

# The Spear

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COLORADO GAMMA CHAPTER • WINTER 2003

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NOTE FROM ALUMNI COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR ▼

## Note from the Alumni Board

Several months ago, when one of our brothers called and invited me to the Annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Golf Tournament held at the Green Valley Ranch in Denver. I thought this would be a great way to start the weekend, followed by a CSU victory in the year's most important football game: Colorado State vs. Colorado!

Although CSU didn't win the game, we all enjoyed a great weekend together, especially at the golf tournament. It was great to see that even after college, SigEps still keep in touch and continue their lifelong friendships. We had a group of alumni ranging from recent graduates to brothers celebrating their 20 year reunion. Next year, we hope to have even more brothers attend.

I attend a similar event every other year called the "Reunion Cup." **Andy Odenbach '96**, the Tournament Director of the 2004 Ryder Cup to be held next fall in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, organized this event four years ago. Brother Odenbach invited many Colorado Gamma SigEps to compete in a Ryder Cup-style format tournament. Since then, we've traveled to Tucson, San Diego, and just returned from Myrtle Beach.

From participating in these tournaments, I decided to get more involved with the chapter, initially by attending an alumni board meeting. It was good coming back to the house at 121 East Lake Street and it brought back many memories. The alumni board asked for help in the alumni communications department, so I decided to assist and take on the role. Living in Fort Collins, I thought this would be a great way to give back. We'd love to have you attend any Alumni Board meetings in the future. Our next meeting is Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the chapter house. (The board meets the first Monday of every month.)

That day in the spring of 1993, when I decided to join SigEp, has been one of the best decisions of my life. The friends I've made, the lessons I've learned, and the fraternal experience that continues today have made me a better man. So, my first act as Alumni Communications Chair is to ask all alumni to keep in touch with us! We've had a very good response since our fall newsletter but would still love to hear from so many other brothers. Let us know where you are, what you are doing, and how you keep in touch with our brothers. Who knows? There could be a long lost brother who wants to catch up but hasn't been able to find you!

(And if you know of any brother who hasn't heard from us...please direct him to our website, [www.cogammaalumni.org](http://www.cogammaalumni.org), to update his mailing information. Thank you!)

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Faternally,

**NICK FLOREK '96**

Alumni Communications Chair



**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND,  
OVER 95 SIGEPS PARTICI-  
PATED IN THE ANNUAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT. A GOOD TIME  
WAS HAD BY ALL....LOOK  
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

**ABOVE: TOURNAMENT WINNERS! – NICK FLOREK '96, BOBBY KLINE '95, TYLER SWAN '95, MIKE BOWDEN '96**

**BELOW: TERENCE SMITH '84, SCOTT GOODYEAR '85, RANDALL ALSTON '85, AND MILTON KARAVITES '84**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS,  
BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS**

**Wednesday, December 31 – Tailgate Party**

**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY TAILGATE AT THE "SAN FRANCISCO BOWL" VS. BOSTON COLLEGE. 7:30 P.M., DECEMBER 31, 2003, OUTSIDE THE PACIFIC BELL STADIUM IN SAN FRANCISCO.**

**Monday, February 2, 2004 – Alumni Board Meeting**

**ALUMNI BOARD MEETING AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE. 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004 (ALUMNI BOARD MEETS THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE)**

# COMINGS AND GOINGS

## ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

**RANDALL ALSTON '85** is a National Sales Manager for Tazo Tea Company. He makes his home in Highland Ranch, CO. Find him at [ralston@tazo.com](mailto:ralston@tazo.com).

**DR. WARREN BRENNIMAN '49** lives in Elkhart, Indiana, and has retired as an assistant superintendent for the Elkhart Community Schools. He keeps very busy with a number of community activities and with his family. "I'm glad to see the chapter getting back on its feet. We have a grand tradition at CSU," he writes. Warren's mailing address is 1626 Victoria Dr., Elkhart, IN 46514.

