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Alumni Profiles: Remembering our brothers

BY NICK FLOREK '96

In past issues of the SPEar, we have featured many profiles of CO Gamma alumni for you to “catch up” with. It is our intention to continue with this important part of the SPEar, however, in this edition, the alumni profiles are a little different. In the past year, we lost two of our brothers, **Tony Pavicich '95** and **Greg Liptak '93**. We would like to honor them both by featuring them as our Spring 2008 Celebrated Alumni.

Tony Pavicich 1973-2007

Tony graduated from Green Mountain High School (Lakewood, Colorado) in 1991. He went on to Colorado State University where he studied business finance. He pledged the Colorado Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon in the spring of 1992. Eric Hein '95, one of his high school friends and pledge brothers, commented, “most people will probably remember Tony as the crazy guy dancing on top of the pool table at Tangz, or the guy doing the stair dive at the house and separating both of his shoulders, but I will remember our road trip to L.A. to see Michigan/UCLA play in the Rose Bowl, how he was a totally devoted father to both his children and how he would do anything to make them happy and laugh.” Tony was loved by all of his brothers in Fort Collins. He is survived by his wife, Jamie, and his twin children, Andrew and Josie.

Greg Liptak 1971-2008

Greg graduated from Smoky Hill High School in Aurora and then on to CSU for his business degree. He pledged SigEp in the fall of 1989. He was a baseball player in high school,



ABOVE: TONY PAVICICH '95 SURROUNDED BY HIS BROTHERS: FROM LEFT, ERIC HEIN '95, DAMON STORMS '95, TONY, AND CRAZY DAVE EVANS '93.

BELOW: GREG LIPTAK '93 (LEFT) WITH HIS WIFE CHRISTINE AND PARENTS STEVIE AND GREG SR. IN MAY OF 2007.

and an athlete all his life—skiing, surfing, etc. After college, he moved to Denver and worked for the cable TV business with TCI and Sega Channel, then he went to work for Hayes Dental in Carlsbad, California. He moved out to Carlsbad for a couple of years, but decided that Colorado was home.

Greg passed away from colorectal cancer on January 13, 2008. Greg's parents, Stevie and Greg Sr., have decided to do everything in their power to alert young people about this awful disease. They are organizing a non-profit organization that will have three goals: to alert people in their 30s and 40s to the early symptoms of colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of U.S. cancer deaths for men and women combined; to encourage young people to get a colonoscopy if any of the symptoms appear or



if there is cancer in their family; and to work with all insurance companies to pay for colonoscopies for those in their 30s and 40s who have the disease in their families or who exhibit early symptoms. For more information, please visit www.gregliptak.com to learn more.

At Greg's celebration of life, his family was honored with over 500 people, many of whom were CO Gamma SigEps. All were people whose lives Greg touched.

COLORADO GAMMA BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2007

CO Gamma's 2007 financial snapshot

BY BRYAN HARMSSEN, '01, AVC COMPTROLLER

Colorado Gamma enjoyed another strong financial year for the chapter and AVC in 2007; we made strides toward our long-term financial goals and improved our tactical financial operations.

We continue to save diligently for the critical need of rebuilding the chapter house. In only two years, the chapter has saved enough to increase our investment account balances more than \$100,000, which will be used for our imminent 121 E. Lake full renovation.

Alumni gifts in response to the 2007 request increased substantially and covered nearly half of the annual cost of producing the SPEar newsletter. This will allow the AVC to invest in short-term house improvements in addition to saving for our major renovation and we are grateful for your generosity.

Financial highlights

- 2007 expenses were held virtually static from 2006 and we saw a slight increase in revenue.
- Set up automatic payments for key recurring utility expenses to avoid late fees during winter and summer breaks.
- "In-sourced" our accounts receivables operation to reduce professional services fees and improve A/R management.
- Adjusted financial policies and procedures to mitigate bad debt expenses incurred in 2007 and have seen a significant improvement in 2008.
- Alumni gifts in response to the 2007 request doubled from the 2005 request and totaled more than \$4,500.

You may request additional information or ask questions about Colorado Gamma's financial condition by emailing avc@cogammaalumni.org.

