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## 121 E Lake St Construction is Underway

BY MITCH CHRIST, '79

We closed our construction loan on June 12th and began asbestos abatement on June 15th. A special thanks to Campaign Chairman **Al Hornung, '61**, and Campaign Treasurer **Bryan Harmsen, '01**, for the years of work on this project that allowed us to begin construction.

The construction crew completed demolition of the house down to the brick shell and bare studs, and construction is now underway. The library addition is now framed out and the house will be very far along for our construction walk-throughs at the **Centennial Homecoming on October 17th**.

Renovation of a pre-war building like 121 E. Lake always carries the significant risk of discovering unknown problems. We are very pleased to share that no major surprises have been encountered and we've had no schedule disruptions that can't be made up during the remainder of construction.

We should have the Library addition framed and dried by the October 17th Centennial Homecoming construction tours.

Completing the 121 E Lake St renovation in 2016 is a truly exciting milestone and ensures the Colorado Gamma chapter will have a great home for decades to come, upon the chapter's return in just two years. Make sure you schedule this time to be in Fort Collins and come tour the construction project!



Brother Tom Livingston, '79, during a visit to 121 E Lake last summer to check on progress.



Campaign Chairman  
Al Hornung, '61

## 100 years Centennial Homecoming October 16-17th

BY BRYAN HARMSEN, '01

Our long-awaited Centennial Homecoming is weeks away. This will be a weekend to remember with an unprecedented celebration of SigEp's 100 year history at Colorado State.

Event registration includes our SigEp Alumni Awards dinner at the Fort Collins Marriott on Friday evening, continental breakfast and 121 E Lake St. construction tours on Saturday morning, and a catered tailgate at Hughes Stadium before the Air Force Homecoming Football game.

Rams football tickets in the reserved SigEp rows at Hughes Stadium are also available online at [www.CSURams.com](http://www.CSURams.com) (Promo Code SIGEP100) or by calling 970-491-RAMS.

See who is going and Register today at:  
[www.CSUSigEp.org/Centennial](http://www.CSUSigEp.org/Centennial)

**Friday, 6-9 PM** – Centennial Alumni Awards dinner and program at the Fort Collins Marriott

**Saturday, 9-11 AM** – 121 E Lake Street Construction Tours and continental breakfast

**Saturday, 11:30 AM-1:15 PM** – Catered tailgate party and program at Hughes Stadium

**Saturday, 1:30 PM** – Air Force vs. CSU Rams football at Hughes Stadium

Don't miss this tremendous chance to get back to Fort Collins, catch up with a lot of SigEp brothers, meet brothers from other eras, and check out the amazing progress on our 121 E Lake Street full renovation. We must confirm final numbers by Oct 1st. Please rally the brothers from your class and register today, to join the 50+ brothers and guests already registered, at [www.CSUSigEp.org/Centennial](http://www.CSUSigEp.org/Centennial). We'll see you Oct 16-17th and GO RAMS!

**HURRY!! CENTENNIAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRI, OCT 9TH**

## Great turnout for 2015 SPECAT Golf, in memory of Brother Mike Pappas

60 players made the turn at Broadlands Golf Course in this years Mike Pappas, '77, SPE Alumni Tournament. Special guests included Mike's daughter Alexis, sister Pam and Mike's mother. This year's tournament raised \$2,500 for the Co Gamma and will go towards rebuilding and the house scholarship program.

The winners at the 2015 SPECAT Golf Tournament "Decade Dual" were:

**1st place:** Tyler Burke, '14, Sam Herra, '09, Tripp Lester, '13, Vance Connolly, '12      **2nd place:** Greg Whitson, '88, Tom Krause, '88, Terrance Smith, '85, Craig Smeton, '87      **3rd place:** Dan Hansen, '85, Mike Dieveney, '85, Mike Dunahay, '85, Tim Griffin, '86

Other winners included Long Drives – Brian Hebert, '87, Craig Smeton, '87; Closest to pin – Larry Kobilca, '68, Todd Erber, '87; Longest Putt – B Cochran, '07.

Looking at this score board it makes you wonder if the 80s brothers went to class or golf camp! Let's all thank brothers Jerre Dixon, '67, Larry Kobilca, '68, and Tom Krause, '88, for all their hard work on putting together this year tournament.

## Michael Williams, '10, launches campaign for Colorado House of Representatives



Margaret Thomas (Campaign Communications Director); Joy Hoffman (Chair of the Arapahoe County GOP); Cameron Acres, '11 (Campaign Finance Director); Michael Williams, '10; Steve House (Chair of the State GOP); Jordan Gascon (Field Director for the RNC); Jack Cutter (Field Director for the RNC); Jeremy Branting, '11 (Campaign Coordinator) at the Arapahoe County Lincoln Day Dinner August 28th.

