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Leadership, values among reasons for joining SigEp

BY GEORGE LAIRD, '21

Since our founding last spring, the CSU SigEp chapter has been off to a great start! We've nearly doubled our size this fall, adding eight new brothers. Many of them have already assumed leadership positions and are working with our executive board to get the fraternity going. Here's a little bit about each of them.

Joseph Gaze is a freshman studying health and exercise science. He always enjoys being outdoors, and likes to go fishing, hunting, and climbing. Joe's reason for joining SigEp: **"What drew me to SigEp was the ability to become closer to a group of great men that all shared the same values as me. They all want me to succeed in school and out in the world after college. SigEp is a great organization and I'm excited to be part of building a fraternity."**

Cody Jeffers is a biology major, although he's interested in the business school as well. In his free time, he likes to snowboard and compose music. He also serves as our philanthropy chairman. Cody's reason for joining SigEp: **"I was drawn to SigEp because of the values I saw in the brothers I met. I feel like my voice is heard in SigEp and I have countless opportunities for leadership."**

Michael Holliday is a third-year business student, originally from California. He regularly plays basketball and serves as intramural chairman and dodgeball coach. When not playing, he can be found watching the Eagles or Lakers. Reason for joining SigEp: **"What drew me to SigEp was the principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. Being part of a growing fraternity is a fantastic opportunity to build something new."**

Alec Lamson is a freshman biochemistry major. He spends his winters snowboarding, and summers mountain biking. Michael's reason for joining SigEp: **"I was drawn to SigEp because of the opportunity to build something new that doesn't follow the traditional fraternity stereotypes. Being in a small chapter affords me ample leadership potential, where I can shape the chapter from the start, and help make SigEp the best it can be."**

Cameron Day is a freshman from Sarasota, Florida. He is a computer science



major and enjoys building and programming computers outside of class. When not working on computers, you can find him backpacking or white-water rafting. Cameron is working with the VP of Programming to plan our first formal. Reason for joining SigEp: **"How supportive all the guys were and how I never feel pressured to do things I'm not comfortable with."**

Colton Kronkright is a freshman studying health and exercise science. He enjoys traveling, off-roading, and playing

sports. Cameron's reason for joining SigEp: **"I love the guys in the fraternity and I feel like I'm able to relate to their values and what they are about. I like the fact that it is a smaller size fraternity and that I can be part of the foundation of the growth. I believe that by joining, I will come out of college with some of the best experiences of my life that I will remember forever."**

Nick Jennings is a freshman marketing student in the college of business. Nick's reason for joining SigEp: **"I noticed strong bonds between the SigEp brothers and the real feeling of brotherhood. It's a culture I'm glad I can be a part of."**

Sam Mauro is a freshman studying fish, wildlife and conservation biology. He is one of SigEp's many fishermen and competes with the CSU rodeo team as well. He takes minutes at chapter meetings and helps facilitate chapter communications. Sam's reason for joining SigEp: **"I was drawn to SigEp because my uncle was a SigEp at CSU (Tony Mauro, '99) and I really liked the values."**

Help strengthen Colorado Gamma

I would like begin by saying thank you to all our 2017 donors! Last year's campaign raised more than \$51,000 dollars toward our goal of building a \$1 million endowment over the next 10 years.

Your gift will help deserving young men change their lives in dramatic and lasting ways. A gift of \$500 provides a Balanced Man Scholarship to one of CSU's exceptional students or sends one of the chapter officers to SigEp leadership training. That training helps develop their personal skillsets, hone their leadership abilities, and gain an advantage in life after college.

Help strengthen the Colorado Gamma RLC with your gift through the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. It is a 100% tax-deductible donation.

Simply visit www.csusigep.org/RLCgiving. All donations are restricted to supporting Colorado Gamma undergraduates and their fellow CSU students.

Thank you for believing in our Fraternity and its ability to build balanced men.

Fraternally,

Dan Reagan, '82

CEO and President, Red Door House Corporation



Ryan Garthright selected All-World Defender

Ryan Garthright, '10, who played for the Denver Bulldogs in the United States Australian Football League during the 2015 and 2016 seasons, spent 2017 living in Melbourne, Australia, to prepare for the Australian Rules Football International Cup Tournament. Ryan played half-back for the Revolution, the United States team. While the US team finished 4th overall, Ryan had an outstanding tournament and was selected for the All-World team!



Garthright in action defending for the Revolution. Left: Garthright displays his patriotism on the field prior to a game.



