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1999-2000
marks a

Great
year—
for Γ-P!

The Gamma-Rho Chapter has experienced the most productive year since moving into the new house, and over the past two years, Kappa Sigma has risen from 18th place to third among fraternities. One of the biggest contributors to this success is the new kitchen facility installed last summer. Because of the kitchen, the brotherhood between active members has reached new heights. While the kitchen was a big morale booster, the initiation of 41 new brothers in January also contributed a great deal.

Along with the success of the kitchen and recruitment, Gamma-Rho experienced one of the best academic semesters in history. Of the 22 fraternities at the University of Arizona, Kappa Sigma ranked third on campus for house grade point average. Out of the houses that have 75 or more members we ranked number one academically with 104 men. The pledge class's G.P.A. was above All-Men's average, and the chapter G.P.A. was just .03 below All-Men's.

This last year also signaled the return of Kappa Sigma Intramurals to championship levels. In the spring we captured the championships for men's five-on-five basketball and co-ed softball with Alpha Phi. In men's softball league play we captured third place. We are looking forward to next year's play, in hopes of retaining the two titles and adding more to the list.

Brothers in the house have also begun to excel in leadership roles on campus. Ben Graff was recently elected president of Associated Students of the University of Arizona (Gamma-Rho's first student body president in more than 15 years), and Chris Gladney was also elected Interfraternity Council vice president of programming. Chris is continuing the long, consecutive string of having a Kappa Sigma on the IFC executive board.

On the social side, Gamma-Rho recently celebrated Spring Fling with the women of Pi Beta Phi. The week was filled with social mixers and the tradition of working a booth at the Spring Fling carnival. Now the undergraduates are looking forward to celebrating the 85th anniversary of Gamma-Rho on the U of A campus. We will be celebrating the Homecoming week with the women of Alpha Epsilon Phi. Scheduled for the week of November 11th, the undergraduates are planning on making this the biggest Homecoming Gamma-Rho has ever experienced. I hope to see all of you there.

Finally, the undergraduates would again like to thank the alumni for their support this last year. If it weren't for all of you, there would not be a new kitchen, and most of the accomplishments I have mentioned would not have happened. So again, thank you and I hope to see you at Homecoming.

A.E.K.Δ.B.

Chad Foust '97

Grand Master,
Gamma-Rho Chapter of
Kappa Sigma Fraternity

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Celebrating 85 years of Gamma-Rho!

AMID THE SWELTERING HEAT OF A SUMMER DAY IN THE EARLY 20TH century, the members of the local Delta Phi fraternity were initiated into Kappa Sigma fraternity and Gamma-Rho was born. The District Grand Master described them as strapping youths, ready to take on the challenges ahead -- challenges involving campus leadership, housing, and the building of better men.

From the start on May 26, 1915, the Gamma-Rhos were student leaders in Tucson and held the most important positions on campus. From student government, where we dominated the executive board, to athletics, basketball, and baseball, Kappa Sigmas led the way. One of our proudest achievements from those early days was that a Kappa Sigma brother came up with the idea for the "A" on "A" Mountain. Another painted "Bear Down" on the gym. A third invented what later became the school mascot, Wilbur the Wildcat -- an original drawing of which still hangs in the Gamma-Rho living room.

For most of the last century, the Kappa Sigmas lived in two houses, the "Mansion" on Speedway which served as our house in the 1920s and 1930s and the LaFonda Hotel during the 1950s and 1960s. The other houses included the first one near Stone Avenue and University Boulevard, the Fifth Street house used in Hollywood's "Revenge of the Nerds," the north east corner of Third Avenue and University Boulevard, the Park House, the bungalows on Cherry Avenue, and the beloved El Capitan Court. These were for the most part short-term stays, either rented or bought for the chapter by our alumni. About five years ago the alumni built the current house at 1423 E. Speedway, which has room for 40 live-in brothers, has a full kitchen, and is the best looking house on the University of Arizona's Greek row, and the country, for that matter. The house stands as a symbol of undergraduate success and the undying alumni support -- every time the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma has needed its alumni, they have rushed to its aid.

