

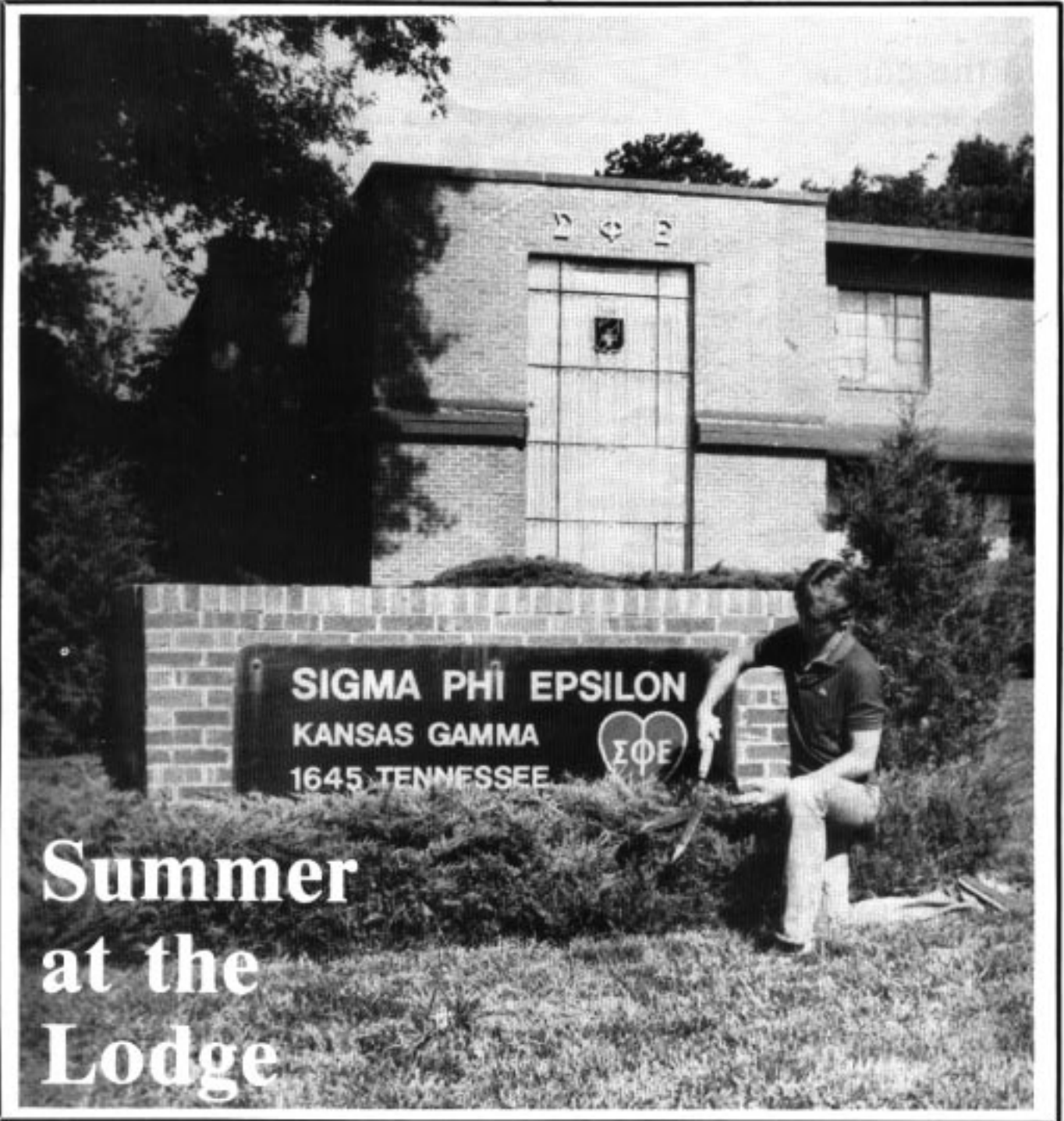
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Summer
at the
Lodge



Alumni news:

On the cover



Summer at the Lodge: Brother Tom Wellenstein, '83, has the happy task of mowing the yard, pruning the bushes, and maintaining the lawn at Kansas Gamma's chapter house this summer. The house itself is closed until fall, but several brothers are living in the annex — an apartment house adjacent to the parking lot.

