

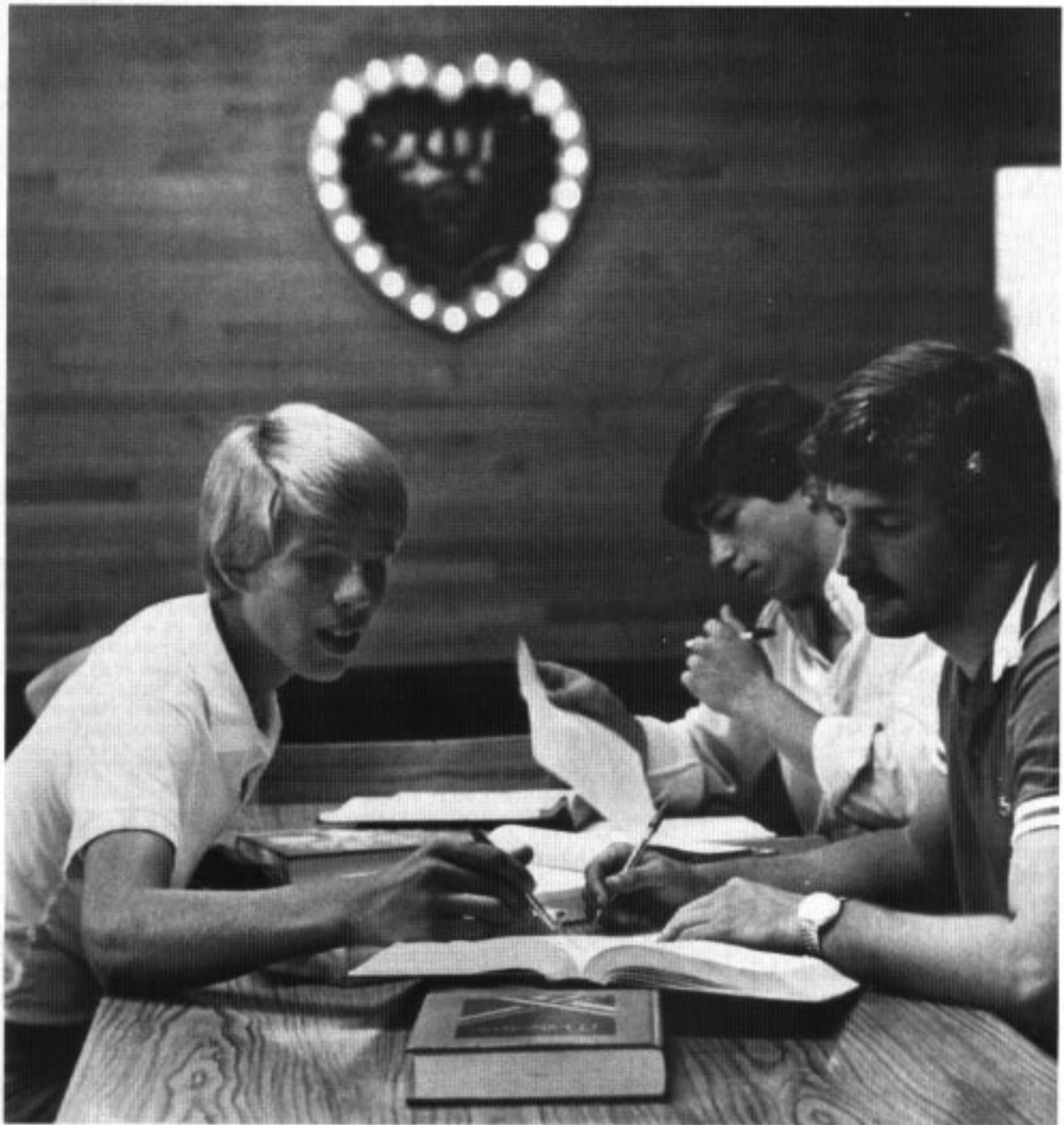
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Spink 'served country'

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1935

John R. Kinzer's new address is 3217 W. 18th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66604.

