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Raun Farm Yields Bushels of



*The Raun "homeplace" near Minden, Nebraska, has been in the family since 1883. In addition to producing crops and livestock, this farm continues to inspire agricultural leadership for the benefit of community, state, national and international organizations.
Inset: Chris L. Raun, father of Ned, Rob, Joan and Art, received the Nebraska Pioneer Farm award after the farm celebrated its 100th anniversary.*

From the highway, it looks like any other south-central Nebraska upland homestead: straight fencerows, fertile fields, buildings in good repair, and inviting farm home. But there's something vastly different about the Raun family farm near Minden, Nebraska. What is it? People. For four generations, its major product has been people who know how to achieve. How to make great things happen.

Since the 1920s, at least 34 members of the Peter and Anna Marie Raun family have attended the University of Nebraska. Professionally, this extended family includes farmers, scientists, professors, teachers, judges, lawyers, artists, journalists, housewives, sportscasters, advertising executives and financial advisors. Many remain in Nebraska, but some have scattered to California, Washington D.C., Colorado, Texas, Arizona, Iowa, Oregon, Oklahoma and Georgia. All are using their educations to help make the world a better place.

Another notable fact: The Kappa chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho contributed to the collegiate experience of four Rauns:

Ned S. Raun, Ph.D. Dr. Raun has 40 years of experience in the management of international agricultural research and education programs in Latin America, Africa and Asia. As a Rockefeller Foundation and Winrock International team leader, he developed livestock research and training programs in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. More

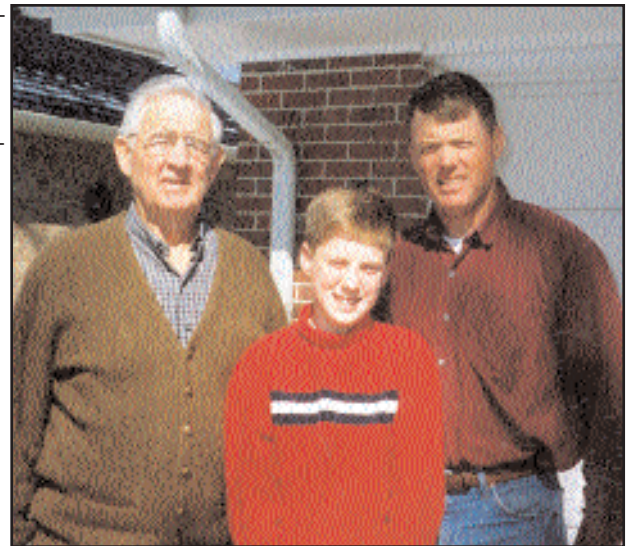
recently, he assumed leadership for the MidAmerica International Agricultural Consortium, developing research and education partnerships among five MIAC universities and counterpart institutions in Mexico.

Robert L. Raun: Now a "semi-retired farmer," Robert once served Nebraska as Director of the Department of Agriculture, as well as Chairman of the University Board of Regents. His leadership skills were sharpened as an undergraduate at the University: President of AGR, president of Block and Bridle, president of the Student Body, president of the Innocents Society. For 12 years, he served on the board of trustees, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which continues to make valuable contributions to agriculture around the world. As always, he participates as a leader in church and community activities.

Arthur P. Raun, Ph.D.: Following a four-year hitch in the Air Force, Dr. Raun joined Eli Lilly and Company where he conducted development research on a number of drugs and feed additives for beef cattle, including diethylstilbestrol, progestins, other steroids and antibiotics. His research defined new applications for diethylstilbestrol in cattle and sheep. He also

directed the efficacy research on the use of Tylan for control of liver abscesses in feedlot cattle. Most notable was his work leading to the discovery of monensin (Rumensin) as a cattle feed additive. Rumensin has been used in the cattle feedlots since 1975. This achievement led to his recent recognition as one of the top 25 individuals making great contributions to the beef industry.

Kevin Raun: Kevin has been farming since 1980, electing early on to stay close to the soil. He has found leadership opportunities in the Platte Valley to be just as rewarding as they were three generations earlier. His community involvement includes service on the board of the local co-op and the Grant Township Board. He is a member and



Three generations of Rauns enjoy time together: (left to right) Robert with grandson Peter and son Kevin.

lector at St. John's Catholic Church in Minden and has taught high school religion classes in nearby towns. He is a participant in Nebraska's LEAD program, a post-graduate curriculum of study and international travel to better understand problems and opportunities around the world.

Raun achievements abound! In fact, achievement is such a strong trait in the Raun family that one might wonder if it is due to genetics or environment. Clearly some guidelines were established on the Raun farm generations ago. Guidelines regarding work, education and self-development. Guidelines on church and community responsibilities. Guidelines that will help Kevin's three sons find their roles in life. ■

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Chico State Loses Chapter House in

On Saturday, August 16, Beta Kappa Chapter at California State University - Chico, lost everything in a tragic fire. Three members of the fraternity were living in the house at the time, but were not harmed. All personal property was lost and the house is a complete loss.

Firefighters were called to the scene twice that morning, first to put out

flames coming from a burning mattress near the back of the house, and second to dispatch nine engines to disperse the flames coming from the house. Fire officials suspect arson. This is the third fraternity house that has been burned down on that campus this year.

Adviser Timothy Moss called the National Office immediately after learn-

ing of the fire. Insurance claims on the house have been filed. However, none of the occupants had renters insurance, and all personal property was uninsured. A fund is being set up to help the victims of the fire. Any donations to Beta Kappa can be sent to: Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Association PO Box 4702 Chico, CA 95927 ■

Alpha Gamma Rho Educational Foundation FFA Scholarship Winner Named



Ryan Shank of Hagerstown, Maryland, has been named the 2003 Scholarship Winner of the AGR Educational Foundation Scholarship through the National FFA Foundation.

