

# The Spear

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Chapter



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## Digital format for the *Spear* gets the green light

This spring, the majority of Colorado Gamma alumni received an email update with regard to *The Spear*. Given the increasing cost of production and the opportunities presented by a digital format, the Alumni Volunteer Corporation (AVC) recently reached a decision to explore the option of migrating *The Spear* to a digital platform.

*The Spear* is a vital communication link in connecting all of Colorado Gamma.

However, printing and mailing a physical newsletter puts a tremendous financial burden on the chapter, often totaling more than \$8,000 a year. A move to digital would net an immediate cost savings that could be reinvested elsewhere in the chapter. In addition, a digital model would greatly reduce turnover in our address database.

The AVC understands the need for the print copy to coexist with the digital version for the foreseeable future. In order to determine the number of hard copies required, "Opt Out" information will be included in upcoming issues of *The Spear*. By opting out of digital communications, your preference for receiving a physical newsletter will be registered. Through this process, the willingness of the chapter to move to digital across the board can be solidified.

The spring email was received with overwhelming positivity. The results of a one-question survey attached to the update showed that more than 95% of respondents had no concerns about a digital *Spear*. This has given the AVC the confidence necessary to move forward with this process. In coming issues, we will be actively engaging alumni in an effort to update our email rolls and gather information for whom we are lacking. Currently, we anticipate the full digital roll-out of *The Spear* to take place over the course of 2-3 years.

To ensure you continuing receiving *The Spear*, your contact information must be up to date. If you do not already receive digital communications from Colorado Gamma, please update your information at [www.csusigep.org/alum-update](http://www.csusigep.org/alum-update).

## Chapter house signage to be restored

As we wait for our recolonized chapter recruitment numbers to reach a sustainable level for occupancy (35 men), the chapter house will be rented out. Our current master lease with the Sigma Nu fraternity terminates on August 1, 2019. We had a very strong indication from the Phi Mu sorority that they were going to sign a two-year master lease for the house, but in April they backed out.

At that late date, most students — including all of our new SigEp members — had already signed housing leases for the fall of 2019. Working with SigEp National Housing with regard to our mortgage and financial obligations, the decision has been made to put the

Sigma Phi Epsilon signage back on the house and have the newly recolonized chapter use the house for chapter meetings, Monday night dinners, rituals, study facilities, rush functions, social functions, and other brotherhood activities. We are offering rooms for rent in the house to non-members for the 2019-2020 school year to help offset the negative cashflow on the house for the coming year. All existing SigEp members and new recruits will be required to live in the house beginning the fall of 2020.

A very aggressive recruitment effort is planned for this summer, continuing into the fall and spring of 2020. The goal is to have enough members to fully occupy the house in August of 2020.



SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Founders Day  
Celebration at SigEp



Saturday,  
November 2, 2019

121 E. Lake Street  
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

In conjunction with the  
CSU vs. UNLV football game

More details to come!

# Outstanding New Volunteer awarded



Dan Reagan, '82 (right), congratulates Ryan Garthright after presentation of the Outstanding New Volunteer Award.

Brother Ryan Garthright, '10, received the Outstanding New Volunteer Award for District 23. The award is presented annually to a volunteer in each district who has had a significant impact on either the AVC or the undergraduate chapter with which they volunteer.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is successful largely because of the tireless work of those volunteers who donate their time and talents to support the Fraternity experience at local, regional and national levels.

Many of SigEp's volunteers are alumni, who stay involved to give back. Others are members of the University's faculty and staff

as well as parents and community leaders, who give back because they believe in SigEp's ideals and want to make an impact on the undergraduate experience for college men.

Whether you have an afternoon to share each week or once a year, you can support the Fraternity's mission of Building Balanced Men.

Have questions? Feel free to email [volunteers@sigep.net](mailto:volunteers@sigep.net).



Chapter President Connor Cloherty

## Undergraduate chapter plans for the future

The 2018-2019 school year consisted of many ups and downs for our new chapter. Through the challenges, a dedicated group of remarkable young men has emerged.

We started the school year with 13 men on the roster and finished with 22. There are currently members in the Sigma, Phi and Epsilon challenges. The Wyoming Alpha chapter has been a tremendous assistance in ritual and ROP matters.

Our first spring formal, "Mountain Weekend," was held April 26-28 in Steamboat Springs, CO. A great time was had by all who attended, unfortunately due to academic concerns not all could share in this experience. In response to this lapse, we have developed and installed a new academic plan for our brothers in need of support.