1936

David H. Fisher received his law degree from KU in 1938. Brother Fisher is senior partner of the Topeka law firm of Fisher, Patterson, Sayler and Smith, 520 First National Bank Tower, Topeka, Kansas 66603. During 1979-80, he served as president of the Topeka Bar Association. Brother Fisher's wife passed away recently.

1939

Frank H. Spink, Jr. died recently in Kansas City, where he served as a businessman, civic leader and military officer. Brother Spink was a major general in the Air Force Re-

serve, fire department director, director of emergency preparedness for Kansas City, and owner of Bunting Hardware. In a recent editorial, the Kansas City Star eulogized: "A handsome, imposing figure of a man, Frank Spink, Jr. . . had a knack for examining the basics of a situation, working out a logical plan to deal with it and then selling that proposal to his associates or superiors. His abilities were respected both at City Hall and the Pentagon. . . The untimely death of Major General Frank H. Spinks, Jr. takes away a man who served both his country and his city with distinction."

Alumni news

1940

Gene Cormany retired on Jan. 1, 1980 as vice president (engineering) and member of the board of directors of Zollner Corporation (Piston Mfg.). From 1940 to 1945, Brother Cormany helped develop the Allison engine for General Motors. He had served as an officer of Zollner since 1953. Brother Cormany raced Corvettes and a 427 Cobra from 1958 to 1972. His most recent race car was featured in the August 1973 issue of Playboy magazine. Brother Cormany's new address is 1621 S. Pomona Avenue, Apt. D-18, Fullerton, Calif. 92632.

1951

Clarence "Clancy" Chambers graduated with a degree in business and marketing. Brother Chambers is currently a furniture salesman for American Furniture Co. His children, Janne and Greg, are both managers of McDonald's' franchises. Brother Chambers' address is 1514 Hermosa N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

1960

Brad Wilson received his M.S. in psychology at Emporia State University in 1966. Brother Wilson earned a Ph.D. in special education at KU in 1971. He is a clinical psychologist at Tri-County Community Mental Health Center in North Kansas City, Mo. Brother Wilson specializes in child psychology. He lives with his wife Cora, and stepdaughter, Kati, 7, at 110 N.E. 61st Terr., Gladstone Mo. 64118.

1969

Dennis DeLozier is the owner of Plaza Studios Stained Glass Originals at 4441 Main, Kansas City, Mo. In a recent feature story on DeLozier,

the Kansas City Star said DeLozier "is one of several Michelangelos of Kansas City stained glass artisans." Dennis lives at 5101 Grand, Kansas City, Mo.

1972

Chris Forbes and his wife Barb recently had a baby boy, Jefferson Troy. Chris is a vice president and loan officer for Anchor Savings & Loan in Lawrence. Barb is a special education teacher in Baldwin. They reside at 3416 Lazybrook Lane, Lawrence, Kan. 66044.

1973

Bob Colvin is an account representative and broker for B.C. Christopher and Sons in Kansas City. Bob and his wife, Jan, daughter Anny, 9, and son Jeremy, 6, live at 10136 Earnshaw, Shawnee Mission, Kan.

1974

Jeff Briley earned a B.S. in education in 1974. Jeff is currently assistant manager for Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., 800 Kahl Building, Davenport, Iowa 52801. Jeff lives with his wife Jean, and daughter Brooke.

1975

John D. Peterson is an attorney with Weeks, Thomas, Lysaught & Mustain, Chartered, Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. John, his wife Terry, and son Curtis John, 18 months, live at 6001 W. 100th Terr., Shawnee Mission, Kan. 66207.

1977

Steve Segebrecht earned his M.D. in 1980 at KU. He is now a resident in general surgery at the KU Medical Center. Steve married Lynn Stoneback, daughter of Brother Ray Stoneback, '41, on May 3, 1980. They live at 8720 W. 78th Circle, Overland Park, Kan. 66204.

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On the cover



It's a new year at Kansas Gamma and all those new faces belong to the members of the new Sig Ep pledge class. Pictured on the cover are three members of that class, Scott Haas, Steve Schmidt and Greg Janes.

