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The Latest from Fort Collins

Well, it's time for the 2003-04 end of the year recap. Working with the Alumni Board and the undergrads this past year has been a genuine pleasure, and I'm extremely proud of the gentlemen of 121 E. Lake. Their efforts towards the life of a Balanced Man were rewarded with a crowning achievement—Chapter of the Year. Way to go guys!

As far as the Board is concerned, this winter we met for dinner in Denver to discuss our long-term plans and objectives. In addition to the current board members, we were joined by Archie Lind '63, T.J. Gordon '87, and Mitch Christ '79. Of course, everyone's input was greatly appreciated and valued. As always, we are constantly looking for new ideas and more volunteers.

THE ALUMNI "ASSOCIATION" WILL HAVE A TAILGATE SPOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SONNY LUBICK FIELD AT HUGHES STADIUM. LOOK FOR THE SIGEP ALUMNI BANNER.

One of the first items on our spring agenda was to take a more active role in the check in/check out process at the Chapter House. During graduation week Bryan Harmsen '01 and I traveled to Fort Collins to join the house manager in a review of the facility. The Alumni Board expects the rooms to be left in the same condition in which they were found—allowing for normal wear and tear. The Chapter House is an aging facility and we recognize the critical importance of professional cleaning and regularly scheduled system maintenance. The Board is committed to having the best Chapter House that we can.

Another priority of the Board is alumni communications. We have worked very hard to improve the accuracy of our database and have located over 500 lost brothers. We only have 238 more to find! Please review the list that appears on page 5 and let us know if you have any information to pass on.

The Board is also committed to alumni activities. We have two great events coming up this fall that will get brothers together: the Annual Colorado Alumni Golf Tournament on September 3 and Homecoming on October 2.

Last year was the first time that I had the pleasure to play in the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. Thanks go to T.J. Gordon '87, for doing a fantastic job of organizing the tourney, which includes a BBQ and various door prizes. My foursome is very motivated to improve on our last place finish. The consolation prize of Pink Lady golf balls will be our secret weapon. Grab a brother and get out to the links this fall.

Roughly a month later, we plan to see you all at the newly renovated Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium to cheer on our beloved Rammies at the Homecoming game. There will be an alumni-focused tailgate, and we look forward to your attendance.

Finally, whether this summer, at Homecoming, or whenever, stop by the Chapter House. It will be well worth the trip to reminisce over the best times of our lives. Fraternally,

ROB BOYER '99, Alumni Board Member robboyerjr@yahoo.com

Let us know when SigEps get together!

Whether its five guys who go fishing once a year, eight men who attend a Brother's wedding, or ten Ram fans who sit together at every CSU home game. Send details (and photos!) to P.O. Box 46063, Denver, CO 80201 or email co.gamma@sigep.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS

September 3, 2004 – 14th Annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Colorado Alumni Golf Tournament

HERITAGE EAGLE BEND GOLF CLUB; 1:00 P.M.

October 2, 2004 - Homecoming

COLORADO STATE VS. BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY



THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

A long year of hard work and determination pays off in the end.

At the 2004 Greek Night Out Awards at Colorado State University the Colorado Gamma Chapter couldn't have done any better. To start out the night, guys were nervous, anxious, and ready to win what they knew we deserved. As the awards started pouring in so did the cheers and celebrations.

The awards that the men of Colorado Gamma worked so hard to attain were: Community Service, Chapter Conduct, Commitment to Fraternal Values, Scholarship Program, New Member Development, and Chapter of the Year. We were also recognized for having a 3.02 G.P.A., ranking us first on campus.

Getting to this point was no easy task. To stand above the many other fraternities on campus, the gentlemen of Sigma Phi Epsilon had to persevere and lead the Greek community in many ways.

A renewed commitment to community service put us above 2000 hours of volunteering, almost double the hours of any other fraternity. We earned the Chapter Conduct award simply because the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon consistently conduct themselves well both on and off the field. Commitment to fraternal values has

BY DAVE SIME '05

always played a key role in how the members live their lives. Through ritual, the reason why we join SigEp is reinforced and we portray our values throughout the Greek and surrounding communities.

The members of Colorado Gamma take the SigEp virtue of Scholarship to heart. Our minimum G.P.A. for new members to join is the highest on campus and we have the greatest respect for academic success. Colorado Gamma has kept its Wheel House status and remains an academic powerhouse.

