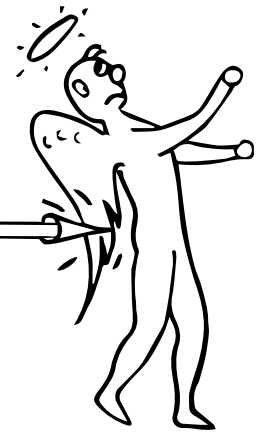


# SPEAR



## THE SPEAR TURNS SEVENTY

This year marks the 70th year of publication for Colorado Gamma’s semi-annual newsletter, *The Spear*. As a constant link between undergraduates, alumni and friends, *The Spear* functions as a powerful tool in keeping brothers connected across the generations. First published in the fall of 1949, *The Spear* remains largely unchanged in content and character today. Highlights from the first issue include:

- The arrival of new House Mom, Mrs. Agnes Hargreaves, who replaced Mrs. Ruby Powers following her marriage to CSU Athletics Director, Harry Hughes. You may recognize Hughes as the namesake of CSU’s now defunct football stadium at the foot of Horsetooth Reservoir.
- Campus leaders are SigEps — Roy Romer elected student body president.
- The announcement of SigEp’s Yule Tide Caroling at local sorority houses.
- The purchase of a new deep freezer for the house and plans to purchase a radio for the chapter.
- Marriages and engagements — ominously listed as, “Our brave and misinformed heroes,” and those, “[A]bout to take the fatal step into utter darkness.”
- A call to action for chapter alumni, “Alums, will you do your part?”
- A recap of intramural sports, including a “not-so-impressive” two wins in football, due to a lack of “sticky-fingered receivers.”

This slice of life from seven decades back is a fun example of how little things change over the years. But it is also a good reminder to reconnect with brothers of all ages. No matter how old and grizzled we may be today, there was a time when we all were those same young men, saving up for a radio.

*Note: Many exciting copies of The Spear have been digitally archived for posterity, and can be found at [www.csusigep.org/newsletters](http://www.csusigep.org/newsletters).*



## Colorado Gamma brings home the hardware

At February’s Carlson Leadership Academy in Dallas, Colorado Gamma was recognized by Sigma Phi Epsilon’s national body for several accomplishments on both the undergraduate and alumni level.

The chapter’s undergraduates were lauded for the strides they have taken in the recruitment of quality men and recognized with the Excelsior Award, which is presented to chapters that show significant improvement in a specific area of chapter operations. Upon award, SigEp Headquarters praised the dedication the chapter has shown to continued growth, saying in part:

“As a new chapter that had poor recruitment results the prior year, they realized they’d have to build a quality structure to bring in great men. Looking at their potential new member list, they mobilized the recruitment committee to have more personal interactions and built out strong recruitment standards to evaluate potential new members. Leaning on volunteers, the committee met weekly with their recruitment mentor to go

over their prospect list and looked outside the formal recruitment calendar to engage potential new members 365 days a year. With this new strategy, the brothers recruited 19 men in one semester, a huge improvement over 14 in the whole year.”

Also recognized was AVC Board Member **Mitch Christ**, '79, who was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for SigEp’s 23rd District. The Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded annually to a volunteer in each district who has given outstanding volunteer service that had a significant impact



**Mitch Christ**

on either the AVC or undergraduate chapter over the past year. Mitch was nominated for his tireless devotion to the difficult, and often thankless, task of overseeing the renovation, rental and reoccupation of the 121 E. Lake Street

facility. Mitch is a true asset to the AVC and an outstanding example of service above self.

Finally, longstanding Chapter Advisor **Todd Donovan, Oklahoma State '86**, was recognized for his contributions to Sigma Phi Epsilon at Colorado State, Wyoming and Oklahoma State with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award seeks to honor those who have shown devotion and productive service at the chapter, district, regional and/or national level for a minimum of 10 years. The recipients of these awards have produced positive, tangible and sustainable results for the betterment of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Todd has shown this in spades during his time spent working alongside our undergraduates and alumni alike.



**Todd Donovan**

Congratulations to all!