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Investment Checking	2,195.00
TFIN Campaign (deleted)	0.00
Undergraduate Checking	1,378.00
Total Bank Accounts	3,573.00
Accounts Receivable	1,250.00
Other Current Assets	
CIF - Co50-0	86,097.00
CIF - Co50-1	148,514.00
EMF - Eo50-0	24,830.00
Raymond James	37,300.00
Undeposited Funds	1,335.00
Total Other Current Assets	298,075.00
Total Current Assets	302,897.71
Fixed Assets	
Larimer City Parcel 97133-31-019	468,200.00
Total Fixed Assets	468,200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	771,097.71

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Facility Room Deposits	7,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	7,000.00
Total Liabilities	7,000.00
Equity	
Accumulated Unrealized Gain / Loss	9,317.89
Opening Bal Equity	0.00
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	729,316.33
Net Income	25,463.49
Total Equity	764,097.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	771,097.71

Colorado Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon

2007 Profit & Loss

INCOME

Alumni Giving	1,575
Combined Member Revenue	188,707
Investment Revenue	20,564
Philanthropic Fundraising	8,399
Uncategorized Income	2,779
Total Income	\$222,025

INCOME SOURCES

Unsolicited gifts and gifts received from partial recording of 2007 alumni solicitation gifts
 In-house and out-of-house member dues, social revenue
 Realized and unrealized revenue from Colorado Gamma investment assets
 Funds raised from 2007 Colorado Gamma Bachelor Auction
 Uncategorized revenue generated through normal chapter operations

EXPENSES

Alumni Communications	6,310
Bad Debt	11,695
Discounts	1,500
Headquarters	23,877
Insurance	9,310
Kitchen	32,518
Miscellaneous Expenses	744
Philanthropy Event	2,590
Professional Services	8,691
Property Management	13,924
Recruitment	3,117
Salaries & Related Expenses	28,116
Scholarship	4,463
Social	24,308
University	8,024
Utilities	17,374
Total Expenses	\$196,561

EXPENDITURES

Spear layout, publication, and distribution
 Member dues that were invoiced and written off for undergraduate transfer, financial expulsion, academic expulsion, and nonpayment
 Discounts on member dues due to satisfaction of live-in requirement
 HQ chapter bill, Carlson Leadership Academy, Ruck Leadership Academy, and Conclave
 Property and Officer's Liability Insurance
 Kitchen food and equipment
 Bank Service Charges, charitable donations, office supplies, and other expenses
 Expenses for 2007 Colorado Gamma Bachelor Auction
 CPA, Investment management fees, and merchant services
 General facility maintenance, fire monitoring and maintenance, kitchen equip. maintenance, lawn maintenance, plumbing, electrical, and boiler repair
 Recruitment and rush expenses
 Kitchen salaries, payroll taxes, and executive board salaries
 Distribution of the Colorado Gamma Saylor and Bradford scholarships
 Buffett, Flower Dance, Fall Formal, and other social events
 Colorado State IFC and intramural dues
 Gas, water, electric, cable, and trash collection

Net Income **\$25,463**

Colorado Gamma 2007 giving

summary 1/1/07 – 3/9/08

THE AVC WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE ALUMNI WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FALL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN.

ANONYMOUS DONOR	605
DAVID BECK '78	100
WILLIAM CHAPMAN '76	100
BRUCE CLOUGH '66	100
BRIAN CUJE '79	100
HAROLD FELTE '54	20
ROBERT FREY '65	500
JIM GLEASON '64	50
BRYAN HARMSEN '01	450
JAMES HINDMAN '61	25
PAUL JENNINGS '58	100
JOHN KELLY '57	100
JAMES KONTRY '57	100
ARCHIE LIND '64	100
GERLAND LINDGREN '59	60
TONY MAURO '99	525
TERRY MCKELLIPS '85	100
DARRELL MESSICK '53	100
EUGENE MILLER '51	100
HARVEY MORLAN '40	100
EARL MORTENSON '45	250
GEORGE PURVIS '54	100
DANIEL REAGAN '82	100
HENRY RICE '60	100
DONALD RUTLEDGE '61	100
WESLEY SEGELKE '62	100
MIKE SERINO '80	50
MARK SLOAN '04	120
HARLAN TUCKER '45	50
VICTOR WEED '58	100
JOHN WILLHITE '52	100
TOTAL	\$4,605.00

A little work goes a long way Lion's pride gets a new look

When VP of Membership Development Mike Williams '09 was preparing to move into his new room at 121 E. Lake Street this year, he wanted to invest a little time, energy, and his own money to make the room better. With help from some of his brothers, Mike pulled up layers of tile and installed new hardwood flooring and baseboards. Mike's brothers demonstrated the values CO Gamma seeks to instill when they volunteered to help a brother who wanted to make things better at the house. While Mike's room is just one of many at the house, making it a better place has made the house a better place.



DANNY JACKSON '08 AND NEIL THOMPSON '09
LEND A HAND.

