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Centennial Convention Celebration

Wow! 100 years, growing stronger than ever, and still making better men! That is reason to celebrate.

Columbus, Ohio was an excellent place to celebrate 100 years and hold the 58th National Convention of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Over four days collegiates and alumni of the fraternity met and discussed the business, history and the future of Alpha Gamma Rho and the agriculture industry.

There were 820 people at this convention, double the amount of any held before! "The undergraduate participants highly impressed the many alumni there. The stature of the Beta alumni in the Ohio and Ohio State University communities caused national, state and university leaders to welcome and encourage AGR," said Gene Lemon, alumnus of the University Illinois, Alpha chapter.

Undergraduates and alumni gathered and networked making for a very rewarding and purposeful convention. "I have now experienced so many new things, met so many people and had such extraordinary experiences with the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho. My experience as a brother in this fraternity has truly been a blessing. As a brother of one of the smallest chapters, this convention was truly awe-inspiring," said David Ponson, Noble Ruler of the Louisiana State Alpha Epsilon chapter.

During the convention AGR honored 718 of its members as "Brothers of the Century." The purpose of the Alpha Gamma Rho Brothers of the Century award is to recognize the "best of the best" members of AGR in the fraternity's first 100 years. Each recipient received a commemorative Brother of the Century medallion and was invited to attend the 2004 convention to be recognized in a special ceremony and celebration of AGR's first century.

Phil George, alumnus of the Alpha Psi chapter

said, "I was emotionally moved by the 100th Anniversary convention, its location and the Brothers of the Century ceremony. I left the convention renewed, invigorated and re-dedicated to the principles and goals of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. While the accomplishments in agriculture and public service of these brothers were recognized, we were celebrating the role of AGR in their lives and committing ourselves to another 100 years of making better men."

Keynote speakers of the convention included Dr. Karen Holbrook, President of Ohio State University; Dr. Bobby Moser, Vice President, Agriculture Administration & Outreach of Ohio State University; Lowell Catlett, Agriculture Futurist & Professor at New Mexico State University; Jim Moseley, Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture; Casey Hogan, Western Region Vice-President of the National FFA Organization; and Archie Griffin, two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy.

The convention concluded with a celebration of its first 100 years, the Brothers of the Century Luncheon and Gala celebration including a look ahead at Alpha Gamma Rho's bright future. This convention allowed Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity to begin its second century with growing momentum and confident expectations that the best is yet to come.

"As a brother of AGR I get to see so many places, more than I've ever expected in my college career, which has been such a rewarding experience," said Cliff Higgins, VNR Planning officer of the Alpha Lambda chapter at New Mexico State University.

The many positive remarks, such as the previous, is a major reason why the brothers of this fraternity should feel very buoyant about the 58th National Convention and the experiences had by so many AGR collegiate and alumni brothers.

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National leaders discuss issues of the fraternity during a meeting at this year's 58th National Convention.

Picture courtesy of Steven Puppe

New Board Members of Alpha Gamma Rho

Officers elected at National Convention



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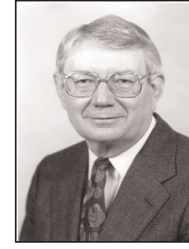
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Amendments to the Constitution & Statutes

Three amendments were made to the constitution and statutes of the fraternity during the 58th National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho in Columbus, Ohio.

The first amendment was the title of the Executive Vice President shall be changed to Grand Vice President. The reason for the change is that over the last ten years or so the title Executive Vice President has in a number of fraternities and other non-profit organizations become a staff title, and that has led to some confusion as to the role and duties of our second highest officer. This change has been applied to Article X, Section 1., Officers., page 20.

The second amendment is an academic standards adjustment. In efforts to improve academic standing, the minimum requirement for initiation has been raised for initiates from a "C" (2.0 on most grading

scales) average to a 2.3 for first semester freshman and a 2.25 grade point average for current college students (2 or 4 year students). This change is effective July 1, 2005. These changes were made in Chapter III, Paragraph 2; and Chapter III, Paragraph 7.