# CO Gamma mourns the loss of a Distinguished Alumnus

**Archie James Lind, '64**, was born on May 22, 1940, in Chicago. He graduated from Columbus (Neb.) High School in 1958, where he sang in the Choir and played sousaphone in the band. For those who knew him, it won't come as a surprise that his favorite subject was math! Because of this, Archie matriculated to CSU, where he would earn a combined degree in Civil and Electrical Engineering. Once on campus, he entered the Air Force ROTC program and pledged SigEp.

As an undergraduate, Archie was an excellent role model. He went out of his way to help others, he loved mentoring the new pledges, and he assisted any brother in need — offering good council, tutoring others, playing cards, or just engaging in the occasional prank. He took a genuine interest in people and was everyone's best friend.

After graduating in 1964, Archie went to work for Inland Steel, where he met Rosemary Schmidt; they would become life-long partners. They married in 1967 and celebrated 52 blessed years of marriage.

He studied for and received his Professional Engineer license, eventually holding licenses in Illinois, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Florida. Archie went on to earn his MBA in Computer Applications in 1975 from Loyola University of Chicago.

During his long career in the aviation industry, Archie put his mark on countless projects. In fact, it may be easier to list the airports he did not work on! He traveled globally and spoke at many international engineering conferences. Of note, Archie worked very closely with the TSA to enhance airport security. So, the next time you are stuck in the long line at TSA, you can thank Archie!

As United Airline's Senior Engineering Project Manager, he played a key role in the design and construction of Denver International Airport. It was the ultimate achievement of Archie's career. Today, you can see very visible evidence of his work when you pick up your luggage; Archie designed the "odd size" vertical baggage carousel for handling skis, snowboards and golf bags.

After 30 years with United, Archie left the friendly skies to become the Director of Aviation for Swanson Rink, where he oversaw the teams of engineers working out solutions for the aviation industry.

At an age when most people would choose to retire, Archie elected in 2003 to take the position of Vice President of Aviation of URS or

as it is known today, AEOM. He worked there until his death in 2019.

Archie was not all business, and he loved coaching his son Eric's soccer team. Once Eric started competitive soccer, Archie decided to become a certified United States Soccer Federation referee so he could referee his games, moving up the referee ladder from club level to high school matches. Archie's favorite hobby was building model radio-controlled airplanes. He also enjoyed skiing and the family fishing/camping trips to Steamboat Lake.

Arch served several terms on the Broomfield Planning and Zoning Commission. He was also an elected officer of the Broadland's Metropolitan District No.2.

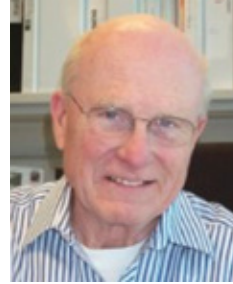
He joined Risen Savior Lutheran Church in 1992, where he served on the Board of Elders and the Building Committee for church expansion. He was one of the tenor voices in RSLC's acclaimed Chancel Choir as well as part of a Connect Group Bible Study.

Archie was always loyal to Colorado Gamma, and dedicated his time and talents as the Alumni Board Treasurer from the early 1990s through 2004. He is one of only three CSU SigEp alumni recognized as a **Distinguished Alumnus** (1999) by Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters for his dedication and commitment to CSU and SigEp. Archie continued to serve on the Board in different capacities until 2012, when he was appointed Director Emeritus.

Despite his accomplishments, Arch struggled daily with Parkinson's Disease. He passed away on December 24, 2019, after suffering a cardiac arrest the previous day.

Throughout his life Archie exemplified Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. He was an inspiration to all of us. Archie never forgot your name and always remained in touch; once you entered Archie's life, you never left. A good friend to his classmates and all young men he mentored throughout his decades of service to Colorado Gamma, Archie truly proved that SigEp fosters life-long friendships.

**Bryan Harmsen, '01**, longtime President of the AVC, said it best: "Little did I know when I met Archie, he would be one of the greatest inspirations in my life. As a SigEp Undergrad, I used to wake up early on Saturdays to meet Archie to work on house issues. In the process, he taught me so many things — to take ownership in everything that I do, to care for all the things in my life. After 22 years, Archie is still making me a better man."



**Feinberg feeling the freedom of the climb.**

## Manley Feinberg wants to build a better future

**Manley Feinberg, '23**, is a freshman studying marketing and entrepreneurship at CSU. In 2018, while still in high school, Manley started his own clothing line. He found success and experience building his own brand of clothing. He intends to make something of himself with the resources around him and with the people that support him.

