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Gridiron Glory

Oldest Living Former NFL Player Claims AGR Roots

Justin R. Lessman, Contributing Editor

One look at Glenn Presnell's photo album will attest that he is not your ordinary 97-year-old.

Aside from the fact that the pictures span nearly a century of history, even more impressive are the images that the photos capture.

One of the pictures was taken just after he and the 1925 Cornhuskers football team shut out an Illinois team with Red Grange 14-0. Another photo shows him as a Detroit Lion kicking that record 54-yard field goal in 1934 to beat Green Bay 3-0. Still another is of Presnell and the 1935 Lions after they won their first NFL Championship.

But way in the back of his album is a tattered photograph that not many other former NFL greats can claim to have. It is the 1925 composite photograph of Presnell and 25 other members of the Kappa Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at the University of Nebraska.

Before Presnell was an NFL great, football world champion, NFL record-holder, all-pro, head coach of two college teams and one of *Sports Illustrated's* Top 50 Sports Figures from Nebraska, he was a Vice Noble Ruler officer in AGR.

Presnell, the oldest living former NFL player, currently resides with his wife Mary in the southern Ohio town of Ironton, not far from the Kentucky and West Virginia borders.

His road to success began in 1905 in Gilead, Neb. The son of a section foreman on the Rock Island Railroad, Presnell worked the tracks as a young boy. After starring in football at DeWitt High School, he set his sights on the University of Nebraska.

That is when he first heard of AGR.

"I joined Alpha Gamma Rho in 1924," he said. "Several boys from my hometown belonged at the time. I had always heard it was a pretty good deal from my pals so I figured I would join."

AGR was an important and enjoyable part of Presnell's college experience. However, football remained his true call-

ing, and he answered it in grand fashion.

As a sophomore, playing in his first college game, Presnell and the Cornhuskers shut out Grange's Illinois team, the only time the two legends met on the college gridiron.

"It wasn't too bad of a game, for the first one I ever played in," Presnell said. "It was a big thrill, anyway."

Presnell said an even greater thrill was knowing that many of his fraternity brothers were in the stands cheering him on.

"There were quite a few of the boys who were fans," he said. "I'm sure they came to watch and I appreciated the support."

With a historic and memorable first college game under his belt, Presnell continued to excel on the football field.

And he only got better.

As a senior, Presnell led the nation in total yards gained. He was also named to the all-Big Six and all-Missouri Valley Conference teams.

After graduation, Presnell signed with the semi-pro Ironton Tanks. As no college draft had yet been instituted, he was allowed to sign with any team he wanted.

It did not take long for Presnell to establish himself as an exceptional player. He was a 190-pound single wing halfback-quarterback. He played brilliant defense as a middle safety. Yet, that is not where his contribution to the team ended. He also simultaneously coached the Tanks to success.

A prime example of that success came in 1930 when Presnell scored twice in a game against the Chicago Bears, besting Grange once again with a crushing 88-yard touchdown.

After the Tanks folded that year in the midst of the Great Depression, Presnell entered the NFL as a Portsmouth Spartan. As expected, he became an

instant standout. He was named all-pro twice, serving as first-team quarterback in 1933, the year he led the league in scoring and was second in passing.

Four years later, the Spartans were moved west to Michigan and Presnell became one of the first members of the Detroit Lions. Interestingly enough, he left his permanent mark on the franchise long before he even stepped on the playing field, thanks to team owner George Richards and a little help from Presnell's wife.

"When I went to Detroit to sign my contract, Mr. Richards said there were some samples of different colors of jerseys out on a table in the next room," he said. "My wife was there. He asked us to pick out which one we liked best. We saw that Honolulu blue and silver and said we liked it best."

The Lions wear the colors to this day.

Presnell may have had his best days on the field in Detroit. He played in the first ever Thanksgiving Day game on Nov. 29, 1934, losing to Bronko Nagurski's Chicago Bears team by three.

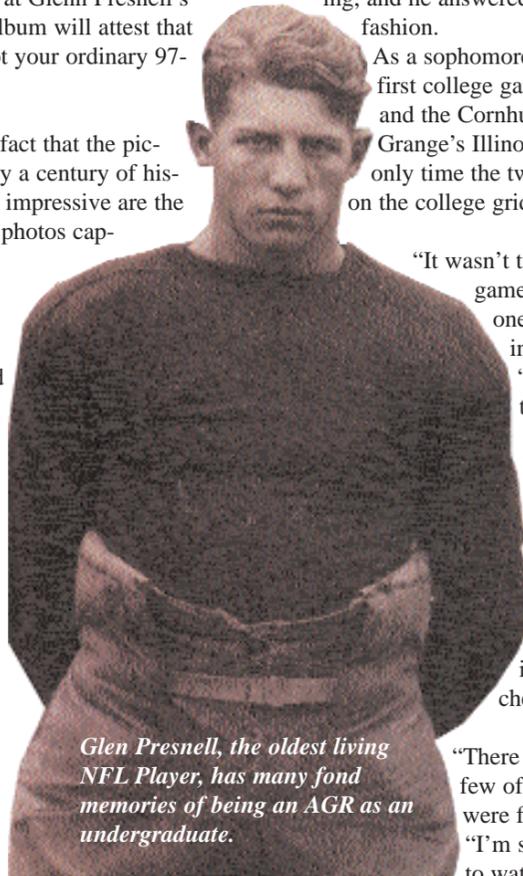
That year, Presnell also kicked a 54-yard field goal to defeat Green Bay 3-0, a record that stood in the NFL for 19 years and as a team record until 1995.

"It was quite thrilling to kick that and win the game," he said. "I remember that day very well. The weather was beautiful."

The next year, Presnell was the starting quarterback for the Lions and led them to the NFL Championship.

