

2005 National Grand President Award Winners

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is proud to announce the four Grand President's Award winners for Professional Achievement. The fraternity presents the award to members under age 40 who have achieved outstanding success in their professional careers. These young, emerging leaders will serve as role models for our undergraduate members and those just starting their professional careers. The award will provide opportunities for interaction with AGRs at Leadership Seminars and visits with chapters. The awards were presented at the four Leadership Seminars.

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Daren Coppock



Doug Eckrote



Anthony Haynes



David McDonald

2005-2006 Undergraduate Directors

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is proud to announce the election of Undergraduate Directors to its National Board of Directors. The 2005-2006 Undergraduate Directors are Joshua Smitherman, Auburn University; Ben Wicker, Purdue University; Ryan Betka, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Brandon Griggs, Tarleton State University.

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Ryan Betka



Brandon Griggs



Joshua Smitherman



Ben Wicker

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WANTED: HISTORY OF AGR RODEO

I am researching for a future article on AGR members active and previously active in rodeo. If you know of any member of the fraternity that was or is significantly involved with the sport of rodeo, or if you are, please send me their/your contact information and any information you may have on the person and their involvement of rodeo.

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Grand President Award Winners

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Daren Coppock, Oregon State, is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), headquartered in Washington, D.C. Coppock came to NAWG from his home state of Oregon. He previously served for five years as the Executive Vice President of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL). Daren is a graduate of Oregon State University in Agricultural and Resource Economics. He is a past national Vice President of FFA (1986-1987) and past state President of Oregon FFA (1984-85).

Daren was recognized at the fraternity's 100th anniversary as one of AGR's Brothers of the Century, an honor bestowed on less than 2 percent of the fraternity's membership. He was born and raised on a wheat and cattle farm in eastern Oregon, near Pendleton. He and his wife Mechelle have three children, James, Sarah and Renee, and reside in Falls Church, Virginia, where they are members of Fairfax Community Church.

Doug Eckrote, Purdue, is senior vice president of purchasing

and operations for CDW Corporation and president of CDW Logistics, a FORTUNE 500 company and a leading provider of technology products and services for businesses, government agencies and educational institutions.

Eckrote graduated from Purdue University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural sales and marketing. He is on the board of directors of The Center For Enriched Living and Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois. In 2002, he was named one of Crain's Chicago Business "Forty Under Forty" business leaders. Eckrote is the father of five and lives in Long Grove, Illinois with his wife Kim. He is active in the Northwest Christian Community Church and the Cub Scouts.

Anthony Haynes, Tennessee-Martin, has just been appointed by the University of Tennessee as director of state relations for the UT system. He officially began his duties April 1. Haynes will work with state lawmakers during

the legislative sessions and be involved with local communities building and maintaining good relationships with state agencies throughout the year.

Haynes holds a B.S. in Agriculture (in Plant & Soil Science) from the University of Tennessee - Martin, and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Memphis. During his undergraduate years Anthony served as Noble Ruler of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter. Anthony and his family currently reside in Nashville, but spend most weekends on the family farm in rural west Tennessee.

David McDonald graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science from Iowa State in 1987. In 1987, fresh from ISU, project manager David McDonald joined OSI Industries-a growing food processor. His goal was a challenging one: expand OSI's business internationally in Latin America and Asia. McDonald proved so successful at this task and others that he eventually was

promoted to senior executive vice president/Americas and Asia/Pacific zone manager before his 40th birthday. Today he serves on the board of directors for the company, which has grown to become one of the largest privately held companies in the world and generates more than \$3 billion in annual revenues as a supplier of beef, pork, poultry, pizza, seafood, and vegetable products to customers around the world.

Today, McDonald lists his most important roles as husband to Mindy and dad to Scott, Megan, Katie, Brian, Clare, and Bridget. David and his family live in Warrenville, Illinois. Committed to faith, family, and community, he is a member of the St. Michael School Board and St. Michael Parish Capital Campaign committee and has worked with numerous civic projects in his hometown. He is a lifetime member of the ISU Alumni Association, for which he has been involved as both a volunteer and alumni ambassador.

