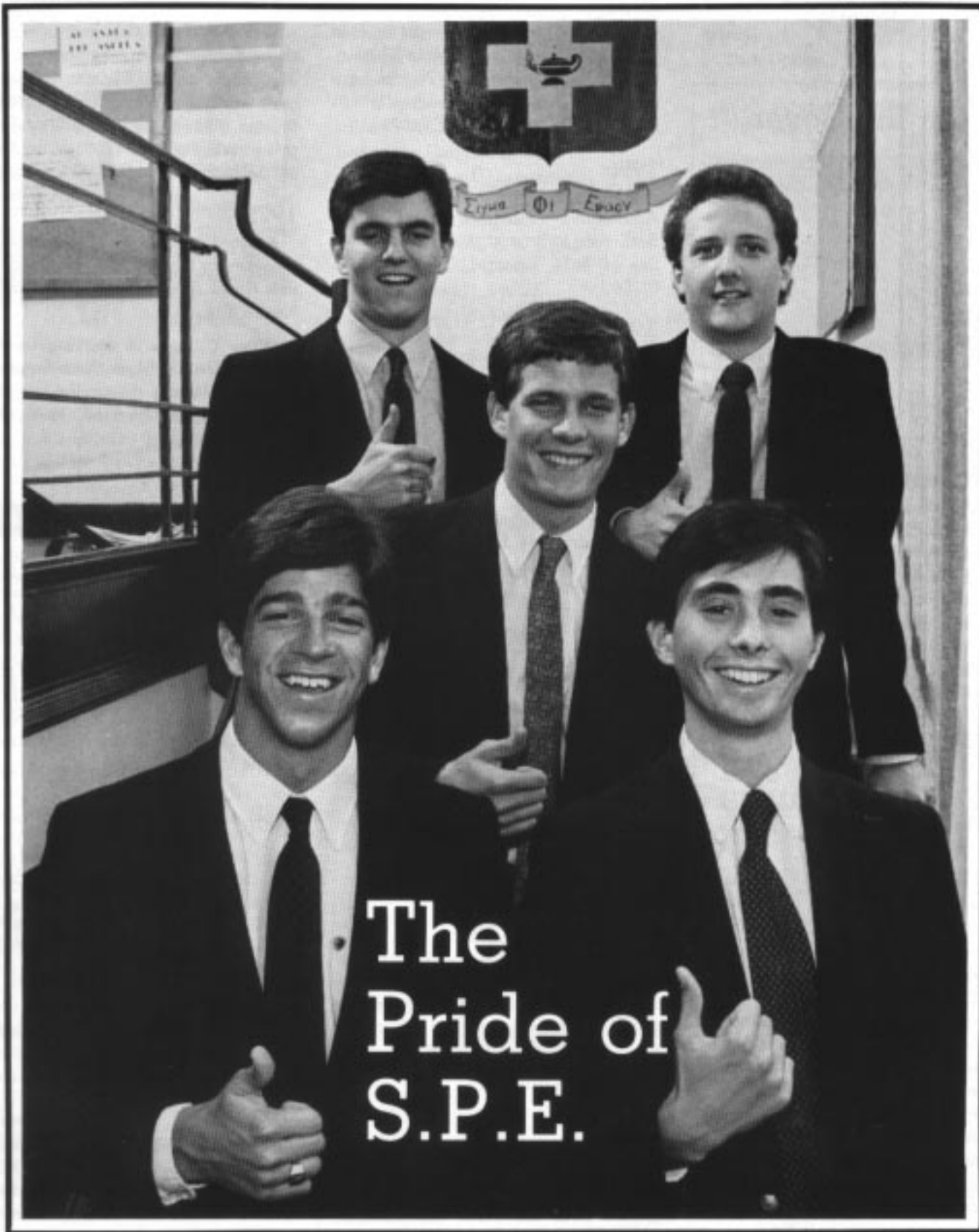


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The
Pride of
S.P.E.



On the Cover



The Pride of S.P.E.: The faces and names may change, but that special feeling never does. The undergraduate leaders of the chapter include (from bottom left) President Greg Janes and Secretary Paul Rappaport; (center) Recorder Chuck Miller; (from top left) Vice President Scott Herre and Comptroller Kevin Ose.

