

# Gammaramma

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## Alumni Return For Homecoming

From Virginia to California, and many points in between, more than 250 Kansas Gamma alumni and guests returned to KU for 1992 Homecoming festivities. The picture-perfect fall day provided just the right setting at the Sig Ep house while the Jayhawks defeated the Oklahoma Sooners 27-10.

The Saturday, October 24 Homecoming celebration provided the first opportunity for many Kansas Gamma alumni to see first-hand the "new look" of Sig Ep at 1645 Tennessee Street. As alumni and guests gathered for the traditional pre-game lunch, the reviews and reactions to the expansion were uniformly positive and upbeat.

"This has really come together quite well and we can all be proud," said Wichitan Paul Skolaut, '51.

"The curb appeal of the exterior of the house, and the impressive foyer dominated by the framed Sig Ep crest rug and large chandelier



The Homecoming float served notice that the Jayhawks would literally stomp on the Sooners.

are all impressive," observed Troy Helming, '90 of suburban Kansas City.

Following the Jayhawks win over the Sooners, more than 150 alumni and guests returned to the chapter house for a post-game barbecue and victory celebration. The new front courtyard provides a popular setting for social gatherings at the chapter house.

"This is a great setting for alumni, wives, and guests to meet after a football game," observed Bill Brown, '77.

"My personal opinion is that this will become a more popular, post-game destination point than the Wheel."

With this kind of enthusiasm, the 1993 Homecoming activities on October 16 promise to be an even greater success.

# Alumni News



**1926: Z Lyle Brown** passed away during the month of March near his home in Washington, Mo. Brother Brown, and wife Sally, had been operating "Fort Charrett," a French fur trading post museum and antique shop. Brother Brown died at the age of 89.

**1931: Harold M. Fairhurst** is a retired CPA. Brother Fairhurst resides at 100 Ruth Lane, Rogers, Ark. 72756.

**1942: Harold S. "Gus" Edwards** is Chairman of the Board of "Gus" Edwards Company. Brother Edwards' new address is 3517 North 6th Street, Abilene, Texas 79603.

**1951: Ben Craig** has been named the Johnson County Certified Development Company board member of the year. In receiving the award, Brother Craig was described as having "the unique ability to view the entire economic development picture in a community, whether it be on a local or regional basis." Brother Craig is a former president of the JCCDC. His ad-

dress is 16100 Outlook, Stilwell, Kan. 66085.

**1957: Thomas L Bryan** retired on June 30, 1992 after over 25 years as a partner in the New York City law firm of Wilkie, Farr & Gallagher. In a "complete change of pace," he will be an adjunct professor at Stetson University law school in St. Petersburg, Fla. during the Spring 1993 semester.

**1959: John "Jack" Leatherman** is Director of Operations of Falley's Food 4 Less. He and wife Lois reside at 2208 Hill Court, Lawrence, Kan. 66049.

**1963: Carl T. Martinson** is Senior Vice President of Christian Health Services in St. Louis, Mo., and is responsible for strategic planning, marketing, communications, sales, and government affairs. His son Alex has transferred to KU from Lehigh University. Brother Martinson's address is 34 Berkshire, St. Louis, Mo. 63117.

**1964: Clarence W. Gould III**, is a manufacturer's agent. Brother Gould resides at 911 East Gold Road #6, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60005.

**1977: William R. Brown** is an account executive, dealing in employee benefits, with Benefit Trust Life Company. Brother Brown, wife Barbara and two children, reside at 13318 W. 112th Street, Overland Park, Kan. 66210.

**1980: Fred Strauss** is a hydrogeologist and environmental services department manager for Brown & Consultants. Brother Strauss resides at 460 South Oakland Avenue #107, Pasadena, Calif. 91101

**1981: Thomas Pickford** and wife Barbara are the proud parents of a second daughter, Kelley Jean, born March 29, 1992 in San Antonio, Texas.

## Gammaramma

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**1985: Thomas Fangman** recently completed a master's in theology and a master's in counseling last spring from Kenrick Theological Seminary in St. Louis. Brother Fangman is currently a Catholic priest in Omaha, Neb.

