

AAA / Alumni Board Changes

**Leach reorganizes Alumnus Advisor Group**

Jason Leach '97 has been instrumental in reorganizing our Alumnus Advisor Group in late 2008, in an effort to appoint primarily Manhattan-area Alums to serve as Asst. Alumnus Advisors. At the November '08 Alumni Board meeting, Leach announced the addition of **Chad Vawter '97, Todd Noelle '02, Dave Fiser '58 and Barry Schartz '68** to the AAA group. **Matt Nyswonger '89** continues to serve as our Alumnus Advisor.

Their contact information is:

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**Lipari to resign as Alumni President in Fall '09**

Jim Lipari '82 announced at the Founders Day Alumni Board meeting in Dec. '08 that he will be resigning from his position as President of the Alumni Board. Jim has devoted a great deal of his personal time and energy into the rebuilding of the active chapter and dealing with the financial struggles of the Alumni Association that has resulted from the Active chapter's low membership numbers over the past 3 years. Jim does not want to leave his position in the middle of this process, and will stay on as President through the Fall of 2009. Jim says that he will remain active as an Alumni Volunteer, shifting his focus to the "Gamma-Chi Beyond College" program, and he will remain on the Board of Directors of the Gamma-Chi Charitable Gift Fund. Jim will be inducted into the Gamma-Chi Hall of Fame at the 2009 Pig Dinner banquet.



**Thanks Jim!**

Jims Phone: 816-246-5249  
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**Note to Parents:** If your son is still attending K-State, then this newsletter is for you! If he is no longer in school, and is not living at your address, please send us his permanent address. E-mail [Alumni@gammachi.org](mailto:Alumni@gammachi.org), or use the mailing address below.



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**The Alumni-Gram is Back!**

Due to financial constraints, we have not published an Alumni-Gram newsletter since late 2006. We hope to be able to send another Alumni-Gram in April with a recap of Pig Dinner, but will only be able to do so if sufficient Alumni Dues payments are received.

And remember - if you have E-mail, you can receive our "E-News" newsletters via E-mail several times per year. Just send your E-mail address to:

[Editor@gammachi.org](mailto:Editor@gammachi.org)

**Alumni-Gram**

"Jumbo" issue! 2007 and 2008

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**Pig Dinner 2009**  
Join us as we celebrate 90 years at KSU!  
March 6th - 7th, 2009



50th Anniversary Pig Dinner Reunion - 1969

**Let's have our largest turnout ever for our 90th Anniversary!**

Our most significant Pig Dinner Reunion in many years will be held March 6th - 7th, 2009 - Gamma-Chi's 90th Anniversary. Plans are underway for a terrific alumni reunion weekend, culminated by a formal banquet to be held at the Manhattan Country Club Saturday evening.

**Our Pig Dinner Banquet Saturday Evening will be our own "Finest Hour"!**  
Social Hour 6pm  
Dinner 7pm  
Program 8pm  
Manhattan Country Club

**90  
Years at KSU**

The latest Pig Dinner Information, Attendee list, Schedule Updates and On-Line RSVP are on the Alumni Website at:  
<http://www.gammachi.org/Events/Fig09.htm>



THE SHAMROCKS

Back row, left to right, Mark Upson, Lloyd Zimmerman, Earl Skason, Robert May, Lawrence Stonge; second row, Ralph Westcott, Lyde Leach, Clavo Shellenbarger, Floyd Pickard, Don Gordon, Howard Lindsey; third row, Homer Willis, Garnett Reed, Warren Redwelder, Dale Schwarz, Harold Condit, Charles Cloud, Allen Green; front row, Dorsey Demmon, Harry Newton, Donald Shokman, Ernest Willis, George Davis, Ralph Long.

Pig Dinner Banquet  
Keynote Speaker:  
**Brigadier General Perry Wiggins**

The featured speaker for our Pig Dinner Banquet will be **Brigadier General Perry L. Wiggins**, the Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley since July 2008.

Brigadier General Wiggins was born in Orlando, Florida. As the son of a Master Chief in the United States Air Force, he grew up throughout the United States and Guam. He was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant on May 25, 1983. After his first assignment as a platoon leader with the 502nd Aviation Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, he decided to switch braches and become an Aviator.

Since his first assignment Brig. Gen Wiggins has served with the Army throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. He has flown every type of helicopter in the Army's inventory. He is a veteran of OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM during the Gulf War; OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN in Kosovo, and as Commander of the 82d Aviation Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

On July 7, 2008, Brig. Gen. Wiggins became the Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver, 1st Infantry Division, and assumed command of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley.

Brigadier General Wiggins is the recipient the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Purple Heart, among numerous other awards. Brigadier General Wiggins is a graduate of the United States Army War College, where he received a Masters of Art in Strategic Studies.



**Alums selected to Gamma-Chi Hall of Fame, Man of the Year**

Hall of Fame	Man of the Year
2008: Jim Lipari '82 Brian Bednar '79 2006: Steve Stoltenberg '75 Justin Hockersmith '83 Clint Simon '95	2003 (Inaugural) - Justin Hockersmith '83 2004 - Todd Noelle '00 2005 - Sam Moore '56 2006 - Pat Sheik '05 2007 - Jason Leach '97 2008 - Andrew Maness '06

**Manhattan Tornado narrowly misses Chapter House**

The following was reported by **Dave Fiser** in mid-June '08 after the devastating tornados that hit Manhattan and Chapman KS:

"Just stopped by the house and we have no apparent damage. The whole yard and house are littered with debris from the tornado. It will be a major pick up problem as it is mostly small stuff, shingles, insulation and wall-board blown in from the houses and businesses destroyed in west Manhattan. The tornado basically followed a path that took the roof off of the SAE House. It went right over the FIJI house a block south of us and they have major tree damage as does the Farmhouse. Luckily the storm was



**Alumni Tailgate - Fall '08**

**Dave Fiser '58** reports that the Alumni Tailgate reunion at the Chapter House prior to the KSU-La. Lafayette football game Sept. 7th, 2008 was somewhat lightly attended, but those present enjoyed some good barbeque and the usual Brotherly camaraderie. House mom **Stacy Shaffer** took some photos, which we hope to post on the Alumni Website soon. Many thanks to **Dave** for organizing and partially funding this event.

The following message was received from **Maurice Hammeke '49**:  
"I was there in Manhattan for the Alumni Tailgate on the Saturday of the Louisiana football game. It was good to meet some of the active chapter and partake of the good food at the cookout in back of the house. It really appears that things are a positive turn. Congratulations to all of you who are making it happen.