Along with academics, developing and molding our new members into what a SigEp should be is another high priority on the Colorado Gamma agenda. Our new member program is designed to take freshmen who are true SigEps, but don't know it yet, and teach them the ways and give them the wisdom to take SigEp to the next level.

To end the night Colorado Gamma walked away with Chapter of the Year. The suspense before this announcement was almost unbearable, yet exciting at the same time. The men of Colorado Gamma truly are Balanced Men focused on Sound Mind and Sound Body, making everyone even more proud to say that they are CO Gamma SigEps.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

ROGER BRANDT '62 reports that he has two sons (Roger II and Jeff) and one grandson (Roger III). He retired in 1997 after selling his pharmaceutical company. He lives in Grand Lake, CO, from May through October where he fishes and "tinkers" on old cars. The rest of the year he is in Texas where he "tinkers" on more old cars and a 1948 Chris Craft he is restoring. Email Roger at rbrandt4@aol.com.

BRAD BILLINGER 'oo is attending law school at Ohio State University. His email address is billinger.1@osu.edu.

DAVID BREITSTEIN '86 is a business owner living outside Berthoud, CO, and raising six kids with his wife Alisa (CSU '87). Contact him at bideas@quixnet.net.

JEFF BUFFINGTON '91 lives in Castle Rock, CO. His email address is jeff.buffington@comcast.net.

BRIAN DONOVAN '85 moved to Washington, DC, after graduation to accept a job with the US Dept. of State as an engineer. His work took him to Japan in '88, to Thailand in '90, back to DC in '92, again to Thailand in '98. He married in '00, returned to DC in '01, and divorced in '03. Currently, Brian is with the Dept. of State in a managerial position. He remembers fondly great times spent with fellow brothers at CO Gamma SigEp! Talk with Brian at bdonovan22124@yahoo.com.

MORRIS FINKNER '43 is retired and living in Las Cruces, NM. At Homecoming he enjoyed visiting with some of the brothers at the house and attending the pre-game tailgate party. Contact him at mfinkner@nmsu.edu.

FRANK GASPARD '93 owns GCI of Colorado ("Building a Better Project, One Nail at a Time"). His current project is an addition to Ed Bozarth Chevrolet at Park Meadows, CO. Hannah Gaspard, who is almost 5, starts school soon and little brother Ryan, who is 2, isn't so little! JR's wife Carol works at St. Joseph Hospital as a pharmacist. You can email him at jrg@gciofcolorado.com.

LOWELL GIAUQUE '46 retired from his position as manager of the great Western Sugar Company and is living in Loveland, CO. He enjoys playing golf about three times a week—weather permitting—and he enjoys his weekly Rotary meetings. Contact Lowell at leg@mymailstation.com.

GARY HINDMAN '70 has retired from the Jefferson County Public Schools, but he stays busy as the Chairman of the Meeker Town Planning Commission. He and his wife Becky

ALUMNI EVENTS

GOLF

are proud of their daughter who is on the Willamette University soccer team. Gary enjoys golf, fishing, snowmobiling, bow hunting, etc. ... He keeps up with his friend and brother of 36 years Mark Chapman, who lives in Steamboat Springs with is wife Cathy. Write to Gary at PO Box 707, Meeker, CO 81641.

RICHARD LEONARD '58 reports that he retired from Texaco Pipeline in 1999. Currently he is working part-time for VECO International and playing a little golf. Write to Richard at 7540 W. Oregon Dr., Lakewood, CO 80232

MARK MCCLOSKEY '83 is the director of finance at Xcel Energy in Denver. He and is his wife of 20 years, Kerri, live in Arvada. CO, and have a wonderful 13-year-old daughter. They spend their free time traveling and enjoying Colorado. Contact Mark at markkerri@comcast.net.

JOHN RANDLE '47 writes that both knees and his left hip cause him to curse a lot, but the hair on his head is still black! Write to John at 24 N. Douglas Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020.

LONNIE SAMORA '83 is in his 16th year of teaching marketing and business and his 13th year as a teacher at Horizon High School in Thornton, CO. He is also pastor of In Spirit and Truth Christian Fellowship in Arvada, CO. His congregation recently purchased an 8,000 sq. ft. church building and now are remodeling. Lonnie's email is Lonnie.samora@adams12.org.

