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Undergrads on upward trajectory; future looks bright

BY CONNON CLOHERTY, PRESIDENT

Colorado Gamma has had an exciting fall. Thanks to the outstanding work of our Recruitment Board, the chapter has grown from 16 members to 33 in just a few months. We have revitalized the Balanced Man Program and placed a heavy emphasis on the academic success of not only our new members, but the chapter at large. Our presence on campus has improved, with redoubled participation in campus programming and service events. Our intramural sports teams are gaining ground, as our flag football team advanced to the quarterfinals this season, and our soccer team factors to finish even better. Notably, we hosted our first philanthropy this semester, Buckets for Hope, which benefited the Murphy Center of Fort Collins, providing essential resources and advocacy for the homeless community here in our hometown. Throughout, we have strived

to foster the unique brotherhood characteristic of our fraternity.

We look forward to continuing this upward trajectory, and improving the areas in



Undergraduate brothers workout as a group.

which we have fallen short in the past. The support from our alumni has been outstanding, and we are incredibly thankful for their guidance throughout the process of rebuilding this chapter. The culmination of undergraduate determination and alumni knowledge has resulted in many successes. The undergraduate chapter has been granted access to 121 E. Lake as the current operational facility, and we plan on moving our new class of recruits and current brothers into the house beginning in the fall of 2020. It has been several years since SigEps inhabited the historic property, and we are thrilled to continue the legacy that has been part of our campus for so long. We have much more to accomplish, but the chapter is optimistic about the future.

Chapter gets a helping hand

BY DAN REAGAN

Managing a well-established fraternity chapter, whose ranks run 150 men deep, is difficult enough. Heck, joining a fraternity chapter and living up to its values, supporting your brothers, and growing through adversity, while pursuing your college degree is a challenge few are strong enough to face. You can imagine then just how enormous a task it is to build a fraternity chapter from scratch.

Now that Colorado Gamma is up and struggling, there's the issue of establishing chapter programming. As difficult as managing a fraternity chapter can be, putting into place the framework for a completely new chapter is even harder.

That is why headquarters has provided us with one of its best — Regional Director and Volunteer Specialist (RDVS) **Connor Kreider** — for one year, free of charge. Connor will be onsite, working directly with the chapter and AVC. He will split his time between four chapters, including Colorado State, the University of Iowa, Ohio State, and Purdue.



Connor Kreider

The RDVS program provides intensive, hands-on service to a small number of chapters for a defined time period. The position was created to ensure the immediate and long-term success of new chapters as well as chapters navigating through significant culture change. The position is filled by past regional directors or recently graduated students with an outstanding track record of helping chapters achieve top-tier, Buchanan Cup level operations that ensure that the chapter is a valued and trusted part of the campus community.

Connor is a University of Maine graduate, where he majored in computer engineering and served his chapter as Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Member Development, and Phi Challenge Coordinator. He plans to have a career in network engineering, and in his free time, Connor enjoys soccer, reading and hiking.

AVC call for volunteers

As the undergraduate chapter of Colorado Gamma reestablishes itself at Colorado State, the continued support of our alumni base will be critical to maintaining their momentum.

To this end, the Alumni Volunteer Corporation is looking for volunteers of all kinds. While we gratefully make use of the time and talents of all those wanting to support the chapter, we are particularly in search of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or financial advisor to handle the routine financial work of the chapter, complete tax returns, and advise on high-level business and tax decisions for the AVC. If you have any interest or know a brother who may be a good fit, please contact Mitch Christ at mitch.christ@gmail.com.



Colorado Gamma Alumni and spouses tour 121 E. Lake Street at Founders Day Tailgate, Nov. 2, 2019.

Tailgates welcome alumni back

For the first time since shuttering the chapter in 2014, Colorado Gamma played host to two official tailgate parties this fall. These open house events, which coincided with Homecoming on October 5, and Founders Day on November 2, also offered many of our alumni the opportunity to tour the renovated chapter facility at 121 E. Lake Street.

Our Homecoming event took place in advance of Colorado State's matchup against the San Diego State Aztecs and drew approximately 40 alumni and friends to the SigEp house. Later in the season, the CSU Rams took on the UNLV Rebels and SigEp alumni and active members were on hand to cheer them on and celebrate the 118th anniversary of the founding of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

As the undergraduate chapter continues to grow, these types of events offer a great opportunity for them to meet their predecessors and reengage those brothers who have lost contact with SigEp. In future years, we look forward to hosting more tailgates at the chapter facility — something which will hold even greater significance when the chapter reoccupies the house next year.