*Maurice*

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Laurie '59 Publishes Book**

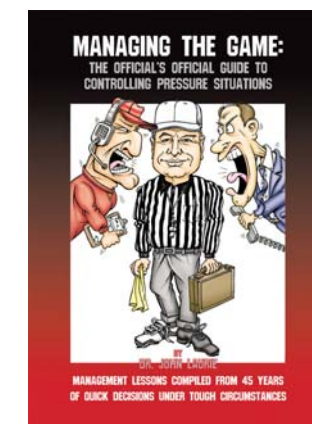


From **John C. Laurie '59**

I have just completed a new book which may be reviewed/purchased at this web site:  
[www.leatherspublishing.com/managingthegame](http://www.leatherspublishing.com/managingthegame)

The book deals with managing "pressure" issues from a football officials point of view. It is a hard cover book that supports the perception that effective officials and effective business leaders share some of the same qualities for success.

Thank you.  
**John Laurie**



"MANAGING THE GAME: The Official's Official Guide to Controlling Pressure Situations"

**K-Stater Calendar Features Kappa Sigma photo**

The 2008 KSU Alumni calendar (mailed to recipients of the "K-Stater" magazine) featured a black and white photo for the month of February containing two unidentified Gamma-Chi Brothers, with house dog Steinhardt, from 1968. After a query was sent to Gamma-Chi alums in an issue of "E-news" as to the identity of the two Brothers, **Bud Cowan '66** sent a message with their identity (IL—R): **Greg**



**Rex Wade: Hero from senior golfers' past**

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JULY 31, 2008, By RICH TOSCHES



**Rex Wade cherishes a photo with his personal hero, Mickey Mantle**

**Rex Wade** says he has lived the best life you could imagine. He helped put The Broadmoor, home to this week's U.S. Senior Open, on the golfing map. He golfed with baseball gods **Mickey Mantle** and **Sandy Koufax**. He played at Pebble Beach and many of the other greatest golf courses in the world. He hit long irons with the famous and putted with the rich. But mostly, he says, he got to play golf with his friends, the regular rhythm of their laughter dancing across the emerald grass for three decades or more. "Just a great life," Wade says. "Every day, I think about how lucky I am." And then a 75-year-old hand moves slowly toward his side. It comes to rest next to the shiny silver spokes of the wheelchair. Wade came to Colorado Springs in 1965 from Liberal, Kan. He'd been a baseball pitcher for Kansas State University, and a good one, too. It tells you much about his nature when he recalls not his successes back then, but the time he started a game against Nebraska and got lit up like the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center. His talent got him to the Brooklyn Dodgers' camp in 1955. He didn't make it to the big leagues, but he did meet a rookie pitcher named Koufax. Years later the two would play golf at the swanky Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles. Ten years after the brief tryout with the Dodgers, Wade came to Colorado Springs on business. Saw the mountains and never went home. He was in the oil business. He would become a stockbroker. But those were just means to the end. And the end, of course, was golf..... The rest of this article is at the web address above or on the Alumni

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Cannon '91 featured in TLC episode of "Making it Home"

**Shawn Cannon '91** and his family were one of six Greensburg KS families to be featured in TLC's "Making it Home: Greensburg" television series, which aired last summer. The "Canon Family" episode featuring Shawn's family was the first in the series. The TLC website provides the following description of the Cannon's episode: "Lifelong Greensburg residents, the Cannon family - including Maddie, 11, and Josh, 10 - rebuilt their home in a new part of town and are moving in. The only space in the house that needs special attention is the basement, which includes their family room, a safe room and the children's bedrooms. Art lovers, the family aims to create a comfortable space they can enjoy together."

Shawn reports that the rebuilding has gone well, and that he will always be thankful for the support of Gamma-Chi brothers such as **Jeff Reddin '90**, **Dodge Wendler '91** and others, who came to Greensburg the day after the tornado struck in May '07 to help the Cannon's salvage what they could from their devastated home. Regarding the filming of the TV show, Shawn says that the "reveal" portion of their show (where they were brought into their basement to see the completed project for the first time) was filmed at 2am on July 5<sup>th</sup>, and was truly an unforgettable experience. After being featured in the first episode, Shawn is then often seen in the other five episodes as he and his family help with his neighbor's projects. Shawn was also in several scenes of "Greensburg", a Leonardo DiCaprio-produced reality series that aired on Planet Green. Way to go Shawn!

### Anderson '52 named to Holton Chamber of Commerce "Hall of Fame"

From the December 26, 2007 edition of The Holton Recorder:

#### Chamber to honor Ron Anderson

BY BRIAN SANDERS *Recorder Staff*

For several years, Holton native Ron Anderson watched his home-town's brick streets fall into dis-re-pair, and as a veteran of the highway construction industry, he wanted to know if something could be done about preserving the streets. "I'd go down to the city commission and try to make the case to save our brick streets," Anderson said. "By and large, through a lot of years, it pretty much fell on deaf ears."

Eventually, Anderson's pleas attracted the attention of former commissioners Rex Larrison and Willy Wilson, and "they got it turned around," he said. He was approached to make a case for saving the brick streets, and his efforts resulted in the formation of a City of Holton street committee to determine which streets are most in need of work during a particular year.....

Complete story is at:

<http://www.gammachi.org/Updates/News.htm#Anderson>



Ron Anderson

### Brian Bednar '79 named "Outstanding Alumnus Advisor"

The following message was received from **Brian Bednar '79** on August 28th, 2008: "I thought I'd share with you the photo and letter on my recent nomination and selection of the award for "Outstanding Alumnus Advisor" that was presented to me at last month's Kappa Sigma West Leadership Conference in Albuquerque, NM. The award was presented to me on stage by our current WGM, (Worthy Grand Master), **Brother Phillip Bell IV**.

I feel very humbled and honored by this award, but I feel it needs to be shared with the Rho alumni team, various other Kappa Sigma alumni, and the many friends and family who have helped me over the past several years. There is no way one person could do this job for without the incredible support that I have received from so many people who have provided their leadership, support, and efforts in keeping this Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma up and running.