RYAN SCHEICH '01 is a manager at Wells Fargo Financial. He married a former SigEp Sweetheart in 2002 and they live in Parker, CO. Email Ryan at ryanscheich@financial.wellsfargo.com.

BEN SEIZ '03 began a new job as an Associate Adjuster II with United States Automobile Association (USAA). His training schedule has taken him to Colorado Springs and San Antonio. Contact Ben at (970) 980-5665. Graduating seniors might want to talk with him about job possibilities at USAA.

CHARLES SIMON '54 has retired from the Forest Service and the Air Force Reserve, but he is stilling selling ranch real estate in Wyoming. He and his wife June celebrated their 50th

Send your news to www.cogammaalumni.org!



What: 14th Annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Colorado Alumni Tournament

When: Friday, September 3, 2004, at 1:00 pm

Where: Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club, Aurora, CO. www.heritageeaglebend.com

Who: Open to all SigEps regardless of chapter affiliation, but mostly attended by CO Gamma brothers. Guests are welcome to fill out a foursome.

Format: Scramble

Contests: Holes for longest drive, closest to pin, longest putt

Awards Dinner: Prizes include golf equipment, restaurant gift certificates and more

Cost: \$100—includes driving range set up, carts, beverage tickets, cigars, dinner

Registration Information: Emai T.J. Gordon gordonprop@att.net First come, first served!

wedding anniversary on Dec. 27. Send your congratulations to Chuck at simoncj@fiberpipe.net.

ERIC TRUJILLO '88 returned to Turkey in August 2001 to serve as Superintendent of American Collegiate Institute, a P-12 private school system providing education to 1,200 students at three schools. ACI is celebrating its 125th year of existence as the first educational institution of its kind in the Aegean Region. This is Eric's second tour in Turkey, having spent two years in eastern Turkey as the high school principal at Tarsus American College, Before returning to Turkey, Eric was a doctoral student and instructor at CSU working on a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. Now just a dissertation away from finishing, he misses the inspirational moments that came after a "study break" in the Ramskeller. Contact Eric at etrujillo@

HARLAN TUCKER '45 recently was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. For over 30 years he has volunteered his time and talents to the Bowie (MD) Recreation Council, serving seven years as its president and 19 years as chairman of the city's Community Recreation Advisory Committee; he just completed his 31st year as usher chairman of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; and he is a member of the local police citizen's advisory

board. In addition, Harlan has won 25 medals in senior softball and tennis, competing in the 1999 and 2003 national Senior Olympics. Harlan's wife of 57 years, Barbara, is in a nursing home some 25 miles from Harlan's home, and he visits her there daily. You can write to Harlan at 3100 Teton Lane, Bowie, MD 20715.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT GRAY '55 passed away on February 27, 2003 at the age of 73. His college career was interrupted by military service in Korea where he earned the Bronze Star. After graduation he worked as field man for the great Western Sugar Company. He changed his career path in 1971 when he became President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Imperial, NE. Later he was president of the Adams Bank and Trust of Sutherland, NE. Robert changed careers again when he became a sales associate for AFLAC from 1990 to his death. Robert is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lois, and by two daughters and four sons and their

KENNETH ALBERT HANSEN '60 died on January 13, 2003 in Kihei, Maui, HI. Ken had a successful career in sales and moved to Hawaii in 1987. He was survived by his wife of 29 years, Nancy-Lou, and by five children, 10 grandchildren and a greatgrandchild.

Know the current mailing address or location of any of these "lost" brothers? If so, please e-mail us at co.gamma@sigep.net or write to us at: Colorado Gamma Alumni Association, P.O. Box 46063, Denver, CO 80201

"LOST" BROTHERS

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Coulter Young

John Hartman

Lester Howard

Ronald Hughes

William Pollock, Jr.

Quintin Waterman

Gerald Stuckman

Iames Hurry

John Geiger

Robert Allen

Robert Enz

Rodney Lee

William Rice

Gene Roberts

1960s

,44 Henry Rice

'45 Paul Watson

'45 Gordon Appel

'45 Howard Reed

45 Arthur Freeland

'45 Douglas Cooper

Donn Hein

Roger Porter

James Davidson

'48 Robert Greathouse

'48 James Needham

'48 Keith Sheldon, Jr.