The third amendment is an initiation fee adjustment. The recommended increase in the initiation fee is the first in 13 years. Initiation fees will now be \$200, raised from \$195, and the semi-annual dues will be \$60, raised from \$55, for the spring and fall semester, this change will be effective January 1, 2005. The amount payable prior to initiation is effective July 1, 2005.

2003 - 2004 AGR Awards

I. Individual Awards:

Scholarships:

Runnion Scholarship:

Andrew Garnhart, Alpha Chapter - Illinois

Horticulture Scholarship:

Evan Bellinger, Alpha Beta Chapter - Oregon State
Nicholas Martin, Beta Alpha Chapter - Southern Illinois

Dairy Scholarship:

Kory Duerst, Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin-River Falls

Ag Economics/Ag Business Scholarship:

Jordan Russell, Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State

Lindley Finch Memorial Scholarship:

Scott Borchering, Eta Chapter - Iowa State

Undergraduate Achievement Award:

Alan Catterson, Alpha Beta Chapter - Oregon State
James Michael Knighten, FSC Colony - Florida Southern

AGR Excellence Scholarship:

Matthew Full, Alpha Chapter - Illinois
David Susa, Alpha Gamma Chapter - Florida
Steven Helton, Beta Theta Chapter - Middle Tennessee State
Jordan Donnerbauer, Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin-River Falls

Housemother Awards:

Best Management Program:

Edie Riggs, Alpha Phi Chapter - South Dakota State

Promotion of Cultural & Social Practices:

Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Kappa Chapter - Nebraska

Housemother Longevity Awards:

5 Years of Service:

Carol Mims, Xi Chapter - Auburn

10 Years of Service:

Miriam Mikesell, Beta Chapter - Ohio State

Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award:

Clay Torset, Alpha Beta Chapter - Oregon State

Adviser Longevity Award:

5 Years of Service:

Andrew Clausen, Lambda Chapter - Minnesota
William Flowers, Nu Chapter - North Carolina State
Fred Poston, Tau Chapter - Michigan State
Raymond Wagester, Tau Chapter - Michigan State
Lawrence (Dick) Oliver, Alpha Iota Chapter - Arkansas
Richard (Rick) Hatler, Alpha Upsilon Chapter - Tennessee-Martin
Allen Lambright, Beta Lambda Chapter - Texas A&M-Commerce
James Swasey, Beta Upsilon - Delaware

10 Years of Service:

Frederick Oomens, Beta Gamma Chapter - Wisconsin-Platteville
John Muir, Beta Epsilon Chapter - Arkansas State

15 Years of Service:

Russell Black, Alpha Iota Chapter - Arkansas
Duane Jewell, Beta Rho Chapter -

Northwest Missouri State

25 Years of Service:

Robert L. Oehrman, Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State

II. Chapter Awards - Annual

Green and Gold Chapter Status:

GOLD CHAPTERS:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Theta Chapter	Missouri
Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State

GREEN CHAPTERS:

Lambda Chapter	Minnesota
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee- Martin
Alpha Phi Chapter	South Dakota State
Alpha Psi Chapter	Wisconsin-River Falls

Best Chapter Scholarship Program Award:

Highest Honor:

Lambda Chapter	Minnesota
Alpha Beta Chapter	Oregon State

High Honor:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Kappa Chapter	Nebraska

Honorable Mention:

Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
Alpha Phi Chapter	South Dakota State

Chapter Scholarship Recognition Awards 2002-2003 School Year:

Excellence: (.2 or higher than the campus All Men's Average)

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
Beta Epsilon Chapter	Arkansas State

Meritorious: (.1 to .199 above campus All Men's Average)

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
Alpha Lambda Chapter	New Mexico State
Beta Rho Chapter	Northwest Missouri State

Chapter Activities Awards:

Highest Honor:

Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
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High Honor:

Delta Chapter	Purdue University
Eta Chapter	Iowa State

Honorable Mention:

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin

Chapter Recruitment Excellence:

High Honor:

Theta Chapter	Missouri
Beta Sigma Chapter	Tarleton State

Honorable Mention:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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Chapter Membership Development Award:

Highest Honor:

Alpha Psi Chapter	Wisconsin-River Falls
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Honorable Mention:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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Chapter Management Award:

Highest Honor:

Theta Chapter	Missouri
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High Honor:

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
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Chapter Alumni Relations Award:

Highest Honor:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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High Honor:

Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State
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Honorable Mention:

Alpha Psi Chapter	Wisconsin-River Falls
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Chapter Website Award:

Highest Honor:

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
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High Honor:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Theta Chapter	Missouri
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State

Honorable Mention:

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
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Chapter Publication Awards:

Chapter History Awards:

Highest Honor:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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High Honor:

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Lambda Chapter	Minnesota

Honorable Mention:

Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State
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Chapter Crescent - Best Series:

High Honor:

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
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Honorable Mention:

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State

Chapter Crescent - Best Single Issue:

Highest Honor:

Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
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Honorable Mention:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Beta Psi Chapter	Delaware Valley

Alumni Corporation Award:

Highest Honor:

Delta Chapter	Purdue
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High Honor:

Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
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Honorable Mention:

Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville
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III. Chapter Awards - Biennial

2004 Maynard H. Coe, Chapter Efficiency Award:

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin

2004 Sleeter Bull, Most Improved Chapter Award:

Theta Chapter	Missouri
Alpha Beta Chapter	Oregon State

Martin Named President of New Mexico State



New Mexico State University named Mike Martin, University of Florida vice president for agriculture and natural resources, as its new president. Martin reported to work on July 1.

Martin, who has been a vice president at UF since 1998, beat out four others for the job. Before that, Martin was the vice president for agricultural policy and the dean of the college of agricultural, food and environmental sciences at the University of Minnesota. He also served as the acting director for the Agricultural Experiment Station from 1997-1998 at the University of Minnesota.

Thank you again to all of the Convention Sponsor's for making this years Centennial Celebration a hit!

For a complete list of sponsor's please visit our website at www.agrs.org

ON THE MOVE



Wilbur Mull
Georgia



Trent Schmid
Illinois State

Wilbur C. Mull, Alpha Eta, was the lead auctioneer for the Georgia Bulldogs Annual Black Tie Gala. There were approximately 1,500 people that attended the event. A high-light of the auction was a one-of-a-kind Red Bulldawg replica which sold for \$5,500.

Trent D. Schmid, Illinois State, received the United Way of Effingham County Community Volunteer Award for 2003, for all of the time and effort he donated to the community. He is owner and primary auctioneer/real estate broker of Schmid Auction and Realty Company in Teutopolis, Illinois. Schmid Auction & Realty is the largest and fastest growing auction company based in Effingham County. He and his wife Paula have a son Jordan and a daughter Julia.

Michael Hayden, Murray State, recently accepted a position with River Ag, a division of Waterway Ag. They are a riverport facility that supplies a three state area with seed, chemicals and dry fertilizer. Michael is working under another AGR alumnus, Loren Willmes who graduated from Murray State as well.

Burt Rutherford, Colorado State, recently won several awards in the Excellence in Craft competition sponsored by the Texas Outdoor Writers Association. His regular column called "Ponderings," published in *Outdoors* in the Southern Rockies, won two awards-second place in Column category and second place in the Humor category, and an article published in *The Cattleman* magazine on hiring a wildlife consultant placed second in the magazine writing category.

Bill Alverson, Auburn, was recently selected to receive the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award. This is probably the most prestigious award conveyed by Auburn University. Brother Alverson was cited for his long-term superior work with students and programs in his position as Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture. He has also served with distinction as Secretary of the Agricultural Alumni Association and Xi Club.

Jeff Siebenthaler, Ohio State, was awarded the NLA Excellence Award at the 2004 ANLA Management Clinic held in Louisville, KY. Jeff is the first recipient of this prestigious award, which is given to a volunteer leader in ANLA who exemplifies dedication, enthusiasm, and selfless devotion to the association.

Max Springer, Missouri, was featured in the April, 2004 issue of *Sports Illustrated* in the *Faces in the Crowd* section. Max is 90 and recently set world age-group (90 - 94) records in the 800 meters, 3,000 meters, long jump and triple jump at the USA Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships. He also set American records in the 200 and 400 meter races.