**1987: Peter G. Greig** is Assistant Vice President of Kidder Peabody Asset Management. Brother Greig married April Evert on November 27, 1992 in Kansas City. Their address is 4446 Booth, Kansas City, Kan. 66103.

**1989: Gordon L. Thorn** is an attorney for Thorn & Edge, Attorneys. Brother Thorn also serves Kansas Gamma as Chapter Counselor. His business address is 5930 Roe Avenue #302, Mission, Kan. 66205.

**1990: Matthew K. McBride** is office & ac-

counting manager of Star Signs & Graphics, Inc. In addition, he is President of the Board of Directors of Hearthstone, Inc. He resides at 2500 W. 6th Street #403, Lawrence, Kan. 66049.

**1990: David Murrell** is an interior designer with BNIM architects. He resides at 5101 Tomahawk, Prairie Village, Kan. 660208.

**1990: John Rief** married Barbie Jeffers December 28, 1991 in Tulsa, Okla. They reside at 1433 Yeast 38th Street, Tulsa, Okla. 74105.

**1991: Mark W. Beardslee** is a brokerage representative of Paul Revere Insurance Company in Denver. Brother Beardslee married Patti Kelly on May 22, 1992. They reside at 6755 South Ivy Way #A3, Englewood, Colo. 80112.

## Spring Initiation '93

Initiation was held on Saturday, January 30 for the eligible fall semester pledges. The initiation party was a formal event held at Tan-Tar-A resort in the Lake of the Ozarks. Eight alumni participated in this years ceremony. They include: **Larry Burmaster ('82), Mark Carder ('80), Tom Gray ('77), Joe Houghton ('89), John Havel ('88), Mason Ormsby ('62), Dale Seufferling ('77),**

**and Gordon Thorn ('89), James P. Naismith ('76),** the grandson of the founder of basketball, **James A. Naismith ('23),** also visited the chapter house on January 30. The alumni participation in the ceremony impressed upon the new initiates that they are brothers for life. Twenty-four pledges were initiated on January 30. Those initiated were: Ryan Brandt (Lawrence), Brian Doyle

(Olathe), Andy Dyson (Olathe), Austin Ewy (Olathe), Nick Ewy (Olathe), Goran Frisen (Stockholm, Sweden), Loren Ginden (Overland Park), Rob Geise (Underwood, Iowa), Brandon Kelso (Leawood), Scott Lankford (Shawnee), Brad Loudon (Overland Park), Chad Magouirk (Dodge City), Matt Merrill (Leawood), John Mondt (Overland Park), Daniel Mudd (Sunset Hills, Mo.), Joe O'Brien (Lenexa), Derek Prater (Lawrence), Chris Ready (Overland Park), Brian Schaal (Overland Park), Ryan Shadel (Lawrence), Jason Shrewsbury (Lenexa), Brian Waletich (Lincoln, Neb.), Jamie Walker (Omaha, Neb.), Steve Woodbury (Omaha, Neb.).

### In Memory

Brother **William Charles Rasmussen ('44), M.D.,** passed away on January 11, 1992 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. His wife, Dorothy E. Rasmussen, said that "being a member of the Sig Ep Fraternity at the University of Kansas was always a great honor to him."

# First "Business Luncheon" Convenes at Indian Hills

The first "business lunch" for Kansas Gamma alumni occurred November 12 at Indian Hills Country Club in Prairie Village, Kan. Forty-eight brothers attended the event which hopes to be prominent in the future.

The coordinator for the event, brother Jim Gray, said the luncheon was appealing

because of its convenience.

"This is just an easy way for guys to see each other for an hour and learn a little about the community," said Gray.

Besides the pre and post socializing among the brothers, brother Ben Craig, President and Chairman of Metcalf Bank, spoke about the current banking trends in Johnson County.

Craig has played an integral part in shaping the Overland Park community. He has also played a role in establishing Johnson County Community College.

Brother Gray felt that the luncheon could be a regularly scheduled alumni event.

"We would like to have them on a bi-annual basis," said Gray.



Featured speaker Ben Craig, '51.



Harry Newby, '52, and Chan Boucher, '50.



(L to R) Jack Kilroy, '69, Terry Kilroy, '73, and Rodd Staker, '66.

