

## Trading Up

By Becky Schlake, Communications Coordinator



Mark Caldwell, Middle Tennessee State, trades with his top broker, Cyndi Welker, for a pair of TN Titans tickets.

As we begin this new year of 2004 it is hard to imagine the term “bartering” being a useful and modern tool in our businesses. Middle Tennessee State AGR alumnus Mark Caldwell sees things differently.

Caldwell owns and operates a successful “bartering” firm in Middle Tennessee called Tradebank Inc. It is a franchise of Tradebank Inc., which is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. The concept is simple -- local businesses trade their goods and services for other local businesses goods and services. The business is a throwback to the early days of business, selling and buying with goods instead of cash. Caldwell’s firm takes care of all of the fine print and legalities of the trading. And it seems it has paid off. Caldwell now has over 400 businesses averaging about \$2 million in annual trades involved in his trading circle and the numbers keep rising.

There are a large variety of businesses involved in his company -- as you can tell from his very thick client directory.

Businesses range from photography to lawn care to baking services. Members of Tradebank are also able to barter their goods and services with members across the entire Tradebank network. For example, they can use Tradebank “dollars” for a hotel room at Niagara Falls or a dinner in Kansas City. All the customer needs to do is call the Tradebank 1-800 number and get a confirmation on the trade and they are in business.

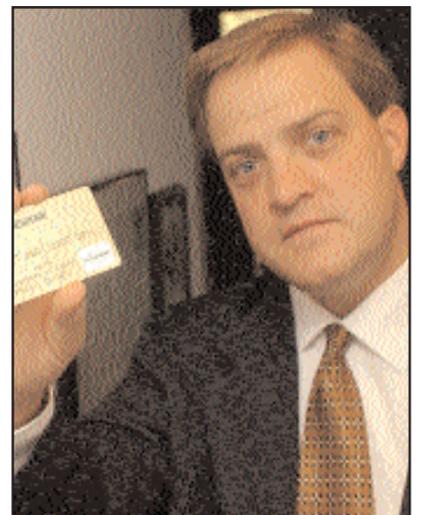
Caldwell prides himself in the fact that almost anyone who joins Tradebank is able to figure out how to make trading work for his or her business. To keep the trade game fair and honest, Tradebank gives the clients Tradebank “dollars” for all services and goods and they can use their “dollars” to buy other services and goods. Caldwell notes “the average client saves 40% every time they spend trade dollars on something.” Clients are also able to meet new people and make business contacts they might have otherwise not made. Many times clients will recommend other Tradebank businesses to their own customers. Caldwell guar-

antees new business for his clients within six months or he refunds their \$500 joining fee.

In order to keep members involved in the company and keep them trading Caldwell runs a tradebank internet site, newsletters, two yearly directories and has a staff of two “brokers” and a telemarketer who help solve his customers trepidation with bartering their goods and services.

He first became involved with Tradebank while working for a company called Impact International. They make an engine additive similar to Slick 50 or Duralube. He saw how the owner was trading his oil products for things he needed like ac units, advertising and package materials. After leaving that job on good terms, his former employer suggested that he get in touch with Tradebank. He went to the corporate headquarters in Atlanta, and then purchased the Nashville Tradebank Company from the previous owner.

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All members are given this membership card upon joining Tradebank.

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## Clifford G. McIntire Room Dedicated at UMaine Congressman Responsible for Landmark McIntire-Stennis Act



Left to right: AGR Brothers Amos E. Orcutt '64, Smith McIntire '32 and undergrad Harold “Jamie” Mason standing in front of the display commemorating the life and work of Congressman McIntire.

Orono, Maine – Congressman Clifford G. McIntire was honored posthumously on October 8, 2003, in a ceremony at the University’s new Buchanan Alumni House for his vision and leadership in

creating national forestlands legislation. The author and co-sponsor of the McIntire-Stennis Act, passed by Congress in 1962, Congressman McIntire worked with the University of Maine scientists and foresters as well as Senator John Stennis of Mississippi to write the landmark legislation. The McIntire-Stennis

Act was developed to establish research in forestry as a specific part of the agricultural research programs carried out cooperatively by USDA and land-grant colleges in the United States.

Congressman McIntire graduated from the University of Maine in 1930, he also was a member and Noble Ruler of Alpha Gamma Rho, Psi (Maine) Chapter.

Over 70 friends and family members of Congressman McIntire, including his twin, 95-year-old brother Smith McIntire, gathered in Orono to dedicate the facility’s largest room in his name. The “McIntire Maine Event Room” was made possible through private support from several hundred contributors as well as a major gift from MBNA America. University of Maine Foundation President, Amos E. Orcutt '64, presided over the event, and Dr. Jeffrey N. Mills '82, President of the University of Maine Alumni Association and Vice President for University Advancement, made the formal dedication. ■

## AGR Room Dedicated at Iowa 4-H Youth Building

by Jan Brown, Iowa State Housemother



*Daryl Theis, Noble Ruler for Eta Chapter, Marvin Walter and Ron Stutsman attended the dedication of the Extension 4-H Youth Building and were recognized in the "AGR Conference Room."*

Across Iowa, the Iowa State Extension Service is celebrating 100 years of service. On November 8, 2003, the new impressive Extension 4-H Youth Building was dedicated on the Iowa State University campus. This \$4.5 million building was funded entirely through private donations. The new 4-H building houses the basic needs of the ISU Extension Service as well as an interactive area where 4-H youth may gather for educational opportunities.

This building is furnished with state of the art technology.

