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#60,000 - Ryan Northington - Not Just Another Number



Ryan Northington is the 60,000th member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Ryan became a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter at Montana State University April 3, 2005. His roll number in the Alpha Delta Chapter is 1167.

Ryan's decision to attend Montana State University was made due to years of fly fishing trips with his father in Montana. His senior year he decided a break from New Mexico was due. After experiencing Big Sky Country first hand, he knew Montana is where he wanted to be.

When Ryan started college he never planned on joining a fraternity. He then discovered that friends you can count on are important, and an organized group that offers a fun and constructive environment had its

advantages. "My friends joined AGR the semester before I did. As I spent more time with them I got to know the rest of the members, and just enjoyed the environment around the house. Being involved in agriculture made this fraternity a natural fit for me to spend my college years." Ryan said.

Ryan was born May 31, 1986 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is the son of Tracy and Vicki Northington, has one sister who is 22 years old, and grew up in Corrales, New Mexico.

Since he was little he has enjoyed being a part of his grandfather's farm. "I remember playing in the cotton trails and learning how to drive a tractor on my grandfather's farm. When I got older I started helping my friends on their ranches," Ryan said. Ryan also gained horse experience from his mother and participated in American Kennel Club Field Trials; trained bird dogs using walking and horse back methods.

Ryan graduated from Cibola High School in 2004. "Through high school I was active in rodeo and baseball but my rodeo time was cut short, usually due to baseball. Since the season for both was at the same time I had to choose one," Ryan added.

Rodeo, according to Ryan, is a true

American sport. "There is no other adrenaline rush like bull riding. I'm basically strapping my 160-pound frame to a 1300-pound bull with nothing but a rope and spurs to hold on with." Ryan started bull riding about three years ago. "My mom gave into my relentless pestering about riding. Before that I had learned to rope on my friends' ranches, but never really competed in roping events because I enjoyed doing it for fun more than competition," Ryan added.

Ryan chose to be involved in rodeo because he loves to compete and is an adrenaline junky. He adds "So what sport better to compete?" During the summer he traveled to rodeos throughout New Mexico and some in to Texas with his friends and girlfriend's family.

Ryan is majoring in Agriculture Business. He chose this area of study due to his plans of returning to help operate his father's construction company and grandfather's farm. Ryan is active in Collegiate FFA and plans to become active in other activities and organizations as the fall semester progresses. During college he hopes to contribute by continuing to make the Alpha Delta Chapter a respected name on the Montana State University campus.

profile

Birth Date: May 31, 1986
Birth Place: Albuquerque, New Mexico
Home Town: Corrales, New Mexico
High School: Cibola High School
Favorite Sport: Bull riding
Chapter: Alpha Delta at Montana State University
Initiation Date: April 3, 2005
Roll Number: 1167
Major: AgriBusiness
Campus Activities: CFFA
College Goals: Have fun and make the rodeo team
Desired Career: Contractor/ hobby farmer



Ryan takes off out of the chute hoping to hang on for another 8-second adrenaline rush.

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Hurricane Katrina

The devastation brought to the gulf coast region of the United States is tragic. The fraternity realizes that it will be some time before anyone fully realizes the full impact of that region.

The Home Office has and continues to keep in close contact with the chapters at Louisiana State, Mississippi State, and Auburn Universities (Alpha Epsilon, Beta Tau, and Xi, respectfully). Close to 400 collegiate and alumni members are from the affected area in the gulf region in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Just over 200 of those members are from Louisiana.

The Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Loui-

siana State has been extremely busy with school, chapter responsibilities, and home repair. Chris Boudreaux, Noble Ruler of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter said "We first received evacuees the evening of August 27. Throughout the week they housed anywhere from 20 to 30 people, three dogs, and four reptiles. The majority of the people left the house on September 4. We are currently housing an alumnus and his family. His two children are enrolled in classes in Baton Rouge." The Home Office has also received reports from alumni who have been working hard to help other AGR members, neighbors and

those who have suffered damage from this event.

The Home Office extends our thoughts and prayers to all members affected by this national disaster, and those members who have connections to other victims. We encourage all AGR members to support reputable relief organizations that are properly prepared to handle efforts from chapter and individual levels. Please contact the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org and The Salvation Army at www.salvationarmy.org to help hurricane victims.

A Trail-Blazing, Star-Gazing Colorado Convention Planned

AGR's to meet in a state of stunning beauty and unparalleled adventure for 59th Convention

The Rocky Mountain West

-- Teeming herds of buffalo grazing across vast landscapes; cowboys and cattle silhouetted against a painted mountain sky. From dazzling snow-capped mountains and sun-drenched high-plains, Colorado claims a range of landscapes and ecosystems unmatched anywhere.

These are the images of Colorado and the backbone of an amazing Western culture where Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity will meet for its 59th National Convention, August 13-16, 2006.