The apple never falls far from the tree

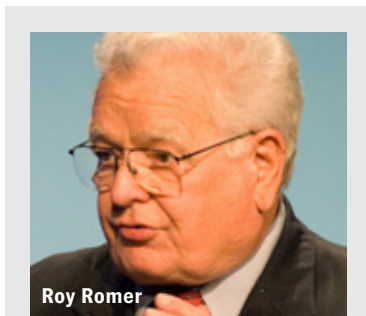
BY DAN REAGAN, '82

It has long been said that the apple never falls far from the tree. Well, that old adage is certainly true for Brothers **Roy Romer, '50, and Don Freeland, '82, and their sons.**

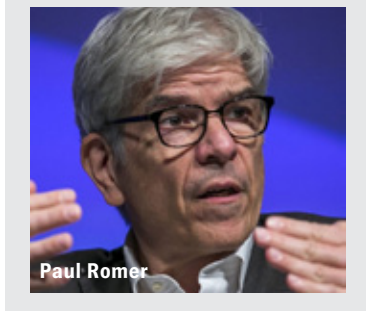
The Honorable Roy Romer served as the 39th Governor of Colorado and was the superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District from 2000 to 2006.

His son Paul Romer is an American economist, a pioneer of endogenous growth theory, and was recently named a co-recipient of the 2018 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, for work suggesting robust, long-term economic growth can go hand in hand with a healthier, happier planet, if the rules of business and government are set up the right way.

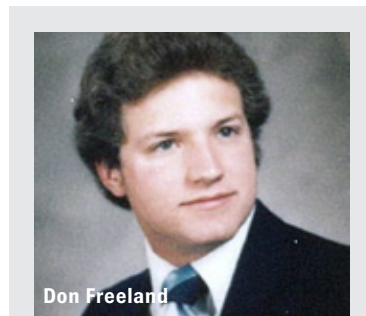
Paul's past positions include Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of World Bank and Professor of economics at Stern School of Business at New York University, the University of Chicago, the University of California-Berkeley, and the Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. In addition, Romer was a senior fellow at Stanford's Center for International Development, the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, the Hoover Institution, as well as a fellow at the Center for Global Development.



Roy Romer



Paul Romer



Don Freeland



Kyle Freeland

Don Freeland was a high school baseball star, and passed his love of the sport to his two sons, Colin and Kyle. He'd come home from work and play hours of catch with his sons and take them to the park to work on their skills.

Younger son Kyle Freeland is now a pitcher for the Colorado Rockies. He played college baseball at Evansville and was drafted by the Rockies in the first round of the 2014 Major League Baseball draft and was the eighth overall pick of the 2014 Major League Baseball draft.

Kyle says his dad always made baseball fun for them. He had a breakout season in 2018, completing one of the best seasons of any Rockies

pitcher in franchise history, and accumulating an ERA of 2.84 and a record of 17 wins and 7 losses in 33 starts along the way. He pitched 202 1/3 innings and struck out 170 batters. Kyle was a major reason the Rockies have reached the playoffs in consecutive years for the first time in franchise history.

Three SigEps nominated for 50 Year Awards

BY AL HORNUNG, '61

The CSU Alumni Department sponsors a luncheon each Friday of Homecoming week, open for all alumni to attend. At this luncheon the graduating class from 50 years ago is honored.

Awards are also presented to two graduates who are recognized for Career and Public Services. A standing, volunteer 50 Year Committee accepts nominations for these two awards and selects a winner for each. Occasionally a third award for Special Achievement is made. Only graduates from 50 years ago or more are eligible.

In 2018, all three nominees for the Career Service Award were members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Lt. Col. (AF Retired) **Charles "Chuck" Simon, '54**, from Sheridan, Wyoming, was nominated for his service as an Air Force officer and for his career as a real estate executive in the Sheridan area.

Dr. Robert E. Allen, DVM, '58, from Friday Harbor, Washington, and California, was nominated for his achievements in the field of veterinary medicine and for his leadership in his communities and colleges in Washington and California.

Jack Robert Welch, '67, from Golden, Colorado, was nominated for his service to the outdoor recreation community nationally, CSU, and the Colorado public education system. Jack worked with Colorado State Parks and Wildlife on issues related to snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles. He is a well-known leader in the recreational trails community and has helped create programs that enhance the outdoor recreational experience for off-road enthusiasts. Jack also works with the Forest Service, BLM and National Parks on management issues on preserving access to public lands and waters.



The 50 Year Committee selected Brother Welch for the Career Service Award. Jack was President of the Student Body when he was at CSU and also served as a member of the Alumni board of CSU after graduation.

