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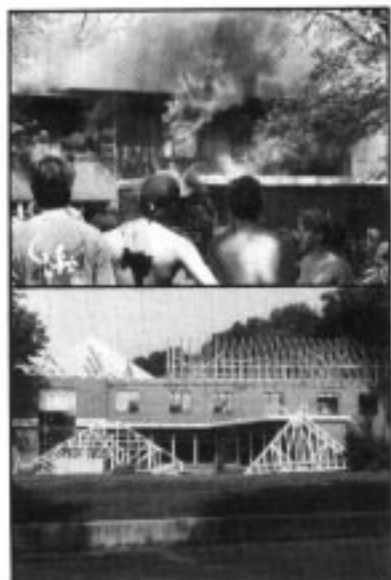
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## On the Cover



**Ashes to Action:** Flames leap from the window of Rm. 3 as the brothers watch the April 26 fire in disbelief. Seventy-one days later, reconstruction work begins to reveal a newly-restored Sig Ep House looking better-than-ever. See page 6 for stories and photographs.

## Gammaramma

The **Gammaramma** is the official alumni newsletter of the Kansas Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at The University of Kansas, Lawrence.

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# Alumni news:

A 1987 update  
on the brothers

## 1926

**Z.L. Brown** retired in 1968 as the customer relations manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. "Squire" is an honorary member of the Rotary Club and is the composer of the Sig Ep Fraternity song, "Little Girl of SPE." Brother Brown lives at Route 1, Box 229, Washington, Mo. 63090.

## 1929

**Delo Selig** is retired from Ma Bell, too. He was formerly a labor relations supervisor for the phone company. Brother Selig keeps busy with church and golf activities. He lives at 9424 Crestwood Manor Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63126.

## 1939

**Lester B. Kappelman** is a realtor as president of Chester-Kappelman Group, Inc. Brother Kappelman lives at 202 N. Crestway, Wichita, Kan. 67208.

## 1941

**Karl M. Ruppenthal** is a retired college professor. During his teaching career, Brother Ruppenthal was a faculty member at Stanford University, the University of Miami, and the University of British Columbia. He recently delivered a paper at Iowa State University as part of their Distinguished Lecture Series on Transportation Economics. Brother Ruppenthal lives at 3755 W. 2nd Avenue, Vancouver, Canada V6R 1J8.

## 1943

**Irven W. Hayden Jr.**, operates a family farming interest near Atwood. In Nov. 1986, Brother Hayden's son, Mike, was elected governor of Kansas. Brother Hayden's address is P.O. Box 288, Atwood, Kan. 67730.

## 1947

**Judson E. Goodrich** still plays the french horn in a couple of local bands near his retirement community of Oakmont in the Sonoma Valley wine country. He retired in 1985 after 34 years as a chemist with Chevron Research Co. During his career, Brother Goodrich was responsible for pro-

ducing 25 patents and 20 publications. He lives at 6396 Stone Bridge Road, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95405.

## 1954

**Wendell R. Sullivan** is a principal partner in the advertising agency of Sullivan Higdon & Sink, Inc. He currently serves the Fraternity as District Governor for the Kansas and Nebraska Sig Ep chapters. His address is 270 S. Pershing, Wichita, Kan. 67218.

## 1955

**Stan Meyer**, a 1982 Kansas Gamma honor initiate, was the 1986 recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award, the highest honor bestowed by Rotary. The Overland Park Rotarian is president of Rau Construction Co. Brother Meyer is the son-in-law of the late Brother **Gus Rau Jr.**, '25, and the father of Brothers **Gus Meyer**, '80, and **Dan Meyer**, '82. Stan and wife Jappy live at 9813 Mohawk Lane, Leawood, Kan. 66206.

## 1956

**Charles L. Hedrick** is senior executive vice president of Zurn Industries, Inc. His address is 1217 Spring Valley Drive, Erie, Penn. 16509.

**David D. Martin** is owner of the Martin Insurance Agency. His address is 12905 Palmer Avenue, Grandview, Mo. 64030.

**James H. Van Lew** is vice president of the Principal Financial Group. You may correspond with him at 7022 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50322.