Opening of annex, rush spur house expansion

A very successful rush season, led by Rush Chairman Chuck Adams, '81, pushed Kansas Gamma into annexation for 1980-81.

- A two-story house immediately west of the chapter house parking lot has been leased, which eventually will increase house capacity to 71. Currently, four brothers are living in the annex, which occupies the second floor of the house and has a balcony looking over the lot.

Gavel gab

Next semester, Sig Ep will also lease the downstairs area and has negotiated an option to buy the house when the one-year lease expires.

After formal rush was completed — with the signing of six outstanding men — the chapter turned its attention to another, more enjoyable form of rush — Golden Hearts.

- More than 300 girls attended the first party, sponsored by Golden Heart Chairman Larry Burmaster, '82. A variety of other activities with our little sis' organization have also been held and more are being planned.

Alumni coming home for Oct. 18 Homecoming

All Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni and wives are invited to attend 1980 Homecoming activities, Oct. 18, at the Sig Ep Lodge, 1645 Tennessee.

Planned activities begin before the KU-Iowa State football game with the traditional open cash bar and pre-game buffet lunch. Following lunch, Sig Ep buses will take alumni to Memorial Stadium for the game, which starts at 1:30 p.m..

After the game, buses will return to the chapter house for coffee, cider and donuts.

The schedule for Homecoming Day and a pre-party in Kansas City the night before are listed below.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17 — Kansas City Pre-Party, 7 p.m., 10136 Earnshaw (south on Quivira past 95th Street, one mile to Earnshaw). A BYOB affair with swimming. Call Bob Colvin, 932-7066 or 888-6851, for more information.

- Work has begun with Alpha Delta Pi sorority on Rock Chalk '81. Sig Ep Director Bob Haas, '81, reports that the script is nearly complete and that the Sig Eps will be flaunting some great talent: Three members of SPE are also members of University Singers.

- In the first athletic contest of the new year, Sigma Phi Epsilon swam away with first place — defeating 18 other houses — in the Delta Gamma sorority philanthropy, "Anchor Splash."

Brother Steve Graves, '81, an all-star member of KU's varsity swimming team was unable to swim, but he was the runner-up "Mr. Anchor Splash." In addition, nearly all brothers who swam were awarded gift certificates up to \$25.

In soccer, we defeated Delta Upsilon; in football, we defeated Phi Gamma Delta — and if things keep up, we may need more trophy space before the fall ends.

- Planning is well underway for Homecoming 1980, on the weekend of Oct. 18. We hope to see a lot of proud Sig Ep alums and their families.

BY CRAIG TEMPLETON,
'81

SATURDAY, OCT. 18 — SPE Open House: 10 a.m., bar opens; 11:30 a.m., lunch served; 12:30 p.m., buses leave for game; 1:30 p.m., KU vs ISU; 4:30 p.m., victory reception at the house.

Four initiates added to roll

Kansas Gamma added four names to the roll books on Sept. 6 with the initiation of the spring pledge class.

The new brothers, Doug Brown, '83, Phil Marquardt, '83, Jim Wharton, '83 and Scott Graham, '82, experienced the full tradition of "help" week in learning the concepts and ideas behind Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"I think it meant a lot for them to see the entire chapter come through like it did," Craig Templeton, '81, chapter president said. "I always worry about such a small group getting the full effect, but these initiates didn't miss a thing."

John Finocchiaro, '81, spring pledge trainer, organized the week and got everyone involved, Templeton said.

Finocchiaro said he emphasized scholarship most and was pleased with the results. Brown led the group with a 3.81 GPA.

All four have assumed leadership positions on the house cabinet and Wharton is a yell leader for the Jayhawks.

KU enrollment increases again to record number

First-day enrollment at the University of Kansas for fall semester 1980 was up 390 over the same period last year. KU officials expect a final fall 1980 enrollment slightly higher than the final total of 26,227 a year ago. This year's first-day total was 24,452 compared with 24,062 last year.

Official enrollment figures are computed on the 20th day of classes, after late enrollment is completed.

Sig Ep Spotlight . . .

