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Colorado Gamma
Chapter



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You Are a Part of Our Past; Become Part of Our Future

Dear Brothers,

I write this as we have just celebrated our 100th anniversary of Colorado Gamma at Colorado State University. It's hard to imagine that 100 years ago the members of Tau Alpha were being initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon and now we are one of the oldest fraternities on the CSU campus.

The next time you visit the Fort Collins, you will be amazed. The renovation of 121 East Lake Street is in full swing and construction has started on the Universities new on-campus stadium, which will be only five blocks west of our house.

Colorado Gamma, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Colorado State University are on an unprecedented roll of good will and enthusiasm.

Through out the 145-year history of CSU there has never been this level of activity around campus. The reputation, influence, educational mission and good publicity at CSU are at a fever pitch. With more than 150 programs of study in eight colleges, Colorado State University offers a world-class education at one of the nation's top research universities.

The house renovation and reconstruction of 121 East Lake Street will play a big part in the future student life at CSU. The



AI Hornung, '61, speaks with Brian Warren, CEO of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Billy Maddalon, National Director, at the Centennial Anniversary Celebration.

Residential Learning Community elements being embedded in the renovations will provide Colorado Gamma the competitive edge it requires to make its RLC program one of the most distinctive in the country.

The academics, college experience and student involvement make CSU one of the nations top universities. We have a

lot of reasons to feel a tremendous pride about being CSU alumni. We want each and every one of you to be a part of this great story. Participation of Alumni and friends of CSU has risen to the greatest percentage ever! In the past five year, it has

Jim Benemann and the boys at the construction tour during the Centennial Anniversary Celebration.



risen from 7.1% to 10.4%; and you should want to be included.

Out of 1,552 alumni solicited, only 160 have participated in the campaign to date. To reach our goal of 25% participation, we need an additional 228 to step up and support the future of Colorado Gamma. If each of these brothers would average a pledge of \$1,850 we would make our goal. Your pledge can be spread over four years, making your annual payments less than \$500.

You are part of our past so make your pledge today and become pat of our future. Enclosed are a pledge form and return envelop for your convenience or simply visit our website at www.csusigep.org/online-giving/.

Sincerely,
AI Hornung

Director, Red Door House Corporation

Construction Status

BY MITCH CHRIST

We assembled the design and construction team in October 2014 and commenced with the Planning and Zoning process with the City of Fort Collins. The conceptual project budget was \$2.1M and a goal for fund raising of \$1.25M from the Colorado Gamma alumni with a 25% participation rate.

As we progressed through the design phase of the project during the spring of 2015 we experienced “scope growth” as a result of:

- Incorporation of Fort Collins Land Use code and other City requirements for widened public sidewalks, site drainage improvements, additional landscaping, etc.
- Detailed engineering of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems
- Initial subcontractor pricing showing significant construction cost increases in Northern Colorado

Considering anticipated cash-flows and debt service capabilities, the overall budget authorized by the Board was \$2.7M and the fund raising goal was raised to \$1.6M.

To arrive at a Guaranteed Maximum Price with the General Contractor, the final design had to incorporate many value engineering decisions and defer some work for a later phase. Contingencies and FF&E (furniture, fixtures & equipment) allowances were cut to bare minimums.

We completed asbestos abatement in May and commenced with demolition in June of 2015 with project completion slated for May 2016. Subsequent to completion of

demolition, several unanticipated additional cost have been incurred including:

- Extensive structural rehabilitation of the floors under the bathrooms and the walk-in cooler
- Total removal of all the existing hardwood flooring in the entry and dining Room due to asbestos abatement (originally anticipated to be refinished)
- Demo and rework of the kitchen stoop and west side drainage
- Remove portion of abandoned water line in Remington St.
- Replacement or refurbishment of the front columns found to have significant rot

The good news is that we have raised \$1.18M with our Colorado Gamma alumni—many thanks to all who have made commitments to this exciting project! However, our participation rate is only 6%. We need to increase our alumni participation and reach our fund raising goal of \$1.6M to ensure our financial success with the project and minimize our long term debt. If you have not yet contributed, **now is the time to step up and support this important project!** Your contribution will not only upgrade and expand our beloved 121 E. Lake, but it will preserve our SigEp legacy at CSU for generations to come.

Check out more progress photos at CSUSigEp.org and if you want a construction tour contact Mitch Christ at mitch.christ@gmail.com.



Rebuilding Campaign Receives its First Honor Donation

Brother Larry Tew, '58, is being honored by a \$2,500 donation in his name.

