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Thirty-Seven Pledge Sig Ep

On September 19, fraternity rush week began—starting with an informal lunch and climaxed by a preferential dinner and formal pledging on Saturday, September 24. Other entertainments included a smoker, beer bust, motion pictures and several dinners. Under the able guidance of Bill McBride and Bill Bunting the Sig Eps spent an enjoyable week

entertaining around 350 rushees. At the end of the week new Sig Ep pledge pins were seen being worn around campus.

Much credit goes to the committee and actives but without the help of the alums rush week would not have been the success that it was.

Thirty-Seven Pledges

The 1949-50 pledge class consists of thirty-seven members, mostly freshmen, as always, but with a fair sprinkling of sophomores and juniors. The boys in the class are from all over Colorado, but Oklahoma, Illinois, Wyoming, Idaho, California, Nebraska and Iowa are also represented.

The group is being able assisted by actives Elmer Dyekman, Bill Bakke and Bill McBride.

Anderson Elected

After the first few meetings in which the new pledge class became acquainted with each other and with the fraternity, election of officers was held. Bill Anderson was elected president with Al Weinhold gaining the V. P.'s seat and Walter Scott the Secretary's position.

Activities for this quarter started with a pledge sneak on October 17 when the pledges made a rapid exit from Fort Collins and ended up the evening at a night club just outside Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The group was highly commended later though when they took it upon themselves to entertain the local old folks home one evening with a serenade.

Field Days

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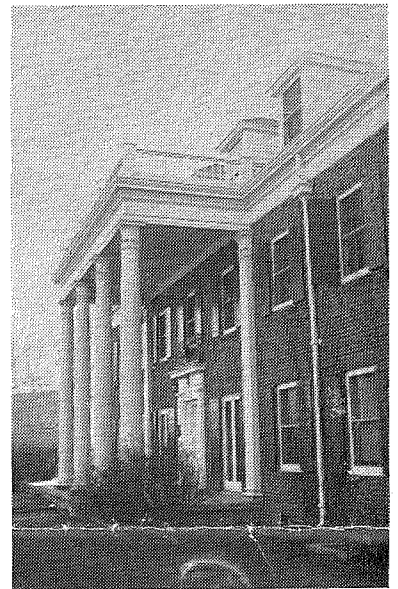
Carol Serenade For Sororities

The evening of Monday, December 5 will be carol night for the Sig Eps.

The actives and pledges will gather enmasse in front of each of the six sorority houses and Rockwell hall, the girls' dormitory, to sing Christmas carols and other songs of the season.

Jerry Hinkley will lead the carolers in the Sig Ep's annual Yuletide serenade. This event is the only thing of this kind to be done by an Aggie fraternity.

A special Christmas gift will be presented to the girls of Rockwell and each of the sororities at the end of each serenade. In previous years various gifts have been given to the girls including a record album of Sig Ep songs.



Home of Colo. Gamma

Mom Hargreaves



Colo Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon is highly honored with the presence of our new housemother, Mrs. Agnes Hargreaves. Mom Hargreaves came to us in April, 1949, following the marriage of our former housemother, Mrs. Ruby Powers, to Mr. Harry Hughes, athletic director at Colo A&M.

Mother Hargreaves came to our chapter from Sterling, Colo., where her husband, the late Mr. Frank Hargreaves, was associated with the Great Western Sugar Co. Mom is originally a native of Norman, Oklahoma, having attended Oklahoma university, majoring in dramatics, and then transferring to Colorado A&M.

At present, Mother Hargreaves (Continued on Page Four)

Alums and Actives Add Improvements to House

Actual improvements to the house recently consist of laying asphalt tile in the back hall and on the kitchen floor; the kitchen was also given a new coat of white enamel this summer. The new trophy cases were ordered and received near the beginning of this quarter (fall quarter). They are approximately three feet wide, seventy-two inches tall, and

ten inches deep. Our trophies are now displayed behind a full glass front, and the frame is fastened with screws, as the trophies had a tendency to disappear for a time last year.

New Deep-Freeze

A new deep-freeze in the basement and a new refrigerator in the kitchen make it possible to buy food in larger quantities, and thus save on the food bill. The deep-freeze has a capacity of eight cubic feet, while the refrigerator contains twenty cubic feet. Both were purchased this quarter.

A new silver tea service set

which was given by the Mother's Club is displayed in the new cabinet, purchased with contributions from the Alumni Board, in the dining room.

The last of this list consists of a new couch with matching chair in the living room. They are light green in color.