CO Gamma brothers support our troops

BRYN LAWRENCE '10
VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

The undergraduate brothers of Colorado Gamma found a way to show their appreciation and support for our troops overseas in November by producing and distributing care packages to a deployed convoy platoon.

Brian Walker '10, the undergraduate director of community service for Colorado Gamma, got help from www.anysoldier.com, where the brothers learned what to send in care packages and where to send them. This website allows the public to search for individual soldiers or an entire convoy platoon.

The care packages that SigEp mailed to a platoon in Afghanistan included homemade cookies, hot chocolate, fruit snacks, beef jerky, candy, popcorn, corn nuts, Crystal Light lemonade, shower gel, magazines, and a personalized letter. In total, they send 30 care packages.

The chapter purchased all of the products included in the packages, and the brothers assembled each care package at the chapter house. The ultimate goal of the project was to send support and hope to soldiers who put themselves in harm's way every day.

2007 Endowment scholarship winners

EDWARD T. BRADFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Jeremy Polk '07, Sam Herrin '09

Based on the best exemplification of "SigEp Means Brotherly Love" by the Reverend Richard Shimpfky '62, Colorado Alpha

GARY SAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jeremy Polk '07

Based on demonstrated dedication to the Colorado Gamma Chapter

ZOLLINGER SCHOLAR

Andrew Mason '09

Based on potential to contribute to both the chapter and the campus in leadership positions

2008 Carlson Leadership Academy benefits chapter

In early February, eleven members of the Colorado Gamma Chapter attended the 2008 Carlson Leadership Academy in Pittsburgh, accompanied by chapter advisor, Todd Donovan.

The program began on Friday, February 1, with discussions and activities on creating change and chapter planning. On Saturday, there were small group discussions for each executive board position and a large group discussion about officer liability. Later there were "Hot Topic" sessions,

which included How to Win a Buchanan Cup, Living Sound Mind and Sound Body, Reaching the Wheelhouse, and Perfecting the Balanced Man Scholarship. The day ended with an Epsilon Ritual and the Alumni Awards Dinner, at which several chapters were acknowledged for excellence.

CLA is great opportunity to learn the necessary steps to bettering ourselves and our chapter, and how best to communicate what is learned back to the chapter.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

1940s **HARLAN TUCKER '45**, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, lives in Bowie, MD. He participated in the National Senior Olympics in Louisville, KY, this past June. "Our over-75 softball team won a silver medal. In the over- 80 tennis singles I lost in the consolation finals." Contact Harlan at hwtucker@verizon.com.

1960s **STAN SMITH '61** is a radiologist at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, MI. He is semi-retired after 35 years in practice. Stan earned his M.D. degree from Iowa and completed his radiology residency at Vermont. Send correspondence to smiths4u@thenlm.com.

ARCHIE LIND '64 lives in Broomfield, CO, and is vice president of aviation systems for URS Corporation, where he continues "to support the TSA in its quest to keep America safe by providing expert assistance in its baggage screening designs." Contact Archie at Archie_Lind@urscorp.com.

1990s **TONY MAURO '99** writes, "I have been working at Accenture the past seven years since graduation and live in Westminster, CO, with my SigEp Sweetheart Katie (Gamma Phi Beta '00). After a few years as a member at large on the alumni board, I took the role of president this year." Get in touch at anthonymauro@yahoo.com.

2000s **DUNCAN LEEVER '03**, who is a resident physician at St. James Olympia Fields Hospital in Olympia Fields, Il, reports, "I graduated from medical school at Mid-western University in 2007, and am currently in my first year of residency in radiology in a hospital in the suburbs of Chicago. My wife Holly (Chi Omega '03) and I are doing well, and we still see Zach Schmitz '03 every time we can make it into the city." Email Duncan at duncanleever@hotmail.com.

BEN SEIZ '03 writes, "I am in the process of becoming an athlete agent representing players in soccer, basketball, and football." He is enrolled in San Diego State in their sports management MBA program. Contact Ben at 310-990-0881 or benzseiz@yahoo.com to get the full story.



Spring break in Europe

Current SigEps at the Old Town Square in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Left to right, Neil Thompson '09, Terence Thompson '09, Michael Fritz Oettinger '08, Danny Jackson '08, TJ Keller '09, Ethan Townsend '09, and Blake Willhite '08.

Fall '08 Chapter and Alumni Events

October 11, 2008
Homecoming
Tailgating at the CSU vs. TCU
game at 1:30 p.m.

November 1, 2008
Founders Day Alumni Event
Lunch and auction at the SigEp
House – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Tailgating at the CSU vs. BYU
game at 4:00 p.m.

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