Undergraduate Directors

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Ryan Betka is a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Agribusiness and Finance. Ryan is the VNR Scholarship officer and has served as First VNR, VNR Recruitment and Public Relations officer for the Kappa Chapter of the fraternity. On campus he is the Agribusiness Club Community Service Chair and serves on the College of Business Student Advisory Board.

Ryan is active with the Nebraska Pork Mentor Program. Ryan hopes to serve as an agricultural loan officer in the future.

Brandon Griggs is a junior at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Brandon is pursuing a double major in Agriculture Services and Development with teacher certification and Agriculture Communications. He is the Noble Ruler for the Beta Sigma Chapter of the fraternity, and served as VNR Planning, and VNR Recruitment offices. On campus Brandon has served on the InterFraternity Council, as a College of Agriculture and Human Sciences Ambassador,

Tarleton Alumni Association Ambassador, and a collegiate state FFA delegate; among many activities and honors.

Brandon believes that "The greatest crisis in the world today is a crisis of leadership, and the greatest crisis of leadership is a crisis of character." This is his outlook on life and the need for a higher level of leadership, which he hopes to help fulfill as an undergraduate director for the fraternity.

Joshua Smitherman is a sophomore at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Jason is majoring in Horticulture/Landscaping and pursuing a minor in Agribusiness Economics. He is VNR-Management and Operations and a member of the Scholarship Committee for the Xi Chapter of the fraternity. On campus Joshua is a College of Agriculture Ag Ambassador, has been honored as an Outstanding Freshman, and is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society; among other activities and honors.

Joshua hopes to maintain and graduate with his 4.0 GPA.

Someday he would like to establish a business in fruit production and/or landscaping. He would also like to serve as an alumni officer and be a supportive alumni member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Ben Wicker is a junior at Purdue University majoring in agronomy with specialization in soil and crop science. Ben is the current Noble Ruler for the Delta Chapter of the fraternity; he also served as the 2003 VNR Scholarship officer. On campus he is a member of the College of Agriculture Ambassador Program, has served as the 2004 Old Masters Central Committee Day-Scheduling co-chair, President's Leadership Class Sophomore Advisor, and participated in the Ireland Study Abroad Spring Break 2004; among other activities.

Ben has had a lifelong passion for agriculture. He would like to be involved in helping shape the direction of the rapidly changing industry of agriculture and looks forward to giving back to this broad sector that has enriched his life.

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Beta Gamma Golf Report

The Beta Gamma, Wisconsin-Platteville, Chapter Alumni Association held its first golf outing on Saturday, June 11, 2004. The event, held at The Oaks Golf Club near Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, had 24 brothers partic-

ipating. Brother Jack Ellickson organized the event, assisted by Mike North and Scott Laufenberg. The money raised, \$500, will help endow a scholarship for deserving UW-Platteville students in the

future. The second annual golf outing is planned for June 25, 2005. All AGRs in the southern Wisconsin/northern Illinois area are invited to take part.

Ken Root Returns to Farm Broadcast Radio



Ken Root, Oklahoma State, has returned to farm broadcast radio. On January 17 Root joined the WHO Radio Farm Broadcast

team in Des Moines, Iowa. Ken will be a part of the "Big Show" which airs on the Iowa Farm Radio Network from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Iowa Farm Radio Network includes stations in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Fort Dodge, and Burlington.

Ken first worked for seven years in radio and television broadcasting in Kansas; he left in 1987 to work with American Cyanamid Company in New Jersey. He established the

National Agri-Chemical Retailers Association (NARA) while working for American Cyanamid. In 1989 NARA moved to Washington, D.C., and Ken served as Executive Director for five years. In 1992 he started Root Environmental Services. In 1994 Root became the original host of AgriTalk, the first interactive talk radio show for agriculture and rural America. Ken previously served as the Executive Director of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters in Kansas City.

Ken became a member of the Pi Chapter at Oklahoma State University in 1968. He currently serves as Editor for the SICKLE & SHEAF, is a Brother of the Century and has been very active as an alumni member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Stan Cave is the New Chief of Staff in Kentucky



Stan Cave, Kentucky, has been announced as the new Chief of Staff for the state of Kentucky under Governor Ernie

Fletcher. Cave is a Lawyer in

Lexington with an honorable record of leadership and public service in his community and the Republican Party.