## 1959

**Gerhard W. Rainer** continues his career as a diplomat while serving as Ambassador of Austria to Ireland. Brother Rainer, his wife, and their two children may be corresponded with at 1030 WIEN, STEINGASSE 3118, WIEN, AUSTRIA.

**Jim Westhoff** is president of Laboratory Equipment Support Service, Inc., in Scottsdale, Ariz. Brother Westhoff lives at 2501 E. Mountain View, Phoenix, Ariz. 85028.

## 1960

**Capt. Ralph L. Chappell** is a Commander in the U.S. Navy at the Defense Contract Administration Services Management Area in St. Louis. He lives at 3532 Victor, St. Louis, Mo. 63104.

**D.L. Williamson** is vice president and general manager of turbine marketing and projects operation for the General Electric Co. His address is 39 Lincoln Mall, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309.

## 1962

**Jack C. Dysart Jr.**, designs and builds custom homes and light commercial buildings as an architect and contractor with Dysart Associates Architecture and Construction. He recently began servicing lawyers and insurance companies as a forensic expert witness in building construction legal cases. His address is P.O. Box 373, Evergreen, Colo. 80439.

### Jayhawk Football 1987

Sept. 12 at Auburn  
Sept. 19 Kent State (Parents' Day)  
Sept. 26 Louisiana Tech (Band Day)  
Oct. 3 Southern Illinois  
Oct. 10 at Nebraska  
Oct. 17 at Colorado  
Oct. 24 Iowa State (Homecoming)  
Oct. 31 Oklahoma (Dads' Day)  
Nov. 7 at Kansas State  
Nov. 14 Oklahoma State  
Nov. 21 at Missouri

## 1964

**Marvin E. Lampton** is the 1987 president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Wichita. He is president of Lampton Welding Supply. He lives at 7701 Donegal, Wichita, Kan. 67206.

## 1965

**Lt. Col. James D. Caven** is the Chief Circuit Defense Counsel for the U.S. Air Force Fifth Judicial Circuit. He supervises 23 defense counsels at 16 bases in five western states. He lives at 890 Sommer Drive, Dixon, Calif. 95620.

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## Wertz Alumnus of the Year

The 1987 Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented to Brother S. Thomas Wertz, '71, during an evening awards banquet at the chapter house on Homecoming Day, Sat., Oct. 24.

The current chapter counselor of Kansas Gamma, Brother Wertz will be recognized by his Kansas Gamma brothers for his many contributions to the Fraternity. As an undergraduate, he served the chapter as secretary and vice president. Elected to the Alumni Board in the fall of 1983, Brother Wertz has served terms as secretary and president of the Board. He became the chapter counselor in Nov. 1986.

Brother Wertz is a senior attorney for Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co., in Kansas City, Mo. He and wife Anita live at 1205 W. 62nd Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64113.

Alumni brothers and their guests are invited to join in this opportunity to honor Brother



Wertz. The awards dinner will be held at the chapter house beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Homecoming Day. The dinner will be preceded by a social hour at the house immediately following the KU—Iowa State football game.

A reservation form for the dinner will be mailed to all alumni this month along with a complete schedule of all Homecoming Day activities.

## Coming home on Oct. 24

The 1987 Homecoming celebration at Kansas Gamma promises to have it all—a chance to look over the fire-restoration work and improvements at the house, the annual Homecoming football game with KU vs Iowa State, and an evening post-game dinner featuring the presentation of the 1987 Alumnus of the Year Award.

A large crowd is expected for Homecoming this year as many alumni return to see the "almost new" Sig Ep House. Additionally, a special invitation is extended to '70s alumni for the presentation of the alumnus of the Year Award to Brother S. Thomas Wertz, '71.

Here is the schedule for Homecoming Day, Sat., Oct. 24:

10:00 a.m. Registration and pre-game cash bar. A chance to look around the chapter house.  
11:30 a.m. Pre-game lunch is served.  
1:00 p.m. Kick off—KU vs Iowa State.  
4:30 p.m. Post-game social hour and dinner. Presentation of the 1987 Alumnus of the Year Award.

Make plans now to attend the 1987 Homecoming Reunion at the Sig Ep House. A complete schedule and registration form will be sent later this month.