We are now looking forward to having a successful fall rush and the reinstatement of 121 E. Lake Street will play a major role. The chapter is chomping at the bit to use the house as its intended purpose: supporting the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon, who will treat it with the care and respect it deserves.

With numbers growing, we aim to launch our first philanthropy event next fall, as well as increasing brotherhood retreats and service outreach. Plans for hosting the Balanced Man Scholarship are underway, and we look forward to finding those who embody the values of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love. As such, we heartily encourage alumni to attend a chapter meeting, stop by and interact with the current members, and share in the effort to rebuild the legacy of SigEp at Colorado State.

We are very excited for the future of this chapter, and we hope to share that excitement with you all.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Grant Ogden: "SigEp is where I belong."

Grant Ogden, '22, is a finance major from Broomfield, Colo. In Spring 2019, he joined SigEp, following in the footsteps of his step-father, Christian Kaempfer, '96.

### What brought you to CSU?

When choosing a college, I was torn between Oklahoma and CSU. I had always wanted attend Oklahoma, but a friend insisted I visit CSU. I loved the layout of the campus and the hometown feel.

### What drew you to SigEp?

I knew I wanted to be in a fraternity and after rushing multiple other fraternities, I realized that SigEp was different. CSU is a big campus with a lot of students, and I wanted to make my experience smaller and more tightly knit. Through rushing, I noticed how close all of the brothers were and I knew that this is what I wanted to do. The fact that SigEp is a smaller fraternity on campus also appealed to me at the time because of the countless opportunities. Regardless of size, I saw how much love each of the brothers had for one another and I knew I wanted to participate in creating life-long relationships with these people.

### What has been your favorite part of Greek life so far?

Getting close with so many more people. My fall semester caused me to seriously consider transferring to Oklahoma in hopes of finding

somewhere I felt I belonged. I've found that place. SigEp is where I belong and the relationships I have already formed within my first semester are irreplaceable.

### What are your goals for your time in SigEp?

During my time in SigEp, I want to lead. I want to be someone that anyone can come talk to if they need help with something.



Grant Ogden (center) with uncles Jonathan and Joe in Pamplona, Spain.

I want to be someone that anyone can come to if they want a laugh. I want to be someone that anyone can come talk to for advice of any kind. I want to help develop this fraternity in a way that admires our tradition, yet reforms parts to make things such as recruitment and new member education more efficient. I would also like to encourage and

lead brothers in a small group Bible study.

### What are your interests outside school and fraternity?

I enjoy practically all sports as well as hiking, skiing, and just exploring. I also really enjoy community service but haven't had as much time as I would like to help volunteer. I really feel that what you get out of helping others who haven't been as fortunate as you is one of the best, most humbling feelings. I'm also moderately religious, with much room to grow spiritually, and have been involved in numerous small bible study groups.

With news of their passing, Colorado Gamma mourns the loss of these brothers:

## Colorado Gamma loses one of its finest champions



### BROTHER LARRY BIRDSALL

Larry Birdsall, '54, (1931 – 2016) was born in Scottsbluff, Neb., and graduated from Mitchell High School. While at Colorado State, Birdsall

joined Sigma Phi Epsilon and served in the ROTC while pursuing his degree in Animal Science. Following graduation, he joined the Air Force as a second lieutenant in the 26th weather squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base. Following his service, Birdsall volunteered for the Overseas Cooperative Assistance program providing agricultural expertise and assistance in recovery from communism. Later in life, he served as a 4-H Leader, Farm Bureau board member, church elder and Sunday School teacher.

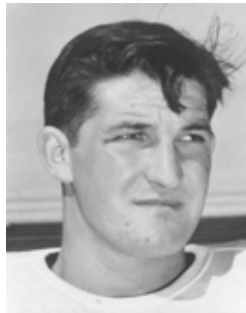
### BROTHER GLENN BRICKLEY



Glenn Emerson Brickley, '57, (1935 – 2016) was born and raised in Colorado Springs, Colo. He graduated from Colorado Springs High School and came to CSU to pursue a degree in Speech Arts. A passionate member of SigEp, Brickley also worked at KCOL radio. A consummate salesman and avid fan of the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies, he was also a member of Sunrise Seratoma in Colorado Springs, First Congregational Church of Greeley, Civitan, Keen-Age Singers and The Greeley Chorale. Memorial gifts in Brother Brickley's honor may be made to the "The Greeley Chorale" or "The Wild Animal Sanctuary."