At times, it has been a struggle and continues to be a learning experience in patience, but I hope the young men are learning some valuable knowledge of what the real world is like when they finally graduate. Thanks to all who have been a part of this journey so far, however, there is much more work that needs to be done..... AEKDB", *Brian*



### Chapter Celestial

Due to space constraints, obituaries for the following Brothers will be printed in the next issue of the Alumni-Gram newsletter: **Dr. Thomas J. Crispell '50**, Parsons KS; **Gunnar W. Blanke '65**, Denver CO; **Michael B. Sterling '67**, Houston TX; **Jay M. Stinnett '77**, Green Bay WI; **Mark A. Fisher '69**, Azle TX; **Mark Thomas Bolt '72**, Pueblo CO; **Loren E. Walter '79**, Shawnee KS.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Evan Davis Memorial Founders Day Chili Feed - December 10th, 2008

More photos are online at: <http://www.gammachi.org/Events/Founders.htm>

A nice turnout of alumni, actives, rushees, and even some family members attended the fourth annual Evan Davis Memorial Founders Day Chili Feed at the chapter house on Sunday, Dec. 14th, 2008. Some of the alums present were **Dave Fiser '58 and wife Kay**, **Jim Lipari '82**, **Justin Hockersmith '83**, **Jason Leach '97**, **Bill Sheik '71** (and family), **Todd Noelle '02**, **Tom Rinner '79**, **Barry Schartz '68 & wife Charlotte**. Also present were two "brand new" alums, **Kayle Robben '05** and **Tyler Doshier '04**, who had just graduated the day before, as well as our House-mother **Stacy Shaffer**, on crutches! Many thanks to Kay, Charlotte and Stacy for preparing the chili, setting up the dining room and making all the preparations for the chili feed. The meal was kicked off with a moment of silence in honor of **Evan Davis '32**. **Dave Fiser** then recounted the contributions made by Evan to our fraternity, as well as his life and career accomplishments.



After the Chili Feed meal, the actives posed for a photo in front of the chapter house Christmas tree. Alums and actives then departed for Bramlage Coliseum for the KSU vs. Chicago St. basketball game at 6pm.

## The 1930 Club

- Funds collected will be dispersed at the discretion of the Alumni Board
- Funds will help with Chapter House maintenance & repairs, and for operational costs of our Housing Corp.
- Funds are automatically transferred from your bank account into our Alumni Assoc. bank account
- You can stop the auto-withdrawal at any time - no commitment required.
- Sign-up forms are included with each Alumni Dues Mailing
- Find more details and download the Withdrawal Authorization form at: <http://www.gammachi.org/Funds/1930Club.htm>

### How it Began

Over the summer of 2007, Brother **John Harris '77** learned of a unique fundraising concept successfully implemented by the Kappa Sigma chapter at Oklahoma State, which allows alumni to set up an "auto-withdrawal" of a small amount from their checking account each month to go to the Alumni Association's bank account.

With the majority of our future fundraising to be directed to our Charitable Gift Fund (501c3) for scholarships, this idea is a convenient way to generate the funds needed for our chapter house's badly needed maintenance and repairs. And so, through the efforts of Brother Harris and Dave Fiser '58, the "1930 Club" has been created. It is named after the street address of our chapter house and it also signifies the amount of our suggested monthly withdrawal amount of \$19.30.

**1930 Club Inaugural Contributors:** Dennis Anderson, Kurt Carrico, Dave Fiser, Phil Gettig, John Laurie, Jim Lipari, Lynn Markel, Tom Rinner, Jay Stehley, Alan Wright, John Harris, Mike Dumiak, Martin Murphy, Brian Howes, Kirby Bell, John R. Moore, Langley Jones, Matt David, Maurice Kancel, Tom Carrico, Fred Wulff, Jason Leach, Raul Vera, Larry Fischer, Ed Wansing, James Goodloe, Max Feaster, Richard Coonrod, Mark Boxberger, Ken Ingram, Rick Eichor, Dan Wieland, Rob Matthews, Don Randall, Alan Hunt, Stacy Smith, J. Wendell Eggerman, John "Marc" Nelson, Clayton Lowe, Jason Madison, Scott German, Matt Severson, Bill Shiek, Scott Cyphers

### Alumni Updates received in 2007

**John R. Moore Jr. '39** is living in Belvedere CA with his wife Midge. John sends a business card showing that he was (or still is?) an Account Executive with Portsmouth Financial Services in San Francisco. (Phone:415-435-4942)

**Dr. Dale I. "Pappy" Crawford DVM '42** (Beta-Tau '41) is a retired veterinarian and is living in Baldwin KS with his wife Emma Mae. (Phone:785-594-6666)

**Dr. Ralph E. Alter '43** is a Veterinarian and owner of Alter Animal Clinic. He and his wife Norma are living in Coffeyville KS. (Cell:620-252-2301, E-Mail: [docwildcat@terraworld.net](mailto:docwildcat@terraworld.net))

**Cole Smith '45**, Dallas TX, is President & Owner of Smith, Ekblad & Associates - Architects & Engineers. Cole and his wife Sherry (Haslip) have 3 grown children. (Phone:214-871-0305, E-Mail: [smithekblad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smithekblad@sbcglobal.net))

**Edwin H. "Ed" Bideau '47** is retired and living in Buffalo KS with his wife Naomi. He lists a number of former occupations including farming, banking and owner of the Edwin H Bideau Assoc Agency. (Phone: 620-431-0174)

**John E. Crump '47** (Gamma-Omicron affiliate) is retired and living in Lakin KS with his wife Mona. They have a daughter, Anne. (Cell: 620-355-9843, E-Mail: [jecrump@pld.com](mailto:jecrump@pld.com))

**Bobby L. Fiser '47, Vienna VA**, is retired from the US General Services Administration where he was a Public Affairs Officer. (Phone: 703-938-3876)

**Dr. John W. Hall PhD '48** is retired and living with his wife Virginia (Wynne) in Hendersonville NC. John was Chairman and Professor Emeritus of the College of Business Administration at Georgia State University. He received a BS degree in Economics at KSU, and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. (Phone: 828-685-3385, E-Mail: [jwhall40@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwhall40@bellsouth.net))

**Robert L. "Monster" Hertel '48** is retired and living in Fort Worth TX with his wife Millie (Fischer). They have 4 grown children; Mark, Kyle, Craig and Kris. (Phone: 817-731-1098, E-Mail: [yellowdog14@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yellowdog14@sbcglobal.net))

**Maurice J. "Ham" Hammeke '49**, Great Bend KS, is a self-employed Public Accountant and owner of Maurice J. Hammeke Inc. He and his wife Norma have 5 grown children. (Phone: 620-793-6759, E-Mail: [mauhamm509@yahoo.com](mailto:mauhamm509@yahoo.com))

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**Vergil N. "Verg" Wright '53**, Wichita KS is retired and reports that he is now working part time as a driver for D & H Transport, Dealer Trades Auction Delivery. He and wife Sharlene have a son and a daughter. (Phone: 316-733-6826)

**James A. Needham '54**, Troy KS, is Owner and CEO of The Troy State Bank. He and his wife Marjorie have two sons, Kevin & Tyson. (Phone: 785-985-2412, E-Mail: [jneed@earthlink.net](mailto:jneed@earthlink.net))

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**David B. Wancura '78**, Salida CO, is a self-employed Certified Public Accountant. His accounting firm is David Wancura CPA, Certified Public Accountants & Management Consultants. (Phone:719-539-1012, E-Mail: [dave@wancura.com](mailto:dave@wancura.com))