'49 Jerold Knoles

'49 Michae Wild

'49 James Betz

'49 Steven Sargent

Richard Silverman

Robert Triebelhorn

Stanley Miles

Steven Sery

James Vanslyke

TRADITIONS

Todd Byers '04

Before attending college, I never thought that I would be a "Frat Boy." Like most high school students I knew nothing about fraternities except for the negative stereotypes in movies and stories. I



received an application for the **Balanced Man** Scholarship my last semester of high school and I jumped at the opportunity for free money. It did not occur to me that

the fraternity I would soon join and be a part of my entire college career was the same Colorado State fraternity my grandfather had belonged to almost sixty years ago. My grandfather, William (Bill) E. Meakins, Jr. '49, was born on a farm near Haxtun, Colorado in 1921. From 1945 to 1949 he attended Colorado State, which was known back then as Colorado A&M.

After I received the scholarship application, I called my grandfather and asked him about this fraternity known as "SigEp." He told stories of brotherhood, intramurals, and formals and considered it one of the prime times of his life. He was senior class president, a pacemaker, a letterman in baseball and he wrote for the Collegian. He was all that a SigEp should be: a gentleman, a scholar, and an athlete.

The one thing that my grandfather and I would talk about the most was the spring formal known as Flower Dance. He would sit me down and show me pictures of when he took my grandma to Flower Dance, the same formal that I now attend. It was really amazing to me to think that a tradition such as this has been passed down for so many years. Every year on the bus ride up to Flower Dance I would give my grandfather a call, just to say hey and tell him that I was keeping up the tradition. He passed away last year a week after the formal, and that was the last time that I had talked to him.

This year's Flower Dance was my last as an undergraduate SigEp. It makes me happy to know that even though my grandfather is gone, I upheld the tradition and honored both his memory and all the Colorado Gamma SigEps before me.

1910s

George Woodbury Elbert Husted William Briggs Herbert Thompson Charles Branshaw John Hoerner Edwin Rothrock

1920s

Everett Anderson Bruce Andrews Ivan Andrews James Rhoades Arthur Aylard Ralph Moorehead Chester Wiggins Clarence Banks Clarence Kinsey Frederick Laphan Lewis Burton Clarence Lody John Markley Dan McIntyre Tom Sheahan Tom Selby Harold Wilcox, Jr. Rex Worrall Willis Wright Forster Cooper Joseph Cozzens Robert Geiger David Stritmater Joseph Franklin Stanley Layton George Harris Carl Nordeen Dana Roten Eugene Askew Harvey Thompson Charles Ballou Frederic Magill

1930s

Charles Blackburn, Jr. '30 Donald King Boyce Newell Earl Seney Darrell Winters Kenneth Frederick George Yowell Warren Ferguson Kenneth Godby Glenn Pharo Clarence Wesley Frank Olvey Sterling Vaughn Roscoe Casey Samuel Vannatta Ralph Allen, Jr. John McGinnis James Starkey

Delmar Jenkins

Richard Jones

George McCracken

1940s

'13 George Durham '16 Gerald Keeling Russell Sparks David Strouse William Gilbert William Krueger Danal Peitersen Stanford Williams

Rex Cox Frank Engle '20 Bruce Gill 20 Ben Mechling '20 Jack Abbott '20

Robert Childs '21 Russell Carver David Doleshal Leo Gross

Richard Kingman Samuel Linkins '22 '23 Donald Anderson

Robert Hoch William Jones '23 Carl Kellogg '23 William Pitt

Maury Barnes Norman Herndon Lowell Halls '24

Stephen Bennett Keith Case '25 Donald Olim

Melvin Jackson '25 William Lincoln '25 Francis McReynolds '49 Charles Graul '26

William Scott '26 John Smith '27

1950s

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'28 Carl Brown '28 Russell Clark, Jr. Maurice Hartman Clifford Jones, Jr. Earl Russell Gene Andrews Albert McNamee Charles Swanson Richard Taylor '30 William Bakke 30 Kenneth Juergens John Montgomery Philip Ray, Jr. '31 Harold Waters '32 Marvin Chubb '33 Daniel Courtney John Milenski, Jr. Richard Randolph '34 Gordon Riddell '34

Ronald Rieke

Francis Weaver

Kenneth Weaver

James Chrispen

Robert Smullin

William Wolfe, Jr.