The alumni of Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, lead by Ron Stutsman and Marvin Walter, organized and raised monies to provide for a small conference room located in the Iowa 4-H Foundation complex of the facility. This room will be called the "AGR Conference Room" since all money was raised through the alumni of Eta Chapter. It is furnished with a computer and several chairs as well as a small work area. It will be a very functional room for small group meetings. Eta Chapter alumni of Alpha Gamma Rho are pleased to have had an opportunity to give back to 4-H while having a part in building future leaders. ■

## Strategic Planning Sessions Continue to be Successes!

For over a year now, past Grand President Zane Akins has been conducting strategic planning sessions with chapters across the country. To date, brother Akins has conducted planning sessions with over twenty chapters.

What is all this about? As a part of the 2nd Century Vision for the fraternity, the national board of directors has provided resources to assist each chapter to develop a Strategic Planning Process. The fraternity provides a facilitator to travel to

the local chapter area, facilitate the dialog and provide the incentive to bring focus to the future needs of the chapter. It is already making a difference for many.

Below is a note received from the chapter at Vermont.

Contact the home office at (816) 891-9200 or by email at [AGR@AlphaGammaRho.org](mailto:AGR@AlphaGammaRho.org) and schedule a date for your local chapter to conduct such a session. ■

Br. Phil Josephson,  
Thank you so much for providing us with the funding for Zane Akins. He really inspired and motivated the house and we are looking forward to future.  
Fraternally,  
The Brothers of Alpha Rho

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Caldwell's company does all the paper work for the companies from handling the books (they send out monthly statements showing all purchases and sales and also take out W-9 and report their "trade sales" as income) to matching up services equally (customers are given "trade dollars" to use in exchange for other goods and services so that all transactions are fair.) Tradebank charges a 10 percent fee on the value of the purchases made and Caldwell's franchise pays a portion of that fee to the International Organization. Around 600 barter trade organizations are operating worldwide, and about 400 of those are in North America.

Caldwell became an AGR in the spring of 1990 at Middle Tennessee State after being invited by some co-workers to visit the AGR house. He says that being an AGR "has strengthened me: I learned about commitment, seeing a plan through. It taught me to be a leader...not a follower. It taught me how to help others and to receive help. It brought me out of my shell socially and professionally. I learned how to plan ahead, set goals and do my best. It taught me to serve others and to always do good." Mark majored in Mass Communication, hoping to land a job with an ad agency handling agriculture accounts.

He hopes to open satellite offices in Murfreesboro, Clarksville and Bowling Green sometime in the near future and stay with Tradebank until he retires. ■

## Maryland Chapter celebrates 75



*Charles Iager was presented with this paddle for his years of service to Alpha Theta chapter. Pictured here are Troy Kerr, Kevin Hedge and Charles and Judy Iager.*

On April 27, 2003, the Alpha Theta Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity held its annual Founder's Day celebration. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Maryland.

The festivities were attended by more than 100 alumni, undergrads, family and friends.

The day began with a welcome from Alumni Association president Kevin Hedge, an invocation by Noble Ruler, Alfred Godfrey, and a delicious buffet, which included roast pig. The group was then entertained by two guest speakers. Paul Weller spoke about the history of the chapter and its members, stating that there were numerous paths that brothers

followed after leaving the chapter house, but always one bond between them, membership in the fraternity. Gene Swackhamer spoke about the importance of reflection on history to prepare for the future.

The guest speakers were followed by special awards presentations to Charles and Judy Iager and House Director Irene Kao. After a few closing remarks, the live entertainment kicked in and provided a lively atmosphere for the remainder of the afternoon.

Alumni and undergrads alike all contributed to the celebration by providing a roast pig (and the crew to stay up all night and roast it), commemorative polo shirts, live entertainment and a friendly atmosphere for all who attended. ■

## Tarleton State AGR Member Chosen for National



## Leadership

The National FFA Organization has selected sophomore Casey Hogan, Stephenville, Texas, as the 2003-2004 National FFA Western Region Vice President. Hogan is a member of Beta Sigma Chapter at Tarleton State. Hogan is a member of the Arlington-Martin FFA chapter. His parents are Sherri and Fred Hogan.

Hogan is one of six individuals chosen for a national officer position out of a field of 37 candidates. Fulfilling his position will require traveling more than 100,000 miles; meeting top leaders in business, government and education; visiting approximately 40 states and participating in an international experience tour in Japan.

As an FFA member, Hogan participated in supervised agricultural experiences in beef and goat production. He received the American FFA Degree and was a chapter star farmer and chapter star greenhand. He served as the Texas state FFA vice president for 2001-2002.

Hogan is involved in student government, Alpha Gamma Rho and the Interfraternity Council at Tarleton State. Hogan says that he "hope(s) to make a difference in the lives of FFA members by being a positive ambassador for agriculture and the FFA." ■

## AGR Brothers Farm Named Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year

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by Gus Howe Johnson



Margaret and Walt Gladstone with sons Matt (10), John (12) and Will (14) of Newmont Farm in Bradford, Vermont, are the recipients of the Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year award for 2003.

A Connecticut River Valley dairy with an enthusiasm for farming has been named the Vermont Dairy Farm of the Year for 2003.

Newmont Farm, a 600-cow dairy in Bradford, Vermont, is owned and operated by Walt (Cornell alumnus) and Margaret Gladstone with help from their sons Will (14), John (12) and Matt (10) and valued employees.

The coveted Dairy Farm of the Year award is presented annually by the University of

Vermont Extension and the Vermont Dairy Industry Association to an exemplary dairy operation, representative of the best farms in the state for herd and crop management, quality milk production and commitment to dairy.

The Gladstones purchased their farm, then 135 acres, in 1988 and have been expanding the dairy business for the past five years.

Their herd is now over 600 cows with an impressive 27,000 lb. herd and milk production average, they own and lease 1,100 acres of farm land and grow 150 acres of pumpkins and squash for wholesale markets.