Shank is actively involved in the Clear Spring FFA Chapter. He serves as Chapter President and has represented his chapter at the Maryland and National FFA Conventions. He was recently presented with the DeKalb Award as the Outstanding Senior FFA member at his chapter banquet and he received his Maryland State FFA Degree last spring. He enjoys running and has been a member of the Clear Spring Cross Country Team, the Indoor Track and Outdoor Track teams. He is also an honor student and member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Congratulations! ■

How Can I Learn to Recruit Better?



AGR Members discuss recruitment techniques at a Recruitment School in Kansas City.

Every Spring, the Educational Foundation funds Recruitment Schools for undergraduates and alumni to attend. These schools are an in-depth sales training, with the product being AGR. This year the two schools will be held on January 16-17 and March 12-13. Look for further information in October.

The Foundation also funds Regional Recruitment Workshops for Chapters that request them. These workshops are similar to the Recruitment Schools except they work with two chapters and their specific problems also are held in a location central to the two chapters. Several of our chapters have taken advantage of this program, and consequently are much stronger now. If your chapter is interested in having a workshop, please contact Josh Terhune in the home office at (816) 891-9200, ext. 16. ■



"This is the best resource the national fraternity has provided Gamma Chapter as long as I can remember."

This statement was made at the conclusion of the strategic planning session held in July at Penn State for the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

This "resource" has been made available to ALL chapters to aid them with improving the communication among alumni and undergraduates and reducing to writing the goals of the chapter for the foreseeable future. This becomes the Strategic Plan established with participation from alumni and undergraduates in a joint session.

"We communicated better and more comprehensively than ever before," was another comment consistently made by participants of nearly 20 such sessions already held throughout the country. "We have never felt better about the future of Alpha Gamma Rho." "It has helped us focus on the long-term priority issues in ways we never had," and "we accomplished more than I have ever imagined could be done," were other responses.

What is all this about? As a part of the 2nd Century Vision for the fraternity, the

Planning Our Future

By Zane Akins, Strategic Plan Facilitator

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.

This is one of the essential elements for success in the 2nd Century Vision for the fraternity. It supports the values that make us what we are today; local responsibility and control with proactive national direction and standards and life-long relationships, commitment and support among undergraduates and alumni among them.

If you are in a leadership role or just an interested alumni and you have not taken advantage of this great resource of the fraternity, NOW would be a good time to do so.

Contact the home office at (816) 891-9200 or by email at agr@AlphaGammaRho.org and schedule a date for your local chapter to conduct such a session. You too, might be saying "This is the best thing we have done for our fraternity in a long time." Besides fulfilling the 2nd Century Vision of the fraternity, you will probably even have fun doing it! ■

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Housemother's Forum Held in Kansas City

By Thad Koenigsfeld, Chapter Consultant



Housemothers enjoy their visit to the Home Office. From left to right: Front row: Melodie Pooler, Kansas State; Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Nebraska; Ole Meland, Housemother Coordinator; Edie Riggs, S.D. State; Brenda Tiger, Oklahoma State. Back row: Judy Spangler, North Carolina State; Thad Koenigsfeld, Chapter Consultant; Carol Mims, Auburn and Angel Fumasi, Cal Poly SLO

"To provide guidance, counsel, and compassion to all Brothers in the Fraternity, while constantly maintaining a professional attitude in all affairs." Those are the thoughts of one undergrad when asked to describe his housemother.

Housemothers are one of the single most important persons who can have an effect on the long- and short-term good of a Chapter. They enhance the ideas and principles of the Fraternity, also playing a vital role in a Brother's relationships with the University, alumni, and parents.

On May 30-31, 2003, a group of seven housemothers convened at the Home Office for the 2003 Housemother's Forum to discuss their role in AGR and their young men's lives. Past Grand President and current Housemother Coordinator Dr. Ole Meland facilitated

the Forum. The stated purpose of the forum was: To empower new and established housemothers by providing them with encouragement, pertinent information, and connections with other Alpha Gamma Rho housemothers.

Our AGR first ladies discussed a wide array of topics from a Personal Mission Statement, to a suggested job description, to the importance of their participation in Leadership Seminars and National Convention. They had the opportunity learn from each other and also rediscover the large role they play in the daily lives of AGR's. That simple etiquette lesson can make all the difference in the world at that final interview.

The weekend was a very good experience for all who participated. Below are a few encouraging comments mentioned in the evaluations:

"This was great! Meeting new people, making new friends, and connecting with others who share a common interest. I'm proud to be a part of this organization."

"I learned a great deal of information to take back with me and make a positive difference in the house."

I would like to thank these wonderful ladies for their participation in the Forum and all of our housemothers across the country for all the hard but very fruitful work they do. Alpha Gamma Rho is definitely in better shape because of our superior housemothers. I encourage all Chapters that do not currently utilize the services of a housemother to investigate the possibility with a Chapter that does, or through me at the Home Office. ■

2002-2003 AGR Awards

I. Individual Awards

Scholarships:

Runnion Scholarship:
Josh Rupard, Arkansas State

Horticulture Scholarship:
John J. Dorshorst, Wisconsin-Madison

Dairy Scholarship:
Jason Doggett, Tennessee-Martin

Ag Economics/Ag Business Scholarship:
Ted Ufkes, Illinois

Lindley Finch Memorial Scholarship:
Daryl Joseph Theis, Iowa State

Undergraduate Achievement Award:
Brady Sidwell, Oklahoma State
Eric Wayne Lomas, Kansas State

AGR Excellence Scholarship:
Jordan Spatz, Nebraska
Robert S. Walnofer, Arkansas
Nicholas J. Harms, South Dakota State
Dennis Bangart, Wisconsin-River Falls