In the last four years, Craig Templeton has survived a near-fatal car wreck, suffered a fractured skull, been robbed at gunpoint, been involved in a riot, and helped lead the KU Student Senate and the state student lobby association while maintaining better than a "B" average in classes.

Since last November, Templeton also has been president of the Kansas Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"I've had a pretty colorful history in the last four years of luck," Brother-President Templeton said. "I used to just say health, but I don't know anymore. The last four years have definitely been very exciting."

Templeton, a senior in the School of Journalism, epitomizes for many the active and involved Sig Ep.

Currently, in addition to serving as Sig Ep president, Templeton is chairman of the Associated Students of Kansas Board of Directors (the student lobby association) and executive secretary for the KU Student Senate.

Of the many activities in which he has been involved, one of the most educational was an unsuccessful run for student body vice president in 1979, he said.

"I would say if you asked what one thing I've learned the most from of any one, single event in my entire life, it was probably that campaign," Templeton said. "I learned

incredible things about my own self and my body and how much it could endure.

"When I went into that, I knew I was going to be working hard, but I had no anticipation of what sort of scale we were working on. I was working, up and running, many times all 24 hours a day. Through that whole campaign, I don't think I ever did get a full night's sleep."

"There was always something going on. It was really exciting," he added. "It sounds like living hell, but anytime I think back on it, it was just

'... a UDK interview on the pot at Sigma Phi Epsilon...'

so exciting. There's something about that 'life in the fast lane' that intrigues me."

Sometimes, however, it got too fast, he recalls.

"One time, I was in the bathroom and somebody was in there asking me some questions because there was a reporter on the phone," Templeton said. "I did a UDK interview on the pot at Sigma Phi Epsilon."

"And I was sitting there thinking my God, this is the absolute epitome of the whole thing — no peace. One of

the enjoyable moments of the day was always when I'd go in and sit down and finally have a moment of peace, but that blew it all."

Templeton and his running mate lost the election, however, by 31 votes — one-half of one percent of the students who voted.

"Probably one of the bigger things that happened was when we lost the election," he said. "That's probably horrible to say. But a lot of people, I think, don't understand what it means to lose and how good that can sometimes be for you."

"Defeat was a real growing experience — to put it in California terms — it really was. It was good for me, I think, because a lot of times I don't sit and think about 'what if I fail?'"

Involved though Templeton may be, he is unlike most other active students in that he had to sit out his first semester of college with a broken neck from an automobile accident that police said should have killed him.

And then, at a Sig Ep party in 1979, he was found at the base of a concrete flight of stairs — with a fractured skull — in an accident that to this day remains a mystery.

In between, he lived through both a riot and an armed robbery at the motel at which he worked.

"I had a perfect health record going through 18 years and the last four years I've broken almost everything in my body it seems like," he said. "It seems like things just keep happening."

Through it all, the curly-headed Templeton has bounced back and only occasionally wonders if there might be a deeper meaning behind the dubious events of the past four years.

"I can't figure out why my luck has been like it has in the last few years," said he. "And I don't know whether to call it lucky or unlucky. Were I unlucky, I'd be dead. Or had I been lucky, nothing would have happened. It's hard to say."

"My parents have told me that God must have a purpose in my life. They're devout Christians and they figure there must be something that God has in mind because He keeps bailing me out when I'm not supposed to be bailed out."

As president, Templeton said he had tried to stress the positive in problem-solving.

"Too much of the time when I see a problem in the house," he said,



Photo by Julian Gonzalez



"most of the problem is everyone sitting around talking about all these problems, moaning and groaning, and saying everything's going down the tubes.

"And if you just take hold of something and present it in a positive fashion and really go for it, it seems like you get a whole lot more excitement, and people are working for it and going for it."

He said one of the most interesting things about being house president was being able to get an immediate and direct response from the chapter on new ideas and suggestions.

"One time I was asked how I liked being house president and what sort of things I'd noticed about it. And I was thinking, everything I've done in student government or anything else has always had real delayed results," he said. "But in the house, if I come up with an idea of something to do, even so soon as I have my mouth closed from mentioning the idea, I already know where I stand and where I have to work and what's going to happen.

