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## Florida Southern Colony Is Now Gamma Alpha Chapter

On April 2, 2006 Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity installed its newest chapter, Gamma Alpha, at Florida Southern College (FSC) in Lakeland, Florida. The brothers of the Alpha Gamma Chapter from the University of Florida, Gainesville, installed the newest brothers of AGR. Alumni and national representatives, including Grand President Rick Carpenter, Southeast Regional Vice President Richard Kelly, Executive Director Phil Josephson, and Director of Chapter Development Thad Koenigsfeld, witnessed the official initiation of 20 undergraduates, and six alumni. One of the new alumni members, Malcolm Manners, is a FSC faculty member serving as adviser.

FSC President, Dr. Ann Kerr, was at the celebration banquet Sunday evening as were several other representatives of the college administration, giving personal words of encouragement and



New members of the Gamma Alpha Chapter gather for a picture. Rick Carpenter and Phil Josephson are seated left to right.

praise. This event was a monumental accomplishment for the young men who have worked toward this goal for the past four years.

The group of men has grown from a small club to one of the largest Greek organizations on FSC's campus. They have been extremely active on campus and in the community. As a colony, the group has sent representatives to the last two AGR national conventions as well as several other workshops and seminars around the country.

There are two individuals who have and will continue to serve as advisers

to the new Gamma Alpha Chapter. Dr. Malcolm Manners and Professor Timothy Hurner have both been dedicated to the success of the organization and have guided this group of men through the lengthy development stages. Dr. Manners was initiated with the undergraduate brothers.

Professor Hurner is an AGR alumnus from the University of Florida. Both of these individuals have worked hand-in-hand with the undergraduates lending advice and support.

Congratulations to all those who have played a role in the success of the brothers at Florida Southern College. Persistence, hard work, determination and commitment have made the goals of these men a reality. With the guidance of their advisers, the support of alumni and the continued enthusiasm of the members, the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Florida Southern College expects to thrive for years to come.

## The Kaufman Brothers of Beta Phi Chapter

*An Idaho family, high on moral values, agriculture, music, and Alpha Gamma Rho*

Three brothers, Joe, Steve, and Phil Kaufman, have singularly and collectively left their mark upon the University of Idaho and the Beta Phi Chapter. They are the fifth generation to call the family farm on the outskirts of Lewiston, Idaho, their home. They are not only brothers, but also extremely close friends, a relationship that was built on values at home, working the farm, and an avid interest in music. Their musical career began performing publicly while in high school where each excelled in leadership, academics and music. Their professional careers began at the University of Idaho.

Joe, 25, entered the University of Idaho in the fall of 1999, and became a member of the Beta Phi Chapter of AGR, the result of long time recruitment efforts by his uncle, Glenn Poxleitner, the first noble ruler of the Beta Phi Chapter. Joe held several offices in the chapter and served as noble ruler during the 2000-2001 school year. He earned his degree in agricultural engineering in 2003, is now married, and enrolled at the University of Idaho in water and soil engineering graduate studies.

Steve, 23, entered the university in the fall of 2001, majoring in agribusiness, and became a member of Beta Phi Chapter. Steve held numerous positions on the executive board during the next four years and was known as the guy to get things done, no matter the cause.



From left to right, the Kaufman band of brothers, Joe, Steve, Jeff, and Phil. They are an Alpha Gamma Rho legacy in action at Idaho. *Picture by Mark LaMoreaux.*

He graduated with honors in May 2005. He is now working in Pendleton, Oregon, as a loan officer with Northwest Farm Credit Services.

Phil, 21, entered the university in the fall of 2002, majoring in agricultural systems management. Like his brothers, Phil joined the Beta Phi Chapter and has been involved serving in several executive board positions. Phil is on track and scheduled to graduate with honors in May 2006.

The chapter was most fortunate to have had all three brothers living in house during the 2002-2003 school year. There were not many nights when the music of their guitars and associated sound systems could not be heard from the open second floor windows of the AGR house serenading neighboring sororities and all who cared to listen.