Radio In Future

Our future plans are to buy a new radio, put tile in the Chapter Room, and possibly to add some to the height of the chimney which will enable us to make use of the fire places.

The SPEar

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Alum Appeal

by EUGENE MILLER

Alums, will you do your part? We of the active chapter are striving towards better alumni relations and better all around spirit by publishing the SPEar. It is our hope that through this means we can keep in close contact with all of our brothers where ever they are.

Grads Welcome

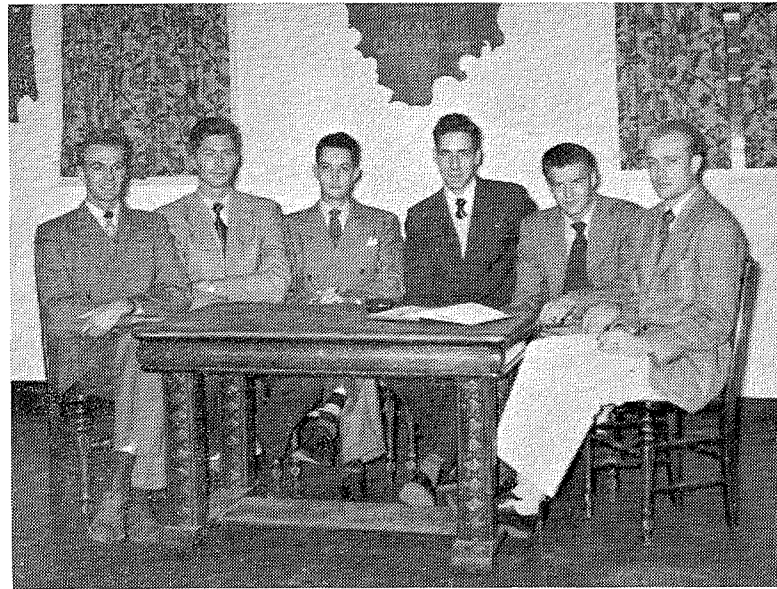
Altogether too often when one of us is graduated and leaves the chapter we sever almost entirely our relations with the fraternity. This isn't at all as it should be. Instead of becoming a stranger to our own brothers we should remain Sig Eps in every sense of the word.

When you are in a town where there is a chapter of our fraternity stop in and say hello to the boys. We at Colorado Gamma welcome every Sig Ep alum whoever he may be. Whether you're a buddy from last year's graduating class or an alum that has all but forgotten what Sigma Phi Epsilon is, stop and visit with us for a while.

Directory Cards

One thing we wish you all would do is take a look at the ALUMNI DIRECTORY CARD on the last page. Take ten seconds right now to fill it out and mail it to us.

We have lost contact with too many of the alums from Colorado Gamma so we are initiating an alumni directory in an attempt to compile an accurate listing of all the men who have left this chapter.



Gathered around the Prexy's table in the chapter room is the Executive Council thrashing out a few of the chapter's problems. Seated from left to right are Elmer Dyekman, pledge trainer; Herb Wenig, comptroller; Clifford Jones, Jr., vice president; Gordon Street, president; Bob Meyers, historian; and Stan Gray, secretary.

Street Heads Fraternity

Five select men evolved out of last spring quarter's election for executive council. The presidency was aptly filled by Gordon F. (the F stands for Front) Street. Clifford Jones, Jr. was elected vice president; Stanley Gray, secretary; Herb Wenig, comptroller; and Robert Meyers, historian. Gordy is a senior horticulture major from Santa Fe, New Mexico. His keen interest in the fraternity's activities is brought out in the dances, parties, sports and numerous other functions, which have been successful. Gordy, through his contacts, has been able to secure orchid corsages for the past two years to be presented to all the girls at the annual Flower Dance.

Vice-Pres

Vice-prexy Cliff Jones is an electrical engineer and also a senior. Cliff is responsible for many of the improvements around the house. He also sees that rough-housing is kept at a low ebb. Cliff is from Walsenberg, Colorado.

Stan Gray is a sophomore and is sports editor of the school paper, the ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN. His column, "Gray Matter," gives news of sports in this area. Stan is very active in fraternity sports, also does a lot of skiing in season. His hometown is Brush, Colorado.

Vet Comptroller

Herb or "Big Red" Wenig is a junior majoring in veterinary

medicine. He is on the go all the time keeping track of expenses and finding time to study. He says Vet School isn't a snap. Herb is from Akron, Colorado.

Historian Bob Meyers is in his second year of Vet school. He is known as the "Modesto Flash," a nickname carried over from high school.