Housemother Awards:

Best Management Program:
Melodie Pooler, Kansas State

Promotion of Cultural & Social Practices:
Brenda Tiger, Oklahoma State

Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award:

Phil George, Wisconsin-River Falls

Adviser Longevity Award:

5 Years of Service
Nicolas Wilhelm, Nebraska
W. Todd Willian, Western Kentucky
Barry Beaupre, Southern Illinois

10 Years of Service
Marshall Jurgens, Iowa State
Timothy Heiller, Iowa State
Scott Schaake, Kansas State
Terry Kestner, Western Illinois
Dale Perritt, Stephen F. Austin

15 Years of Service
Paul Heineman, Iowa State
Shawn Jasper, New Hampshire
Terry Canerdy, Murray State

20 Years of Service
David Galton, Cornell
George Magers, Truman State
Glenn Wehner, Truman State

II. Chapter Awards - Annual

Green and Gold Chapter Status:

GOLD CHAPTERS:
Delta Chapter - Purdue

Eta Chapter - Iowa State
Theta Chapter - Missouri
Kappa Chapter - Nebraska
Lambda Chapter - Minnesota
Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State
Alpha Beta Chapter - Oregon State
Alpha Zeta Chapter - Kansas State
Alpha Upsilon Chapter - Tennessee-Martin
Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin-River Falls
Beta Delta Chapter - Illinois State

GREEN CHAPTERS:
Alpha Chapter - Illinois
Beta Sigma Chapter - Tarleton State

Best Chapter Scholarship Program Award:

Highest Honor:
Eta Chapter - Iowa State

High Honor:
Kappa Chapter - Nebraska

Honorable Mention:
Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin-River Falls

Chapter Scholarship Recognition Awards 2002-2003 School Year:

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

Eta Chapter - Iowa State
Beta Gamma Chapter - Wisconsin-Platteville

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

Delta Chapter - Purdue
Alpha Alpha Chapter - West Virginia
Beta Tau Chapter - Mississippi State
Beta Omega - Southwest Missouri State

Chapter Activities Awards:

Highest Honor:
Eta Chapter - Iowa State

High Honor:
Alpha Zeta Chapter - Kansas State
Beta Delta Chapter - Illinois State

Honorable Mention:
Alpha Upsilon Chapter - Tennessee-Martin

Chapter Recruitment Excellence:

Highest Honor:
Alpha Zeta Chapter - Kansas State

High Honor:
Kappa Chapter - Nebraska
Theta Chapter - Missouri

Honorable Mention:
Alpha Beta Chapter - Oregon State

Chapter Membership Development Award:

Highest Honor:
Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin-River Falls

High Honor:
Theta Chapter - Missouri

Honorable Mention:
Alpha Zeta Chapter - Kansas State

Chapter Management Award:

Highest Honor:
Theta Chapter - Missouri

High Honor:
Lambda Chapter - Minnesota
Alpha Upsilon Chapter - Tennessee-Martin

Chapter Alumni Relations Award:

Highest Honor:
Eta Chapter - Iowa State

High Honor:
Kappa Chapter - Nebraska

Honorable Mention:
Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State

Chapter Website Award:

Highest Honor:
Eta Chapter - Iowa State
Theta Chapter - Missouri
Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State

Chapter History Awards:

Highest Honor:
Eta Chapter - Iowa State
Theta Chapter - Missouri

High Honor:
Lambda Chapter - Minnesota

Chapter Crescent - Best Series:

Highest Honor:
Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State
Eta Chapter - Iowa State

High Honor:
Alpha Chapter - Illinois

Honorable Mention:
Delta Chapter - Purdue

Chapter Crescent - Best Single Issue:

Highest Honor:
Eta Chapter - Iowa State

High Honor:
Alpha Chapter - Illinois
Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin-River Falls

Alumni Corporation Award:

Highest Honor:
Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State
Beta Sigma Chapter - Tarleton State

High Honor:
Alpha Upsilon Chapter - Tennessee-Martin

~AGR Notices~

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 or call (816) 891-9200, ext 12, to obtain details and schedules. All participants will be recognized in a later issue of SICKLE & SHEAF.

ATP Delta Chapter in Florida--Mark your calendar: January 26,

Monday January 26, 2004 Delta brothers will gather for a second get-together in Southwest Florida.

Brother John Lucas has will host the group in the Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda area on the Florida West Coast. Port Charlotte is just north of Fort Myers. He has arranged for us to meet at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 26th. The day will include golf, boating, shopping, dinner, and lots of conversation for brothers and their spouses or guests.

All Delta brothers in Florida during January are encouraged to join us. All brothers and their spouses or guests are invited. If you plan to attend please respond by January 10, 2004. Tell us if you are bringing a spouse or guest and which activities you want to participate in.

For more information about this Florida event please contact:

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Alpha Xi Alumni Invited to Vegas

All Alpha Xi (Arizona State) alumni are invited to attend a gathering on December 6, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the National Finals Rodeo. For further information, contact Dave Eastlake at (806) 622-1403 or Dusty Richards at (479) 751-7246.

Byron T. French Receives NACTA John Deere Teaching Award



Byron T. French, Florida, a professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences,

Gainesville, Fla., received the John Deere Award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) at the organization's annual conference June 20, 2003, in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The NACTA John Deere Award, given to a single individual, includes \$500 for the recipient and another \$500 for the institution. This award recognizes the outstanding teacher and program in agricultural business, technology and management for post-secondary schools and colleges.

French, who joined the UF faculty in 1982, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Agricultural Operations Management. His extensive educational efforts include training vocational agricultural teachers around the state, working with Florida 4-H and other youth development programs, and demonstrating technologies for sustainable agriculture. He has also written, organized and presented the Florida FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest each year since coming to UF in 1982.