That is because the mission of Kappa Sigma is to build better men and we have had some members who have reached dizzying heights -- governors, presidential candidates, generals, colonels, judges, and heads of major corporations. All these men attribute much of their success to the values Kappa Sigma instilled and encouraged in them as undergraduates.

It is this set of values contained in the well-loved Star and Crescent that forms the core of our philosophy. It is also this set of values that our first advisor, Professor Smith, saw in the men of Delta Phi. He worked with them for 15 long years until the University of Arizona was large enough to qualify for a Kappa Sigma chapter. Since then, Gamma-Rho Kappa Sigma has always been special to the university. Its members believe in school spirit, full integration into the university community, and a special close-knit brotherhood that has survived almost a dozen houses, depressions, divisions, a brief stint off campus, and a changed society.

And here we are, at our beloved university, our existence guaranteed by the faded charter on our walls, still working to build better men as our traditional founders did nearly 600 years ago and as the Gamma-Rho founders did 85 years ago.

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Looking back at the Legacy

The following article is composed of excerpts from the October 1922 Caduceus.

“Garden of Eden is new domain of Gamma-Rho Chapter”

It took years of labor and planning for Gamma-Rho (Arizona) to secure its beautiful new home, but the result of all the effort should be an example for those chapters which still live in other houses.

Gamma Rho contracted to pay \$30,000 for the home. The financial arrangements were handled largely by the undergraduates Notes were subscribed by alumni to start the Chapter on the venture and bonds are being sold to help fulfill the contract....

Let the Maverick tell us about it. The newsy little sheet, published by the Gamma-Rho Chapter, says the house “makes the other Greek houses look like scrap heaps.”

“It is a massive two-story brick-stucco structure that was built when houses

were built to last through the centuries. Seven large rooms compose the down stairs. All have maple-wood floors and high ceilings. Three of them can be opened into one large hall, by means of sliding doors, to be used as a ballroom. There is also a large, modern kitchen, a pantry, two study rooms, a bath, and several closets.

“The second story has five very large study rooms, a bath and a large glassed-in sleeping porch. The roof is of heavy matched metal. A porch extends along the front and half of each side. All of the windows are storm proof and of very heavy plate glass...”

“In the rear is a large garage, with room for three cars and three living rooms. There is also a complete water system with another living room in the basement.

“The house has a 250-foot frontage on Speedway and is 280 feet deep. It is a true Garden of Eden. There are spacious lawns in front of the house and winding driveways lead up to the entrance. Rose bushes line the driveways. Then there are grape arbors, palm trees and all the other adornments suitable to such a palatial residence.

“Till the time we purchased it the place was known as the Huntsman home, and was built in 1905. Its original cost was \$40,000, including improvements, and will accommodate thirty men....

“The dream of many years has come true at last

“It is a place to look at with pride. No other fraternity on campus can equal it. It will compare favorably with the houses owned by the rich and

influential chapters at the largest universities.

“The financial burden is heavy and most of it falls on the shoulders of the active chapter. It will make us get in and dig deep to keep it going. Those who lived in the old Delta Phi house (old Country Club), in the old home on Stone Avenue, or in the old corral on Fifth avenue, could really appreciate a home like the one we have acquired.”

(Note: during WWII the number of students available to support running such a large house dropped dramatically, and the house was sold to pay chapter debts.)

If you have stories of the old house you would like to share with your brothers, please contact Erik Kiernan at Fraternity Management Group at 622-0125 or send a story via e-mail to Erik@FMGTucson.com