"Instantly, there's a response and you're real close to the response because it's your roommate or your brother. And it's frustrating at times, but whatever happens, it's right there."

"And that's interesting and it's also good training," he added. "I'm seeing every day how fraternity experience is really a learning experience and therefore, I think, an important part of your college life."



With about two months left in his year-term, Templeton said he looked forward to working with the new pledges and helping them reach their potential as brothers.

"I've been looking over this year's pledge class and we've got some really powerful people coming in who will mean a lot to the future of our fraternity," the Topeka native said. "I think Chuck (Adams, rush chairman) has done a phenomenal job on rush.

"I'm really excited to see what this pledge class is going to be able to

'The house has has meant so much to me ...'

do to that chapter. I think, from the looks of these people, they can have a great morale-boosting effect on the entire house."

Templeton joined Sigma Phi Epsilon in fall 1977 as an out-of-house pledge with fellow Topekan and apartment roommate Tom Pickford.

For Templeton, Pickford is the living example of Sig Ep brotherhood.

"In thinking back, since I was in the fifth grade, I've grown up entirely with Tom Pickford," he said. "We got to be good friends in the sixth



grade and from then on, Tom has been like 'Best Friend.'

"We always said, he's gonna make somebody a great wife someday, but he reminds me of something in the Ritual of our fraternity as far as 'these will be the first people who will be there to rejoice with you when there is reason to rejoice and be the first ones there to pick you up or to be with you when times are bad.'

"He's just falls into that class; he's an automatic for that part of the Ritual."

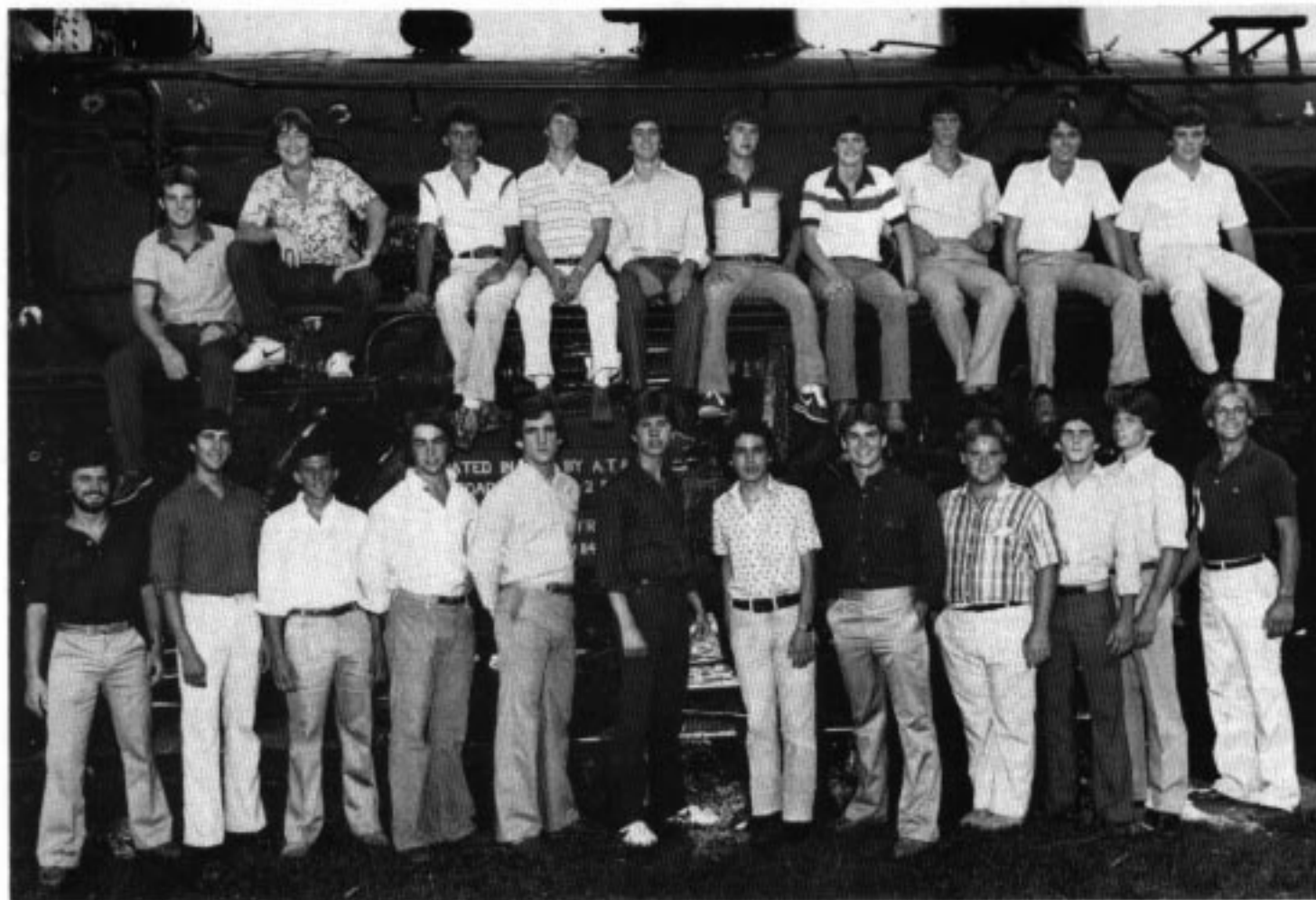
After he graduates in December with better than a 3.25 grade point average and a bachelor of science degree in journalism, Templeton will most miss the fraternity for the friendship and learning opportunities it provided, he said.