Malcolm Nicholson

Keith Doing

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'50 1970s '50 '50 Kenneth Hartley, Jr. '50 Andy Olson '51 Jay Swedberg '51 Frederick Marlette Gary Miles Douglas Carney '52 Edward Motis Robert Babcock, Jr. Daniel Martin Matthew Samuels Mark Skeie 53 John Miller '53 John Webermeier '53 James Van Housen Scott Laudeman '53 _{'53} 1980s '53 William Carlson Richard Bowles

Richard Logsdail Glenn Muller '54 Mark Seal Stephen Brooks '54 Donald Freeland

'55 Christopher McConnell '82 Michael Scholz '56 Joel Struebing '82 '56 '83 Alan Brown '56 Robert Bush '84 '56 Andrew Hood '84 '56 Daren Rowe '84 '57 Stephen Shepherd '84 Mr. Jeff J. Bernard '86 '57 '57 Jeffery Holen '86 '58 Scott Simpson '86 '58 Paul Uhl '86 '87 '59 Eric Owen '59 Rodney Dinges '88 Thomas Krause '88 ^{'59} James Mills '88 Gregory Rademacher '88

Eric Trujillo 1990s

'88

'60 Christophe Allen 90 Jeffrey Bell '61 '90 '90 '62 Wade Harper Jeffrey Ralston 90 '62 '91 '63 Seth Taylor Jeffrey Hughes '92 '64 '64 Todd Lang '92 Kevin Comiskey 93 '65 '65 Matthew Cutter 93 '65 Derek Yurosek '93 Andrew Blackford '94 '94 '66 Clinton Snyder '95 '66 Robert Campolieto Michael Dominguez '95 '67 '67 Donnie Hirschfield '95 '68 Michael Bowden '96 '68 Eric Compton '96 '96 **Robert Curtis** '69 '69 Mike Kitch '97 Jeffrey Thorsen '97 Trevor Armstrong '98 '98 Jason LePera 70 Daniel Schatz '98 '70 '98 Mark Schull '70 Stuart Smith '98 '71 Kelly Ward '98 '71 **Bradley Snyders** 99 772 Boualay Vongsakoun '99 '73 Andrew Zaharias 74

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'76	Charles Durham	'00
'76	Scott Harris	'00
'78	Travis Mitchell	'00
'79	Luke K. Thormann	'00
	Ryan Smith	'04
	Nicholas Macias	'05
'80	Joseph Roybal	'05
'81	Tyler Winthers	'05
'81	J. Fletcher Drogos	'07

Good times with artist Rob Bell



"Hi, I'm Rob Bell and I like to have a good time." This is how the young artist will greet you if you visit him in his studio apartment in the Capitol Hill district of Denver. Loud music and smelly oil paint will welcome you next as you peruse the abstract art on his walls. Robert Bell, class of Fall 2001, was born in Japan and grew up in Boulder attending Fairview High School. He decided on CSU and its art program for a major and rushed SigEp in the spring of '98. "SigEp was the most diverse house in the Greek system when I rushed and that really appealed to me as a creative person." To view more of his work, please visit: robertbellfineart.com.

EXCERPT FROM DAILY CAMERA ART CRITIC J. GLUCKSTERN

Artists who find themselves drawn to abstraction don't so much dismiss representation as strip it of its power to misrepresent. That's quickly apparent in the work of Robert Bell ('01), whose intimate monoprints and large-scale oils read like discrete narratives of color, composition and texture.

First, there's the story of how the monoprints came to be, a process that honors both intent and accident, the fine control of the painter's hand giving way to the immutable-but-unruly forces of gravity and fluid mechanics as plate meets paper.

Then, there's the slow alchemy of scoring and etching the ground until the right balance of contrasts — between rough

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The oils trade press for brush, and saturation for volume,

but manage to arrive at approximately the same enigmatic place.

All through it, though, there's an honesty, an emotional component, that representational work can only transform into metaphor. Bell may still be a young artist, testing the waters of uncertainty for glimpses of the infinite, but his search, his joy of discovery, draws us along, too, and we feel his mind's eye open to reveal the promise and wonder of letting go and finding beauty in small shifts of the physical that change everything that isn't.

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COLORADO STATE RAMS 2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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CAPS = Home games

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O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?

Reconnect with SigEp by filling out the update, below. Don't be shy.

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BUSINESS ADDRESS				
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?				
SEEN ANY OTHER BROTHERS RECENTLY?				

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