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SigEp Gamma Ramma

Renovated Chapter House is “Awesome!”

Years in the planning, Fall 2008 marked the construction of KU SigEp's expanded Chapter House. Expanded living quarters and an all-new front exterior are key features of the new facility. The addition of twelve new rooms, without expanding membership capacity, will allow the capacity of *all* rooms to be reduced to two members. All new rooms will be larger, which will be helpful in reducing the number of upperclassmen that choose to move out of the house and into apartments. The resulting lower turnover of members will allow for smaller, higher quality, new-member classes.

Sophomore member Kyle Millard, said that members were “excited to take their daily tours and watch the con-

struction progress.” He added that “it's awesome...we can't wait to move in!”

The expanded first floor will feature a new grand entry, a new computer center, a new chapter room, a new TV media room, a new living room with fireplace, and, three two-man rooms. That's right, for the first time ever, we'll have six members living on the first floor. Those enhancements, and a new enclosed courtyard, will bring a whole new level of excitement to the first floor!

As a part of KU SigEp transcending to a sanctioned *Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community*, the second floor will feature an office for SigEp's faculty fellow to be used for tutoring and advising. The new space

on the second floor will also feature eight larger two-man rooms, a new laundry room, and a balcony overlooking the first floor courtyard.

The renovation will provide a better housing experience for our members, and make SigEp more competitive on the KU campus.

The Chapter thanks the alumni volunteers that spearheaded the project, and the many alumni that contributed financially to the project.

If you have not yet donated, your support is needed at P.O. Box 7050, Overland Park, KS 66207. All donors will be recognized on a plaque to be on permanent display at the chapter house.

RENOVATION TIMELINE INSIDE! SEE PAGE 4

KU SigEp welcomes new Chapter Counselor



Kansas Gamma would like to welcome **Dave Friederichs, Northern Iowa '00**, as the new Chapter Counselor. Dave joined SigEp at the University of Northern Iowa

in 1995. After graduating in 2000, he worked for the SigEp national fraternity as a Regional Director for two years, working with 18 chapters in Indiana and Michigan. After working for headquarters, Dave moved to Des Moines and began volunteering

for his home chapter at UNI as Alumni Board President, later becoming District Governor for the 11 chapters in the upper Midwest.

After moving to the Kansas City area in April 2007, Dave connected with the Kansas Gamma chapter. Dave says, “I am excited to take on the chapter counselor role this spring.”

Professionally, he is a Sales Executive for Eclipsys Practice Solutions, managing the Mid-Atlantic territory. The company provides electronic health records and scheduling/billing software to medical practices and hospitals. Dave married his wife Jenny last April, and the couple moved to Merriam, Kansas in June.



UNDERGRADUATE MISSION TRIP
TO JAMAICA. SEE STORY, PAGE 3

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CRAIG TEMPLETON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SIGMA PHI EPSILON

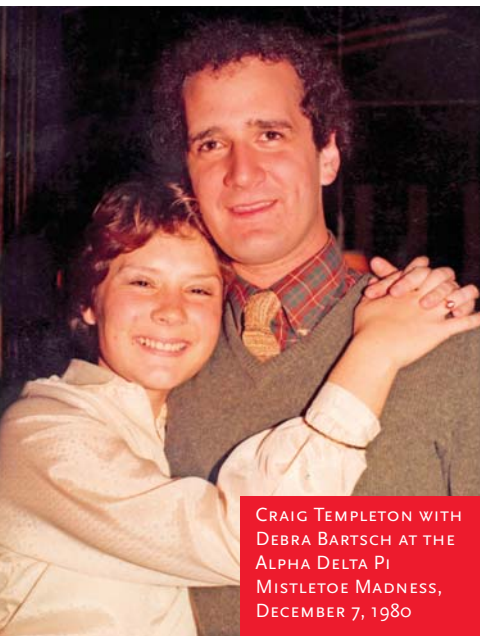
As a University of Kansas undergraduate, **Craig Templeton '81**, wasn't much interested in joining a fraternity. It was the late 70s, and the fraternity world was recovering from a tough time and damaged reputation. He and roommate **Tom Pickford '80** had an apartment in town, and Craig was busy majoring in "everything. First, Economics, then Psychology, then Business." He was the youngest of four boys who disliked fraternities. He just wasn't interested.

