

Reestablishing our charter and reoccupying the house

Rechartering

The initial recolonization effort that started in January 2018, as described in the Fall 2017 issue of *The Spear*, resulted in 12 very high quality new founding members. One more member has recently accepted an invitation to join.

The New Chapter Development Team from Headquarters has now left Fort Collins and the responsibility for ongoing recruitment is born by our new members and supported by the Colorado Gamma Alumni Mentor Committee and our Regional Director **Matt Rowe, Virginia Tech '18**.

The chapter is now what is called a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC), which is a probationary status with Headquarters. Recruitment will continue to be a major priority for the next few semesters as we strive to reach a new member critical mass and reestablish our official Colorado Gamma Charter. The minimum time before we can apply for rechartering is three semesters and certain milestones must be achieved. The maximum time to get rechartered is six semesters (if not accomplished within this time frame, the program could be shut down).

As an SEC, we will also receive special priority attention from Director of Growth **Zac Gillman, Austin Peay State '15**, and Volunteer Engagement Director Callie Verderosa, to assist our Chapter Counselor **Ryan Garthright** and the Alumni Mentoring Committee oversee our new chapter development.

We are reestablishing our chapter fully embracing the Balanced Man Program and aggressively pursuing the accreditation as a Residential Learning Community. We are focused on recruiting outstanding young men that exemplify these high standards — quality is more important than quantity.

It is important to understand the next two semesters will be the most critical for the new members to learn how to effectively recruit, meet the chartering requirements, and learn what it is to be a



SigEp. These new founding members are literally starting from scratch with little understanding of what it means to be a SigEp, and do not have the advantage of an active chapter culture and leadership precedence to guide the way. While we have a great team of alumni volunteers and mentors to support them, we must not demand more of these young men than they can reasonably be expected to achieve. That being said, moving back into the house is a second priority.

Reoccupying 121 E. Lake Street

For more than a year, the plan has been for the reoccupation of the house by the recolonized SigEps to take place in the fall of 2020. This is still the plan. Nearly everyone initially thought this was taking an awfully long time. Why so long? The reasons lie in two factors:

- The first is financial ... we need 35 members living in the house (capacity is 40) to breakeven on operational expenses, including the new mortgage payment and other facility operating costs. Metrics provided by Headquarters, as well as our own experiences, indicate that approximately one-third of the total membership will sign house leases and actually live in the house. This would mean that we need to get our total membership up to around 100 to sustain full occupancy of the house.
- The second is timing ... the student housing market in Fort Collins is very tight

and the lead time for signing housing leases is 8-10 months. As an example, most housing commitments will be made in the October 2018/January 2019 time-frame in advance of the academic school year starting in the fall semester (mid-August) 2019.

- Considering the very selective membership requirements we have, achieving a sustainable 35-membership house lease pool by the end of the fall 2018 semester is unrealistic. Consequently, we will be offering a fourth year lease to the Sigma Nu's who will need to make a commitment in October 2018 for the school year beginning August 2019. As a contingent plan, should the Sigma Nu's not opt for a fourth year, we could occupy the house in the fall of 2019 with the new SigEps that are able to sign housing leases in October 2018, and supplement as needed with non-member occupants to meet our breakeven occupancy (some other fraternities on campus operate under this model).

Bottom line

We are planning to have a successful ongoing recruitment effort to enable us to be in a position to apply for our official charter after the spring 2019 semester, and have enough men of SigEp character ready to sign house leases by October 2019 to reoccupy the house in August 2020.

Colorado Gamma's new founding members

On March 4, 2018, the first group of twelve CSU students went through SigEp's first right of passage ceremony to become the new founding members of Colorado Gamma. We are proud to present:

Jacob Utic is in the College of Business and is a member of the CSU Golf Team and the Fly Fishing Club.

Ashton Seward is in the College of Health and Human Sciences and is a member of CSU's Order of the Torch.

Brenden Fannin is in the College of Business and is a member of the CSU 4x4 Club.

Kyle Steinhoff is in the College of Business and is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, ASCSU, CSU's Finance Club and the CSU Photography Club.

Nick Bruni is majoring in construction management, holds a 3.55 GPA and enjoys dancing.

Christopher Jutte is in the College of Engineering & Physics, is active in the 3D CAD Design Club, enjoys snowboarding and is a member of the CSU Snowriders and Outdoor Clubs.