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Alumni news: 17 brothers fill us in

1952

Donald L. Freely is the owner of "Don Freely Auto Repair" in Shawnee Mission. Brother Freely and his wife Norma have two grown children. Their address is 9601 W. 156th St., Stanley, Kan. 66221.

1956

John C. Beal is the president of Jobbers Automotive Warehouse, Inc. Brother Beal, wife Jody, and their two children live at 8624 Tamarac, Wichita, Kan. 67206.

1960s

Mom E. Faye Cook, Sig Ep house-mother from 1962-66, has been a resident of Tempe, Ariz., for the past two years. Formerly of Topeka, Mom Cook has several relatives in the Tempe area. According to Brother Rodd Staker, '66, who corresponds with her, Mom Cook is as healthy, spry and active as always, having just turned 81. Her address is 2609 W. Southern Ave., No. 238, Tempe, Ariz. 85282.

1967

Clarence J. Wilson Jr., has a dentistry practice in Caruthersville, Mo. He serves on the district council of the Boy Scouts and on the local school board. Brother Wilson and his wife Lynne have five children. Their address is Box 68, Playground Rd., Caruthersville, Mo. 63830.

1968

Samuel Gill is archivist at the Margaret Herrick Library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences in Beverly Hills. Brother Gill lives at 383 S. Burnside Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90036.

1971

Dave Robertson is regional sales manager for Texas Nuclear, a subsidiary of Ramsey Engineering Corp. Brother Robertson lives at 11507 Windermere Meadows, Austin, Texas 78759.

1973

Richard "Hoot" Gibson is a physical education teacher for the Shawnee Mission public schools. He spends his summers working at a boys camp in Maine. Brother Gibson, wife Christin and their two sons live at 3701 W. 76th St., Shawnee Mission, Kan. 66208.

1975

Kevin L. Kresie is a merchandising manager for Fleming Company, Inc. Brother Kresie lives at 901 Wood, Wichita, Kan. 67212.

Wiley C. Agee is working for Cole Harford. Brother Agee, wife Susan and their son Wesley Craig live at 10031 Delmar Lane, Overland Park, Kan. 66207.

1976

Gregory M. Hembree received his master's degree in 1978. Currently the city planner for the city of Lenexa, Kan., he and wife Robin live at 4935 Juniper Dr., Roeland Park, Kan. 66205.

1977

Bill "Dog" Brown is engaged to marry Barbara Gray, a Golden Heart and Delta Gamma. They plan an Aug. 20 wedding at Village United Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village.

1978

Steven L. Buffer plans to graduate from the UMKC dental school in May. Brother Buffer, wife Wendy and their dog Max make their home at 907 E. Bannister Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

Jeff Ashner is engaged to Lisa Ann Posner of Lenexa. They plan an Oct. 1 wedding at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Shawnee.

1980

Tom Pickford is completing his first year in the School of Law at St. Mary's University, San Antonio. His address is 2626 Babcock, No. 805, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

More 1982 contributions listed as '83 fund drive commences

1981

Mark Lanik is completing his first year at the KU School of Law. Brother Lanik has been elected KU's representative to the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association, replacing Brother **Ross Hutton**, '80, who is graduating this spring. Lanik's address is 3058 W. 7th, Lawrence 66044.

Paul Rieger married the former Michelle Sanderson on March 19 in Overland Park. The Riegers are making their home in Kansas City.

1982

Brant Tidwell and Lucy Woodard, a KU Chi Omega, have announced their engagement. An associate with Calvin, Eddy & Kappelman Inc., of Lawrence, Tidwell will tie the knot Sept. 24.

In memory

E.S. Hampton, '26, died Aug. 31, 1982 in Salina, where he was a senior partner in the law firm of Hampton, Royce, Engleman & Nelson. A former chapter president, Brother Hampton was a director of Planters Bank and Trust Co. and Peoples State Bank of Ellinwood. He was 77.

Leslie Hawes Fisher, '32, of Falls Church, Va., died March 31, 1982. Brother Fisher was general counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., in Washington, D.C. He served Kansas Gamma as chapter president in 1931.

Stuart B. Walker, '40, of Leawood, died April 28, 1982 at the age of 62. He was a buyer for the Jones Store Co. of Kansas City before he retired in 1981.