**Thomas D. Rinner '79**, Lenexa KS, is a Project Development Engineer with Ameresco Inc. Tom continues to serve as the Liaison between the Gamma-Chi Alumni Board and the Gamma-Chi Charitable Gift Fund Board. He and his wife Annie have two daughters, Allie and Sara. (Phone:913-579-8108, E-mail: [trinner@kc.rr.com](mailto:trinner@kc.rr.com))

**Alan L. Fankhauser '80** has relocated to West Allis, Wisconsin, where he is working for the Harley Davidson Motor Company as the Event Manager for the Harley Owners Group ("HOG"). Alan had previously been living in Garden City KS. (Cell:414-378-2054, E-Mail: [alan.fankhauser@harley-davidson.com](mailto:alan.fankhauser@harley-davidson.com))

### Chapter Celestial (Cont'd)

**William C. Schenk Jr. '48**, Toledo OH, passed away May 15th, 2006. He was born October 29th, 1926, in Kansas City, Kansas. Bill was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving as a staff sergeant with MacArthur's Occupational Forces during World War II. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Business Administration Degree, and continued his education at Wharton School of Finance. In 1951, he joined Owens Corning Fiberglass Corporation in Kansas City, Kansas and was promoted several times to plant manager of the Huntington Pennsylvania Plant, Anderson South Carolina plant manager, and finally in the Toledo Corporate office. Bill was an avid antique collector and gardener. He enjoyed cooking, books and art. He married Margaret Catherine Malloy on June 14, 1951 and remained her devoted husband for the next 54 years. Together they had eight children. His life was devoted to the happiness and well being of his wife, children and 13 grandchildren. He will long be remembered and loved by his family.

**Stephen A. Wise '50**, Abilene, died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Memorial Hospital, Abilene. He was born Jan. 3, 1932, in Medicine Lodge, the son of Charles L. and Helen G. (Bragg) Wise. He was reared in the community of his birth and attended local schools. He graduated from Medicine Lodge High School in 1950. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the United States Navy. Following military service, he graduated from Kansas State University in 1958. He married Nancy Ann Sidener in 1956. They moved to Abilene in 1958. They later divorced. He married Joan Winona Francis on Dec. 13, 1989, in Abilene. Mr. Wise retired as the senior vice president of First National Bank, Abilene. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the York Rite and Isis Shrine of Salina, Benevolent Masonic Lodge No. 98, Abilene, and the Commandery No. 6 of Salina. He was the past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge of Abilene, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Kansas State University Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife, Joan of Warsaw, Mo.; one son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Gary D. Rowley '51**, Richardson TX, passed away July 29th, 2007. The following note was received from Gary's wife Carmen, along with his obituary: "I too am a KSU graduate with the January class of 1955. I knew many of Gary's Gamma-Chi Brothers at the time. In fact, for our engagement, I was "pinned" with the KΣ pin which had a ΓX on the chain. Thank you, Carmen Rowley. "A "Thank You" card was received from Carmen in November '07: "Thank you to Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Chi for being such a strong support system for me after Gary's death. I appreciated receiving the newsletter (E-News) with Gary's obituary in the Chapter Celestial. You have all been very kind. Carmen Rowley." Gary's obituary is as follows: Gary Dean Rowley died at age 76 in Richardson TX on July 29th, 2007. Gary was born June 25th, 1931 in Oberlin KS. He attended Norton Elementary School, Norton Junior High School, Norton Community High School and graduated with the class of 1950. He attended KSU, graduating with a BS in Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering in 1955. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and..... \*\*\*

**Donald E. Zadnik '56**, Cleveland OH, passed away June 10th, 2008. Donald was a U.S. Navy veteran, former football player for Kansas State University, member of Kappa Sigma fraternity (Gamma-Chi Chapter), KSU Golden Cats, American Legion Post #309, and owner of Forest City Cafe. He is the beloved husband of Elizabeth Kalousdian, Libby Kaye (deceased); cherished father of Kimberly Reese (Scott), Christie C. Adams and Stephen C. Adams. The family suggests memorials in his name to the Kansas State University Foundation c/o Donald E. Zadnik Football Scholarship Fund, 2323 Anderson Ave. Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Don's daughter, **Kimberly Reese**, has inquired about establishing a Gamma-Chi scholarship in Don's name. This will hopefully soon be completed through the Gamma-Chi Charitable Gift Fund. She also passes along the following memories of her Dad: "Dad would show me copies of the Caduceus, which always had a sorority girl on the cover. I could never understand the connection between the cover and myself since I was only a little girl still playing with dolls and the cover girl didn't have a doll! How was she my "competition" when she didn't have a doll? I also heard many stories about Red Dog parties. (It's OK, don't be embarrassed.) Dad's love of Kappa Sigma is why I joined my sorority. I just gave dad's pin to my son, dad's only grandson, attached to a note explaining its significance." you, **Kimberly Reese**, E-mail: [KZReese@aol.com](mailto:KZReese@aol.com)



The following message was received from **Dave Fiser '58**: "I knew **Don Zadnik** well. He was a star football player for KSU in the late 50's. I think we should set up the scholarship thru the Gift Fund, Maybe it could be based on activities as well as grades."

**Rodney E. Eller '58**, Great Bend KS, passed away Dec. 17, 2006. He is survived by his wife Jody and two sons; Greg and Steve; and three grandchildren. Our records indicate that Rodney was retired, and that he received a Physical Education degree at K-State.

**Dr. Mark J. Johnston MD '58**, Dana Point CA, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2007, at his home surrounded by family and friends. Mark was born August 16, 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri. Mark served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1956. Mark completed his undergraduate degree at Kansas State University, and went on to graduate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1965. Five years later he successfully completed his Internship and Surgical Residency at the University of Southern California. Mark opened his surgery practice in Orange County in 1971 and became a well-respected surgeon. Mark traveled the world, learned to ski and scuba dive, rode motocross motorcycles, bought a plane and learned to fly it, but as everyone knows his true passion was golf. Mark was blessed with many loyal friends, and will be deeply missed by all. Mark is survived by his daughters Amy and Anne.

## Chapter Celestial (Cont'd)

**Louis F. Akers '41**, Green Valley AZ, passed away on May 21, 2008, at home after a brief illness. He left quickly and without complication, as was his custom. A resident of the La Posada community in Green Valley since 1998, he leaves behind Shirley B. Akers, his wife of 65 years. Louis was born in Shreveport, La., Oct. 8, 1919. His family later moved to Atchison, Kan., where he grew up and met Shirley Bartholomew at Atchison High School. She was the love of his life, and they married June 3, 1942, and soon after he left to serve in the South Pacific, New Guinea and the Philippines during WWII. After the war, he returned to Kansas State College to complete his degree. After graduating, he trained at Mayo Clinic to become a physical therapist. Through the years, he worked in the Veterans Administration in several locations, beginning in Hot Springs, S.D., and ending at Hines in Chicago. In 1975, his work with the VA brought him back to Hot Springs on a semi-retired status, at which time lived in Custer, S.D. He enjoyed his time here, spending much of it with family, horseback riding and playing golf with his friends. In 1998, he and Shirley moved to Green Valley, Ariz., to enjoy the desert sun and make new friends. He was a man of many accomplishments and few words and will be missed as the strong patriarch of the family. He was a loving and devoted husband who will be missed by Shirley and their 3 sons. One of Lou's last requests was to donate his body to the University of Arizona for advancement of medical training.