Stan is a former Minority Floor Leader in the Kentucky House of Representatives and served in the General Assembly from 1993 to 2000. Stan was initiated in to the Omicron Chapter at the University of Kentucky in 1982.

Nu Chapter Adviser Steps Down

After five years of service, Mike Cross will step down as Nu Chapter's undergraduate adviser. During his tenure, he has dutifully supported the fraternity in innumerable ways while also serving as an Assistant Dean to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

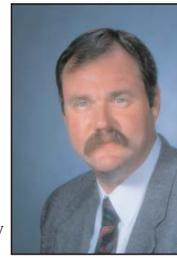
Mike has been a good friend and confidant to all brothers. Without question, he and his wife Susan have been instrumental in any success we may have achieved while here at the University. They have given unselfishly of their time and talent, devoting untold hours of service to Nu Chapter. Even as Mike relinquishes some of his

responsibilities, Nu Chapter is fortunate that he has graciously agreed to continue his service to the fraternity in other capacities.

The brothers of Nu Chapter, past and present, thank you for your loyal years of service.

Fraternally,

Matthew Swain
Adam Ross

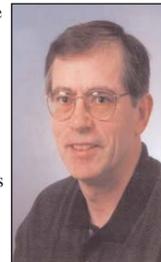


Bill Manwarren Named Volunteer of the Year

Bill Manwarren, Minnesota, has earned the University of Minnesota Alumni Association's Volunteer of the Year award. This is the 22nd year that the association has bestowed such an award; Bill was honored in September at the university's Volunteer Awards. Bill is consulting with Agrilience after working in the Agrilience Crop Protection Supply Department for 30 plus years. He is a 1969 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Agriculture Education.

Bill became a member of Lambda Chapter in 1966. Two of Bill's three sons are Lambda AGRs and Cindy, his wife, was the Lambda AGR

Alumni Board secretary for 15 years. Bill was program chairman for the 2002 National AGR Convention held in Minnesota.



Congratulations to the FFA American Degree Recipients of AGR

Arkansas State

Michael B. Easton
Aaron J. Guethle

Auburn

Cody W. Eiland
Daniel J. Ganus

Colorado State

John D. Larson
Richard B. Lindenmayer
Nathan K. McCaffrey

Cornell

Brett A. Barlass

Delaware Valley

Derick E. Bollinger

Delta

Andrew J. Eisterhold
Shane S. Hageman

Florida

Bryan D. Judah
James V. Modica
Justin D. Sharpless

Idaho

Floyde M. Forman
Brent P. Hatch
Nicasio Usabel

Illinois

Daniel D. Lundeen

Iowa State

Cody L. Bailey
Douglas G. Edler
Nathan R. Katzer
Daniel J. Stoll

Kansas State

Philip B. White

Kentucky

Marc C. Bond
Preston S. Lacy
Barton W. Mattingly
Richard W. Medley
Travis A. Miller
Nathan R. Wright

Michigan State

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Matthew J. Lindsey

Middle Tennessee State

Steven D. Helton

Minnesota

Luke G. Becker
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Missouri

Aaron D. Briscoe
Jesse L. Cheever
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Kevin M. Reichert
Adam P. Thomas

Montana State

Fritz P. Baird
Brandon L. Braaten
Patrick J. Hackley
Tyrel R. Hamilton

Murray State

Dane T. Weaver

Nebraska

Alex E. Brandes
Micah L. Hansen
Lance M. Lauer

North Carolina State

Brandon M. Cox

North Dakota State

Eric J. Bowen

Northwest Missouri State

Jack Green
Gary Reichel

Ohio State

Cade R. Stockberger

Oklahoma State

Tuff B. Alstrom
Blake R. Bixler
Mason R. Bolay
Dustin E. Conner
Travis V. Jett
Jordan K. Russell