Dr. French was honorarily inducted into Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at the University of Florida in 1993 and has acted as a faculty adviser since then. ■

Galle Appointed to Kansas Board of Regents

Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius has announced her appointment of Nelson Galle, Kansas State, to the Kansas Board of Regents. He will serve a four-year term. Galle is a business consultant who has worked with seven manufacturing companies in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. In 1986, he led reduction of fixed and indirect costs by \$35 million and 1,000 employees in a nine-month period at Farmland Industries in Kansas City, MO. For ten years, he has been involved with the KSU Foundation. Since 1982, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the KSU Foundation.

The Kansas Board of Regents is a nine-member body, which governs six state universities, and supervises and coordinates 19 community colleges, five tech-

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Lee McCoy, Kansas State, recently got a new position as Regional Manager of Southeast Ag Net. He was named 1999 Alabama broadcaster of the year and 1999 South Region NAFB Farm Broadcaster of the Year.



Lee McCoy
Kansas State



Michael Elliott
Auburn

Michael Elliott, Auburn, graduated from Regent University School of Law on May 10, 2003 and has accepted a job at the law firm of Andresen, Vann & Butler in Charlotte, NC.

Quentin Stevick, North Dakota State, has sold his entire Black and Red Angus herd to Brian and Don Lane of Claresholm, AB, Canada. Nearly all the Black Angus cows trace back to the cow family that produced the bull known world wide as QAS Traveler 23-4. The Black Angus cow herd was started by Vern Stevick in 1946.

John Vollmer, North Carolina State, is president of the 300-member Strawberry Growers Association of North Carolina. He owns and operates Vollmer Farms, Bunn, N.C.

Christopher Bata, North Dakota State, is currently farming in the Adams, ND area. He is building a new house on his family farm and also sells crop insurance through Choice Financial in Grafton, ND.

Eric C. Schwab, New Hampshire, is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He was in New Hampshire from December 2002 until July 2003 working on a cooperative research project. Eric will get married on January 10, 2004, to Michelle Rich.

Randall M. Tuttle, Truman State, has three children Madeline (10), Cody (8) and Sydney (7). He and his wife Jackie keep busy with the kids activities in sports, school programs and youth rodeos.

Brian J. Pfaff, Missouri, received a Fulbright Teacher Exchange for the school year 2003-2004. He will exchange teaching positions with a special education teacher in Scotland for one year.

Brenden R. McMullen, Purdue, graduated in May with a DVM from Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and moved with his wife Kelsey to Vermont, where he is working for Granville Veterinary Service in Granville, New York and providing large animal service in Vermont and New York.

Joseph E. Haines, Ohio State, retired in January 2003 from the Ohio Department of Agriculture as Deputy Director.

Dale Posthumus, Michigan State, has spent his career, more than 27 years so far, in international ag trade and policy. He lived/worked eleven years overseas in USSR/Russia and Switzerland. He is currently the Foundation Director for the Grains Council.

Darby Bauer, North Dakota State, has recently accepted a position as Marketing Manager, Cattle Biologicals with Pfizer Inc. at the NYC Headquarters. In July, 2003 he completed his MBA at the Krannert School of Management, Purdue University. He currently works in New York City and resides in Stratford, Connecticut, with his wife Michelle, 4-year-old son, Lucas, and one-year-old daughter, Anna.



Darby Bauer
North Dakota
State



Grant Beasley
Missouri

Grant D. Beasley, Missouri, was recently promoted to Executive Sales Specialist for Eli Lilly & Company. He also received the National Rookie of the Year award for the Osteoporosis Business Unit of Eli Lilly & Company in May. Beasley and his wife, Felicia Luter Beasley, reside in Wildwood, Missouri, with their three daughters.

Brent McGowan, California - Davis, recently relocated to Fresno for promotion to Area Manager position within United Agri-Products. Brother McGowan lives with his wife Sally Ann and two-year-old son, Dylan.

Dick Nash, Purdue, received the prestigious Master Farmer award, presented by Indiana Prairie Farmer, at a ceremony August 13. Each recipient received a souvenir Master Farmer pen, an engraved plaque and a certificate from Sen. Richard Lugar.



Dick Nash
Purdue



Matthew Portillo
California -
Davis

Matthew Portillo, California - Davis, recently changed jobs and moved to Brookings, South Dakota where he is an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education in the College of Education and Counseling at South Dakota State University. In June, Matthew presented a workshop at the National Agriculture In the Classroom Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jacob G. Rendleman, Southern Illinois, was elected president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association and is currently the chairman of the Board of Trustees at John A. Logan Community College.

Phillip "Matt" Muller, Oklahoma State, and his wife, Kellie, operate a diversified crop farm. They have four children, Taylor, Levi, Luke and Lincoln. They are active with many groups including the Young Farmers and Ranchers program.

Joseph Malone Jr., retired from the U.S. Department of Defense on August 2, 2003, with more than thirty-five years of Federal Service.

Gene P. Weeks, Ohio State, retired from teaching in 1985 and farming in 1998. He had a kidney transplant in 1998 and has not had any problems yet! All three of his children graduated from Ohio State. He has been married for 46 years and he and his wife have lived in Florida from November through March for the past 15 years.

Richard C. Zoerb, Ohio State, and his wife travel extensively abroad and in moterhome in the United States. They have four children and nine grandchildren, ages 21 to less than a year. He has one granddaughter who is a senior at the Air Force Academy.

Stan Schraufnagel, Wisconsin - River Falls, was named the 2003 CAFES Outstanding Faculty at the annual awards banquet. Schraufnagel received his B.S. from UW - Whitewater and earned his M.S. and Ph.D. is agricultural economics from Iowa State. He began his teaching career at UW - River Falls in 1983.