This past year, he has started working on his new start-up with a fellow brother in the chapter, and they have named it "ÜNA." ÜNA will be a social media app for connecting musicians around the world to collaborate and create new music. When Manley isn't busy as an entrepreneur, he's out on adventures in nature with his fellow brothers or family. He is especially interested in mountain climbing and hiking for the feel of freedom. Manley is also currently serving as the VP of Recruitment in the Colorado Gamma chapter. He feels privileged to serve as an executive member within his chapter and believes that SigEp has

taught him to be a better communicator and a better leader.

Despite being just a freshman, he is ambitious and seeks to guide the chapter towards a better future with the balanced men he has recruited. He believes that those who join Sigma Phi Epsilon can learn invaluable skills that will benefit their futures both in their college careers and beyond.

## Even before COVID-19, this Brother was making a difference

With the coronavirus pandemic now a way of life, companies and institutions like our alma mater, CSU, are in a race to develop diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. Until then, we have to find ways to stop or slow the transmission of the disease.

Evidence shows that COVID-19 can remain alive for hours or even days on surfaces both hard and soft. In order to stop “surface to human transmission,” proper cleaning of surfaces must include disinfection. This is especially important in community environments with high traffic like airports, planes and malls. Common disinfectants contain harsh active ingredients like bleach, alcohol or hydrogen peroxide which are toxic to humans and corrosive to materials. Their long-term use creates additional problems for both consumers and businesses. One solution gaining attention comes from our own brother, **Bob Wulf**, '85, co-owner/creator of BioXco.



BioXco are the makers of “X-Ray Apron Cleaner” which was once a very niche product designed to reduce surgical infection rates by cleaning contaminated operating room X-Ray Aprons. But because BioXco has no harsh active ingredients, it is a non-toxic, non-corrosive alternative to conventional disinfectants that does not require special protection to use. It is safe for surfaces and people alike, so businesses around the world are now looking to BioXco to protect their investments and the general public.

While Bob is helping businesses through his work, his real passion is investing in his community and the people who live there. Throughout his adult life, he has worked with a number of faith-based community resources. He has also helped found, develop and lead two different Milwaukee non-profit companies, Community Warehouse and Partners in Hope.

Community Warehouse is a non-profit, faith-based provider serving people in the Milwaukee

community with affordable housing and construction/improvement materials. They partner with foundations, individuals, builders, contractors, manufacturers and retailers such as Home Depot and Lowes to provide the resources that are needed for rebuilding under-served sections of Greater Milwaukee. As a result, they have significantly improved the quality of life for those touched by their services.

Partners in Hope is a voluntary, faith-based prisoner reentry program that comprises an 18-month collaborative effort between volunteers from Milwaukee’s law enforcement, faith and business communities. The program builds mentoring relationships with the previously incarcerated to instill positive life skills and values.

Those who complete the program are able to live the life they once only dreamed of — a normal one. Most are free of addictions, have improved interpersonal skills, maintain sustainable employment, retain reliable transportation, and find stable housing. Program graduates break the terrible cycle of recidivism, allowing them to uplift not only themselves but those around them.

Bob is also a Volunteer Speaker, Mentor and Advocate for Leading Change. A collegiate scholars program designed to encourage and support outstanding students who are committed to applying their talents toward the alleviation of poverty in Africa. Leading Change “Scholars” receive personal guidance from the LC mentors throughout their college experience and work with other talented scholars and alumni through LC events held each semester.

Bob believes in making community involvement a family affair. Three times a year he and his wife Cherry take their four daughters to volunteer at Milwaukee’s Rescue Mission, where the girls learn first-hand how compassion, faith and a helping hand can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Bob says the most important thing they learn is that the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Now more than ever, we thank Bob for his efforts to better the world through his work and in keeping us safe as we navigate the challenges of COVID-19.



**Bob Wulf**

## Honoring a fallen brother

In honor of Memorial Day, Colorado Gamma celebrates all its alumni who have laid down their lives in service to our country. Among them is **Richard Lee Monfort**, '42.

Richard and his younger brother, **Kenneth**, '51, were sons of Greeley cattle feeder Warren Monfort.



Richard was a junior at Colorado A&M in Fort Collins when he enlisted in the Army in December 1942. During training, he married Viola Swanson of Greeley. Ultimately, he was deployed to England with the 8th Air Force’s 401st Bomb Group, 615th Squadron.