After his playing days were over, Presnell embarked on a variety of new ventures that included head football coach at Nebraska and Eastern Kentucky, athletic director at ECU and a stint in the United States Navy. He retired in 1971.

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Glen Presnell, the oldest living NFL Player, has many fond memories of being an AGR as an undergraduate.

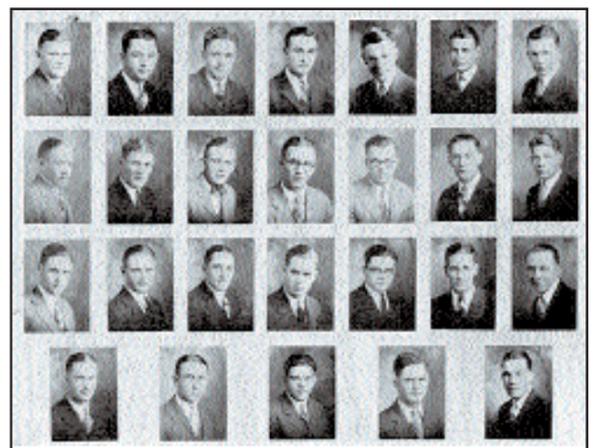
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The 1925 Nebraska (Kappa Chapter) composite. Presnell is pictured in the second row on the far right.

Recruitment Schools 2003: Teaching Chapters How To Get Quality Men

By Josh Terhune, Chapter Consultant



This past spring we held two recruitment schools in the attempt to help our chapters around the nation take care of their biggest problem: finding and recruiting quality men to become AGRs. In these schools we go over a basic sales training format. We teach the VNR - Recruitment and other chapter members that selling yourself is the first step.

There is a lot more to the school than this, but it is all based on personalized, year-round recruitment rather than "rushing" once a semester or year.

On Saturday morning of the school, alumni from the Kansas City area give up a couple of hours of their time to work one-on-one with each chapter to develop a written recruitment plan for that year. We would like to thank those alumni and staff that volunteered time: Dave Anderson, Kevin Barnes, John

Borchers, Erwin Clark, Kevin Dehn, Joe Eddy, David Fearis, Dallas Ford, Kylo Heller, Leslie Jett, Phil Kirk, Thad Koenigsfeld, Dave Lehman, Jesse McCurry, Luke McKelvie, Kyle Nichols, Ken Root and Peter Tomlinson.

We would also like to thank the following chapters for their participation this year: North Dakota State, Iowa State, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Carolina State, Auburn, Oklahoma State, Colorado State, Michigan State, Maine, Cal Poly, New Hampshire, Florida, Louisiana State, Kansas State, Maryland, Tennessee - Knoxville, Western Illinois, Tennessee - Martin, Murray State, Southern Illinois, Illinois State, Middle Tennessee State, Wyoming, Northwest MO State, Tarleton State, Idaho and Southwest MO State.

We hope to see all of our chapters take advantage of this school next year, which is mostly paid by the Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho. We can also put on regional recruitment workshops in your area. If your chapter has any questions about these services or would like to report an alumnus who would like to help, please contact Josh Terhune in the Home Office at (816) 891-9200 x 16. ■

Iota Scholarship Recipients Honored at Founder's Day



Shown in the photo taken at the conclusion of the awards are the recipients: (Left to right) Lan Waddell, President of Iota's alumni corporation; handing a check to Daniel Dogs, who was awarded the Scott Holzhueter Outstanding Junior Award; Mike Tassoul named the Outstanding Freshman; Ben Dorshorst selected for the Outstanding Sophomore Award; Andy Engel, named recipient of the Dale Bruhn Award of Excellence; and John Dorshorst, granted the Richard P. Ames family Outstanding Senior Award. The awards to Brothers Dorshorst and Dogs were funded by the national Educational Foundation.

Undergraduate chapter recipients of awards granted by Wisconsin - Madison Educational Foundation and the National Educational Foundation were honored at the annual Founder's Day banquet on Saturday,

April 5, in the presence of approximately 100 alumni, undergrads and spouses. A member from each class is selected to be recognized as the Outstanding individual and a special award established by alumnus, Dale Bruhn, is also given. ■

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Presnell takes life easy now, working a little in the yard and garden and even golfing on occasion. He also enjoys watching college and pro football on television, though he says the game has changed a bit since the days when he duked it out with Grange and Nagurski.

"The game is more open now," he said. "There's a lot more passing. Before, you ran it until you needed that long gain, and then you passed. Now, you pass on every down."

Glenn Presnell has lived a life that not many would even dare to dream of. He has seen and experienced more in his 97 years on this earth than most people could hope for. And he credits much of that to AGR.

Though he found it difficult to keep up steady correspondence with other members of the Kappa Chapter over the years, he said they would no doubt always hold a special place in his memory and heart.

"Not much contact, but a whole lot of memories," he said. "And that's what's important." ■



Presnell, 1935



Presnell, 2003

Josephson Awarded CFEA's Prestigious Varner Award



Phil Josephson (right) and Bill Schilling (left) have both received CFEA's Evin C. Varner award. Alpha Gamma Rho is the first fraternity to have two members receive the award.

On May 10, 2003, Phil Josephson, executive director of Alpha Gamma Rho, received the College Fraternal Editors Association's (CFEA) prestigious Evin C. Varner award. This is the highest award given at the annual CFEA Conference.

Josephson was commended by CFEA for his 30 years of service to Alpha Gamma Rho and his implementation of the Brotherhood Program.

Durwood Owen, the 1994 Varner Recipient from Pi Kappa Phi, summed up Josephson's influence on the fraternity world: "When he speaks, people listen. When he promises, he produces. When he works, he works harder than anyone."



Josephson was featured on the Summer 2003 cover of CFEA's "The Fraternity Editor."