## Kansas Gamma 1992 "Business Luncheon"



Ben Craig, '51, and Dan Church, '76.



Mike Womack, '88, and Peter Greig, '87.



Gus Meyer, '80, and Mike Mealman, '81.

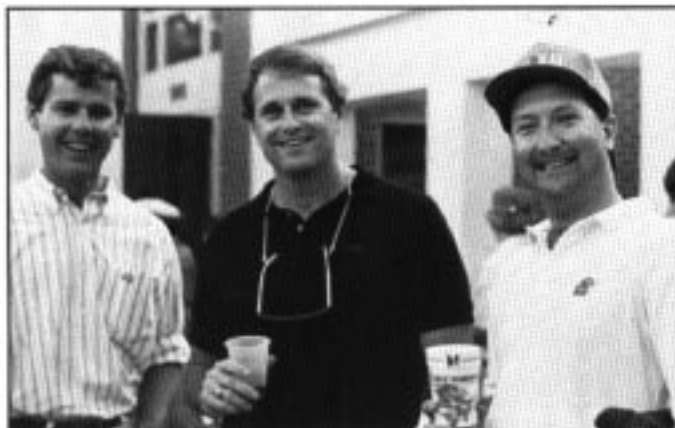


Alumni Board member Troy Helming, '90, and Sean Goodale, '90.



Forty Kansas Gamma alumni gather to hear Ben Craig's luncheon remarks.

# Kansas Gamma - Homecoming 1992



Kansas Citians Rolland Exon, '77, Bill Brown, '77, and Mike Mealman, '81, speculate on the prospects of a KU post-season bowl game.



Ken Jones, '88, (L) returned from Stamford, Conn., to enjoy Homecoming with Joe Haughton, '89.



More than 150 alumni and guests returned to the chapter house after the KU win over Oklahoma to enjoy a barbecue on the front lawn.



The Lawrence Police Department makes sure that some of that Sig Ep alumni money stays with the local economy by ticketing a BMW.



Alumni Board member Jack Beverly, '58 (L) reminisces with Sally and Jim Crawford, '60, of Richardson, Texas.



Norm Shutler, '60, (L) traveled from Middleburg, Va., to witness Homecoming with Lawrence resident Bob Kerr, '61.

# Kansas Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon



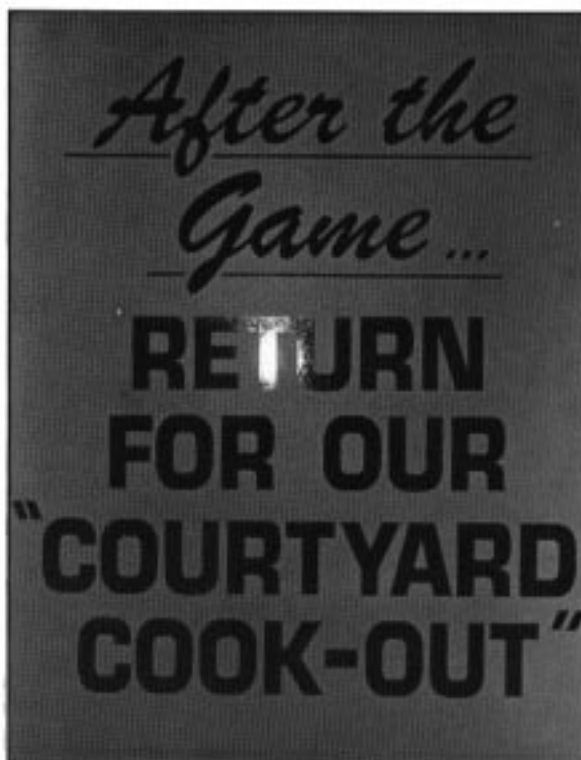
(L to R) Scott Hausman, '86, Scott Patterson, '88, Tim Buckley, '88, and Jeff Syslo, '88, opted for the atmosphere of the Sig Ep courtyard.



(L to R) Jim Reeves, '58, Leocompton, Kan., Bruce Jackson, '60, Huntington Beach, Calif., Jim Westhoff, '60, Phoenix, Ariz., and Dennis Stone, '62, College Park, Md.