Robert Zingelmann, Tarleton State, is now the Director of Finance for the Lago Vista ISD. He resides in Lago Vista, TX.

Matt Bell, Tarleton State, accepted the Ag Science Teaching position with the Munday ISD this fall. Matt graduated from Tarleton in May of 2004 with an AS&D degree and now resides in Munday, Texas.

Bradley Obenhaus, Tarleton State, is currently teaching Ag Science with the Paradise ISD. Bradley, is a 2003 graduate of Tarleton and is in his second year of teaching.

Gary Clark, Oklahoma State, has been named Vice President and General counsel for the Oklahoma State University. Gary holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from OSU in agricultural education and earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence with honors from the University of Texas School of Law. He has been in private law practice for more than 28 years.

Tim Hendricks, Murray State, has been promoted to Vice President of First National Bank of Florida. The bank will become the Fifth Third Bank early next year, moving to an office in Winter park, Florida to focus on new business development and community involvement.

Brian E. Myers, Southern Illinois has joined the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication at the University of Florida as an assistant professor of agricultural education. His new position includes teaching, research and extension assignments, with a primary focus on strengthening science integration in secondary agriculture programs. Brian, his wife Margaret and son Timothy live in Gainesville, Florida.

Larry Myott, Vermont, was recently inducted in the International Maple Hall of Fame in New York. Larry retired in January after 28 years of service with the University of Vermont Extension, and 16 years as a Vermont Extension Maple Specialist. He was named Professor Emeritus at a recent university ceremony.

L. Curtis Hannah, Purdue, was recognized as a Distinguished Agricultural Alumni at a campus ceremony at Purdue University. Curtis is a professor of plant molecular and cellular biology and horticultural sciences at the University of Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry in 1967 and a master's in botany and plant pathology in 1969.

Randy Woodson, Purdue, has been appointed interim dean of agriculture at Purdue University, as of July 1. Woodson was associate dean of agriculture and director of the Office of Agricultural Research Programs. He assumes the position left by Victor Lechtenberg. Woodson received a B.S. degree from the University of Arkansas along with a master's and doctoral degree from Cornell University.

Victor Lechtenberg, Purdue, has been appointed to the Vice Provost for engagement position at Purdue University, effective July 1. Lechtenberg has been with the university since 1971 and became a professor in agronomy in 1979. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1967 and earned Doctorate in agronomy from Purdue in 1971.

~Corrections~

In the Spring 2004 issue of *SICKLE & SHEAF*, Mr. Howard P. Brown, Missouri, was listed as deceased. We are happy to report that Mr. Brown is, in fact, alive and well living in Woodland, California.

Summer 2004 issue of *SICKLE & SHEAF*: H.R. McCulloch was associated with Pennsylvania State University, not University of Pennsylvania.

In the Summer 2004 issue of *SICKLE & SHEAF* Penrose Hollowell's biography should have also included "Other family members include Penrose Hollowell Jr., Penrose Hollowell Sr., and three uncles Walter, Joe, and Jim Hollowell.

MOVING? CHANGING JOBS? RECEIVING AWARDS?

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What a Meeting!

Written By: Ken Root, Editor

Thomas Larson, Minnesota, has retired and am teaching a class in Cultural Anthropology and publishing books - the latest being *The Great Adventure* (The University of California Southern Africa Expedition of 1947-1948). Available from Writers Club Press of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Jesse Guillory, Louisiana State, has been awarded the 2004 Outstanding Agricultural Student Association Member Award. Jesse serves as president for the 2003-2004 term.

Jason Washburn, Stephen F. Austin, is currently serving our country in Iraq. Jason is a 2001 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University.

John Paul Eddy, Minnesota, was involved as a clergymen and former chaplain in several meetings in sending off the Texas National Guard of Denton, Texas. John Paul served the unit via community services by speaking and praying at Trinity United Methodist Church and at the Denton National Guard Armory in sending this unit to Iraq. This is the first time since World War II that this unit was called to war.

Paul Martin Lake, Purdue, has been elected to the board of Trustees of the Indiana Historical Society. Martin is cofounder and President of the Mississinewa Battlefield Society. He has been a member of the Indiana Historical Society's Honors and Marketing committees since 1991. He is the author of three historical publications. Martin has a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law and a B.S. from Purdue and has been practicing law since 1973.