Four Undergraduate Directors Named to National Board



Brady Sidwell
Oklahoma State

Brady Sidwell is a junior at Oklahoma State University. Brady has been involved in several activities since joining

Alpha Gamma Rho. He has been a Student Government Association Executive Officer, President's Leadership Council member, Blue Key National Honor Society member and a Lew Wentz Scholar.

Brother Sidwell was also a legislative Intern in Washington DC and a USDA FAS intern at the American Embassy in Seoul, South Korea. He has held the positions of VNR - Finance and Noble Ruler for Alpha Gamma Rho.



Mike Miron
Minnesota

Mike Miron is a junior at the University of Minnesota. He has been actively involved in student activities, including

Agriculture Education Club President, CAFES Ambassador, Ag Education Club: Outstanding New Member Award and Spirit of Agricultural Education Award, College of Education and Human Development Advisory Board Member and Division of Agricultural Food and Environmental Education Technology Committee Member.

Brother Miron has served as VNR - Alumni Relations and Noble Ruler for Lambda Chapter.



Derek Rodgers
Purdue

Derek Rodgers is a junior at Purdue University. He has been involved in the Mauzy Leadership Mentor Program,

Purdue Agriculture Council, Alpha Zeta National Agriculture Honor Fraternity, Golden Key International Honor Society, Department of Agriculture Economics Student Representative, IAAE-Purdue Committee Chairman, EMV Leadership Conference, Outstanding Freshman in Agriculture Education Award, and a Finalist for the Purdue School of Agriculture Freshman Award.

Brother Rodgers has served as VNR - Finance and Noble Ruler for Delta Chapter.



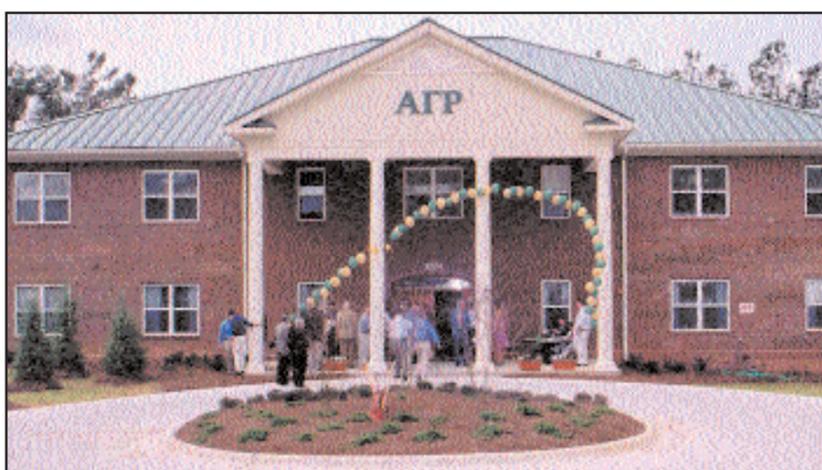
Matthew Vinson
Texas A&M

Matthew Vinson is a senior at Texas A&M University. He has been involved in the Houston Livestock Show and

a Rodeo Scholarship recipient, Ag Council Delegate, AGR Brother of the year award, Campus Food Drive, Adopt-a-Highway, Children's Book Donation, 4-H Award Gold Star Winner, and is working on starting a local collegiate chapter of the Independent Cattlemen's Association this upcoming semester.

He has served Alpha Gamma Rho as VNR - Recruitment and Noble Ruler.

National Leaders Help Dedicate Nu's New Chapter House



Photos, clockwise from bottom: Many alumni brothers were recognized for their efforts raising funds and supervising construction. Major donors Lewis C. Smith and his wife Martha received special recognition with this oil portrait of Brother Smith. Since graduation in 1950 from NCSU, he has served on the Nu Club board and in many other ways. His portrait is now displayed in the formal living room alongside a 1938 oil portrait of the late Dr. J. B. Hoffmann. He was a Dean of Forestry at N.C. State and AGR adviser credited with keeping Nu Chapter going during World War II.

More than 300 alumni and friends attended the ceremony, festivities and lunch held in the huge tent, which entirely covered one of AGR's large, paved parking lots.

The 21,000-square-foot structure accommodates up to 60 students. The brick, three-

story building has modern fireproof construction, elevator, member lounge, chapter meeting room, laundry room, computer room, modern kitchen, dining room and spacious housemother's suite. Each two-person dormitory room has telephone, cable and ethernet-computer access. Students moved in Dec. 30.

Grand President Mike Jackson, Phil Josephson, various national board and committee members participated in Founder's day festivities April 5 when the new \$2.7 million Nu Chapter house was dedicated. It is located at 3501 Avent Ferry Rd. in Raleigh near the N.C. State University Centennial Campus. All AGRs are invited to visit North Carolina and, while there, to view Nu's progress.



Letter to the Editor

The Best of All Legacies: Endowing a Scholarship

By Chester Peterson, Kansas State

It's time to give something back. That's why I feel so strongly that just about the best thing an alum of a university can do is to endow a scholarship.

It isn't the dollar amount of the award a student receives that's important either, although the more the better, of course. Instead, the winning of a scholarship that's based on scholastics, leadership, and/or excelling in some endeavor such as judging can serve as a catalyst in directing a young man or woman to setting and achieving new career goals.

Maybe, just maybe, the awarding of a scholarship might cause a change in

mind-set from "I'm going to get by" to "I'm going to be the best."

My family and I have endowed a scholarship at three universities. And, for the record, we're not wealthy and we drive Hondas and eat hamburger.

What can you do, especially if your personal funds are quite limited? Be the sparkplug that rouses interest in putting together enough money to endow a scholarship.

Let me give you an example: The judging team I was on gave me more "tools" for life than anything else in college. I found that other members of the team

felt the same, and that we owed much to the coach.

