

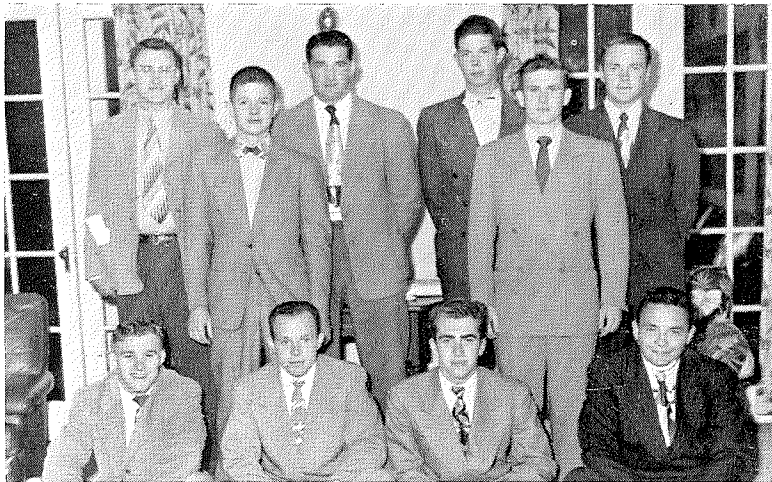
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Mother's Day Big Success

This year the Sig Eps again entertained their mothers; however, the dinner was held at Ammons Hall on the campus because of lack of room at the house. About 25 mothers were here for the day, several driving over 600 miles.

During dinner, Cliff Jones read a Mothers Day poem and presented Mom Hargreaves and Mrs. Nelson, our cook, with gifts. Roy Romer, Walt Scott, and Bill Pugh furnished musical entertainment.

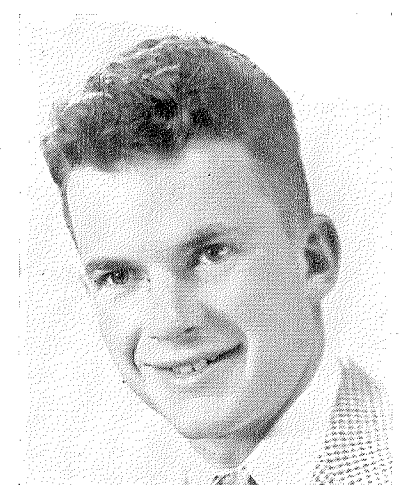
After dinner everyone adjourned to the Sig Ep house which was unbelievably spic and span for the occasion. The unfamiliar sound of female voices on the second and third floors denoted that it was public open house at 121 E. Lake street. The guys with their girls (mothers, etc.), made a complete tour of the house and in general found things ship shape.

Thanks should go to Mrs. Nelson and all the others who made Mothers Day—1950—a huge success.

Gene Andrews Is Sig Ep Prexy

Fraternity officers for the coming year were elected March 6 at the chapter meeting.

Gene Andrews, who hails from the town of Hudson, Colorado, succeeded Gordon Street as president. Gene is majoring in animal husbandry and is a junior. He is a quiet



spoken man with energy to spare in getting things done. He served as assistant manager for college days rodeo, and he is also very active in other campus functions.

Our new vice president is Albert McNamee. Al hails from the town of Brush, Colorado, is majoring in animal husbandry, and is a junior. Mac is also the sports editor on the Collegian, the student paper, and is doing a whale of a good job at it.

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Those Who Wear The Golden Heart

Love life of the Sig Eps started out rather slow this year, but Willie Walker, former A&M student and varsity wrestler, started the ball rolling when he announced, by proxy, his pinning of Julie Parmenter, a student at Michigan State. Willie is working on his Master's degree there at Lansing.

Then we received the surprise of surprises when Preston Williams announced his pinning to Nelda Nash of Denver. Spring really hit the boys as Joe Phelps pinned Barbara B a b c o c k, Dick Locke pinned Jo Rice, and Sherman Blach pinned Jo McCormick.

Of course the FLOWER DANCE week end took its toll also. Arlan Straub's pin is now being worn

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Eleven Pledges Initiated In April

The following men traded their pledge pins in for the active heart, at formal initiation on Sunday, April 23, 1950: George Beatty, Scotty Billington, Marvin Chubb, Dale Dodrill, Bob Gray, Bill Gray, Bud Hartman, Tom Keach, Bill Pugh, Jack Saunders and Kenneth Weaver.

Formal initiation was preceded by three days of work, ("Work Week" usually known as "Hell Week"). During this period, the pledges cleaned up the whole house and prepared the Chapter Room floor for tiling. We feel there are many advantages in having the pledges doing this sort of thing during "Hell Week."