Many have said the three look alike, walk alike, and talk alike, and perhaps think alike. However each is unique and each appears destined to make his

individual mark somewhere within the vast sphere of today's agriculture. Their value to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity will only grow. No one could be more proud of their individual accomplishments than mother and father, Doris and Fred, still hard at work on the 2100-acre family farm, and the source of the work ethic and values we see in their sons.

Joe remains open-minded about the future and where his degrees in agriculture will lead him.

Down the road, Steve and Phil plan to return to the family farm and use their professional experiences to enhance productivity and safeguard the land for those that will follow. The Kaufmans are a great American family and an Alpha Gamma Rho legacy is in the making.

There is also one younger brother still at home. Jeff, now 11, plays the fiddle and whenever the opportunity arises joins with his brothers and his dad playing mandolin or banjo to make the "Kaufman kind of music." Jeff completes the "brothers of land and band" quartet whose talents and bonds are tied to each other, previous generations of Idaho Kaufmans, and those certain to follow. Beta Phi Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho has been enriched through the many contributions of Joe, Steve, and Phil. It now has its sights set on Jeff.

*Written by:* Tom Gates, North Dakota State

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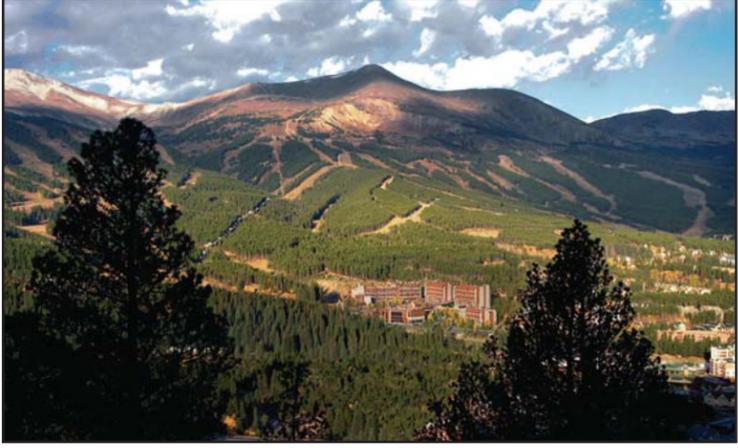
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# Journey Higher For Cool Colorado Convention



Alpha Gamma Rho's hottest confab ever will be a cool mountain top adventure of a lifetime.



**We work so hard: in the classroom, on the farm and ranch, in the lab and office. So why not relax a little?**

AGR's are known for having fun-seeking impulses and those should lead the way to Alpha Gamma Rho's 59th National Convention, August 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado.

This biennial convention will let you revitalize your body by exploring mountain tops, enrich your mind listening to world-famous speakers and replenish your spirit drinking in the raw beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

### Totally Unforgettable

As you journey higher, the air is so fragrant, the sky so blue, the land so rugged, it casts a spell. If that doesn't get you, the absolutely incredible summer weather, in Breckenridge's spectacular mountain setting, has a humidity-free average temperature of 70 degrees, making it one of the most popular summertime destinations in the United States.

This authentic Victorian town, settled

in 1859 by gold prospectors, excludes frontier cute – brick storefronts, house galleries, boutiques, restaurants, entertainment venues and sunny plazas. Yet it is a town with a distinctive sense of style. . . along with a definite knack

for having a good time. Picture yourself in Breckenridge, Colorado, discovering, exploring and enjoying a combination of the old west and the new west.

Your AGR Colorado adventures offer a fresh, exciting departure from the usual business or vacation routine. It begins with a discounted airfare to Denver on Frontier Airlines, August 12-19th only.

Take advantage of Saturday airfares to Denver and enjoy a tour of agriculture sites in Denver and along Colorado's Front Range. Then travel on to Breckenridge Saturday evening, or you may join more AGRs on Sunday morning for a scenic shuttle to Breckenridge.