Craig's lifelong friend, **Jeff Chanay '80** from Topeka, had joined, and he and **Tom Gray '77** recruited him. Spending time with them at the house allowed him to learn that he shared values with other guys he met there. He remembers a level of maturity in the students who lived in the senior wing that made SigEp appealing. "These were really sharp guys, smart, and connected all over campus. They thought hazing was stupid. I thought they were cool, and wanted to grow up and be like them."

He remembers the sleeping dorms, which were more prevalent then than now. Everyone had their three or four man rooms for studying and keeping personal effects. But the sleeping dorms were two giant rooms that housed rows and rows of bunkbeds. Back then, because of health rules, sleeping dorms were required to be open-air. "I thought it was wonderful, because those rooms were dead silent quiet. You could sleep any time and not be bothered by the antics of your housemates." Evidently, the elements were a plus. "I loved where my bed was, between two glassless windows. If there was snow outside, I'd wake up with snow on my blanket.

By his Junior year, another SigEp, **Steve Young '80**, encouraged him to pursue Journalism as a major. Watergate was still fresh, and investigative reporting was still important. He acknowledges the basic communication skills required to be a reporter set him up for so many other things to come. "Everyone should be able to report a story, and write it," he says. "The assessment skills alone help you get to the truth, and give you perspective on everything."

It was a transformative time for fraternity life in Kansas. Craig was involved with Student Government, and was president of the Associated Students

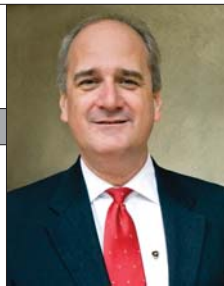


CRAIG TEMPLETON WITH
DEBRA BARTSCH AT THE
ALPHA DELTA PI
MISTLETOE MADNESS,
DECEMBER 7, 1980

of Kansas. "We were getting over Vietnam, Watergate, all the politics of the time. It felt like a time when we shifted from protest rallies and student activism to actually going to Capital Hill and talking about it; going to Topeka and appealing to the legislature for funding. It was a time, I believe, in which SigEp and other fraternities became a respectable affiliation again."

While he didn't participate in organized athletics, he says Sound Body efforts were inevitable: the Kansas Gamma house is at the foot of Mt. Oread, and campus at the top. "I was always late for class, and sprinting that uphill climb three or four times a day left no chance for being out of shape," he laughs.

Craig became most involved with the house in his senior year, when he was elected Chapter President. Surprised at the responsibility that went with it, he embraced the chance to learn about group dynamics and how to motivate people to get things done. "It was just a great job, a great experience," he marvels. "At some point, I realized, wow, we're running a pretty good-sized little business here. Meeting with the Alumni Board year-round; managing the house staff that included a cook, kitchen staff, our house mother; the Recruitment Chair-



ABOVE: IN FRONT OF
ZOLLINGER HOUSE IN
RICHMOND, VA, 2008

man, who managed the whole new member process.

It was a tremendous deal." There were about 70 members at that time. Craig imagines that it's an even more rewarding experience today with 120 members.

After graduation mid-year, he worked as a reporter at a newspaper before signing on as the Northeast Regional Director for SigEp. A year later, he married his college sweetheart, Deb, and moved to Junction City as a reporter for print and television. "I'd report news in the morning paper, then run downstairs and grab a camera guy and do the story for Channel 6." When **Chuck White**, Executive Director of the Fraternity, asked him to serve as the editor of the *Journal*, he and Deb moved back to Richmond for more than 5 years before returning to Kansas and starting a family. Craig was Director of Corporate Communications for Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services, and worked on the transition when they were sold. He then joined partners in another firm that worked in the railroad industry before taking over air and radiation programs for asbestos and radioactive materials management for ten years. Many of the procedures developed by his firm ultimately became law with the EPA.

