



The Jayhawker

SPECTER

"The image of college life appears but a specter in memory"

KANSAS GAMMA of SIGMA PHI EPSILON

Lawrence, Kansas

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A Note on Homecoming

On Saturday, October 13th, the Kansas Jayhawks will take on K-States Purple Pride here at Lawrence. For those of you who did not return for the 50th Anniversary here is a chance to visit the house, meet the brothers (young and old), and watch the Hawks cause havoc with the Wildcats. There will be a lunch before the game, an open bar here at the house, and a shuttle bus going to Memorial Stadium. Everyone is invited. Let's have a larger crowd than we did at the 50th Anniversary.

Patio Project To Begin

After two years of work and contributions, the Sig Ep Patio Project will realize it's physical genesis. Through the kind and generous help of Bodine-Ashner Builders (Tim Ashner's father) and our architect Gary Corser, the project will be under way before you receive this newsletter. And if weather permits and good circumstances prevail, it may be completed by Homecoming. In any case, come by the house and check out the progress. See what Alumni contributions, light bulb sales, foosball money, etc. have been able to start. To complete the project we have taken a loan out. Therefore, any additional contributions are always welcome. It's a beautiful project, so come by and see us and it on Homecoming.

Sig Eps Celebrate 50th Anniversary

It happened--it finally happened! The Kansas Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon celebrated it's Fiftieth Anniversary, in true Sig Ep form.

On the 28th day of April, 1973, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Brother Ashley Classen, Class of 1924, walked through the "Big Red Door" at 1645 Tennessee. The celebration had begun.

Brother Classen, from El Paso, Texas, was soon joined by Brother Leroy Sauer, Gerard, Kansas, class of 1925. After a short greeting, they started on a road of memories that was soon to be traveled by everyone who attended our anniversary celebration.

The festivities started around 5:00 with a short cocktail hour held back at the house. Raymond Nichols, former Kansas University Chancellor, stopped in to express his congratulations to the chapter for it's anniversary celebration. The assistant to the Dean of Men, Jim Brooks, along with the Interfraternity Council President joined our list of distinguished guests.

Following the cocktail hour at the house, we drove to the Elks Club in south Lawrence for the anniversary dinner. Our ranks had totaled to over 75 returning alumni (continued P-2, Column 2)

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

THE SPECTERS

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Alumni news and pictures of interest to our readers are sought and welcome at all times. Send to: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, 1645 Tennessee, Lawrence, Kansas, or Alumni Relations Office, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, P.O. Box 852, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

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PLEDGE TRAINING

This summer our Rush Chairmen, John McKee and Mike Head, provided us with 15 top-notch pledges. Pledge Education for these men is a partial return to the "good-old-days." This means that the liberal pledge program has been abandoned for a somewhat conservative format. Of course, the program still emphasizes individuality, but certain rules and duties are back in, which I'm sure all of you alums will attest to, do a world of good for pledge class unity. We all know that this mysterious "pledge class unity" is an integral part in the function of our house and our pledges seem to be adjusting brilliantly.

The big stress this year is on "Activity." All pledges will be required to participate in some out-of-the-house, extracurricular activity. This serves not only to help the pledge diverge his interests, but also spreads the good name of Sigma Phi Epsilon about the town and campus.

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and most of the brothers in the house had gathered at the Elks Club for what we hoped to be a most enjoyable evening. We were not disappointed.

After the dinner we were introduced to the head table where there were seven outstanding alumni. These seven men were attending Kansas University in 1923 and these are the men that got the ball rolling. For the audience, the men at that table projected to us a time in chapter history in which we all look upon with deep respect. Brother Don Johnson, executive vice-president Sigma Phi Epsilon National, and Mother Marge Peters were also among our distinguishing guests at the head table.

Brother Pitney, President, began the after dinner ceremonies with what he referred to as an essential part in any anniversary celebration. This was a brief presentation of chapter history. He went through each decade bringing forth the highlights as well as the disappointing periods of Kansas Gamma.

Following Brother Pitney's presentation, Brother Johnson expressed what could best be described as a note of reassurance for the fraternity system in the United States.

Brother Classen, who was the first to arrive, and from what we know might have been the last to leave, received the award for the alumnus who traveled the farthest distance for the anniversary celebration.

After the dinner ceremonies, people were encouraged to stay and talk to a few of their old friends. And that they did. For over two hours that evening brothers who had not seen each other for years talked about everything from the day they pledged to the day they graduated. It was an anniversary we all will remember.

The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the anniversary celebration and a special and sincere thanks to those seven men who shared those early years of our chapter history. We would also like to thank Brother Don Johnson for his cooperation and help in making our 50th anniversary one of the most memorable moments for Kansas Gamma.

Sig Eps Attend Grand Chapter

The 33rd Grand Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.....it's too bad there is only one every two years. Kansas Gamma was represented by three men. They were J. R. Hughes, Tom Pitney, and myself, Charlie Rhoades. To assess the inspiration and education instilled in each of us by the sight and roar of 600 Sig Eps living, working, singing, and having fun together is impossible.

The days at Denver generated strong feelings of pride for the three of us. Tom attended Grand Chapter meetings as the designated representative while J. R. and I attended concurrent seminars on Rush, House Communications, Pledge Education, House Finances, and Public Relations.