At my request the K-State Animal Sciences and Industry sent me the database of graduates who'd been on one of this coach's teams. I then worked up a personal letter to each, which the KSU Foundation mailed. A week later two other former team members and I started calling people.

The bottom line: twenty-seven people made a tax-deductible donation to the Dr. G.B. Marion Dairy Cattle Judging Team Scholarship, providing enough funds to endow it.

Did you have a judging team coach who in essence gave you a whole new view of life - who helped you learn to evaluate, be objective, and to speak out with your reasons for making a decision? Don't you think there are others who feel the same and would be glad to help you get a commemorative scholarship set up?

Or, how about working to set up a scholarship for outstanding AGR collegiates at your chapter?

Believe me, you won't regret it. ■

Al Christian Earns Pork Checkoff Distinguished Service Award

America's pork producers will honor Al Christian with the 2003 Distinguished Service Award during a banquet March 8 at the National Pork Industry Forum in Dallas, Texas. The Distinguished Service Award is given annually by the National Pork Checkoff Board to recognize outstanding contributions for the betterment of the pork industry.

"The Christian name is a legend in the pork industry and certainly at Iowa State," said Tom Floy, a National Pork Board member and a pork producer from Thornton, Iowa. "To many students, Al has been much more than a teacher - he has been a friend they could go to for advice and counsel, even long after graduation.

Christian was instrumental in the development of Symbol, the representation of the ideal market hog. Christian also provided hogs and other support for the Pork Checkoff-funded PORK 101, and the Pork Value and Lean Value contests, which led to the development of the Fat-

Iowa State Alumnus Named as New RVP



Iowa State Alumnus, Dan E. Johnson, has been named as the new RVP for the North Central region. Johnson is Vice President/ Branch Manager of UBTC in Hampton, Iowa.

Brother Johnson was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in January of 1991 at Iowa State University. As an undergraduate he held leadership positions in a variety of on-campus organizations including IFC, VEISHEA and the Student Alumni Association. He served as VNR House Operations in 1993 and is currently an Eta Alumni Board Member.

Currently, Dan is involved in his local Rotary and is the local club secretary, President of Main Street Hampton, Treasurer of Hampton Community Housing and President of the Franklin County Bankers Association.

He has been married for two years to his wife, Carla, who is currently the Director of Radiology at Wright Medical Center in Clarion, Iowa. ■

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John Adams Tucker, Florida, was awarded the National Leadership Award and has a new position as honorary chairman for the Florida Business Advisory Council, and is on the National Republican Congressional Committee.



John Tucker
Florida



Rich and Ann Angle
Purdue

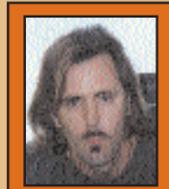
Rich Angle, Purdue, is district Governor for Rotary International for 2003-2004 for District 6540, Northern Indiana. Rick's wife Ann (pictured above) is the former Exec. Director of Kappa Epsilon, Nat'l Pharmacy Honorary for women, and holds multiple Panhellenic posts.

Richard LaCroix, Wisconsin - Madison, has joined the nutrition and product management group for Kent Feeds as northern region dairy specialist.

Brose McVey, Purdue, has formed NEX-POINTE Strategies, LLC, a new public relations, government relations and marketing firm. Their mission is to serve their clients by getting them better connected -- to customers, to capital, to the media, to donors and investors, to government decision-makers and to strategic partners.

Sam Strahm, Kansas State, was named the 2002 AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year. He has held many industry positions including President AVMA, 1989-90; President, Oklahoma VMA, 1980-81; President, Tulsa County VMA; President, American Association of Veterinary State Boards (20-year member); Chairman, Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (23-year member.) Dr. Strahm has also been a member of the Kansas VMA, Oklahoma Academy of Veterinary Practice, AABP, Society for Theriogenology, Osage County Cattlemen's Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Jimmy Voegeli, Wisconsin - Madison, is a member of the Madison, Wisconsin based Westside Andy and the Mel Ford band. The band was recently presented a W.A.M.I. (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) award for best Blues Band. They also received a Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Blues Album for their "Handyman" CD in 2003! More info at www.westsideandy.com. Jimmy also works on the family dairy farm with his brother Brian.



Jimmy Voegeli
Wisconsin -
Madison

Eric Wrede, Oklahoma State, has been employed by Baader, an 85 year-old German company, for the past eight years and recently moved to Northwest Arkansas, covering Southern Missouri, Eastern Oklahoma and all of Arkansas, promoting their line of Poultry processing equipment. His wife Paige (Jackson) is an OSU graduate and former Rhomate. She is a Senior Professional Representative for Merck Pharmaceuticals. They have two sons, Logan (2) and Wyatt (3 mo.).

Steven C. Sing, Minnesota, has been promoted to General Manager for Sidney Sugars Incorporated in October of 2002. Sidney Sugars Incorporated is a subsidiary of American Crystal Sugar. It was formerly owned by Imperial Holly Sugar.

Lewis Landsberg, Kansas State, is on the Blue Springs, Missouri city planning commission and for ten years he has been president of Homeowners Association. He is active in his church and teaching a bible class.

James F. Huffard III, Virginia Tech, is currently President of the American Jersey Cattle Assoc. and is serving his second term.

Roy S. Rosedale, California - Davis, has worked with Campus Crusade for Christ for 36 years as Missionary to Indonesia, Professor of Missions at International School of Theology and Coordinator and founder of International Consortium of nine seminaries in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Latin America. He travels to teach and do consulting work at these graduate schools every year. He has also directed conferences for Russian Public School Teachers throughout Russia and Ukraine to learn about teaching a curriculum on Christian values and ethics.