Of his return to Richmond once more as Executive Director for SigEp, Craig remarks, "It's the greatest job in the world because I believe that a man forms most of his life habits between the ages of 18 – 23. What a tremendous, positive impact SigEp can have on the development of these men. I can't think of a more important thing to be doing. Fraternities have changed a lot in the last 30 years, and SigEp has been a harbinger of a great deal of that change. The undergraduate fraternity experience had a huge impact on my life overall. It taught me lifestyle habits, respect for others, taking care of myself, being on my game. I learned so much by living with people I wanted to emulate. This is stuff you don't just pick up at home growing up. It's the peer pressure effect, in a positive way."

KU SigEps make a difference in Jamaica

BY MICHAEL DALBOM, '04

When you talk about Summer Break with most college students the words “warm beach,” “sun tan,” “night clubs” and “dance parties” come to mind. But not for 12 Sigma Phi Epsilon undergraduates at The University of Kansas.

Ray Segebrecht, '10, along with eleven of his fraternity brothers, decided to take a different approach to their Summer Break. The twelve SigEp brothers spent four days and three nights helping Food for the Poor charities. They spent the week helping build a home for a family, volunteering in a soup kitchen and spending at least one day at the Alpha Boys School for orphans.

Food for the Poor offers pilgrimages for those wishing to donate their time in Jamaica, Haiti and Central America.

Landon Plumer, '09, a Wichita senior who went on the trip, said, “I have never had the opportunity to go on a humanitarian trip. I realized as a senior my time was running out to share this experience with my fraternity brothers.”

All twelve SigEp's that participated spent an entire year raising \$1,100 per person to support the cost of the trip.



JR KELLER, CENTER, GIVES A CHILD WITH HIV A PIGGYBACK RIDE WHILE LANDON PLUMER LOOKS ON. THE BROTHERS VOLUNTEERED WITH DARE TO CARE IN JAMAICA IN JULY.

The brothers even made homemade burritos to sell outside of the bars when they closed. “It took a lot of time and patience to raise the money to be able to go and help the less fortunate, but in the end, it was definitely worth it,” said JR Keller, '09.

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Segebrecht said, “I came up with the idea after I did a similar pilgrimage with my church's youth group in 2004. I figured if I liked it with my church, it would be great with my fraternity brothers.”

This is a tradition that was organized by Ray Segebrecht at SigEp. His hopes are this will remain a yearly tradition among SigEp's at KU.

If you are interested in supporting next years SigEp undergrads in Jamaica, please mail your tax deductible donation to:
Sigma Phi Epsilon
ATTN: Jamaica SigEp Fund
PO Box 7050
Overland Park, KS 66207-0050

Log on to kusigep.com to see how KU SigEp's are making a difference.



LEFT: BROTHERS POSE IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE THEY HELPED FOOD FOR THE POOR BUILD THIS SUMMER.

From Groundbreaking to Gorgeous



ON HAND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFICIAL KU SigEp GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON JUNE 16, 2008 WERE (LEFT TO RIGHT): GUY MEYER SR, PRESIDENT RAU CONSTRUCTION; MICHAEL GILLASPIE, KU SigEp AND KU STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT; TOM GRAY, KU SigEp EXPANSION STEERING COMMITTEE; GUS MEYER JR, PROJECT MANAGER RAU CONSTRUCTION; MARK ALLEN, KU SigEp EXPANSION CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR; MICHAEL DALBOM, KU SigEp EXPANSION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN; BERNIE BECKER, KU SigEp EXPANSION STEERING COMMITTEE; REUBEN PEREZ, KU OFFICE OF GREEK LIFE; LAURA BAUER, KU OFFICE OF GREEK LIFE; GLYNN SHERIDAN, PRESIDENT SUNFLOWER BANK; LONDON PLUMER, KU SigEp; LARRY MILLER, KU SigEp EXPANSION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN.



September 4, 2008 • Framing in the front living room



July 16, 2008 • Construction underway



July 26, 2008 • A firm footing



July 20, 2008 • Digging out the front lawn



August 26, 2008 • The new front has started



September 26, 2008 • Second floor begins



October 4, 2008 • 17th & Tennessee looks different, huh?



October 24, 2008 • Before the brickwork begins



October 28, 2008 • Reviewing the plans



November 8, 2008 • A look inside progress on the new formal living room



November 25, 2008 • Two story courtyard with second level deck

Introducing “The New KU SigEp!”

You are cordially invited to The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of ‘The New KU SigEp.’

