Eps On Campus

This spring semester finds an ever increasing number of Sig Eps taking part in activities on the hill. In the 1949 edition of **College Daze**, the all-school musical, the chapter is ably represented by six of the brothers. Russ Stephenson is working with the publicity committee, Bob Ausherman, Jim McCaig, and Al Dougherty are helping with the music, while Bill Akright and Clarence Frieze are supervising the lighting and staging of the entire production.

At the Honors Convocation held Tuesday, April 19, it was announced that Dave Shoffner had been elected to membership in Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, and that Wes Smith had been chosen for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity. A few weeks ago Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, announced the initiation of John Campbell.

Jim Selig was recently elected treasurer of the Interfraternity Council and Doug Paddock was appointed rush chairman for the IFC. Paddock was also elected to the All-student Council vice-presidency in the elections held April 20. Bill Franke was recently initiated into the Inner Circle of the Society of Pachacamac, Greek Men's Political party.

Three Sig Eps: Randall Barron, Doerr Casebier, and Bob Reynolds have been active in the formation of the Hawkwatch Society, a social club for Naval ROTC cadets. Jim Younts, Gene Dagel, and Vic Pirnie are representing Kansas Gamma on the editorial staff of the 1949-50 **Jayhawker**.

These fellows and others like them are winning respect for themselves and the chapter through their fine work in university activities.

## Ten To Graduate

Ten Sig Eps will go "down the hill" to graduate this spring. The ten Eps are:

Alan Daugherty  
Bill Ogg  
Charlie Medlock  
Charlie Carson  
Ken Peters  
Noble Melencamp  
Art Riordan  
Stony Ward  
Lyle Woodring  
Dick Bertuzzi

Curtis, William Woods College, and Doug Paddock was made public April 24.

## Meet Mother Brammer



Mrs. Brammer

The lady who lives in the house-mother's apartment in the new Sig Ep house in Lawrence is a person with whom everybody should have a chance to become acquainted. Her name is Mrs. Virginia Brammer and she came to Kansas Gamma from her home in Topeka, Kansas.

Mother Brammer is a graduate of Howard Payne College of Fayette, Missouri, and she is one of those rare individuals who is completely at ease in any situation. Whether in the receiving line at a formal social function or in a very informal bridge game with some of her boys, Mrs. Brammer is the picture of social grace.

The Sig Eps at Kansas were very fortunate in obtaining Mother Brammer as their new housemother. Although the Sig Ep position is the first assignment as housemother for Mrs. Brammer, she has had bids from fraternities and sororities on four different campuses. To say that Mother Brammer is a success in her new position is an understatement. She is terrific!

A handsome woman of an untold number of summers, Mother Brammer has an engaging personality and a fine sense of humor. She enters readily into witty conversations and always seems to be able to hold her own in a joking session. In addition to her social qualities, Mother Brammer is a fine manager and one of the most amazing menu planners on the Hill.

Mother Brammer has one daughter who is married and resides in Topeka.

If anybody should ever care to write a song about the Housemother of SPE, they could very easily find a real inspiration in Mrs. Virginia Brammer. She is the best housemother at Kansas University and anybody who thinks differently is not one of the one hundred and twenty-five members of Kansas Gamma.

## Gamma Pledges

Kansas Gamma has pledged five new men since the beginning of the second semester. The new pledges are: Mike O'Brien, Augusta, Vic Pirney, K.C., Mo., Phil Louvenguth, Wichita, Bob Seaman, K.C., Mo., and Bob Douglas, Pittsburgh, Pa.



Sig Eps moving into new house are left to right:

Doug Paddock,  
K. C., Mo.

Bill Akright  
Fairway

John Whealan  
Wichita

Don Wright  
Lawrence

Gene Bullinger  
Wichita

Jim Younts  
Independence, Mo.

## McNieve and Gilman in the Spotlight

Bob McNieve, a handsome Sig Ep from Topeka, was recently nominated for the title of Most Dateable Male on the Campus. It was the third successive year in which the smiling Irish lad had received the nomination for this coveted honor. It was also the third successive year in which McNieve has refused to discuss the final outcome of the balloting.

Dick Gilman, another of the women chasing members of the chapter, drew a nomination for the title of King Pep at the Jay Janes Vice-Versa dance. The Jay Janes, womens' campus pep organization, obviously felt that the big Sig Ep from Merriam was not peppy enough to reign over the ball because he too refuses to discuss the ultimate outcome of the contest.