BY MICHAEL WILLIAMS, '10

In the fall of 2006, the day I first walked through the red door at 121 E. Lake Street, SigEp became an important part of my life. I owe my success as a naval officer to SigEp. I owe my new career in an urban planning firm to SigEp. And finally, my successes thus far as a candidate for Colorado House District 38 are directly influenced by my experiences and friendships made in SigEp.

Since April 2015, I have been a candidate for a district I was born and raised in. Although the election is well over a year away, my campaign team has been working tirelessly. My finance director, Cameron Acres, '11, is a SigEp brother. My campaign coordinator, Jeremy Branting, '11, is a

SigEp. And my campaign manager, Andrew Dibala, '11, is a SigEp.

SigEp was more, and is more, than a social fraternity. It sets a standard for leadership, establishes strong bonds between members, and is a catalyst for ambition. The day I announced my candidacy, Cameron, Andy and Jeremy didn't hesitate to volunteer—I didn't have to ask them either. Although this election is first and foremost about the residents of District 38, I could not have gotten this far without the help and support of my SigEp brothers.

I look forward to the challenges the next several months will bring and I am proud to be a SigEp. Please keep up with my campaign at [www.votemikewilliams.com](http://www.votemikewilliams.com).



## Catching up with Jerry Byron Smith

We recently had the pleasure of catching up with Jerry Byron Smith, '59, and we want to share with you the many accomplishments of this tremendous brother. Jerry has strong memories of his SigEp days and is a generous donor to the Campaign for Colorado Gamma – 121 E. Lake St. renovation.

Jerry was born and raised in Longmont, Colorado, where he led Longmont High School to their first 5A State championship. While at Colorado State University he was President of Colorado Gamma, lettered in football at CSU as a sophomore and wrestled on the varsity team.

He entered the US Air Force in 1959, flew 1,600 tactical combat support sorties in Vietnam in '67-'68. Assigned to USAF Academy in 1970, he spent 12 years as a Computer Science instructor, installed 5 major computer systems, and retired as Deputy Chief of Staff Computer Resources.

Over his Air Force career, he accrued over 7,000 hours of flying time as a pilot, Instructor pilot and Flight examiner. Jerry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship, and a large number of other Air Force and Vietnam medals.

Jerry retired from the Air Force in August of 1982 and worked as a defense/commercial contractor for 23 years, serving as VP of Operations at Inco Inc., McDonnell Douglas Electronics Systems Company, SSDS, Inc., and OTS, Inc. In 1992 Jerry went back to work again, this time overseeing a project to install large fiber optic networks at the Air Force Academy and other locations.

Jerry and his wife Carolyn have been married 56 years. They have traveled extensively, climbed 20 14,000-footers, and biked throughout Colorado and Europe. Some of Jerry's favorite memories are two helicopter ski trips in Canada with his children.



(L to R): Rick Pilgrim, '77, Chuck Manley, '76, and Mike Pappas, '77

**Michael A. Pappas, '77**  
**JUN 11, 1953 – JUL 12, 2015**

BY DAVE MADDEN, '79

Sad news for Colorado Gamma SigEp's as one of our beloved brothers, **Michael A. Pappas** lost his painful, heroic battle to a degenerative nerve disease this past month. During his time at 121 East Lake, "Mikey" or "PP" was always a willing participant in every activity that being a SigEp had to offer, and no one embraced that lifestyle more than Mike.

A highlight for both Mike and the chapter was his tenure as Golden Heart Rush Chairman ... a "tasty" time to be sure. Following college, as the years went by Mikey was constantly looking for ways to get the Bro's back together for a little chaos and a good time. Whether it was a tail-gater for a Rams game, a round of golf, or a road trip to a Bowl game, Mikey was always the first to say "Hey ... let's do it!" No surprise, he never failed to find old buddies to join him. Those good times, along with Brother Pappas, will be sorely missed.

Evidence of his impact on SigEp was the more than two dozen brothers who attended his funeral. He was a good man and we are all the better for having known him.

**Dacre F. Dunn, '41 • JUN 30, 1917 – JUL 4, 2015**



On Saturday, July 4th, Colorado Gamma's oldest living alumnus, **Dacre F. Dunn, '41**, passed away from natural causes in Grand Junction, Colorado.

He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and SigEp brothers.