David Ellicott, Colorado State, Convention Chairman, proudly announces that the 2006 convention will be held at Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center, Breckenridge, Colorado.

Resort In 145-Year Old Town

Beaver Run is located in Breckenridge, Colorado, a town created by the Gold Rush in 1859. At 9,600 feet elevation, it is just a scenic 90-minute drive from Denver International Airport. Breckenridge has experienced a rich history of boom and bust. Mining ended in the 1940s, leaving Breckenridge on hard times for more than 20 years.

The new "gold rush" started in the 1960s with the introduction of alpine skiing. Breckenridge Ski Resort is now known around the world as a world-class ski resort. Surprisingly, there is actually more to do in the summer than in the winter. If you're adventurous there are hiking and mountain bike



trails that reach the area's many mountain summits, many approaching 14,000 feet in elevation. For less strenuous activity you can paddle a canoe on the many lakes, cast your line in one of the gold medal trout streams or ride a horse to an abandoned gold mine.

Breckenridge's history as a mining town is still alive in the charming Victorian town. Strict building codes have preserved many of the Victorian era buildings of the old west. The town is known for an abundance of incomparable shopping, dining and nightlife. More than 400 boutiques, galleries, bistros, salons, restaurants and more offer a variety of choices for every taste and budget.

About Beaver Run

Inspired by the boldness of nature, Beaver Run Resort captures nature's palette, texture – even her mood. "We think you'll find the result to be a perfect setting for one of the most inspirational and enjoyable National AGR Conventions ever," suggests Bob Means, Iowa State, Family Coordinator for the 2006 event.

For a special convention evening, enjoy dining at the award-winning Spencer's Steaks & Spirits. Between convention sessions, grab a quick breakfast or lunch at the Copper Top Cafe. In the evening, enjoy drink specials and watch your favorite sport-

ing event at Tiffany's, a sports pub.

Beaver Run Breckenridge Bodyworks is located on site and offers variety of services, including Swedish, Sports and Deep Tissue Massages. They also offer massages for teens and children. A number of spa treatments are also offered.

Golf, Other Attractions

For golfers, the town of Breckenridge has the distinction of having the only 27-hole municipally owned Jack Nicklaus-designed course in the world. The practice facility at Breckenridge includes a grass driving range, two practice greens for putting and chipping, and an area for sharpening your sand bunker shots.

For die-hard golfers, the Keystone Ranch, River Course, Copper Creek Golf Club and the River Golf Club are within minutes of Beaver Run.

A variety of local attractions are available in Breckenridge. There's the Summer Music Festival at the Breckenridge Riverwalk Center, Peak 8 Fun Park, Country Boy Mine Tours, historic walking tours plus shopping, dining and nightlife on historic Main Street.

Rocky Mountain High

When you think about what Colorado's Rocky Mountains have to offer, you'll want to begin making your plans now to attend the 2006 Convention, August 13-16, in Breckenridge, Colorado.

A unique blend of environment, attitude and altitude – youthful, wacky, and even outright country – promises to make this the ultimate AGR summer break, whether it is your first convention or your 59th. **See you in Breckenridge, partner!**

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Boyd Parr Selected as New Director of Livestock & Poultry Health Division



Boyd Parr, Clemson, was selected as the new director of animal health regulatory programs for the Clemson University Livestock & Poultry Health Division based in Columbia, South Carolina. The programs regulate testing and movement of livestock and poultry, auction markets, sales and all animal disease control programs in South Carolina.

Parr joined the universities division at Clemson in 2004 working with the cattle and dairy herds. Prior to joining Clemson he was in private veteri-

nary practice for 26 years. His practice, in Newberry, South Carolina, focused on cattle, primarily dairy, throughout the Carolina's and in Georgia.

Parr earned his bachelors degree in pre-professional studies in animal and veterinary studies from Clemson University. He earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia in 1978. Boyd became a member of the Beta Zeta Chapter at Clemson University in 1974.

Parr has professional affiliations with the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, Society for Theriogenology, S.C. Association of Veterinarians (Large Animal Academy), American Jersey Cattle Association, S.C. Jersey Cattle Association, Newberry County Cattlemen's Association and Farm Bureau of Newberry County.

Roger Mahr Elected President of American Veterinary Medical Association



linois.

While serving his term Mahr pledges to focus on improving human and animal health, increasing the number of veterinarians entering the areas of food safety, biomedical research, academia, regulatory medicine and emergency health preparedness.

Roger received his veterinary medical degree

Roger Mahr, Iowa State, was elected president of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) for the 2005-2006 term. The election was held during the 142nd Annual Convention of the association. Mahr has served as a small animal practitioner for over 34 years in Il-

linois. He became a member of the Eta Chapter at Iowa State University in 1966. Following graduation, he became an associate veterinarian in the Chicago suburbs of Morton Grove and Evanston for three years. Mahr established, owned and directed the Meadow View Veterinary Clinic in Geneva, Illinois, an accredited hospital member of the American Animal Hospital Association, from 1974 through 2004.