"The house has meant so much to me, in so many ways," he said. "I'd be hard pressed to say who my five best friends were, because after you get past one or two, there are about 80.

"There's a whole lot that I've learned; it's just a real experience to live in one building with 60 other guys. There's a whole lesson to be learned in fraternity that I think is real important."

"It's so much of your college experience," he added. "The same stuff you read in all the Sig Ep propaganda we put out for rush is all true. It's all true."

... Craig Templeton



THE PLEDGE CLASS--(1st row l. to r.): Joe Finocchiarro, Dave Franklin, Dale Talty, Pete McLeay, Jim Gray, Brian Thomas, Jorge Diaz, Pat Jones, Tom Fangman, Tom Bene, Dennis Strickland, Pat Ahern. (2nd row):

John Welling, Mark Garcia, Mike Ariagno, Dave Boucher, Scott Herre, Randy Carpenter, Jim Rowe, Bengt Olsen, Kyle Anselmi, Bill Mulvihill. Not pictured: Steve Schmidt, Tom McEvoy, Rod Becker, Greg Janes, Scott Haas.

Program stresses grades, heritage

The pledge stands bent over, pants at his ankles, taking swats on Niedermeier's orders. After each swat the pledge responds, "Thank you sir, may I have another?"

The fictional Omega house pledge program, depicted in the National Lampoon movie, "Animal House," is probably considered by many to be typical of the hazing identified with the Greek system in the 1960s.

Everyone associated with a fraternity has heard stories from the "good ol' days," when pledgship wasn't too different from the situation at Omega house.

Times have changed, however, since those days on the Faber College — and the University of Kansas — campus.

At the 75th Anniversary Conclave

of Sigma Phi Epsilon, four years ago, delegates to the Grand Chapter adopted a resolution reaffirming the Fraternity's policy against hazing in brotherhood development programs.

Today, perhaps to the chagrin of some old timers, Sigma Phi Epsilon nationally is among the leaders in the fight to eradicate hazing from the college fraternity system.

At Kansas Gamma, the 1980 brotherhood development program is concentrating on activities designed to improve scholarship and teach the Fraternity's heritage and principles, according to Rick Rowe, '81, pledge trainer.

"They'll probably know more about Sigma Phi Epsilon than any other pledge class," Rowe said.

"For example, we'll teach them to read and understand the symbolism on our Crest. We'll also emphasize Fraternity heraldry and study of our Founding Fathers.

"It's kind of neat, because the cardinal principles really fit into who the founders were professionally. There were nine ministers, one doctor, one lawyer and one engineer."