The seminars were the scene of most of the very practical counsel which could be brought back to Kansas Gamma. It was also the setting where new friends were made. Of particular interest to Kansas Gamma was the Communications seminars. A complete audio visual program dealing with the basics of intra house communication, especially between house officers and the chapter was presented. The concept of listening and it's fundamentals dominated our discussion and treatment of the problem at hand. The officers found the lessons learned by the days in Communication so valuable, that we have the entire audio visual program plus instructions on the presentation of the program for integration into our pledge education program. This is a very tangible product and a direct result of the Grand Chapter.

Most of all though, the occasion which sticks in our memory with the most profound impact happened late Saturday night in Room 514. Brother Don Johnson, Kansas Gamma alum and current National Executive Vice-President, invited all the men from Kansas Gamma into his room for a four hour discussion session on Kansas Gamma. The three delegates and two brothers who stopped in to see Grand Chapter, Mike Head and Kevin Kresie, listened with amazement, laughter, and excitement as Don and George related, among other things, the episodes of the house formation, Orange

Bowl 1948, and the MUTT society. We learned that in 1945, and during your years, too, Kansas Gamma had the same kind of men and problems we face in 1973. It is also clear that the men from Kansas Gamma, whether they lived here 30 years ago or 2 years ago, think a great deal like we do now. Thus, in addition to winning the first place trophy for our Alumni Relations, (which you, our Alumni, deserve congratulations for), five 1973 students learned we have much more in common with our brothers from years gone past than we had ever imagined. The beauty of this experience is beyond mere words for five of us. The sad part of the story is the part that only five of us were able to attend. If any one thing can sum up our experience at the Brown Palace, it is our invitation to you to come and talk to a brother this year, say on Homecoming, and let yourself and 60 other men enjoy what Tom, J. R., Mike, Kevin, and I did. We loved it, and so will you!!

Charlie Rhoades

Alumni Communications

How Many Sig Ep Classmates Have You Kept in Touch With? How Many Classmates Know What You Are Doing These Days???? Not much in this newsletter about Sig Eps of your vintage? Our only good way to collect Alumni News is for alumni to send it to us. (We don't have the time to tour the country collecting news from you all at gun-point!) If you didn't read anything about your Sig Ep contemporaries, it's basically because they weren't sociable enough to send us any word on their latest position in the Great Society. Are you also guilty of this negligence??

Well, Fire Up! Clear your conscience! Write and tell us hello and what you are doing. (Even if your situation hasn't changed much for quite a while, reaffirm all the same old information anyway so everyone will know you haven't moved or died or anything.)

News From The Alums

BOB BERKEBILE
KANSAS GAMMA ALUMNI

Until three years ago, the immensity of Bob Berkebile's architectural designing talent was little known outside of his circle of friends, business associates, and those affiliated with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. An alum from Kansas Gamma, Brother Berkebile graduated from K.U. in 1960. He was active in the house and remembers most about his college career the good times and friendship he experienced at 1645 Tennessee. Those alums that have returned to the "Ep Lodge" in the last ten years have undoubtedly noticed the sturdy "butchers block" furniture and the modern designs on the walls in the living room; Brother Berkebile was responsible for these fantastic additions.

Mr. Berkebile is now married and has two children, ages five and two. Until 1969, he was employed by Kivett and Myers, an architectural designing firm in Kansas City. At that magic time Brother Berkebile left Kivett and Myers and formed (with three associates) the firm, Patty, Berkebile, Nelson, and Love. This firm, located at 6 Pettycoat Lane in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, has been involved in designing the new Harry S. Truman Sports Complex, the K.C.I. airport, and the first convention complex of any major sort, the Crown Center, to mention a few. How's that for an impressive list of accomplishments.

Brother Berkebile is truly a distinguished professional and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity is proud that he is among their ranks. He informed us that he still keeps in touch with many people that he lived in the house with and enjoys reminiscing with his old chums.

Dave Mullett

Please write
us and tell
us
what you are doing

Remember

New Alumni Board Elected

As a result of last Springs election, the three alumni voted to represent the alumni chapter of Kansas Gamma are John Erickson, Jack Kilroy, and Jack Leatherman. Jack Kilroy is the newest member to the group as Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Erickson have served before. Here are the fine men that now are giving time and energy to our chapter.

Jack Kilroy--graduated 1969 with a B.A. in Business and in May of 1973 from the K.U. School of Law, former chapter president and vice-president. Resides in Kansas City with his wife and is practicing law with the firm Shughart, Thompson, and Kilroy.

Jack Leatherman--graduated 1959 with B.A. in Business and Physical Education; employed as manager of Falley's in Lawrence; resides with wife and daughter in Lawrence; served on alumni board January 71 to present and is treasurer.

John Erickson--graduated 1965 with B.S. in Journalism, received M.B.A. in 1967; employed as district executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Independence, Mo.; former chapter controller; resides in Kansas City with wife; served on alumni board January 71 to present.

Jim Elkan--graduated in 1966. Is presently serving as chapter comptroller and is a pilot for T.W.A.

Rod Staker--graduated in 1966. Is presently employed as a structural engineer at Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company.

Leroy E. Lucas (Skip)--graduated in 1958. He lives in Lawrence and is employed as Division Superintendent for Kansas Power & Light.