Bert E. Protzmann, Jr., '56, died in May of 1982 from a heart and circulatory illness. He was a resident of Reno, Nev.

Everett Christenson, Honorary '60, died March 6, 1983 in Lawrence at the age of 76. A former building contractor and developer, he was the father of the late Brother Edward Christenson, who died in 1959.

The Kansas Gamma Alumni Association is pleased to recognize 22 brothers for their financial support during 1982. Their names join a list of more than 100 brothers published in the Summer 1982 issue of the Gammaramma.

The following brothers have each contributed \$15 as their voluntary subscription to the Gammaramma:

- 1933: George P. Lancaster.
- 1961: Capt. Ralph L. Chappell, James F. Reeves.
- 1964: Raymond E. Meyer Jr.
- 1966: Barry L. Cohen.
- 1971: David H. Wood.
- 1972: Ralph W. Iler.
- 1978: Leonard A. Weinand Jr.
- 1982: Larry M. Burmaster, Brant W. Tidwell.

The following brothers have contributed in excess of the subscription rate:

- 1931: Greever Allan.
- 1950: William D. Akright.
- 1967: Jerald L. Nelson.
- 1969: Jack Westerhoff.
- 1973: John S. Maurer.
- 1975: Kevin L. Kresie.

As one of two special giving club, the Sig Ep Heart Club recognizes brothers who contribute \$50 annually to the Association.

- 1923: Robert S. Hare.
- 1931: Dwight T. Castello.
- 1935: Byron W. Walters.
- 1958: Bruce Patty.

The Purple and Red Club recognizes brothers who contribute \$100 annually to the Association. Membership includes free registration (\$25 value) for Spring Alumni Day.

- 1925: Laird V. Glasscock.
- 1934: James Boe Murphy.

The 1983 fund raising campaign began with the new calendar year. If you have not yet contributed this year, the Association invites you to do so by mailing your tax deductible contribution, made payable to the Kansas Gamma Alumni Association, to the Association at P.O. Box 8280, Shawnee Mission, Kan. 66208.

A complete list of new donors will be published in the Summer 1983 issue of the Gammaramma.



Gaining Ground  for Brotherhood

August 11-14, 1983

The Chicago Marriott is the site for the 1983 Conclave of the national fraternity. For more information and registration forms, write: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, P.O. Box 1901, Richmond, Virginia 23215.

A Tale of Two Cities' Managers

Time was when the citizens of Dallas and Fort Worth really didn't care for one another's cities.

When the residents of Dallas, like Brother Chuck Anderson, figured the best possible use for Fort Worth would be flooding it for recreational use.

When the residents of Fort Worth, like Brother Bob Herchert, simply wouldn't go to Dallas—and if they absolutely had to go, they'd take a lunch so they wouldn't have to eat there.

But times are changing, thanks in large part to two men who 22 years ago were students at the University of Kansas, and pledge brothers at the Kansas Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Anderson is city manager of Dallas. Herchert is city manager of Fort Worth. And under their joint leadership, a new, unprecedented era of cooperation is dawning on the Texas prairie.

"There has been a long history of feuding between the two cities," Brother Herchert said. "Some of the old-timers still feel very antagonistic about Dallas. It's a deep, personal antagonism—much more than a friendly collegiate rivalry."

"Even though it's been getting better," he added, "the closeness of Chuck and myself has been very helpful in overcoming it."

"Our (cities') futures," Brother Anderson said, "are inextricably linked together. Bob and I realize that. Sure, there's been competition between the two, but there's always been that ... We increasingly are finding areas of cooperation, not competition."

Though separated by 30-plus miles and several small municipalities, Dallas and Fort Worth are the heart and soul of a 250-square-mile "Metroplex" in which more than 3 million people live and work. Brothers Anderson and Herchert, as the chief executive officers of their respective cities, are responsible for the day-to-day operation of city government.

The era of cooperation flowering between the two cities in the 1980s has its roots in the friendship planted between the two men at Kansas Gamma in the early 1960s.

Recently, for example, the two were involved in negotia-

tions with the defunct Rock Island Railroad over municipal acquisition of the rail line between Dallas and Fort Worth.