Mahr has been active in organized veterinary medicine his entire career. He has served as member, officer and committee member to many local, state and national veterinary associations. He is also well known for his community and civic activities in Geneva and St. Charles, Illinois.

Roger and his wife, Marilyn, reside in St. Charles, Illinois, and have two children, Deanna and David.

2004-2005 AGR Awards

I. Individual Awards:

Scholarships:

Runnion Scholarship:

Allan Renz, Chi - California Poly State-SLO

Horticulture Scholarship:

Nathan Jordan, FSC Colony - Florida Southern
Josh Adkins, FSC Colony - Florida Southern

Dairy Scholarship:

Matthew Repinski, Iota - Wisconsin-Madison

Ag Economics/Ag Business Scholarship:

Marc Allison, Beta Omega - Missouri State

Lindley Finch Memorial Scholarship:

Evan Bellingar, Alpha Beta - Oregon State

Undergraduate Achievement Award:

Brandon Griggs, Beta Sigma - Tarleton State
Andy Fordice, Delta - Purdue University

AGR Excellence Scholarship:

John Looney, Alpha Iota - Arkansas
Adam Souza, Chi - California Poly State-SLO
John Cory Robinson, Theta - Missouri
Kory Duerst, Alpha Psi - Wisconsin-River Falls

Housemother Awards:

Best Management Program:

Monica Voiles, Alpha Psi - Wisconsin-River Falls

Promotion of Cultural & Social Practices:

Alyce Toon, Alpha Upsilon - Tennessee-Martin

Housemother Longevity Awards:

5 Years of Service

Kay Golden, Phi - California-Davis
Julie McCrea, Alpha Pi - Arizona
Alyce Toon, Alpha Upsilon - Tennessee-Martin

Adviser Awards:

Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award:

Richard Hatler, Alpha Upsilon - Tennessee-Martin

Adviser Longevity Award

5 Years of Service

Leslie Jett, Theta - Missouri
Douglas Gardner, Psi - Maine
Dennis Smith, Alpha Alpha - West Virginia
John Douthat, Alpha Epsilon - Louisiana State
Earl Bowerman, Alpha Sigma - California State-Fresno
Michael Mee, Beta Gamma - Wisconsin-River Falls

10 Years of Service

Curits Kimmel, Beta Delta - Illinois State

20 Years of Service

David Lee, Beta Theta - Middle Tennessee State

25 Years of Service

Eldon Lamprecht, Lambda - Minnesota

II. Chapter Awards - Annual

Green and Gold Chapter Status:

GOLD CHAPTERS:

Eta Iowa State
Alpha Upsilon Tennessee- Martin

GREEN CHAPTERS:

Theta Missouri
Kappa Nebraska
Lambda Minnesota
Alpha Psi Wisconsin-River Falls

Best Chapter Scholarship Program Award:

Highest Honor:

Eta Iowa State

High Honor:

Lambda Minnesota

Honorable Mention:

Theta Missouri

Chapter Scholarship Recognition Awards:

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

Eta Iowa State
Alpha Upsilon Tennessee-Martin

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

Phi California-Davis

Chapter Activities Awards:

Highest Honor:

Pi Oklahoma State

High Honor:

Alpha Upsilon Tennessee-Martin
Eta Iowa State

Chapter Recruitment Excellence:

Highest Honor:

Kappa Nebraska
Lambda Minnesota

Honorable Mention:

Beta Sigma Tarleton State

Chapter Membership Development Award:

Highest Honor:

Alpha Psi Wisconsin-River Falls

High Honor:

Eta Iowa State

Honorable Mention:

Delta Purdue

Chapter Management Award:

Highest Honor:

Theta Missouri

High Honor:

Eta Iowa State

Honorable Mention:

Iota Wisconsin-Madison

Chapter Alumni Relations Award:

Highest Honor:

Eta Iowa State

High Honor:

Kappa Nebraska

Honorable Mention:

Alpha Psi Wisconsin-River Falls

Chapter Web Site Award:

Highest Honor:

Pi Oklahoma State

High Honor:

Beta Sigma Tarelton State

Honorable Mention:

Delta Purdue

Chapter Publication Awards:

Chapter History Awards:

Highest Honor:

Eta Iowa State

High Honor:

Kappa Nebraska

Honorable Mention:

Pi Oklahoma State

Chapter Crescent – Best Series:

Highest Honor:

Iota Wisconsin-Madison

High Honor:

Theta Missouri

Honorable Mention:

Lambda Minnesota

Chapter Crescent – Best Single Issue:

Highest Honor:

Theta Missouri

Honorable Mention:

Delta Purdue
Kappa Nebraska

Alumni Corporation Award:

Highest Honor:

Pi Oklahoma State

High Honor:

Beta Sigma Tarleton State

Honorable Mention:

Kappa Nebraska

Shawn Jasper Joins Republican Leadership Team of New Hampshire



Shawn Jasper, New Hampshire, was appointed as member of the Republican Leadership Team for the New Hampshire House of Representatives in May. Seven others also joined the new team.