Elmer C. Dyekman, pledge trainer, is a local boy and sorry to say, another senior. His major is Physical Education, probably because of his ability and interest in sports.

Elmer, a Cadet Lt. Col. is a distinguished military student in the college ROTC. This honor was presented to him at the annual Military Ball.

Elmer was athletic director last year and the sparkplug of all Sig Ep sports. He was chosen to be on the Intramural All-Star Basketball team.

This year, Elmer is doing a swell job with the pledge class.

Chapter Alters Election System

At a recent meeting the active chapter viewed and voted upon the present election system. For the past few years, elections of the president, vice-president, secretary, and historian have been held twice yearly.

Some viewed this system satisfactorily as it would give a greater number of men a chance to hold these offices. Also the arguments were presented that elections brought about new spirit and ideas and that a fraternity office entailed a great deal of work for a man to be so burdened for a whole year.

Along this line some thought the president's and comptroller's posts should be yearly while the other three offices remained half-year jobs.

Another View

On the other side of the question, some maintained that the present system was a hindrance to good leadership, for the length of office didn't enable a man to do his best. They also argued, if the president was to be elected for one year and was to have two different executive councils during this time, that time would be lost in getting the group to work together harmoniously.

Motion Passed

The chapter then voted upon and passed the motion that we return to the election of officers once a year, the elections being held the latter part of March.

The present officers will now remain in office until this coming March as the January election will be by-passed. The Comptroller has and will continue to be on the yearly basis.

OCTOBER DANCE HONORS PLEDGES

We held our annual pledge dance on October 14, 1949, from 9:00 to 12:00 P. M. Jimmy Campbell's music was enjoyed by all present. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes, and Col. and Mrs. Nye. The invited guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Newsom and Miss Catherine Northrup.

The rooms were decorated with streamers of red and purple. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served in the chapter room. The dance was a huge success, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Street Sez

by GORDON STREET

It has been proved that a fraternity is an organization built on the principles of Brotherly Love and is founded in colleges and universities as a home away from home.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is just such an organization, founded to promote a spirit between its members that is not found outside fraternity walls. It is an organization interested primarily in its active members, but tries to be of some service to those members who are not active but wish to remain a part of the organization.

Increase Spirit

Colorado Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon has been lacking in the spirit of providing a service to those members who have gone before, but as with all good organizations, we have realized our fault and we are going to try to correct it by means of such a newspaper as we hope this will be.

It has been the policy of this chapter, for many years, to provide for the interest of the active members only, and to forget the alumni. However, the policy and the spirit of this chapter have changed and we hope that we will be able to enlist the support of our alumni by such a change. We feel that having spent four years in the support of an organization, entitles us to hear at least some of the news of the organization after we have left.

With this issue which is the first, but not the last, we hope we can again interest our many members, past and present, in the betterment of our chapter.

Homecoming Highlights . . .

"Thru the Years," the theme of the Colorado A&M homecoming decorations, was represented in the Sig Ep effort in three phases. A lambkin grew "thru the years" into a full grown A&M football player. Work on the decorations was started Saturday morning of homecoming and was completed that afternoon. The active chapter and the pledge class were in full force to erect the figures and crepe paper streamers.

What the judges saw when they passed was a rocking cradle with the young ram in it. The lambkin grew "Thru the Years," time was represented by a colorful hourglass, into a brawny footballer with green and gold pants and a white jersey with a black "49" on it. The background consisted of green and gold streamers running from the top of the porch to the ground, a large welcome alums

banner above the streamers and a Sig Ep sign surrounded by lighted candles.

The buffet supper held that evening after the A&M-Utah State football game was attended by some two hundred alumni. Every one who was there had a good time renewing old friendships. After the supper, the alums discussed the game, stirred memories of their past school days, played cards, sang songs, and left with happy memories of another Aggie homecoming.

- - Marriages - -

Many members of Colorado Gamma went to the extreme limits to temporarily or permanently relieve themselves of hardships and worries suffered at the hands of various professors at Colorado A&M as they walked the last mile down carpeted aisles as bells tolled loudly and pronounced their dreadful fate. We pay tribute to our bereaved, frustrated, but dearly loved brothers.