The family is well suited to farm life, Walt grew up on a 34-cow farm in upstate New York and Margaret grew up on a 90-cow freestall dairy in East Montpelier.

In 1993 they received the White River Conservation District award and the Orange County Farm Family of the Year award in 2002. ■

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

### AGR Honors Members lost to Tragedies both past, present

Reprinted with permission from Oklahoma State University's O Collegian

By Chris Brecht, Staff Writer



In memory of their two fallen members, OK State has placed a memorial plaque outside their front door.

They didn't just give up hours of sleep or bomb a test. They gave their lives making the Alpha Gamma Rho house decoration in 1976. Members of the AGR house commemorate their deaths by placing special tributes in front of the house decoration.

Merle Wayne George, Kevin Brent Wilson and Randall Duane Logan had their lives cut short when they were involved in a technical accident during the preparations for their homecoming house decoration.

"They sacrificed their lives trying to build the homecoming decoration, so it's just our way of honoring them," said Brent Howard, agricultural economics and accounting senior. "This year, we're going to make signs for our three brothers."

Howard also said since the accident, the brothers have erected a memorial honor-

ing them for their service to the fraternity, which is placed in front of every house decoration. This year, however, the memorial will not stand alone.

Last year, AGR once again lost three brothers to different tragedies.

Kyle Aebi, Tracey Cox and Trent Patton all unexpectedly died last summer. For the brothers left behind, their deaths come hard because of the exceptional men they were and the legacies they left in their absence.

"Kyle and Tracey were two very distinct men who both contributed to the fraternal AGR institution at OSU," said Brady Sidwell, AGR president. "Both brought something special to the fraternity and will forever be missed."

Sidwell said although he did not know Patton, a recent graduate, as well as he knew Aebi or Cox, he was sure Patton

was no exception of character. "He will also be sorely missed," he said.

Sidwell said although the deaths of the men in 1976 were still being felt in their house, the deaths of Aebi, Cox and Patton "really put things into perspective."

For the AGRs, the decision to erect this memorial was an easy one. Sidwell said it was never really an issue, because all six men exemplified what their fraternity stands for.

"One of the things we stress in our brotherhood program is sacrifice," he said. "It takes a lot of heart to give the way these men did, and we're just honoring their sacrifice and commitment."

The brothers of AGR look to each other for support. "We've found ways to lean on each other for this," Sidwell said.

However, the person who possibly felt the pain of loss the most was the AGR house mother Brenda Tiger.

"You just can't describe the feeling when a housemother loses a child," Tiger said. "I never thought I would lose a child, and I feel like I've lost three."

"All three contributed so much to Alpha Gamma Rho." ■

## Attention AGR Alums and Families:

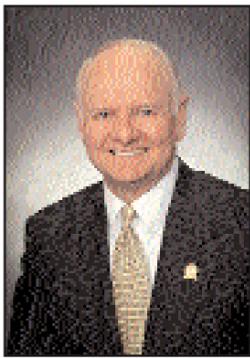
Help your National Fraternity and have a fun experience: host a chapter service representative to stay in your home or come for a meal or both during his visit to the chapter in your university town. E-mail Penny at [AGR@AlphaGammaRho.org](mailto:AGR@AlphaGammaRho.org) or call at (816) 891-9200, ext

### ~Corrections~

◆ In the Fall 2003 issue of SICKLE & SHEAF in the article "Two Delta Alumni Named to Purdue Board of Trustees," we identified Brother John W. Hardin as being a member of the Purdue Board of Trustees. The AGR member that is part of the board is actually John D. Hardin Jr.

◆ Brendan McMullen was mistakenly identified as a Purdue alumnus. He is actually an alumnus from the University of Connecticut.

## Clark Receives Distinguished Alumni Award



STILLWATER - Six Oklahoma State University alumni have been selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the OSU Alumni Association. The award is presented to alumni for professional achievement and community service.

Brother **Gary C. Clark**, (Oklahoma State) was honored as one of the recipients for this year. Brother Clark holds both B.S. and M.S. degrees from Oklahoma State in agricultural education, 1969 and 1972 respectively. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence with honors from the University Of Texas School of Law in 1975. He is currently a shareholder/director with the Crowe and Dunlevy law firm's Tulsa office.

Professionally, Clark has been very active in the Tulsa and Oklahoma Bar Associations having served as President of each, as well as on the Board of Governors and as a Trustee of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation.

In the Tulsa community, Clark has been active in many voluntary agencies, such as Legal Aid for the Elderly, Habitat for Humanity and Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma. He serves as the chairman of the board for Tulsa Lawyers for Children and Legal Counsel for the Tulsa Metro Chamber.

Education is a priority for Clark. He served on the Board of Regents OSU/A&M Colleges during 1993-2001, acting as chairman in 1997-98. He has also served on the OSU-Tulsa Board of Trustees, as well as President of the Parent Advisory Council for Carver Middle School in Tulsa. He has been involved at a high level with the Boy Scouts of America, served as a Board member for the Oklahoma FFA Foundation, and is a past president of Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Association. In his spare time he enjoys camping, hiking and fishing in Colorado. He and his wife Jane live in Tulsa. ■

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**Mike Neruda**  
Nebraska



**Zane Vaughn**  
Texas Tech

**Mike Neruda**, Nebraska, who is a senior advisor to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, represented President George Bush and Ann Veneman at the January swearing in ceremonies and special inaugural events for Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns. Mike is a Senior Advisor for Homeland Security and Strategic Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Zane J. Vaughn**, Texas Tech, recently graduated from the Texas Tech University School of Law and passed the Texas bar examination. He was hired as an associate attorney at the SandersBaker P.C. Law Firm in Amarillo, Texas.