Shawn is serving his fifth term as New Hampshire State Representative; he is a former Majority Whip and currently serves Chairman of the Legislative Ethics Committee. He is married and has one daughter. Fraternally he is a 32 degree Mason and a member of the Shriners.

Shawn is the President of Jasper Corporation; which began as a Poultry Farm in 1916. He became a member of the Omega Chapter in 1977. He has served as Chapter Adviser since 1988. Shawn also earned the Brother of the Century Award.

LEARN TO RECRUIT BETTER

2005 AGR Recruitment Schools

Purpose: To develop a new recruitment plan or enhance the one already in place to assure that the chapter is getting all of the quality men they should on campus.

Who should apply??? Anyone involved in recruiting for the chapter and who wants to make a difference. Some of our most successful recruiting chapters utilize their alumni and/or housemother in the recruitment process.

When & Where: January 13 - 14 and March 17 - 18, 2005, at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, near the Home Office

- Receive personalized recruitment help
- Apply today due to limited space!

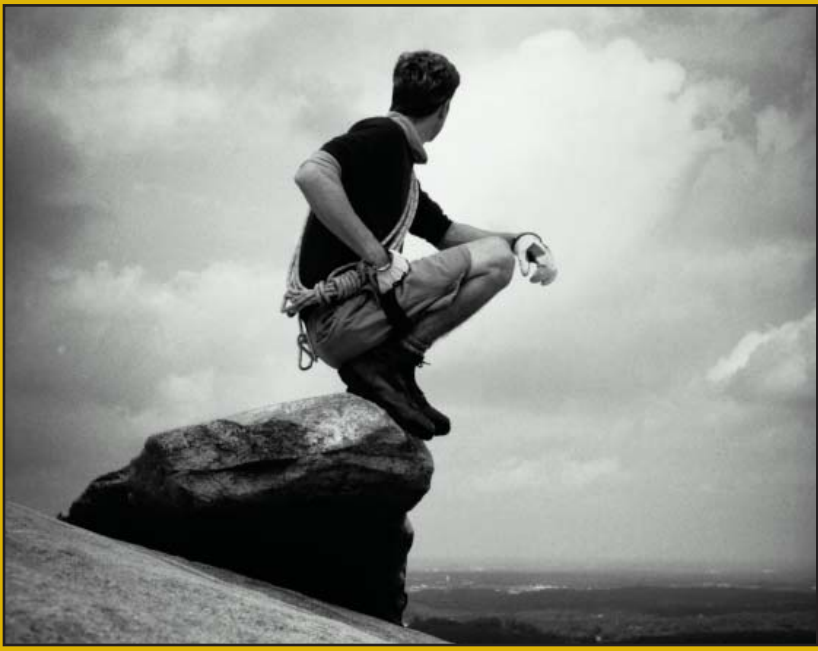
For more information, please contact Josh Wackler in the AGR Home Office at 816-891-9200, ext. 16, or Wack@AlphaGammaRho.org

2006 Adviser Forum

January 27-28 at the Kansas City Home Office

Alumni Presidents are also encouraged to attend!

Please Contact Kevin Barnes for more information
Phone: 816-891-9200 ext. 19
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More Brothers Customizing Century Two Gifts

Boehm Pushes Planning for Fraternity



Bill Boehm, Wisconsin – River Falls, President, Kroger Manufacturing, Cincinnati, Ohio, pledges \$100,000 toward the building of the Leadership Cornerstone of the Century Two Campaign.

Bill says, “I feel there would be considerable merit in an annual Leaders Conference including newly elected noble rulers, advisers and alumni presidents. It’s my hope this can be a ‘first rate 3-day conference, perhaps in Washington, DC, where AGRs can work on both local and national issues. There is nothing like bringing people physically together to strategically plan for the

future.”

“I think we need to push the planning process throughout the Fraternity, including alumni, advisers and undergraduates to the point where it is the ‘way we do things’,” adds Bill. He estimates the cost of an annual conference is about \$2500 per chapter per year. That would make the Foundation require an endowment of about \$3,000,000. Or, a chapter alumnus could also provide an annual \$2500 commitment for his chapter to participate, allowing a smaller overall endowment.

The point is that Brother Boehm has a specific leadership initiative in mind he wants to support with his gift. The Century Two Campaign challenges others to be creative and earmark funds towards that one initiative they think would better the Fraternity. Or, spread their gift around several initiatives or entrust the National Leadership to utilize the gift responsibly towards the efforts of their choosing.



Bill Boehm presents Gene Swackhamer with an award at the 2002 National Convention.

