

The Spear

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COLORADO GAMMA CHAPTER • FALL 2003

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NOTE FROM ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT ▼

To fellow Colorado Gamma Alumni –

I hope that this newsletter finds you enjoying the last few weeks of summer... soon fall will be upon us and another school year will begin in Ft. Collins. Our undergraduate brothers have been working hard this summer to prepare for a successful year and are excited to move back into 121 East Lake St. once again.

The undergraduates will start the academic year with a great group of young brothers and have already been recruiting “Balanced Men” through the summer months (rather than waiting for the start of the traditional “rush” period in the fall). Earlier this summer we were informed of the chapter’s academic performance in the spring – a 3.16 grade point average! This ranks us the #1 fraternity on campus and also places us in the national fraternity’s prestigious “Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. We’re one of only 30 SigEp out of 260 total SigEp chapters nationwide to accomplish this feat. The chapter continues to perform well on the playing field too, finishing #2 in intramurals this past year.

The board is currently focused on three areas: 1 ► solve short-term and long-term housing improvements, 2 ► help to guide the undergraduate chapter, and 3 ► to provide long-term financial success for Colorado Gamma. We’re always available for your thoughts and ideas concerning these issues.

We’ve been hearing news from many different eras of our alumni brotherhood – recently we were able to catch up in-depth with **Mike Pappas '76**. Read about what he’s been up to on the following page.

Please continue to send us your news and updates and we’ll look forward to sharing your news with the brotherhood in the next newsletter. Speaking of which, I hope that you enjoy the newly designed look of the “The Spear.”

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the chapter house for “Homecoming” on October 4th. What a wonderful opportunity for brothers to catch up on both old memories and new happenings. Look forward to seeing you then!

Fraternally,

ISAAC GREENLEE

Alumni Board President

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS,
BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS**

**Friday, August 29 – Annual SigEp
Golf Tournament**

**GREEN VALLEY RANCH GOLF COURSE,
DENVER, COLORADO**
PLEASE CONTACT T.J. GORDON TO PLAY
303-507-8170 OR GORDONPROP@ATT.NET
ACCEPTING FOURSOME OR SINGLE ENTRIES –
THE FUN IS SEEING YOUR BROTHERS!

Saturday, August 30, 2003

**COLORADO STATE VS. COLORADO
MILE HIGH STADIUM**

Saturday, October 4, 2003 – Homecoming

COLORADO STATE VS. FRESNO STATE
ALL BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE
INVITED TO GATHER AND REMINISCE AT THE
121 EAST LAKE ST. CHAPTER HOUSE. PLEASE
JOIN US AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE BEGINNING 2
HOURS BEFORE KICK-OFF AND AFTER THE
GAME AS WELL. TOURS OF THE CHAPTER
HOUSE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

“WHAT DID I TAKE AWAY FROM MY TIME
IN THE SIGEP HOUSE IN THE 70’S?”

A LIFETIME OF FRIENDSHIPS...” — MP

COMINGS AND GOINGS

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

Catching up with... Michael Pappas

Michael Pappas graduated from Colorado State in 1976, with a major in Speech —TV & Radio. Since graduating, he’s had a wide variety of different experiences and adventures. We caught up with him recently and here’s what he told us.

“I n college I was told I had the perfect look “for radio” — but upon graduation I returned home to Denver where I had grown up in the restaurant business, and with my father and brother opened a restaurant.

After three wild years in the restaurant world, I sought another career, and in 1981 joined Drexel Burnham Lambert where I received excellent training on Wall St. before returning to Denver and began building a book of clients. I split the next seven years between Drexel and Smith Barney.

I then went back into the retail end, and rebuilt my book with Dain Rauscher from 1991 to 1998, then accepted an opportunity to go into management with First Union/Wachovia. While the firm was not a good fit for me, management was! I joined A.G. Edwards & Sons as the Branch Manager of the downtown Denver office in 2000, and hope to finish my career here.

I am married to Jenee (rhymes with Renee) and I have a beautiful 12 year old daughter named Alexis, who is already an avid CSU Ram fan! I spend a lot of my time with my daughter’s sports (volleyball, basketball, & softball). We live in the Piney Creek area and are totally immersed in the Greek Orthodox Church and Greek community.

My love of golf has led me to organizing many tournaments for my company, church and local SigEp alumni. In 1990, some of us started an Alumni Golf tournament. We organized with the help of various brothers and longtime alumni board member Jerre Dixon. Last year around 115 golfers participated! It’s the greatest weekend of the year, Labor Day weekend, when our brothers come in from all over the country to play in the tournament and attend the CSU vs. CU football game.

On a regular basis I get to visit with Dave “Maddog” Madden, Ricky “Pilgy” Pilgrim, and Jim “The Anchor” Bienemann. And we’re all in contact the guys we loved back then, like Mark Skeie in Jupiter, Florida, Jim Adkins in Atlanta, Chuck Manley in Newport Beach, California, and Bill Seavy in Hawaii.

What did I take away from my time in the SigEp house in the 70’s? A lifetime of friendships, many of whom are clients and associates, many are not, but they are brothers to the end. My greatest memories of 121 E. Lake St. were the ones where we were sitting around laughing and relaxing, playing sports, and taking road trips!