Myron Stone, South Dakota State, is an ag instructor at Mitchell Technical Institute. He has been named National Adviser of the Year.

Ben Marks, Tennessee - Knoxville, graduated in May of 2002 with his MBA from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. While pursuing his MBA, Marks concentrated in Finance and Strategy. He is currently employed by Gaylord Entertainment Co. in Nashville as Director of Strategic Planning where he is responsible for feasibility studies on hotel ventures, long-range planning and capital analysis. Marks' experience prior to Gaylord includes positions in management consulting with PricewaterhouseCoopers and business development with Proctor & Gamble.



Ben Marks
Tennessee -
Knoxville



Ronald Brohammer
Southern
Illinois

Ronald G. Brohammer, Southern Illinois, after nearly 36 years in public service (28 years in Air Force - retired in January of '95, Colonel) and over eight years in municipal government he has retired and now is seeking a new career in real estate sales.

James D. Fuqua, Auburn, was married on June 14 to Leah Yarbrough.

Bill Swank, Ohio State, was awarded the

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Elliott Named Vice President of American Angus

Joe Elliott, Tennessee - Knoxville, was elected Vice President of the American Angus Association at the 2002 Annual Meeting held November 18 in Louisville, KY. Joe just completed his second three-year term on the board and one-year term as treasurer. His operation, Robert Elliott and Sons Farm, is a family operation that includes Angus cattle and diversified farming enterprises.

Elliott has spent his entire life farming and breeding Angus cattle in north central Tennessee and is the sixth generation to do so on his family's farm. He and his wife, Anne, have two sons. ■

Sis Appointed to Dean of School of Veterinary Medicine



Raymond Sis, Kansas State, has been appointed to the position of Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Sis's appointment follows an extensive search for an accomplished academic leader by a committee composed of administration, faculty, and student representatives. Dr. Sis assumed the position of Dean on April 1, 2003. He has already contributed to the development of the School in his role as Professor of Anatomy, Preclinical Studies and Associate Dean of Students in the School of Veterinary Medicine. ■

Distinguished Service Award for his commitment to agriculture. This is the highest honor AFBF awards. Farm Bureau membership grew from 52,000 to 180,000 during Swank's tenure. Bill Swank served as President of the Ohio State Alumni Association and has endowed a chair in Rural-Urban Policy. Governor Voinovich asked Swank to chair the farmland preservation task force. He presently is serving on the 2004 Convention Committee for AGR.

Jeffrey A. Easterday, Ohio State, and partners formed a new law firm in November 2002. They practice throughout Ohio with emphasis in agricultural law, estate planning, estate and trust administration, real estate, taxation, tax-free exchanges, environmental law and business law.

J. Austin Pugmire, Georgia, spent three successful years as a timber buyer in North Georgia after graduating with his masters of Forest Resources in 1998 from UGA. Now, he and his wife, Allison, live in Kennesaw and Austin sells cars at his family's 42-year-old dealership, Pugmire Lincoln-Mercury of Marietta.

Frederick Addy, Michigan State, and his wife Marilyn Addy have been very generous donors to MSU. In recognition of his wife Marilyn's music degree, they established the Marilyn Addy Endowment for Artistic Excellence for the benefit of the Lyric Opera of Austin, TX.

Robert Rupp, Nebraska, was honored in April as "Volunteer of the Year" by St. Croix area United Way. He will retire as editor of the Farmer/Dakota Farmer for 20 years in January.

Robert Hurst, Purdue, is fourth generation on his farm and still lives in the house where he was born. They have a dairy operation which they started in 1953. Now they have about 230 head counting replacements.

Fred Ligon, Arkansas, is retired and has four sons, 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. He enjoys gardening (vegetables and flowers) and travels as much as possible.

Kye Hofman, Purdue, has three children:

Justin (9), Jade (7) and Alex (2). He also owns three Ponderosa Steakhouses.

Claude Harper Jr., Purdue, is 87 years old and has been dependent on a wheel chair/electric cart for over 14 years. He worked for Beatrice for 36 years then on his own for nine more in improving and rebuilding all food processing and keeping products in the USA. He also survived WWII at Omaha Beach plus six other major battles.

Nelson E. Glenn, Nebraska, family's business involving water well drilling, irrigation and water systems is now operated by his son Rick and he assists with work as needed.

Kenneth R. Marshall, New Hampshire, is retired and enjoying himself dancing, traveling and growing Halloween pumpkins for fun and profit.

Jack C. Boles, Arkansas State, and wife Sherri are currently living approximately four miles from the Buffalo River and spend their time fishing, canoeing, raising animals and working.

Zed DeVaughan Jr., Oklahoma State, is happily retired, enjoying life, doing a lot of volunteer work; but still golfing, traveling and having fun!

Ralph Denwood Welsh, Jr., Maryland, received the 40 year NASA service award in March of 2002.

John Paul Eddy, Minnesota, was a guest of a South Korean government official and visited South Korea. He saw the world's largest churches and universities to some of the agricultural government farms and forestry units. Dr. Eddy has contributed to the writing of books published in education in South Korea in 2003 and 2004.

Flinn Selected for Best Teacher



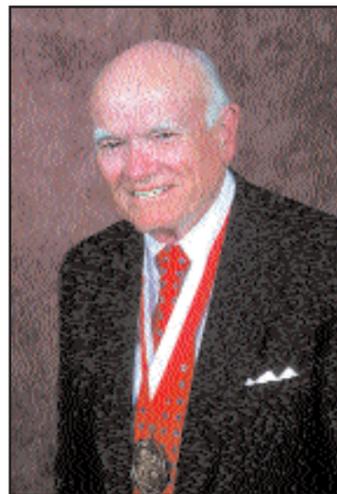
Professor William (Bill) Flinn of Beta Chapter at The Ohio State University was selected by the Student Council of the Colleges of Arts

and Sciences as one of the ten best teachers from among the approximately 1,000 professors in the five colleges that comprise the Arts and Sciences Colleges-Colleges of the Arts, Colleges of Biological Sciences, College of Humanities, College of Mathematical & Physical Sciences, and College of Social & Behavioral Sciences. The Student Council noted that this is a major accomplishment. For the past 21 years,

Bill was President and Executive Director of the Midwest Universities for International Activities, Inc. (MUCIA), the public universities of the Big Ten Conference, and did not teach courses. Under his presidency the consortium conducted \$390 million in educational and technical assistance projects in 55 countries.