Scott Swensen is in the College of Natural Sciences, holds a 3.68 GPA, and is a member of CSU's Association



From left to right: **Jacob Utic, Ashton Seward, Brenden Fannin, Kyle Steinhoff (back), Nicolas Bruni, Chris Jutte (back), Scott Swensen, George Laird (back), Frank Dann and Connor Clougherty.** Jun Simmons and Connor Williams not pictured.

for Computing Machinery, Outdoors, Snowriders and Photography Clubs.

George Laird is in the College of Business, holds a 3.5 GPA, and is a member of CSU's Young Americans for Liberty, Philosophy Club and Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Frank Dann is in the College of Human Sciences and is a member of the CSU Fair Trade Club and the CSU Snowriders. He is also actively involved with the Homework Helpers program.

Connor Clougherty is in the College of Engineering and is a member of the CSU Rugby team and the Rotaract Club.

Jun Simmons is in the College of Business and is a member of the Money Management and Cryptocurrency Clubs. He will be studying abroad next semester.

Connor Williams in the College of Engineering and is a USMC officer candidate. He is actively involved with Engineers Without Borders and volunteers with GRID Alternatives and Ram Ride.

What's next for the chapter?

BY CHRIS JUTTE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Executive board officers have been appointed from the 13 new members. The first elections will be held in the fall 2018 semester. The board has access to a strong chapter support team, comprised of alumni volunteers serving as mentors and in functional rolls. The first executive retreat was held last April in Estes Park. The retreat comprised of 3-days of intensive informational/organizational training, along with numerous team building exercises. The program helped develop strong bonds with our alumni mentors.

This coming semester will be a challenging and busy time. Recruiting additional members is our top priority. In addition to participating in traditional "rush," our major recruitment tool will be the Balanced Man Scholarship. Any male student meeting the qualifications can apply and the applicant pool is used as a source for recruiting possible new members. Other tools will include sponsoring events, such as volleyball, community service, intramural sports, etc. These events will be open to all students seeking a beneficial social environment who may be interested in becoming a SigEp. Participation in Greek Week is also planned.

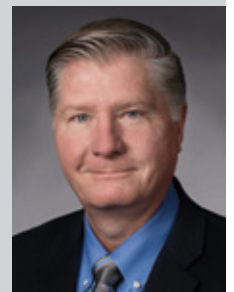
At the beginning of fall 2018, members will begin the Sigma Challenge in the Balanced Man Program. This will be the first of four challenges that will be completed during our college years. The Sigma Challenge is an introduction to college life and what it means to be a part of SigEp Fraternity. This challenge includes weekly chapter meetings, as well as our first chapter retreat.

The fall semester will go by quickly and while overall development of the chapter is important, academic performance will remain a top priority. Thanks to the hard work of our executive board, this semester will be filled with valuable new experiences in which members will develop new skills while honing old ones. We have started to form strong bonds and are beginning to understand what brotherhood means within SigEp. Finally, we will continue to develop our network of connections within Colorado State University to ensure and expand our position on campus.



Christopher Herring appointed vice president at Lockheed Martin

Lockheed Martin announced the appointment of **Christopher T. Herring, '85**, as Vice President of Advanced Program Development for Lockheed Martin Space Systems in



Denver. Throughout his career, Chris built strong customer relationships and executed complex development programs. Chris is an exceptional leader with a proven track record of driving program excellence, leading complex technical projects and delivering outstanding results, ensuring the success of some of Lockheed Martin's largest programs.

BROTHER JAMES BERKES

James Stewart Berkes, '62, passed away May 24, 2017. He was a retired pharmaceutical executive at Bristol-Myers Squibb and successfully led pharmaceutical organizations on the east coast and in the midwest.

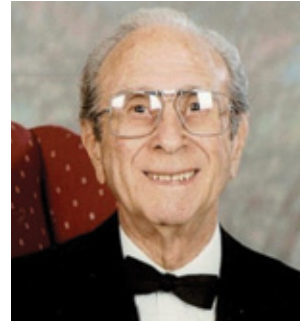


BROTHER LLOYD CHAVEZ

Lloyd George Chavez, '49, born April 8, 1928, in Denver, gained footing as a determined individual while playing quarterback for the football team at Littleton High School, from which he graduated at age 16 in 1945.

He attended Colorado A&M College before joining the U.S. Navy. On his return from service, he attained his college degree from the University of Denver, then hoped to land a job with General Motors. Chavez' father, Sam, was a gardener for Nate Burt of Burt automotive in Denver, and it was that connection that led the young Chavez into a used-car sales position with Burt Chevrolet while studying at DU.

