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A history of housing improvements continues

Dating back to when Dr. James Naismith started KU SigEp in 1923, the chapter has resided in several locations in Lawrence. Many people are not aware that SigEp built and was the original occupant of the current Delta Gamma house on Emery Road! With a majority of members abroad serving their country in WWII, SigEp was financially unable to keep that house, and was forced to sell it to Delta Gamma. After then living in several interim locations, eventually, in 1949, KU SigEp settled at its current location at 1645 Tennessee. That original structure was new, but undersized, so there were significant expansions to the house in 1964 (Rooms 7-12) and in 1981 (Rooms 21-26).

Then, twenty years ago, on April 26, 1987, a fire caused by a small refrigerator in Room 3 virtually destroyed the second floor of the fraternity. Thanks to swift action, and many, many long hours by the Alumni Board, and by Dan Meyer '82 and Gus Meyer '80 of Rau Construction, the house was completely restored and renovated by August 18, 1987...in time for the fall semester. And, with newly installed fire sprinklers! Kansas Gamma will forever be

in debt to the alumni who, in less than four months, spearheaded this amazing accomplishment.

"Although the fire was devastating to OUR members at the time," says then chapter president, Ken Jones '88, "it did allow for significant upgrades to the facility." "We seized that opportunity in 1987 to considerably raise the quality of the place," states Tom Gray '77, former Alumni Board president. "Then, in 1991, after the first capital campaign in the chapter's history, we



THIS IS THE KANSAS GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1949. THE INTERIOR WAS REMODELED IN 1981.

expanded the Library and a new President's Room was added, and the Housemother's room was expanded. These upgrades have served the chapter well for the past twenty years."

Today, once again, upgrades in housing are necessary to remain competitive on the KU Campus. The "KU SigEp Now" Campaign, only the second capital campaign in Kansas Gamma's history, is underway. With the proposed renovation, Kansas Gamma has the chance to finally offer housing that is truly competitive. A new hall on the second floor, extending to the east, will feature larger rooms with a view facing Tennessee Street. And, the new hall will not have a traffic pattern, so the rooms should be quieter. These rooms will be helpful in retaining upper-classmen and, thus, reducing New-Member class sizes. Additionally, three larger rooms will be added on the lower level, which should add some "life" to the first floor common areas. A beautiful living room with large windows will face Tennessee Street, and a TV/Game Room will replace the current Chapter Room. With the additional rooms, we're



THE NEW HOUSE AT 1645 TENNESSEE WILL BOAST A BEAUTIFUL NEW EXTERIOR, MORE STUDY ROOMS, A LIBRARY/LIVING ROOM, A COURTYARD, A CHAPTER EDUCATION ROOM, AND A TV/GAME ROOM.

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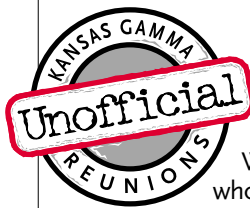
Housing improvements

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excited that all existing rooms can be reduced to “two-man” rooms! With these improvements, KU SigEp will have a Chapter House that will compete with the best...a house that everyone will be proud of!

The “KU SigEp Now” Campaign has over \$950,000 in commitments, *but additional commitments are necessary to make this dream a reality.* We need support across a broad base of alumni. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so today. If you have already made a pledge, there is a strong need to build cash reserves, so please make a payment(s) today.

We hope to start construction in Spring 2008, so we need to hear from you soon! Please return your pledge card today, or, use the form below. You may also initiate monthly automatic checking account payments by contacting Campaign Director Mark Allen (markdallen@everestkc.net). Please respond today!



Let us know when SigEps get together!

Whether it's five guys who go fishing once a year, eight men who attend a brother's wedding, or ten sports fans who sit together at every KU home game. Send details (and photos!) to P.O. Box 7050, Overland Park, KS 66207-0050 or email database@kusigep.com.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

1950s **GEORGE ABLAH '51** still lives in Wichita, KS, and works every day as a commercial real estate developer and builder. “If I don't have nine appointments a day, I don't know what to do with myself,” George says.