### Totally Involving

Saturday's deluxe motorcoach tour will include an overview of Colorado's agricultural diversity. You will visit the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and tour the top cattle feeding county in the United States. You'll also see the state's impressive greenhouse and vegetable production facilities. The tour will leave the Embassy Suites at 12:30 p.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Depending on schedules and demand, the motor coach will continue on to Breckenridge at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night or you may continue to Breckenridge mid-morning Sunday.

If you're more of a doer than a watcher, consider Monday's Georgetown and Loop Railroad Tours. Georgetown is one of the best-preserved Victorian mining towns in North America. The community is a National Historic District that reflects its Silver Queen of the Rockies nickname along with its gold and silver mining heritage. You can choose to spend the day in the quaint shops and cafes that harken back to a boisterous heritage. Or for added adventures take the railroad and gold mine tour.

On the way to Georgetown, you will climb over the Continental Divide to behold what was once Colorado's second largest silver producing area. Following the stunning Swan Mountain Road along the backside of the Dillon reservoir, you will pass the gold mining areas of Keystone and Montezuma that now boom as winter sports areas. At Loveland Pass, the road crosses the Continental Divide just 10-foot shy of 12,000-foot elevation then continues on to Georgetown.

### Totally Captivating

Breckenridge and Beaver Run Resort offer a unique summer convention experience for every taste. Relaxing at the magnificent resort's two indoor-outdoor pools or eight hot tubs, shopping along the Victorian streets. Discovering a wonderful new bistro. Relaxing in a sidewalk café with views of the mountain, gushing river and Riverwalk Center.

Dining options – with 79 restaurants to choose from – cover the full range of possibilities; ethnic and exotic, elegant and gourmet, rustic and traditional, and everything in between. If you're more accustomed to driving golf balls than cattle, you'll be at home on the range here.

Breckenridge Golf Club is the only municipally owned Jack Nicklaus-designed course in the world. Have the distinction of playing this 27-hole course. You'll find the resort and the town to be a perfect setting for tapping into your own inspiration.

Once you've settled in at the resort and had a taste of convention business, a remarkable collection of sights, sounds, tastes and experiences await you at the captivating Colorado Experience, the Sunday night Gala Reception at Riverwalk Center. The Center's tent will be designed in a rectangle like the state of Colorado and will feature agricultural, historic and tourism displays based on where those industries and attractions are located within the state. You'll learn about state highlights, historic sights, art, food products, skiing, fishing and other activities. Each attendee will be given a punch card that entitles them to a serving at each of the food stations. The event will be a wonderful way for attendees to learn about Colorado, socialize and get acquainted in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

### Totally Comprehensive

There's a difference, of course, between hype and reaching true heights. **It is about getting to the top -- a journey from mediocrity to greatness.** The Convention's Keynote Speaker, David Okerlund, will help you climb higher. Speaking at the convention's opening session on Sunday, he will motivate you to change your personal habits and behaviors to reach that higher peak.

One of the most diverse orators of our time, Okerlund has been inducted into the International Speakers Hall of Fame. His presentation will offer a fun, challenging and inspiring message for every AGR member.

Okerlund's powerful speech will be backed-up by a series of dynamic panel discussions on wide-ranging topics to inspire

you to achieve your goals. Topics include AGRs on the Leading Edge and Entering Entrepreneurs; detailed program information will be included in the Summer Issue of SICKLE & SHEAF and on the AGR web site.

End your Journey Higher by discovering how Colorado's cities, towns and agriculture get their water. You'll explore, enjoy and learn about the state's legendary water system while traveling through areas of unparalleled beauty.

The final tour begins at Beaver Run Resort on Wednesday, August 16, at 8:00 a.m. and heads north to Lake Dillon where representatives of the Denver Water Board will explain the Denver Water System. The tour continues north along Route 9 and the Maryland Creek Range to Greenwood Reservoir. Here, Brian Werner from the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District joins the tour to describe the Upper Big Thompson System. At Windy Gap, there will be a review of the Colorado River Compact and how it relates to water agreements with Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California.