Marriages

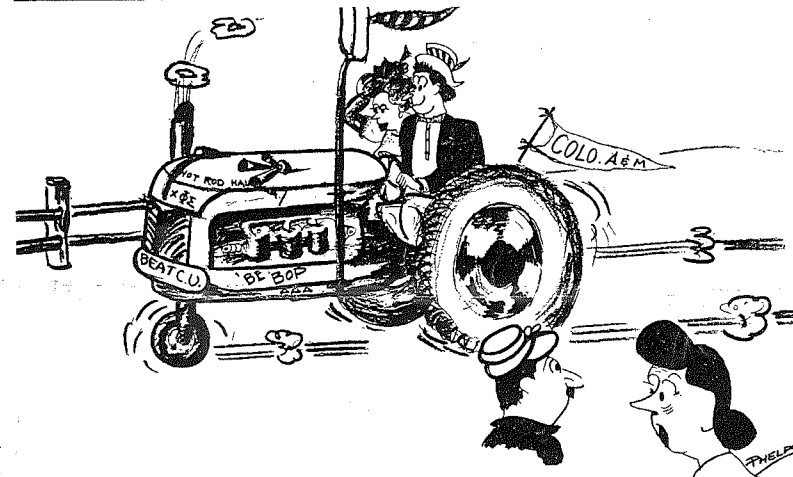
The names of our brave but misinformed heroes are as follows: Joe Tobiska—Lois Litty, Kenneth Monfort—Pat McMillan, Jim Pitcher—Arlette Johnston, Robert Sanborn—Geraldine Miller, George Reubel—Eleanor Mason, Charlie Delp—Marian Shawver, Craig Sandusky—Vonda Berkhart, Merle Riggs—Jimmy Swift.

Bob Hainlen—Dorayne Stone, Bob McBride—Merdith Johannes, Keith Doing—Martha Jane Nelson, Don Theil—Barbara LaRue, Chuck Lilley—Kathryn McMath. Immediately following the name of our worthy members is the name of each woman who through tricks unknown to us snared these fine young men.

Engagements

Others about to take the fatal step into utter darkness are Lloyd Lutz, engaged to Margie Dickson; George Whitehead engaged to Greta Lou Treffison; and Frank Munroe, engaged to Elizabeth Brua. To these we say "Live while you may, for you know not what tomorrow may hold."

We have others seemingly unable to resist the charms of these mysterious females. Those pinned are: Gene Miller to Phyllis Forsling, Ralph Finkner to Laurene Hall, Gene Gingery to Shirley Nettleton, and Jim Munn to Ann Randle.



Shouldn't you have a talk with him—he's been graduated 2 years now!

Annual Fun Dance Success

On the 19th of November, 1949, Colorado Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon held its annual carnival dance. Gay costumes depicting characters from the underworld to the Belgian Congo pervaded the cleverly decorated rooms of the chapter house.

Entrance to the house was made

via a playground slide; the chaparrones clad in their "funsuits" seemed to enjoy the entrance more than anything else.

Games of chance were played in the chapter room—turtle races, roulette, poker of all kinds, and dice. Punch and popcorn were served to lend a festive mood to the evening.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY CARD

Please print or type, then clip and mail to Sigma Phi Epsilon, 121 East Lake St., Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Buffet Suppers

This year we have again continued the practice of having buffet suppers with the sororities. We hold these open houses on pre-arranged Sundays with the different Sororities. So far we have had the Gamma Phis, the Kappa Deltas, the Tri Deltas, and the Thetas. We are arranging in the near future to have the rest of the Sororities. The buffet supper is from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during which time there is dancing and refreshments.

Campus Leaders Are Sig Eps

It makes us happy to say that from our Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon this year has come the guiding light for the Student body of Colorado A&M. This achievement has been accomplished by the offices to which our men have been elected. Number one man on our campus is the president of our student body; Roy Romer being elected to this position has stood as a martyr in the eyes of the student body and is proving himself to be one of the most capable presidents that our student body has ever had.

Meakins, Editor

Behind the greatest force of our school government stands the school newspaper, in its headlines rest the emotion and anxiety of the student body. Along side Roy and as a part of our student government has stood Gene Meakins the editor of our school newspaper, the COLLEGIAN.

Spruce Editor

At the end of each year comes the time when the school year book, the Silver Spruce, is released to the public. In this book stands the past, an accurate and very detailed arrangement of the school year with hundreds of pictures as illustrations of the events. The man behind the assembling of our school year book is Charlie Delp.

1949 Pledge Class Sponsors Contest

The pledge class is striving to have one of the best Return Pledge Dances in the history of the fraternity. To do this they are holding a contest to obtain enough money so that they can make the dance a success without drawing on the chapter's social funds.

The winners will be announced sometime during the last of January or the first of February.