Oregon State

Matthew Q. Deboodt
Andrew T. Helms

South Dakota State

Jeffrey B. Buyck
Arne D. Harstad
Matthew N. Spindler

Southwest Missouri State

Jordan L. Buck

Tennessee-Knoxville

Tyler B. Wilson

Tennessee-Martin

Jeremy L. Doggett
Jason C. Head

Washington State

William B. Cox

West Virginia

Ashby W. Ruddle

Western Kentucky

Samuel A. Hayden

Wisconsin-Madison

Todd C. Schaumberg

Wisconsin-Platteville

Gary T. McCarthy

Wisconsin-River Falls

Jordan D. Anderson
Peter Desens
Kory T. Duerst
Matthew A. Jahnke
Jeffrey R. McNeely



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A man of true character faces challenges head on. He sees the mountain as an opportunity to hone his skills. To prove he has what it takes. But even the boldest adventurer must first develop skills and take up the proper tools before he attempts the climb.

Alpha Gamma Rho, for nearly 100 years, has provided the training grounds and the tools to help generations of men conquer their mountains and reach new summits of success. But an ever-changing land-

scape requires adaptation. New challenges require new tools. And new skills. We must blaze new trails up the mountain.

The CENTURY TWO CAMPAIGN FOR AGR will provide resources to support a bold new endeavor. A quest for innovative chapter-level initiatives to build better men on four key cornerstones: leadership, scholarship, professionalism and life skills.

Every Journey Begins Somewhere

It was the early 2000's and the beginning of a new century for agriculture. And coming up was the beginning of the second century for the Fraternity of Agriculture, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Bill Boehm, Wisconsin-River Falls, was Grand President. As a recognized leader in the food industry with Kroger, Bill was accustomed to listening to others. Brothers such as Al Johnson, North Dakota State, and Gene Lemon, Illinois, and Gene Swackhammer, Purdue, spoke up. Bernie Staller, Wisconsin-Madison, shared his philosophies of fundraising for program development.

Executive Director Phil Josephson joined in and with Bill Boehm organized a strategic planning summit in Chicago with over 30 Fraternity leaders from all age groups and geographies coming together to challenge each other on how AGR builds from past successes to not only survive, but thrive in a new agriculture and a new century.

That initial brainstorming session was so successful that soon after another retreat was hosted by Gene Lemon in North Carolina.

Bill Boehm cautioned: "If that's what this is all about, we don't need to waste a lot of time on strategic plans that will be instituted and sustained over a long period of time."

Persistence prevailed among the Fraternity's key leadership ranks. And President Boehm realized that we were really flying "blind" without a compass heading into the new Century. We had houses and a new momentum in membership with the successes of the Brotherhood Program. Our peers and our resident campus administrations recognized us as a groundbreaking organization. We were on a journey. But

to where?

After that fateful leadership summit in Missouri, a strategic plan was crafted for the Fraternity. And with the assistance of Zane Akins, Missouri, chapter after chapter brought together alumni and undergraduates in joint strategic planning sessions. Ideas began to flow. Roads began to be mapped. Alpha Gamma Rho was planning a journey. A journey that begins at the chapter level. A journey that is from the ground up, not the top down. A journey that is as individual as each chapter.

Gene Lemon agreed to be the Chair of the Century Two Campaign and to put together a steering committee and do what this Fraternity had never done before: fund chapter level initiatives - not bricks and mortar. Mike Jackson, Purdue, as then grand president endorsed the movement and added still more direction. AGR was preparing for the journey that would shape the Fraternity forever. AGR was preparing for a journey that was alive. Not static. And Bill Boehm's vision of a "living roadmap" was no longer just a dream. It was real.

In this challenging environment, the purpose of Alpha Gamma Rho, a social-professional fraternity, was deemed more relevant than ever. And for the first time in the Fraternity's history, donors to these initiatives will be designating how their gift is utilized. They are in charge. Gifts can be wholly designated for individual chapter initiatives or split between local and national efforts or designated solely for national support. Truly local initiatives coordinated nationally.

The journey is underway.

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THE JOURNEY. CENTURY TWO CAMPAIGN FOR AGR

The Four Cornerstones of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

LEADERSHIP

AGRs are known for leadership, whether it's in the chapter house, on campus, in the community, or while working in the high-tech agri-sciences industry or serving our country. The goal of the Leadership Cornerstone is to create an endowment fund that will continue this legacy, supporting the life-long leadership skills in individual members and improving leadership capabilities within the Fraternity itself.