Gammaramma

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1921

Dana H. McCall has given up driving at age 83 and has decided to live with his son. His new address will be P.O. Box 370; Weed, Calif. 96904.

1925

Z. Lyle Brown and wife Sally are busy operating "Fort Charette," their early French fur trading post museum and antique shop. Fort Charette is located on Old Highway 100, 1½ miles east of Washington, Mo. 63090.

1931

Greever P. Allan and Dwight T. Castello were on the University of Kansas campus during Commencement weekend to attend their 50-year class reunion. The brothers, accompanied by their wives, received 50-year pins and became members of the KU Gold Medal Club.

The Allans reside at 304 Elm Street; Valley Falls, Kan. 66088. The Castellinos live at 302 North Hillcrest; Wichita, Kan. 67208.

1933

George P. Lancaster is retired from the Santa Fe Railroad. He resides at 702 W. Aspinwall; Winslow, Ariz. 86047.

1935

George P. Kavanaugh was inadvertently excluded from the Kansas Gamma Alumni Directory. He lives at 3656 N.W. 32nd; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33309.

1949

H.L. Short is a senior industrial engineer and safety engineer for Intercraft Industries Corp., Carson, Calif. He and his family live at 16822 Saga Drive; Yorba Linda, Calif. 92686.

1956

C.L. Hedrick has been promoted to executive vice president of Zurn Industries and is president of the company's energy division. He resides at 1217 Spring Valley Drive; Erie, Pa. 16509.

1957

David L. Schwartz is vice president of Barrus Construction Co. He lives at 1706 Emerson Road; Kingston, N.C. 28501.

1959

Leland Kent Wilkinson is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is a C-5 operations officer at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. He lives at 350 Alamo Drive; Vacaville, Calif. 95688.

1960

Klaus J. Bosch was inadvertently not listed in the Kansas Gamma Alumni Directory. He is a counselor in West Germany's embassy in Bulgaria. His address is D5300 Bonn 1; Postfach 1500; (Botschaft Sofia) West Germany.

1962

Jack Dysart is an architect, builder and realtor with Dysart Associates Architecture and Construction, Inc. His mailing address is P.O. Box 373; Evergreen, Colo. 80439.

1963

Bryan Bolin is a national field sales manager for Donahue-Talon. He lives at 5306 Rockborough Trail; Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083.

1964

Richard L. Quinn is a major in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash. He lives at 11526 108th Street S.W.; Tacoma, Wash. 98498.

1967

Ed Samuelson and wife Barbara are the proud parents of a new son. Andrew Robert, their first child, was born Jan. 17. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce. They live at 220 Baltimore Ave.; Corte Madera, Calif. 94925.

Dr. Kenneth L. Derrington is currently working in his solo practice as a family practitioner in Overland Park. A 1971 graduate of the University of Kansas Medical School, Derrington completed his internship in the U.S. Navy. His address is 4601 W. 109th; Overland Park, Kan. 66211.

What's happening with 24 brothers

1969

Paul Michael Sheary is president of M&M Construction. His mailing address is P.O. Box 2492; Taos, N.M. 87571.

1970

Alexander B. Holmes is an associate professor in the economics department at the University of Oklahoma. He lives at 1413 South Jenkins; Norman, Okla. 73069.

1971

Tom Wertz is an attorney with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. His address is 1122 North Fork; Douglas, Wyo. 82633.

1972

Robert W. Iler is again living in California. A lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, he lives at 130 Redwood Place; Santa Cruz, Calif. 95066.

1973

John Mauer recently was promoted by the First National Bank in Lawrence from assistant vice president and trust officer to vice president and trust officer. Mauer is currently serving his third two-year term on the Kansas Gamma Alumni Board. He has been president of the board for the past three years.