The Kappa Sigma House from 1922-1943

Alumni Profile

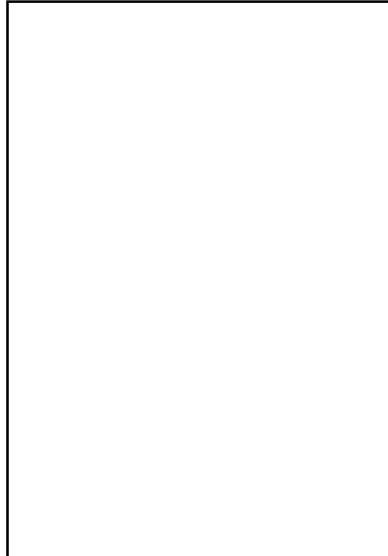
“The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it. He must be a gentleman... a man of honor and courage... a man of zeal, yet humble... an intelligent man... a man of truth... one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God.” Few men represent these Kappa Sigma ideals as well as Tom Keating '62. Throughout his life, he has attained tremendous success in his career and personal life, yet never forgot to recognize the people and institutions that helped him along the way.

One of Brother Keating's biggest accomplishments, and the one for which he is most widely known, is his 38.5-year career with American Protective Services, Incorporated (APS). Tom started as a uniformed security officer in 1962 and eventually moved up the ranks to president, CEO, and chairman of the board by 1977. He relinquished the presidency in 1989, and the CEO position in 1992. APS was the fourth largest contract security provider in the nation and the largest that was privately held. APS employed about 19,000 people and boasted annual revenues of nearly \$425 million. The company was sold on January 1, 2000, to Securitas of Sweden — the world's largest security vendor and the parent of Pinkerton in the United States. The Keatings retained the company's IPSA division, which provides investigation, due diligence, workplace violence mitigation, personal protection, and consulting services internationally.

While still busy with his professional career, Tom contributed time and money to another important cause: the Gamma-Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma. He was a large factor in the fundraising campaign and construction of the current Chapter House on campus, which was completed in 1995. He even co-owned the undergraduates' house from 1990 to 1995 while the construction was going on. “The reason I have been so active with Kappa Sigma is that I believe in fraternities,” he said. “I think they are tremendous contributors to the college experience for young men. They provide many personal growth and leadership opportunities that school alone cannot.”

Tom never cut off support of the chapter and now serves as vice-president of the House Corporation. “I feel I offer a lot of enthusiasm, effort, and energy to Gamma-Rho, which sets an example for other alumni. In turn, I have been blessed with lasting friendships and the opportunity to participate in shaping young people's lives.”

Brother Keating said his connection to Gamma-Rho has evolved and changed over time. “It is true that I have awesome memories of the house on Speedway. What is really significant, however, is that I continue to make new and wonderful Kappa Sigma memories every year. Brothers Mike Cagalj, Stew Elner, Don Harris, and Doyle Shipley are back in my life after nearly 30 years. My wife



Brother Tom Keating '62 at graduation on May 13, 2000, with his two grandchildren

and I have wonderful, more recent friends like the Pat Murphy, George Jenson, and Matt Noble families, just to name a few. But the true joy of Kappa Sigma for me now is to meet a young pledge as a freshman, and build a bond over his college experience, continuing that friendship through grad school, his wedding, and the christening of his first child. I am rewarded daily by the exciting achievements of bright, hard-working guys that Kappa Sig has had a hand in shaping into tomorrow's contributing citizens.”

More recently, Tom has been tied to the University of Arizona in other ways, returning to college to earn his bachelor's degree in agricultural education. Tom left the U of A in 1962 without completing his degree because he was impatient to start work. “I didn't understand that school was my work, at least for that part of my life. I displayed no self-discipline for anything that I didn't deem immediately relevant, or that demanded genuine effort. After four semesters, my dad had his fill and suggested that it was time for me to ‘quit the screwing off’ and start earning my own living. It was the kick in the butt that I needed. I started working and got married in the

same year and essentially grew up overnight.” Later in life, he regretted not completing his degree, which is why he went back. “It was unfinished business,” he said. “It was something that bothered me for my entire career, and it needed to be fixed.”

He put those worries to rest May 13 when he graduated as part of the Class of 2000. Brother Keating attended the ceremonies for the Agricultural School and the university's commencement and said the day was more than he could have imagined. “I cannot explain how emotional both



Brother Keating and his date for the 1961 Christmas Formal

ceremonies were for me. The university allows its graduates to sit with friends, as opposed to alphabetically, which permitted me to sit very near my family in the morning and among four close classmates in the afternoon. The whole day is an exhilarating blur even now. That night my wife held a true ‘blow-out’ party for me. We had friends and family with us from all over the country—California, Florida, Hawaii, Oregon, Pennsylvania, even Guadalajara, Mexico.”