After the initiation ceremony, all actives had Sunday dinner together. It was served by the last group to go active before this initiation.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Songsters Place Third In Annual Hesperia Sing

Each spring, Hesperia, student girls' honorary association, sponsors a "Hesperia Sing," which is open to all organizations on the campus. In the past, all men in Sigma Phi Epsilon participated in the sing, but this year only those desiring to sing participated. Each night, from 6:30 to 7:30, for three weeks prior to the sing, beautiful melodies were heard echoing through the Sig Ep house. At the time, this was debatable; however, under the able leadership of Walt Scott, we won third place in the contest.

The fellows were dressed in sail-

or "whites" for the occasion and sang the following songs: "Sailing Sailing," "Santa Lucia," and "A Capital Ship." The sing was sched-

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Editorial . . .

The active chapter, the Alumni chapter and the Mother's club are all cooperating on plans for an intensive renovation of the ground floor of the house during the summer. A new carpet has already been purchased, and plans call for repainting the front hall, living room, sun room and dining room. New drapes and cornices above all the windows, together with several other items are on the redecoration program.

Alums, there are two things in this issue of the SPEAr that we wish you would take special note of. The first is the directory card on the third page. If you haven't done so, PLEASE fill it out today and send it to us so we can keep up with where you are and what you're doing.

The second item is the listing of lost addresses. If you have an idea where any of these men might be, please drop us a line, even if it's a penny post card.

—HESPERIA SING

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uled for May 7th and at 2:00 P. M. on the steps of the Administration Building, but due to inclement weather the sing was held in the Student Union Ballroom.

Those who participated were: Walt Scott (leader), John Bantly, Scotty Billington, Sherman Blach, Byron Blotz, John Bowles, Marvin Chubb, Elmer Dyekman, Max Gora-cke, Walter Hansen, Bud Hartman, Jim Hurry, Paul McDill, Al McNamee Gene Miller, George Mock, Bill Pugh, Phil Ray, Marvin Swanson, Eddie Warner, Al Weinhold, Pres Williams, and Bob Stoll.

Four Pacemakers Members of SPE

Of the twelve seniors chosen this year as Pacemakers, four members of Sigma Phi Epsilon were picked for the honor. Warren Brenniman who served as editor of the Rocky Mountain Collegian last year, and Gene Meakins who was editor this year, together with Charlie Delp, two year editor of the Silver Spruce, and Roy Romer, Student Body President, were all tapped during ceremonies held at Honor Night.

Mel Johnson was elected editor of the Silver Spruce for the coming year. Mel is well qualified for this job having served on the Spruce staff for the past two years, holding the assistant editor's spot this year.

Roy Romer was elected to the Chairmanship of the Rocky Mountain Region of the National Students Association. Roy succeeds Frank Krasouec of C. U.

An Assistantship to Iowa State at Ames, Iowa was recently awarded to Ralph Finkner. Ralph graduates with a major in Agronomy this spring.

Bob Stoll, Chemistry major, was elected President of the Chem club for the coming year. He just a frosh too.

Rod Wilson, Sophomore, has been put in command of the R. O. T. C. honor drill platoon. The group has made numerous appearances in parades and ceremonies and have traveled to several of the nearby capuses to give precision drill exhibitions.

The new president of the "A" club is Dale Dodrill, Voc. Ag. Major. Dale has been one of the mainstays of the varsity football team.

WORK . . .

The school year is about over, many men from our fraternity are leaving Colorado A & M with degrees and diplomas but have no full time employment waiting for them.

The next time you come across an opening for employment, drop us a line and tell us about it. We will pin your note upon our bulletin board so every man can see it. I am sure the men that look into your openings will be very appreciative for the lead.

Chinese Theme Produces Flower Dance Spectacle

With no aid from the weather man, the annual Flower Dance was held at the Chapter House Saturday evening, May 27th. Travelling to the Orient for the theme, the Sig Eps and their dates found themselves entering through a Shinto Shrine, over an artificial lake traversed by an arch bridge. In the entrance hall the guests were greeted by a pool fed by

a bubbling spring with gold-fish lazily swimming about. The walls of the house were covered with vines which seemed to have burst into blossom with their brilliant array of flowers. In the living room a huge bronze Buddha reigned over the festivities. The lighting was in the mood of the Orient with Chinese lanterns strung about. The punch and orchid booths on the lawn were in the form of pagodas and were behind a hedge of lilac blossoms. Outlining the lawn and the walk were candles which flickered and seemed to add to the mystery of the Orient.