**John F.S. Barr '43**, Cortez CO, formerly of Dolores CO, has passed away according to returned mail. Our records show that John transferred from KSU to the University of Denver where he was affiliated with the Beta-Omicron chapter, and received an Associate's degree in Business. John had three children; Scott, Deanna, and Cynthia. He was retired, from General Merchandising, and was Owner of the Cross Canyon Trading Post.

**William J. Easton, Jr. '47**, Wichita KS, passed away Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005. Bill was born March 21, 1926. He was a lifetime resident of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Florene Berg Easton and daughter, Helen Easton Newcomb. Survivors include his wife, Maggi; two daughters, one son, 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 stepsons. Bill attended Wichita public schools and graduated from Wichita East in 1944 and attended college at Doane College



in Nebraska and the University of California, Berkeley. He served in the US Navy from 1944 to 1946, returning to Kansas after discharge to attend KSU, graduating with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1948. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He founded the Easton Manufacturing Co., Inc. in 1958, manufacturing replacement parts for automobiles and trucks for 44 years, as well as starting the Ferroloy Foundry in 1966. During that time he served on the State Banking Board of Kansas for four years, then on the Board of Trustees for the Intrust Bank from 1968-2001. He also served in various official positions at the Salem United Church of Christ, The Arthritis Foundation, Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Wichita Manufacturers Association, Rotary Club, OZ Bicycle Club of Wichita, Sedgwick County Crime Commission and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

**Dr. Robert G. Wood '41**, Colorado Springs CO, passed away April 7th, 2007. He was a retired Medical Director. Bob had lived in Colorado Springs for 18 years and is survived by his wife Dorothea and a daughter, Cheryl Ann Bowen.

**Ben E. Amsler '43**, Lenexa KS, formerly of Raymore MO, passed away September 15, 2007. Brother Amsler was born March 15, 1922, in Kansas City, KS. Ben served as a Lieutenant in the Navy during WWII, and was a longtime member of the Principal Staff in the Applied Physics Laboratory of John's Hopkins University, Baltimore. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Amsler, of the home, 4 sons; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Ben's first wife Bernice preceded him in death.

**Robert M. Siefkin '47**, our pops, dad, grandfather, husband and buddy passed away Wednesday, March 5th and we are really missing him. His precious birth was in Wichita, Kansas, on November 10, 1925, to Dora and George Siefkin. He spent his formative years building cars and rockets and riding his palomino horse Dusty. He always told his kids that he was studious but our grandmother had a different view of things. During his 18th year he enlisted in the Army and joined the 594th Engineering Boat & Shore Regiment as a radio operator. He served in the South Pacific Asiatic Pacific Theater first landing in New Guinea then the Philippines and finally ending up in Japan. He was awarded the American Theater of Operations Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, and the Japanese Occupation Medal. After his honorable discharge from WWII he returned to Manhattan, Kansas to finish his university studies. Luckily by then he was somewhat studious, and spent at least some time.... \*\*\*

**William H. Janssen, Jr. '51** passed away on December 20th, 2007. (The following obituary was written by Bill 14 years prior to his departure from this life. The humor and eloquence provide only a hint of how much he will be missed by his family and friends who loved, respected and admired him beyond measure.) When Bill died recently, he was surprised he had lived so long. He certainly didn't deserve a long life, as he had consistently lived close to the edge on the assumption a short, interesting life was preferable to a long, boring existence. He did not want to reach the end of his life only to discover he had not lived it. As a child he always skated on thin ice and put all at risk, especially his eyes, with violent BB gun behavior. As he grew older, he continued risky conduct by messing with motorcycles and Catholic girls. University life was no better with one drinking bout which started early his freshman year and ended at graduation. He married the first time for money and found it a life threatening way to make a living. He escaped this dangerous situation by seeking the safety of a four-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He narrowly escaped Vietnam with his life after being chased out of the country by an irate father disguised as a Viet Cong. Then followed an exile of 25 years in various third world countries as an underpaid agricultural expert assigned to improving agricultural production of the world's impoverished masses. In the process he contracted and survived every tropical disease and internal parasite known to modern medicine, and several yet to be discovered. He narrowly survived numerous foreign.... \*\*\*

**Dr. Keith "L.J." Johnson '80**, Naples FL, is a veterinarian and Owner/President of Eastside Animal Clinic. He and his wife Annette have three daughters; Dani, Kaycee and Allie Mae. (Phone:239-403-8285, E-Mail: [ljsuvel@aol.com](mailto:ljsuvel@aol.com))

**Michael Platt '80**, is a missionary in Istanbul Turkey, according to an E-mail received from Betty Platt on 8/10/07. (Mike had previously been living in Medicine Lodge, KS. (Phone:620-886-5981, E-Mail: [bep@sctelcom.net](mailto:bep@sctelcom.net))

**Scott A. McMillen '81**, Overland Park KS, is a Financial Advisor with H & R Block Financial Advisors. Scott and wife Rhonda have two kids, Kylie and Cole. (Phone:913-681-1288, E-Mail: [samiam@everestkc.net](mailto:samiam@everestkc.net))

**Steven D. Yarber '81**, Saint Peters MO, is an Engineer with Boeing. He and his wife Ellen have three children. Steve is a past GM of the Gamma-Chi chapter. (Phone:636-978-4819, E-Mail: [sevarber@earthlink.net](mailto:sevarber@earthlink.net))

**Dr. Timothy V. Overmiller DVM '82**, Hastings NE, is a Veterinarian and a partner with Animal Clinic in Hastings. Tim and his wife Susan (Hatcher) have 4 sons. (Phone:402-463-6098, E-Mail: [tovermiller@alltel.net](mailto:tovermiller@alltel.net))

**Richard A. "Rick" Suda '82**, San Diego CA, is a self-employed architect and owner of Studio Suda. He and his wife Nancy have two sons; Evan and Adam. (Phone:619-582-8464, E-Mail: [rasuda@cox.net](mailto:rasuda@cox.net))

**Karl J. Kunz '85** reports that he has moved back to Garden City KS due to a job transfer/promotion with State Farm Insurance. Karl & wife Melanie relocated to Shreveport LA last year where Karl was an Agency Field Consultant with State Farm. (Cell: 620-640-7573, W:620-276-5550, E-Mail: [karl.kunz.gtjz@statefarm.com](mailto:karl.kunz.gtjz@statefarm.com))