**Cliff Miller**, Missouri opened a new Veterinary Clinic on September 6 in Moberly, Missouri.

**Steven L. Berk**, Ohio State, has been promoted to District Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for South Florida. He has also been appointed to the South Florida Fair Board and is active in the Farm Bureau.

**Brian Markwell**, Vermont, has been promoted in the National Guard to Lieutenant Colonel and is Commander of a National Guard Battalion.

**David Schafer**, Minnesota, is retiring from his meats extension position at Kansas State. In his retirement, Dave is keeping busy with church work and a tree trimming business.

**Glen Waters**, Missouri, married the former Kyla Owns of Marshall, MO on July 19, 2003. They reside on their farm near Norborne, MO. Kyla is employed as a 3rd grade teacher in the Carrellton, MO school district.

**Richard Heck**, Missouri, daughter, Alyssa, was married on Saturday, October 18, 2003, to Jeff Flynn in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Roger E. McClellan**, Kansas State, and his wife Lindsay McClellan announced the birth of their twins, daughter and son, Samantha Riley and Stratton Robert, September 5, 2003.

**John Charles Remsberg**, Maryland, recently completed the Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar held by the National Alfalfa Alliance in Harrisburg, PA. Brother Remsberg is employed by Dairyland Seed Company of West Bend, Wisconsin, where he is the Regional Sales Manager for the Eastern United States. He currently resides in Harrisonburg, VA.

**Benjamin Moye**, Southern Illinois, recently took a new promotion with QTI and moved to Champaign, Illinois.

**Brett Gorman**, Texas A&M, recently moved to Lubbock, Texas, and is selling agricultural and industrial lubricants. He has also developed and began marketing wildland fire fighting vehicles with outstanding off-road and payload capabilities.

**Dale Bathurst**, Kansas State, taught high school for three years in Saffordville and three years in Valley Center before returning to the family farm near Talmage. He and his wife, Juanita, raised four daughters and three sons. The sons now farm 3,500 acres of wheat, alfalfa, soybeans and grain sorghum. Dale and Juanita retired in their 60's and then spent many years as missionaries in the United States and Zambia. Three daughters, one son and eight of their 19 grandchildren graduated from K-State. They also have 20 great-grandchildren. Juanita died in 2002. Dale lives in Talmage near his family.

**Nelson Galle**, Kansas State, was elected to the board of directors of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development and appointed to the Board of Regents.

**Allen Hurley**, Kansas State, was elected vice chairman of the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership program board of directors.

**Larry Reichenberger**, Kansas State, received the 2003 Alumni Association Service Award for his efforts in fund-raising and planning of the new alumni center at K-State. The 52,000 square-foot Alumni Center opened last fall and has already hosted hundreds of events.

**Dick Oliver**, Arkansas, is the coach for the UA Weed Team, which won first place in the Southern Regional Weed Contest held August 4 and 5 in Knoxville.

**Russell Black**, Arkansas, was honored as Outstanding Friend for 2003 for the Horticulture Department at the University of Arkansas.

**David Van Wert**, Iowa State, of Sun City West, Arizona, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Iowa State University Foundation. Eta Brother, Marvin Walter, is also a member of the same board. Both have served as Governors of the Foundation for a number of years.



**David Van Wert**  
Iowa State

**Michael Patrick Hamilton**, Tennessee - Knoxville, is currently working on his M.S. in Agricultural & Extension Education. He is an employee of the UT Agricultural Extension Service, 4-H Youth Development where he oversees the 4-H volunteer program and youth leadership programs.

**Charles D. Lambert**, Kansas State, is a deputy undersecretary for the USDA.

**Ed Scott**, Virginia Tech, is the first Beta Eta brother to be elected to serve in the Virginia General Assembly. He will assume office as the Delegate from the 30th Legislative District beginning in January.

**John Paul Eddy**, Minnesota, plays basketball overseas with Crossfire that goes to over 45 nations around the world. Dr. Eddy is 71 years old and has played on teams that have won 15 championships in high school, college and post-college leagues. Dr. Eddy played in Romania in November and December, 2003 in nine games. All of which were won as he averaged over 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 4 steals. He played for AGR at the University of Minnesota to help win the St. Paul Campus Championship in 1954. Dr. Eddy played on a national championship college team and played overseas in the Philippines.

**William Richards**, Ohio State, was presented the Distinguished Service in Agriculture Award from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for his devotion to the conservation of our natural resources and action in soil stewardship. As Chief of the USDA's Soil Conservation Service, Bill placed strong emphasis on utilizing good soil conservation practices and mitigating the need for government regulatory methods to enforce soil conservation practices.

### MOVING? CHANGING JOBS? RECEIVING AWARDS?

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## Gene Trotter Receives International Ag Leadership

**Eugene Trotter**, Southern Illinois, a professor and director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Florida, received the Outstanding Leader Award during the recent annual meeting of the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leaders in Honolulu.

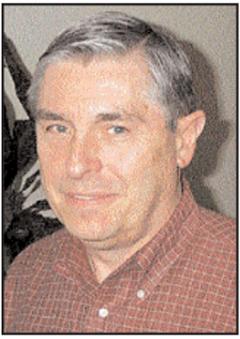
Trotter received a plaque for "vision and dedicated service spanning a quarter of a century in two states, and preparing talented young leaders for the challenging years ahead."

Before joining the faculty of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural

Sciences in 1990, Trotter was director of the Agricultural Leadership Program at Michigan State University for 11 years. Because of his success in building a strong program in Michigan, Trotter was invited to start the Florida Leadership Program for Agriculture and Natural Resources at UF.

Born and raised in Kansas, IL, Trotter received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, his master's degree in horticulture from the same institution, and his doctoral degree in agricultural education and agricultural economics from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. ■

## Pritchard takes over as State Representative



Robert Pritchard, Illinois, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Rep. David Wirsing, who died of a heart attack on November 16, as Illinois state representative.