HERB MESIGH '50 lives in Oklahoma City, where he retired as a district court judge.

NICK CLASSEN '59 retired after 40 years serving the State of Texas as a civil engineer, handling environmental issues. He currently lives in Austin, TX, with Linda, his wife of 25 years. Nick works part time as a bereavement counselor in Austin and spends the balance of his time with his grandchildren.

1960s **GEORGE GILL '63**, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wyoming, is one of the world's leading experts on bone identification. His research on the “Kennewick Man” has led experts to believe that migration of humans to the North American continent may have occurred from multiple routes, not just the Bering Strait land bridge as long believed. The 9,500-year-old skeletal remains were unearthed in 2002 and have been the subject of legal action between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Native American tribes of the Northwest U.S.

MARVIN LAMPTON '64 continues as President and CEO of Lampton Welding Supply, based in Wichita. His son, **DOUG LAMPTON '96**, serves as Vice President of Sales for the company's 12 locations in four states.

1970s **JEFF ANDERSON '71** works for Merrill Lynch in Palo Alto, CA, where he serves as a Wealth Management Advisor and Consultant to clients.

BOB GRABILL '72 lives in Lawrence, KS, where he is President and CEO of The Chief Executive Network, an executive consulting service. Bob brings many years executive experience to this role after serving in upper management positions throughout his career.

JEFF BRILEY '74 serves on the KU Alumni Association Board of Directors and president of the Greater Kansas City KU Alumni Association. Jeff and wife Jean live in Overland Park. Jeff works as a consultant for CBIZ.

BILL BLEISH '78 will soon complete his 29th year with IBM in Kansas City, serving as a Client Manager in the Government Industry division. Bill and wife Trish are empty nesters, as daughter Mindy recently graduated from KU and son Neil is a sophomore and a member of SigEp at Truman State University.



Alumni tell 'Ep Lodge stories over lunch
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, TODD STAKER '65, ROGER NELSON '70, BOB MAGNESS '73, BILL BRADY '69, DAVE HOWARD '71, CHUCK BEUCHER '69, BILL DEBAUN '70, AND JACK KILROY '69 ENJOYED TELLING STORIES ABOUT THE 'EP LODGE OVER LUNCH THIS PAST JANUARY, 2007.

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1980s **TOM PICKFORD '81** lives in Cypress, TX, with his wife and two daughters. Tom has been elected to partner in the law firm of Hoover Slovacek, LLP, in Houston.

PETER GREIG '87 works as Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager for FCI Advisors in Kansas City, MO, where he manages fixed income portfolios for institutional clients and oversees all fixed income-trading operations for the company.

1990s **MARC BUEHLER '92** was recently elected president and COO of Tony Roma Corporation in Dallas. Tony Roma has restaurants and operations in 32 countries around the world.

KENT ECKLES '93 returned to Kansas recently after living in the Washington, D.C., area for the past 12 years. Kent returns, with wife Julieanne and daughter Alexandra, as Vice President of Government Relations for the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce and serves as that group's chief lobbyist on city, county, state, and federal issues.

2000s **SEAN AIKMUS '03** lives in Overland Park, KS, where he works as a Senior Producer for Hadel Financial Advisors. Sean is also on the KU SigEp Alumni Board of Directors.

CHRIS BERGERSON '03 teaches English in Hanoi, Vietnam. Chris recently married there and **JON PARIS '03** attended the wedding.

JON HAERTLING '03 recently joined Liberty Mutual Insurance as a client manager in the commercial lines division. John lives in Kansas City, MO.

TIM BOESHAAR '06 lives in Lawrence and works for KU's Lied Performing Arts Center as the Assistant Technical Director.



SIGEP A-FOOTBALL

This photo shows members of the SigEp A-Football team from 1964, how many brothers can you name?

In Memory

ZACH FARHA '51 died February 25, 2007, in Wichita. A long-time supporter of SigEp, Zach owned Swiss Chalet and Pioneer Property Development. He is survived by his wife, Leilah, and sons Vincent and Christopher.

