

SIGEP COLORADO GAMMA FAQ

Colorado Gamma's Red Door House Corporation wants to keep you, our alumni, informed. If you have additional questions or concerns please contact the Board of Directors at avc@csusigep.org.

What happened to the chapter and undergraduate members?

The chapter experienced seven CSU risk management violations in 2012 and 2013 and university recognition of the chapter was withdrawn in December 2013. The decision was upheld upon appeal. The undergraduates who were active members in fall 2013 have the opportunity to request SigEp alumni status at graduation. This was a difficult experience for all undergraduate members and alumni volunteers.

Alumni volunteers are focused on the future and re-energized to improve 121 East Lake Street and reinstall the chapter with a renewed focus on SigEp principles and values in 2018. Our 99-year legacy at CSU and the importance of the SigEp experience for CSU undergraduate men is worth the effort.

Is anyone living at 121 East Lake Street?

No. Additional security systems and services were installed in December and the property is vacant.

Who owns SigEp's 121 East Lake Street chapter house?

The Red Door House Corporation is a Colorado nonprofit corporation, comprised of Colorado Gamma members, and has owned 121 East Lake Street since it was incorporated and the property was purchased in 1935. There are no plans to sell 121 East Lake Street.

The corporation and property are operated by a board of directors/executive officers. There are currently five directors: **Al Hornung '61**, **Jerre Dixon '67**, **Mitch Christ '79**, **Tony Mauro '99**, and **Bryan Harmsen '01**. We are always interested in hearing from alumni who want to serve on the board.

Is CSU trying to acquire 121 East Lake Street?

No. Discussions with senior CSU administrators suggests the university is not seeking to acquire/develop additional land east of College Avenue. CSU has not suggested we sell them 121 East Lake Street and they have been positive about our plans to maintain and improve the chapter house for SigEp's return in 2018.

Has CSU given assurance that SigEp will be allowed back on campus?

There is no precedent of CSU permanently banning a fraternity from campus in the 100-year history of Greek life at CSU. CSU can only encourage SigEp to prepare for reinstatement when we are eligible to restart the chapter. Please refer to the May 13, 2014, letter from CSU President Dr. Tony Frank.

Will 121 East Lake Street be turned over to SigEp National Housing?

The Colorado Gamma directors of the Red Door House Corporation have put a plan in place that will keep 121 East Lake Street in the hands of Colorado

CSU President Shows Support for Greek Life

Below is a letter from CSU President Tony Frank articulating his support for Greek life at CSU. It was great of Dr. Frank to make time to meet with Board of Director **Al Hornung '61** and pen this letter of support. Dr. Frank is genuine about his support of Greek Life at CSU. Thanks to Al for his tremendous effort on this.



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Dear Al,

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and wanted to follow up with a letter that confirms my ongoing support of the residential Greek community at Colorado State University. The Greek system has been and can continue to be a positive part of our campus community that helps young women and men grow as leaders and develop strong and lasting ties with the university as alumni. A well-managed, engaged Greek living environment that promotes academic and personal success can benefit both our students and the institution over the long term. For all these reasons, it is our hope to have a vibrant and thriving community of independent Greek houses associated with the CSU campus.

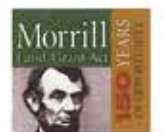
We are grateful to you and your fellow alumni for your interest in helping strengthen and, in some cases, rebuild the relationship between CSU and its longstanding residential Greek chapters. Active alumni leadership is essential to ensuring that students who choose a residential Greek living arrangement fully understand and embrace the values of their organizations, the expectations of the university, and the standards of our community related to safety, civility, and responsibility.

The university is a committed partner in supporting the growth of such a community. I encourage you to continue to work with our office of fraternity and sorority life as you move forward.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tony Frank
CSU President



Gamma alumni, as it has been for nearly 80 years. If house corporation assets are depleted and it is not viable to hold the property, 121 East Lake Street will be turned over to SigEp National Housing to avoid it leaving SigEp hands.