"We also hope to highlight organization," he added. "It will create more spirit in the house and help them get more fired up about participating in house activities."

Rowe said this year's pledge class generally was more well-rounded than in past years, containing men with outstanding abilities in athletics, academics, arts and other skills.

The pledges:

Kansas Gamma has 27 new pledges this semester thanks to Rush Chairman Chuck Adams, '81, and his team of rush captains.

With its diverse range of talents, spirit, and interests, Brother Adams is confident that the Sig Ep pledge class at KU is the "best on the hill."

With pledges from as far away as Harsted, Norway, and Lima, Peru, this pledge class is, at the very least, diverse.

Members of the 1980 pledge class are: Pat Jones, Lawrence; Tom Bene, Omaha; Dave Boucher, Prairie Village (son of Frank "Chan" Boucher, '51); Pete McLeay, Omaha (brother of Matt McLeay, '81); Joe Finocchiaro, Omaha (brother of John Finocchiaro, '81); Jorge Diaz, Lima, Peru; Scott Herre, Overland Park;

Jim Gray, Overland Park (brother of Tom "Rit" Gray, '77, and Bill "Coach" Gray, '75); Dave Franklin, Topeka; Kyle Anselmi, Overland Park; Rod Becker, Great Bend; Steve Schmidt, Leawood; Scott Haas, Overland Park; Bengt Olsen, Harsted, Norway; Dale Talty, Omaha; Brian Thomas, Shawnee (nephew of Jerry Mulklin, '64, Kansas Epsilon);

Bill Mulvihill, Perry; Mark Garcia, Leawood (cousin of Jeff Wright, '76, and Kevin Wright, '82); Randy Carpenter, Topeka; Pat Ahern, Prairie Village; Jim Rowe, Leawood; Tom Fangman, Omaha; Tom McEvoy, Leavenworth; Mike Ariagno, Overland Park (son of Robert Ariagno, '57);

Greg Janes, Chicago (son of Charles Edwin Janes, '61); John Welling, Warrensburg, Mo.; Dennis Strickland, Bucyrus, Kan.



Alumni board ballot

Three two-year terms on the Kansas Gamma Alumni Board are up for election this fall. The following three Kansas Gamma alumni have been nominated to fill these positions. A write-in space is provided for additional nominations. Please vote for three and return your ballot to: Kansas Gamma Alumni Association, P.O. Box 8280, Prairie Village, Kan. 66208.

• Roth A. Gatewood, '55, of Topeka, Kan., received his law degree in 1958 and currently serves as general attorney for Santa Fe Industries. Brother Gatewood and his wife Joan have three children: Mary is a sophomore at KU and a Chi Omega; Matthew is a freshman at KU and a Beta Theta Pi pledge; Adam is a high school sophomore. Brother Gatewood is active in both the Arts Council and Civic Theatre in Topeka.

• Thomas L. Gray, '77, of Shawnee Mission, Kan., is a territory manager for Carnation Company. Brother Gray has been with Carnation for more than three years. Tom has been active with the Fraternity in recent years offering advice and assistance in the areas of house improvements and the brotherhood development program.

• Ernest M. "Mick" Wharton Jr., '51, of Lake Quivira, Kan., is vice president of MidAmerican Bank in Roeland Park, Kan. Brother Wharton and his wife have three children including son Jim, who is an undergraduate brother at Kansas Gamma. Mick serves as chairman of the Kaw Valley Heart Association and is past president of the Bank Administration Institute. He is currently serving on the Alumni Board, having been appointed in April to fill an unexpired term.

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Names of wife and children _____

Other items that might be of interest to your fellow brothers:



Photo by Julian Gonzalez

ROBINSON CENTER---Dedication of the new Robinson Health and Physical Education Center addition in August launched the year on a grand scale for the University capital improvement projects.

The Robinson Center additions (above photo) total more than \$6 million and are the second phase of a project begun in 1966, when the core structure was built. The addition nearly doubles the KU health, physical education and recreation complex, providing space for HPER professional training and personal fitness programs.

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