Over the last two years, SigEp at The University of Kansas has been making history. With close to \$1 million raised and nine months of construction, we invite you to help us celebrate the opening of the newly renovated KU SigEp!

Following the open house, you are invited to watch the KU/Texas game in the new media room.

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009

12:15 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

11:00 - 2:00 OPEN HOUSE / TOURS



January 1, 2009 • Final touches underway

Thank you!

On behalf of the entire KU SigEpNOW Campaign and steering committee, thank you for your donation and support. We greatly appreciate your generosity in helping make your fraternity the ‘best’ fraternity on the Hill.

KU SigEp welcomes 34 new members

NEW Faculty Office at KU SigEp!

As part of KU SigEp's transition to a sanctioned Residential Learning Community, the newly renovated Chapter House will feature a dedicated office for KU SigEp's new Faculty Advisor, Kyle Richards, who is finishing his doctoral dissertation at KU. Kyle is also a SigEp alumni from Emporia State. The faculty office inside SigEp is adjacent to the main staircase, so it will be highly visible and accessible to all. Kyle will hold regular office hours at the Chapter House to counsel and advise chapter members. Additionally, the new office space will allow for math and chemistry tutoring that are provided multiple times weekly at the chapter house. The new educational space in the faculty office is in addition to the greatly expanded space in the new computer center on the first floor. The undergraduates thank the alumni donors that made these educational enhancements possible.



'SIGEP SUPER CHEF ALAN' COOKS UP AN AMAZING PORK TENDERLOIN FOR A MONDAY NIGHT DINNER ON JAN. 25TH. "ALAN IS BY FAR THE BEST CHEF SIGEP HAS EVER SEEN," SAYS MICHAEL PARADISE, '11.



FIRST ROW (L TO R): TAYLOR CURRY, OP KS; TYLER ACKERMAN, OP KS; NICK KEMPIN, OP KS.
SECOND ROW (L TO R): ZACH PALASZ, LEAWOOD, KS; DEREK DEVERA, OP KS; CODY FRAZIER, OP KS; BEN DIPPOLD, OP KS; GRANT JOERGER, LAWTON, OK; CONNOR LUND, OMAHA, NE; AUSTIN LOHRENGEL, WICHITA, KS; KEVIN TOMASU, MAIZE, KS; CHRIS SEIB, OP KS.
THIRD ROW (L TO R): ANDREW MILLER, TRIBUNE, KS; BILLY COLDSNOW, LAWRENCE, KS; BILLY GALVIN, OP KS; AREN RYAN, KC MO; DAN BURDETTE, OP KS; RYAN SULLIVAN, OP KS; AUSTIN CIRA, OLATHE, KS; JASON SNEEGAS, LAWRENCE, KS; KEATON ANDRA, OLATHE, KS; KYLE TURBITT, OLATHE, KS; CHRIS LAMB, OP KS.
FOURTH ROW (L TO R COMING DOWN THE STAIRS): DAVID JOHNSON, SALINA, KS; BEN BRAZIL, CHANUTE, KS; JAY TRUMP, TULSA, OK; KAMAN SCHNEIDER, TRIBUNE, KS; SAM BOLTON, GRAND ISLAND, NE; ELLIOTT KOVACH, LAKE QUIVIRA, KS; IAN MCGONIGLE, WICHITA, KS; ANDREW CHAEL, OP KS; TERRELL JONES, WICHITA, KS; REGGIE HERNANDEZ, ELKHART, KS; SHAUN BELL, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN.

Dad's Club kept hopping with summer work

Bill Brown, '77 and Arliss Stebbins, father of Jeff Stebbins '11, were busy men this summer. Both stepped up and led a big effort on the part of the Dad's Club to get the existing rooms into shape for the incoming group of new members.

"If you add all the dads and guys together, we probably had about 60 guys working at different times during the summer," says Bill. "Several of those days, SigEp looked like an ant farm with guys crawling all over the place working on projects."

Included in the projects from this summer were, replacement of all the carpet in the rooms with laminated wood flooring; complete sheetrock patching after removing all posters, nails, thumbtacks, etc; full paint jobs in 15 rooms; replacement and staining of seven room doors; complete paint in the Dining Room; stripping and staining the Dining Room tables; and painting of the upstairs hallways.