**Dr. Timothy R. Ridder '85**, Hutchinson KS, sends the following update: "In January 2006 I sold/merged my practice with the Grene Vision Group based in Wichita, KS. I joined as part owner, a group of 14 ophthalmologists and 29 optometrists in what is likely one of the largest integrated eye care groups in the country. We offer a full range of routine to highly specialized eyecare services with 43 doctors and nearly 400 staff in 26 locations throughout central and southeast Kansas." Website: [www.grenevisiongroup.com](http://www.grenevisiongroup.com). (Phone:620-663-1199, E-Mail: [eyedoc2020@cox.net](mailto:eyedoc2020@cox.net))

**Ed Jacobson '86** is a Special Agent with the FBI, and recently relocated to Keller TX from Idaho. Ed sends the following update: "I was transferred in January 2007, and I am now investigating Gangs in Fort Worth TX. I'm pretty busy as you can imagine. Tammie is having Idaho withdrawals and trying to get use to Texas. Kids are all doing well." Ed (Phone: 817-741-3750, E-Mail: [jacobson@1scom.net](mailto:jacobson@1scom.net))

**Joseph A. "Joe" Marceca Jr. '87**, Frederick CO, is a Job Captain with The Neenan Company. Joe and his wife Ann have 2 kids, Nathan and Helen. Joe sends along the following message: "Hey all you brothers from pledge class of 87' drop me an E-mail. What's everyone up to?" (Phone:720-494-0443, E-Mail: [jam\\_80138@yahoo.com](mailto:jam_80138@yahoo.com))

**Kurtis J. Carrico '88**, Auburn KS, recently graduated from the Washburn School of Nursing and started a new job at Stormont Vail in Topeka in June '07. Kurt had been a High School Science teacher prior to his career change. (Cell:785-817-0825, E-Mail: [kjccarrico@cox.net](mailto:kjccarrico@cox.net))

**Kaivan R. Ferzandi '89**, Lenexa KS, is a Self-Employed Real Estate Developer with Falcon Properties. (Phone:913-393-3849, E-Mail: [kferzandi@yahoo.com](mailto:kferzandi@yahoo.com))

**Clayton D. "Clay" Lowe '90**, Winterset IA, is a Chiropractor and owner Lowe Chiropractic Clinic in Winterset. He and his wife Stacey have two kids; Sydney (6) and Aaron (1) (Phone:515-462-9088, E-Mail: [dr\\_cdlowe@msn.com](mailto:dr_cdlowe@msn.com))

**Leonard F. "Len" Pelzel '91**, is a Financial Reporting Accountant with Black & Veatch. He and his wife Trish are living in Overland park KS. (Phone: 913-642-4521, E-Mail: [lpelze01@aol.com](mailto:lpelze01@aol.com))

**Jordan R. Kidd '92**, Colorado Springs CO, is a Project Manager with GE Johnson Construction Company, website: [www.gejohnson.com](http://www.gejohnson.com). (Phone: 719-790-7097, E-Mail: [kiddjordan@hotmail.com](mailto:kiddjordan@hotmail.com))

**Greg "Booty Juice" Howard '94**, Merriam KS, is an Industrial Mechanic with Amcor Plastics. (Phone: 913-403-0289, E-Mail: [howardgreg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:howardgreg@sbcglobal.net))

**Edward A. "Lover" Klein '94** has relocated to Boston MA and sends the following update: "I am proud of my wife Kelly, who received a major promotion and transfer to Boston last month through her company at JWT Advertising. I am also excited to be starting my new position as a database administrator at Bain Capital located at the Prudential center. We are temporarily living just outside of the financial district until we locate a permanent address." (Cell: 913 461-8741, E-Mail: [edward\\_klein@hotmail.com](mailto:edward_klein@hotmail.com))

**Beau Hahn '00**, Prairie Village KS, made a generous on-line donation to our Rush Fund. Thanks Beau! (Phone: 913-642-3590, E-Mail: [beauhahn22@hotmail.com](mailto:beauhahn22@hotmail.com), E-Mail: [BeauH@summitconcrete.biz](mailto:BeauH@summitconcrete.biz))

There are dozens more Alumni Updates on the Alumni Website, which have been pulled from the popular LinkedIn business networking website. Check them out at <http://www.gammachi.org/Updates/Current.htm>



## Alumni Updates received in 2008

**Richard A. "Dick" Coonrod '50** is living in Edina MN with his wife Phyllis. After a 30 year career with Pillsbury, Dick started his own company as President of Less Technology LLC, website [www.lesstechnology.com](http://www.lesstechnology.com). Dick and Phyllis have a daughter and two sons. (Cell: 612-817-6768, E-Mail: [coonrodagri@visi.com](mailto:coonrodagri@visi.com)) Richard A. Coonrod '50, Edina MN, is an Independent Food Professional, and is retired from Pillsbury, where he had worked for 30 years. (7133 Gleason Rd, Edina, MN, 55439-1610, H:952-944-2020, Cell:612-817-6768, W:952-939-3940, F:952-939-8106, e:coonrodagri@visi.com)

**Dale V. Horn '59** is a Senior Accountant with Mission Aviation Fellowship. Dale and his wife Beverly are living in Meridian ID. (Phone:208-898-9606, E-Mail: [idahodale@gmail.com](mailto:idahodale@gmail.com))

**Dr. John C. Laurie '59**, Overland Park KS, is retired from Blue Valley West High School, where he was the Principal. John had also been a football referee for the Big 12 Conference prior to his retirement several years ago. See page 11 for information about a book John recently published, "MANAGING THE GAME: The Official's Official Guide to Controlling Pressure Situations". (Phone: 913-402-0131, E-Mail: [JohnCLaurie@yahoo.com](mailto:JohnCLaurie@yahoo.com))

**Robert L. "Bob" Cravens '61**, Glendora CA, sends the following update: "I'm in the process of retiring from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and looking to move from the LA area back to San Diego." (Phone: 626-852-0168, E-Mail: [cravens.rl@att.net](mailto:cravens.rl@att.net))

**Rick J. Eichor '62**, Honolulu Hawaii, sends the following update: "Still practicing law but it's starting to interfere with my golf game. I'm the alumni advisor to the UH Kappa Sigma chapter Omicron Zeta, we got our charter in 2005. We call it "OZ" there's something familiar about that. We have about 55 members, has to be the most diverse group of men in any chapter, a really great bunch. Fortunately we have a lot of KE alumni in Hawaii so I invite them to speak to the chapter several times a year. My wish is that all of the alumni, especially those in my pledge class, sign up for the 1930 Club, Gamma-Chi is special and we must support it." AEKDB Rick '62. Rick is an Of Counsel with Price, Okamoto, Himeno & Lum. (E-Mail: [reichor@yahoo.com](mailto:reichor@yahoo.com))