P. Martin Lake

Some of us are professional meeting goers. Others have a set group of conventions we attend regularly so it gets hard to impress or excite us. The centennial AGR convention changed that for me.

To realize that this is the 100th anniversary of the fraternity and to know that our lives have intersected with those of others in just the right span to allow us to meet for this unique event was almost good enough, but to see the hundreds of "Brothers of the Century" line the stage in five rows on risers that stretched for eighty feet and be together for that moment was indescribable, even though I've just tried.

This is the largest convention AGR has ever held. That's been somewhat by design as previous conventions aimed at bringing in those most closely involved in the business of running the fraternity. Officers, directors, advisers, housemothers and undergraduates come to a bi-annual AGR convention to conduct business.

They intersect with national staff and regional agribusiness leaders to set policy for Alpha Gamma Rho and to go back to their chapters and homes with a new vision and as goodwill ambassadors.

This time we didn't do that, we invited every AGR who wanted to celebrate and named over 700 to "Brother of the Century" status. The result was a hotel filled with AGR's of all ages and a wonderful reception by the Vice President of Agricultural Administration & Outreach and the President of Ohio State University. We overflowed the tents set up at brother Bill Richards farm and were addressed by the Deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, brother Jim Mosely. The 106,000 seat football stadium was the only place where our group seemed small.

Size matters! This convention took on a different look and feel because of the centennial celebration, but also because it was big! The Brothers of the Century

luncheon bulged out the doors and the Aladdin Shrine Center with an eighty-foot stage and giant hall was the only facility that could handle us for the final banquet.

I liked it! I don't know if the staff and board will take on such an event again, nor if we can achieve such a high level of participation, but, for a moment, it felt good.

Hats off to the speakers, panelists and fraternity officers who delivered such thoughtful and energetic addresses and to Hurricane Charlie Napier who finally had the venue to match his audiovisual brilliance.

If you weren't there, sorry. If you were, it was a lifetime event. It's strengthened the bond between 820 men and women. We hope the scenes and descriptions in this issue of SICKLE & SHEAF will allow you to live or relive AGR's Century of Success.



AGR brothers enjoy a seat at Ohio State University during their tour of the football stadium Sunday night of the 58th AGR National Convention.

Picture Courtesy of Steve Puppe

Wanted: Housemother Recollections

Kappa Chapter Housemother Kay Lynn Kalkowski is working on a doctoral dissertation about the role of fraternity housemothers. Anyone who has a recollection of a time when a housemother made a positive difference in a chapter and who would like to share that story, please contact Mom K. Names of individuals, the chapter, or the fraternity would not be used.

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Tom Davis Honored as Distinguished Alumnus



Thomas A. Davis, Purdue, was recognized by Purdue University's School of Agriculture on Friday, April 2, during a campus ceremony. The award honors mid-career graduates who have made significant contributions to their profession or

society in general and have a record of outstanding accomplishments.

Tom Davis has been publisher of *Successful Farming* magazine since 2001. With 442,000 subscribers, *Successful Farming* is the largest paid circulation farm magazine in the United States. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1980.

Celebrating Charlie Napier

Charles Napier grew up in Grain Valley, Michigan where he graduated as valedictorian of his high school class. Charlie was raised on a small farm and was active in 4-H and showing cattle.

Charlie was initiated into the Theta chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho in 1962. He graduated with a degree in agricultural journalism from the University of Missouri in 1965. Charlie married his wife Minta July 1, 1967. Minta is now an Adjunct Professor in the department of Teaching and Learning at the University of Florida College of Education. Charlie and Minta have two children. Charlie's sister Marti is a housemother at the University of Missouri and has donated much of her time to the fraternity.

Napier is currently Chief Technology Officer of the University of Florida Foundation, in Gainesville, Florida. He spent the first twenty years of his career in broadcast and print in both news and advertising, including management positions at Storz Broadcasting, Capital Cities/ABC and Gannett. In 1987 he returned to his alma mater where he held various positions before moving to Florida in 1996. "Charlie has a very unique background in the communications busi-

ness, he has skills with computer video presentations that can't be matched within the fraternity, and he is so generous with his time and talent. He wasn't bad as a director and national officer either," said Gene Lemon, of the Alpha chapter.