Lloyd began buying into Burt's business in 1966, when he purchased a quarter-interest in the newly added Toyota operation. He continued to expand his interest, becoming majority owner in 1982 and bought the last of the Burt family's shares from Allen Burt (son of Nate) in 1987, making Chavez sole owner. His Burt automotive empire became the largest Hispanic-owned business in the country.



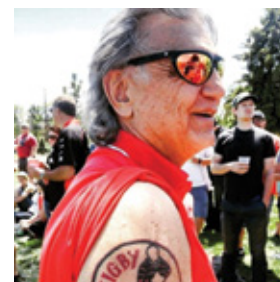
BROTHER KENT DAVIS

Kent O. Davis, '59, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2018, at age 80 in his home in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Kent is a graduate of Colorado State University. His career included being an integral part of his family's carnation-growing business, Davis Brothers Florist, as well as working with several wholesale florists in the community. His work alongside the work of his family made Wheat Ridge the "Carnation Capital of the World." He and Barbara also opened several businesses, which included a floral and gift shop and gourmet food store. Community was very important to Kent, and he dedicated 45 years of his life to the City of Wheat Ridge, receiving the Key to the City two years prior to his death. His work with the city included serving on City Council and as Police Commissioner, as well as holding positions with the Business District, the Housing Authority and the Liquor Board. He also served as a Carnation Festival volunteer. Kent dedicated a great deal of time and money to his work as a Mason and has been a Shriner since 1979. He fostered a loving community, which will forever have him in their hearts.



BROTHER LARRY KOBILCA

Larry Kobilca, '68, passed away on January 12, 2017. Larry came to Colorado State University and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity from Palos Park, Illinois, outside Chicago, in 1963. He was in the Colorado Gamma pledge



class of 1963-64 with **Jerre Dixon** and **Mike Graul**, among others. He was social chairman the following year and fulfilled that role in a way that any social chairman

BROTHER WILLIAM NOXON



Bill Noxon, center, looks on as Charles Buxton, VP of The Denver Post, presents Grand Junction running back Doug Quimby with the Gold Helmet.

William Edward Noxon, '52, passed away February 24, 2016, at the age of 86. Bill was a head football coach for 33 years, coaching at Fruita High School, Grand Junction High School and Western State College. In 1966, he led Fruita to the school's only state football championship. Bill also led his Grand Junction team to a state championship game. From 1971-1984, known as the Noxon Era at Western State College, Bill became one of the winningest small college coaches in the nation, leading his teams to eight RMAC titles. He was inducted into eight halls of fame including the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

could hope to do, scheduling events with the CSU sororities including rush events in the fall and the well-respected Flower Dance in the spring. He married Laura in 1972, had two children, and had careers with Samsonite, Brambilla World Sports and Gerry Sports in Denver, Colorado, before going into real estate with his son, Zach, around 2005. He loved "old boys" rugby, riding Harley Davidson and Indian motorcycles, and keeping Colorado Gamma fraternity brothers and their spouses and mutual friends together socially in the Denver metro area. He is survived by wife Laura, children Zach and Logan, and grandchildren Karter Robichaud, Griffin and Abby Kobilca.

BROTHER HARLAN TUCKER

Harlan Winthrop Tucker, '45, a 53-year resident of Bowie, Maryland, passed away on June 17, 2017, at the age of 94. Born on April 15, 1923, in Fairplay, Colorado, he attended Colorado A&M College before graduating from West Point in 1946. He received an MBA from Harvard University in 1949.

Harlan served his country for 30 years during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, where he earned a bronze star. During his military career, he served in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps.

After retirement, he worked for Unified Industries Inc. and Legion Design.

Col. Tucker lived a full life; he was inducted into the Quartermaster Corps Hall of Fame; he medaled in the National Senior Olympics in softball and tennis; and received numerous awards for his volunteerism and community service, including the Governor's Volunteer and Service Award, Prince Georges County Volunteer of the Year, and Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.





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**Announcing the 24th Annual
SPECAT Golf Event**

Proceeds will go to the Colorado Gamma Residential Learning Community/Educational Foundation.

**Friday, August 31, 2018
8:00 a.m. Shotgun**

Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club – Aurora, Colorado

\$125 per player registered before July 31, 2018, includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch.

Registration at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?!lr=8ekb6stab&oeidk=a07efhtwj7h54d860c2>.

Tournament organizers: Dave Madden, '79, Tyler Burke, Jerre Dixon, '67, and Tom Krause, '88.

Registration is limited to the first 30, 4-person teams.

As part of the fundraising, teams are requested to bring an item for the silent auction to be held during lunch. Contact Tom directly with any questions at: tom.krause@urbanleasing.com.

Late registration fee \$175 per player.