Just one initial idea: An annual Washington, DC training conference for chapter and alumni leaders.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It is certain that Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity's unique position as a social and professional fraternity has been a key to the organization's historic success.

While many fraternities claim to offer "membership for life," AGR delivers on the promise. AGR alumni in the food, bio-products and environmental science industries provide an unparalleled sourced of professional networking opportunities that can span a lifetime. This large and increasingly diverse alumni base can offer invaluable contacts - and can open many doors of opportunity - to AGR's aspiring young professionals and seasoned veterans alike.

Just one initial idea: expanded intern opportunities for undergraduates utilizing the unique AGR link from campus to corporation.



THE CAMPAIGN FOR AGR

SCHOLARSHIP

Sometimes today's college men lose sight of the principal reason for attending college: to graduate with a degree. AGR is proud to say that our individual members continue to perform well in college. In fact, many of our chapters exceed the all-men's average at their school. But being "average" never was the AGR way. Our Fraternity believes that the AGR experience should encourage and support - not distract from - scholarship. With our renewed emphasis on membership development,

AGR continues to lead the pack in scholastic development.

Just one initial idea: Implementing new recruiting scholarships to attract the best and brightest to both a particular university and chapter.

LIFE SKILLS

AGR's Purpose calls for us to surround our members with influences encouraging the development of better mental, social, moral and physical qualities. The significance of this calling has never been greater. In today's world, the young members of AGR face a tremendous challenge in their quest to become better men. They must stand against the current of a popular culture where social intemperance, political corruption, and corporate malfeasance seem the norm rather than the exception.

Just one initial idea: A recognition and encouragement for the renewal of our founding values.

Your Gift. You're in Charge.

For the first time ever, The National Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho is conducting a Capital Campaign solely dedicated to innovative, chapter-level initiatives to strengthen collegiate chapters and individual members. Your gift can go in its entirety to the chapter(s) you wish to support or to the cornerstone(s) you wish to support: Professional Development, Scholarship, Leadership, Life Skills. Designate it all for one chapter, one cornerstone or select a portion of it for the national leadership to responsibly utilize. *It is up to you. It is your legacy. And you are in charge.*

Capital Campaign Cabinet

Gene Lemon - Campaign Chair
Bill Boehm
Kirby Barrick
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Bernie Staller

Rick Carpenter
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Phil Josephson
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ON THE MOVE

Matt Beasley, Georgia, was appointed Municipal Representative by Governor Sonny Perdue of Georgia. Matt is the Mayor of Hartwell. He began his career as a teacher and served as a member of the Hartwell City Council. Beasley is a member and past chairman of the Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center and a member of Emmanuel College's Area Advisory Board. He also serves on the Georgia Municipal Association as an officer of the 2nd District and a member of the Legislative Policy Board. Matt and his wife April have one child. Matt became a member of the Alpha Eta Chapter in 1989.

Sidney Bledsoe Jr., Georgia, has been very busy in the past few years helping to get the Farmer's Oilseed Cooperative, Inc. up and running in Georgia. The "New Generation" cooperative is actively selling stock with voting rights to farmers and class b stock to non-farmers. The purpose of starting the cooperative is to add value to the members' crops of oilseeds by crushing, refining, packaging, and marketing the product all through the cooperative. The mission statement is as follows: "The mission of Farmers Oilseed cooperative, Inc. is to maximize member profits by adding value to their oilseeds through effective and efficient processing, innovative product development, and imaginative marketing." The new plant for the cooperative will be located in Claxton, Georgia.

Bledsoe and his son, Bryant, also of the Alpha Eta Chapter, farm in Houston County near Perry. They are both active alumni of Alpha Gamma Rho at the University of Georgia. Sidney became a member of the Alpha Eta Chapter in 1966.

Mark Dempsey, Western Illinois, placed first in the 2004 National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Competition for the state of Illinois, and second in the nation for the Class AA Non-Irrigated Till Division. Dempsey raised 320,2718 bushels per acre. There were more than 3,380 entrants in the 2004 contest. Dempsey has been participating in the annual contest since 1996.