"We got great support from a dedicated core of dads," said Arliss. "Also, several of the guys really got

into helping and were dedicated to making the place look great."

In full agreement, Chapter Counselor Mark Allen stated, "This group did what no other group has done to bring our chapter facility to a great place for a guy to move in. Our new members, and particularly their moms, all have the basic expectation of a clean, freshly painted room. These men made that happen. They deserve a big round of applause!"

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2008 Awards

- National SigEp award for highest participation and most support for philanthropies.
- National SigEp award for Balanced Man Member Development Program
- KU Campus award for most philanthropic dollars raised for United Way
- National SigEp award for high-ranking freshman cumulative GPA
- KU award for highest participation in campus blood drive

Sound Mind

- Spring 2008 All House GPA: 3.16; Fall 2008 All House GPA: 3.19
- 2007-08 school year, awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships for academic excellence
- Only fraternity with ongoing math and chemistry counselors for weekly tutoring sessions
- Minimum required GPA standards for good standing and academic performance awards

Sound Body

- Regular group and individual physical development programs
- 3rd place finishes in intramural football, basketball, and volleyball
- Current KU campus individual bowling champion and KU tae kwan do champion
- Twenty five areas of intramural competitions, both individual and team sports

Activities

- Summer 2008 KU SigEp service trip to work in Kingston, Jamaica (22 participants)
- Lead sponsor for TAKE Defense women's self defense classes on KU campus
- 2008 Walk for Life participants (highest member participation)
- 2008 SigEp YouthAids participants (highest participation and money raised)
- Outstanding social events...Luau, Boxer/Bowtie, Formal

Involvement

- Vice President of the KU Student Body is a SigEp
- Four of out of ten chairman spots in the Inter-Fraternity Council are SigEps
- Every member participates in the Leadership Continuum, a major SigEp initiative
- KU SigEp Leadership Series dinners and mentoring program (alumni mentor undergrads)



GET INVOLVED!

Thanking SigEp volunteers!

KANSAS GAMMA ALUMNI & VOLUNTEER CORPORATION

Steve Burchstead '80,
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Brian Tamasi '97,
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Dave Friederichs,
Chapter Counselor

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Dale Seufferling

Mark Allen

Gordon Thorn

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Paul Rieger

Michael Konen

Bernie Becker



SigEps in Rock Chalk!

KU SigEps to team with Tri-Deltas for the 60th Annual Rock Chalk Revue

Save the dates, March 5-7, 2009, for
the show in Lawrence!

For ticket information go to
<http://groups.ku.edu/~rcr/>

LEFT: THE 2009 ROCK CHALK REVUE
DIRECTORS: THE JAYHAWK JACKPOT



Know a 'Balanced Man'?

The SigEp recruitment team is always looking for 'balanced men' to join the fraternity. If you know a high school senior who is going to KU and would make a great SigEp, please email the recruitment team at: recruitment@kusigep.com

Breaking News!

KU SigEps rank 3rd on the hill for fall 2008 grades with an all house GPA of 3.19. This is the second semester in a row in which KU SigEps have achieved an all house GPA over 3.0. A SigEp first! Congratulations Eps!

2009 KU SigEp Alumni Business Lunch with Dayton Moore

Over 85 KU SigEp alumni and friends gathered for the 2009 KU SigEp alumni business lunch at the Overland Park Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, KS on Feb. 6, 2009.



THE "2009 KU SIGEP JAMES NAISMITH OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS" OF THE YEAR WAS AWARDED TO GUS MEYER. BROTHER MEYER IS THE PRESIDENT AND OWNER OF RAU CONSTRUCTION WHO IS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE KU SIGEP RENOVATION. THANK YOU GUS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION AND DEDICATION TO KU SIGEP!



KANSAS CITY ROYALS GENERAL MANAGER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DAYTON MOORE WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE 2009 KU SIGEP ALUMNI BUSINESS LUNCH. DAYTON SPOKE ABOUT THE UPCOMING CHANGES WITH THE ROYALS AND KAUFFMAN STADIUM AND THEN ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE ABOUT THE UPCOMING SEASON.



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