**WILLIAM BURGESS '77** has two children in Durango, CO, and works for BP (previously Amoco). He's looking forward to retirement and still enjoys "rock 'n' roll" as well as officiating at high school football games in the fall. Write to him at [burgess3@frontier.net](mailto:burgess3@frontier.net).

**R. DEAN CANNON '64** lives in Roseville, California, and will retire for the second time this December. He and his wife Karen, a Pi Phi from Ohio State University, moved into a new home this past summer. Brother Cannon is available at [dcannon@surewest.net](mailto:dcannon@surewest.net).

Greenwood Village, Colorado, is home for **MIKE DE CHADENEDES '74**. Mike is a CFP for Mass Mutual Financial Group and is serving his fourth term on the Greenwood Village City Council. Reach him at [mdechadenedes@finsvcs.com](mailto:mdechadenedes@finsvcs.com).

**MATTHEW FONDA '83** is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in Los Angeles, CA. You can write to him at [mfact@aol.com](mailto:mfact@aol.com).

**PHIL FORTUNE '60** retired from a major pharmaceutical company in 1993. Immediately afterward he started with a small local drug wholesaler in Springfield, Missouri. He has now been with them for ten years and is still working. On a regular basis, he visits with Brothers Kent Watson, Joe Marcus, Pal Hornung, and "Doc" Williams. Phil and his wife Pat (Lowe) have been married for forty-four years. Write to Phil at [pearlfortune@aol.com](mailto:pearlfortune@aol.com).

**DAVID GEHLE '79** has been employed by Georgia-Pacific as a Resource Forester since 1980, procuring raw material for three plywood plants in Georgia. He and his wife, Janice, have four children. Find David at [gehlerea@bellsouth.net](mailto:gehlerea@bellsouth.net).

**SCOTT GOODYEAR '85** is the Vice President of EchoStar Strategic Business Unit of CSG Systems, Inc., and can be contacted at his e-mail address: [scott\\_goodyear@csgsystems.com](mailto:scott_goodyear@csgsystems.com).

**GREG HAMMILL '64** has three sons (Randy, Brad, and Jeff) located throughout the country



**DR. WARREN BRENNIMAN '49** POSED FOR A RECENT SHOT WHILE ON VACATION

and has several grandchildren. He remarried in 2001 and lives in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and works nearby at Fairleigh Dickinson University. You can find him at [grego512@optonline.net](mailto:grego512@optonline.net).

We are very happy to have heard from **JAMES HARSH '33**. Brother Harsh retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in 1973 and has done some laboratory testing since then. He would love to hear from any brothers at 1606 Leilo Dr., Loveland, CO 80538.

**GARY HERBERT '56** retired from a career in education in 2000. He lives in San Antonio, Texas, and his address is 6022 Crescent Falls, San Antonio, TX 78239.

**MIKE HIGGINS '88** works for EVP Client Services of Indigio Group, Inc. He currently lives in Thorton, CO, and is reachable at [mhiggins@indigio.com](mailto:mhiggins@indigio.com).

**MARK HOVEN '78** makes his home in Littleton, CO, and his e-mail address is [mark.hoven@us.nestle.com](mailto:mark.hoven@us.nestle.com).

**WILLIAM LEE JEFFERS '61** lives in Colorado Springs and is retired with three grown children, each with their own families. He owns and manages several real estate properties and occasionally restores classic cars. Brother Jeffers can be contacted at P.O. Box 38489, Colorado Springs, CO 80937.

**PAUL JENNINGS '58** recently became a Professor Emeritus after serving on the faculty at California Institute of Technology for thirty-six years. His mailing address: 640 South Grand Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105.

**J. DUNCAN LEEVER '03** is in his first year of medical school at Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Contact him at [duncanleever@hotmail.com](mailto:duncanleever@hotmail.com).

**GREG LEVITT '98** lives in Denver and celebrated his second wedding anniversary last summer. He and his wife Kristie had a daughter, Claire, last December. He currently works for BillingLogic/DGI, Inc., and is available at [greg\\_levitt@yahoo.com](mailto:greg_levitt@yahoo.com).