Clarence Boettcher, Wisconsin - River Falls, was the 2003 beef industry honoree for the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association.

John Campbell, Middle Tennessee State, is an Area Farm Management Specialist with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service. Serving a nine county area, he recently received the TAAA&S/Hicks Award of Excellence from the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists in recognition of his work with farm families. John is currently serving as Program Recognition Council Chair for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Michael Zienteck, Ohio State, and his wife Debbie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August 2003. They have two daughters in college; a senior at Bowling Green and a Freshman at Tennessee - Knoxville. For fun Michael plays golf and runs 1/2 marathons.

Marcus Ashlock, Arkansas State, has accepted a graduate/teaching assistantship with the Department of Agriculture Education, Communication, and 4-H Youth Development at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in Agriculture Education with an emphasis in Agriculture Communication and Leadership Development. He will receive a Master of Arts in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock this fall.

Jeff Easterday, Ohio State, joined four colleagues in forming a law firm in November, 2002. The practice is in Dublin, Ohio and focuses on agricultural law. He and his wife, Atta, recently built a new home.

Kenneth E. Anderson, Southern Illinois, was promoted to professor at North Carolina State University in July, 2002. He was also the recipient of the Poultry Science Association Extension Award, sponsored by Philbro Animal Health at the PSA Annual Meeting.

MOVING? CHANGING JOBS? RECEIVING AWARDS?

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Montana Brother Publishes Book



Brother Donald R. Christenson, Montana State, co-authored a book titled *Nutrients for Sugar Beet Production: Soil-Plant Relationships*.

The co-author is Dr. A. P. Draycott of Suffolk, England. It is published by CABI Publishing of England. This book represents the only significant work in English on this topic in the world, providing a review of their research and

nearly 1000 references from the world literature. The book contains nearly 50 color photos of nutrient deficiencies, many of which were taken from their files.

Dr. Christenson worked nearly 30 years in sugar beet research and this was combined with over 30 years experience by Dr. Draycott to produce this book. They express appreciation to the fertilizer industry, sugar beet processing and seed companies, and many other cooperators who assisted with work in their careers. ■

Ted Priebe Joins Ag Technologies



International

Ted Priebe, Purdue, has joined the board of advisors for Ag Technologies International (ATI) with responsibilities as a lead strategist in expanding the e-Learning company's reach within the food and agribusiness space.

Priebe joins the ATI team following a decade at the helm of Meyocks & Priebe Advertising, where he oversaw the company's transformation into one of the largest food and agriculture marketing companies in the nation. His addition comes at a time of tremendous growth for ATI and general manager Rob McClelland, Ohio State, says Priebe's 30 years of communications and marketing experience will be an asset as the company targets additional growth.

Priebe says he was drawn to ATI because of the e-Learning company's recognition and early success in providing the tools necessary for companies to thrive in a vertical food chain.

"The trend toward a unified food and ag chain is already a reality and with that comes a tremendous amount of regulatory complexity," says Priebe. "Ag Technologies had the foresight to develop the processes and tools that enable these companies to provide the adequate training and documentation required in a vertical food market. I'm excited to help them get the word out."

Prior to joining Meyocks & Priebe, Priebe served as president of Miller Meester Advertising in Minneapolis.

Two Delta Alumni Named to Purdue Board of



W. Wayne
Townsend



Robert Peterson

Trustees

The Purdue University Board of Trustees re-elected W. Wayne Townsend, a former state legislator and farmer from Hartford City, Indiana, as vice chairman.

Townsend joined the board in 1989 and was elected as an officer in 1993. Fellow AGR Brother Robert Peterson was appointed as a trustee by Gov. Frank O' Bannon to replace William Moreau Jr., who has served as a trustee since 1991.

Townsend, a 1951 graduate from Purdue is a hog producer who farms 2,200 acres. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives in 1959-61 and 1963-66 and in the Indiana Senate from 1971-87. He was the Democrats' 1984 nominee for governor.

Peterson, a farmer and senior partner in the law firm of Peterson & Waggoner LLP., earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue in 1952.

Another fellow AGR member, John W. Hardin, Jr., is a current member of the

Fischer Receives SAAESD in Leadership Award



The Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors is pleased to announce that its first recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award is James R. Fischer, Clemson University.

Presenting the award at a recent association meeting, Dr. Charles J. Scifres, Association Chair, noted that Dr. Fischer personifies the award's stated purpose, which is "to recognize those who have served the Southern experiment stations, the SAAESD and the national land-grant

system with exemplary distinction.... This person's leadership... shall have personified the highest level of excellence by enhancing the cause and performance of the SAAESD in achieving its mission, the vision for the Southern Agricultural Experiment Stations and the land-grant ideal."

A complete press release concerning this award and Dr. Fischer's accomplishments is available on the Association homepage at:

<http://www.msstate.edu/org/saaesd/leadership-award2003.htm> ■

Rust Honored by AMSA with International Award

Robert E. Rust, Iowa State, professor emeritus of the Department of Animal Science at Iowa State University, was the recipient of the 2003 American Meat Science Association (AMSA) International Award.

Rust received his B.S. in 1951 from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls and his M.S. in 1954 from Michigan State University. He served on the faculty of MSU and then joined Iowa State University in 1959, retiring as professor emeritus in 1994. He was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in 1965 at Iowa State University. Rust is recognized worldwide as a leading expert in the sci-

ence and practice of meat processing. His one-on-one consultations or one day to week long technical seminars have taken place in more than 30 countries.