"We complimented each other in the negotiation process by knowing when to pick up the ball and run with it, and when to let the other one run with it," Herchert said. "We can communicate with each other. There's no misunderstanding each other's position because we can be very open with each other. That's helped speed the communications process."

"Bob Herchert," Anderson said, "is one of the finest city managers in the country. I have a great deal of admiration for him professionally as well as deep affection for him as a friend."

Though both men have followed similar paths since leaving the chapter house at 1645 Tennessee Street, and though both have lived and worked in the same metropolitan area once before (Kansas City, in the mid-1970s), both say their reunion in the Lone Star State was a coincidence.

A sticky

It's probably a little story Chuck Anderson has forgotten to tell the members of the City Council of Dallas, or any of the multitude of reporters who cover him in his capacity as Dallas' city manager.

But then again, the actives of Kansas Gamma probably forgot to tell pledge Anderson, on that day back in the fall of 1960 when he was elected president of his pledge class, about the special honor awaiting him whenever the pledges decided to take their annual "walk-out."

He probably soon learned of the fraternity tradition calling on the active chapter to kidnap the pledge class president before the pledges took their yearly weekend road trip. But when the big day arrived, Brother Anderson recalled, he and his pledge brothers figured they could outsmart the actives.

"We thought we had it rigged so they couldn't find me," he said from his office in Dallas' new \$50 million city hall. "We'd gotten all the (pledges') class schedule cards from the active who kept them."

Story by Steve Young, '80

Photos by Ken Wachendorfer, '82

Anderson has run Dallas since October 1981. Prior thereto, he was:

- * Assistant city manager in Dallas from June 1980 to October 1981;
- * City administrator in the Denver suburb of Lakewood (1978 to '80);
- * City administrator in the Kansas City suburb of Liberty, Mo. (1972 to '78); and
- * Assistant city manager of Olathe, Kan. (1969 to '72).

Following completion of Officer's Candidate School, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1969. While working on his master's degree in public administration, which he received in 1966, he worked for the Kansas Director of Highways. He received his bachelor's degree in 1962.

Herchert has run Fort Worth since August 1978. Previously, he was:

- * Assistant city manager in Kansas City, Mo. (1974 to '78);
- * City manager of Camden, Ark. (1970 to '74); and
- * Assistant city manager of Fairborn, Ohio, near Dayton (1968 to '70).

Before receiving his master's in public administration in 1968, he wore a Green Beret with the U.S. Army from 1964 to '67. He received his bachelor's in 1964.

It was in the mid 1970s, when both were in the Kansas City area—Anderson in Olathe, then Liberty, and Herchert in Kansas City itself—that the fraternity brothers who were pledges together in the fall of 1960 got to know each other once again.

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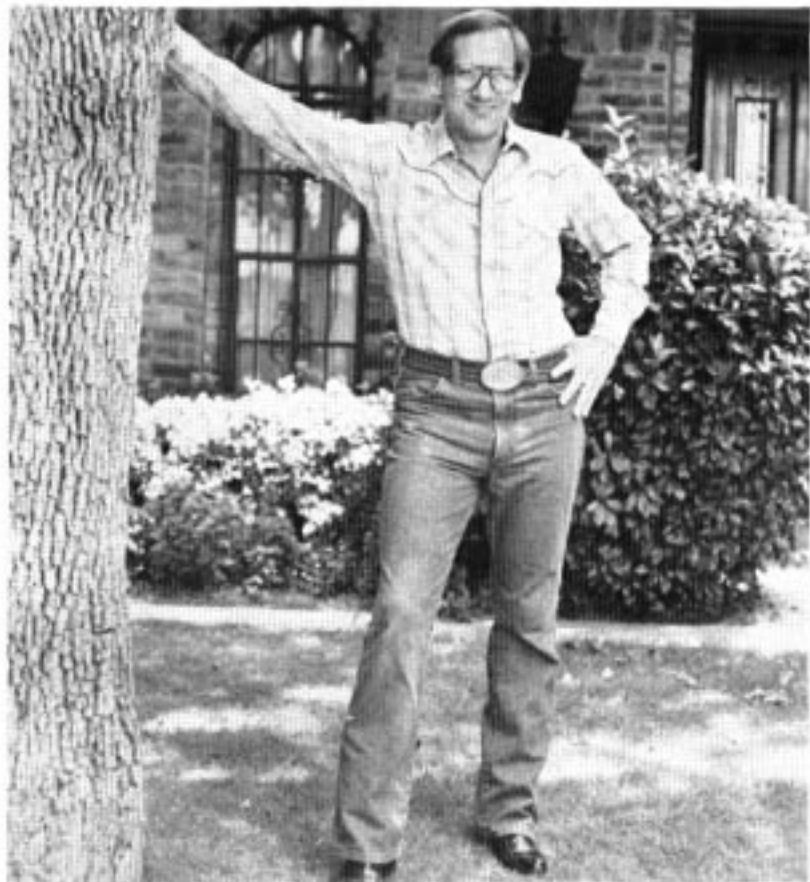
Unfortunately for then-pledge Anderson, however, the plan didn't work. He was found. And then put on display.