At Lake Granby you'll tour the Dam, see the pumping system and enjoy a box lunch. The tour continues on to Shadow Mountain Lake. From Lake Granby water is pumped, then gravity-pulled into Grand Lake. From there water flows by tunnel through Rocky Mountain National Park to Estes Park and the lower Big Thompson System. The tour returns from Grand Lake along one of Colorado's most scenic routes arriving back at Beaver Run at 4:00 p.m. to meet AGR buses to Denver International Airport.

### Totally Unique

**Your Journey Higher will be a unique adventure. Every meal: a banquet. Every moment: a memory.** Each convention session offers unforgettable experiences, interacting with brothers, family and friends in a wonderful, higher place.

And where else can you find more ways to enjoy crisp, invigorating sunny days and golden nights? A cool blast of sunny summer excitement that will wake you up to a world of fun, friendships and new possibilities

Now you know why The Journey Higher beckons you to Breckenridge, Colorado, for Alpha Gamma Rho's 59th National Convention, August 13-16.

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Alpha Gamma Rho National Convention attendees are eligible to take a 10 percent discount on Frontier Airlines flights, August 12-19 only (can't be used or combined with other air travel certificate or program discounts). Round trip purchase is required. See Convention Action Planner on the AGR web site for complete details.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites near Denver International Airport (Havana & I-70). Shuttle service and rental car options are available. The Convention Steering Committee has arranged round-trip transportation plus the agricultural tour for only \$95.

Cost of the Georgetown tour is \$32 or combine both tours for \$54.

Cost of the Colorado water tour, including box lunch, is \$40.

For more information about the 2006 National Convention visit the AGR web site, call 816-891-9200, or e-mail agr@alphagammarho.org. Convention registration will be on-line at www.alphagammarho.org.

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## Coming Soon

New AGR web site [www.alphagammarho.org](http://www.alphagammarho.org)

## 2006-2007 Undergraduate Directors

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is proud to announce the election of Undergraduate Directors to its National Board of Directors. The 2006-2007 Undergraduate Directors are Andrew Bowman, Jack Cowen, Justin David "JD" Greiner, and Casey Hogan, Tarleton State University.

### Andrew Bowman



Andrew became a member of the Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois in the fall of 2004. Andrew is a sophomore majoring in crop science. His campus involvement includes serving as Alpha Zeta treasurer, ACES Student Council reporter, ACES James Scholar, ACES Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar, and a 2004-2005 Dean's List honoree. For the Alpha Chapter Andrew has served as assistant house manager, service chair, chaplain, and Homecoming co-chair. His service involvement includes Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters of Champaign County Poker Tournament, and Campus for a Non-Violent Campus. Andrew is also an Interfraternity Council Judicial Board Member. His agricultural service involvement includes 4-H can make a difference food drive, Illinois

Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Bike Ride, and ROWVA FFA Ag-Literacy Program.

Andrew's goal as an undergraduate director is to best represent the ideals of Alpha Gamma Rho and in the process give back to his faith, friends, family and community.

### Jack Cowen



Jack became a member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Florida in the fall of 2003. Jack is a junior majoring in agricultural and biological engineering, with specialization in land and water resources engineering. He is currently serving as noble ruler for his chapter and has served as the vnr-finance officer. On campus he is a past president's and dean's list honoree, member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers member. Jack was also a 2004 National Convention chapter delegate, member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter Blue Ribbon Task Force, and served on the housing and budget committees.

Jack grew up on his family's beef cattle

operation, Williams Cattle Ranch. During which he has been involved in various aspects of the beef cattle industry. He also did an internship at the R.A. Brown Ranch in Throckmorton, Texas; which included seedstock production, wheat farming, and training colts.

### JD Greiner



JD became a member of the Eta Chapter at Iowa State University in the fall of 2002. JD is a senior majoring Agricultural Engineering. In Eta Chapter he has served as the crescent editor, judicial board member, social chairman, and VEISHEA Food Stand Coordinator. JD has also been involved in numerous chapter and Interfraternity Council philanthropy events. He is involved in numerous campus activities. JD is a member of the Order of Omega, Cardinal Key, Alpha Epsilon, and a Dean's List honoree.