### SIG EP "B" SQUAD WINS ALL-UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

"A" team loses final playoff game for title

**BULLETIN:** The two Sig Ep softball teams almost took a double All-University softball crown this season as they lost only one game out of 15.

A hard fighting Sig Ep "B" team took the All-University "B" championship with a record of 7 straight wins.

The Sig Ep "A" team went all the way to final title game before losing an upset heartbreaking 11 to 6 verdict to Sigma Chi. This was the only softball loss of the entire year for Sig Ep.



A View of Livingroom and Chapter Room — Kansas Gamma

# Sig Eps Win "A" Basketball Championship

## Three Sig Eps Starters

When the University of Kansas varsity baseball team opened spring drills on March 14, Coach Red Hogan counted three members of Kansas Gamma among his hopefuls.



Bertuzzi

Dick Bertuzzi, a three letter man, reported to take over his accustomed position in left field. Fleet of foot and with the strongest throwing arm in the conference, Bertuzzi is regarded as one of the top flychasers in the Big Seven. In addition to his fine defensive play, Bert is a terrific hitter and is always at his best in the clutch.



Gilman

Back for his third year of pitching duties will be Dick Gilman. The big right hander has been one of the Jayhawkers top pitchers for the past two seasons and is expected to have his best season this year. A real fireballer, Gilman backs up his speed with plenty of pitching experience.



Ellis

Carl Ellis, who transferred from Kilgore, Texas, Junior College in time to take over front line tackle duties for the Jayhawker football team is expected to handle the shortstop duties for the diamond crew.

## Softball Outlook Bright

The first signs of spring brought out the Sig Ep softballers in full force and from early observations, it looks like another banner year for the SPE diamond followers.

Returning from last year's talent laden purple and red powerhouse will be ace pitcher Abie McNieve, first baseman Darrel Wright, second baseman Don Wright, third baseman Karl Kappelman, and catcher Alan Fisher.

Glenn Kappelman has taken over the coaching reins for the coming season and already has turned up several promising rookies from this year's pledges.

Bill Franke, a new addition to the chapter from Kansas City, has served notice in early season workouts that he will be hard to keep out of the starting lineup. Franke is an infielder.

Another newcomer to the Sig Ep roster is Fletcher Bell of Lawrence. Fletch is noted as one of the finest softball twirlers in the area and should add plenty of pitching strength to the Sig Ep team.

One of Coach Kappelman's biggest problems will be the replacement of Stoney Ward, slugging outfielder, who will be lost to the SPE cause because of his out-of-town practice teaching duties. If an outfielder can be found to take up some of the hitting slack caused by Ward's departure, the Sig Eps are going to be plenty tough to beat.

A powerful hitter, Ellis batted in the clean-up spot for the fast Lawrence Colts semi-pro team last summer.

Bertuzzi and Gilman were members of the Atchison Colts semi-pros last summer and both were named to the All-State semi-pro team.

These three Sig Eps hold the key to Kansas' chances for a climb to the top of conference baseball circles.

## Lose in Playoffs

The competition of the basketball season found the Sig Eps well represented among the top teams on the campus. The "A" team, coached by Charlie Carson, walked off with their divisional trophy and the Dick Gilman coached "B" team wound up in second place in their division. Both teams represented the chapter in the playoffs, and oddly enough, both bowed to the eventual playoff winners in early round games.

At the close of the intramural season, an eight man squad of Sig Eps journeyed to Gardner, Kansas, to take part in the annual American Legion tournament of that city. The boys walked off with second place honors in a sixteen team field and dropped the final game by the slight margin of one point. Randy Barron, Lyle Woodring, Don "Spider" Freely, Herb Rettig, Stoney Ward, Ernie Shank, Herb Mesigh, and Paul Stavros, made up the squad with Stavros acting as player-coach. Woodring, Shank, and Freely, drew the plaudits of the crowd with their spectacular scoring antics.

With the chapter's interest in intramurals aroused, the Sig Eps promise to be more and more of a power in Kansas athletics.

## Volley Ball Team Wins Championship

In the Intramural volleyball tournament just concluded, the Sig Ep "B" team furnished most of the smiles for the local chapter. Winning their division title and losing by only two points in the playoffs, the B team featured such stalwarts as Jack Carby, Zack Farha, Scott Phillips, and Claude Owens. The team was coached by Dick Gilman.

The "A" volleyball team copped third place in their division and missed a playoff berth by only one game.

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