"In a very less-than-courageous manner, my pledge brothers never managed to rescue me," Anderson said. "(Actives) put molasses and leathers all over my young body and strung me up outside the front of the house."

Unamused neighbors alerted the then-dean of students, the late Don Alderson, who rushed in horror to the Kansas Gamma chapter house to find Anderson swinging in the breeze.

"I can still remember him hanging there from the house," said Brother Bob Herchert, a pledge brother of Anderson's who is now city manager of Fort Worth. "He had molasses and leathers dripping from him and Dean Alderson came up and said, 'Hello Mr. Anderson,' and Chuck said, 'Hello Dean Alderson.'"

"It was," Anderson said, "a unifying force in our pledge class. I had a good time with it all. I wasn't harmed in any way, but I suspect it didn't look too fraternity-like."



Brother Herchert outside his Fort Worth home.



Brother Anderson at the public square surrounding Dallas City Hall.

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Briefs: Spring Alumni Day honors Johnson, Fisher

"We followed each other's career from the outset," Anderson said. "It's kind of coincidental. If we'd planned it this way, it never would have happened."

That the Metroplex has two city managers from KU probably isn't all that remarkable. Since its inception, KU's Edwin O. Stene graduate program in Public Administration has been recognized as one of the leading programs in professional city government. Its graduates, including Anderson and Herchert, span the nation.

More remarkable, perhaps, is the fact that the two Jayhawk alums came from the same fraternity and the same pledge class within that fraternity—a common heritage which both say they value highly.

Anderson, an Osage City native, was already active in student government when he pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon as a junior. Herchert, from Webster Groves, Mo., near St. Louis, went through rush as a freshman and joined high school friends in pledging Sig Ep.

"Bob and I became friends," Anderson said. "We were compatible personalities and we had an interest in campus politics too. I developed some very deep and lasting friendships in those years. It was very important for me in developing my career...it was a very good experience for me."

Said Herchert, "(Chuck and I) ended up taking a lot of the same courses and we had a lot of the same teachers. We were both fairly involved in campus activities of one sort or another.

"You remember the friendships... When you get together after a time and reminisce, it's the endearing friendships that you look back on. It's not a universal thing, you can't keep up on everyone, but you have the opportunity to make some lifelong friends and that's what's most important."

"There's a lot of value formation that goes on," he added. "By virtue of whom you decide to imitate, your life gets shaped a lot. It's a good opportunity to pick up some good values and some good direction for the rest of your life."

Kansas Gamma's 60th anniversary celebration and the presentation of honors to Brother Don Johnson, '48 and the family of the late Brother Jean Thomas Fisher, '47 highlighted the 1983 Spring Alumni Day, Saturday, April 23.

Brother Johnson, a former chapter president who served as executive director of Sig Ep National Fraternity for 15

years, received the 1983 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award. Also, in memory of the dedicated life of the late Brother Fisher, a special posthumous award was presented to members of the Fisher family.

Watch for detailed coverage in the Summer Gammaramma.

Rush chairmen seek alumni help

Brothers Tom Bene, '84 and Troy Fowler, '86 are leading this year's rush effort to sign-up a quality pledge class of 30 men.

Alumni are encouraged to assist with the rush effort by providing rush recom-

mendations. Please use the reply form in this issue of the Gammaramma to return the names of potential rush prospects.

The undergraduate Chapter appreciates your assistance.