## Alumni News

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### 1965

**John E. Nelson** keeps busy as president of MANX Engineering Corp., of Redondo Beach, Calif. The computer engineering firm is currently involved in a project with the U.S. Patent Office to develop a "paperless" patent process for the government agency. Brother Nelson and wife Mary Hyndman, a 1965 KU Alpha Chi Omega alumna, are the parents of daughters Heather (16) and Alyse (13), and son John (7). The Nelsons live at 2613 Via Rivera, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. 90274.

**Lt. Col. Richard L. Quinn** assumed command of the 3rd Battalion of the 19th Field Artillery on Dec. 11, 1986. The battalion is a 155mm self-propelled howitzer battalion in direct support of the 2nd Brigade of the 5th Infantry Division at Ft. Polk, La. He and wife Mike and their four children live at 5620 Bazydlo Place, Ft. Polk, La. 71459.

**Robert F. Ritter** is a senior partner in the St. Louis law firm of Gray & Ritter. Brother Ritter is a civil trial lawyer and presently serves on the Board of Governors of both the Missouri Bar and the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. He is a past president of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Brother Ritter and wife Karen have three daughters. They live at 9855 Litzinger Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63124.

### 1968

**Wm. Thomas Trotter III**, works in special activities for the IBM Corporation's information systems group of the South-West marketing division. Brother Trotter lives at 4533 W. 131st Street, Leawood, Kan. 66209.

### 1971

**David C. Andersen** was promoted on May 1 to vice president of public affairs for Cox Enterprises, Inc., a media conglomerate publishing news-

papers; owning and operating television and radio stations; cable television franchises; and the world's largest operator of automobile auctions. Brother Andersen "auctions cars" at 5367 Redfield Road, Dunwoody, Ga. 30338.

**Bob Brooks** joins fellow Kansas Gamma Brother **Wendell Sullivan**, '54, in service to the Fraternity as a District Governor. Brother Brooks has served in that volunteer capacity for the Arizona and New Mexico chapters since Jan. 1987. He is the senior vice president/marketing for The Pointe, a development of mountainside resorts, restaurants, and riding and racquet clubs. His address is 7500 N. Dreamy Draw Drive, Suite 215, Phoenix, Ariz. 85020.

**Steve Rasmussen** is a food broker with Hidden Valley Industries, Inc. Brother Rasmussen and wife Mary adopted a daughter, Georgia Beth, on Dec. 23, 1986. They live at Route 2, Box 179, Boyceville, Wis. 54725.

### 1973

**Steven L. Cosner** is vice president of First Interstate Bank of Los Angeles. Brother Cosner works as an institutional salesman in the bank's bond department. In his spare time Brother Cosner anxiously awaits any tidbit of KU sports news—particularly basketball information. He lives at 3472 Rowena Avenue, Los Felix, Calif. 90027.

## KU decorates Sig Ep General

**T**he Distinguished Service Citation for an outstanding KU alumnus was presented to Maj. Gen. Chris Divich, '56, during the May 1987 commencement ceremonies.

The Citation is the highest award given by the University and its alumni association. Brother Divich was nominated for the award by his classmates in recognition of his exceptional service in the Air Force.

Last February, Brother Divich also became the 11th recipient of the Order of the Sword, the highest honor awarded by the Air Force enlisted corps.

Brother Divich started at KU on a basketball scholarship and soon became a member of Sig Ep. As a Brother, Divich remembered the Lodge as "being the only modern house on The Hill."

It wasn't until Brother Divich had left Lawrence and returned to San Antonio that he heard of the April fire that damaged the Sig Ep Lodge.

"I can remember people sleeping wall-to-wall in that sleeping dorm," Divich said. "I know that a number of my classmates are currently involved in the remodeling."

Brother Divich began his military career training pilots at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, and later was assigned to the Strategic Air Command and Staff College. For his years as a pilot in Thailand and Vietnam, he received a Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal and several other decorations.



Distinguished service: Maj. Gen. Chris Divich, '56.



