



# Sigma Phi Epsilon Kansas Eta

Summer Edition 2003

## Counselor's Corner: Balanced Man, Mentors, and Cooking Pigs

**Undergrads:** The Undergraduate Chapter is working hard on revitalizing the Balanced Man Program. For those of you who haven't heard, Kansas Eta voted to become a Balanced Man chapter. The old pledge system is gone. New members now start as Sigma's and progress through four stages to be Brother Mentors. There are development tools all throughout the program ranging from learning etiquette to mentoring younger members. The motto of the program is "Spirit Healthy, Body Healthy". Our first members who have gone through the entire program from its beginning will graduate in December and May.

**Volleyball:** Geritol III, the alumni team in the Sig Ep Summer Smash Volleyball league, is off to a 2-3 start. A little rocky but we've got the talent to come on strong the rest of the season. **Ryan Loehr ('97)** is our newest member. He's been kicking butt and taking names. Thanks to Ryan for joining.

**Mentors:** A new group has started: the Alumni Mentors. Each member is appointed one member of the undergraduate executive council to mentor. **Nick Stone '02** is the recruitment mentor. He is working with the VP of Recruitment

### Housing Board

President - Denis Dieker

Treasurer - Joe Poston

Secretary - Jeff Gates

Chapter Counselor - Aaron Hamilton

Parents Club - Candy Crow

John Vinroe

Clay Nickel

Ben Pfister



A few undergrads in a mud tug of war tourney



SigEps and DGs right before Hippodrome 2003

to develop the "Dirty Dozen", a group of 12 undergrads who make phone calls and take recruits out. **Chris Hett '96** is the Communications Mentor. He is working with the VP of Communications on updating the chapter website. **Clay Nickel '96** is the Balanced Man Steward. He has been trained on the Balanced Man Program and is helping the VP of Brotherhood Development initiate a new version of the Balanced Man Program that will set the standard for the future of the program at Kansas Eta. **Tyler Cott '02** is mentoring the VP of Programming. They are evaluating all current programming and tying it into the Balanced Man Program. **Aaron Ryan '01** mentors the Chaplain. They are developing new ways to run the Ritual and teach it to members of the chapter. **Jeremy Hurt '00** has taken over as Mentor Mentor. He is creating a list of alums who would be interested in mentoring a member of the undergraduate chapter. He is gathering names, occupation, time willing/able to commit, and contact information. The VP of Finance is overseen by Alumni Housing Board while I work with the President in managing the Executive Council. This group is still in its infancy. I think it will prove to be a valuable tool for the undergrads.

**National Recognition:** **Luke Luttrell '02** and **Jeff Gates** are now our national officers. **Luttrell** is our Regional Director while **Gates** is our District Governor. Great, now when we have “issues” I have to tell Gates. We also had an undergraduate member, **Michael Hattrup**, selected as one of twelve students nationwide to be sent to Greece in the “Sigma Phi Epsilon Quest for Greece.” They studied ancient Greek culture and performed the ritual in front of the Parthenon. It is a little better view than the chapter room. **David Brandorff** and **Mike Schlotterbeck** were both chosen to go to the Ruck Leadership Academy sponsored by headquarters.

**Cooking Pig:** Big thanks to **Dennis Dieker** for cooking out a 135-pound pig for our recruitment kickoff. It was the coolest thing I’ve ever seen.

**Miscellaneous:** If you have sons going to college, especially WSU, please let us know so we can see if he’s interested in Sig Ep. Being Chapter Counselor is like having 80 sons. I say that metaphorically now but November 29, my wife (Ronda) and I are due to have a baby. I can’t wait to see if my own child will be as fun as the undergrads. I know he/she will be.



OSHA approved goal removal

**V, D, BL  
Hammy**

### Chapter officers

President:  
Brian Wilson

VP of Programming:  
Aaron Cathey

VP of Finance:  
Nate Crow

VP of Brotherhood:  
David Brandorff

VP of Recruitment:  
Michael Hattrup

VP of  
Communications:  
Aaron Davis

Chaplin:  
Joel Blogref

<b>Recruitment Recommendation</b>	Prospect’s Name: _____
	Home Address: _____
	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
	Phone: _____ Email: _____
	Name of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____
	Academic status (incoming freshman, current undergrad): _____
	Does prospect have a SigEp relative? List name, relationship, and chapter: _____
	High School Attended: _____
	Reference Submitted by: _____
	Home address: _____
	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
	Phone: _____ Email: _____



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## Alumni visits 1970 plane crash site

June 3, 2003. 12:30 PM Off I-70, just under a mile to the east of the Eisenhower Tunnel, Colorado First of all, you can't drive there anymore. The road that was once bulldozed to the site is blocked off with a chained gate, and if you were to try to follow this path to the site, years of overgrowth have obscured the latter portions so much that it really just disappears. No, the only way to get there is to just walk straight up.