1974

Bernie Becker is currently a compensation and benefits manager for Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka. Wife Roseanne, an alumnae of KU's Delta Delta Delta, works in bank marketing-public relations. They reside at 4120 Twilight Dr., No. 209; Topeka, Kan. 66614.

Rex Hearst moved in December 1980 to 719 E. 72nd Street; Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

1977

Greg "Scout" Morris is working on President Reagan's staff in Washington. His address is 301 G Street S.W., Apt. 827; Washington, D.C. 20024.

Alumni Support Strong

Alumni response to the Gammaramma's recent fundraising drive was unprecedented.

The Alumni Association is very encouraged by the strong showing of support, which — for the first time in recent memory — will allow for a positive financial balance.

The surplus will be used for scholarship funds and house improvement projects. The following 70 brothers have sent in voluntary annual subscriptions ("•" indicates a contribution in excess of the \$15 subscription rate):

Z. Lyle Brown, 1925; Charles E. Clutter, 1928; Conrad J. Eriksen and Harold E. Keller, 1929; James D. Dye, 1930; Carl C. Rumold and Harold M. Fairhurst, 1931; C.W. Schumacher, 1932; F. Marvin Plake and James B. Murphy Jr., 1934; Jess W. Bolton, 1935; James R. Hopkins, 1938; Bud Grogan and Lester Kappelman, 1939.

"Gus" Edwards and William R. Kuchs, 1940; Ray G. Stoneback and Dr. R. Glenn Elliott, 1941; J. Paul Turner, 1944; Glenn L. Kappelman and Donald M. Johnson, 1945; Judson E. Goodrich, 1947; William W. Burt, 1948; • William M.

Spann, William D. Akright, J.H. Campbell and Paul L. Skolaut, 1950; Harry K. Newby, 1952.

Wendell R. Sullivan, 1954; Roth A. Gatewood, 1955; Thomas L. Bryan, 1957; Feral P. Gehring, 1958; Norman D. Shutler and Leland K. Wilkinson, 1959; Robert E. Kerr, Duane R. Needels and • Delbert Williamson, 1960; Ronald E. Roberts, 1961; David H. Fisher, 1962; Robert M. Bush and Robert L. Herchert, 1964.

Larry J. Dalton, Thomas E. Elliott and Stephen T. Hartung, 1965; Barry L. Cohen and Rodd D. Staker, 1966; Robert G. Elliott and Jerald L. Nelson, 1967; Steve W. Moyer, 1968; Jack M. Kilroy, 1969; Jeffrey T. Hallquist, 1970; Dr. John S. Adams and David H. Wood, 1971; Chris T. Forbes, Robert W. Iler and W. Terrence Kilroy, 1972.

Steven Logan, 1974; David C. Fisher, 1975; John T. Brady, 1976; William R. Brown, Thomas L. Gray and Kelly G. Vogt, 1977; Steven F. Burmaster, William R. Chambers, Harold J. Lamb and Larry C. Miller, 1978; Rex Schrunck and Edward J. Walaszek, 1979; Stephen D. Burchstead and Thomas M. Pickford, 1980; Benn D. Smith, 1981.

The following nine brothers have joined one of two giving clubs established by the Alumni Association to recognize Kansas Gamma members who contribute in excess of the Gammaramma subscription rate.

New members of the Sig Ep Sam Club:

Gus Edwards, 1940.
Thomas L. Bryan, 1957.
Stephen T. Hartung, 1965.
Jerald L. Nelson, 1967.
New members of the Purple and Red Club:
Conrad J. Eriksen, 1929.
C.W. Schumacher, 1932.
Paul L. Skolaut, 1951.
W. Terrence Kilroy, 1972.
John T. Brady, 1976.

In memoriam

Kansas Gamma mourns the loss of four brothers.

Lawrence Platt, '31, died in spring 1980. He and his wife had been living in Richland, Wash. He was buried in Kansas.

Lyman Corlis Jr., '39, died in November 1980 in Portland, Ore. He had been owner of the Ottawa Finance Company and served at one time as commissioner of finance.