SigEp Was Home Away from Home for Dale Dodrill '52



There is much that can be said for a man who has lived life large for over 88 years. The experience **Dale Dodrill '52** had with the Pittsburgh Steelers and later as a defensive coach with the Denver Broncos led to his induction into the

Colorado Sports Hall of Fame and Pittsburgh Steelers Legends team. While he has enjoyed an incredible career in Pittsburgh, he has a big heart for his home in Colorado.

Dale and his wife, Jan, have lived and worked in the same area of Denver for the past 50 years. He started Dodrill Insurance after selling 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 his own insurance agency in Lakewood. Building long-term business relationships with clients was his mission. Considering they just celebrated 50 years in business in 2013, it's safe to say he put the same heart into his insurance business as he did on the gridiron. The agency is now owned and operated by his two sons, Garrett and David, and the office walls are adorned with items from his past, including CSU and SigEp memorabilia.

Dale's early years were very different and he moved around a lot. His family moved from Kansas to Loveland in 1936 during the heart of the Dust Bowl years. Their family farmed near Laporte but moved to Englewood when his father found a job there. When Dale was a junior at Loveland High, he had already discovered his love for football. Since his family moved, the Elks Club provided a room so Dale could stay and graduate from Loveland High. He appreciated the hospitality and care he received from the people in Loveland and the people of Loveland appreciated Dale. As the captain of the football team, Dale helped lead the Loveland High School team to the 1942 State Championship. In 1944, he recalls having his diploma handed to him one day and being in his Army uniform the next. He spent the next two years traveling the world as he served in Patton's Army 30th Infantry Division in France and Germany.

In the summer of 1947, before starting college, Dale lived in Pingree Park and worked at the saw mill. When asked why he chose A&M, he said Coach Patterson at Loveland helped him develop a lifelong love for the game, and he didn't want to wait even a year to play on the varsity team. He wanted to go to DU to be closer to home, but they told him he couldn't play varsity his first year; CU told him the same thing. Colorado A&M said if he could play varsity level ball, he would play varsity level ball. So he went to Colorado A&M.

Dale valued his relationships with his coaches there too and found Coach Davis to be a man that you had to respect. Dale formed a close relationship with the assistant coach, Mark Duncan, who had a big influence on his own coaching style.

Even though Sigma Nu had a reputation as an athletic fraternity, **John Randall '47** brought Dale to visit SigEp and he liked the diversity of the fraternity. One of Dale's favorite things about his time in the chapter was that "being there was like going home." He added, "I don't know anyone who could forget the flower dances!"

Dale is a man who values relationships and the people that guided and supported him in his life. He doesn't involve himself in things halfway. He knows it takes dedication, tenacity, and courage to achieve great things. He applauds the leadership he is seeing from the Red Door House Corporation to revitalize Sigma Phi Epsilon and the house that sits at 121 E. Lake Street in Fort Collins. He thinks one of the single most important changes that must take place when the fraternity returns is to have more mature men living there. "These must be strong leaders who can instill leadership qualities in the students." He also said he hopes all of his brothers contribute to the effort. "If everyone pitched in a little, it will be a big help."

SigEps Turn Out for CSU Innovation Event in NYC

To promote CSU's Blue Ocean Enterprises business case competition (blueoceanchallenge.com), the College of Business and Alumni Association hosted CSU Innovation: Turning Ideas into Business in Midtown Manhattan on March 20, 2014. The event was emceed by brother **Greg Osberg '79** and numerous SigEp brothers attended the event, including **John Monckton '99**, **Bryan Harmsen '01**, and **Jon Heinrich '98** (pictured here with Charisse Bowen, CSU director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship). It was also great to see a large number of SigEp College of Business undergraduates out from Colorado for the event.

The event was very engaging with one of 16 teams competing in the business case competition presenting their ideas to CSU alumni and undergraduates in attendance. CSU's College of Business is truly innovating in their approach to education that integrates world class business expertise and experience in the educational process. It was a great event and it was another great opportunity to connect with SigEp brothers.