Dacre Franklin Dunn was born in Monte Vista, Colorado and grew up in the San Luis Valley. He graduated from Colorado State University with a BA in

**Joseph F. Phelps, '51 • NOV 12, 1927 – APR 15, 2015**

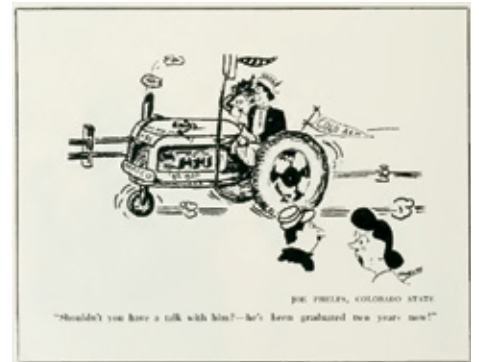
**Joseph Phelps** was born Nov. 12, 1927, in Maysville, Missouri. His parents, Nita and Hensel Phelps, were farmers, but in 1936, in the midst of the Depression, they moved to Greeley, Colo., where Hensel Phelps started a construction company to support the family.

Joseph Phelps graduated from Colorado A & M in 1951 with a degree in construction management. While in college, Mr. Phelps met Barbara Ann Babcock, whom he would marry and have four children. Upon graduating he served three years as a Naval Officer in the Pacific during the Korean War.

In the 1950s and '60s he successfully expanded his father's small local firm into a nationally prominent construction company. He took over the company in 1957 and served as president and general manager until 1975. In 1966 he established a branch office in the San Francisco Bay Area so he could pursue his interest in making wine and, in 1973, he established the Joseph Phelps Vineyards.

In 1974 he decided to make a "proprietary blended" wine from the noble varieties, no one had ever blended quality varieties before. He named it Insignia and it was the first of its kind, leading the way for such giants as Dominus, Rubicon and Napa Valley's flagship blend, Opus One.

Brother Phelps is survived by his son Bill, three daughters, Leslie Phelps, Laurie



The February 1950 issue of the *SigEp Journal* featured a cartoon by undergraduate brother **Joseph Phelps, '51**

Anderson and Lynn Finch; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Philo L. Thompson, '98 • JAN 27 1976 - MAY 26, 2015**



Philo joined Colorado Gamma in spring of 1995. He held a number of positions in the fraternity including VP of Finance. Graduating in 1998, he worked for SigEp headquarters as Regional Director of the Southwest region. Philo spent a number of years at KPMG as a senior consultant before returning to Colorado. He was involved in a number of entrepreneurial ventures while working with a Denver non-profit centered on helping homeless men get back on their feet.

Philo passed away on May 26, 2015 and he was remembered by SigEp HQ past staff at the 54th Grand Chapter necrology in Nashville this year.

Dairy Science and met his wife, Annabelle, while at CSU. They were married prior to Dacre's service in the Navy during WWII.

During his service from 1941-1945, Dacre survived an attack on the USS Wren and then served as the chief gunnery officer on the USS Brownson. In 1949 Dacre, Annabelle, and their two young children moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he opened Crescent Creamery. They had two more children while in Grand Junction where Dacre and his partners ran the creamery for many years. The Dunns were

long-time members of St. Matthews Church in Grand Junction.

Dacre and Annabelle enjoyed time in Ouray, Colorado, and Florence, Arizona, during retirement and enjoyed touring the San Juan mountains off-road in their Jeep. The two had been married for nearly 70 years when Annabelle passed away in 2012. Brother Dunn is survived by his four children, Dacre Jr., Gina, Leonard, and Rick, as well as ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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## Centennial Registration Deadline is Fri, Oct 9th

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### Krause qualifies for Senior PGA



Tom Krause, '88, finished in a tie for second place at the 2015 Colorado Senior PGA Professional Championship, held at The Ranch Country Club on August 18th. Tom has qualified for the Senior PGA Professional Tournament in Seaside, CA, this coming October. Good luck Tom!

### Honor Gifts: A new way to support the campaign and recognize brothers who have impacted you

Many of us have been impacted in a meaningful way by a brother during our undergraduate and/or alumni years. So many of us have stories of how our brothers pulled us through difficult times or shaped the direction of our life.

We are excited to formally announce Campaign Honor Gifts as a way to recognize and celebrate a brother who has made an impact in your life. Your gift/pledge will both honor a great brother and ensure that 121 E Lake St. remains a CSU icon where new leadership programs are implemented to help make future brothers outstanding scholars, campus leaders.

Visit [www.CSUSigEp.org/giving](http://www.CSUSigEp.org/giving) and enter the name of a brother and comments on your gift/pledge form. Once your gift/pledge is received, the Alumni Board of Directors will send a card to the honoree or family acknowledging your gift.



### Colorado Gamma represented at Conclave

Brothers Booth, '14, Hornung, '61, and Harmsen, '01 (L to R) represented the Colorado Gamma Chapter at Sigma Phi Epsilon's 54th Grand Chapter Conclave in Nashville, TN in August.