Each of the dates was presented with a huge orchid and a leather picture frame favor. The Sig Ep crest was mounted on the front of each favor and a card engraved in gold was placed in one of the sides and a picture of the couple was taken under a flowered arch to be placed in the other side.

Music for the dance was provided by Sammy Bades and his orchestra. Among the honored guests were President and Mrs. Morgan, Doctor and Mrs. Smolenske and the housemother, Mrs. Frank Hargreaves.

The week prior to the dance found the members of the chapter very busy. Among some of the difficulties was an eight-inch snow which blanketed the area and had to be removed from the lawn and which also made the gathering of flowers very hard. Although the weather was very chilly there was a large turnout of over one hundred and fifty couples and all agreed that the dance was one of the best that we have ever presented.

and he always has the answer for anything.

Our Comptroller, who is always elected by the Alumni board, is John Bowles. John hails from the town of Keensburg, Colorado. He is majoring in General Science and is a sophomore.



—GOLDEN HEART

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by Gee Phi, Janet Noakes, and Dan Courtney's by another Gee Phi, Mary Trierweiler. Bill McBride picked out a C. S. C. E. girl, Delories Brush, and Al McNamee went across the street to the Tri Delt house and Doris Ruff.

Hochs have a new member in their family! Ronny, a potential Sig Ep and varsity football player, arrived late last quarter.

—ELECTIONS

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Marvin Willhite has done such a good job in the past that he was unanimously elected to a repeat term as secretary. Marv hails from Holly, Colorado, and is a sophomore in general agriculture. He is one of those men who are never satisfied until the job is well done.

Bob Stoll, who is our new historian, is a home town boy. Bob is majoring in chemistry and is a freshman. Bob is quite active on the campus, being a reporter on the Collegian. Bob is quite a boy,

Prexy's Column

by GENE ANDREWS

This issue of the SPEar brings to a close the spring term of the 1950 school year and most of the students, not excluding the Sig Eps, will be leaving for their homes, summer jobs, or what have you. All in all it has been a very successful year for SPE. We have had great success with our social affairs — especially the Flower Dance and the return pledge dance. In intramural sports we have been in the top three positions throughout the year which shows the great cooperation and spirit between the players and coaches.

We have 21 seniors graduating this quarter and I personally, along with the rest of the fraternity, would like to express our wholehearted congratulations and may each and everyone have all the success in the world. They are a great group of men and we will miss their services and fellowship next year.

At this time I would like to thank all of the Sig Eps for placing their confidence in me to act as their president for the coming year, and I only hope that I can do all that is expected of me. I would like to thank the alumni chapter for their time and efforts in helping to redecorate the house and also thanks to all the alums who have paid their alumni dues.

This summer our rushing program will begin and we will appreciate the efforts of all alumni in obtaining outstanding, qualified men who will be an asset to the fraternity now and in future years.

Colonel E. L. Nye Selected Honor Alum of Spring Quarter SPEar

We have selected Colonel E. L. Nye as our honor alum for this quarter. He was initiated into Tau Alpha, the local predecessor of Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1912, and was graduated from Colorado A & M college in the spring of 1914.

Tau Alpha petitioned Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity for membership in 1915 and received its charter. Colonel E. L. Nye was eligible for membership, and he exercised this privilege in 1946 when he returned to Colorado A & M and joined the teaching staff of the Veterinary department. Almost immediately he was elected president of the alumni chapter and board in this vicinity, and continued in this capacity until January of 1950 when he resigned. During his term in office he affected many favorable changes in the chapter. When he was elected, the chapter had a \$20,000 debt which included the mortgage on the house and other outstanding bills. He immediately refinanced the house and set up a plan by which the debt has been reduced to about \$9,000 at the present time. Also under his direction the house was redecorated, the furnace was changed from coal to gas, and a deep freeze unit and refrigerator were purchased.

His notable achievements have not all been in fraternity work, but he has many other accomplishments in other fields, such as athletics and military. For example, in his college days he ran the 100 yard dash in 9.8 seconds without the aid of starting blocks, which is still the record here at Colorado A & M. His interests in athletics are still with him as is shown by the presentation of the Nye trophy each year to the outstanding athlete of the school from him and his brother.

After being graduated from col-



COLONEL E. L. NYE

lege he served 30 years in the regular army. He retired with the rank of Colonel and was the proud possessor of the Legion of Merit award, which is the third highest honor given by the War department.

We again congratulate Colonel Elwood L. Nye for his magnificent job in serving his fraternity.

"Does your husband snore?" "I don't know, we've only been married three days."

Gamma Welcomes All Alum Letters

With the establishment of a fraternity newspaper and a concentrated alumni program, the fraternity has received many letters from its alumni all over the U. S. Here are excerpts from just a few.