JD has been a Product Engineering Intern at CNH America, LLC. in Burlington Iowa; a Soybean Production Intern at Pioneer Hybrid International, Inc. in Fremont, Iowa; and has continuously worked on his family's farm. He also worked as a research assistant to Dr. Steven Hoff at ISU in the field of air quality relating

to emission odors of different livestock facilities, primarily swine operations. JD hopes to become an active and productive alumnus in this fraternity.

### Casey Hogan



Casey became a member of the Beta Sigma Chapter at Tarleton State University in the fall of 2001. Casey is a junior majoring in agricultural services and development; he is also pursuing a minor in political science. He has served as a recruitment and membership development officer for the Beta Sigma Chapter. Casey has served as a national and state FFA officer. He also served as an ambassador for American Agriculture. On campus he was a freshman and sophomore class representative, freshman camp group leader and Interfraternity Council officer. Casey was a speaker at the 2004 National Convention, and has participated in three Leadership Seminars.

Casey hopes to someday serve in a government and make positive impacts in the lives of those around him.

## Grand President Award Winners

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is proud to announce the four Grand President's Award winners for Professional Achievement are Bryce Kelly, John Kruse, Paul Weubbe, and Wayne Worthley. This award is presented to members under age 40 who have achieved outstanding success in their professional careers.

These young leaders will serve as role models for our undergraduate members and those just starting their professional careers. These four will meet with AGRs at Leadership Seminars and visits with chapters. The awards were presented at the 2006 Leadership Seminars in Philadelphia, Nashville, Kansas City, Missouri; and Reno during February and March.

### Bryce Kelly

Bryce became a member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Florida in 1986. He earned his bachelor's of science in agriculture operations management in 1989, and has begun work toward a master's degree.



During his collegiate years Bryce served as vice noble ruler, noble ruler, and attended two Leadership Seminars and one National Convention as a delegate. Bryce also served as a mentor for the Nu Chapter at North Carolina State University, and worked a summer for the Alpha Gamma Chapter Educational Foundation. He was also a member of Savant, member and president during his senior year of the Agriculture Council, Alpha Zeta, and Order of Omega.

Bryce is the Assistant Vice President for Cargill Juice in North America. He is currently responsible for three citrus plants and production of citrus juice and oils.

Since college Bryce has worked for Hilliard Brothers in Clewiston, Florida as a Production Manager in sugar cane production; Procter and Gamble, Citrus Hill as Feed Mill Manager in Frostproof, Florida. Previous employment with Cargill has included Feed Mill Manager, Projects and Blending Manager for the Juice Operation, Fruit Procurement

Manager, and Risk Manager for Futures Trading.

In his community, Bryce has helped with Youth for Christ as a director and contributor; served as Sebring City League Youth baseball and basketball coach; and served as a soccer coach for the Highlands County YMCA. He also is the coach for the high school team at Heartland Christian School in Sebring, Florida. Bryce and his family attend the Bible Fellowship Church in Sebring. He is serving as an Advisory Committee member for the Agriculture Engineering Department at the University of Florida.

### John Kruse

(pictured at left, and Tom Davis, AGR Vice Grand President) became a member of the Alpha Phi Chapter at South Dakota State University in 1985. He earned his bachelor's of science degree in agriculture education with an emphasis in political science, finance, and animal science.

During his collegiate years, John served in numerous leadership positions with his chapter and on campus with his highest honor being the finance chair of the Student's Association at South Dakota State University.

Since graduating, John served as the volunteer coordinator for the National AG Rep program from 1988 to 1990, and served on the National AGR Convention Committee in 1988 in Washington, D.C. and 2002 in St. Paul, Minnesota. John also served as chapter adviser to the Nu Chapter at North Carolina State University from 1992 to 1997 and was honored as Adviser of the Year in 1996. He helped guide the overall fundraising efforts for the \$1.2 million chapter house constructed in 2001. John is also one of AGR's Brothers of the Century.