Cottingham Honors AGR Mentor



John Cottingham, Purdue, resides in Evanston, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. There with his young family he has built a successful consulting business in the farm and financial management arena. It was another AGR – past National President and past Foundation President, Bill Sayre, Iowa State – who relocated John after graduating from Purdue to the Chicago-area.

Like Bill Sayre, John migrated from his Indiana farm roots to the bustling Chicago area. As Bill Sayre did, John learned the value of Fraternity bonds and a lifelong commitment to grow and inspire a new generation of AGRs. John is also

backing up his dedication with a financial commitment to The Campaign for AGR, just as Bill Sayre is.

John’s earmarked gift of \$25,000 towards the Sayre Fund is for new and enhanced projects of the Educational Foundation of AGR for retreats, conferences, seminars and similar opportunities for individual chapter representatives – including alumni, undergraduates, and staff.

John hopes that “younger alumni like me who are growing families and businesses can still recognize the importance of this Century Two Campaign. My AGR experience helped shape my life and I want to help shape the lives of future AGRs, some who will even be my future customers and fellow business affiliates. That is the power of a social professional Fraternity like Alpha Gamma Rho.”



John Cottingham, middle of second row, is pictured with other members of the Purdue University Delta Chapter celebrating his 25th pledge class anniversary.

For more information on these gift types or other unique approaches, please contact James Ferrell, Director of Development, at the home office or by e-mail at James@AlphaGammaRho.org or by telephone at 816-891-9200, extension 21.

While both Boehm and Cottingham gifts benefit the whole fraternity, many initial gifts to the Century Two Campaign are being designated for individual chapters in their entirety. More of the various gift opportunities available will be featured in future issues of SICKLE & SHEAF.

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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: Sponsor chapter executive committee and/or alumni board officer attendance at regional leadership conferences, promoting consistent engagement of leaders year after year.

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: Recognize our unique position to establish and endow student internships - allowing students a unique real world experience and companies the benefit of the best and brightest students in the food, fiber, and life science industries.



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: Forward the legacy of so many brothers who contributed so much during their lives by honoring them through a named memorial scholarship.

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: Join support for the role and benefit of housemothers within Alpha Gamma Rho. Contribute to the House Mother Fund established to grow the number of chapters with house mothers and support the role they play in the shaping of undergraduate brother's lives.

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.**

Initial Campaign Gifts Set the Stage

One by one, national and local leaders of the Fraternity are stepping up to commit to The Campaign for AGR. Since Chairman Lemon sounded the charge, more than 109 alumni have committed with 40 of those gifts exceeding \$10,000 each. A growing organization of volunteers is gearing up to take the Century Two effort to thousands more AGRs all over the world. Watch for your invitation to join the journey.

Capital Campaign Cabinet

Gene Lemon - Campaign Chair
Bill Boehm
Kirby Barrick
Ted Priebe

Rick Carpenter
Joe Coffey
Phil Josephson
James Ferrell

Bernie Staller

For more information please contact James Ferrell at
James@AlphaGammaRho.org or 816-891-9200 ext. 21

ON THE MOVE

Correction: The summer issue of On The Move announcements for Tim Fossa and Chuck Howlett are incorrect. Chuck's information was listed under Tim's name and visa versa! The listing below is the correct information. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Tim Fossa, Michigan State, has been promoted to Senior Vice President at U.S. Bank. He is a Commercial Middle Market Relationship Officer with U.S. Bank in Chicago, Illinois. Tim resides with his wife, Mia, and their three children in Bartlett, Illinois. Tim became a member of the Tau Chapter in 1980.

Chuck Howlett, Iowa State, has been named one of Eli Lilly and Company's Master Performers for Sales Management. The award is given to sales managers who have shown consistent excellence in sales accomplishments over their careers, while creating an environment for sharing knowledge, developing new ideas and risk taking. Additionally, Howlett was applauded for his leadership in developing people, setting direction for his team and modeling the integrity of Eli Lilly and Company. Chuck became a member of the Eta Chapter in 1978.

Jim Bailey, Connecticut, received the 2005 Iris Award. The award is given on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Knoxville District Dietetic Association of Tennessee. Jim earned the award for his distinguished contributions to the field of nutrition and for being a respected and advanced level researcher and educator. One Iris Award is given a year. The Tennessee Dietetic Association represents the largest organization of food and nutrition experts in the state.

Bailey graduated with a B.S. degree in animal science from the University of Connecticut in 1978 and a M.S. degree in animal science from the University of Illinois in 1979. In 1985 he earned his doctorate at Iowa State University followed by a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in endocrinology from the Mayo Clinic. Jim has been a professor in the Human Nutrition department at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville for the past 17 years.

Jim owns a small fruit tree operation at his homestead in Tennessee, and a cow/calf operation in northeast Missouri. Jim became a member of the Upsilon Chapter at the University of Connecticut in 1976. He served as the adviser for Alpha Kappa Chapter from 1998 to 2001.