After retiring from MUCIA last year, Bill returned to his teaching and research position on the faculty and taught classes in Introductory Rural Sociology. The students of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences have presented these outstanding teaching awards since 1945, the only such awards at Ohio State that are selected solely by students. ■

North Carolina State Alumnus Awarded Prestigious Watauga



The Watauga Medal, the highest nonacademic honor bestowed by the University of North Carolina State, was awarded to AGR Alumnus, Arthur Tab Williams Jr., of Winston-Salem.

Brother Williams grew up on a family farm in Pitt County and then graduated from NC State in 1950 with a bachelor's

degree in agronomy. He worked for four years as an agricultural extension agent in Forsyth County and became a sales supervisor for the Winston-Salem Tobacco Market for two years.

After working for Taylor Oil Company for six years, Williams, in 1963, created his own company, A.T. Williams Oil Company, and purchased six full-service gas stations. That company later grew to become Wilco Travel and Fuel Plazas, comprising 120 gas stations and convenience stores and 21 Wilco travel centers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. By the late 1990's, Wilco was the largest independent gasoline retailer in North Carolina. In 2001, Williams sold half of his company to a longtime supplier, Amerada Hess Corporation.

Williams has been an active leader in major fund-raising campaigns at NC State. In 1996, he established a Charitable Annuity Lead Trust that makes annual gifts to support three scholarships. ■

Kirk Weih Elected President of the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers



Kirk Weih became the 62nd president of the Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural

Appraisers (ASFMRA) at the chapter's annual meeting. The 250 plus member organization of leading agricultural property professionals has been serving Iowa agriculture for over 60 years through quality education programs, professional development and a strong code of ethics.

Kirk is an Accredited Farm Manager (AFM) and licensed Real Estate Broker

with Hertz Farm Management, Inc. in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and has worked with farmland owners for over 24 years to manage, sell and acquire rural properties in Eastern Iowa.

Kirk has established himself as a leader within the industry through his work with a first of its kind ISO 9000 project in Lee county. He was recognized by the ASFMRA as Farm Manager the Year in 1993 and has received the National Association of Conservation Districts and ASFMRA National Farm Manager Conservation Award. Additionally, Kirk is a recipient of the Iowa Chapter ASFMRA and Iowa SWCS Farm Manager Conservation Award and was named a Berg Fellow by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in 1994. ■

Book Corner



Clyde Stephens advising banana farmers in India.

Clyde Stephens, Florida, 1953, has written another book on tropical adventures. BANANA PEOPLE is a collection of short stories based on experiences in Central America during four decades of Clyde's career in banana research with United Fruit Company, now Chiquita Brands. His career was partly inspired by another Florida AGR, Sid Banack, who was born and raised on banana plantations. Three chapters relate the adventurous life of three generations

of the Banack family in Central America, beginning nearly a century ago. Other chapters reveal sensitive political intrigues, natural history, native people, archaeology, anecdotes and adventures in the tropics.

Since retirement in 1991, Stephens became a banana consultant. As a volunteer for Winrock International, he has advised hundreds of

small banana farmers in Mexico, Guinea West Africa, Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Presently, Clyde and his wife of 40 years, Phyllis, enjoy a home in Tavares, Florida, and on an island in Bocas del Toro, Panama.

BANANA PEOPLE can be ordered by mail at: 11314 Davison LN, Tavares, FL 32778, or via Bananabyte@aol.com for \$22. ■

Binversies Named Outstanding Young



Jay Binversie (Wisconsin - Madison) and wife Pam received the National Outstanding Young Farmers of the Year Award.

Jay (Wisconsin - Madison) and Pam Binversie, the 2002 Wisconsin Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmers, were selected as one of four national Outstanding Young Farmer winners at the 47th annual National Outstanding Young Farmers (OYF) Awards Congress. The selection process took place February 13-16 and was sponsored by John Deere.

Jay Binversie began raising equity crops, along with registered dairy cattle and steers, while in high school. By the time he reached his senior year, Binversie's crop acres had grown to 80 and he was the owner of more than 20 head of cattle.

He and Pam were married the summer after he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. By the beginning of the following year the couple

had purchased his father's entire herd of cows and entered into a rental agreement for the equipment, buildings and 1,000 acres of land on the southern Manitowish County farm. At the time they were milking 200 cows and managing five employees.

Their first herd expansion took place in 1995, when Jay was just 24. Cow numbers increased to 450 and Jay and Pam faced the challenge of not only managing more cows and employees but a heavier debt load as well.

This expansion featured a 256 - by 119 - foot addition to their freestall barn, and the installation of a manure flush system that enabled them to eliminate more than 15 man-hours of scraping each day and made possible the application of manure with a minimum of odor.

Their 12 million-gallon lagoons were built high enough to keep most of the objectionable odors from reaching nearby homes. The system provides sufficient storage space to handle all the manure from 1, 200 cows for a full year, if necessary.

A pair of new 120 by 30 foot greenhouses have helped their calf management program, significantly reducing calf mortality. In 1999, new Germania milking units were installed. In 2000, the freestall barn was expanded again. The Binversies currently have around 690 milk cows, and with the young stock the total climbs to more than 1,200 animals.