For the past four years, John has worked as senior sales representative with Abbott Laboratories residing in Raleigh, North Carolina. Prior to this John served as a legislative intern in Washington D.C.; developmental officer for the National 4-



H council; director of North Carolina 4-H Development Fund; and executive director for the Agronomic Science Foundation in Madison, Wisconsin. He also was vice president of his family printing business in St. Paul, Minnesota.

### Paul Weubbe

(pictured at left, and Rick Carpenter, AGR Grand President)



became a member of the Chi Chapter at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in 1989. He earned his bachelor's of science degree in economics and international trade in 1991, and earned a diploma in international agricultural relations in 1994 at the University of Reskilde in Denmark.

During his collegiate years Paul served as assistant treasurer, rush chairman, vice noble ruler of recruitment, and summer recruiter. His other campus activities included President of the College of Business, Week of Welcome counselor, Economics Student of the Year, Outstanding Business Leader for College of Business, National Ambassador to the National 4-H Program, and California Diamond Star.

Paul served with the AGR Home Office staff from 1991 to 1993 as Chapter Services Manager and Director of Chapter Development. During 1993 to 1996 he served as National Housemother Coordinator. He has also served many other committees and positions at the national and Chi Chapter levels of AGR. He served as the program leader for the Interfraternity Institute in 1995, honorary member of Alpha Zeta, and member of the Order of Omega. Paul is also one of AGR's Brothers of the Century.

Paul is the Distribution Manager for The Coca-Cola Company, managing the California Distributor Network. He directly manages 16 distributors and oversees 210 additional distributors.

Along with various positions for Coors, Minute Maid and Coca-Cola, Paul has also worked in Wales and Germany in the dairy industry.

Paul has made many contributions to

the agriculture industry working with programs in AGR, 4-H, the California Christmas Tree Association, Farm Bureau, and the Agriventure Programs. Paul is an active member of St. Matthews Catholic Parish and has been an active member of Our Lady of Refuge Parish.

### Wayne Worthley

Wayne became a member of the Lambda Chapter at the University of Minnesota in 1989. Wayne earned a bachelor's of science degree in agriculture and biology in 1992 at the University of Minnesota, a Master of Science degree in science education in 1997 at the Florida International University, and a specialist degree in science education from Florida State University in 2001.

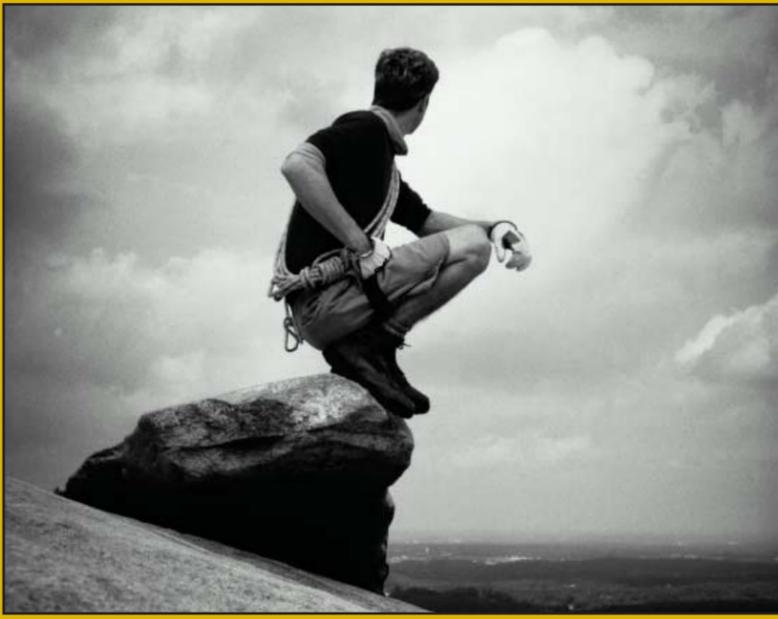
During his collegiate years, Wayne served as noble ruler, vice noble ruler of alumni relations, editor of the Lambda Crescent, summer recruitment chairman, and chaired two years of spring quarter recruitment scholarship weekends for high school senior membership prospects.