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF GAMMA RAMMA:



Roll to the Bowl photo answers

Judge Herb Mesigh '50, immediately responded and identified two of the men in our Roll to the Bowl photo question. The man on the Queen's left is Charlie Medlock '49. And, on her right, of course, is Brother Herb Mesigh. A google search reveals that the 1948 Rose Bowl Queen was Virginia Goodhue and that General Omar N. Bradley was the Grand Marshal that year.

Photo ID's

Send your answers to:

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Overland Park, KS 66207
or email database@kusigep.com.



"LITTLE SISTER'S BOTTOMS UP"

Taken at the September 23, 1983, "Little Sister's Bottoms Up" Event, these three SigEps appear to be having at good time. Can you name all three?

A Tale of Two Cities' Managers, Part Two

When we last left **Bob Herchert '64** and **Chuck Anderson '62**, each had their own city to look after. As you may recall from our *Gamma Ramma* article in early 1983, Chuck was the city manager in Dallas, Texas, while Bob was busy across the Metroplex in Tarrant County as city manager of Fort Worth.

Historically, Dallas and Fort Worth residents were somewhat antagonistic toward each other, but Brothers Herchert and Anderson did all they could to bring those two cities, and the other cities in the Metroplex area, closer together and more responsive to the needs of everyone. A good example of that cooperation is exemplified with the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport. Better known as DFW, the airport came into service and blossomed while each was a city manager.

Brother Chuck Anderson Osage City, KS, Native, 1962 KU Alumnus

While serving in Dallas, Chuck saw both the explosive growth in population and business development as well as the corresponding demands on city services, utilities, and transportation systems. Dallas experienced double-digit gains in population. While quickly putting Dallas on the map as one of America's largest cities, it also put a huge strain on the budget. Chuck was integral in passing one of the very first billion dollar bond issues for a city. That bond issue was used to fund, organize, and build the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system. DART survives today as a consortium of 13 municipalities and two counties.

The management board of DART so much liked what they saw in the abilities of Brother Anderson, they hired him away to be the Executive Director.

Brother Anderson left DART in 1992 for a high level position with the International City/County

Management Association in Washington, D.C. His assignment was to manage USAID contracts providing technical assistance and funding to local governments in Central and Eastern Europe. In the early 90s, most of those countries were coming out from under Soviet rule and making a transition to a market-based economy. Chuck's last assignment with ICMA in 1995 was to recruit and supervise a team of consultants charged with assisting local Bosnian governments in the rebuilding process following the war in the Balkan region.

In 1996 Brother Anderson's career path took another turn when he was appointed Executive Director of the Michigan Education Association. The MEA represents K-12 teachers, school personnel, and higher education faculty in a wide range of services from collective bargaining to professional development and training. While in that role, Chuck also served as a senior consultant in Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. Part of his work as a senior consultant involved work with mayors from

South Korea and Russia who were seeking training and assistance in building their respective cities and organizations.

Chuck retired to Fort Worth from the MEA in 2005 to live a quiet life with his wonderful wife. Or so he thought. He is now the CEO of Waters Consulting, an executive management services firm, based in Ft. Worth, specializing in recruiting and placing executive talent for public entities. Some retirement!

Brother Bob Herchert Webster Groves, MO, 1964 KU Alumnus

While his good friend and Fraternity brother Chuck Anderson was helping cities throughout the world build and develop, Brother Bob Herchert chose to keep his heart, his family, and his very successful career deep in the heart of Texas.

After serving as deputy city manager in Kansas City, Missouri, city manager in Camden, Arkansas, and assistant city manager in Fairborn, Ohio, Bob joined the City of Fort Worth as City Manager. The year was 1978. At the time, many viewed Fort Worth as Dallas' "little sister." Herchert would have none of that. In his time as city manager, Herchert and his able management team led Fort Worth to explosive, but managed growth. While development was burgeoning in outlying areas of the far-reaching city, Brother Herchert also pushed for a complete redevelopment of the downtown area for Fort Worth—essentially resurrecting an inner

city area. During his tenure, Brother Herchert was integral in recruiting large corporations such as American Airlines and Burlington Northern to relocate their corporate headquarters to the city.