When asked who had most influenced his life, he responded that it was his parents, Tom and Mercedes, “for their strong work ethic, loving family values, personal conduct, and uncompromising commitment to integrity.” His more recent support, however, has come from his wife, Reenie, and his three children: Kendra (34), Tom (31), and James (30). Tom and Reenie met each other at work and will have been married for 23 years this June. “We are very similar to one another in energy, intelligence, and value systems. We both love people and we love life. And besides that, she's a hot chick!”

Brother Keating's desire to uphold the KΣ standards of honor, intelligence, and truth helped him achieve greatness and serve as a reminder that Kappa Sigma is not for a college term only, but for life.

Alumni Updates

News of your brothers from around the world

Raymond William Conway '38 played basketball and baseball as an undergraduate at Arizona. Ray ended up earning his D.D.S. from the University of Missouri Kansas City. Afterward, he moved to Yuma, Arizona, and began his practice as an orthodontist. Brother Conway is currently retired. He is married to Ruth and has three children, Barbara, Elaine, and James. He also has a stepson, Gary, and two grandchildren. Ray's family has left a legacy at the University of Arizona, as all his children went there, and his granddaughter, Bethany, is currently attending the university. When he has the time, Brother Conway enjoys golfing, fishing, and hunting. (3000 S Palo Verde Ln #2, Yuma, AZ, 85365, H:520-344-1788)

James George Counes '48 transferred from Arizona to Utah State, where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. Brother Counes played football as an undergraduate. Jim was the owner of the Northwood Restaurant, as well as the Home Video Square and is now retired. He is married to Harriet and has two children (George and Christina) and four grandchildren. Jim is currently working on a book about athletics in the military. (5749 E 7th St, Tucson, AZ, 85711-3205, H:520-745-6710, W:520-325-2880, F:520-584-0402, e:papoujim@aol.com)

Richard Arlen Corrigan '49 is currently retired from owning D.D.S. Specialty, a dental supply store. As an undergraduate, Brother Corrigan served as captain of the University of Arizona varsity baseball team, but had to leave school because of the draft. Dick is married to Gloria and has four children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The Corrigan's enjoy camping in their spare time, as well as taking trips to Reno and

Lake Tahoe. (7129 Mary Ann Way, Citrus Heights, CA, 95621, H:916-961-3714, e:weaca@sprynet.com)

Anthony Ralph Epperson '57 graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Brother Epperson is currently working as a free-lance writer. He has three books published: "The Unseen Hand," "New World Order," and "Masonry: Conspiracy Against Christianity." Additionally, Ralph frequently appears as a guest on several talk shows. In his spare time, Brother Epperson enjoys lecturing and teaching. (3100 S Philamena, Tucson, AZ, 85730, H:520-886-4380, W:520-886-4380, F:520-327-5037, e:eppersonra@aol.com)

James Bruce Gardner '59 graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance in 1962. Jim is currently retired after having served as the vice president of Cigna Group Insurance. Brother Gardner

is married to Diane and has three children, Natalie, James, and David. When he has spare time, Jim enjoys golfing and traveling. (5465 Bromely Dr, Oak Park, CA, 91377, H:818-991-5103, W:818-707-3670, F:818-991-1402, e:jim@jbgardner.com)

Terry Ryder Ridgway '61 left Arizona with a master's degree in business administration in 1962. He had served Gamma-Rho as Grand Master during his days as an undergraduate. He is now retired after serving as a professor of economics at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. In his spare time, Brother Ridgway enjoys computer surfing and playing racquetball. Terry says to his pledge brothers, "it would sure be nice to hear from some of you!" (5138 Alfalfa St, Las Vegas, NV, 89120-1258, H:702-434-4601, e:trrtanfl@aol.com)

Please see *Updates* on page 6...