George N. Benschmidt, '50, and his son, Charles N. Benschmidt, 27. (Colorado Gamma), died in January 1981 in an airplane crash. The wreckage

of their Cessna 182 was found seven miles north of Lakey, Texas. The elder Benschmidt was president of Western Foods Company, La Junta, Colo; his son was an agricultural manager with the firm. Survivors include brothers Newton H. Benschmidt, '19, and Charles E. Benschmidt, '52.



Above, Brothers Mark Buhler, '77 and Dave Fisher, '75. Below, 1981 Alum of the Year Rod Staker, '66 and wife Martha. (Photos by Craig Templeton, '81.)

Alumni Day honors

The naming of Rodd Staker as Alum of the Year highlighted the 1981 Spring Alumni Day in activities Saturday, April 25 in Lawrence.

Approximately 45 brothers attended the festivities, which began with lunch at the chapter house Saturday afternoon, continued with golf, tennis and other forms of recreation, and concluded with a banquet Saturday night at the Lawrence Country Club.

Staker, a Kansas City engineer who has served the undergraduate and alumni chapters of Kansas Gamma in a variety of capacities in the past 20 years, was the first recipient of the Alum of the Year designation and few fraternity members could be more deserving. Terry Kilroy, '72, said in presenting Staker

with the award.

"Nobody in the history of the fraternity," Kilroy told the Alumni Day banquet crowd, "has given so much time and put so much effort into the fraternity."

Since pledging Kansas Gamma in the fall of 1962, Staker has served the chapter as:

- Comptroller in the undergraduate chapter during the planning of the house expansion in the mid-1960s.
- Member of the Alumni Board from 1969 to 1977, serving as its treasurer, secretary and president.
- Founder with others of the Kansas Gamma Alumni Association, serving on its board of directors since 1974 and serving as its president from 1974 to 1979.



Staker

- Editor of the Gammaramma from 1974 to 1979.

- Alumni Advisor in District 20 of Sigma Phi Epsilon from 1975 to the present.

- Staff member on various Regional Leadership Academies sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

But the alum of the year, a Denver native, might never have joined Sigma Phi Epsilon had his father not been transferred in 1962.

In that year, Staker's parents moved from Denver to Kansas City and Rodd, who had pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon in his freshman year at the University of Colorado, decided to transfer to the University of Kansas.

At KU, Rodd went through formal rush instead of affiliating with TKE and decided he'd rather pledge Sig Ep — a decision, he told brothers at the Alumni Day banquet, he has never regretted.

"It means a great deal to receive this recognition from my fraternity," Staker said. "...The fraternity has meant a great deal to me, as I'm sure it's meant a great deal to all of you."

"Sig Ep doesn't end when you graduate, it really begins in a way. Sig Ep is a great organization and I've been really proud to be in it."

Also at the banquet, Jim Swenson, '82, was presented the first scholarship awarded by the Alumni Association.

Swenson, currently the undergraduate chapter's comptroller, received the \$100 award for maintaining the highest grade point average in the house during the spring and fall semesters of 1980 — 3.97.

He hopes to graduate in May 1982 with degrees in economics and french literature and plans to attend law school.

Also at the banquet, fraternity alumni pins were awarded to 14 graduating seniors at the banquet and immediate past president Craig Templeton, who currently is in Richmond for training as a regional director, received a large wooden paddle signed by undergraduate chapter members.

Plans for the third annual Spring Alumni Day, to be held in April 1982, are already being made by the Kansas Gamma Alumni Association. Watch for more details in future issues of the Gammaramma.



Craig Templeton '81

From left, Brothers: John Brady, '76, Kevin Fitzpatrick, '71, Bruce Ecton, '75, Mark Buhler, '77, Brent Messick, '74, and Dan Lonergan, '76.

Scholarship awarded to Swenson

A Leawood senior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.97 is the first recipient of a Kansas Gamma Scholarship to an undergrad brother.