**Bill Neidt** completed his Ph.D. in educational administration at KU in Dec. 1986. As director of medical development, Brother Neidt is a fund raiser for the KU Endowment Association at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. Wife Kyle is completing her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. They have two children, Lindsey (age 5) and one-year-old Chad. The Neidts reside at 3200 W. 72nd Street, Prairie Village, Kan. 66208.

## 1977

**Bob Brown** works for the General Electric Co., as a manager of service operations at the GE Answer Center. He lives at 410 Mockingbird Valley, #45, Louisville, Ky. 40207.

## 1978

**Billy-B Bleish** and wife Trish are the proud parents of a new son, Neil Patrick, born April 8. The Bleish family also includes three-year-old Mindy. Brother Bleish is a computer sales advisory marketing representative for IBM and Trish teaches in the Olathe school district. The Bleish residence is at 8114 Noland, Lenexa, Kan. 66215.

**Jon Houghton** is a national product manager for the Credit Clearinghouse division of Dun & Bradstreet in New York City. Brother Houghton and wife Robin live at Route 2, Box 341M, Port Murray, N.J. 07865.

## 1979

**Pat Brady** was promoted this summer by Capitol Federal Savings and Loan Association to the position of vice president-branch manager of the Association's College Boulevard office in Overland Park. Brother Brady joined Capitol Federal in 1979. He is a member of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce and the Shawnee Kiwanis Club. Brother Brady, wife Mary and their son, Sean, live at 6316 Charlotte, Shawnee, Kan. 66216.

**Conrad Miller** was recently appointed by Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden to a four-year term on the state Board of Tax Appeals. Brother Miller's appointment was effective Aug. 18. He lives at 2420 Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kan. 66102.

## 1980

**Lew Bolton** and wife Kate are the proud parents of daughter, Kelsey Anne, born May 1. Brother Bolton is a salesman with Bolton & Hay, Inc.

The Bolton family resides at 6408 School, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

**Mark S. Carder** is an attorney with the law firm of Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson. His address is 4313 Ferncliff, Midland, Texas 79707.

**Tom Pickford** reports from San Antonio that he and wife Barbara "... are doing fine." He is an attorney with Foster, Lewis, Langley, Gardner & Banack. The Pickford's live at 4212 Medical Drive, No. 709, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

## 1981

**Craig Templeton** is the editor of the Sigma Phi Epsilon *Journal* and the communications director for the National Office of the Fraternity. Brother Templeton, wife Debra and one-year-old daughter Lindsay Hall live at 12409 Pleasant Run Terrace, Richmond, Va. 23233.

## 1982

**Dan Meyer** married the former Jenni Galbraith, a 1985 graduate of K-State, on Sept. 20, 1986. The Meyers reside at 8607 Overhill, Leawood, Kan. 66206.

## 1983

**Bengt Olsen** is the administrative director of Demas in Uanebogen, Norway. His address is Uranus 9, 9405 UANEBOGEN, NORWAY.

## 1984

**Tom Bene** is a sales representative for the American Scientific Products division of American Hospital Supply Co. His address is 5002 Andalusia, Arlington, Texas 76017.

**Jim Gray** and the former Peggy Elizabeth Owen were married Aug. 15. Peggy is a Pi Beta Phi alumna of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is a schoolteacher and he is a salesman for an oil company. They make their home at 7452 Nall, Overland Park, Kan. 66208.

**Bryan Thomas** married Tammy Slater Aug. 29 in Grandview, Mo. They live at 7620 High Drive, Prairie Village, Kan. 66208.

## 1985

**David Lassiter** is the director of media relations for the Kansas City office of the American Red Cross. He

lives at 301 W. Armour Blvd., No. 1026, Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

**Jeff Ream** is a professional product representative for Roche Laboratories, a division of Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc. Brother Ream lives at 3804 Candlelight Drive, No. A, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

## 1986

**Donald A. Kempin** is an account representative with Quaker Oats, Inc. Brother Kempin sells Ken-L-Ration, Gains Foods, Golden-Grain and Seven-Seas food products to grocery stores in his sales territory. He lives at 4840 Nightingale Drive, No. C104, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907.

**Dan Lee** recently returned from a seven-month tour of Europe. He is employed as the director of public relations and promotion for Lincoln Annuity, Inc. He lives at 1630 H Street, No. D-6, Lincoln, Neb. 68508.