For much of his professional career Pritchard worked in advertising, public relations and marketing positions for DEKALB Genetics, and later was director of industry affairs and manager of public and governmental affairs for Monsanto Company, which purchased DEKALB Genetics.

Pritchard has been very involved in fund raising projects. Nationally, he was a board member and president for the professional public relations association from 1986 to 1990. He also was a member of the Future Farmers of America board and helped raise more than \$5 million for youth programs.

Statewide, he was a member of the Illinois department of Agriculture Assembly in 2000 and 2002, and has served as president of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, where he helped raise nearly \$1 million for youth programs from 1988-1994.

Pritchard has served as a board member for the Alpha Gamma Rho chapter in Illinois and led a \$2.4 million residential facility renovation, from 1996-2002.

He is a member and finance chair of the Hinckley United Methodist Church, as well as a member of the Hinckley Lions Club since 1974. ■

## New RVP Selected for Pacific Region



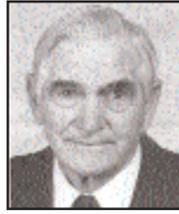
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is proud to announce that **Brian Markwell**, Vermont, has been selected as the new Regional Vice President for the Pacific Region. He will be replacing Mike Borel, who has served in this position for the last six years.

Brother Markwell was born and raised on a dairy farm in Vermont. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1978 with a B.S. in Animal Science and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. After graduating from the Officer Basic course, he served from 1979 to 1982 in then West Germany. After graduating from the FA Officer Advance Course, LTC Markwell served as a Gunnery Instructor for the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill from 1983 to 1984.

After requesting release from active duty in 1984, LTC Markwell joined the 1/86 FA in the Vermont Army National Guard. In 1994, LTC Markwell transferred to the US Army Reserve joining the 98th Division (IT) in Rochester, New York. From 1994 to 2001, LTC Markwell served as the Division Finance Officer, 7th Bde S-2/3, and Division Initial Entry Training Officer. From 2001 to 2003, LTC Markwell served as a Senior Observer Trainer and Battle Captain. In January 2003, LTC Markwell was mobilized and served as the 5th Army Liaison Officer to USARC at Ft. McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia, until August 2003.

He now resides in San Francisco, California where he serves as a US Postal Inspector. ■

## Kimmerling Named Block and Bridle Honoree of the Year



**Max Kimmerling**, Nebraska, a dairyman from Beatrice, Nebraska, was the 2003 Block and Bridle honoree. Max was involved in the activation of the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board which was started in 1998 and Max served as Chairman from its inception until 2001. In 1998, Max, who was a Corporate Board Member of Mid America Dairymen, Inc., was involved in the decision to merge Mid America with three other cooperatives to form

Dairy Farmers of America. He helped in the reorganization of DFA and served as a corporate board member from 1998 to 2001.

Max graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. He served as a member of Block and Bridle Club, Varsity Dairy Club, Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Zeta.

Max and his wife Viola live in Beatrice, Nebraska where they have their dairy farm which consists of 60 to 100 Holstein and Milking Shorthorn cows. ■

## Austin Peay Alumnus Golf Course Earns Prestigious



Under the direction of Superintendent **John Martin**, Austin Peay State, Eagle Ranch Golf Course became a Certified Audubon Cooperation Sanctuary. Only 2.2 percent of the golf courses in the United States have achieved this certification.

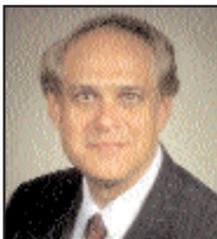
In order to achieve certification, Eagle Ranch Golf Course had to demonstrate that it had significantly enhanced habitats for wildlife and preserved natural resources for the benefit of the local

community, and fulfill strict requirements.

According to Martin, who was hired by Eagle Ranch due to his record in building environmentally-responsible golf courses, "we have drastically reduced water usage from where it was when we first started development. In just three years, we have reduced the number of irrigated acres on the golf course by 30, and have decreased water usage by 50 percent."

Martin was initiated into AGR in 1991 at Austin Peay State and graduated in 1993. ■

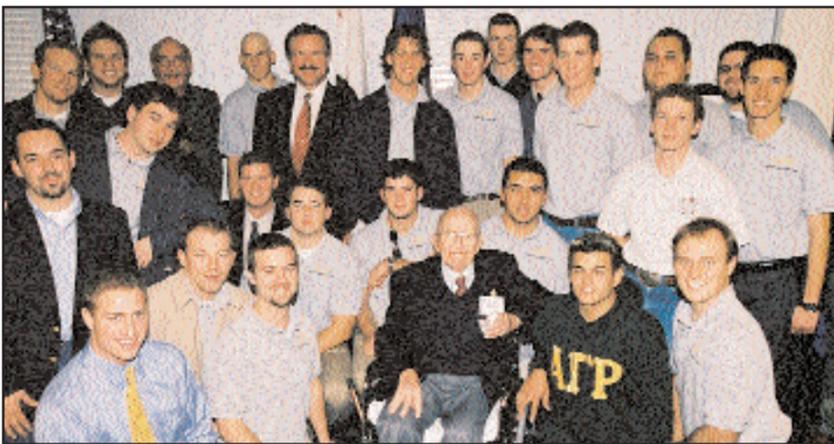
## Esbenshade, of N.C State University, wins award for distinguished teaching



Dr. **Kenneth Esbenshade**, the Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs at North Carolina State University, was recently awarded for his service as a teacher and administrator. Dr. Esbenshade was initiated into the Nu Chapter this spring at Founders Day as an honorary member.