**Galen R. Erickson '69**, Shawnee KS, is Vice President of Operations for Musician's Friend in Kansas City, MO. (Phone: 972-208-3435 / From the Summer 2008 issue of K-Stater magazine)

**John "Steve" Frederick '70**, Longview TX, owns Maximum Companies in Longview and says he enjoys the excitement of starting a business. "This new adventure of launching a business is a thrill...I now can help my clients even more." (Phone: 903-297-9722 / From the Fall 2008 issue of the KSU JMC "Update" magazine)

**Roger D. Commer '72** and his wife Gwen are living in Kansas City MO, where Roger is a Senior Project Manager at Construction Technologies LLC. (Phone: 816-587-3088, E-Mail: [rcommer@kc.rr.com](mailto:rcommer@kc.rr.com))

**Michael D. "Army" Armstrong '76** sends a new address in Frisco TX, previously Shawnee KS. Mike is Vice President / Director of Sales for CUNA Mutual Group. (Phone: 972-731-7432, [mikedanarmstrong@yahoo.com](mailto:mikedanarmstrong@yahoo.com))

**Martin J. "Marty" Murphy '78**, Denver CO, is Owner of Portable Computer Systems, Inc. He and his wife Kathy Pakkebieer have two children, Caden and Paige. (Phone: 720-524-9562, E-Mail: [martym@portablecomputersystems.com](mailto:martym@portablecomputersystems.com))

**David D. "Bone" Mann '80**, Joplin MO, sends the following update: "I have recently changed companies and am now with Tank Connection, and have opened an office in Joplin. (Cell: 417-540-5349, E-mail: [mann61@cablone.net](mailto:mann61@cablone.net))

**Phillip C. "Buffalo" Roberts '81** reports that he has sold his company (EFCO Corp.) and is now retired. He also sends a new address in Lenexa KS, having previously lived in Monett MO. (Phone: 850-502-9998, E-Mail: [pcr101060@yahoo.com](mailto:pcr101060@yahoo.com)) **Gregory G. Vasko** (Beta-Tau '81), Reno NV, is employed by the Washoe County School District. (Phone: 480-460-0757 / From the Winter 2008 issue of K-Stater magazine)

**Joel B. "Gumby" Johns '85**, Edgerton KS, sends the following update: "Sold my old company (Builder Designs) last year. Started a new one, also in Olathe KS, called Webphibian - website <http://www.webphibian.com>". Joel and his wife Julie have 3 kids, Tyler, Paige & Claire. (Phone: 913-893-6275, E-Mail: [joel@webphibian.com](mailto:joel@webphibian.com))

**Sean Eickhoff '87**, St. Louis MO, is a Project Manager/Engineer at CRB Consulting Engineers, Inc. (Phone: 760-942-7340, E-Mail: [sean.eickhoff@crbusa.com](mailto:sean.eickhoff@crbusa.com))

**Derek E. "Elvis" Moore '88**, Mission KS, sends the following update: "saying hello from mission ks.! i am in my fourth year in stock trading. i own and run "TCB STOCK TRADES". i manage a personal stock portfolio in DOW and NASDAQ markets. i am in my 30th year of collecting pinball machines...i am also involved in my fifth year of charity/celebrity auctions with MAVERICK CHARITY AUCTIONS TCB!!! from DEREK M! (Phone: 913-262-5271, E-Mail: [dmtcb@att.net](mailto:dmtcb@att.net))

**Arthur K. "Art" Shaffer '90**, Overland Park KS, is a Self-Employed Patent Attorney and owner of Intellectual Property Center, LLC., Website: <http://www.theipcenter.com>. (Phone: 913-851-7715, E-Mail: [ksucrew@yahoo.com](mailto:ksucrew@yahoo.com))

**John C. Byram III '91**, Prairie Village KS, is a self-employed Real Estate Broker and owner of Byram Real Estate. (Phone: 913-722-5229, E-Mail: [jbyram@kc.rr.com](mailto:jbyram@kc.rr.com), E-Mail: [ByramRealEstate@kc.rr.com](mailto:ByramRealEstate@kc.rr.com))

**Eric Lewis '94** sends the following update: "I have recently relocated to Bardstown, KY (from Goldsboro NC) to start up a new bakery for Flowers Foods." Eric and his wife Cindy have 2 children. (E-Mail: [Eric.Lewis@flocorp.com](mailto:Eric.Lewis@flocorp.com))

**Jason A. Keeler '97**, Olathe KS, is an Advertising Specialist at Ascend Media. (Phone: 913-829-4170, E-Mail: [ja-son.keeler@gmail.com](mailto:ja-son.keeler@gmail.com))

**Derrick A. Miller '00**, Overland Park KS, is a Human Resources Assistant for Time Warner Cable in Kansas City MO. (Phone: 913-341-1860, E-Mail: [derrick.a.miller@gmail.com](mailto:derrick.a.miller@gmail.com))

**Andrew R. Glazier '02**, Leawood KS, reports that he is back in school at KSU and living in Manhattan. (Phone: 913-710-2029, E-Mail: [arg6666@ksu.edu](mailto:arg6666@ksu.edu))

**Cameron S. Willcott '02**, Linwood KS, graduated from KSU in December 2005 and is a 1st year law student at Washburn Law School, with graduation expected in May 2010. (Phone: 913-269-6369, E-Mail: [cameron\\_willcott@yahoo.com](mailto:cameron_willcott@yahoo.com))

**Erik M. Woofter '03**, Overland Park KS, is a Safety Specialist at YRC Logistics. Erik graduated from KSU in May 2006 and is pursuing an MBA at UMKC, with completion in 2009. (Phone: 913-219-9822, E-Mail: [ewoofter@gmail.com](mailto:ewoofter@gmail.com))

## Births

**Eric T. Rapley '93** and wife Laura, Stillwater OK, announce the birth of their son, Tobin Kenneth, July 14th, 2008. (Phone: 913-681-1708, E-Mail: [ericrapley@hotmail.com](mailto:ericrapley@hotmail.com) / Taken from the Winter 2008 issue of K-Stater magazine)

**Shannon D. Stapleton '95** and Robin M. (Sextro) Stapleton, Sabetha KS, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jylian Marie, Sept. 22nd, 2007. (Phone: 785-284-3225, E-Mail: [shannons@extru-techinc.com](mailto:shannons@extru-techinc.com), / Taken from the Summer '08 issue of "K-Stater" magazine)