Chapter initiates 16 into S.P.E.

Kansas Gamma initiated 16 pledges into the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity on Feb. 5.

The new brothers hail from six different states and four different cities within Kansas. They are:

Robert Cochran, Oklahoma City freshman; Mark Corson, Overland Park junior; Bill Courtright, Baxter Springs sophomore (son of William Courtright, '53), John Cross, St. Joseph, Mo., junior; Jim Dean, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., freshman; Todd Dechant, Kansas City, Mo., freshman; Scott Hausman, Omaha, freshman; Don Kempin, Lawrence freshman.

Steve Lanik, Lincoln, Neb., junior (brother of Mark Lanik, '81); Chris Lazzarino, Lawrence freshman; Dave Mc-

Cormick, Manchester, Mo., freshman; John McGrath, Flossmoor, Ill., freshman; Jim Pritchard, Omaha, freshman; Jeff Ream, Overland Park freshman; John

Secrest, Wichita freshman; and Paul Wuennenburg, Crestwood, Mo., sophomore.

Scott Hausman was the Honor Initiate, having earned the highest grade point average in his pledge class—a perfect 4.0. The active chapter voted to honor Paul Wuennenburg as the Outstanding Pledge.

Janes, Herre lead undergrads

The leadership of Kansas Gamma was placed in the hands of five new undergraduate brothers with the completion of fall elections.

Brother Greg Janes, '84, formerly of Wheaton, Ill., was elected president. A mechanical engineering major, Janes is the son of the late C.E. Janes, '60. He served as recorder in the previous Exec.

Scott Herre, '84, was chosen vice president. An Overland Park native, Herre is

studying cell biology as a pre-med major. Paul Rappoport, '84, of Manhattan,

Kan., was elected secretary. He is majoring in journalism (advertising).

Sophomores Charles Miller and Kevin Ose were selected as recorder and comptroller, respectively. Both of Overland

Park, Brother Miller is a civil engineering student and Brother Ose is studying biology as a pre-med major.

Alumni News

Name _____ Class Year _____

Name of Wife/children _____

Address _____

Occupation and Position _____

Other items of interest _____

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Rush Candidates

His name _____

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(your name, class year and address)

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Now Meyer than ever: It's all in the family for honorary initiate

The chapter president rose from his chair, grabbed his father by the hand, and was proud to call him "brother."

Chapter president Brother Dan Meyer, '83, had just presided over the honorary initiation of his father, H. Stanley "Stan" Meyer, 52, as part of Kansas Gamma's 1982 Founder's Day celebration, Nov. 1. On hand to observe the ceremony was the elder Meyer's other son, Brother Gus Meyer, '80.

Early last fall, the undergraduate chapter voted unanimously to initiate Stan Meyer in honor of his many years of support of Kansas Gamma. Since the pledging of Brother Gus in 1976, Stan Meyer has devoted many hours of service to the chapter. He has been an active member of the Sig Ep Dad's Club, having served one year as president.

Brother Stan said he was honored to be chosen by the chapter members for the special initiation.

"I think the chapter is made up of a very fine group of young men," he said, "and that makes their wish to initiate me all that more special."

A native of Lincoln, Neb., Meyer graduated from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln in 1952 with a degree in ac-



New
Brother
Stan Meyer

counting. Following a two-year stint in the Army, he joined Arthur Andersen & Co., Kansas City, Mo., as a staff accountant. In 1958 he started work for Rau Construction Co., of Overland Park, and a year later became a certified public ac-

countant.

Meyer is now president of Rau Construction Co., and a member of the board of directors of Southgate Bank and Trust Co., of Prairie Village. A member of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, he was president of the organization in 1967. He has served on the planning commission of the city of Overland Park for the past ten years.

Brother Meyer is married to the former Jappy Rau, daughter of the late Brother Gus Rau Jr., '25. A KU Chi Omega, Mrs. Meyer is past president of the Sig Ep Mom's Club. Her mother, Mrs. Gus Rau Jr., is a member of the Purple and Red Club.

The Meyer-Rau family association with Kansas Gamma is indeed a strong one. And it may not be ending anytime soon: Brother Gus and wife Cheryl have a one-year-old son named Gus Rau Meyer Jr. ('047).

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