The prizes to be given are a fifty dollar R. C. A. Victor portable radio, a twenty dollar Sheaffer pen and pencil set and an electric clock worth fifteen dollars. These prizes will be on display at the Cooper Music and Appliance Company here in Fort Collins.

Tickets will be sold for twenty-five cents each and can be obtained from any member of the fraternity.

Anyone who buys a ticket is eligible to win, whether present when winners are announced or not. The prizes will be sent to the winners if they reside elsewhere than in Fort Collins.

Winter Quarter Social Calendar

Here is a preview of the social calendar for the coming quarter.

The main social event of the quarter will be the Return Pledge Dance. The pledge class is planning on one of the best dances ever to be given in this chapter. It will be a dinner dance held at Ladd's Covered Wagon just north of Fort Collins, the favorite new dining and dancing spot for the college crowd.

They are planning many elaborate decorations to bring the festive spirit to the party. The pledges are going to sell contest tickets to help finance this dance; they have already enlisted the aid of the active chapter to help them with their drive.

Beer Bust

Another event we are all looking forward to is the scheduled beer bust with the Sigma Nus! The SN's and SPE's have gotten together in the past on similar occasions and needless to say the event always has turned out very successfully.

There will be radio dances after basketball games on free weekends. These are informal dances where everyone relaxes and has a lot of fun.

Exchange Dinners

We are also planning exchange dinner dates with the sororities. This custom was started winter quarter last year and both the sororities and the Sig Eps enjoyed it greatly.

We hope to see many of you alums and former members at any or all of these social functions.

DINNER GUESTS

On Sundays we are encouraged to bring dinner guests. We have had the school President's daughter and a friend, and in the near future, we are planning on having President and Mrs. Morgan and Catherine Northrup, counselor for women.

—THIRTY-SEVEN PLEDGE —MOM HARGREAVES

held to clean up the chapter house and yard, the pledges have turned out full force.

The decorating for homecoming and for the Carnival Dance have received the combined efforts of all the pledges and the active chapter.

Touch? Football

One of the most recent activities was the Active-Pledge football game—won by the actives 20-6. Losers of the fray were to treat the winners; referees were provided; and spectators, loyal Tri Delts, were on hand to watch the 6 a. m. battle.

Sig Ep Pledges are:

Al Ammon and Al Binkley, Wheatridge.

Scott Billington, Max Goracke and Floyd Oliver, Greeley.

Jack Bradley, Chuck Simon, Ken Weaver and Wayne Weaver, Colorado Springs.

Marvin Chubb, Dick Lowe, Darrell Messick, Bob Stoll and Bob Wardlaw, Fort Collins.

Kenneth Kauffman and Rod Wilson, Fort Morgan.

Chuck Flutcher and Jack Lester, Pueblo.

is a member of P.E.O. and an active member in the Gamma Phi Beta alumni association. Her main interests are "her family of boys," and collecting antiques. "Mom" always has a kind word for everyone, and that's why we members of Colorado Gamma are so fortunate to have such a house-mother.

Bill Gray and Bob Gray, Fort Lupton.

Kenneth Harper, John Lind and Gordon Riddell, Longmont.

Kenneth Hansen and Paul McDill, Brush.

John Bowles, Keenesburg.

Chuck Eldred, Sterling.

Jerry Hammond, Loveland.

Al Weinholt, Evans.

Doug Wellman, Lakewood.

Bill Anderson, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Bob Buehler, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Dan Courtney, Veteran, Wyoming.

Fred Jones, Castleford, Idaho.

Dave Meyers, Modesto, California.

Walt Scott, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dwayne Vande Stouwe, Hull, Iowa.

SIG EP SPOTLIGHT

In our first quarter of intramural competition this year, the various athletic teams found rough going.

In football, the main sport of the quarter, we turned in a not-so-impressive record of 2 wins, 1 tie and 2 losses. Fred Van Matre, our quarterback, on the all intramural team last year, was one of the outstanding players in the league, but he was short on sticky fingered pass receivers.

Water Polo On Trial

Water Polo was introduced this quarter and is on trial to see if the intramural clubs want to include it in next year's schedule. A trophy will be given to the winner, but no intramural points will be added.

Next quarter we hope to do better in intramurals with basketball as the main sport. We have won interfraternity basketball for several seasons and most of last year's team is back this year.

Sig Ep Gridders

Sig Eps who are members of the Aggie varsity football team are: Don Hoch, defensive tackle, Harold Chaffee, quarterback, and Arlan Straub, sophomore quarterback.

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