Charlie has been honored as a Brother of the Century, attended National Conventions and Leadership Seminars, served on the National Board for six years as Director and Executive Vice President. Napier has also served AGR as an Adviser, and Multi-Media Coordinator among other positions in the fraternity.

"I am delighted that he has been appointed Multi-Media Coordinator and has accepted. We could spend \$150,000 a year to hire a firm to do what Charlie does and not get as much and as good as he gives," Lemon added.

So we thank you Charlie, for all of your hard work in front of and behind the scenes. You have truly helped make Alpha Gamma Rho's first century a great one.



Brothers of the fraternity listen to the business of the closing session of the 58th National Convention.

Picture courtesy of Steve Puppe

For more convention photos, including the group photo of the Brother's of the Century, please visit the following website:
www.agr100.com

Please visit our website at www.agrs.org for new updates from the fraternity and convention.

Transitions

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

Arkansas Jim B. Lindsey, 1937 Jasper W. Woodruff, 1939 Douglas M. Waddell, 1949 Jay D. Humbard, 1954	Ronald J. Burns, 1964	Keith Acker, 1931	E. Craig DeLong, 1950 Gary G Barkhurst, 1957
Auburn J.P. Bedingfield, 1930 Douglas Folsom, 1937 Carlyle E. Cook, 1938 M. Lawrence Crawford, 1939 Marlin W. Camp, 1940 James F. Turk, 1943 Leroy F. Jones, 1962	Florida Earl G. Rodgers, 1941	Montana State Daniel R. Watts, 1956	Oklahoma State Wayne W. Miller, 1939 Pete F. James, 1940 Frank Kubicek, 1941 Walter L. Walsh, 1955
Cal Poly James McGuire, 1932	Georgia J.L. Burrell, 1939	Nebraska Herbert P. Davis, 1922 Glenn E. Preston, 1928 Melvin R. Todd, 1928 Albert A. Kost, 1933 Kenneth A. Palmer, 1940 Don C. Pelkey, 1941 Robert W. Schmer, 1942 R. Howard Anderson, 1943 Vernon W. Bachmann, 1943 David D. Work, 1943 Noah E. Engel, 1946 Lowell R. Heath, 1950 Bob D. Laffin, 1951 Gerald R. Wagner, 1957 Robert E. Hanigan, 1958 Francis E. Jorgensen, 1962	Oregon State Ray L. Burden, 1947
California - Davis Irving Ralph Munier, 1935 Willard Montgomery, 1935 Robert W. Allard, 1939 George M. Brown, 1940 Richard C. Clark, 1942 James T. Murphy, 1946 William F. Riggs, 1949 Jerry M. Fielder, 1964	Illinois Justin B. Neely, 1926 Richard N. Shade, 1931 Alvin M. Mavis, 1938 Delmar J. Ohren, 1947 William D. Whitfield, 1952 R. Jay Van Tress, 1977	New Hampshire Dwight G. Stiles, 1939	Penn State Israel S. Adams, 1921 Edmond R. Tomb, 1921 W. H. Brittingham, 1926 Milton M. Bryan, 1930 Guy A. Leader, 1939 Charles S. Wiggins, 1940 Ernest Cunningham, 1947 Donald Hofmeister, 1958 Elwood E. Gladfelter, 1980
California - Fresno James S. Gilbank, 1980	Iowa State J. Verald Brown, 1935 James C. Frehner, 1958 Bradley W. Fahrman, 2002	New Mexico State William B. Neff, 1953	Vermont John B. Sidebotham, 1969
Connecticut Arnold D. Nichols, 1935 Richard G. Willard, 1937	Florida Earl G. Rodgers, 1941 Travis D. Kendrick, 1991	North Dakota State Dean L. Anderson, 1946 Douglas H. Dettmann, 1946	Washington State Melvin C. Hougan, 1931
Cornell Richard G. Buchauer, 1937	Kansas State Louis V. Splitter, 1935 Charles G. Jordan, 1938	North Carolina State Larry C. Hester, 1951	Western Kentucky Samuel A. Day, 1971
	Kentucky Marvin Carl Bell, 1942 Denver W. Haney, 1942	Ohio State Richard J. Fitton, 1947	Wisconsin - Madison Frank A. Goodrich, 1931
	Maryland Charles F. Hilberg, 1952		Wisconsin - Platteville Warren H. Pett, 1972 John W. Marotz, 1973
	Michigan State Gerald Wallis, 1959		