**RICHARD LONG '79** and his wife have two daughters, Sarah and Katy. Richard is an investment advisor and also operates a horse and cattle farm in Huddleston, Virginia. He is available at [rglong@yahoo.com](mailto:rglong@yahoo.com).

**WILLIAM "BILL" MCBRIDE '50** has been married to his wife Vivian for forty-seven years and they have two children and four grandchildren. Brother McBride was a public school

## PHOTO • ID



THANK YOU TO **CHUCK SIMON '54** WHO RECENTLY IDENTIFIED THE SIGEPS IN THIS PHOTO! CHUCK SHARES:

This team won the Fraternity Championship, but lost to the "Green Wave" in the campus championship. The "Green Wave" was composed of many varsity football players.

**BACK ROW:** Coach Bob Jacobshagen, Chuck Simon, Ray Jackson, Jim Moore, Dick Ehrlich, Phil Pratt;

**FRONT ROW:** Keith Mitchell, Ken Klobberdanz, Bill Pugh, and Bob "Lefty" Brown.

I saw Bob Jacobshagen and Jim Moore at our 50th wedding anniversary celebration this past June. Other brothers at our celebration included Jim Phelps and Al Binkley. (June and I will celebrate our "actual" 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary December 27, 2003.)

Sincerely, Chuck Simon '54

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teacher for seventeen years and also taught at CSU for twenty-nine years before retiring in 1998. You can write to him at 705 Garfield St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

**CHRIS MCCONNELL '82** is in private dental practice and is a part-time faculty member at the University of Colorado Dental School. He has been married to his CSU sweetheart, Collette (Kappa Alpha Theta) for nineteen years. They have two children, Brooke and Michael. They live in Highlands Ranch, CO.

**BERE NEAS '76** is a Branch President for Horizon Banks in Denver. Catch up with him at [bneas@bankhorizononline.com](mailto:bneas@bankhorizononline.com).

**SCOTT OGLESBY '83** has a daughter (Erin) and a son (Evan) with his wife, Holly. He is employed at Baersle and Company, P.C., in Denver and lives in Littleton. Find him at [shoglesby@msn.com](mailto:shoglesby@msn.com).

**RICK PLATZ '81** is currently living in Evergreen, Colorado, and can be contacted at [richardplatz@hotmail.com](mailto:richardplatz@hotmail.com).

**GEORGE PURVIS '54** splits his time between Fremont, Michigan campus and Southern California. Brother Purvis is retired, but still works for professional societies and selected benevolent organizations. He recently spoke with **JIM HAMM '53**. Write to George at [georgeapurvis@earthlink.net](mailto:georgeapurvis@earthlink.net).

**GEORGE ROBER '42** has three children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He lives in Holyoke, Colorado, and can be written to at 441 S. Baxter, Holyoke, CO 80734.

**COREY RODRIGUEZ '91** is in Littleton, Colorado, and works for Technical Concepts as Director of Sales - Western Region. He is married to Jennifer with a new baby boy Zachary. Corey's e-mail address is [coreyrod@yahoo.com](mailto:coreyrod@yahoo.com).

**MIKE SERINO '80** and his wife and seven children moved back to the Chicago area after living in Orlando for ten years. He has started his own business and recently went on a Canadian fishing trip with Brothers **DAVID DAMHOFF '79** and **BOB MORGAN '80**. Locate Mike at [mserino@earthlink.net](mailto:mserino@earthlink.net).

**DANNY SCHATZ '98** is living in Gainesville, Florida, where he is employed by Lincoln Financial Group as a Retirement Consultant. You can reach Danny at [dgschatz@hotmail.com](mailto:dgschatz@hotmail.com).

**GLEN STRAIN '40** retired in 1986 from the Nebraska State Department of Education. He served with the Dept. for thirty-five years. He lives in Lincoln, Nebraska and can be written to at 7208 Van Dorn, Apt. 216, Lincoln, NE 68506.