His vigilance and leadership has helped to continue the fine traditions of North Carolina State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and to bring this College to the third largest College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in the nation. He is now further showing his leadership to the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho as a role model and mentor. The undergraduate brothers congratulate Dr. Esbenshade on his outstanding achievement. ■

## University of California - Davis Building Named after Thompson



**Orville Thompson (center)** is surrounded by AGR members after the ceremony. (Photo, Debbie Aldridge, UC Davis)

**Orville Thompson**, California - Davis, was honored during a round of building namings at the new student housing at UC-Davis. A new student housing complex will be named after him. Thompson, a professor emeritus, was one of the founding faculty of the Department of Human and Community Development. From 1954 to his retirement in 1988, he was extremely active in undergraduate education, particularly with regard to actions that backed up his strong beliefs in multi-disciplinary education and in helping students to develop their own specialization within their majors.

Thompson remains dedicated to interdisciplinary, hands-on educational experiences for UC Davis undergraduates and has played a vital role in the development of the Work-Learn Career Planning and Placement Center. The center provides internship experiences for students. Since his retirement, he has remained active in Human and Community Development and has served on the International House Board of Directors for several years. ■

## Brothers Serve the United States



In the last issue of *SICKLE & SHEAF*, we asked Brothers who were serving in the military to send in their name and chapter to be printed in the Winter issue of *SICKLE & SHEAF*.

The following brother's names were sent in to the Home Office. We encourage any brothers who have not been listed in these lists to please send an email to

[Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org](mailto:Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org) with the Brother's name and name of his chapter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these young men as they serve our country and all Americans.

**Steve Johnson, Nebraska**  
**Mark.R. Chilson, Wisconsin - River Falls**  
**Caleb Bridgers, North Carolina State**  
**Andrew Hopper, Auburn**  
**Jeff McDonald, Arkansas State**  
**Blake Glass, Florida**  
**Brent Ash, West Virginia**  
**Brandon McCombs, Purdue**  
**Jason Washburn, Stephen F. Austin**  
**John Van Riper, Western Illinois**

# Housemother Spotlight Mom Brenda Tiger



## Attention AGR Weed (Plant Science) Managers



**Mom Tiger and Chris Carrol at a Leadership Seminar.**

**Editors Note:** In the next several issues of *SICKLE & SHEAF* we will highlight housemothers. If your chapter has a housemother, please submit a "highlight" article on your housemother. Please send all information to: Becky Schlake, 10101 N Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153 or by e-mail to [Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org](mailto:Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org).

An excerpt from "The History of Pi Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho 1920 to 2000 and Beyond" (by Jeremy L Zweiaccker Initiate 1469)

Mom Brenda Tiger came to Pi Chapter in 1994 from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon

(SAE) House at Oklahoma State. At that time, 1,418 men had been initiated into Pi Chapter. To the present, she has helped over 300 newly initiated men, along with countless alumni and undergraduates, make the transition from young men to adult life and beyond.

Mom Tiger grew up in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and graduated from Sapulpa High School in 1961. Her family consists of her son, Lucian, daughter, Jo Lynn, grandchildren, and her many "sons."

During her rein as Housemother, she has helped to train in social graces and etiquette, many times at the unwillingness of the Undergraduate Brothers to learn them. Yet she was quite capable of getting your cooperation, whether it is her attention grabbing glances or the harmless tossing of a dinner roll in your direction. She has cheered up many boys when they get homesick and has straightened them out quickly when they need it. Mom has spent many a night counseling the undergraduates with romantic problems and encouraging them to study when needed. She has always been around to help the sick and to let them know how they should act around other people. Mom Tiger truly served as a mother to the undergraduates in their "home away from home."

Her determination was evident in the fact that she was selected as the recipient of the ATP Marie Coe Memorial Housemother Award for the Promotion of Social and Cultural Programming five times. (1996, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2002-2003). Mom Tiger even traveled to many Chapters, helping those Chapters to train or replace and helped start Housemother programs at Chi, Tau, Delta, Sigma, Rho, Beta Omicron, and Alpha Lambda. She served as a presenter at Housemother Training Seminars in 1997, 1999 and 2001. She attended every Leadership Seminar from 1995 to 2003, and attended the 1994 National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, through the 2002 National Convention. She was the recipient of the OSU Greek Housemother Award in 1992 and has received the ATP longevity drop in 2002. She served as President of the Housemothers Club at Oklahoma State in 1994.

Mom Tiger continues to be very well liked by the Brothers in the house and respected by the Alumni. Pi Chapter was very fortunate, and proud, to have had Mrs. Brenda Tiger as our Housemother. We wish her the best of luck in her new life, her new husband, Vernon, and may God Bless them in their lives together. ■

In February 2004, the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) will conduct its annual meeting in Kansas City, the national home of AGR and the birthplace of WSSA. This will also be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the formation of WSSA. 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 e-mail 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, e-mail [Skipper@Clemson.Edu](mailto: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.