Housemother Spotlight - "A higher Calling" Mother Martina Roy

Written By: Don Colter, Arizona

Throughout your life special people come along that greatly influence you. Sometimes the effect is known immediately and sometimes the effect grows and becomes more special as time passes. One of those special people in my life is Shirley Roy. I first encountered Shirley when I pledged the AGR house at the University of Arizona. She was the housemother of the Alpha Pi chapter. Shirley was an important part of our pledgeship and fraternal life in general and was an integral part of fulfilling the AGR motto "To make better men..." Every semester another group of boys would arrive and she helped them to become "better men" in many ways. As pledges, Shirley would start everyone out with the basics of etiquette. The lessons included how to set the dinner table and proper table manners.

Shirley's influence was felt much farther than basic etiquette. She worked with the House Manager and cook to make the weekly menus. She borrowed one of the guy's cars and did the shopping. Her room was always open and she was available for conversation, advice or just watching television. She had a "magic" desk in her room, where almost any item we would require could be found. You could ask her for a button, measuring tape, marker, envelope, pin, tack, card or a wrench. She would say "just a minute dear" and go to the magic desk and she would have the item requested. What a lady!

Shirley came to the AGR family in 1979. While staying with her daughter in California Shirley decided to become a housemother. She understood the role of housemother, as she was a Chi Omega during her college years. Shirley sent out inquiries to several universities, including the University of Arizona. The dean of students at the U of A called her and told her that there were no openings at sororities, however the Alpha Gamma Rho house was looking for a housemother. Hesitantly, she agreed to come for an interview. The dean enticed her with the promise that if she weren't happy after 1 year with the AGR men, he would find a sorority for her. After the first year, the dean called and told her that there was a sorority position open if she was interested. Shirley told the dean that things were good and she wanted to try another year with the AGR's, but call back next year. Shirley decided that the men of AGR were her kind of people. She stayed with the AGR house for 11 wonderful years. She then spent a few years as housemother for Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Phi.

Unknown to the men of AGR, Shirley had always felt a calling to religious life. After high school, she told her parents of her plan to join. Her father took her aside that night and made a deal with her. He said that if she would attend college for a year and at the end of that time she still wanted a religious vocation, he would let her go with his blessing. As life dictates, a person's plans change. Shirley enjoyed her

year, pledged a sorority and went on with her college career. She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in English literature. She had hoped to become a teacher, but got married and had children instead. Life continued for Shirley, divorced and children raised. What to do next? Which is when she made the inquiries to the various universities for housemother positions.

Shirley decided to pursue her calling. Like her quest for a housemother position, she investigated various communities and orders. She always wanted to follow the Benedictine Rule with the full habit. She had seen too many orders that had done away with the habit and many of the old rules. She visited religious communities all over Arizona, but was told that the manual labor during the hot Arizona summer might be too taxing for her age. An old friend, knowing of her love for the water from the days when the Roy family had a beach cabin, visited Shaw Island and noticed the nuns operating the ferry landing. She suggested that Shirley pay a visit. The nuns that operated the ferry happened to be from the other religious community on the island, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Shirley knew the difference and visited the Benedictines for a month and entered the order in 1994.

On February 10, 2002, at the age of 79, Shirley professed her final vows in the Benedictine Nuns of the Primitive Observance at their priory on Shaw Island in the San Juan Islands. She received the name Mother Martina Roy. Once again becoming a mother with exceptional significance.