After graduation, from 1992 to 1994, Wayne served in the United States Peace Corps as an animal husbandry volunteer near Latacunga, Ecuador. After his service as a volunteer, in 1995, he worked as a contractor for the U.S. government as the Animal Production Trainer for the Peace Corps - Ecuador.

Since 1995, Wayne has been the Agriscience instructor and FFA Advisor at Redland Middle School, Homestead, in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Wayne is a member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Homestead and has served as secretary, vice president, church council member, and as a Sunday school teacher. He has been married since 1994 to his wife, Cristina Moreno-Coba, whom he met while serving in Ecuador. They have two children, John (10) and Jared (8).





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## Nationally-Recognized Business Entrepreneurs Give Back

### Francis Pays Back Illinois With Forward Thinking



Philip L. Francis, Illinois, endows a room and board (house bill) scholarship fund for deserving prospects at the University of Illinois AGR Alpha Chapter. His generous pledge in excess of \$150,000 establishes the Alpha Leaders' Scholarship Fund to, in Francis' words, "allow the smart kids who are only lacking the money to remove the financial barrier to joining AGR and contributing to our great Fraternity and the world."

He goes on to say "this is a chance for me to offer a payback for the good memories, networking, training, and leadership experience I gained as an undergraduate at AGR." Francis is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PETsMART, a leading worldwide operator of pet food, supplies and services superstores. Residing in Paradise Valley, Arizona, Francis joined PETsMART in 1998 from a position as President and Chief Operating Officer of Shaw's Supermarkets in Massachusetts. He is a graduate of both the University of Illinois and the Indiana University Business School, and has 32 years of retail and wholesale experience with other companies including Roundy's, Cardinal Health and Jewel. He cites networking and leadership skills learned at the AGR house in his journey into American corporate success.

"I want this to ensure longevity, flexibility and the ability to keep a solid infrastructure to continue the good work Illinois AGR already does. AGR has a built-in advantage due to our cohesive membership requirements. Ours is a special sauce that keeps us unique among the crowd."

His challenge to other Illinois alumni: "We all benefited from work done by others. It is time to pay back by paying forward."

Phil Francis. One more dedicated, proud, supportive alumnus who truly believes AGR is postured for continued leadership development of the best and brightest young men entering the agricultural and food industry. And one more example of a brother who is utilizing the Century Two Campaign's unique earmarking flexibility to designate a gift that will keep his own chapter strong for another century.



Phil Francis poses with his dog Bit O' Honey.  
Photograph by Ben Arnold

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](mailto:James@AlphaGammaRho.org) or by telephone at 816-891-9200, extension 21.

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

### Jacklin Stays the Course with Idaho



"As an undergraduate, I began working with Maynard Coe in an attempt to develop a colony at the University of Idaho. But the Dean of Agriculture at that time was a FarmHouse member and would not hear of having AGR on his campus. We tried again in the 60s and still to no avail. And then came the 90s. With a fresh group of outside alumni we had success at Idaho and AGR established its roots there. All that persistence makes for an incredible bond for the chapter and for me, personally," says Doyle Jacklin, Washington State.

It is with all those years of perseverance in mind and, first and foremost, his belief in the Fraternity System, that Jacklin earmarks a portion of his over \$100,000 gift for building in educational facilities for chapter houses at Beta Phi - University of Idaho, and Sigma - Washington State University. One more brother of AGR designating exactly where and how his gift will be used as an integral part of The Campaign for AGR.

Jacklin acknowledges that AGR provided him the opportunity of brotherhood, personal growth, leadership training, networking and professional development skills that he put to use after graduation from Washington State. Doyle's career encompassed four years as an active Commanding Officer of naval destroyers and of a naval reserve unit in the US Navy. He then joined the marketing department of the Jacklin Seed Company in 1966 and retired as president. He is currently a general partner for Riverbend Commerce Park with his two brothers Don and Duane (Duane was also a WSU graduate and Sigma Chapter noble ruler). Doyle graduated from Washington State University in 1962 with a bachelor's of science degree in agronomy and served as noble ruler for Sigma Chapter. He received an honorary doctorate degree of Administration from the University of Idaho in 2003.