Omaha, Neb., resident Tim Buckley, '88, (L) joined fellow Nebraskan Jeff Nafus, '89, for Homecoming 1992 at Sig Ep.

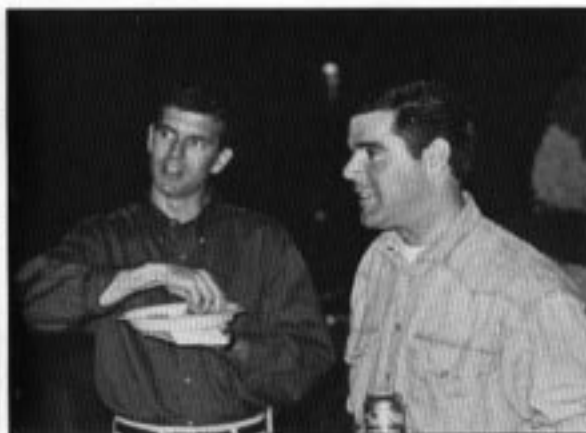


Chapter member Eric Runkle of Emporia served as the cook-out chef by preparing 200 hamburgers.

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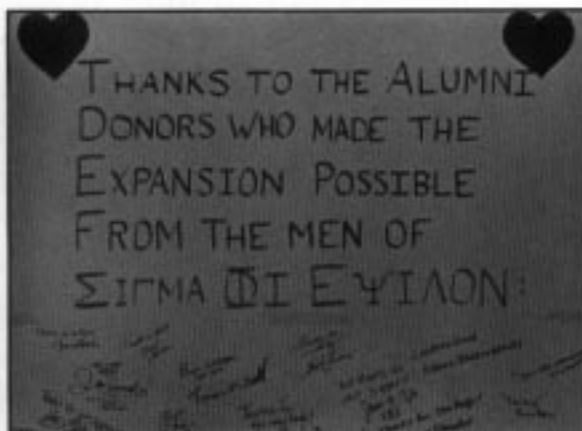
(L to R) Duane Albert, '78, Bill Brown, '77, and Dave Simpson, '79, reminisce about wilder and younger days.



Mike Wheat, '89, stands in amazement of the vociferous post-game appetite of Dr. Scott Herre, '84.



Hungry fans moved through the food line under the watchful eye of the Jayhawk Homecoming float.



Jeff Syslo, '88, Gordon Thorn, '89, and Toni (Mrs. Tom) Gray listen intently as Tom Gray, '77, gives them the "straight scoop."



# Balanced Man Scholarship Offers New Rush Opportunities

"Spirit healthy, body healthy." Kansas Gamma is looking for a few more good men who embody this sound philosophy. The new Balanced Man Scholarship program should assist Sig Ep in obtaining this recruiting goal.

In its first year, the Balanced Man Scholarship is offered to male high school seniors who plan to attend the University of Kansas in the fall of 1993. The three scholarships are sponsored by the Kansas Gamma Alumni Association with the winner receiving his first semester tuition paid in full. The second place winner will be given \$100 for textbooks, while the third place winner will receive \$50 for textbooks. However, the award winners must first make it through the selection process.

High school students can start the selection process by filling out an application, which could be obtained from a counselor through March. The finalists are chosen based on a student's cumulative G.P.A., A.C.T. score, and activity participation. Next, the finalists are interviewed by

two members of the Balanced Man Committee to determine the award winners. Then the applicant is asked predetermined questions based on each application. But the Balanced Man Scholarship will benefit

grade point average on campus for over a year.

There have been other positive trends related to the implementation of the Balanced Man Scholarship. For example, a high percentage of the applicants are interested in joining a fraternity, which will increase the pool of prospective rushees.

Rush Chairmen Dwayne Brock and Stanci March hope to sign 40% of the 1993 fall pledge through the Balanced Man Scholarship. The scholarship will most importantly give the rush chairmen an opportunity find out about a high school student's academic performance.

"It's going to give us a lot of names of men who have proven themselves not only in athletics and activities, but also in the classroom," said March.

Another advantage of the program is that it will make the chapter more diverse, since the applicants for the scholarship will come from all over the state of Kansas.