Patriots Project honors CO Gamma veteran

The SigEp Patriots Project is a group of alumni who have undertaken the responsibility of remembering those members of Sigma Phi Epsilon who have fought to defend this country, all too often making the ultimate sacrifice in the process. They share daily stories on Facebook and commit themselves to ensuring the memory of all our brave brothers in the armed forces.

On October 6th, 2019, the SigEp Patriots Project dedicated a special post to Brother **Bruce Cardy, Colorado State '64**. The text of that post follows.

Brothers,

Today, the SigEp Patriots Project (SPP) honors the life, service & ultimate sacrifice made for our freedoms by Bruce Cardy. Based on research to-date by SPP, Bruce was the 38th brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) Fraternity killed in action during the Vietnam War. Please share this post to stand with SPP to ensure that Brother Cardy is never forgotten.

In 1969, Vietnam War Veteran & Colorado Gamma Brother Captain Bruce Cardy, U.S. Air Force, 27, was killed in action while piloting his C-130B (Hercules) near Quang Tin, Vietnam. Bruce was serving with the 774th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing, 7th Air Force and on the 15th month of his tour.

The class of 1964 graduate from Colorado State University (CSU) was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation through the Air Force ROTC program there, and Brother Cardy was initially stationed in Great Falls, Montana, as a launch control officer of Minuteman missiles for 3-1/2 years. He received his wings at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, in 1968, and later that year began his combat tour in Vietnam.

Bruce is remembered on Panel W17, Line 44 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — "The Wall" — in Washington, D.C., and by the "Bruce L. Cardy Memorial Scholarship" established at CSU.

His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Brother Cardy was cremated, and his ashes were scattered by Air Force planes in the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area, Colorado. You can pay your respects at the memorial marker at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, and at his family's headstone at Steamboat Springs Cemetery, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.



Skyler Hochmuth looks forward to the future

Skyler Hochmuth — Big Daddy Sky, to his brothers — is a senior studying biomedical engineering and chemical biological engineering at CSU. After becoming President of the CSU Synthetic Biology Club, Skyler went on to obtain a research position at the Translational Medicine Institute. He intends to work in the pharmaceutical field and eventually go on to graduate school. When he isn't studying or working, he enjoys spending time skateboarding and playing intramural sports with his chapter brothers. Throughout his time at CSU, no single experience has been more impactful than his involvement in Sigma Phi Epsilon. His favorite memories with SigEp have been spending time with his brothers watching football games. Nothing has meant more



Skyler Hochmuth hits the slopes.

to him than being a part of something bigger than himself. Putting work into restoring an organization from the ground up has taught him virtue, diligence, and an unconditional love for his brothers. He looks forward to the future of the Colorado Gamma chapter at CSU.

Brother Halbrook's work touches lives across the globe

Tim Halbrook, '82, was appointed Chief Engineer for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company in Denver.

Tim joined the Colorado Gamma chapter in 1979 and graduated in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation, Tim joined Martin Marietta — which was later renamed to Lockheed Martin in 1997 — as a mechanical designer.

Over his 38-year career with Lockheed, Tim has participated in many satellite builds with varying levels of responsibility. Many of these missions have been contracted with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Goddard Space Flight Center. Each of these unique and exciting missions was directed to explore deep space and unlock the mysteries of our solar system. Tim participated in several of these missions to include: the Mars Global Surveyor, the Mars Climate Orbiter, the Mars Polar Lander, Mars Odyssey, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, the Phoenix lander, MAVEN, the JUNO mission to Jupiter, and the Lucy mission to the Trojan Asteroids. Over the past three decades, each of these missions has contributed to thrilling discoveries and advanced our understanding of our neighboring worlds. The discovery of water ice on Mars, the understanding that liquid water flows on the

surface of Mars, and a detailed understanding of how Mars lost its atmosphere are only a few of these advancements. Each has been a stepping stone in Martian exploration where the next generation of spacecraft will look for the building blocks of life or life itself. JUNO has provided an unprecedented and up-close look at the largest planet in our solar system and Lucy will unlock secrets related to the formation of our solar system.

Tim has also contributed to the deployment of national space assets that are serving our community today. From 2011 to 2015, Tim led the production efforts of the GPS III satellite which are being deployed into a 24-vehicle constellation today. In his role as the manager of the Assembly, Integration and Test effort, Tim led the development of an assembly line for these satellites. Satellites that will touch lives across the globe by providing increased navigational accuracy and distributing time for everything from cell phones, to farming, to banking. Today, Tim is the Director and Chief Engineer for Lockheed's Military Support Program.