Charisse Bowen, CSU director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship, John Monckton '99, Bryan Harmsen '01, and Jon Heinrich '98 at CSU Innovation: Turning Ideas into Business event in Manhattan on March 20.

History Highlights

Spotlight on Colonel Elwood L. Nye 1914

Elwood Nye 1914 attended Colorado Agricultural College from 1910 to 1914 and earned his doctor of veterinary medicine. He ran track for the school's new coach, Harry Hughes. He held the CSU track record in the 100-yard dash of 9.8 seconds (without the aid of starting blocks). The record stood for more than 40 years.

During the 1920s and '30s he was able to interview surviving members of the Seventh Cavalry, including Custer's former Chief of Scouts, Colonel Charles Varnum, and Sergeant Charles Windolph, recording firsthand testimony from people who been part of the most famous military engagements on the American frontier.

Colonel Nye's archaeological evidence and reassessment of Native American testimony led to a new interpretation of the Battle of the Little Bighorn. In the 1920s, battlefield investigators Colonel Nye and R. G. Cartwright discovered hundreds of .45–70 shell cases along a ridge line (Now know as Nye-Cartwright Ridge) between South Medicine Tail Coulee and the next drainage at North Medicine Tail.

In 1929 CSU presented the first Nye Trophy. It is given annually to a senior athlete who is in good academic standing and has observed all the rules of training and competition, while showing character and conduct in keeping with the highest tradition of CSU. The award was established that year by Elwood and his brother, **William Nye 1918**, both former Aggie athletes and part of Colorado Gamma's rich history.

In July of 1938, Colonel Nye led the Fourth Cavalry on its last full mounted field training expedition from Fort Meade, South Dakota, to the Pole Mountain Target and Maneuver Area in Wyoming, returning in August. Six hundred horses took part in the march. This was the U.S. Army's last full cavalry march. The Army shortly thereafter made the final conversion to mechanization.



When a cemetery of buried horse bones was discovered in 1941 at Custer Battlefield, then U. S. Park Service Superintendent Edward S. Luce immediately sent for Nye and notified the National Park Service that the cavalry veterinarian must be designated as the only person authorized to study the bones and interpret their possible historical significance. Unfortunately, the report of the excavation of the horse bones has gone missing, the list of bones recovered from the pit, and their whereabouts remain a mystery.

Colonel Nye's knowledge and investigations made him a frequent lecturer on the West and the American Indian Wars, and culminated in his writing, *Marching With Custer*, published in 1946. It documented the use and abuse of horses during Custer's march from Fort Abraham Lincoln, North Dakota, to the Little Big Horn, Montana Territory, in 1876.

After 29 years with the Army Veterinary Corps, Colonel Nye retired in 1946 and taught bacteriology and pathology as an associate professor on the faculty at Colorado State University Veterinary College. He served as Colorado Gamma alumni board president from 1946 to 1950 as well as faculty advisor for the chapter.

Colonel Nye was the recipient of an important Army decoration, the Legion of Merit, in 1946. The Elwood L. Nye Veterinary Clinic at Fort Carson Army Base, Colorado, is named in honor of him. Brother Nye passed away in 1975; and in 1983, a flagpole at the teaching hospital at Colorado State University Veterinary School was dedicated to his memory with a ceremony citing his many achievements as a veterinarian, teacher, Army officer, and patriot.

Special thanks to brother Dan Reagan '82 for his assistance in researching and writing this article.

Ben Seiz '03 Enjoys Football Scouting Career

Ben Seiz '03 is a recently registered NFL Players Association agent with clients in the Australian Football League, Indoor Football League, and one just out of Marshall. He also works full time at Sports Authority Corporate as a senior marketing analyst with a promotion on the horizon. He recently attended the 2013 New Mexico Bowl as well as the NFL combine.

Ben lives in Englewood, Colorado, and stays in touch with his SigEp brothers. He enjoys attending CSU football games with his brothers in the area. Contact Ben at benzseiz@yahoo.com.