"Hopefully, we'll get the top balanced men in Kansas," said March.



the chapter indefinitely because it will link the top high school students in Kansas to Kansas Gamma.

Sig Ep chapters around the nation have already realized the benefits that the Balanced Man Scholarship can have on a rush program, and a chapter as well. For example, the Sig Ep chapter at the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Alpha, has improved dramatically since using the program. Since 1987, manpower has increased from 10 members to over 60, while they have had the highest

# Kansas Gamma Recruits "Swede"

To the men of Kansas Gamma, he is known as "Swede." But because of his heritage, this new initiate has had to make a big adjustment after coming to the U.S. and deciding to pledge Sig Ep.

Goran Frisen (your-ann free-say-en), 21, arrived in Lawrence, Kansas from Stockholm, Sweden one week before he signed Sig Ep. His decision was easy after spending one evening with several of the members of Kansas Gamma.

"I met the guys, and it felt like home. The people made me feel comfortable with the house, so I thought it should be the choice," said Goran.



After graduating from high school in 1990, Goran worked for the Minolta corporation and repaired copy machines for a year and a half. Then he decided to make the journey to the U.S., and in particular, Kansas. Goran chose KU because two of his close friends had highly recommended the university.

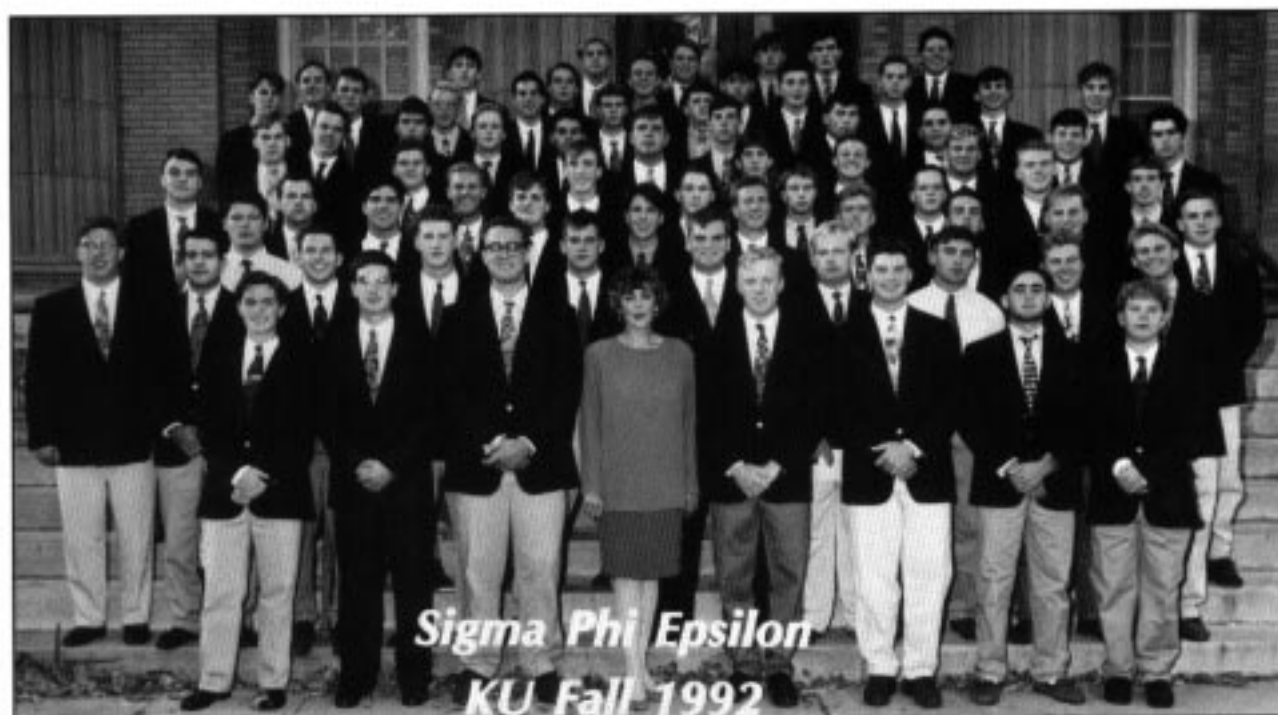
"The college life in the U.S. is so much different from the life in Sweden, and I think I needed the support of a fraternity to study," said Goran.

