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Sip Ep Alumnus Discusses Future of Fraternities/Sororities **Judge Speaks to Greek System**

As times change, so must the Greek system. Fraternities as well as sororities can no longer afford to be the "Animal Houses" on campus.

Judge Mitchell Crane, who is a Sigma Phi Epsilon District Governor, addressed over 700 Greek members on issues such as drinking, drugs, date rape, risk management, and hazing on November 1, 1993. His point was simple and effective as he stressed the fact that the Greek system will have to change in the future in order to be successful.

Crane has spoken to over 40 universities in the past two years and his speaking style proved why he is in such high demand.

"He relates to students very well because he speaks to them on their level," said Todd Adams, Olathe senior.

His tragic, true life stories of fraternity and sorority hazing incidents seemed to have hit home for many of the audience. But his sense of humor is what really won over the capacity audience. Crane has the ability to make the audience laugh at a simple joke, and make them choke up at a tragic story.

Crane not only spoke about hazing, he discussed many other issues concerning Greek life. He talked about risk management and how easy it is to be libel in a party situation in the 1990's. He spoke about rape, giving alarming percentages that were tied in with fraternities and sororities. Crane showed newspaper clippings demanding immediate reform within the

Greek system.

"Judge Crane made each Greek member realize the potential downfalls of hazing and poor risk management," said John Mondri, Overland Park sophomore. "He encouraged us to be responsible for shaping the future of our house and the Greek system in general."

When asked why he devoted all of the time to helping Greek systems across the country deal with changes in society, Crane simply replied: "Because I care."



Alumni Board President Tom Gray visits with Judge Mitchell Crane, who spoke to the KU Greek community on the future of the Greek system.

Alumni News



1940: Lester E. Hey won the 1993 James Naismith Alumnus of the Year Award. Brother Hey currently resides in Baldwin City, Kan.

1961: Bob Kerr is a sales associate with Charlton-Manley, Inc. He is also the President of the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Kansas. Brother Kerr has three daughters and three grandchildren. His address is 2704 Princeton Boulevard, Lawrence, Kan. 66049.

1962: Jack C. Dysart is an architect, building inspector, ADA facilities compliance inspector, and contractor. He was certified as a building inspector by the International Conference of Building Inspectors in 1992. Brother Dysart worked on ADA facilities audits for the Aspen Skiing Company in 1993.

1966: Robert A. Guffin is a Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force at the Peterson Air Force Base headquarters for space command in

Colorado Springs, Colo.

1981: Steve Graves is a general manager of United Railroad. He and his wife Beth reside in Parker, Colo.

1984: John Cross is a metal building manufacturer and services team leader for the north-central region of Varco-Pruden Inc. Brother Cross resides in St. Joseph, Mo.

1987: Matt Meyers is a managed care specialist at HCA Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital. He and his wife Shauna live in Wichita, Kan.

1988: Mike Womack is currently working as a sales representative for Cellular One. Brother Womack's address is 4801 Horton, Mission, Kan. 66202.

1989: Bradley A. Carlson manages zone certification for Rent-A-Center. He and his wife Heather reside in Overland Park, Kan.

1989: Richard Fost is employed by Davies Architects. Brother Fost married in April, 1993. He and his wife Tammy reside at 1755 S. Quincy, Apt. B, Tulsa, Okla.

1992: Marc A. Buehler married Ashley Albright on July 31, 1993. He is employed by Creative Sports Marketing, which is affiliated with the University of Kansas Athletic Department. The Buehler's reside in Lawrence, Kan.

Gammaramma

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In Memory

Karl C. Kappelman (*46), died May 5, 1993 in Lawrence. He had been a program manager in KU's Office of Continuing Education. His survivors include his wife, Jo Ann, and Kansas Gamma brothers **Lester Kappelman (*39)** and **Glenn Kappelman (*48)**.

Conclave '93: The Brotherhood Roundup

Sig Eps from all over the country gathered again this summer in Dallas for the 43rd Grand Chapter Conclave. This year's theme was the Brotherhood Roundup and was held from Wednesday, August 4 through Sunday, August 8 at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas. The biannual event is an opportunity for undergraduates and alumni to gather and determine the direction of Sigma Phi Epsilon for the next two years, learn more about the fraternity, and to meet brothers from all over the U.S.