The American Meat Science Association professional society was formally incorporated in 1964. Its unique role is to provide the forum for all interests in meat - commercial, academic, government and consumer - to come together in a reasoned, scientifically-based atmosphere and address the needs of the processing and marketing segments of industry, the consuming public, its own members and others in biological and nutritional sciences. ■

Allan Johnson Named Director for Legislative and Public Affairs for Rural Development



Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr announced the selection of Allan R. Johnson, North Dakota State, as Director of

Legislative and Public Affairs for USDA Rural Development. Johnson will serve as the central point of contact for legislative and public affairs for USDA Rural Development's housing, business and utility programs.

Johnson, of Camdenton, Mo., has spent the last three years as a senior consultant for Achieva, Inc., an Indiana public affairs firm working for a number of agribusiness firms and trade associa-

tions. Prior to his current employment, Johnson was president and chief executive officer of Farm Progress Companies from 1990 to 2000 where he grew the company from 8 to 37 publications in addition to overseeing 20 office locations, 225 employees and revenues of \$40 million.

Johnson currently serves as trustee of the North Dakota State University Development Foundation, The Farm Foundation and is a member of various industry organizations, including the American Agricultural Editors Association and National Association of Farm Broadcasters. He is the past grand president of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, past president of the Agricultural Publishers Association, and former chairman of the National FFA

Kansas State Alumnus, Kruse, Awarded Brigham Award



Loren Kruse has received the highest recognition award of the Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE).

Kruse, Editor in Chief of *Successful Farming* magazine, received the Reuben Brigham Award on June 15, 2003, during the annual meeting of ACE in Kansas City, Missouri.

The award recognizes a non-member of ACE who has made a major contribution in the field of agriculture on the national or international level. ACE is an international association whose members are closely affiliated with institutions of higher education. Kruse has been editor-in-chief of *Successful Farming*, the founding magazine of Meredith Corporation, for 14 years. A 26-year employee of *Successful Farming*, he is also Editor-in-Chief of *Living the Country Life*® magazine and agriculture.com™. ■

Two National Leaders Appointed



John De Ruiter



Charlie Trauger

Two new national leaders were appointed during the 2003 Leadership Conference that was held in Kansas City, MO, August 22-23, 2003.

John De Ruiter was named as a Trustee to the HRT Board. De Ruiter was initiated into AGR in 1975 at Cal Poly State - SLO. He is currently Vice President and Sr. Relationship Manager at the Bank of the West in Fresno, CA.

Charlie Trauger was named as the new Leadership Seminar Coordinator. He was initiated into Kappa Chapter in 1978 and the University of Nebraska. He is currently Vice President of Business Development for Data Transmission Network in Omaha, NE.

A G R Brothers Share Lifelong

Brother W.A. Milton, Jr. and Brother W.T. Mills, Jr. were both initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho at the University of Florida in 1955 and 1954, respectively. After graduation in 1956 they served together in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Ky., and returned to their home state of Florida after their military service.

W.A. Milton, Jr. became County Judge of Lake County, Florida in January 1961. W.T. Mills, Jr., became the Chief Counselor of the Lake County Juvenile Court in January 1961. In 1971, W.T. Mills became an area supervisor for the Division of Youth Services for the State of Florida. Milton became County Court Judge of Lake County in 1973. Mills left government service in 1973 and began a career with CSX Railway Systems. Milton completed his law studies at the

University of Florida and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1982. He retired from the bench in 1985 and practiced law until his retirement in 1995. Mills retired from CSX Systems in 1987 and returned to his childhood community in Marion County, Florida, where he has devoted himself to community affairs, his church, has continued farming and restores and sells antique furniture.

At a recent event at which Mills received the R. David Thomas Foundations Child Advocate of the Year Award, Milton gave much credit to Mills for his success in working with children. Mills spoke of Milton's devotion to the youth of their community and state during his twenty-four year career on the bench and his forty-two years as a Kiwanis leader in the community.



W.A. Milton Jr. (left) and W.T. Mills, Jr. (right) met as brothers in Alpha Gamma Rho and are still best friends today.

What is so fascinating about their story is that these two men met in 1952 and cemented their friendship in Alpha Gamma Rho and over 50 years later are still neighbors, going to Florida football games together and still work for the betterment of their communities. ■



Attention A G R Weed (Plant Science) Managers

In February 2004, the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) will conduct its annual meeting in Kansas City, the national home of AGR and the birthplace of WSSA. This will also be the 50th 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, home phone 864-868-9275. ■

113 Calhoun Street: The Early Years of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho



Dr. Bill Boone

This book is a retrospective view of the early years of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. This early history includes the discussion between Dr. Merritt A. 'Dan' Boone (Kappa Chapter); Dr. J. Clyde Driggers, then Grand President of Alpha Gamma Rho; and Mr. Maynard H. Coe, then Grand Secretary of Alpha Gamma Rho. This book tells the story of the formation of a local agricultural fraternity called Alpha Gamma and their divergence to form Sigma Phi Epsilon, and

the necessity of establishing a second local agricultural fraternity, Gamma Rho. Furthermore, this early history discusses the three years of the Alpha Gamma Rho Colony at Clemson University, and finally the book closes with a history of the first ten years of the fraternity as the Beta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Because Dr. Boone had always wanted to write the early history of the fraternity but died before accomplishing this goal, his wife, Dot, encouraged their son, Bill (Alpha Eta Chapter, University of Georgia) to take on the task. Between the two of them, and with much help

from former members of the fraternity and former advisors, the dream has been realized.