Jim Bailey
Connecticut



Michael Belco
Michigan State

Michael Belco, Michigan State, was hired by the Ruth Mott Foundation as an integrated pest management specialist. Previously Michael was a veterinarian at Caputo Animal Hospital in Dearborn Heights Michigan. Michael is a 1985 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. In 2000 he went back to earn a degree in plant biology and a specialty in botanical gardens and conservatories.

Michael will be the first Integrated Pest Management Specialist at the Applewood Orchard, located at the historic farm of the Charles Stewart Mott family in Flint, Michigan. The orchard he is tending to has been in existence since the Mott family acquired the property in 1916.

Michael is a member of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, and the American Horticultural Society. He became a member of the Tau Chapter at Michigan State in 1980.



Charles Bronson
Georgia

Charles Bronson, Georgia, received an honorary doctorate degree in culinary nutrition from Johnson & Wales University's College of Culinary Arts. Charles is the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He received this honor for his service to the state of Florida.

Bronson serves on the Florida cabinet, and as president of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He has also been in the ranching, sod and fertilizer business. He continues to run his family's central Florida ranch in Osceola County. Charles became a member of the Alpha Eta Chapter at the University of Georgia in 1971. He is also an Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Brother of the Century award recipient.

Jerry Christensen, Michigan State, is now Senior Vice President of Farmers State Bank in Breckenridge, Michigan. Jerry became a member of the Tau Chapter at Michigan State in 1969.

Todd Conrado, California Poly State-SLO, is a professor at Modesto Junior College in Modesto, California. His primary focus will be on Agriculture Power Mechanics. For the past 11 years Todd has been an agriculture teacher, primarily in agriculture diesel mechanics and beef cattle.

Todd has been married to Joanna for 15 years. They have two children; Morgan, 14, and Peter, 10. They enjoy showing cattle throughout California. They are also active in 4-H, the local cattleman's association, and the California Agriculture Teachers Association. Todd became a member of the Chi Chapter at California Poly State University in 1988.

LaVern (Vern) Freeh, North Dakota State, has written a new book *Child of the Prairie, Man of the World*. The book is a memoir collection of his life growing up in a German-Russian family, enlisting in the Marines, teaching in a one-room country school, playing football at North Dakota State University. The book also goes through his agriculture education teaching career, serving as a football coach, and eventually becoming Director of International Programs for North Dakota State University. Vern traveled, consulted and worked in 65 countries, and became Vice President for Public and International Affairs at Land O' Lakes.

Vern and his wife, Lois, have six children and 11 grandchildren. Vern became a member of the Epsilon Chapter at North Dakota State in 1948.



Lavern Freeh
North Dakota State



Nelson Galle
Kansas State

Nelson Galle, Kansas State, was named the Vice Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents. Nelson's one-year term began July 1. He previously chaired the board's Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee.

He worked with the Hesston Corporation for 22 years as vice president of administration, general manager of the Hesston Division, director of personnel, and director of Hesston's European Operations in Brussels, Belgium. Nelson served on the K-State Alumni Association Board of Directors as President, and the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees. He was also named the College

of Ag Alumni Fellow in 1998. Nelson earned the AGR Brother of the Century award.

Nelson and his wife, Marilyn, live in Manhattan, Kansas. Nelson became a member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter at Kansas State University in 1954.

James Hagar, Arkansas State, has accepted a position with Monsanto as the Quality Management Systems Lead for the East Coast U.S., Southern U.S., Puerto Rico, Brazil & Argentina. Previously James worked with the Monsanto Soybean Breeding group in Marion, Arkansas. He began his new position August 26. James is now involved with the broad technology sector including information technology, trait intragration, of corn and soybeans, and other responsibilities.

James became a member of the Beta Epsilon Chapter at Arkansas State in 1997. He has served as the Beta Epsilon's Alumni Vice President and Chapter Adviser. He also earned the Brother of the Century award. James and his wife, Stacy, now reside in the St. Louis, Missouri area.

Sam Jones, Auburn, and his wife, Carleen, of Piccadilly Farm, LLC. Received the 2005 Perennial Plant Association Award of Merit. The award was given for their contributions of teaching and writing and their work with Lenten Roses. Carleen and Sam have operated Piccadilly Farm, a wholesale-retail nursery, near Athens, Georgia for the past 23 years. The focus of their wholesale business is the production and trade of Lenten Roses. Their retail business includes shade perennials, conifers and shrubs.

Sam and Carleen live in Bishop, Georgia and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Sam became a member of the Xi Chapter at Auburn in 1952.

Brandon Libby, Maine, was elected student representative for the University of Maine System Board of Trustees by the General Student Senate. He is serving a two-year term attending monthly meetings, and writing reports for the university student government newsletter. Brandon became a member of the Psi Chapter at the University of Maine in 2003. He currently serves as the VNR Scholarship officer and previously served as the VNR Activities officer.