*It's a winner!*



Your chapter's alumni newsletter, the **Gammaramma**, has again been recognized by Sigma Phi Epsilon as one of the Fraternity's outstanding chapter newsletters.

Kansas Gamma's alumni publication won the Benjamin Hobson Frayser Award at the 1987 National Conclave held Aug. 13-16, in New Orleans. The **Gammaramma** was previously cited as an outstanding newsletter at the 1981 Conclave.

Brother David Byrd, Shawnee junior, is the current editor of the **Gammaramma**.

# Burned Out, I

**W**hen Kansas Gamma turned 64 earlier this spring (chartered April 28, 1923), the casual passer-by seeing the fire-gutted chapter house at 1645 Tennessee Street could presume that Sigma Phi Epsilon had folded at the University of Kansas.

That presumption proved to be far from the truth when less than four months later the same passer-by could observe 72 men moving into their completely restored and remodeled fraternity house. The date was August 21 and Kansas Gamma was fully recovered from the devastating fire of April 26, 1987.

Prompt action by the members of the Kansas Gamma Alumni Board assured the continued, uninterrupted operation of the undergraduate chapter. The fire and resulting smoke and water damage caused extensive damage throughout the house. All room finishes in the building were gutted.

Faced with an extensive rebuilding effort and a tight time schedule, the Alumni Board was not satisfied with simply rebuilding the facility back to its original state. An opportunity was at hand, and the Alumni Board seized it.

The result of the rebuilding effort stands today in the form of a new look for Sig Ep at 1645 Tennessee Street. Much success has come from what could have been accepted as a fatal blow. Instead, even greater opportunities remain on the horizon.



A hall of smoke and water damage.



Left: Two undergraduates await the arrival of firefighters as the April 26 blaze sends smoke billowing out the window of Room 3. A short in an appliance cord in the room was determined to be the cause of the fire. Above: Firefighters direct water into the rooms above the Music Room during their three-hour battle with the blaze.

# But Not Down



ply mess in Room 1.



Room 15 was completely destroyed.



Charred and melted remains of TVs, radios, and typewriters were recovered.

## A Sunday afternoon

An unseasonably warm 91-degree temperature sent many undergraduates seeking outdoor activities the afternoon of Sun., April 26.

The warm weather may have saved the brothers from possible injuries had they instead been in the chapter house when the fire broke out at about 1:10 p.m. Fortunately, no members or firefighters were injured in the blaze.

When the fire was discovered, members called the fire department, evacuated the building, and attempted to contain the fire until firefighters arrived. The fire spread too quickly, however, and it took the fire department three hours to bring it under control.

With final exams just days away, the brothers were relocated in temporary housing. The Sig Ep House was closed for the summer.



The Dining Room shows signs of extensive water damage. Although the fire was contained on the upper level, the entire first floor was damaged by smoke and water. The fire restoration work replaced all ceilings, furnishings, and window, wall, and floor coverings. In addition, the Alumni Board had the wall at the right removed for an expansion of the Library into the Dining Room.





Left: The Lodge remains boarded up during the month of May prior to reconstruction.

Right: From the back patio looking southeast, demolition work removed the exterior wall, interior walls, and the roof above Rooms 14, 15, and 16. The extreme heat of the fire damaged the structural integrity of the load-bearing, exterior wall.



## Meeting the Sig Ep Challenge

The April 26 fire presented the Kansas Gamma Chapter's undergraduate and alumni brothers with a tremendous Challenge—the Challenge to make the most of an otherwise difficult circumstance and turn it into an opportunity for a positive change.