### BROTHER DALE DODRILL

Dale Dodrill, '52, (1926 – 2019) was born the fourth of six children in Stockton, Kan. As a result of the Dust Bowl, he and his family relocated to Laporte, Colo., in 1936, and Dodrill attended Loveland High School. Immediately following graduation, Dodrill served in World War II, before returning to Colorado to make his name on the football field. As a member of both Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Colorado A&M football team, Dodrill exemplified the role of student athlete. He was a longtime member of the Pittsburgh Steelers, being elected to the Pro Bowl on four occasions, and later served as a Denver Broncos coach. Dodrill is among the very finest in CSU Athletics history and was elected to the CSU Football All-Century Team. Later in life, he enjoyed traveling abroad with his wife, Jan, and became an active member in his church.



On the field and in life, Dale Dodrill, '52, was a giant among men. Born in Stockton, Kan., on February 7, 1926, his family moved from Kansas to a farm outside Loveland at the height of the Dust

Bowl years. When Dale was a junior in high school, the family moved again, this time to Englewood, Colo., where he found stable work. But by this time, Dale had already discovered his love for football and chose to remain in Loveland, where the local Elks Club provided him an empty room in the lodge. Dale was able stay and graduate from Loveland High School, where he was the captain of the football team, all-state for two years and led the school to the 1942 state championship.

The day after his high school graduation Dale joined the United States Army and served with the 30th Infantry Division during World War II. For three years he fought hand-to-hand against the Nazis from the Sigfried Line to the Rhine. When the Allied forces finally put Germany in a chokehold, his services were needed elsewhere, on the beaches of the Pacific, to square off against the Japanese that killed his brother, Garrett, in a Philippine prison camp. Dale was on a boat somewhere in the Pacific when the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Japanese officially surrendered.

Dale returned home in 1948 to attend and play football at Colorado A&M. He started for all four years, played both sides of the ball, led the team to its first post season appearance in the 1949 Raisin Bowl, and earned All-Skyline Conference honors three-times, leading the Aggies to a 28-11-1 record along the way. In 1951, Dale was selected to *Who's Who* among American Universities and College Students and was also elected president of the A Club. At the end of his college career, Dale played in both the East-West Shrine game and the Chicago All-Star game and was awarded Colorado A&M's highest honor in 1952 — the Nye Trophy.

The Pittsburg Steelers drafted Dale in the 6th round (67th overall) in 1951,

and signed him to a contract for \$4,200. As defensive tackle, Dale earned All-Pro honors six times and played in five pro bowls during his nine years in the NFL. He was defensive captain of the team for three years and defensive MVP in 1954. In 2007, the Steelers organization honored Dale during their 75th Season Celebration and named him to the Pittsburgh Steelers Legends team. Dale was inducted into the Pittsburgh Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2016.



Dale left the Steelers in 1959 to become part of the Denver Broncos' when they formed in 1960. He was the defensive line coach for five of the Broncos' first seven

years and coached in the first game of the American Football League.

Dale is in the CSU Hall Of Fame, and in 1992 CSU selected him as a member of the school's all-century team. In 1993, Dale was inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame.

To make ends meet, Dale sold insurance in the off-season of his professional football career. It was during his time as the Bronco's defensive line coach that he opened the Dodrill Insurance Agency in Lakewood. In 2013, he celebrated 50 years in the insurance business.

Dale was one of the oldest living professional football players when he passed away January 19, 2019. His loss represents the closing of a remarkable life — one which exemplified the ideals of the Sigma Phi Epsilon.

### STAY INFORMED

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## Announcing the 25th Annual SPECAT Golf Event

Every year, SigEps from around the state and beyond gather to celebrate brotherhood and test their skill on the links at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Colorado Area Tournament (SPECAT). This unique gathering, which coincides with CSU's annual Rocky Mountain Showdown, offers a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends. The tournament raises funds for the Colorado Gamma RLC Fund, administered by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in Richmond, Va., a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. Last year, 56 golfers represented SigEp at the Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club and raised more than \$3,000 for the fund.

**Friday, August 30, 2019**  
**8:00 a.m. Shotgun**

**Todd Creek Golf Club – Thornton, Colorado**

\$125 per player registered before July 15, 2019, includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch.

Registration at <http://bit.ly/SPECAT2019>

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

Late registration fee \$140 per player.

Tournament contact: Dave Madden, '79,  
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