Here are the stories of men like Monger, Kink, the Buddy Boys, Velvet, CB, The SS Smoak, Awesome Gary, and TV Guard and their experiences as they lived with the likes of Pup Tent, Cool Breeze, Stud Dog, Yank, Full Moon, and Wop in rooms like "The Dump," "The Penthouse," "Cubbyhole," "The Swamp," "Elbow Room," and "Hell Hole." Their college years are relived in this history of South Carolina's first, off-campus fraternity house. ■

Transitions

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

Auburn	Kansas State	Minnesota	Purdue
Mabry H. Huggins, 1936	Harry J. Brownlee, 1948	Robert N. Radloff, 1962	Chester A. Garner, 1918
Claude W. Goolsby, 1942		Douglas R. Siem, 2002	Lawrence A. Dougherty, 1918
Malmer R. Browder, 1943	Kentucky		William P. Davis, 1941
H.W. Whitehead, 1945	Leon S. McCrosky, 1935	Montana State	Dale E. Butz, 1941
		John Biggle, 1951	
California - Davis	Florida	New Hampshire	Tennessee - Martin
Emory C. Brown, 1939	Royce Agner, 1941	Clifford Annis, 1940	Jerry L. Ivey, 1963
		Robert Yeaton, 1949	Joe Davis, 1965
Colorado State	Maine	Warren D. Billings, 1952	
Cecil E. Helbusch, 1927	Guy A. Brown, 1951	Thomas F. Kiernan, 1953	West Virginia
			Homer H. Hogue, 1926
Cornell	Maryland		Tilden L. Norris, 1949
John E. Gilmore, 1919	Gerard T. Warwick, 1942	North Carolina State	
Clifford F. Luders, 1937	Louis F. Fries, 1942	James G. Stokes, 1919	Wisconsin - Madison
	Paul M. Deaner, 1971		Timothy A. Pedley, 1916
Florida	Massachusetts	North Dakota State	Linton G. Weed, 1917
Robert A. Young, 1923	Donald A. Lent, 1917	Glenn Lohstreter, 1936	
	Paul S. Maciolek, 1949	Erling F. Nelson, 1936	
Illinois	Donald Kallgren, 1950	Bruce B. Plath, 1937	
Henry N. Cooper, 1916		Laurence Vettel, 1939	
Lawrence A. Potter, 1932	Michigan State		
	E. Clinton Stokes, 1940	Oklahoma State	
Iowa State		Clarence C. Lester, 1937	
Donald M. Kruse, 1927	Missouri	Clark Surbeck, 1938	
Gilbert L. Hadley, 1939	Fred B. Southwell, 1916		
Hamilton D. Eaton, 1937	George B. Rogers, 1916	Penn State	
Grover C. Miehe, 1940	Floyd R. Redd, 1917	Richard J. Freni, 1929	
Harry D. McCreedy, 1942	Charles H. Dickson, 1936		
Alan T. Fisk, 1955	Kermit Bailey, 1939		
	Harry B. Allstun, 1943		
	Robert L. Heidbreder, 1965		

Order Form

"The First One Hundred Years of Alpha Gamma Rho"

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Attention Undergraduates!

AGR Salesman of the Year

Do you have what it takes to be a master salesman? **Want to earn your house bill for a semester or another prize?** Here's what it takes. Sell more Centennial AGR History Books than any other undergraduate brother and you will have your first semester 2004 chapter board and room paid by the Swackhamer Fund of the Educational Foundation. For winning second place we will pay for your registration fees to the 2004 Centennial Convention in Columbus, Ohio and for third place we will pay your registration fees to a 2004 Leadership Seminar.

So, what's the catch? *There is none.*

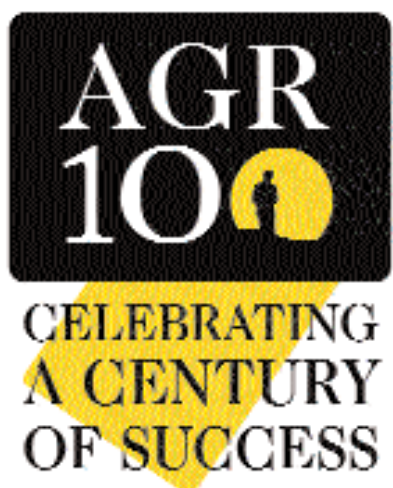
Just follow these rules and you may be the AGR Salesman of the year!

1. Contest is from date of issue of this Fall SICKLE & SHEAF until close of business at the Kansas City Home Office on January 16, 2004.
2. Minimum of 10 book sales to qualify for any prize.
2. Contest is open to all undergraduate AGR brothers.
3. Only orders on the official form (or facsimile) that is included with this story are acceptable and will be counted in the contest. Incomplete or unacceptable orders will be returned to the sender.
4. In order for the order form to count towards your total, the buyer must include your name on the order form in the blank "Seller name and chapter."
5. The Home Office will maintain a running tally and show the standings on the official web site. The winner will be listed on the web site and contacted by phone January 19, 2004.

THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ALPHAGAMMA RHO



History never looks like history when you are living through it. ~John W. Gardner



Centennial History Book Goes to Press

By Gene Swackhamer, History Book Coordinator

History never repeats! Once time has passed it is not possible to return to an exact situation or moment or event. "If only I had ...," is the common lament of one who missed an opportunity in life. We say, "time waits for no one." So, if all this is true, and we'll never be back to where we were, why study history? Why document the first 100 years of Alpha Gamma Rho?

Contemporary situations often mirror events of history. History doesn't repeat, but we often speak of history repeating. Too often we in agriculture feel pride in our accomplishments, which under deeper scrutiny are little more than rediscovering the wheel and reinventing a process, when we could have been more productive using knowledge already existing!

At the retirement of Farm Credit Bank President, Gordon Cameron, several years ago, he told the audience that on each trip that they made to Washington,

DC, they should take one hour to visit one of its treasures. Most thought that he was admonishing us to take some time to smell the roses. But, he had more in mind than just the enjoyment of life. He knew that the monuments and museums of Washington hold treasures of history—a constitution written one word at a time that has withstood the test of time—an airplane too flimsy to fly, but it did—art so clear that even with today's technology painters find it hard to duplicate the emotions evoked in those primitive pigments.