Dempsey became a member of the Alpha Tau Chapter in 1987. The Dempsey farming operation includes 400 acres of corn, 300 acres of beans and 300 acres of hay. The Dempseys live near Fowler, Illinois.

Lyle Eastman, Oklahoma State, received the Silver Beaver Award from the Cimarron Council. This award is the highest honor given to adults in Scouts. Eastman has served as Cimarron Council Troop 820, chartered by the First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, as Scoutmaster for more than seven years.

Lyle is the Construction Supervisor for CAMCO Home Improvement Inc. He became a member of the Pi Chapter in 1974. He and his wife, Leah, have been married for 26 years and have two children.

Kailan Elder, Washington State, has been appointed the Import/Export Sales Manager for C.M. Holtzinger Fruit Co. Elder began his career as a field representative for Yakima Fruit and Cold Storage, responsible for direction of harvesting, implementation of horticultural practices and coordinating communication between growers, warehouse and sales desk. Kailan then worked in Export Sales for Orion Pacific Traders, one of the largest exporters of fresh fruits to Southeast Asia. Kailan became a member of the Sigma Chapter in 1995.



*Kailan Elder
Washington State*



*Anthony Haynes
Tennessee-Martin*

Anthony Haynes, Tennessee-Martin, began the position of director of state relations for the University of Tennessee on April 1. Anthony has been serving as the executive director of the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. He also served as the director for governmental affairs for the United State Department of Agriculture. Anthony became a member of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter in 1986.

Charlie Main, West Virginia, has developed a forecasting system for the development of Asiatic soybean rust in North Carolina. As the disease has spread in to the nation many scientists at many universities have closely watched it. Charlie is an emeritus professor of plant pathology at NC State and an expert on the movement of fungal diseases spread by wind-blown spores. The forecasts will aid growers in deciding if and when to spray fungicides.

Main became a member of the Alpha Alpha Chapter in 1957 while attending West Virginia University where he received a B.S. and a Masters degree. He continued with his graduate program, earning a Ph.D. and completing a post-doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. He has served on the faculty of North Carolina State University since 1964, retiring in 1999 after 32 years of service. Charlie served as Faculty Adviser to Nu Chapter from 1976-1983, was an ex officio officer of the alumni Nu Club and participated on the committee charged with planning and construction of the new 60-man fraternity house for Nu Chapter completed in 2002. He remains a close friend and counselor to the undergraduate men and housemother of Nu Chapter, with frequent visits and assistance in various house improvement projects.



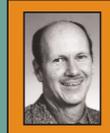
*Charlie Main
West Virginia*

Mason Mungle, Oklahoma State, is the director of government relations for the Oklahoma Farmers Union and represents all members concerning agriculture and rural issues at the state capitol. Previously he was farm and rural public relations manager for the OFU. Mason became a member of the Pi Chapter in 1967.

Gary Nelson, California State - Fresno, has been given the State Teacher of Excellence in Agriculture Award. The award was chosen by Gary's peers, which he received at the California Agricultural Teachers Association Conference, held recently in San Luis Obispo.

Nelson is a High School Agriculture Instructor for Central Unified School District, which is located in the San Joaquin Valley in Fresno, California. He is a 1976 graduate with honors in Agriculture Education from California State University, Fresno. He has served on his A.G.R. Alumni Board for 29 years. His past accomplishments include

Outstanding Young Active A.G.R. in the Nation 1972, Outstanding Single Man Agriculture Department in the State 1998, Fresno County teacher of the Year, Central Unified Teacher of the Year, State Nurseryman Educator of the Year, California Continuation Educator of the Year for District V, National Honorary FFA American Degree recipient, Who's Who Among America's Teachers honoree, Kingsburg City Council's choice as its outstanding educator, and he was honored by the City of Fresno, California 2002 as "Gary Nelson Day." Gary became a member of the Alpha Sigma Chapter in 1975.