It gives one quite a thrill to read the names of brothers who were at Aggies during my school years. When I do meet another Sig Ep, it is always an occasion to reminisce and dream.

Paul R. Franke

It sounds like the frat is really getting its face lifted. I guess it can stand it after all these years.

Perry Blach

Your plans for the house sound very good. Hope you are able to get it done in the near future. Perhaps I'll be able to help more at a later date. Enclosed is my check for dues.

Dr. Mark Guffy

Here is my check for \$10. Please credit me with 1950 dues and use the other five as you best can for good old Colo. Gamma. I fully intend to keep up the dues each year—at least—and in all probability I will send a few extra bucks once in a while. After the way Jap French and I "sweat blood" over the mortgage in the summer of 1946 it really looks good to see that it has dropped some nine thousand in a short four years. Let's OWN that house (which was once the only home I had for a few years) if we have to get \$50 a year out of each alum.

W. J. Whitney '41

Enclosed find check for \$100 for life membership. Like the SPEar and the work you boys are doing. Keep it up.

Ray E. Frisbie

From the SPEar you fellows must be doing a bang-up job for the frat. I think you need a hearty congratulation for starting a paper. It is something that has been needed for a long time, and I'll always be looking for the next copy.

Donald L. Oldemeyer

I would sincerely like to be at the house personally to congratulate you all on the fine job you're doing. The SPEar is a swell way to bring back old memories to fel-

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ALUMNI DIRECTORY CARD

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

Form with fields for Last Name, First, Middle, Address (Number and Street, City, State), Occupation, Wife's maiden name, Wife's College, Yrs. at Colo. A & M, major, Children, Yrs. in School.

—GAMMA WELCOMES

lows who are many miles from the Aggie campus. The Alumni Directory Card is an equally commendable method. A lot of us are apt to be a little negligent when it comes to writing letters, but it is certainly simple enough to fill in the blank spaces.

Gilbert Fechner

I would surely like to congratulate the members of Colo. Gamma on the fine publication, the SPEAR. I received my copy yesterday. It makes more work for some of the members, but I believe you will find it is worth the time and money it requires. As I see it, it will be of value to actives, alums, and prospective pledges.

B. H. Trierweiler

Alums Addresses Lost; Please Note

The following are in our list of lost addresses. If you happen to have any information concerning these men please drop us a note.

Everett K. Anderson, James A. Brown, H. Morse Cowgill, Forster M. Cooper, Joseph D. Cozzens, Roscoe L. Case, Frederick H. Denison 1923, David V. Doleshal—44, Ted B. Elkins—43.

Joseph H. Fraser, Robert E. Geiger, William M. Gilbert—41, Leo V. Gross—44, John L. Hammond, G. Donald Harris—1929, Richard D. Jones, Richard G. Kingman—44, Clarence J. Kinsey, Clarence A. Lody, Arthur A. Kern, Sigmund F. Landers, Philip S. Laphan, Stanley G. Layton, Edwin L. Lundy.

F. Harrison Magill, William J. Magill, John W. Markley, Rae C. Martin, George W. McCracken—39, John L. McGinnis, James E. McGovney—1929, Ben F. Mechling—42, Charles E. Mayer, Donald J. Monson, Alfred Muhme, Alva D. Myers, David C. Myers Jr., Bryce K. Newell, Henry L. Nicholls.

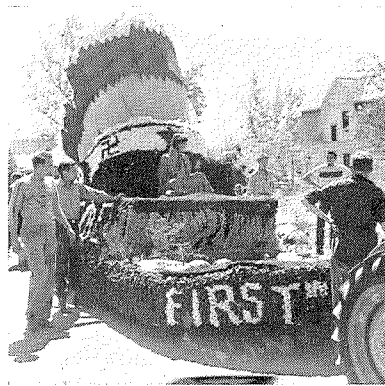
Marshall J. Patton, James R. Penny—35, David A. Phillipson—Dec. 46, Stanley R. Probst, Tyler H. Quackembush—35, Robert C. Ryan, Earl D. Seney, Elven O. Sinnard, Charles E. Smith—1916, Harvey D. Thompson, Herbert S. Thompson, William E. Tripp Jr.—March 49, Samuel G. Van Natta, George S. Waters Jr.

Fred R. Watson—28, Clarence W. Wesley, Thomas W. Whitting, Chester N. Wiggins, Harold M. Willcox Jr., Darrell S. Winters, George P. Woodbury, Harold S. Wright, Jeffie I. Wykert, George H. Yowell, David F. Stouse—40.