Bob's successful work as a public servant led him to the private sector in 1985. Texas-American Bancshares, Fort Worth's largest bank holding company, hired Herchert as Executive Vice President to oversee all administrative functions for the entire bank system. During that time, Texas-American saw its numbers grow dramatically.

In 1990, Brother Herchert was recruited to join Freese and Nichols, a Fort Worth-based engineering firm. As president and CEO, Herchert used his business and management skills to enlarge the firm from a single Fort Worth office to today's eight offices throughout the state of Texas. Known primarily as a civil engineering firm specializing in water management, Herchert has worked tirelessly to expand Freese and Nichols scope of work to include different aspects of the engineering spectrum. While continuing to lead the nation in water management engineering services, Freese and Nichols today also provides vital work for infrastructure development to some of the nation's leading airports, military installations, public and private universities, and highway systems.

Bob and wife Linda also make regular trips back to Lawrence for KU football and basketball games. Bob also continues to be involved as an advisor for the Master's Program in the School of Education's Public Administration division. KU ranks as the number school in the nation for public administration education.



CHUCK ANDERSON '62, JOHN ERICKSON '65, BOB HERCHERT '64 MEET FOR LUNCH IN FORT WORTH IN MARCH, 2007

Brothers Herchert and Anderson also get together regularly. Joined by KU SigEp brothers **John Erickson '65** and **Ray Meyn '65**, the four couples have lots of fun while

traveling together. Truly, these men, whose personal lives and business careers have crossed paths many times, are men who call themselves SigEps for Life.

KU SigEp's newest members

Name	Hometown, State	Name	Hometown, State
Spencer Boland	Overland Park, KS	Dallas Mildfelt	Chanute, KS
Jeff Brown	Overland Park, KS	Kyle Millard	Olathe, KS
Derek Burchett	Overland Park, KS	Eric Millard	Olathe, KS
Nicholas Carroll	Overland Park, KS	Ross Nigro	Overland Park, KS
Nicholas Elster	Overland Park, KS	Mike Paradise	Olathe, KS
Taylor Gardner	Leawood, KS	Danny Paterson	Leawood, KS
Brad Gilbert	Lenexa, KS	Mark Rigby	Marion, IA
Chris Goodger	Lake Quivira, KS	Justin Roberts	Omaha, NE
Chris Gray	Leawood, KS	Dan Rosenak	Overland Park, KS
Dylan Hackett	Overland Park, KS	David Sanchez	Wichita, KS
Ian Hendrickson	Leawood, KS	Tadd Schurwanz	Wichita, KS
Ryan Hinderliter	Overland Park, KS	Spencer Smith	Keller, TX
Taylor Johnson	Garden City, KS	Cameron Smith	Olathe, KS
David Jones	Wichita, KS	R. J. Trowbridge	Olathe, KS
Zak Kasnetz	St. Louis, MO	Matt Tucker	Olathe, KS
Mark Kimmel	Overland Park, KS	Jamie Westerman	Chanute, KS
Corbin Kline	Olathe, KS	Justin Wharton	Torrance, CA
Jay Kombrink	Mission Hills, KS	Jacob Winters	Overland Park, KS
Robert Larrabee, II	Lawrence, KS	Jeff Yacos	Overland Park, KS

HARD WORK REAPS REWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER



FROM LEFT, MICHAEL GILLASPIE '10, IFC VICE PRESIDENT OF RECRUITMENT, BRYCE BEASLEY '08, SIGEP CHAPTER PRESIDENT, AND BRAD CARDONELL '09, IFC VICE PRESIDENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND CANDIDATE FOR SIGEP NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, POSE AFTER BEING RECOGNIZED WITH FIVE CHAPTER AWARDS AT THE GREEK RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY ON APRIL 29 AT THE LIED CENTER.