*Gary Nelson
California State - Fresno*

Robert Oehrtman, Ohio State, has received the CASNR Exemplary Faculty Award from the Agriculture Alumni Association at Oklahoma State University. Oehrtman became a member of the Beta chapter in 1958, and graduated from Ohio State University in 1961. He is a Full Professor, Emeritus at OSU, but is still serving one-quarter time on the Faculty. He has also served as Pi Chapter Adviser since 1979

John Pitto, California State-Chico, is the president and ranch manager of Pitto Ranches, Inc. He runs a progressive livestock operation consisting of a 1200 head cow/calf operation, 7,000 - 10,000 feeder lambs, livestock and hay hauling services, livestock brokers, and management to livestock and ranches for customers.

John is a member of the board of trustees for Reclamation 2068 Irrigation District, board of directors of the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority, and president of Napa/Solano County Cattlemen's Association. John became a member of the Beta Kappa Chapter in 1993.

Jack Robertson, Western Illinois, owner and president of Robertson Lawn Care, received the Lawn and Landscape Leadership Award, also known as the lawn and landscape industry's leadership hall of fame. The award was announced on behalf of Lawn & Landscape magazine and Bayer Environmental Science, six were bestowed the honor. The award spotlights individuals and organizations whose business management practices have contributed positively to the growth of the lawn care and landscape industry, while respecting and caring for the environment. Jack became a member of the Alpha Tau Chapter in 1975.

David Roseleip, Montana State, was honored with the prestigious Outstanding Leader Award at the annual meeting of directors of the Association of International Agricultural Leaders, held in Oklahoma City. He was chosen from a list of 36 directors of programs in the U.S., Canada and Australia. The award is based on outstanding performance in creativity, leadership skills, vision, program quality and integrity.

Roseleip is president of the Washington Agricultural and Forestry Education Foundation, in Spokane, Washington. In addition to his role in improving leadership skills, Roseleip has been a major force in economic development in the northwest. His contribution to numerous civic and business organizations was cited in the presentation. He has served as Chairman of the Pacific Northwest Farm Forum and on the board of the Farming and Environment committee to benefit the state. As a director on the board

of Leadership Spokane, he advanced the development of the knowledge base and personal skills of promising leaders. David became a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter in 1969.

Fellow alumnus Bill Pope, Tau, executive secretary of the association, presented the award.



*David Roseleip
Montana State*

Brian Vowell, Oklahoma State, is now vice president of commercial lending with Gold Bank in El Reno, Oklahoma. Brian became a member of the Pi Chapter in 1994, and graduated from OSU in 1998.

Ralph Welsh, Jr., Maryland, has retired from NASA Goddard Space Flight center as an Aero-Space Engineer after 42 years of service. Ralph's work included developing state-of-the-art space instruments used for weather and climate research. Ralph became a member of the Alpha Theta Chapter in 1960.

Joe Williams, New Mexico, has received the CASNR Exemplary Faculty Award from the Agriculture Alumni Association at Oklahoma State University. Joe was initiated in his senior year at New Mexico State University where he received both his B.S. and M.S. Degree's in agriculture economics. He then spent two years in the army. He returned to New Mexico to work as a leader for his hometown bank and then accepted a research position at NMSU. Brother Williams earned his PhD at Iowa State University and began teaching at Oklahoma State in 1975. He has advised two Truman Scholars from OSU's College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources and was awarded the first Academic Mentor Award in honor of his dedication to his students.

Williams has been an invaluable asset to Pi Chapter. Along with being active with the local Stillwater Alumni he served the Chapter as financial advisor for 13 years and was awarded with a plaque for his years of service to Pi Chapter at Founders Day 2001. Joe became a member of the Alpha Lambda Chapter in 1964.

Frank Witt, Montana State, has been named manager, resident director, of the Billings Merrill Lynch office. He has been a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch for almost six years and in addition to office oversight he will continue to be a producing financial advisor providing comprehensive wealth management to high net worth clients, retirees, and business owners. Witt also recently attained the designation of wealth management advisor (WMA). The WMA recognizes Merrill Lynch financial advisors who have met rigorous guidelines in serving the financial needs of affluent clients. Frank became a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter in 1979.