Starting off of a dirt road parallel to I-70 at about 10,200 or so feet, the only route leads you over loose rock and mossy growth at a constant 30 - 45 degree angle. It's impossible to walk directly anywhere, as nature doesn't have straight lines in mind when mountains are created. All we had to go by for directions were clues gathered from conversations with locals and a brief review of the crash report found on the internet. A memorial can be found along side I-70 at about mile marker 216, about a ½ mile east of the crash site, but it gives no indication of the actual location. I guess they don't bother putting the site on any sort of map; anyone who's ever been there knows exactly where it's at. Armed with our fragile directions and a GPS, it took us about an hour of climbing and searching to eventually find the spot. If we were able to find the latitude and longitude of the site on the internet, it would have been easier, but all we could find was the altitude. With the GPS, we could know how high we were, and if we could stop climbing up and start hiking horizontally.

If you've never climbed at an altitude of 11,000 feet, let me tell you: It's a humbling experience for a flat-land boy like myself. You get rested, climb for about 20 - 30 yards, and then have to stop and take a minute break again. I began to wonder exactly why I really wanted to see the site; questioning my intentions. After all, this was more or less the grave of some 30 people that died. I never could figure it out. Maybe it was to establish some sort of connection... I still don't know. As I climbed and rested, I could picture the survivors running down past the same trees 33 years ago that I was passing as I went up. Somber.

It's amazing how little has changed at the site over the years. The same trees that were felled by the aircraft are still lying there, many of them still scorched by the ensuing flames. Ashes still cover the ground in spots, and ripped and melted metal is scattered across the area. Horrifying. We stayed in quiet contemplation for about an hour or so, snapping pictures and taking it all in. I guess the thing that hurts the most is that there is nothing you can do about it. Helplessness. Just add yours to the stream of tears that have been shed there over the years and be on your way.

WSU Colorado Crash Site 39 41 35.7N 105 52 54.8W by GPS (0.1 mile error)

--Ryan Loehr



Brother Ryan Loehr at the WSU Plane Crash site



Debris from the crash site still remains, even after 33 years

**More pics on the back page of the insert!**

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**Remaining 2003 Housing Board Meetings:**

August 13-17	Conclave in San Antonio
September 20th	9:00 am at the Chapter House
October 25th	9:00 am at the Hyatt
November 1st	7:00pm TBA Alumni Elections Vinroe 03, Nickel 03, Dieker 03 (Founders Day at the Cedar or some place)
December 6th	9:00 am at the Chapter House

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## Recent Awards

from Greek Convocation May 2003

1. Rhatigan Award for Fraternal Excellence (4th Consecutive)
2. WPA Outstanding Fraternity (6th Consecutive)
3. Outstanding Greek Sophomore: David Brandorff
4. Outstanding New Member: Michael Schlotterbeck
5. Scholarship Cup Spring 2002, Fall 2002 (10th Consecutive Semester), and all of 2002 (5th Consecutive)
6. Softball Tournament Championship
7. Football Tournament Championship



Undergrads inspecting  
Hippodrome Sets

## Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

Aug 9: 6:00 p.m. Balanced Man Dinner

Aug 29: 9-3, Outback Steakhouse, MDA lockup

Aug 30: Alumni Beach Party on the volleyball court at dusk

Chapter Retreat: Sept 5&6 8 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Greek Week alumni picnic Sept 14th 4:30 -6:30 p.m., Omega Court

IFC informational sessions:

July 29 - Orientation fair

Aug 26 - Evening in the REC Center

Aug 27 - 12:30 p.m. RSC Room 223

Sept 9 - 12:30 p.m. RSC Great Plains Room

Oct 2 - 7:00 p.m. RSC Great Plains Room

## Conclave 2003 - San Antonio

It's not too late to register!

It's not too late to join over 1165 registered SigEps for the 48th Grand Chapter Conclave in San Antonio, TX.

August 13 - 17. Head south to the San Antonio Rivercenter Marriott for 4 days of education, legislation, and of course hanging out with almost 1200 of your SigEp brothers. For registration and more info visit:

[sigep.org/Conclave](http://sigep.org/Conclave)