On Jan. 29, 1944, 2nd Lt. Richard Lee Monfort was the Navigator on a B-17 “Flying Fortress,” one of more than 800 U.S. bombers in a massive daylight raid on Frankfurt, Germany. Shortly after their plane dropped its bombs and turned away, a group of Messerschmitt fighters attacked the B-17. A rocket struck Monfort’s plane in the wing tanks, which caught fire. The plane was hit in the tail.

In the nose, bombardier Stanley Groski was firing the turret gun when the plane was hit, and the impact knocked him back into Monfort. Amid the chaos, the bailout order came. Groski later said he believed Monfort was wounded before they jumped. As they left the front of the plane, the Messerschmitts still were firing on the B-17.

On the ground, seven crew members were captured. The Germans took co-pilot Mitchell Woods to a village and told him that two dead members of the crew had landed there. He was shown their escape kits and watches, and a navigator’s map. Woods concluded the dead Americans included Monfort. The Germans refused to let Woods see the bodies.

Richard Monfort was buried in a French cemetery among thousands of graves. The United States Air Force posthumously awarded him both the Air Medal, for distinguished meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, and a Purple Heart Medal.

After the war, his family tried unsuccessfully to find and bring Richard’s body home. It was not until 1948 that his brother Kenny, then 20, flew to France to find Richard’s grave. He was accompanied by his SigEp roommate and future governor of Colorado, **Roy Romer**, '50. After bicycling through the French graveyard, they eventually found Richard’s grave. The family had Richard’s body exhumed and flown back to America, where he was buried at Linn Grove in the family plot.

We honor Richard and all our brothers who have fallen in the line of fire.

Source: [www.denverpost.com/frei/ci\\_23280034/frei-colorado-freedom-memorial-include-elder-monfort](http://www.denverpost.com/frei/ci_23280034/frei-colorado-freedom-memorial-include-elder-monfort) (05/20/2013)



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### MILESTONES

Colorado Gamma would like to congratulate the following brothers on their recent milestones:

- **Jensen Fair, '13**, and his wife, Mackenzie, for the birth of their first child, Sullivan.
- **Justin Gabriel, '11**, for his marriage to Alyssa (University of Colorado).
- **Ryan Garthright, '10**, for his engagement to Krista (University of Michigan). Wedding postponed due to COVID-19.
- **TJ Keller, '10**, and his wife, Britany, for the birth of their first child, Cohen.
- **Kevin Sjolin, '14**, and his wife, Kara (CSU Kappa Kappa Gamma), for the birth of their first child, Phoebe.
- **Eric Sutton, '10**, and his wife, Melanie, for the birth of their first child, Piper.
- **Mike Williams, '09**, and his wife, Jessica, for the birth of their second son, Clark.

Have you or a brother celebrated a recent milestone? Submit news to [communications@csusigep.org](mailto:communications@csusigep.org)

## Mark Your Calendars

### 2020 Sigma Phi Epsilon Colorado Area Tournament

Get the clubs out of storage and start practicing that short game because it's time to start planning for the 2020 SPECAT! For more than a quarter of a century, this annual tournament has provided a unique opportunity to meet SigEps from around the Rocky Mountain region to raise money for a great cause. Last year, the tournament raised more than \$4,200 for the Colorado Gamma RLC Fund. In addition to golf, there will be a luncheon and live auction hosted by Colorado Gamma alumnus and Emmy-award winning CBS4 journalist, **Jim Benemann, '78**.

The tournament will be held on Friday September 4th at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver. and will begin promptly at 8:30 AM with a shotgun start. Online registration is now open, and spots are filling up quickly; the field will be limited to the first 30 foursomes who sign up, so register early to ensure your spot in this year's event!

### SAVE THE DATE!

- What:** The 26th annual SPECAT
- Where:** Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, 4900 Himalaya Rd, Denver, CO 80249
- When:** Friday, September 4, 2020, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM MDT
- Cost:** Entry fee per player is \$150
- Contact:** Dave Madden, 2020 SPECAT Committee Chair, 720.218.0727, [dave.md.madden@gmail.com](mailto:dave.md.madden@gmail.com)
- Register:** [csusigep.org/calendar](http://csusigep.org/calendar)