*Frank Witt
Montana State*

David Culbertson Appointed President of the National Pork Board



David Culbertson, Illinois, was been appointed President of the National Pork Board. At the National Pork Forum David and the persons of other leadership positions were nominated by Pork Act Delegates and appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Also appointed to the board, as Vice President, was Danita Rodibaugh, the wife of Dave Radibaugh who became a member of the Delta Chapter in 1970 at Purdue University. The board collects the National Pork Checkoff funds and utilizes those dollars to implement programs of promotion, research and consumer information designed to enhance the marketing of U.S. pork and pork products, according to the National Pork Board web site.

David and his wife, Cheryl, have a 1,450 sow farrow-to-finish operation that markets 32,000 hogs annually. He is also the president and owner of Geneseo Pork Inc. David is also a member of the board's Swine Health committee, past member of the Producer Education Committee, past chair of two of the board's committees. David also served as a member of the executive board of the Illinois Pork Producer Association. He serves on the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee on Swine Health. David became a member of the Alpha Chapter in 1966 at the University of Illinois.

Lawrie Kull Honored by University of Wisconsin



The University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture and Life Sciences honored Lawrie Kull, Wisconsin-Madison, with an Honorary Recognition award during a banquet in Madison. Kull was one of seven recipients.

Lawrie is the director of member relations for Land O'Lakes. Kull was recognized for his work building bridges between dairy producers and the cooperatives they own, between Wisconsin agribusinesses and the University of Wisconsin-Madison and between current and future dairy cooperative leaders. Lawrie became a member of the Iota Chapter in 1962 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Marcos Fernandez is Named Associate Dean

J. Marcos Fernandez, Illinois State, has been named the associate dean for undergraduate education in Pennsylvania State's College of Agricultural Sciences, effective March 1. Marcos was the associate dean for student services in the College of Agriculture at Louisiana State University. Marcos will coordinate student recruitment and retention programs; lead curricular revitalization efforts and enhance globalization of teaching and learning activities; and administers and expands the college's scholarship programs.

Marcos earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural science from Illinois State University and earned a master's and doctoral degree in animal science from the University of Tennessee and North Carolina State University respectively. Marcos became a member of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter in 2003 at Illinois State University.

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The year listed is the year of initiation.

Auburn

George Young, 1997

Colorado State

Vernon J. Rezac, 1948

Cornell

William S. Salisbury, 1924

Florida

Guy A. Simmons, 1949

Illinois

Merle E. Le Sage, 1947

Iowa State

Harley R. Wood, 1935
John M. Griffing, 1938
George R. Swearingen, 1943

Kentucky

Charles L. Hamilton, 1947
Roy D. Gibson, 1954

Missouri

Charles R. Burt, 1938

Nebraska

Glenn E. Presnell, 1925
Robert L. Voigt, 1943

New Hampshire

David H. Howard, 1960

Ohio State

Chester A. Clime, 1933
Bryce L. Weiker, 1940

Oklahoma State

Earl E. Novak, 1954

Oregon State

Donald C. Danner, 1942

Purdue

Howard W. Westbrook, 1952

Southern Illinois

Chad M. Tjarks, 1991

Washington State

Rune F. Goranson, 1937

Wisconsin-Madison

Donald S. Hamilton, 1939
Robert P. Whitty, 1940
Frederick H. Buttel, 1968

Wisconsin-River Falls

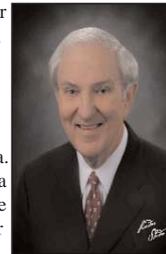
Roger K. Nielsen, 1968
Mark Willis, 2003

Fred Ferrell Appointed Missouri Director of Agriculture

Fred Ferrell, Missouri, was appointed the Director of Agriculture for the state of Missouri January 6th. As director, Ferrell manages the department six divisions and represents the state's agriculture industry. Fred and his son, Britton, farm 3,500 acres of corn, wheat, and soybeans and manage a registered Chianina/Angus cow/calf herd.

Fred founded Mid-Valley Irrigation, Inc. and helped introduce center pivot irrigation to Southeast Missouri. The company began with three employees

and one center pivot sale and has grown to 30 employees who design and service a four-state area. Fred became a member of the Theta Chapter in 1961 at the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Marilyn, have lived in Charleston since 1964. They have two children and five grandchildren.



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