Binversie feels one important reason they've been profitable with their current number of cows is that they were able to retrofit the double-10 milking parlor that was built in 1971. "It really helped that we didn't have to build a half-million dollar parlor," he affirmed.

Binversie is quick to credit his staff of employees for the success of his operation. "I have an excellent staff and they keep getting better," he said.

Jay and Pam Binversie have three daughters, twins Taylor and Gretta, age 5, and Josie, who is 2 years old.

The Binversies are members of the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin and Foremost Farms Cooperative. Jay also coaches youth basketball and baseball. ■



Attention AGR Weed (Plant Science) Managers

In February 2004, the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) will conduct its annual meeting in Kansas City, the national home of AGR and site of the 1st National Weed Control Conference in 1953 sponsored by the Association of Regional Weed Control Conferences. WSSA (originally WSA) was organized by an executive committee from the Association in 1954 in Fargo, ND, and the first meeting of WSSA was subsequently held in New York in 1956.

To celebrate this occasion, AGR National Headquarters will host a reception for all Brothers (including retirees) who are associated with weed/plant management associations or businesses, weed research, teaching, or extension with academics, industry, and governmental agencies.

In order to plan for this function, we need to compile a list of all AGR Brothers with a weedy connection. We can then provide more information on the reception.

To be included, please send your name with address, phone numbers, AGR Chapter, and email address to Horace D. "Skip" Skipper at Department of Crop & Soil Environ. Science, Box 340359, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-0359. Phone 864-656-3525, email Skipper@Clemson.edu, home phone 864-868-9275.

Transitions

The following deaths were reported to the Home Office since the last publication. The year listed is the year of initiation.

Arkansas

Austin Vines, 1934

Auburn

John A. Reddoch, 1926
M. Paul Donaldson, 1945
Charles Ledbetter, 1946
Jack Sherrer, 1948

Cal Poly-SLO

Jack G. Smith, 1934

California - Davis

L. Paul Arnold, 1928
George C. Winters, 1929
Stephen White, 1956

Clemson

John R. Cappelmann, 1981

Connecticut

Frederick C. Keish, 1942

Cornell

Fred A. Tuthill, 1936
John M. Collins, 1940
Harry B. Dodge, 1941

Florida

Philip Arey, 1934
Harmon Suggs, 1941
Danna Akins, 1960

Illinois

Dale C. Teach, 1926
Paul R. Bengé, 1931
Charles Doubet, 1942
Irwin W. Miller, 1942
Arnold Taft, 1947

Iowa State

Hamilton Eaton, 1937
Kermit M. Teig, 1937

Kansas State

Roscoe S. Coberly, 1927
Lloyd Gugler, 1929
Ed Smerchek, 1936
Kenneth Jameson, 1939
Ole J. Rollag, 1945
Joseph E. Martin, 1946

Kentucky

Julian T. Cannon, 1977

Louisiana State

Grant Wilbanks, 1979

Maryland

Robert L. Pryor, 1928
Henry A. Sohn, 1947

Michigan State

Wallace Keskitalo, 1939
William R. Irey, 1941
Herbert L. Miller, 1956

Missouri

Edwin Price, 1937
Roy Gee, 1937
Cordell Tindall, 1951

Minnesota

Stanley B. Olson, 1930
William Herrold, 1932
Ellerton F. Gaskill, 1954
Norman S. Stone, 1955
Edward J. Haeg, 1955

Nebraska

Floyd E. Coley, 1938
John Schick, 1939
Milton A. Olson, 1940
Bryce Donald Tracy, 1941
Philip C. Olson, 1949
Delbert Merritt, 1952
Phillip Kreutz, 1955

New Hampshire

Dayton Henson, 1933
Riley Heath, 1970

New Mexico State

Richard Sidwell, 1952
Don Foster, 1955

North Carolina State

Jack Christopher, 1965

North Dakota State

Leo Orth, 1940

Ohio State

John E. Zeiger, 1935

Oklahoma State

Carlos Gang, 1936
Ivan L. Little, 1937

L.G. McLean, 1940

Forrest R. McClain, 1942
Fred T. Brown, 1947
Edward K. Baker, 1947
Steve Dowell, 1953
Quincy D. Smith, 1955

Oregon State

William W. Thompson, 1936
Henry Kolbaba, 1946

Purdue

Oris W. Martin, 1934
Warner C. Kessler, 1936
Marvin R. Borden, 1948
Richard Hollandbeck, 1949

Tennessee - Knoxville

Joseph A. Phillips, 1951
Claud H. Brown, 1965

Vermont

Robert L. Hansen, 1961

Washington State

Harold Vande Kamp, 1953

West Virginia

Freeman P. Smith, 1932
Preston C. Smith, 1932
F. David Bartlett, 1949
John Wood, 2000

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Purdue Alumnus Honored with prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award



Indiana Lt. Gov. Joseph Kernan (left) presented a Sagamore of the Wabash award to Lowell Hardin on April 27 for Hardin's lifetime of service to agriculture.

Designation as a Sagamore of the Wabash is the highest honor the governor can issue to a citizen for distinguished service to the state.

At age 85, professor emeritus Lowell S. Hardin, BS '39, has been working for Purdue University on and off for 60 years, and he still isn't ready to call it quits.

"I have no plans to recede into my rocking chair and watch the world go by," says Hardin. "As long as I am in good health and feel welcome here, I'll probably take up a bit of office space."

Hardin has been taking up office space at Purdue — and putting it to good use — since 1943, when he joined the

School of Agriculture faculty. He was head of the Department of Agricultural Economics from 1953 until 1965, when he took a one-year leave to work at the Ford Foundation.