If you wish to contact any brothers from past years drop us a line and we'll be only too happy to rush the addresses right back to you.

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College Day Float Is Huge Headress

The SPE float for the 1950 College Days parade was very impressive and original, but we failed to take first place according to the judges Bob Buehler, Chicago, Illinois lad, and Elmer Dyekman, of Fort Collins, led the committee for decorations. Much time was spent by all the members of the frat in building the feathers for the Indian head dress. Pat Bast, Tri-Delt, offered her time to ride on the float as the Indian maid. A small pond was also built on the float, with grass and water lilies surrounding it, which made it appear to be the real thing.

We started working on the float two weeks before the parade, and we were all finished by Friday noon, May 19. We felt quite proud to be finished by then because all the other Greeks on campus were just starting, and many had to work all night in order to finish up by parade time. A great weekend was had by all and we were proud of our float even though we didn't get the trophy. Next year, our hopes are to take that first place.

The new bride said that her biggest thrill of married life was thumbing her nose at the house detective.

Gamma Wins Colo. Sig Ep Tourney

Colorado Gamma again returned with the trophy for winning the annual Colorado Sig Ep softball tournament. This makes the second year in a row for the Aggies. The teams and boosters arrived at Golden Saturday morning, May 13, 1950. Brackets were drawn up with Colorado School of Mines and Colorado A and M starting the slug fest. It took a complete eight innings for Gamma to beat Delta into submission. Mines unveiled one of the finest softball pitchers a team could ask for in Berthrum.

Riddell scored Aggies' first run in the top of the fourth when the shortstop errored, and he stole second. Swanson then lined a double to left center to score Riddell. Dyekman, the Aggies' pitcher, walked the first two men in the bottom of the fifth. They took second and third on a fielder's choice, pitcher to first base. Cooke, Mines' next batter got a hit driving in two runs, allowing Mines to take the lead 2 to 1. Riddell, in the top of the sixth, got a home run over first base, tying the score 2 to 2. In the top of the eighth, Swanson flied out to center field; Hainlen got a single; Blach and

Lind walked, loading the bases. Van Matre flied out to shallow right field as Hainlen scored making the score 3 to 2. That's the way the game ended. Van Matre got 2 hits, Riddell 1 and Swanson 1. Bethrum got 11 strikeouts for Mines and allowed 4 hits while Dyekman allowed 1 hit and struck out 9.

In the finals, our big brothers from on top of the hill, C U mainly, found more trouble than that for which they had bargained. Aggies cooled their temperature quickly with a ten run lead in the first inning, and added four more to finish the game 14 to 1. Pugh, Riddell, Hainlen, and Van Matre all got home runs as Aggies got 12 hits.

SIG EP SPORTLIGHT

The various Sig Sp athletic teams have had a fairly successful quarter this spring. Friday morning, May 10, the Sig Ep thinclads were assembled for the interfraternity track meet. They won second place in a field of 16 with firsts in the pole-vault, high jump, and the 440 yd. relay. The pole-vault event was won by Gordon Riddell from Longmont with a 11 foot vault. John Lind, also from Longmont tied for 1st place in the high jump with a jump of 5' 8". Merle Riggs tied for 4th in this event. In the last event of the meet, our relay team came in first place in a fast race. The relay team was composed of Sherman Blach, Gene McMurtry, John Lind and Al Weinhold. Gordon Riddell also won 3rd place in the broad jump.

The other members of the team were Charles Simon, Dale Dodrill, Don Hoch, Elmer Dyekman, Harry Vande Stouwe, Joe Tobiaska, Kenny Harper and Scotty Billington.

The Sig Ep softball team finished the current season May 31 losing to the Sig Alph's 11-1 in a game played for 3rd and 4th places. This game made the final standings of 5 wins and 3 losses, with wins over Farmhouse, Lambda Chi's, Theta Chi's and an impressive win over the traditional rival Sig Alph's 14-4 in a league game. The other two losses were against the Phi-Delt's 16-18 at the beginning of the season, and Sigma Chi 4-3 in a semi-final game. The players are Harper, Riddell, Lind, Swanson, Pugh, Blach, and D. Vande Stouwe. Elmer Dyekman holds down the pitching spot with player-coach Fred Van Matre on third.

Sig Ep's volley-ball team won the league undefeated with wins over TKE, SAE, Phi-Delt, Farmhouse and Theta Chi. In the finals, the team had a little trouble and finished the season in 4th place losing to Sigma Nu and Sigma Chi. The members of the team are Dyekman, Follin, Sandusky, Hainlen and B Meyers. The team was under the capable direction of player-coach "Spiker-Iker" Ramsey.