Andrew (Hank) Majeski, Delaware Valley, is now a Sales Representative with Lee Rain, Inc., one of the largest distributors on the east coast in irrigation sales, including Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware. Andrew became a member of the Beta Psi Chapter of Delaware Valley College in 2001.

Roy, Josh, and Seth Major, Middle Tennessee State & Western Kentucky, received a visit on their dairy farm from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. Major Dairy, the family business, is located in Lebanon, Tennessee. Johanns visit to the Major Dairy was part of USDA Farm Bill Forum, seeking public input regarding the development of the 2007 Farm Bill that began July 7.

The Majors milk around 165 head of predominately Holstein cattle. Roy, father of Josh and Seth, became a member of the Beta Theta Chapter at Middle Tennessee State in 1976, Josh became a member of the Alpha Chi Chapter at Western Kentucky University in 1998, and Seth became a member of the Beta Theta Chapter in 2000. Roy currently serves as Beta Theta's Alumni Vice President, and Seth is currently the Alumni Relations officer. Roy and wife, Diane, also have another son, Jared.

Corey Martin, North Dakota State, received the Excellence In Graduate Medical Education award from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Corey is a physician at the Buffalo Clinic in Buffalo, Minnesota. The award recognizes the top 20 family practice residents in the United States.

Corey has been active in the AAFP, serving on multiple committees and commissions. He graduated with honors receiving a B.S. in Microbiology from North Dakota State University and earned his medical degree from Yale Medical School. He served his

residency at the University of North Dakota Center of Family Medicine-Bismark. Corey became a member of the Epsilon Chapter at North Dakota State in 1994. He was an Undergraduate Director for the National Board of the fraternity for the 1997-1998 term.

Seth Richardson, Maine, is beginning his first major solo tour in support of his new record this fall. He starts in Massachusetts a few weeks into September and will work his way through Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC, and New Jersey eventually making his way back to his home on Cape Cod.

Seth is a singer, songwriter and guitarist. He began playing the guitar at the age of 15. He discovered a talent in his voice while attending a drama class at summer camp during high school. He eventually became involved with several bands. Currently, he is focused on his solo career. Seth became a member of the Psi Chapter at the University of Maine in 1992.



Seth Richardson
Maine



Rod Sager
Missouri

Rod Sager, Missouri, was named to the Board of Directors for Equity Bank and the Advisory Council for Jan Hancock by IPS Advisors. IPS Advisors is an independent brokerage and consulting firm with offices located throughout Texas in Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin and Corpus Christi, Texas. He is the managing principal of IPS Advisors.

Rod was also named Volunteer Dad of the Year for the work he has done for the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas. He currently serves on their advisory board and is a past president of the board. Rod and his wife Ginger have six children aging from 14 to 31 years of age. Rod became a member of the Theta Chapter at the University of Missouri in 1968.



Lee VanWychen
Wisconsin-Madison

Lee Van Wychen, Wisconsin-Madison, was selected to serve as the Director or Science Policy for the National and Regional Weed Science Societies. Van Wychen most recently worked on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Nick Smith (MI-Retired).

Lee became a member of Iota Chapter in 1992. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed his Ph.D. in Land Resources and Environmental Sciences from Montana State University in 2002.

After his graduate work, Lee was selected as a Congressional Science Fellow through the Agronomy, Crop and Soil Science Society's Congressional Science Fellowship program, and served in the offices of Representatives Gil Gutknecht (R-MN) and Nick Smith (R-MI) where he analyzed, advised, and implemented the offices' legislative strategy on agriculture, environment, science, energy, trade and budget policies.

Remembering W. D. Knox



W.D. Knox, Michigan State, passed away August 5, at age 85. Knox guided an international dairy magazine for six decades, was an active civic and business leader and served as an advisor on agricultural and trade issues to six presidents. He was still serving as editor and publisher of Hoard's Dairyman, as well as president of W.D. Hoard & Sons Co. in Fort Atkinson, parent company of the Daily Jefferson County Union in Wisconsin.

Knox was born June 9, 1920, on his family farm outside of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Knox attended country school and was a 4-H member for 10 years. He owned his own herd of dairy animals and received several awards for his dairy cattle judging. He graduated from high school at 15. Between high school and college, which he entered at age 16, he helped his father with farming and running a milk delivery route.

During college, he was a member of the Dairy, Agriculture, Economics and 4-H clubs and the dairy cattle judging team. He became a member of Alpha Zeta, and was named to the Blue Key national junior and Excalibur senior honorary societies. Knox graduated at age 20 with a degree in agricultural economics and dairy in 1941. In 1941, Knox joined the Hoard's Dairyman staff as youth editor.

Knox enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942. After the war ended he was discharged as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Knox rejoined Hoard's Dairyman as associate editor. In 1949, at the age of 29, he became the third editor of the magazine.