<b>Auburn</b> James D. Tyler, 1942	<b>Kansas State</b> Manford Masfield, 1939 Russell W. Miller, 1940	<b>Montana State</b> Al Huber, 1972	<b>Oregon State</b> Phil Holsheimer, 1943
<b>Arkansas</b> George A. Berger, 1959	<b>Kentucky</b> Charles S. White, 1928 Sidney W. Delong, 1935 Lyle T. Harmon, 1938 Robert L. Marshall, 1939	<b>Nebraska</b> Wilford R. McKinley, 1932 Everett O. Curry, 1932 Roger F. Sandsted, 1941 E. Glenn Nelson, 1950 Clyde R. Noyes, 1956	<b>Penn State</b> William C. Bramble, 1926 John E. Radebach, 1934 Earl G. Pifer, 1942
<b>California - Davis</b> Thomas W. Thwaites, 1929	<b>Maine</b> Wesley P. Judkins, 1931 Treston O. Bubar, 1942	<b>New Mexico</b> Harold L. Jacobs, 1954	<b>Purdue</b> Dale H. Stangland, 1947 Lee F. Moffett, 1950 R. Mike Quear, 1976
<b>Colorado State</b> Samuel Rowe, 1937 Earl Dean Jeffers, 1954 Lyle C. Campbell, 1973	<b>Maryland</b> Elmer J. Heubeck, 1936 William H. Meyers, 1947 Francis C. Stark, 1951 Donald Pickering, 1951	<b>North Dakota State</b> Clyde M. Barks, 1925 Dayton B. Byram, 1935 Kermit J. Toepke, 1946 Marvin J. Lembke, 1951 Warren L. Jamison, 1957	<b>Rutgers</b> John J. Sullivan, 1954
<b>Connecticut</b> Stanley E. Wedberg, 1935 Francis J. Wynne, 1943 Charles L. Glaes, 1945 Ralph H. Lundberg, 1946	<b>Massachusetts</b> Allen J. Bedrosian, 1957	<b>New Hampshire</b> Martin Foster Smith, 1946 Raymond H. Marshall, 1949 Charles E. Paterson, 1954 Scott C. Keenan, 1977	<b>South Dakota State</b> Larry D. Nelson, 1964
<b>Cornell</b> Frederic D. Morris, 1936 Matthew Freda, 1938 James C. Earl, 1941 Charles E. Congdon, 1952 Hector A. Coats, 1953	<b>Michigan State</b> Louis R. Newlin, 1938	<b>North Dakota State</b> Charles E. Paterson, 1954 Warren L. Jamison, 1957	<b>Tennessee - Knoxville</b> Joe M. Benderman, 1951
<b>Georgia</b> John E. Clark, 1931 William A. Prather, 1938	<b>Missouri</b> Henry H. Baker, 1928 Robert C. Appleman, 1928 Harold Reese, 1940 Calvin B. Agee, 1945	<b>Ohio State</b> Thomas Pottenger, 1942 Edward L. Copp, 1950 David S. Corzilius, 1952 Thorndike Barnhart, 1978	<b>Washington State</b> A.J. Bloom, 1939 Robert D. Sickles, 1946
<b>Illinois</b> William P. Morrison, 1947 Paul E. Lamb, 1968	<b>Minnesota</b> Robert Jordan, 1940 Donald Hasbargen, 1946 Charles Benrud, 1946 George E. Vitalis, 1958 Craig Sallstrom, 1972	<b>Oklahoma State</b> Glenn D. Thrasher, 1951	<b>Western Illinois</b> Dean Grob, 1968
<b>Iowa State</b> Ralph G. Chism, 1927 John L. Morris, 1943 Lawrence J. White, 1945 Bruce J. Hjelm, 1970			<b>Wisconsin - Madison</b> H.L. Self, 1956

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## THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ALPHAGAMMA RHO



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### It's History Now!

By Gene Swackhamer

Commemorating our first 100 years merits some attention.

It is certainly a good reason to throw a party and a team is hard at work organizing one for the 2004 Centennial Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Some argue that the past is over and is best

forgotten. All attention should be toward the future. That is where the action will be. Others have said that being 100 is no great deal; ask any older alum and they most likely will say that getting older isn't so exciting, there are all those risks associated with aging—hardening of the 'mental' arteries, unwillingness to try new things and loss of ambition. Organizations are just as

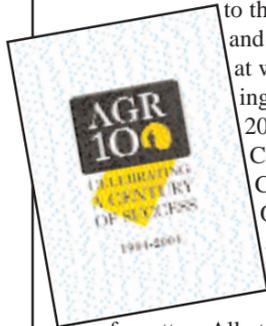
vulnerable to aging as individuals. Well, if our fraternity is going to avoid these pitfalls beyond 2004, then we better know what they are.

One of the early assignments of the 2nd Century Task Force was to examine the first 100 years of our existence to see what it says about us and our future. What a challenge that has been!

The research and writing to produce the centennial history book, *AGR 100—Celebrating a Century of Success*, sought to winnow from the past the kernels of wisdom, humor, character and valor that have made better men. The contributions of many were necessary to collect information and photos for the book, to edit the writing and polish it into the story of who we are. The job is done and the book is published. You will be proud to own one.

As a fraternity, we are not about history so we don't retain or save with an eye to posterity—we just go about our business. Perhaps that is how it should be, but for those who next have the task of documenting our history, it surely would be nice to have the letters and speeches of past Executive Directors, legal counsels' renderings, documentation of policy evolution, chapter histories and photos with names and dates on the back!

For the future, each chapter and the Home Office might maintain an archive of mementos, audio and video of alumni interviews or events and other noteworthy documents. Remember, corporate organizations can have life of perpetuity if managed well. What we do today will fascinate members of 2050 if it is documented for them. ■



## Leadership Seminars are just around the

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite all AGRs, undergraduate and alumni, to the 2004 Leadership Seminars. This year's seminars start the weekend of February 13 in St. Louis, Missouri, and run the following three weekends in Atlanta, Denver and conclude in Pittsburgh.

These seminars are for ALL AGRs, undergraduates (not just officers), housemothers, alumni and advisers! This year's theme is "Leaders of Vision" and we are featuring a dynamic speaker, Joe Calhoun. Joe is one of Franklin Covey's most requested keynote speakers and will no doubt add a high level of energy to our sessions.

In addition to his "Establishing a Vision for Change" session with everyone, Joe has agreed to spend time with Alumni and Advisers discussing "Vision and Change" for AGR. We would like encourage at least one Chapter Adviser from every chapter to attend. As well as each Alumni President committing to help identify at least two Alumni Board and/or Alumni at large to represent your chapter at a Leadership Seminar. In addition to having a great time all alumni will gain useful skills to help them work with their chapter as well as place of employment.