Larry has been an excellent brother, mentor and a great inspiration to many of us. He has inspired us to pursue our goals with sincerity and dedication. Larry has proven that honesty and hard work will not only make you successful in business but a valued member of the community.

Larry lived these principles throughout his time as an undergraduate. He joined Sigma Phi Epsilon his first semester, was elected Freshman Class President, played guard for four years on the varsity football team, was in the Forestry Club, served as Program Chairman of the Student Union Board, President of the Activities Council, was an active member of the New Student Union Planning Board, granted membership to the A Club (Letterman Service Club), named a CSU Peacemaker (Senior honor for service to the University), member of Xi Sigma Phi (International Honor society for Forestry), and Omicron Delta Kappa (National Honor Society).

Honor a fellow brother who has made an impact in your life. Your gift will ensure that Colorado Gamma continues to foster outstanding scholars, campus leaders.

Visit www.CSUSigEp.org/giving and enter the brother you wish to honor. Once your gift/pledge is received, the Alumni Board of Directors will send a letter to the honoree acknowledging your gift and their impact on a fellow brothers life.



Brothers tour the progress of construction in the new library during the Centennial Anniversary Celebration.

Brothers Gather to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Colorado Gamma

Brothers young and old came from around the world to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Colorado Gamma's founding at Colorado State during this year's homecoming dinner. **Bill McBride, '50**, and **Chuck Simon, '54**, were among the earliest classes to attend and **Karl Weber, '10**, and **Mitch Snow, '13**, youngest classes to attend. **Gary Halley, '60**, came all the way from Thailand. The house heart, the Buchanan Cup and many other historical items from house archives were on display for everyone to enjoy during the cocktail hours before brother **Jim Benemann, '74**, entertained everyone as he hosted the evening Ceremonies.

Our **fatefully** Campaign Chairman **Al Hornung, '61**, gave everyone an update on the campaigns progress. Awards were presented to **Gary Halley, '60**, for his life long support of the university and the Red Door Corporation, **John Clark, '65**, and



Al Hornung, '61, presents the **Distinguished Alumni Award** to **Gary Halley, '60**.

Chad Ellington, '99, for their selfless work and dedication to the rebuilding campaign.

It is with great honor that we announce that brother **Gary Halley, '60**, received this year's Distinguished Alumni Award from Colorado State University Alumni Association. For his instrumental role in transforming Colorado State University's College of Business Financial Data Lab into one of the nations most modern laboratories, with the latest state-of-the-art technologies.

Lindsay Sell, CSU Director Fraternity & Sorority Life, spoke about the status of Greek life on campus and how much the University is looking forward to the return of Colorado Gamma in 2018.

Kelly Anne Zielinski from the Culture & Climate Connection presented the process of facilitation and where leadership is heading in the world.

We were honored to have **Billy Maddalon**, Sigma Phi Epsilon National Director, **Matt Parrish**, Director of Advancement, and **Brian Warren**, the



Colorado Gamma brothers gather at the Homecoming tailgate.

CEO Sigma Phi Epsilon, in attendance.

Brother Warren presented a "Proclamation of Recognition" to Colorado Gamma for its many national awards it has received over the past 100 years and to formally record Sigma Phi Epsilon's commitment to the re-establishment of Colorado Gamma at Colorado State University. He wants all the Colorado Gamma Alumni to know that SigEp believes that the results of the work Colorado Gamma is doing is going to provide an experience that is going to be emulated not only within SigEp, but the Colorado State Greek community and by other fraternities around the country."

Brother Warren also spoke on how Sigma Phi Epsilon has modernized over time but how its mission has not changed. The fraternity is a place to cultivate life long relationships, how to understand and develop healthy relationships, a laboratory for leadership development, a place to practice the skills you need to know when you graduate, all of which will allow its members to become valued members of society.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is currently the largest undergraduate fraternity in the nation, has 320,000 members with 15,000 undergraduates on 230 campuses. Offers more undergraduate programming than any national organization with new member orientation, several leadership programs and is the only one to offer career and professional development programming.

To see the complete video of Brother Warren's presentation in its entirety go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo6-iEiL1_k.

Mitch Christ, '79, RDC Director and Construction Chairman presented an update on construction. You can read more about the construction in Mitch's article on page 2.

On Saturday morning close to 200 brothers enjoyed the breakfast buffet at the Wild Boar before touring the house. Everyone was amazed by the progress that has been made. The library is a wonderful addition to the house and the entire interior is being replaced, all new utilities and each room will have its own heating and air conditioning. Brothers made new acquaintances as they toured the house and everyone exchanged remembrances about living in the house.