Knox was founding chairman, secretary and president of the National Brucellosis Committee and chairman of the Wisconsin Brucellosis Committee. He also developed the Self-Help Dairy Stabilization program in 1954. In 1972, Knox took on the additional titles of president and general manager of W.D. Hoard & Sons Co., publisher of Hoard's Dairyman and the Daily Jefferson County Union, and the operator of the Hoard's Dairyman Farm.

Serving many agricultural organizations from the local to national levels, Bill was honored with great recognition for his achievements.

Bill and his wife, Jane, who died in 1987, had four children, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Knox became a member of the Tau Chapter at Michigan State University in 1938.

Remembering James Bletner

Dr. James Karl Bletner, West Virginia, passed away Friday, May 27, 2005 at the age of 92. Bletner was the adviser for the Alpha Alpha Chapter and financial advisor for the Alpha Kappa Chapter at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He became a member of the Alpha Alpha Chapter at West Virginia University in 1931.

Bletner received bachelors and masters degrees from West Virginia University and his Ph.D. in Poultry Nutrition from Ohio State. He worked for WVU, Quaker Oats, served in the US Navy from 1944-1946. He then taught Poultry Science at the University of Tennessee from 1958 through 1978.

Dr. Bletner was also a member of seven professional societies and four honor societies and was involved in the writing of 87 different publications. He received numerous honors from the Interfraternity Council including the Outstanding Greek Faculty Member. To honor his many years of service, his picture hangs in the Alpha Alpha Chapter house.

His wife, Ruth Thorniley Bletner, preceded Bletner in death in 1996. James and Ruth had two children and three grandchildren.

2006 LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Leadership In A Flat Agricultural World

Philadelphia

February 10 - 11
Hilton Philadelphia Airport

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Katie High, Associate Vice President for Student Life at the University of Tennessee. Her focus will be to explain the major and rapid increasing changes occurring in the world of Agriculture and beyond, challenging this year's seminar attendees to apply lessons learned at their own chapters.

Transitions

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

Purdue

Dale K. McMillin, 1951
Lee E. Miller, 1951
Bernard E. Harris, 1955

Michigan State

William D. Knox, 1938

West Virginia

James K. Bletner, 1931

Cornell

Robert I. Everingham, 1938

Florida

Rollin H. McNutt, 1949
Eugene F. Shaw, 1957
Alfred R. Cox, 1960

Iowa State

Andrew A. Albright, 2003

Nebraska

Charles R. Marcy, 1940
Donald C. Anderson, 1950
Michael S. Pinkerton, 1981

Tennessee-Knoxville

Richard D. Martin, 1952

Minnesota

Russell Miller, 1941

New Mexico State

Arlis C. Treat, 1951

Oklahoma State

William J. Sallee, 1948

Southern Illinois

Paul L. Kram, 1970

Remembering Robert Everingham



Robert Everingham, Cornell, passed away July 27. Bob taught Vocational Agriculture until 1944. He then entered into partnership at the family dairy farm with his father, Will, in Cascadale. Eventually his son, Bob Jr., also joined the partnership. While operating the 150 head dairy farm, he was Business Manager of LaFayette Central School, and later Business Manager of Onondaga - Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services. He was also a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and received the distinguished Purple Heart Award.

Bob and his wife, Blanche, raised two children. Bob served many agricultural organizations on local and state levels, he was honored with great recognition for his achievements.

Everingham retired from active farming in 1986. Everingham became a member of the Zeta Chapter at Cornell University in 1938. He received the Brother of the Century award from the Fraternity.

Memorial Contributions

The following is a list of those who have given recent gifts in memory of members who have passed away.

Mrs. Romona Colborn in honor of **Wayne S. Colborn**, Missouri

Eldon Fredericks in honor of **Bernie Harris**, Purdue, and **Dale McMillin**, Purdue

Gifts made in memory of **Eugene C. Meyer**, Iowa State: Iowa State - Leland Allenstein, William Hitz, William Sayre, Brad Staley, Jerald Staley; Wisconsin-Madison - Steven Binversie, James Crowley, Richard Daluge, Robert Luening; Kansas State - Jason Strickler; W. Phil Niemeyer

Gifts made in memory of **William J. Sallee**, Oklahoma State: Waymon and Dortha Culp, C. R and M. M. King, Joe and Mildred Patterson, Pat and Selley Lodwick, and Robert and Kimberly Rinker, Richard and Carol Lou Scott, Arthur and Lillian Stracener

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November 3-5, National Board Meeting, Dallas

January 13-14, Recruitment School, Kansas City

January 27-28, Adviser Forum, Kansas City

February 10-11, Leadership Seminar, Philadelphia

February 17-18, Leadership Seminar, Nashville

February 24-25, Leadership Seminar, Kansas City

March 3-4, Leadership Seminar, Reno

March 17-18, Recruitment School, Kansas City

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