Jim Swenson, '82, received the first \$100 scholarship for earning the highest GPA over the spring and fall 1980 semesters. Dave Wood, '71, alumni board treasurer, presented Swenson with his scholarship check at the 1981 Spring Alumni Day Banquet.

Swenson currently serves the chapter as comptroller and as a member of the executive committee. He plans to graduate with an economics degree in May 1982 and then attend law school.

A contribution from the Alumni Board late last year established a permanent scholarship fund with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. The fund now has a balance of more than \$1,300.

An annual scholarship now will be awarded from the earnings generated by the fund. Additional contributions will go to the fund to establish more scholarships.

Fourteen undergraduate brothers joined alumni ranks at the close of the spring 1981 semester.

The brothers, their degrees and plans for the future are listed below:

Chuck Adams, business, Xerox Corp. sales department.

Dan Beasley, English, graduate school.

Mike Downing, political science, law school.

Scott Ehle, microbiology, graduate school.

John Finocchiaro, accounting, staff accountant for Coopers and Lybrand.

Steve Graves, accounting, graduate school.

Bob Haas, computer science, applications analyst with United Computer Systems.

Rick Jenkins, education, KU assistant swimming coach.

Mark Lanik, English-biology, graduate school.

Matt McLeay, microbiology, graduate school.

Marty Quinn, English, working with Industrial Lumber Supply, Kansas City.

Paul Rieger, architecture, graduate school.

Mike Robinson, business, U.S. Air Force Flight Training School.

Rick Rowe, business, to graduate December 1981.

Chapter news:

KC woman is new housemom

Kansas Gamma has a new housemother: Mrs. Corene Meier, a Kansas City woman who recently retired from Putsch's Cafeteria in Kansas City, where he was a cafeteria manager for 13 years.

Mom Meier will begin her new duties in late August.

She replaces Jean Morgan, who resigned last spring after six years at Kansas Gamma to become housemother at KU's Delta Gamma sorority.

Rush continues

Summer rush is in high gear as Rush Chairman Dennis Strickland and his rush captains try to reach their goal of 25 pledges for the fall 1981 semester.

The signing push in the Kansas City area was kicked off May 24 with a party at the Lake Quivira home of Rush Captain Jim Wharton.

The rush effort will extend into Chicago and St. Louis later this summer. Formal fall rush will take place Aug. 15-18 for out-of-state and other new students.

Rush captains in addition to Wharton, '83, are: Tom Bene, '84, Omaha; and Kyle Anselmi, '83, Overland Park.

Gavel gab

By Larry Burmaster, '82
Kansas Gamma President

Growth and activity are key words at Sig Ep this summer. As the alumni board explores the possibility of expansion, the chapter shoots for an extra large pledge class.

The annual Luau party and the Superstars philanthropy kept the brothers more than busy in the spring 1981 semester.

Keeping with tradition, Superstars was a huge success. The Luau was bigger and better than ever, and Kansas Gamma was, of course, privileged to have the company of local policemen several times during the evening. They seemed to enjoy the party too.

Memories of regionals and hopes for Conclave are foremost in the minds of several brothers. The chapter sent six representatives to the Regional Leadership Academy in Oklahoma City in February.

The regional presented brothers with an opportunity for growth and tantalized their appetites for adventure with a slideshow on Conclave 1981.

The 80th-anniversary Conclave will be in New Orleans in August. Sig

Ep National expects to have the biggest turnout in the history of the fraternity. Kansas Gamma will be represented by myself, Jim Swenson and Brant Tidwell.

Brothers honored

Two members of the undergraduate chapter recently received awards.

Greg Janes was honored by the University of Kansas School of Engineering for his excellence in mechanical engineering courses.

Jim Swenson was honored with two scholarships totaling \$900: He received a \$400 A.J. Boynton Scholarship from the KU economics department and a \$500 scholarship from Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters in Richmond.

Mother Holly

A former housemother who came to Kansas Gamma 30 years ago this fall recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Mrs. J.I. Hollingsworth, who served KU's Sig Eps as housemother during the 1950s, continues to have a strong interest in Sig Ep and would especially enjoy hearing from any brother in the chapter when she was there.