Another reason why Goran originally came to the U.S. was to gain a better understanding of the English language.

"It's getting better and better, but I still have problems," Goran said. "I've seen so many American movies that I can understand some of the slang."

Overall, Goran's experience with Sig Ep has been nothing but positive.

"I feel like everyone is a friend here," he said.



# Chapter Update

## Community Service

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Delta sorority received the Rock Chalk Revue silver medal for accumulating over 800 hours of community service during the 1992-93 school year.

Kansas Gamma's effort was coordinated by community service chairman, brother Mike Konen. Projects that were worked on by the chapter include the Adopt-A-Highway program as well as efforts with the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence. Brother Tom Cygan put forth his time to coach a youth basketball team during the year. But the main community service project at Kansas Gamma is the Natural Ties program.

Natural Ties is on its third year at Kansas Gamma. It is a program designed to create interaction between the fraternity and a mentally handicapped member of the Lawrence community. With the help of brother Brian Denney, adopted brother Brian Davison has been very involved at Kansas Gamma over the last three years.

By increasing the number of hours put into the community, Kansas Gamma hopes to go for the gold medal next year at Rock Chalk Revue and give even more back to the

## From The President...

The fall semester was a very productive one at Kansas Gamma and KU. The football team made headlines during the fall with its best season in years and first bowl win in several decades, while the basketball team reached the Final Four for the second time in three seasons.

The events at Kansas Gamma may have gained less notoriety, but for Sig Ep alumni, they were of no less importance. This was the first full year with the new expansion and all the benefits that go along with it. Our membership recruitment was a big success this year. Kansas Gamma's fall pledge class was the biggest on campus and we ranked second on the hill in manpower levels.

Kansas Gamma has made vast improvements over the past few years and is continually looking at new ways to improve. Many of the things that have made this chapter better were possible because of the alumni support at this chapter and the contributions that you have made to the Alumni Association. On behalf of the active chapter, I would like to thank you for all that you have made possible. The active members are always trying to improve this house so that the alumni will be proud to call themselves members of the Kansas Gamma Chapter at the University of Kansas.

Fraternally,  
Kevin Zimmer

Lawrence area.

### *Rush Extravaganza*

Kansas Gamma hosted the *Rush Extravaganza* for the midwest region of Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters on April 2nd and 3rd. Eleven states from as far away as New Mexico were represented at the event and over 75 Sig Eps were in attendance.

Brother Craig Templeton ('81) and Kansas Gamma vice president and former recruitment chairman, brother Todd Adams, spoke at the event. The purpose of the

*Extravaganza* was to advise the various chapters on the best way to achieve recruitment success. Kansas Gamma hopes to continue hosting the *Rush Extravaganza* in the future.

### *Intramurals*

Kansas Gamma's Trophy 1 basketball team finished in second place out of nearly 60 teams in the greek hill tournament. Trophy 1 won five straight games before losing in the championship game to Phi Delta Theta. It is the best performance by a Sig Ep basketball team in years.

## **1993 Kansas Football**

August 28\* ..... Florida State  
 September 4..... WESTERN CAROLINA  
 September 11..... at Michigan State  
 September 18\*\* ..... UTAH  
 October 2..... COLORADO STATE  
 October 9..... at Kansas State  
 October 16\*\*\* ..... IOWA STATE  
 October 23..... at Oklahoma  
 October 30..... at Oklahoma State  
 November 6..... NEBRASKA  
 November 13..... at Colorado  
 November 20..... MISSOURI

\* Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

\*\* Band Day

\*\*\* Homecoming

All home games are tentively scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

## **Homecoming '93 Saturday, October 16**

### **Schedule**

**9:00 a.m.** Annual Grit Bowl-alumni vs undergrads, chapter house.

**10:00 a.m.** Pre-game gathering. Lunch will be served before the game.

**1:00 p.m.** Kickoff-KU vs Iowa State.

**4:00 p.m.** Post-game barbecue at the chapter house following the 'Hawks victory.

**Make your plans now to return to Lawrence and the Sig Ep house for Homecoming '93.**

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