

CONSTRUCTION TO START SOON

Support from Brothers Needed to Complete Project

Plans are being finalized for the renovation work at 121 East Lake Street, which is scheduled to begin after the new year. Director of the Red Door House Corporation and construction lead on the project **Mitch Christ '79** has been working with the city of Fort Collins to obtain necessary permits to begin construction. Other alumni volunteers have been working diligently to choose the most cost-effective and long-lasting solutions for the renovation and addition, ensuring that your support makes a lasting difference in the longevity of the house and to ensure the chapter's competitive advantage on campus when we return.

As we move into the construction phase at Colorado Gamma, a sense of excitement and urgency prevails. To date, more than \$1,120,660 has been raised by more than 100 generous alumni, family, and friends. We are truly thankful for these alumni for their support.

With the final details being put in place for construction to begin, we remain committed to our desire to meet the fundraising goals as originally envisioned. Raising the full \$1.25 million will allow us to complete our entire project, and on budget. Every dollar raised over \$1.25 million will help us reduce the long-term debt that will be incurred from the project cost, which is \$2.1 million. Thus, we continue to reach out to uncommitted brothers in an effort to raise the remaining \$129,340 of our goal.

Enclosed, you will find an updated donor list that reflects all written pledges received to date.



If you see any of your SigEp brothers missing, I would encourage you to reach out to them and ask that they make a pledge as soon as possible. This will allow them to join the permanent donor plaque that is to be installed at 121 East Lake Street at the conclusion of construction listing all of our donors of \$5,000 or more.

As you reflect on the ways your life has been blessed, I hope that you look back fondly on your days at Sigma Phi Epsilon and take that

into account when thinking about giving back to this campaign. Thanks again, and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Fraternally,
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Breck Vassios '87 Values Lifelong Friendships *Alumnus Supports the Future of Colorado Gamma*

While it was pure happenstance that convinced **Breck Vassios '87** to join Sigma Phi Epsilon, the bonds of brotherhood are what kept him there. "I had no intentions of being Greek," Breck said. A friend from his hometown in eastern Colorado joined Tri Delta and encouraged him to give recruitment a chance. "That was some of the best advice I got," he said.



Colorado Gamma," Breck said. "The fun I had there and the people I met there was more than I could ever have imagined. I've gotten to a position in life where I'm paying a lot of taxes and decided that if I could direct some of that money to something I care about, instead of to Uncle Sam, that makes sense to me."

Breck sees the chapter house as a central feature of Colorado Gamma membership. "The fraternity revolves around the chapter house. Living in the house with your brothers is the most important part. Our house is becoming dilapidated and it's time to fix this thing up to be here forever."

Breck earned a bachelor's in agricultural business and has had a successful career as a farmer and rancher, buying and selling cattle

and land. Breck fondly recalls all of the laughter in the chapter house. "I would come home for lunch and have 30 minutes of solid laughter every day," he said.

He has stayed in touch with SigEps over the years and values his Colorado Gamma friendships. "The friends you meet in college are the friends you'll have the rest of your life," Breck said. "College is your chance to meet the best people you'll ever meet." He enjoys going to football games with alumni and recently attended the annual golf tournament. "You can go without seeing somebody for 30 years and it's like you haven't missed a step when you see them again," Breck said.

Breck lives in Flagler, Colorado, where he keeps in touch with several SigEp brothers locally. "They are still the people that I talk to," he said.

The brotherhood has had a profound impact on Breck's life through the meaningful friendships he made in college and has maintained throughout his life. Breck's positive SigEp experience has inspired him to support the *Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future* campaign.

"There has always been a soft spot in my heart for

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are deeply grateful to the following Colorado Gamma brothers for committing \$1,120,620 to the *Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of investing in the future of Colorado Gamma and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$5,000, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction. Thank you to our loyal brothers!

1915 Founders' Society (\$250,000 and above)

Anonymous

Golden Heart Society (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

121 Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Gary B. Halley '60
In honor of
CSU College of
Business and Veterans
and Pioneers of America
Brett '93 and
Don Rutledge '61
Trevor E. Armstrong '99
Chad M. Ellington '99

Red Door Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Anonymous
John W. Clark '65
J. Tim Biddle '73
Richard G. Long '79
Colin Thompson '79
Tommy Atkins '80
Cory Thompson '82
Breck K. Vassios '87
Stefan L. Wenger '95
Michael L. Jensen '96
Andrew P. Odenbach '96
Bryan A. Harmsen '01

Sword & Heart Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Dale F. Dodrill '52
Richard Jagoda '60
Estate Gift
Albert M. Hornung '61
James B. Benemann '78
Mitchell S. Christ '79
Brad D. Brady '80

Brotherly Love Club (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Robert L. Warner '58
Robert I. Frey '65
Norman G. Warner '65
Roger A. Williamson '66
Jerre W. Dixon '67
Donald R. Larrick '75

In memory of
Louise G. Larrick
Tom Livingston '79
Daniel S. Reagan '82
Milton Karavites '85
Tony Mauro '99

Virtue & Diligence Club (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Kent Davis '59
Paul F. Budin '60
Henry Rice '60
James S. Berkes '62
Larry Grauberger '65
In memory of
Garry Saylor '58
Brad Bischoff '73