After the tours everyone gathered again at Hughes Stadium for the tailgate party and BBQ lunch. All of Aggieville turned out for the game as Hughes Stadium was sold out for the Air Force game. In case you did not hear, CSU won 38-23.

The festivities did not end with the game, brothers **Alan Braden, '74**, and **Claude "Smitty" Smith, '72**, arranged for the SigEp's to have a private room at Taps Sports Bar for post-game dinner and drinks.

A heart felt note of thanks goes out to brother **Bryan Harmsen, '01**, for all of his hard work over the past year, putting together the Centennial Celebration. It was a wonderful experience and everyone had a marvelous time.



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160 brothers have made gifts and pledges totaling \$1.18M

Brothers who have given or pledged \$1,000 or more are listed below.* We are very grateful to all alumni and friends supporting the project.

121 Founders Society (\$250,000+)

Anonymous brother

121 Society (\$50,000+)

Gary B. Halley '60
In honor of CSU College of Business and Veterans and Pioneers of America

Brett and Don Rutledge '61
Chad M. Ellington '99

Red Door Society (\$25,000+)

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
Trevor E. Armstrong '99
Anonymous brother

Sword & Heart Society (\$15,000+)

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
Bryan A. Harmsen '01

Brotherly Love Club (\$10,000+)

Robert L. Warner '58
Jerry B. Smith '59
Robert I. Frey '65
Norm G. Warner '65
Roger A. Williamson '66
Jerre W. Dixon '67
Donald R. Larrick '73
In Memory of Louise G. Larrick

Tom Livingston '79
Daniel S. Reagan '82
Milt Karavites '85
Tony Mauro '99

Virtue & Diligence Club (\$5,000+)

Robert Allen '58
Ken Davis '59
Paul F. Budin '60
Henry Rice '60
James Berke '62
Wesley A. Segelke '62
R. Larry Grauberger '65
In Memory of Garry Saylor '58
Edward Zorn '69
Curtis Barnett '72
Brad Bischoff '73
Mike De Chadenedes '74
Bere Neas '76

Don Morgan '77
Rick Pilgrim '77
Peter Leonard '78
David Beck '78
Brian M. Cuje '80
Mike Carter '82
Clark D. Johnson '83
Darin L. Layman '83
Ken W. McLagan '83
Chris Johnson '84
Brian Donovan '85
Chris Lonigro '02
Mike Flemming '03
Mark Sloan '04

Flower Dance Club (\$2,500+)

Larry Morgan '59
Archie Lind '64
Terry Soby '69
David R. Madden '79
David Willhite '80
TJ Gordon '87
John Hughes '89
Ben Homan '91
Bijah Gibson '11
James Stuart '11

Balanced Man Club (\$1,000+)

Willard L. Walker '49
In Memory of Warren Breniman '49
Donald H. Hoch '50
William G. McBride '50

Jesse E. Williams '50
In Memory of Mom Powers, 1946-1949

Eugene A. Miller '51
J. Marvin Willhite '52
Lt. Col. Chuck Simon '54
Fred Kupilik '56
Fred Woll '56
Richard Leonard '56
Victor Weed '58
Paul Jennings '58
Harold Kinney '58

In Memory of Darrell Hatcher '58

Gerland Lindgren '59
Darryl Williams '60
Jim Hindman '61
In Memory of John P. Tromly '61

Joseph P. Marcus '61
Palamon Hornung '61
Susan and Roger Brandt '62
Victor Bird '62
Randolph McMurry '62
Bill Bennett '63
In Memory of Don Johnson '64, former Exec. Director of SigEp national fraternity

Bruce Bergstrom '63
Brian Etheridge '63
Jim P. Gleason '64
Gregory D. Hammill '64
Robert Shanks '64
James H. Barkley '65
Richard D. Curnow '65
C.W. Smith '65

Bruce W. Clough '66
In Memory of Larry and Marge Clough

James Goettl '67
Jack Welch '67
Ron Zastrow '67
Doug Nutt '68
Carlton Smith '73
Robert Welanetz '75
William Chapman '76
Richard D. Sherback '76
In Memory of Michael Aris Pappas '77

Willie E. Burgess III '77
Gilbert Gehle '78
Mark Hoven '78
Larry Law '78
Jeffrey Croll '79
Troy Giesler '79
John Sprengle '79
Brian Croll '82
Terry McKellips '85
Bill Swint '87
In Memory of Steve Elsen '87

Drew Lang '90
Todd Lang '92
Dan Foote '01
Ross A. Hendrix '07
Neil Thompson '09
Ryan Garthright '10
Karl R. Weber '11
Elliot A. Tucker '13
Quinn A. Booth '14
Jesse Weiner '14

* Contributors as of 11/4/2015