The Gamma-Rho brothers helped Tom Keating '62 celebrate his May 2000 graduation.

...**Updates, from page 5.**

Tucker Szold '71 graduated from Arizona with a bachelor's degree in political science. As an undergraduate at Gamma-Rho, Tucker served as Rush Chairman. He is currently working as the Purchasing Manager for O'Neil Brothers Transportation. Brother Szold has been married to Maggie for 20 years, and together they have two children, Grant and Tara. When he has free time, Brother Szold enjoys playing basketball. (5511 Briarcrest Ct, Peoria, IL, 61614-4229, H:309-691-2762, W:309-266-1177, F:309-266-1451)

Jack Eversole Jr. '80 graduated with a degree in Public Administration in 1983. Brother Eversole served as "Little Sis" Rush Chair and unofficial house bartender during his time as an undergraduate. He is

currently working as a sales person for Kinetico Quality Water Systems of Clark County. Jack is married to Julie and has two children, Brittany and Tayler Rose. In his spare time, Brother Eversole enjoys golfing and traveling. (1848 Del Monica Way, North Las Vegas, NV, 89031, H:702-648-0246, W:702-897-7177, e:wwwjcecom@aol.com)

Richard Jay Rogers Jr. '89 graduated in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in media arts. Rich was the Grand Scribe and Social Chairman as an undergraduate. He is currently working as an agent for the William Morris Agency in Los Angeles. In his spare time, Brother Rogers enjoys reading, and watching and playing basketball. (6456 1/2 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90048, H:323-655-6803, W:310-859-4558, F:310-859-4462, e:rrogers@wma.com)

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Rush Recommendations

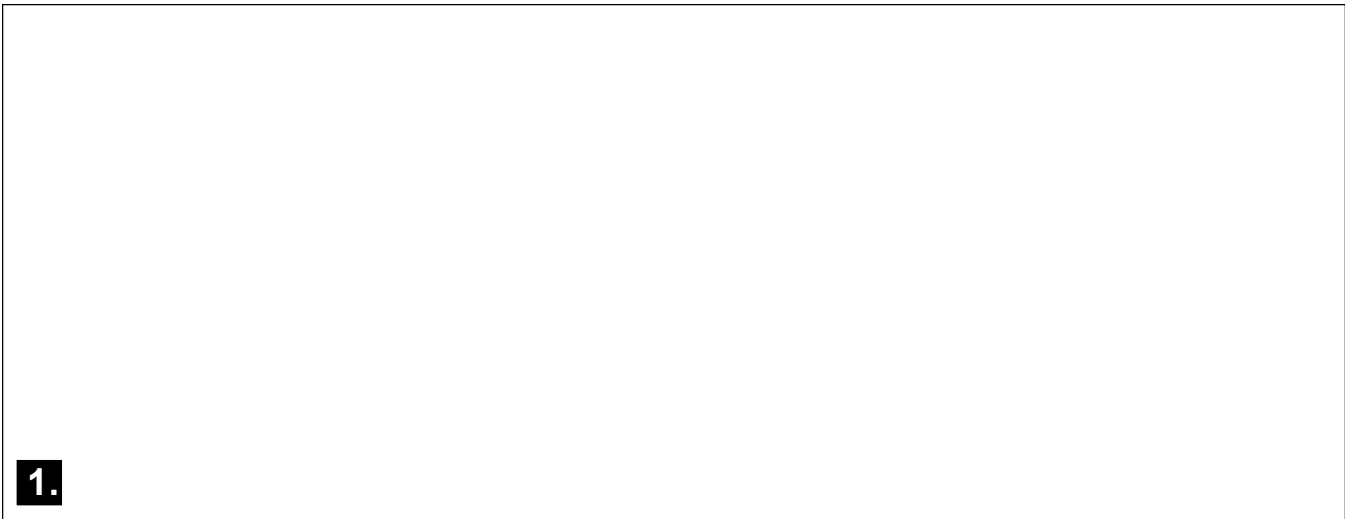
Rush is the lifeblood of the fraternity. You can help Gamma-Rho to grow and excel by recommending young men of quality for special attention during rush. Send your recommendations to Kappa Sigma, P.O. Box 43847, Tucson, AZ 85733.