Mike B. DeChadenes '74
Bree S. Neas '76
Don P. Morgan '77
Brian M. Cuje '80
Mike Carter '82
Clark D. Johnson '83
Darin L. Layman '83
Ken W. McLagan '83
Chris Johnson '83
Brian Donovan '85
Mike Flemming '03
Chris Lonigro '02

Flower Dance Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Archie Lind '64
Terry Scoby '69
David R. Madden '79
David R. Willhite '80
T.J. Gordon '87

Balanced Man Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Willard L. Walker '49
In memory of
Warren Breniman '49
Donald H. Hoch '50
Eugene A. Miller '51
J. Marvin Willhite '52
Fred Woll '56
Paul C. Jennings '58
Harold T. Kinney '58
In memory of
Darrel G. Hatcher '58
Victor L. Weed '58

Campaign Status At-A-Glance

As of December 3, 2014

\$1.25 Million Goal
\$1,120,620 Contributed
106 Donors
1,485 Mailable Alumni

Diane and Jim Hindman '61
In memory of
John P. Tromly '61
Palamon W. Hornung '61
Joseph P. Marcus '61
Victor R. Bird '62
Susan and Roger Brandt '62
Randolph J. McMurty '62
Bruce W. Bergstrom '63
Brian Ethridge '63
Jim Gleason '64
Gregory D. Hammill '64
Robert R. Shanks '64
Richard D. Curnow '65
Bill Smith '65
Bruce W. Clough '66
In memory of
Larry and Marge Clough
Doug Nutt '68
Jack Welch '68
In memory of
Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Corson
Carlton Smith '73
Gilbert H. Gehle '78
Mark Hoven '78
Troy M. Giesler '79
Brian Croll '82
Bill Swint '87
In memory of
Steve Elsen '87
John Hughes '88
Drew Lang '90
In memory of
Matthew P. Barger '92
Todd M. Lang '92
In memory of
Greg J. Liptak '93
Dan Foote '01
Ross A. Hendrix '07
Karl R. Weber '11
Quinn B. Booth '14
Elliott A. Tucker '14

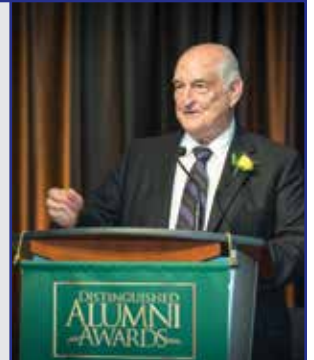
Visit <http://csusigep.org/campaign> to learn more about how you can be involved with the campaign!

Walter Scott Jr. '53 Receives William E. Morgan Alumni Achievement Award

Colorado Gamma brothers and guests filled two tables at the 2014 CSU Alumni Awards dinner on October 16 in the Lory Student Center Grand Ballroom to honor brother **Walter Scott Jr. '53**, the 2014 recipient of the William E. Morgan Alumni Achievement Award.

The William E. Morgan Alumni Achievement Award is presented by the Colorado State University Alumni Association. The award, considered the highest honor for distinguished alumni awards, recognizes alumni and friends who have brought honor to CSU, their communities, and the world.

To learn more about Walter and this important honor, watch the video at <http://youtu.be/QM4cpIgvWg>.



Alumnus Committed to Updating Chapter House Spotlight on Don Rutledge '61

As a farmer and rancher, **Don Rutledge '61** came to CSU looking to meet people outside the farming world. After touring several fraternities during recruitment, he decided to join SigEp and instantly surrounded himself with people who would increase his scope.

As an undergraduate, Don always had pride in SigEp because of good intramural teams and history of good grades. He served as vice president until he was drafted into the military where he served in the National Guard for six years. His time in the chapter house was filled with the beginnings of lifelong friendships and special memories like the living room full of brothers watching the hit show, *Bonanza*.

After graduation, Don took his bachelor of science in animal husbandry and began a family farming corporation with his father and brother-

in-law. Today he farms with his two sons out of Yuma, Colorado.

Don is still thankful for many of the relationships he made at SigEp. "I had a lot of friends and therefore a bigger circle of knowledge to draw from in different fields of business." Brother **Paul Jennings '58** helped with the engineering of a circular center pivot sprinkler, and together, Don, Paul, **Tom Holtorf '58**, and **Kenneth Mitchell '54** made the first prototype of the sprinkler and manufactured them for 20 years until they sold the company.

On his recent visits back to the chapter house, Don found that there wasn't much that had changed over the years. "The chapter house is in need of repair, and really needs to be updated. I saw some of this same stuff 52 years ago." Don has made a commitment to making sure the

chapter house gets updated by donating to the capital campaign. "I gained quite a bit from being a SigEp, so I figured I would give back. It's just like anything—if you have a nice place to live, you should take care of it. The updates will help us get better quality members, and today SigEp has more of a career development atmosphere to go along with the changing university."

Today, Don is still close with many of his SigEp brothers and enjoyed a get-together at the home of **Roger Brandt '62** at Grand Lake last summer. When he is not farming, Don enjoys traveling. He and his wife, Judy, go south in the winter for six weeks. They have three children: Roc, a member of FarmHouse at CSU, **Brett '92**, and a daughter, Spring, who studied chemical engineering at Colorado School of Mines. Catch up with Don via e-mail at djrutledge@hotmail.com.