**BEN TENNESSEN '03** shares that he is working for Amegen in Longmont, CO. He aids

in manufacturing a drug used in increasing red blood cell counts for chemotherapy and kidney dialysis patients. Ben's e-mail address is [benny19@yahoo.com](mailto:benny19@yahoo.com).

**PHILO THOMPSON '98** was recently promoted to Manager at Bearing Point Consulting (formerly KPMG). His rise to Manager is the quickest in company history. He splits his time between Toronto, Canada, and Denver and can be contacted at [philo\\_thompson@hotmail.com](mailto:philo_thompson@hotmail.com).

**LARRY WARMOTH '80** writes that he is "raising my family, practicing medicine, and flying F-16s with the Texas Air National Guard." Located in Lubbock, Texas, you can write to Larry at [GuardF16@aol.com](mailto:GuardF16@aol.com).

**JACK WELCH '67** has been active in the automotive industry and is now the President of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, the largest

motorized recreation group in the country with over 600,000 members. Get back in touch with Jack at [jwelch@frii.com](mailto:jwelch@frii.com).

**CHRISTOPHER WENER '90** lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is married with one son. He owns and operates several companies. Find Brother Wener at [cwener@spectrumse.com](http://cwener@spectrumse.com).

**DICK WILHELM '73** is the owner of Wilhelm Monument Co. in Colorado Springs. Previously, he was a Vice President with Burlington Northern, Inc, for fifteen years. He and his wife Judy (a TriDelta from CSU) have two children. You can write to Dick at [rwil466856@aol.com](mailto:rwil466856@aol.com).

#### OBITUARY

**JOHN "JACK" WILLIS '56** – passed away on June 10, 2000.

## CHAPTER REPORT

This semester has been a great one and it is sad to see it winding down to an end. Looking back, we had many successful events to make this semester a memorable experience.

Recruitment this fall was a success. We recruited twelve new members from "rush" and have been recruiting more men throughout the semester. Overall, fraternity recruitment was up this year and that provided us with large numbers of potential new members at rush events and allowed us to extend bids selectively.

We are working on establishing a solid year-round recruitment program. This semester, we passed a bill allowing a five-member team to extend bids to potential new members throughout the semester. The team is voted on by the chapter so everyone still has an input into who is serving on the "team" and is comfortable with the men distributing bids.

Intramurals have been a fun and exciting part of the fall. Several teams won Greek championships, and our coed softball team won the CSU championship. The Pikes can definitely feel us breathing down their necks for the number one spot in intramurals this year. With one season left to go before the end of the year, SigEp has a great chance of claiming the overall title.

Along with a strong push in intramurals, community service has been a priority. Each undergraduate brother participates in twenty hours of community service each semester. With our community service chair providing us ample opportunities, this is an excellent way for our chapter to give back to our community.

With sixteen "eligible bachelors" from fraternities on campus and two from the Colorado State football team, we are proud to say this year's "Bachelor Auction" was a major success. We raised over \$3,500 with all of our proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County, as well as Catholic Charities Northern.

At this point, we are actively preparing for next semester. We have already identified several potential chapter members and are making other preparations for spring "rush." We're holding our formal shortly, to be followed by other social events.

Hope to see you in Ft. Collins soon!

**TODD BYERS '04, VP OF PROGRAMMING, AND CHARLES HUNTSMAN '05, VP OF RECRUITMENT**

# NEW UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

**President**  
Dave Sime '06

**VP of Programming**  
Kevin Selvy '06

**VP of Brotherhood Development**  
David Smith '06

**VP of Recruitment**  
Daniel Crass '06

**VP of Finance**  
Keith Marston '05

**VP of Communications**  
Mark Sloan '04

**Chaplain**  
TJ French '06

## O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?

Reconnect with SigEp by filling out the update, below. Don't be shy.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? \_\_\_\_\_

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SEEN ANY OTHER BROTHERS RECENTLY? \_\_\_\_\_

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