Erik Olson, Ben Seiz '03, and Joey Porter enjoyed the 2013 New Mexico Bowl. Joey is a former CSU all-WAC player and Super Bowl XL Champion. Erik was an all-conference DB for the Jags. He has served as the Director of Development for the CSU College of Business since 2009.



Let's Celebrate Colorado Gamma at a Grand Lake Event

We are excited to announce a CoGamma SigEp event in Grand Lake, Colorado for August 16th, 2014. We want this to be the prelude to a two year period of celebrating the Colorado Gamma Chapter's 100th anniversary.

The Grand Lake Event begins on the evening of August 16th with a buffet dinner at the home of Susan and **Roger Brandt '62** from 4:30-7:30 p.m. We will feature wine from SigEp alumnus **Joseph Phelps '50** winery and beer from our local Fort Collins New Belgium Brewery (Fat Tire). We will also have a pictorial history of the men (and ladies) who passed through the doors at 121 East Lake Street in Fort Collins.

After the party we go to Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre in downtown Grand Lake to watch a 'Broadway Quality Musical'. All this is provided for only \$60 per person!

The theatre tickets sell out quickly so we purchased 60 tickets for the performance in advance. We could not block rooms, but you will find lodging recommendations at www.CSUSigEp.org/GrandLake.

Tickets and lodging will go quickly, so act now to be a part of this celebratory event.

Don't miss this opportunity to gather with fellow Colorado Gamma SigEps and family members in this pristine and stunning mountain location. Don't let the drive to Grand Lake deter you from joining us. It is only a two hour drive from Denver or Loveland. What a perfect way to spend a summer weekend!

You can secure your tickets by visiting the csusigep.org website and select 'Grand Lake Event' from the left hand menu box.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (303) 880-7892 or achornung@hotmail.com and register today at www.CSUSigEp.org/GrandLake.

Fraternally,
Al Hornung '61

P.S. Connect with other CoGamma alumni and invite them to join you and us at this Grand Lake Event. Last year Carla and I went three consecutive nights to three different musical shows and each was spectacular. If you haven't been to Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, you are in for a real treat. Visit www.rockymountainrep.com to learn more. Many of us will be staying the weekend so we'll also meet for an informal Sunday brunch at the Grand Lake Lodge at 10 a.m.



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Where Are They Now?

Do you know these brothers? Send more photos of SigEps through the decades and updates to **Bryan Harmsen '01** at avc@csusigep.org.



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SPECAT Golf Tournament

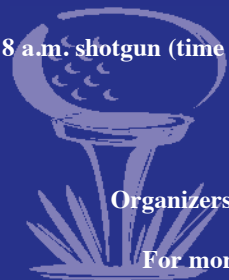
Friday, August 29

8 a.m. shotgun (time change due to the CSU vs. CU football game that evening in Denver)

Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Course
23155 E. Heritage Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80016

Organizers: Jerre Dixon '67, Michael Pappas '77, Larry Kobilca '68

For more information on how to register, please see flyer insert.





The 20th Annual SPECAT golf event
Friday, August 29, 2014
8 a.m. shotgun

Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Course
23155 E. Heritage Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80016

Early Bird Entry Fee—\$120 per player (4-person scramble) includes green fee, carts, range, box lunch, team prizes, hole-in-one, swag bag, driving contest, and putting contest.

The tournament is limited to the first (30) 4-person teams that enter. Deadline to enter is July 31. After July 31 the cost is \$140 per player.

Early Sponsors: Divot Magazine, Colorado National Golf Club, Callaway Golf, 10to20.com

Send your entry fee check payable to SPECAT to Michael Pappas, 6000 Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Single Player Name/Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to be paired with the _____ team

_____ I am interested in sponsorship (sponsorships start at \$100)

For more information contact Michael Pappas '77 at (303) 882-3295 or michael.pappas@lpl.com, or Tom Krause '88 (303) 359-7014 or tom.krause@urbanleasing.com