He helped the foundation set up an agricultural development program in Latin America to increase food production for the hungry. That was his first full-time involvement in international agriculture.

When his year with the Latin American program ended, Hardin had to decide whether to move back to Indiana or to

continue working for the Ford Foundation. His wife, Mary, persuaded him to stay.

"My efforts to persuade him to stay with the Ford Foundation were a result of a heartwarming and successful first year in this challenge," Mary says. "We have always enjoyed getting to know international friends, so here was an extended opportunity."

In 1981, Hardin retired from the Ford Foundation and returned to Purdue as emeritus professor of agricultural economics and assistant director of International Programs in Agriculture (IPIA).

By maintaining an office at Purdue, Hardin is able to share with his colleagues and with students the knowledge he has gained from his travels to more than 50 countries. He also maintains the friendships he has made around the world.

One of his friendships is with Norman Borlaug, known as the father of the Green Revolution. For most of the past five decades, Borlaug, from his base in Mexico, has led research and training programs in wheat production and the techniques of high-yield agriculture throughout the developing world. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970.

Hardin recruited Borlaug to address the overflow audience at the 2003 Ag Alumni Fish Fry on Feb. 14.

With all of the endeavors that Hardin has taken on through the years, he shows no sign of slowing down.

"I find engagement in the international arena in this period of globalization both stimulating and rewarding," he says. "While I am no longer directly involved in the action, colleagues here at Purdue take me there vicariously."

Mike Stitsworth, associate director of academic programs in the IPIA office, describes Hardin's involvement this way:

"I have never met anyone who has managed to keep current any better than Lowell. I read the *Wall Street Journal* every day and often discuss articles with him — not only has Lowell already read them, but he can also tell me about the *Economist's* take on the same topic, because he's read that too.

"It's always fun for me to introduce people to Lowell, whether it's an undergraduate trying to answer a question, or a visiting faculty member. When they first meet Lowell, I can see that they are thinking, 'Who is this old guy, and what could he possibly teach me?' I'll come back an hour later and find them still talking to Lowell, just enthralled, because they recognize him for the treasure that he is.

"He is one of those rare persons who understands the past, but whose vision of the future is more important than his memories." ■



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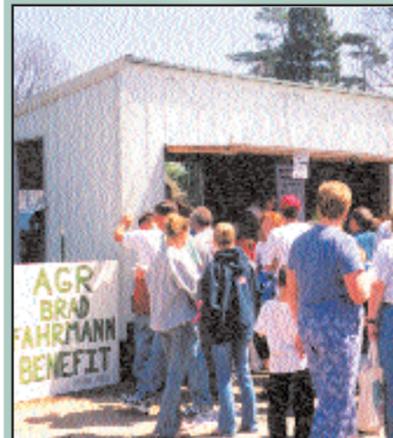
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Over \$3400 was raised for Iowa State
brother Brad Fahrman.

Brother

Brad Fahrman, a fall 2002 Iowa State initiate, has been fighting cancer since his high school days. As a 16 year old, he was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma Cancer. His cancer had been in remission during his senior year but later that summer, the cancer reoccurred. As a first semester freshman majoring in Animal Ecology, Brad fought the battle while attending classes and never complained. As a tribute to Brother Fahrman's perseverance and strong character, he has been nicknamed "Sweetness" by his AGR brothers. It was difficult for the undergrads to learn Brad would not be able to continue his education spring semester when they returned from the semester break.

During VEISHEA 2003, the AGR food stand became a "Brad Fahrman Benefit." This food stand is along the parade route and a traditional spot for AGR alums to gather during this student celebration showcasing Iowa State. After promoting our endeavors to all Iowa State Alumni, Brad's hometown, and throughout the ISU Greek community the food stand was open for just 6 hours. About \$3400 was raised. The undergraduate chapter voted to refund his house bill for the semester, so Sweetness received over \$5000 for his needs from the Iowa State Chapter "Brad Fahrman Benefit."

Brad has re-enrolled at ISU for the fall 04 semester and is optimistic that he will be with his AGR brothers next semester. Let's all keep Brad, his family and Iowa State Chapter in our

AGR Brothers Serve the United

The following brothers are currently serving our country. Some brothers were involved in the conflict with Iraq and others have been deployed all over the world. If you know of any other AGR brother who is or was involved in the conflict, please email Becky at Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org with his name and branch of service. We will run another list in the Fall 2003 edition of SICKLE & SHEAF.



Brandon Oleen, Kansas State
John Wallace, Maine
Brian Lee, Maine
Jose Alicea, Maine
Eli Crane, Arizona
Jim Mina, Penn State
Allen M. Lambright, Texas A&M
Josh Sink, Arkansas
Michael Vann, Arkansas
Jordan May, Arkansas
Drew Jackson, Florida
Dan Lincoln, Arkansas State
Jason Meyers, Arkansas State
Matt Vandiver, Arkansas State
Cole Brewer, Arkansas State
Kent Brewer, Arkansas State
Michael Fuller, Arkansas State

Marden Heuter, Arkansas State
Steve Ivy, Arkansas State
Chris Pulliam, Arkansas State
Jeremy McSpadden, Arkansas State
Trey Lawrence, Arkansas State
Michael Bounds, Arkansas State
Rusty Crowe, Mississippi State
James Taylor III, Mississippi State
Greg Buchanan, California - Davis
John F Kerby, Tarleton State
William Brent Ash, West Virginia
Jim Azzinari, Colorado State
Troy Phillips, Wyoming
Michael Whiteley, Truman State

Dates To Remember

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| August 22-23 | Leadership Conference |
| October 3 | World Dairy Expo AGR Reception 4:30-9:00 Clarion Hotel |
| November 7-8 | Board Meetings Des Moines, Iowa |
| January 22-23 | Adviser Forum Kansas City, MO |

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