History can be tantalizing. Documenting the first one hundred years of Alpha Gamma Rho couldn't be a transcription like the Congressional Daily Record or a statistical abstract. It had to be a selection of those stories that had substance, importance for future generations and like Mary Poppin's "spoonful of medicine," enough interest to hold a reader's attention.

In doing research for this book, I was frequently surprised by how often just under the surface of our modern practices and customs; little has changed in the principles and values of Alpha Gamma Rho. It was a pleasant revelation to know that our fraternity was still working as the founders intended. Survival of any organization lies in the

ability to adapt to change without sacrificing key values. Alpha Gamma Rho has done that in its first one hundred years and is well positioned to continue making better men.

It's time to celebrate our centennial—to honor our founders, to say thanks to the builders, and to challenge a new generation of sons of the soil. We'll do it with a bash at the centennial convention August 15-18, 2004, in Columbus, Ohio. There will be a centennial convention mens choir belting out many AGR songs and other favorites (watch future issues of *SICKLE & SHEAF* for your opportunity to be a part of this choir). The Century Two Capital Campaign will officially be launched signaling the determination to endow within the Foundation important leadership programs. It also is expected that the largest ever AGR banquet will be enjoyed at the conclusion of the convention. Plan to be a part of this 'historic' event.

Only 2,000 centennial history books will be published and not all of that number is available for sale. I've ordered five—one for my personal library, one for a Christmas gift, and three to hold in reserve as gifts for special future



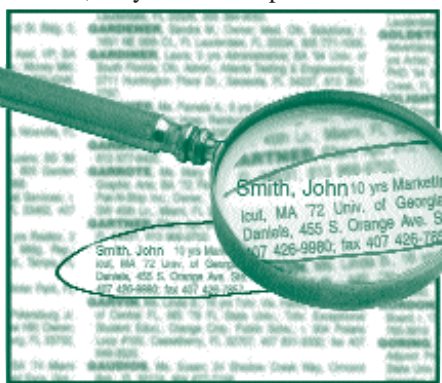
occasions. Some alumni corporations have ordered books that they intend to use in fund raising auctions or as a thank you gift for an outgoing officer. Some undergraduates have hinted to their parents that a book would be a nice gift. I recommend that you order your personal copy now, too. Use the form in this issue of *SICKLE & SHEAF*. They may not be all gone by the 2004 centennial convention, but then again, they might be and no second printing is planned due to the high cost.

The book is a 142 page, hardbound, 8 1/2 by 11-inch collection of stories, 60 photographs and numerous sidebars, i.e., stories within the main story. It has a green leather-like cover with a gold embossed crescent in an attractive black, white and gold dust jacket. The text is black on white with a green sepia-tone fade to the sidebars and photos that enhance the look and readability. ■

In Search of All Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Membership

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate, only to find that the last directory is 8 years old? Well, your troubles are over. Soon an impressive directory of our membership will be available to help you locate all your friends.

The new Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Membership Directory will be the most up-to-date



and complete reference of over 37,000 Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity membership ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library quality edition.

The Home Office has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing

Company, Inc., to produce our directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each member. (If you prefer not to be listed in the directory, please contact the Home Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Membership Directory will soon make finding a member as easy as opening a book or CD-ROM. Look for more details on the project in future issues.

Alpha Gamma Rho on Capitol Hill



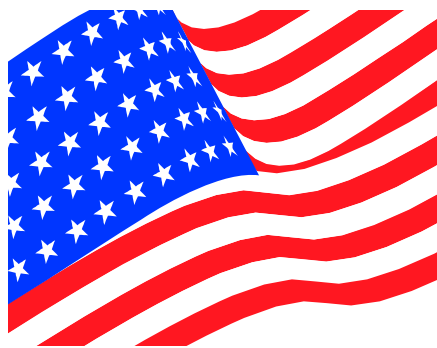
AGR's Executive Director, Phil Josephson (right) with Congressmen and AGR alumnus Devin Nunes (R-CA) (center) and Executive Director of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Craig Templeton (left).

Recently AGR's Executive Director, Phil Josephson, joined other fraternity and sorority leaders in Washington DC to support *The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act of 2003*. The House Version (H.R. 1523) passed as part of H.R. 7 while they were in town. The Senate version (S. 1246) is drawing support now.

The Act would encourage charitable contributions to improve current housing infrastructure, allowing existing housing capacity to be upgraded and new housing to be constructed. It will also result in safer student housing by enabling installation of life safety equipment and promote a private-sector solution to protect public investments in higher education. ■

AGR 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 Fall 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 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.

Dale Linder, Wisconsin - Platteville
Eric Olson, Wisconsin - Platteville
Bruce McNaughton, Wisconsin - Platteville
Travis Wolf, Nebraska

Steve Jones, Tennessee - Knoxville
Jeff Coggins, Tennessee - Knoxville
Marlin F. Levendoski, Wisconsin - River Falls
Mark Foster, North Dakota State
Ben Daniels, Ohio State
Cliff Wilbanks, Clemson
Chris Rauch, Clemson
Earl Crockett, Florida
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Make plans to attend the historic 2004 National Convention! AGR will be celebrating 100 years as a Fraternity.

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Dates To Remember

October 3	World Dairy Expo AGR Reception 4:30-9:00 Clarion Hotel
November 6-8	Board Meetings Des Moines, Iowa
January 22-23	Adviser Forum Kansas City, MO
February 13-14	Leadership Seminar St. Louis, MO
February 20-21	Leadership Seminar Atlanta, GA
February 27-28	Leadership Seminar Denver, CO
March 5-6	Leadership Seminar Pittsburgh, PA

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