The Campaign for the Heart came to a successful conclusion with the campaign surpassing its goal of five million dollars in donations for the Sigma Phi Epsilon Endowment Fund. This now gives Sig Ep the largest endowment fund of any national fraternity. Other notable events were the presentation of charters to new Sig Ep chapters. The most moving of these was the one given to D.C. Beta at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. Gallaudet is the nation's leading university for

the deaf. Sig Ep is the first and only fraternity on this campus and is very proud of its accomplishment there. Kansas Gamma once again proved its excellence by receiving the Benjamin Hobson Frayser Chapter Publications Award for the *Gammaramma*. This award is given out to a select few chapters whose alumni newsletters are voted as the best in the country.

Among the many issues discussed at Conclave, one that has been enacted is a new executive structure for the fraternity. The new structure consists of a president, vice presidents of programming, recruitment, brotherhood development, and finance. This new executive structure is currently in place at Kansas Gamma.

Kansas Gamma was well represented by its members at this year's national meeting. Undergraduate members that attended the conference were Kevin Zimmer, Todd Adams, Brian Doyle, and Dan Mudd. Alumni in attendance were **Tom Gray ('77)**, **Gordon Thorn ('89)**, **Dale Seufferling ('77)**, and **Craig Templeton ('79)**.

Brother Among 5 Killed in Plane Crash

Brother Chris Harper, 26, died November 6, 1993 in a plane explosion southeast of Indianapolis, Indiana. Harper was traveling in a twin-engine Cessna 421 to Indiana for a weekend hunting trip. Witnesses said that the plane burned after landing in a farm field. Federal officials said that the cause of the crash was due to a buildup of ice on the wings of the plane.

Chris Harper graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School in 1985. He graduated from the University



Chris Harper

of Kansas in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in engineering and went on to become a steering column project engineer

for General Motors Corporation in Michigan. Brother Harper was an active member in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"Chris was a role model in his personal life, academics, and in the fraternity," said Bill Mercer, '90. "He was a perfect example and image for all of us to lead our lives by, even at 21 years of age."

"Chris was everybody's friend" said Darrin Andersen, '90. "He was a genuine, straight guy; always supportive of house activities."

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Kenneth C. Jones

Kenny Lewis

William A. Mercer

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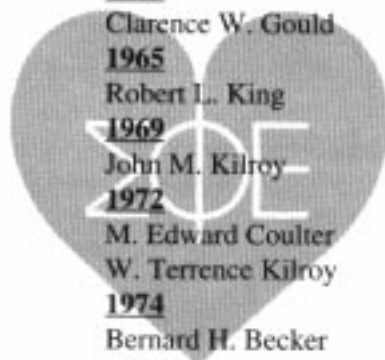
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New "Mom" Takes Sig Ep by Storm

The Kansas Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon saw new faces and new changes during the summer months of 1993. Besides the six new rooms that were constructed and the arrival of 35 new members, the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon were introduced to a new house-mother.

Mildred "Mittens" Crow, or Mom as she is affectionately called by the men of Sig Ep, is a believer in the traditional ways of good manners and etiquette.

"I have learned etiquette from my upbringing and from reading," Mom said. "I also received a book from the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic on etiquette as a gift."

Walking around the house it is possible to overlook Mom's 4-foot-10-inch frame, but it is difficult to miss her southern Arkansas accent or her uncompromising view on dining room decorum.

Mom Crow began her job here at the beginning of the semester, and wouldn't think of changing it. According to her, becoming a housemother in a fraternity is a great job to hold.

"I wouldn't change anything," Mom says. "I'm really, really, very happy here."

Mom Crow spent part of her life as a school teacher for second graders in Scott, Arkansas. She has also been a substitute teacher in Johnson County,



where she has lived for most of the past 40 years.

Sig Ep is not the first house that Mom Crow has presided over. She was the first house-mother for the Kappa Delta sorority in Arkansas and the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at the University of Kansas two years ago.

Moving from two sororities

to a fraternity might seem to be a little frightening to some people, but Mom Crow thinks differently.

"I wouldn't trade in one of my boys for ten girls," Mom said. "Boys are more honest. They don't hold grudges, and they show more respect."

Being the Mom for Sig Ep is not her only tie to the fraternity. Mom's son Lou is an alumnus of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Emporia State University. He is now 37 years-old and serving in the U.S. Navy in Panama. Mom's other son, Allen, is currently living with his family in Germany where he serves in the U.S. Air Force. Mom's only daughter, Becky, lives with her family in Ft. Worth, Texas.

For hobbies, Mom enjoys playing bridge and is an avid reader. She owns one pet, a cat named Spats. Spats is reputed to be one of the fiercest animals ever to frequent the Sig Ep house. The cat is so bad that he had to be declawed and detoothed for protectional purposes.

"He's a Johnson County cat who is about 12 years-old," Mom said. "He's big, bad, and beautiful."