Mother Holly's address is: 1608 Morningside Lane; Newton, Kansas 67114.

Ah, shucks

The Gammaramma has received special commendation from Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters in Richmond.

Dean L. Woodbeck, communications director for the national fraternity, praised Kansas Gamma's newsletter in a letter to Chapter Counselor Dale Seufferling.

"Congratulations on another fine issue of the Gammaramma," Woodbeck wrote shortly after publication of the Winter 1981 issue. "Your efforts have made this publication one of the best, and most exciting, in the fraternity."



\$1,000 raised

Sigma Phi Epsilon raised more than \$1,000 for the Douglas County Association for Retarded Citizens in the fraternity's sixth annual Superstars, conducted in the first week of April.

Sponsored with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, the philanthropy is designed to raise funds to send mentally handicapped athletes to the regional and national "Special Olympics."

Twenty-four campus living groups sponsored athletes in the 10 events: tennis, pool, swimming, golf, weightlifting, baseball hit, basketball freethrow, bowling, horseshoes and the ever-popular obstacle course.

The week ended with an all-campus party honoring the athletes — including Sig Ep's Steve Graves.

Bridget Quinn, Chi Omega sorority, won the women's division. Cory Coryell, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, won the men's division. The event was coordinated by brother Mike Greig and KAT's Maggie Fletcher.

Dialing for \$\$

Sigma Phi Epsilon was the top fraternity team participating in the 1981 Greater University Fund national telefund campaign.

During mid-February, KU alums pledged more than \$34,700 for the university. Teams of students from 20 KU fraternities and sororities conducted the calling each evening.

The Sig Ep team raised \$2,270 in 73 pledges. Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta finished second and third, respectively.

Addresses lost for 50s five

We need your help in locating five of our "lost" brothers. Recent issues of the Gammaramma have been returned to us and we need their updated addresses. If you have any information on the whereabouts of the following brothers, please forward it to the Kansas Gamma Alumni Association or Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters in Richmond:

Claude E. Owens Jr. and Thomas J. Wreglesworth, 1950; Donald W. Wind and Sam K. Owens, 1951; and Andre S. Waldmann, 1958.

Momentum increasing for '65-'75 reunion

Planning continues for a mass-reunion at the 1981 Homecoming of all brothers who graduated from KU between 1965 and '75.

Mike Cavender, '71, who is coordinating activities for the reunion, reports things are going well.

A party will be held Friday night, Oct. 9 (the night before Homecoming), at 7:30 p.m. at the Foxridge Racquet Club and apartments, 6900 W. 50th Terr., Mission, Kan.

Several brothers have already indicated they plan to attend, including:

From the class of 1974 — Tom Busch, Brent Messick, Dave Anderson and Tom Pitney.

From 1973 — Bill Grist (California), Jay Reed, Dennis Lingle, John Mauer and Ken Stinson.

From 1972 — Terry Kilroy, Chris Forbes, Bill Kunz, Dick Kerr and Brent Spake.

From 1971 — Mike Cavender,

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Dave Anderson (Georgia), James Paul Cobb (Georgia), Tom Wertz (Wyoming), Richard Treat (Colorado), Jeff Anderson (California), Bob Brooks (Arizona), Dave Wood and Ralph Hellman (Colorado).

From 1969 — Jack Kilroy.

From 1968 — Steve Moyer (Colorado).

From 1967 — Jerry Nelson (Nebraska).

A "gala" party is planned Friday night, with wine, beer, set-ups, and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$15 per couple.

On Saturday, activities will begin at the chapter house in Lawrence at 10:30 a.m. Buses will transport all alumni to and from Memorial Stadium for the football game.

Another party is planned Saturday night in Kansas City. For more information, call Cavender at 816-221-0787.

Alumni News

Name _____

Address _____

Class _____ Degree in _____

Occupation and Position _____

Names of wife and children _____

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

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