It was a very difficult choice for the Committee because all three nominees were all very deserving of the award.

Congratulations to all three of our brothers.

CSU stalwart Walter Scott awarded 2018 Founders Day Medal

While snowy weather prevented the guest of honor from attending CSU's annual 1870 Dinner, Colorado Gamma alumnus **Walter Scott Jr., '53**, was celebrated as one of the University's giants.

In his absence, more than 700 of CSU's top donors gathered to celebrate Scott's impact over the years. Stories about amazing students — many of them boosted by Scott's generosity — were at the heart of the evening.

"Walter Scott Jr. graduated from Colorado State University more than 60 years ago with a degree in civil engineering, and in the intervening years he built an extraordinary life and career through his leadership of Peter Kiewit and Sons and then Level 3 Communications," CSU President Tony Frank said. "His leadership in the philanthropic realm also broke new ground, as he guided the transformation of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium into one of the finest in the world, and invested strategically in causes to advance youth development, medical research, museums and higher education."

Scott's greatest gift to CSU came in 2016, when he donated \$53.3 million to support infrastructure, faculty chairs and student scholarships. As a result, the college he loves now bears his name: the Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering.

"This former Eagle Scout, this Air Force second lieutenant, this giant of industry, once dreamed of being a rancher," Frank said. "He came to CSU with that as his dream, and he saw his dreams take on a new shape and direction while a student here. Today, he is giving shape and direction to the dreams of countless other young people, and he has ensured that this university will continue to be able to offer one of the nation's finest engineering programs for generations to come."



Walter Scott Jr.

OBITUARY

BROTHER DONALD RUTLEDGE

Donald Rutledge, '61, was born on his family's farm northeast of Yuma, Colorado, and grew up helping around the farm. In high school Don was an active member of the Future Farmers of America and participated in sports including football, basketball and track.



Don majored in animal husbandry and while in college he spent three years serving his country in the Colorado Air National Guard. There he learned to fly, a hobby he enjoyed throughout his life. Don graduated in 1962, married and moved back to Yuma to help on the family farm.

Don eventually took over the farm and expanded the dairy operations by devel-

oping and implementing center pivot irrigation. This led Don to become a key innovator in the farm irrigation industry. He founded the Yuma Manufacturing Company which designed, engineered and produced farm irrigation systems.

Don served on numerous boards and committees. These included The National Corn Growers Association, a charter member of the Colorado Livestock Association, Chairman of the Colorado Ag Commission, and he served on the Colorado FFA Foundation Board. Don was integral with his support of the CSU Animal Science Building and the CSU Center for Ag Education. In 2014 he was inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame.

In 2016 Don Rutledge, '61, was the recipient of CSU's 50 Year Career Service Award.



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2018 SPECAT golf raises thousands for the Residential Learning Community

BY DAVE MADDEN, '79

On yet another picture perfect Colorado morning, 56 players made the turn at the Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club in this year's SPE Alumni Golf Tournament. Thanks to all of those players who participated this year, and special thanks to Tonya Everist for joining the festivities once again. The tournament raised \$3,000 for the Colorado Gamma RLC Fund, which is administered by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in Richmond, Virginia, a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. All donations are tax deductible and players will receive a gift receipt from the SigEp Foundation.

As always, we want to give special shout-out to all those brothers who made additional monetary donations this year. They include **Jim Benemann, Brad Brady, Rich Callahan, Bruce Clough, Mark Cousins, Jeff Croll, Garrett Daves, Jerre Dixon, Todd Erber, Dan Foote, Chris Herring, Tom Hinchliff, Larry Lowrey, Dave Madden, Chuck Manley, Eric Muller, Mike Piazza, Rick Pilgrim, Rick Platz, Dan Reagan, Terry Scoby, Andy Sexton, Phil Shepardson and Jim Vetting.**

This year's annual auction following the tournament was hosted by **Jim Benemann, '78**, who did an outstanding job auctioning some fabulous items which were donated by tournament participants. Thanks to all those brothers who participated with their gifts and/or their bidding. As a reminder, next year will be the 25th annual SPECAT and we are hoping for a record number of participants as well as another rowdy and raucous auction! Look for additional details in upcoming SPEAR editions.

Special recognition to brothers **Tom Krause, Jerre Dixon, Tyler Burke and Dave Madden** for all of their hard work on putting together this year's tournament.



Congratulations go to this year's winning team: Tyler Burke, Vance Connolly, Sam Herrin and Kevin Briggs. Their winning score was an impressive 59 — which was 13 under par.