It is a shame the “gentle traditions” of the old days got twisted and dangerous to the form of hazing, it seems each year somebody added something a little more outrageous and dangerous. So I wholeheartedly applaud and welcome the “Balanced Man” concept of Colorado Gamma today. It seems to be the most innovative approach to brotherhood since the ancient Greeks! I should know, I am one! (an Ancient Greek!)

Hope to see many of you at the Golf Outing. Failing that — hopefully at Homecoming!”

Send your news to
www.cogammaalumni.org!

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IT’S A FAMILY
THING
MIKE PAPPAS, ’76
MIXES HIS RAM
COLLECTIBLES
WITH FAMILY
MEMENTOS AND
HIS DAUGHTERS
MANY SPORTS
TROPHIES.



THE BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP

BY BRANDON KISER '05
BALANCED MAN
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

With Colorado Gamma focusing even more on the recruitment of top men at Colorado State, the undergraduate executive board decided to implement the Balanced Man Scholarship—a scholarship available to all men who are incoming freshmen at Colorado State.

Since SigEp began rebuilding after the “house cleaning” of 1999, we have made quality member recruitment our main focus. The chapter has been working hard this summer to lay the ground work for successful fall recruitment. We have found that often, the first fraternity a man has contact with is the one he will end up joining. The summer is the prime opportunity for us to meet potential brothers before they set foot on campus.

The chapter elects a Balanced Man Scholarship Chairman during chapter elections. The chairman then heads up the entire process. We work with CSU to obtain mailing addresses for incoming freshmen and send them our Balanced Man Scholarship application. We have been interviewing applicants throughout the summer, sometimes even visiting them in their homes. This allows us to get to know them better and gives them the opportunity to inquire about SigEp. We then award several scholarships and honor all applicants at a banquet held on campus in the fall. Throughout the entire process, many accomplished and motivated young men meet and become friends with brotherhood in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Through such tools as the Balanced Man Scholarship, we hope to increase our membership this year! Men in the house believe that this just might be the edge we need to get us on top and push us closer to winning a Buchanan Cup, an honor for which all SigEp chapters strive.

KNOW OF A YOUNG MAN HEADED TO COLORADO STATE THIS FALL AND WHO WOULD MAKE A GREAT SIGEP? PLEASE E-MAIL HIS INFORMATION TO CHAPTER PRESIDENT JEREMY LOPEZ AT: LOPEZ2_0@YAHOO.COM

Joining was “the best decision I’ve made”

Colorado State University was the perfect choice.

The new state, the study habits, the social life, the friends – they all changed, and those changes were definitely for the better.

So when Christmas break finished, and second semester started, what inclination did I suddenly have for joining Sigma Phi Epsilon at CSU?

No one could have convinced me to join a “frat” coming into college. However, if you ask me right now, I’d say it’s the best decision I’ve made all year.

The obvious question is, “Well, what made you join?” I knew a guy in my dorm, talked to him, came over to the house a couple of times with him during rush week, and the rest is history. What kept me coming back, though, wasn’t the friend who had introduced me to the house, it was the entire membership of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

When I was given a bid, I knew I was in it for all the right reasons.

Within the first week of joining, any of the earlier misconceptions I had melted away. The goals of all the brothers seemed to be the same – graduate with a degree, help out in the community, live a “balanced” life. What especially struck me were the (now graduated!) seniors – talk about lofty ambitions. Two future doctors, a future owner of a radio station, a professional fisherman, and writer for Sports Illustrated are just a few of the career paths they’re pursuing. As one senior told me, “You’ve got some diversified cats in this house!”

When I’m with 50 guys that seriously care about what I’m doing with my life, it means a lot. No regrets, and I’m looking forward to fall recruitment and living in the house.

D.J. JOINED SIGEP IN THE SPRING OF 2003

CHAPTER REPORT CARD: COLORADO GAMMA

CHAPTER MANPOWER

49 men

CHAPTER GPA

3.16 — #1 GPA among 17 fraternities at Colorado State

INTRAMURALS

Finished 2003 academic year ranked #2 in intramurals

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Annual events benefiting The Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County and Catholic Northern Charities.



Undergraduate leadership, along with chapter counselor Bryan Harmsen, attended the Carlson Leadership Academy — the national fraternity’s officer training weekend in Reno, Nevada, this past spring.

COLORADO GAMMA NEW MEMBERS SPRING 2003

CHRISTOPHER GOLDSMITH '05
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, COLORADO

CHRISTOPHER JAMESON '06
MEAD, COLORADO

DANIEL “D.J.” LYNSTAD '06
HAMILTON, MONTANA

KEITH MARSTON '05
FT. MORGAN, COLORADO

JOSHUA MATTHEWS '06
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

JOSEPH ROYBAL '05
PORTLAND, OREGON

DAVID SMITH '06
POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

MATTHEW TUFFIN '06
GOLDEN, COLORADO

**COLORADO STATE RAMS
2003 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

August 30 Colorado	October 9 Brigham Young
September 6 California	October 16 AIR FORCE
September 13 WEBER STATE	November 1 Wyoming
September 20 MIAMI (OHIO)	November 7 New Mexico
September 27 UTAH	November 15 SAN DIEGO STATE
October 4 FRESNO STATE*	November 22 Nevada – Las Vegas

* = Homecoming
CAPS denote home games

O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?

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

NAME _____

CHAPTER _____

YEAR GRADUATED _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? _____

SEEN ANY OTHER BROTHERS RECENTLY? _____

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