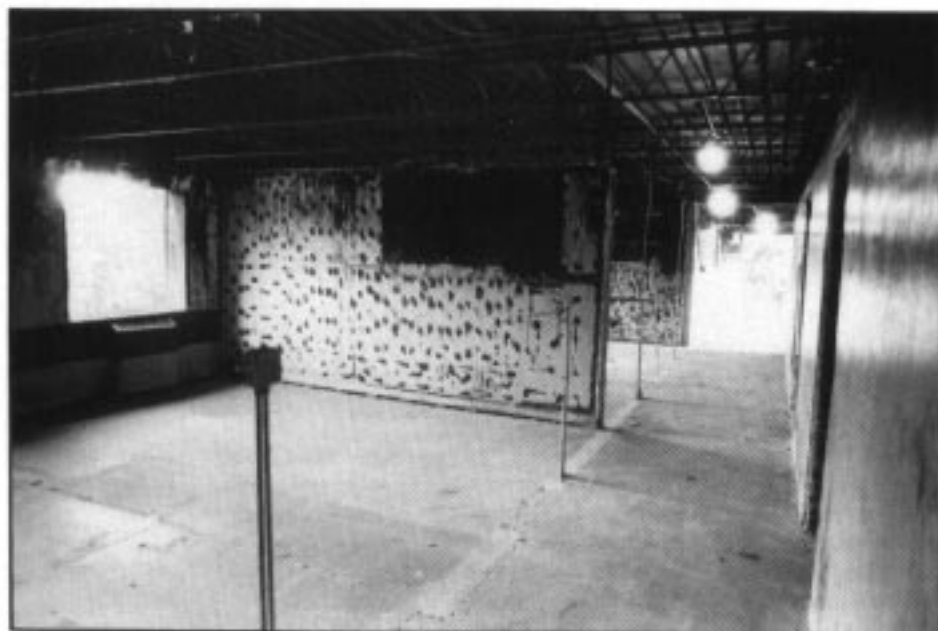
Thus far the Challenge has been met.

Faced with having just lost their college home and all of their personal possessions, the undergraduate brothers rallied to complete their spring semester classes and return to campus in the fall with a 26-man pledge class and a 113-

member chapter.

The Alumni Board members responded to the Challenge by working long hours during the summer months to negotiate a fair insurance settlement. Further, the Board invested an additional \$160,000 in improvements to the chapter house.

Soon the Challenge will be issued to all Kansas Gamma alumni brothers as The Kansas Gamma Alumni Association launches a major fund-raising drive this fall to support the improvement and expansion of the educational facilities at Kansas Gamma.



Above: As the demolition work is completed inside the Sig Ep "shell," one could see this view looking west from the top of the main staircase. The president's room, No. 1, was in the area in the immediate foreground. Note that part of the roof structure has been removed.

Left: This view is looking southeast from the hall entrance to the sleeping dorm. Smoke and water damage required the removal of all plaster walls and wooden partitions. Rooms 19 and 20 formerly occupied the space in the left foreground.



## Our thanks

*The Alumni Board and undergraduate chapter wish to thank Sid and Lois Meridith for their generosity during the fire restoration and rebuilding effort at Kansas Gamma.*

*The Meridiths were kind enough to donate a complete Pyrotechnics fire alarm system to the Fraternity for installation in the chapter house. The system is valued at \$10,000 and was a direct savings to the Alumni Board in the cost of the reconstruction.*

*Mr. Meridith is owner and president of Security Equipment, Inc., of Omaha, Neb. The Meridiths are the parents of Brother Mike Meridith, sophomore.*

Right: The "shell" look as the chapter house appeared in mid-June when demolition work was nearing completion and reconstruction work was soon to start. The entire roof structure and all windows in the building were removed. Replacement upgrades included Timberline roofing and Pella windows. The expense of several similar upgrades was not covered by insurance moneys.



Pitched roof trusses are a welcome sight.

*Photos by:*

**Doug Bradley**  
**Dale Seufferling, '77**  
**Mike Yoder**

Right: A new look for Sig Ep at KU begins to take shape as work progresses on the new roof. (The large stained-glass window featuring the Fraternity's Coat of Arms was not damaged in the fire, but removed for safe-keeping during the summer.) Although insurance coverage provided for only partial replacement of the fire-damaged roof, the Alumni Board proceeded to have the pitched roof structure placed over the building at an additional cost of more than \$60,000. The new roof is both an aesthetic and energy-saving improvement.



## Alumni send their help

Although all of the undergraduate brothers suffered some personal loss of belongings as a result of the April 26 fire, the losses were most severe for three members. Without insurance coverage from their parents, the members turned to their fraternity brothers for some assistance to lessen the blow.