Tim also served 15 years as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy. In this capacity, Tim supported the Pacific Fleet in Hawaii, counter-drug operations in the Caribbean, counter-terrorism efforts in Europe, and force protection efforts on the Korean peninsula. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Tim was

recalled to active duty and provided direct support to Operations Nobel Eagle and Iraqi Freedom as an intelligence watch commander deployed to NORAD/USSPACECOM. Tim has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Services Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Joint Services Achievement Medal, and holds numerous unit and theater citations. He also holds NASA's Exceptional Public Service Medal and Exceptional Public Achievement Medal. In 1990 Tim received a master's degree in systems management from Denver University.

Today, Tim lives in Lakewood, Colorado, with his wife, Arleen, and their two golden retrievers. They have one son, Jack, who graduated from the University of Kansas and now lives and works in Kansas City, Missouri.

Invest your knowledge in the next generation

Hello SigEp Brothers,

I'm Ryan Garthright, a volunteer for Colorado Gamma SigEp. I'm writing because we could use your talents in one of two ways, (1) sharing your expertise or (2) mentoring an Executive Board member.

Sharing your expertise

What do you wish you knew as an undergrad that you could share with today's brothers? This would be done either at a chapter or a challenge meeting every 1-3 years. Topics could include: graduate/law/medical school, starting/selling a business, buying a home, military service, family, work, finances, involvement in politics, coaching, postgrad life, etc.

Mentoring an e-board member

Today's model of volunteering is a bit different from when you were there. We still have the AVC, but now we have a mentor group dedicated to the success of the undergraduate chapter operation. Our mentor group has been full for two years and we would like to keep



it that way. Each mentor has an undergrad VP who they assist.

This role would require three hours a month. One hour for a mentor group call, two 30-minute calls with your undergrad VP, and one hour of digital follow up — research, emails, etc. You wouldn't be required to travel to Fort Collins although that would be a bonus. Our mentors are actively engaging the VPs, not just standing by as a resource.

Let me know if you're ready to give back in either of these ways. The undergrads have asked for more facetime with alumni. I'm planning on sending emails like this regularly to gauge your interest and connect.

Fraternally,

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Keep your email
up to date!

As Colorado Gamma and the Alumni Volunteer Corporation continues moving to a digital distribution model, it is more important than ever to ensure your information is up to date. If you haven't already, visit us online and update your contact information at csusigep.org/alum-update. Also, be sure to adjust your spam filters to allow for periodic communications from the AVC and Colorado Gamma.



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2019 SPECAT golf raises thousands for RLC fund

BY DAVE MADDEN

On yet another picture perfect Colorado morning, 43 players made the turn at the Todd Creek Golf Club in Thornton, Colo., at the 25th annual SPE Alumni Golf Tournament. Thanks to all of those players who participated this year, and special thanks to Alumni Board member **John Clark** for his presentation on current activities at 121 E. Lake St. This year's tournament raised \$4,225 for the Colorado Gamma RLC Fund, which is administered by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in Richmond, Va., 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, Joe Boatright, Brad Brady, Mark Cousins, Jeff Croll, Jerre Dixon, Ken Floerke, Chris Herring, Larry Lowrey, Dave Madden, Chuck Manley, Tom Masters, Chris McConnell, Doug Nutt, Rick Pilgrim, Rick Platz, Dan Reagan, Phil Shepardson, Jim Vetting, Bob Wulf, and Ed Zorn.**

A highlight from this year's annual auction, held during the post tournament luncheon, was a generous donation of a full day guided fly fishing trip for four from Brother **Rod Brubacher**. Thank you Rod! Once again, Master of Ceremonies, Jim Benemann, did an outstanding job auctioning off



Congratulations go to this year's winning team: Kevin Briggs, Sam Herrin, Ben Ingalls and Tyler Burke.

some other incredibly fabulous gifts which were donated by tournament participants. Thanks to all those brothers who participated with their gifts and/or their bidding.

Next year will be the 26th annual SPECAT and we're hoping for a record number of participants as well as another rowdy and raucous auction! Look for additional details in upcoming SPEAR editions.

Finally, congratulations to this year's winning team. **Tyler Burke, Kevin Briggs, Sam Herrin and Ben Ingalls.** Their winning score was an impressive 59, which was 13 under par. Nicely done!