From the President...

The spring semester at Kansas Gamma has started off very successfully. Currently, Kansas Gamma is ninth on the hill in academics out of 23 fraternities, making a jump over six houses since last fall with a cumulative GPA of 2.78. Throughout the '93-'94 school year we have also accumulated over 350 community service hours in an effort to give back to the Lawrence community. Our goal is to obtain over 500 hours in order to achieve a gold medal for outstanding community service at Rock Chalk Revue.

The biggest event taking place for Kansas Gamma during this semester is the beginning of our new philanthropy. The men of Kansas Gamma and the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority are hosting a Hole-In One golf tournament with a prize of \$250,000 to anyone who can sink a 160 yard shot in one attempt. The festivities will take place at the Twin Oaks Golf Complex in Eudora, Kan. The tentative dates for the event are from April 28-May 1, 1994. Please feel free to call the chapter house for more information.

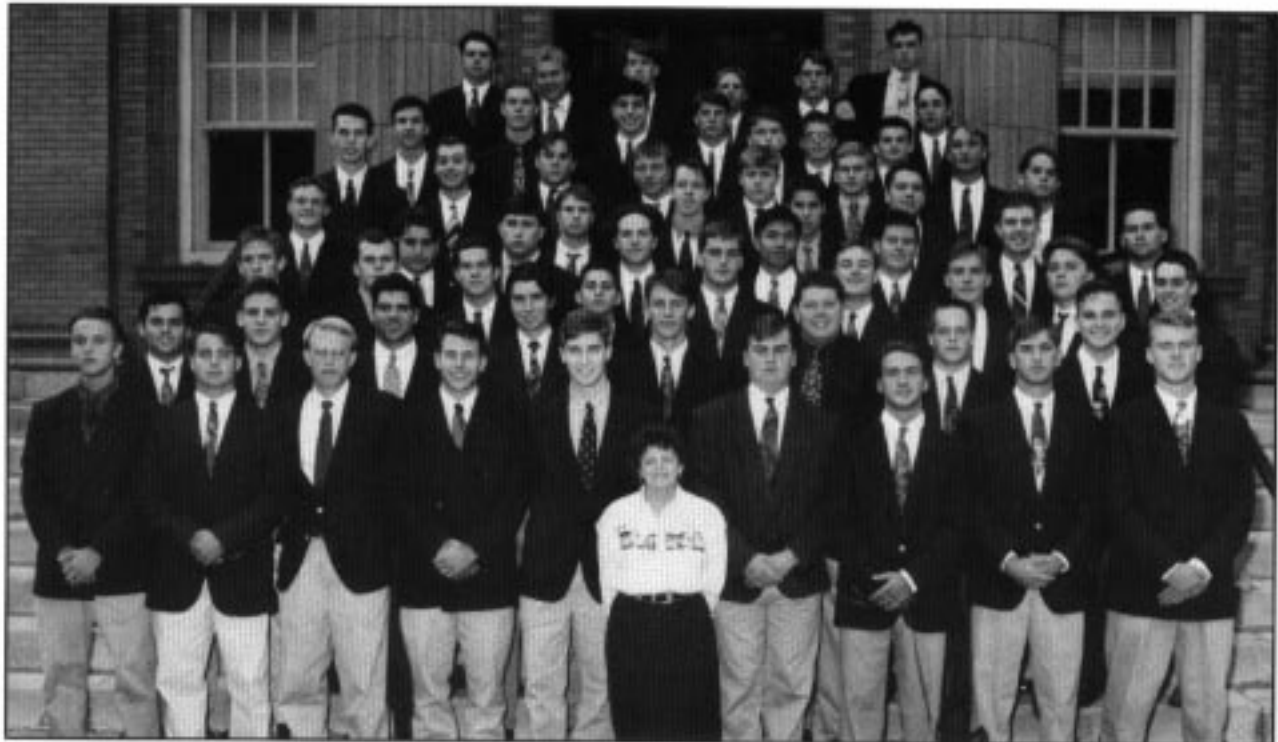
With the excellent support of Kansas Gamma alumni, Sigma Phi Epsilon has found its place at the top of the Greek community at the University of Kansas. A good chapter is only the sum of its parts and without the support of our dedicated alumni, Kansas Gamma would not be where it finds itself today.



Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Mudd".

Daniel Mudd



New and Improved...



Jason Kort, Overland Park junior, works in the refurbished computer room that has four computers, a printer, and a copy machine.



Tom Schmidt, '75, and son, look at the James A. Naismith trophy case at Homecoming '93.

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