Many Kansas Gamma alumni responded to the call with modest contributions which, when totaled together, provided \$2,100 in emergency relief funds. The Kansas Gamma Alumni Association and Chapter Counselor, Tom Wertz, '71, handled the distribution of funds to the undergraduates in need of assistance.

The Alumni Association, Alumni Board, and undergraduate brothers wish to thank the following contributors for their special response.

John S. Adams, Bill Akright, David Andersen, Chuck Beucher, Bryan Bolin, David W. Boyd, Louis D. Breyfogle III, Jeff Briley, Thomas L. Bryan, George E. Burket III, Larry Burmaster, Boyd Burns, Thomas S. Busch, R. Michael Bush.

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Brant W. Tidwell, Paul Turner, Thomas Turner, Ed Walaszek, Roger P. Weltmer, James M. Wharton, Chuck White (Sigma Phi Epsilon Managing Director, Mich. Beta), Michael T. Williams, D.L. Williamson, John H. Winter.

## In remembrance

**A. Merritt Brown**, '23, of San Diego, Calif., died Dec. 10, 1986 in Las Vegas, Nev. Brother Brown was a middle-distance track letterman for KU from 1921-23. After living and working in Kansas City for many years, he retired to San Diego in 1969.

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**Jack E. Naismith**, '31, of Kansas City, Mo., died Dec. 18, 1986. Brother Naismith was the son of James Naismith, '14, who invented the game of basketball in Springfield, Mass., and coached the game at KU from 1899 through 1907.

A Lawrence native, he taught at the Greater Foundation for Exceptional Children in Kansas City from 1938 until his retirement in 1956. Survivors include a nephew, Brother **James P. Naismith**, '58.

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**Edward V. Geary**, '35, died May 5, 1986 in Wichita at the age of 72. Born in Kansas City, Mo., Brother Geary spent much of his adult life in Kansas. His early career was with the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City. When World War II broke out, Geary joined the Army's 75th Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

His first job in Wichita was to open a trust department at the Union National Bank in 1958. He rose through the ranks to become president and chief executive officer in 1971, posts he held for 10 years before retiring in 1981.

He is survived by his wife Helen Louise and a daughter Jan, both of Wichita, and a son, Richard B., of San Diego.

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**Francis E. Kappelman**, '36, of Wichita, died May 8, 1987. A real estate broker with the Chester-Kappelman Group, Inc., of Wichita, Brother Kappelman had lived in Wichita since 1950.

He starred in basketball at KU, lettering and starting for the 1934-35-36 Jayhawk basketball teams which posted a 52-8 record under Coach Phog Allen. He was also a semi-pro baseball player. Upon completing his eligibility at KU, Kappelman was signed to a professional baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers. He played in the Tiger minor league system as a catcher, reaching the triple A level with the Hollywood Stars before being called to Army duty in World War II.

He is survived by Brothers, **Lester**, '39, **Glenn**, '45, and **Karl**, '46.

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**James R. Hopkins**, '38, died March 13, 1987. Brother Hopkins was formerly head of shipping and receiving for K.C. Light and Fixture. He was a resident of Lake Winnebago, Mo.

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**Robert R. Kruse**, '38, died July 29, 1987 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He is survived by his wife Catherine, four children and four grandchildren.

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**G. Rockwell Smith**, '39, died March 22, 1987. He was a resident of Wichita.

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**Carlos M. Beardmore**, '46, died April 22, 1987. He was a resident of Carroll, Iowa.

# Chapter:

## Rush succeeds in difficult year

Working against difficult odds which included a pledge signing date with a burned-out fraternity house, Sig Ep rush chairmen Jarret Rubis, of Leawood, and Bill Mercer, of Salina, concluded a successful rush effort for 1987.

The two juniors pledged a total of 26 new men—exceeding their goal by four. The rush chairmen wish to thank the many alumni who provided recommendations, advice and assistance.

The new pledges are (all are freshmen):

Sam Allred, Overland Park; Eric Anderson, Lawrence; Javier Aparicio, St. Joseph, Mo.; Tim Beaver, Leawood; Chris Bennett, Overland Park; Jeff Blair, Leawood; Derek Bridges, Dodge City; Jacob Carnazzo, (cousin of **Joel Carnazzo**, '90), Omaha, Neb.; Chuck Connealy, Overland Park; Brian Croy, Boulder, Colo.