You will also get a chance to visit with AGRs from all across the country. This is fun way of learning how other chapters deal with some of the same issues that your chapter has been dealing with.

This year we are welcoming Sigma Alpha Sorority for Women in Agriculture to the Atlanta and Pittsburgh seminars to determine the possibility of expanding the jointly attended sessions next year.

So get your registration in early to attend the seminar of your choice. You won't want to miss the 2004 Alpha Gamma Rho Leadership Seminars! If you go to [www.agrs.org](http://www.agrs.org) you can find additional information on the Leadership Seminars as well as print off the registration form. ■

#### Others on the Leadership Seminar Steering Committee

- Eldon Fredericks - Central Regional Vice President
- Dennis Gehler - Land O' Lakes Forage Product Manager
- John Demerly - Indiana State FFA Executive Director
- Jason Clapp - Purdue Undergraduate Student

## Centennial Convention DVD Now Available



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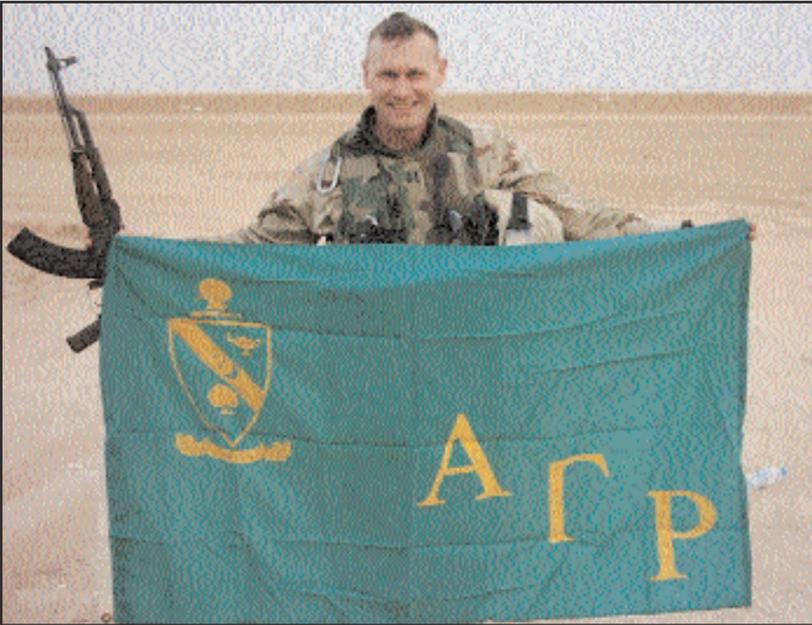
In order to promote the 2004 Centennial Convention in Columbus, Ohio, the national office has produced a special Centennial DVD. This DVD features Grand President Mike Jackson, describing highlights of the convention.

These DVDs were sent out to all Noble Rulers in the beginning of December.



All chapters should use these DVDs at all chapter events. If your chapter would like an additional copy, they are available for FREE at the Home Office. Please contact Becky Schlake at [Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org](mailto:Becky@AlphaGammaRho.org) or by phone at (816) 891-9200, ext 11, to receive your additional copy. ■

## Following Captain Baer



**Capt. David Baer, holding the AGR flag, with the Iranian mountains in the background.**

In the next few issues of S&S we will be following AGR Brother David Baer, Iowa State, who is currently serving as an advisor to the newly recreated Iraqi Army. The following is an excerpt from

an e-mail message we received from Capt. Baer:

*"I've been selected to be an advisor to the newly recreated Iraqi Army. I will be*

*training them to be a professional army with the US army as a model. It will be challenging and rewarding work. Currently, we are with this Iraqi unit at Kirkush Military Training Base east of Baghdad about 20 miles from the Iranian border. Lots of bad guys running around and the nearest US combat unit is about 40 miles away.*

*The only vegetation or farming is along the Tigris and Euphrates rivers where they can do some irrigation. The problem is the irrigation equipment is either broken or it has been looted. They are desperate to move into the 21st century agriculturally. They are barely self-sufficient in food, mostly because of the depredations of Hussein and his regime."*

In our latest contact with Capt. Baer, we learned that he has become a proud father. He and his wife Anne had a girl on October 4, 2003 named Madeline Elizabeth Baer. She was 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 inches long. ■



All 37,644 Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity brothers were recently notified of our upcoming new membership directory and were asked for their input. If you have not already done so, please return your questionnaire today. This will ensure that your personal information

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will be accurately included in this great new reference book.

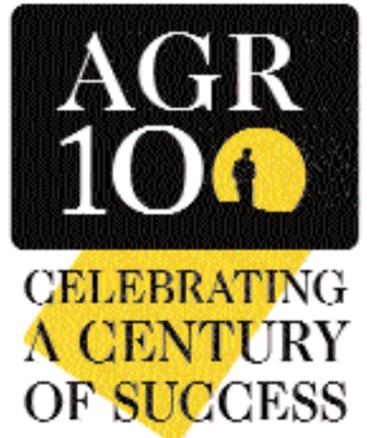
Within two to three months, the verification phase of this project will begin. All brothers will be receiving a telephone call from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., the official publisher of our directory. Please give the representative who calls you a few moments of your time to verify your listing.

To place a reservation for the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Membership

Directory, please advise the Harris representative during this conversation, since this will be the only opportunity for brothers to order the book.

Scheduled for release in November 2004, the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Membership Directory promises to be the definitive reference of over 37,644 of our brothers. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it!■

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February 27-28	Leadership Seminar Denver, CO
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