## Weddings

**Jace G. Bailey '01** and Stacey Tilley were married June 3rd, 2006 and are living in Manhattan. (Phone: 620-874-1598, E-Mail: [jace\\_bailey@hotmail.com](mailto:jace_bailey@hotmail.com) (From the Spring '07 issue of K-Stater magazine)

**Clinton A. Simon '95** sends word of his marriage on January 1st, 2007, and a new address in the Virgin Islands. Clint left his position at Kappa Sigma's Headquarters several years ago to attend a Culinary Arts school in New Hampshire, and is now a Chef at The Buccaneer Hotel in the Virgin Islands. (Cell: 816-547-7080, E-Mail: [clintsimon@gmail.com](mailto:clintsimon@gmail.com))

**Rustin R. Burgess '94**, Northglenn CO, sends the following update: "Recently married on 12/9/06 in Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, Canada to Jennifer Deuel from Rochester, NY. We're living in Colorado and skiing all we can. AEKDB". Rustin is a Sales Representative with Belden Electronics, website [www.belden.com](http://www.belden.com). (Phone: 303-285-3457, E-Mail: [rustinb1@hotmail.com](mailto:rustinb1@hotmail.com))

## Congratulations Graduates!

### December '07

**Matt G. Smith '03**, Derby KS, was an Electrical Engineering major. (Phone: 316-393-3056, E-Mail: [mgs6556@ksu.edu](mailto:mgs6556@ksu.edu))

### May '08

**Derek R. Cochran '04**, Wichita KS, majored in Secondary Education degree and is now a Math Teacher with USD 265. (Cell: 620-506-7205, Phone: [dcochran@ksu.edu](mailto:dcochran@ksu.edu))

**Tyler M. Robins '03**, Wichita KS, majored in Sociology and Criminology. (Phone: 316-258-9626)

**Stuart Ross Singleton '04**, Derby KS, majored in Hotel and restaurant management. (Phone: 316-841-6685, E-Mail: [stuart@ksu.edu](mailto:stuart@ksu.edu))

**Eric Barton '03**, Bonner Springs KS, majored in Criminology. (14463 165th St., Bonner Springs, KS, 66012, H: 785-845-7810, e: [barton84@ksu.edu](mailto:barton84@ksu.edu))

### December '08

**Tyler O. Doshier '04** majored in Psychology and was an Electronic Media Coordinator for KSU while in school, and has taken a job in New York. (Phone: 316-461-4922, e: [tdoshier@ksu.edu](mailto:tdoshier@ksu.edu))

**J. "Pat" Sheik '04**, Bern KS, majored in Construction Science & Mgmt (Phone: 785-294-0263)

**Kayle C. Robben '05**, Sharon Springs KS, majored in Agribusiness and is now working for Koch Industries in Wichita KS. (Phone: 785-821-0071, E-Mail: [kayle@ksu.edu](mailto:kayle@ksu.edu))

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## Chapter Celestial

**Chapter Celestial Note:** Unfortunately, due to space constraints, several lengthy obituaries cannot be printed here in full, which are denoted with \*\*\*. You can see those complete obituaries at: <http://www.gammachi.org/directory/Celestial.htm> Request a copy of any obituary by E-mailing [Alumni@gammachi.org](mailto:Alumni@gammachi.org), or mail your request to our Gamma-Chi PO Box address on page 11.

**Kenneth A. Burge Sr. '25**, Westport CT, passed away July 30th, 2003. No other information is available at this time. Our records show that Kenneth had been a Petroleum Technologist, and was married to Ruth Burge.

**Col. George R. "Bob" Grimes '29 USA (Ret)**, Cortez CO, passed away October 31st, 2007. Col. Bob was an electrical engineering major at K-State before transferring to KU, and also received an MBA from Colorado State University. A note from Bob's daughter Georgia reads: "I'm sorry to inform you of my father's passing on 10/31/07. He was always very proud of the men he'd known through Kappa Sigma. His family will miss him a lot. He was 99 years old (100 in January). Best regards, Georgia Robin Lyle". Bob's obituary is as follows: George Robbins (Bob) Grimes died peacefully Oct. 31, 2007, after a brief illness. He was 99 and would have loved seeing his 100th birthday in January.

Born to a ranch and farm family in Ashland, Kan., "Bub" (as he was known at home) was the youngest boy of six children. He thrived on the ranch and excelled in school, sports and debate. Bob (as he was later known) was the only boy in the family to go to college, receiving a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army ROTC in 1932 and graduating from the University of Kansas in 1933 with a degree in electrical engineering. After graduation, he served in the Army, assigned to the Civilian Conservation Corps building roads and bridges. Soon, Bob met, fell in love with and married Miriam Lilley. Together they formed a strong, loving and remarkable partnership lasting 61 years. \*\*\*

**Roy R. Stalons '32**, Overland Park KS, May 20th, 2006. No other information is available at this time. According to our records, Roy had been a Bursar at Kansas University Medical Center, and was married to Tonya Stalons.

**Col. Charles F. "Chuck" Hardman '33**, San Diego CA, formerly of Texas and Washington DC, passed away at the age of 90 on September 18, 2005. He died peacefully with his children at his side. He was a very social man with many friends and a man of integrity and honesty. He is survived by sons, John, Charles and Bruce Hardman and daughters Kathleen and Mary Lynn Hardman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Mary Courtenay Baylor Hardman (Corky), and son, Robert B. Hardman. Chuck was born and raised in Kansas. He was a chemical engineer with a Masters Degree. He served in the Air Force in WWII and Korea. After retiring from the Air Force, he moved his family to Texas, then to Washington, D.C. where he retired from the Army Petroleum Agency. Upon retirement he moved to San Antonio, until moving two years ago to San Diego to be near his children.

**Jonathan Ivar "John" Johnston '35**, Thornton CO, passed away on Jan. 9, 2007, at the Villas at Sunny Acres Medical Center, in Thornton, Colo. He is survived by his wife of seventy years, Ferne (Streeter); a son and a daughter; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was born in Baca County, Colo., on a ranch in the Walsh community. Ivar moved his family in 1941, to the San Luis Valley where they lived for 24 years in the Alamosa and Center communities before moving to Colorado Springs, where he retired from Heating and Plumbing Engineers in 1978. After retirement, Ivar and Ferne lived in Pueblo prior to moving to Thornton in 2002. He was a life-member of AF&AM in Alamosa, Colo. Ivar was a devoted husband, wonderful father and loved by all.

**Merrill E. Dunn '41**, Springfield MO, passed away March 11, 2006, at Magnolia Square. Mel was born in Topeka, Kan., on December 13, 1920. He was retired from Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchises. He was preceded in death by his wives, Betty Ward Dunn and Ina Smith Dunn. Mel is survived by a daughter, a grandson, a great-grandson, & Gamma-Chi brother, **Dr. John E. "Jack" Dunn '50** of Mexico.