Life tends to have many ironies. The Benedictine order on Shaw Island uses agriculture in observance of their monastic work. They raise Jersey, Kerrey, Scottish Highland breeds of cattle, Cotswold sheep, llamas, chickens, ducks, turkeys and grass hay meadows. The Jersey cows are still hand milked daily and the milk is consumed in the priory, and sold as fluid and cheese. The beef animals are raised for food and sold to other breeders. The llamas are regular prizewinners at the state and local fairs as well as sold to other breeders. Along with the animals, they grow lush gardens of flowers, vegetables and herbs. They also create beautiful hand crafted gifts, some made from the wool of the sheep and llamas.

Mother Martina Roy continues to be a part of Alpha Gamma Rho. Many of the brothers of the Alpha Pi chapter have visited her on the Island and taken part in the work. In the spring of 2003, the Alpha Pi alumni group pooled their resources and purchased a Jersey milk cow for order. "Babette" has become an important part of monastic life for the order and even blessed them with a heifer calf.

Throughout your life special people come along that greatly influence you, Shirley was one for the Alpha Pi chapter of AGR.



Left photo: Mother Martina with Zellie, heifer of cow the Alpha Pi alumni group donated to the Monastery.



Right photo: Mother Martina and Don Colter.

Trotter Appointed Assistant Vice President of the University of Florida



Southern Illinois University and University of Illinois Alumnus, Eugene Trotter was recently appointed Assistant Vice President at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Brother Trotter was initiated at Beta Alpha chapter and received a B.S. in Agricultural Education (1967), an M.S. in Horticulture (1970) from Southern

Illinois University and further received an Ed.D. from the University of Illinois (1973).

Presently at the University of Florida, his primary responsibility is serving as Director of Development for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences that include Teaching, Research and Extension programs for Florida agriculture, natural resources and related areas.

He and his wife Gale have one daughter, Dottie, who resides in Jupiter, Florida. ■

Grand President's Remarks



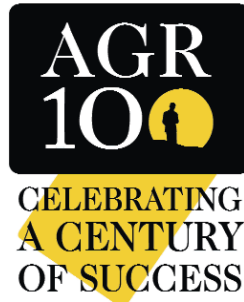
Michael Jackson
Past Grand President

The 100th anniversary of AGR was celebrated in a very special way at the Centennial Convention in August. This convention was appropriately held at Columbus, Ohio, the home of Ohio State University, the birthplace of our fraternity.

More than 800 proud and enthusiastic persons attended the convention-by far a record number. Outstanding speakers and a celebration recognizing the Brothers of the Century added to the excitement. The tireless efforts of the Convention Committee and the other brothers whose work made this convention such a wonderful event are deeply appreciated. Thank you, Brothers!



Richard Carpenter
Newly elected Grand President



Columbus, Ohio
August 15-18, 2004

During its first 100 years, AGR has positively impacted the lives of nearly 60,000 brothers by creating an environment that enhances the four cornerstones of scholarship, leadership, professional development and life skills. Now that the Centennial Celebration is drawing to a close, we must once again go about the task of continuing the growth and success of our fraternity as we journey into our second century.

The strength of the fraternity is in direct correlation to the quality of performance of the chapters. Chapters that perform well are those with a sound vision of their future and a plan to achieve that vision. The National Board is committed to provide each chapter with the resources to

enable effective team planning involving undergraduates, alumni board members and advisors.

Brotherhood in Alpha Gamma Rho is a four years and a lifetime experience. Consider the value you received as an undergraduate brother. Consider the value you have received as an alumni brother. I'd be surprised if you don't conclude that your life and career have been greatly enriched as a result of your brotherhood. If so, please share your leadership with your undergraduate chapter or another chapter near you. We can never have too many volunteer leaders. And, engaged alumni are critical to the success of the undergraduate chapters and the Fraternity as a whole. Try it-its fun and rewarding!

Please read Mr. Jackson's & Mr. Carpenter's full article on our website at www.agrs.org

Dates To Remember

October 27 - 30, National FFA Convention

November 4-6, National Board Meetings

November 25 & 26, Home Office closed for Thanksgiving

December 24, Home Office closed for Christmas

January 14-15, Recruitment School

January 28-29, Adviser Forum

February 11-12, Leadership Seminar

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