Steve Eggers, Overland Park; Scott Gordon, Prairie Village; Brad Harville, Overland Park; Joe Himmelberg, Lawrence; John Hutchison, Wichita; Rick Kuenneth, Wichita; John Love (brother of **Eric Love**, '88), Boulder, Colo.

Chris Mann (son of **Terry Mann**, '60), Roeland Park; Chris Marshall, Salina; Brian Matson, Overland Park; Shawn McCall, Overland Park; Tom Pratt, Omaha, Neb.; Steve Siebert, Abilene; Todd Szewczyk, Overland Park; Chip Thompson, Ozark, Mo.; and Darren Whitton, Overland Park.

The chapter would appreciate any alumni support in the area of rush as they begin to lay the groundwork for a new rush year. Please feel free to use the rush candidate form to forward any recommendations.

## SPE passes 100 +

With 113 members, Kansas Gamma ranks third on The Hill in chapter size. A successful rush program, coupled with a strong out-of-house program, has enabled the Sig Eps to enjoy such a large size. The Sigma Chi rank first, followed by Alpha Tau Omega.

Kansas Gamma is committed to preserving the growth the Sig Eps have achieved, while maintaining its family-like atmosphere. The men hail from over nine states, including California, Minnesota, Texas, Illinois and Colorado.

Seventy-eight members live in the house and the annex, while 35 live out-of-house.

### Rush Candidates

His name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_  
your name class year

address \_\_\_\_\_

Rushee Information \_\_\_\_\_  
(activities, grades, interests, Sig Ep relatives, etc.)

Send to:  
Rush Chairmen  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
P.O. Box 464  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

### Alumni news

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If retired, indicate so and list occupation from which you are retired.)

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## Brother Hey stays on the go

The Baldwin City man begins by talking about his work on the design and development of airplane engines during World War II, but before long his experiences on an African safari are worked into the conversation.

Although he calls himself semi-retired, Brother Lester Hey, '40, continues to pursue several lifelong interests—the family business, traveling, KU football and basketball, and his fraternity.

Hey Machinery Company Inc., was started in Baldwin City 70 years ago by his late father. Except for a seven-year period in the 1940s, Hey has been with the family-owned and operated business all his adult life. After receiving a mechanical engineering degree from KU in 1940, Hey went to New Jersey to work in experimental testing and engineering for the Wright aeronautical division of Curtis Wright Corp.

There he worked on the development of engines for the B-17, B-25, and B-29 aircraft and later on a 42-cylinder liquid-cooled engine, dubbed the "Wright Tornado." He also helped solve an industry problem with engine crankshaft failure by designing what is called a "lateral crankshaft dampener."

"The design was my idea and was patented, but of course all rights were assigned to the company," Hey said.

After returning home in 1947, it didn't take long for Hey to apply some of the same design work at Hey Machinery. He soon developed an improved method of manufacturing wheels for adapting airplane tires to farm equipment.

"I designed a machine to roll wheel rims from a flat sheet of metal, which enabled us to increase production ten times," Hey said. "We got into this particular line because there was money in it and today we have customers all over the U.S. and Canada."

Although he still remains active in the operation of the family business, Hey now finds more time to pursue his interest in traveling.

"Anna (his wife) and I have been to Australia, South America, New Zealand, Europe seven times, and around the world twice, including a safari in East Africa," he said. "Our travels with groups of KU alumni on the Flying Jayhawks trips have taken us to Bulgaria, Romania, the People's Republic of China, the Soviet Union, and Egypt. Most of the time we just get our own tickets and go when and



Photo: Mike Driscoll, '88

Brother Hey stands in front of the World War I Memorial Fence which he helped build on the Baker University campus in 1935.

where we want to."

When he is at home, Hey keeps busy following Jayhawk basketball and football, and attending alumni events at Kansas Gamma.

"I haven't missed more than a couple of home basketball or football games in the last 25 years, and I really can't recall having missed a single homecoming weekend at the Sig Ep house in 30 years," he said.

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