Greek Recognition Awards

For the second straight year, a member of KU SigEp won the Outstanding New Member Award, Wichita freshman Zach Jones '11 took home the honors for SigEp on April 29, at the Lied Center. Last year, Michael Gillaspie '10, from Ashland, won the award. Additionally, SigEp won awards for outstanding member development programs and risk management programs. Fairway sophomore Patrick deOlivera '10 received the Outstanding IFC Appointed Officer Award for his work in public relations, following in grandfather Wendell Sullivan's '54 footsteps. Mark Allen '78 was named Outstanding KU Greek Alumnus.

ROCK CHALK REVUE RECAP

The undergraduate actives at KU SigEp scored big in the annual production of the Rock Chalk Revue benefit in March of this year. With sorority partners from Delta Gamma, the men won the Outstanding Video award for their pre-performance presentation of "Little Prom on the Prairie" and took home the most distinguished and accomplished award as the chapter raising the most money (about \$5,000) and contributing the most community service hours toward Douglas County United Way. That's what it's all about, raising funds to support the United Way, so we're very proud of this award. Way to go guys!

In addition, Delta Gamma senior Julie Kessinger and SigEp Brother Michael Garcia '07 won for best supporting cast members and the RCR directors Tyler Kemp '07, Brian Segebrecht '07 and Adam Poole '09 won the award for Best Performance Under Pressure with Technical Difficulties.



THE MEN OF KU SIGEP "WORK IT" TO LEARN DANCE STEPS FROM THE ORIGINAL PRESENTATION OF "LITTLE PROM ON THE PRAIRIE" FOR THE ROCK CHALK REVUE BENEFIT FOR UNITED WAY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Balanced Man Scholarships awarded at Parents' Recruitment Luncheon

Ten high school seniors received \$4,000 in Balanced Man Scholarship Awards at the annual New Member Parents' Brunch, held on April 29, at the Doubletree Hotel, in Overland Park, KS. Recipients arrived from Wichita, Great Bend, Salina, Topeka, Overland Park, Olathe, Spring Hill, and Lawrence to receive the scholarships. The average GPA for these men is an astounding 4.14. The top scholarship winner contributed over 2,000 hours of community service work in his four years of high school. He was student body president, captain of both his football and baseball team, and scored a 34 on the ACT exams. The Balanced Man Scholarship Program continues to be a great recruitment tool, with four scholarship recipients already planning to join SigEp.



BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS ARRIVED AT THE PARENTS' RECRUITMENT LUNCHEON AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN OVERLAND PARK, WHERE THE KANSAS GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDED \$4,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMICS, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CIVIC COMMITMENT, AND ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION. ON THE FAR RIGHT, ADAM POOLE '10, VP-SCHOLARSHIP, JOINS THE RECIPIENTS.



SIGEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CRAIG TEMPLETON '81 TRAVELED FROM RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, TO ADDRESS ABOUT 100 GUESTS AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE KU SIGEP PARENTS' RECRUITMENT LUNCHEON.

UNDERGRADUATES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The 2007-08 KU SigEp elected officers once again raise the bar on standards for leadership, as they bring the highest overall GPA and the most service hours to their roles as chapter leaders.

President

J.R. Keller '10, Godfrey, IL

Vice President, Programming

Landon Plumer '10, Valley Center, KS

Vice President, Finance

Eric Fitch '10, Overland Park, KS

Vice President, Recruitment

Adam Price '11, Garden City, KS

Vice President, Member Development

Zach Jones '11, Wichita, KS

Vice President, Communications

Brad Cardonell '11, Tribune, KS

Vice President, Scholarship

Adam Poole '10, Wichita, KS

Chaplain

Michael Gillaspie '10, Ashland, KS

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2007 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 1 CENTRAL MICHIGAN	October 27 Texas A & M at College Station
September 8 S.E. LOUISIANA (Band Day)	November 3 NEBRASKA *
September 15 TOLEDO (Family Day)	November 10 Oklahoma State at Stillwater
September 22 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	November 17 IOWA STATE
October 6 Kansas State at Manhattan	November 24 MISSOURI at Arrowhead Stadium
October 13 BAYLOR	December 1 Big 12 Champion- ship Game
October 20 Colorado at Boulder	

CAPS = Home game
 * = Homecoming



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