Lost golf club

Brother Otto Verch '52 lost his Titleist DCI 8 iron on the third hole at last fall's Homecoming Golf Tournament in Canoa Hills. If you have any information as to its whereabouts, please call him at 501-663-3763.

We need your e-mail addresses!

Thanks to the miracle of technology, *The Gamma-Rho Gazette* will be available via e-mail in the not-so-distant future. But we can't get it to you if we can't e-mail you. We need to build up our existing database, and would love for you to be a part of it. Please send your e-mail address(es) to Erik@FMGTucson.com.



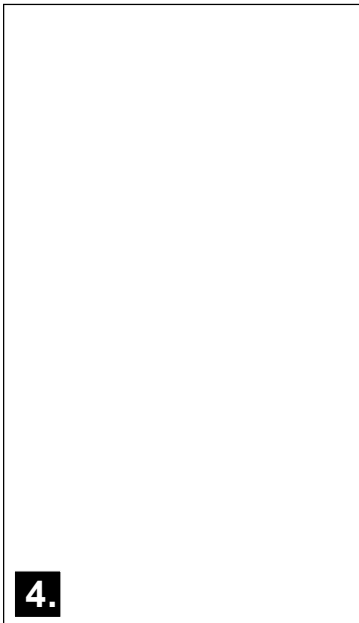
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GEORGE JENSON'S WEDDING

1. About 75 Kappa Sigma brothers, ranging from 1940's to 1990's initiates, celebrated the wedding of George and Jennifer Jenson.

2. Mark Rooney '96 (from left), Craig Lowden '96, and Ed Finger '97.

3. Jennifer and Jay Ferguson '87 sit with Steve Cassidy '90.

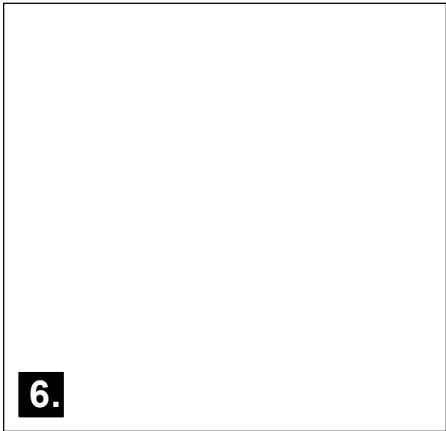
4. Greg Mazur '84 and Rob Gaither '89 were the fashion mavens of the evening at George's wedding.

5. Tom Keating '62 toasts George and Jennifer after the ceremony with George's brother, John, looking on.

6. Frank Barreca '46 and Judge Don Harris '59, who performed the wedding.



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University of Arizona 2000 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	at Utah	Time TBA
Sept. 9	Ohio State	7:07 p.m. MST
Sept. 16	San Diego State	7:07 p.m. MST
Sept. 23	open date	
Sept. 30	at Stanford	2 p.m. PDT
Oct. 7	at USC	1:30 p.m. PDT
Oct. 14	Washington State	7:07 p.m. MST (Family Weekend)
Oct. 21	at Oregon	12:30 p.m. PDT
Oct. 28	UCLA (ABC television)	4 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Washington	12:30 p.m. PST
Nov. 11	Oregon State	7:07 p.m. MST (Homecoming)
Nov. 24	Arizona State	TBA



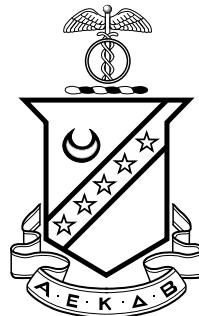
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The mailing service for this publication was the Beacon Foundation, a nonprofit organization offering sheltered employment, vocational training and supportive services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Note to Parents: If your son is still attending the University of Arizona, this newsletter is intended for you. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address.

Thank you!

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