"Those skills I learned through AGR in college makes it essential to give back. I will always do what I can to return my personal time and financial support to the reason for my personal development and success - our great Fraternity." Jacklin is currently serving as an Educational Foundation Board director. He has contributed his time through many other roles assisting with the Annual Appeal and the Capital Campaign for the fraternity.

The second century for AGR is looking better than ever thanks to the support of men like Doyle Jacklin. He adds: "It is my deep personal belief that AGR will continue to be among the top-ranked fraternal groups in this new century. Our common agricultural focus and extensive network of good men will lead the way again in the years to come for more and more quality undergraduates, all working together with a common set of values that they learned through their affiliation with AGR."



Doyle Jacklin, left, gathers with fellow 2004 National Convention attendees for a picture. Continuing from left to right are Jim and Marina Driscoll, with Dick and Janet Feltner.

# 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: One cannot argue the importance of a good adviser to the success our undergraduate chapters. Help to grow that leadership and ensure its consistency by providing an endowment that sends one or all of the chapter advisers to an Adviser Forum each year.



### 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: Technology has placed the world at our doorsteps. Sponsor a chapter resource library and internet e-learning opportunities to broaden the information tools at the disposal of our undergraduates.

### 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 source 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: How many brothers do you know that would say they had too much practice or training for the job search and interview process? Likely none. Establish a chapter program for the graduating seniors relying on the knowledge and experience of alumni and the resources available through campus placement services. Provide resume clinics, mock interviews, and training for on-line job posting resources. There is no such thing as too much practice.

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR AGR

### 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: With greater regularity a key focus point within the academic and professional world is ethics. Ethics are also something finely embedded in the core of what it means to be a member of AGR. Ethics are important on any level, why not sponsor a series of speakers to cover the subject periodically in coordination with our Brotherhood Program?

## 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. 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  
Bernie Staller  
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James Ferrell

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# On The Move

**Jim, Alan, Ben, Nick, and Andy Albright, Iowa State**, were honored as the Iowa State University Family of the Year. Two families were chosen from a pool of 16 candidates for the honor. Other members of the family that attended Iowa State University include JoAnn and Lisa Albright.

Jim became a member of the Eta Chapter at Iowa State in 1952. He is now a retired farmer. Alan became a member of the Eta Chapter in 1973. He is now a farmer for Albright Farms in Lytton, Iowa. Ben, Nick, and Andy became members of Eta Chapter in 2000, 2001, and 2003 respectively. Andrew was killed in a car accident September 13, 2005 returning home from a chemistry class; three other chapter members in the car survived the accident.



**David Ames, Ohio State**, received the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award on behalf of the College of Food, Agricultural, and

Environmental Sciences Alumni Society of The Ohio State University. David received the award in February on the campus of the Ohio State University.

David earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State University and completed his Ph.D. at Michigan State University. He was a faculty member at Kansas State University then served 17 years as head of the department of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University and as a professor.

Ames is a director of the National Western Stock Show, past national president of the American Society of Animal Science and has received various teaching and research awards. David became a member of the Beta Chapter at The Ohio State University in 1962. He has served as Regional Vice President, Adviser and Alumni Director to the Beta Chapter, and is on the 2006 Convention Steering Committee. David and his wife, Shirly, reside in Fort Collins, Colorado. They have two children, Jennifer Lappel and Robert. Pictured above is Dean Bobby Moser, left, presenting David Ames, right, with the Distinguished Service Award.

**Jerry Barr, Tennessee-Knoxville**, is representing young farmers as the 2006 national chairman of the American Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee. Jerry was elected to the job during the Farm Bureau's national convention held in Nashville. He served on the same national committee during 2005. Jerry will travel across the country speaking to groups of young farmers and representing issues that will affect his generation. Jerry now raises heifers; he used to operate a 100-cow dairy farm with his father. Jerry became a member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter in Tennessee-Knoxville in 1992.

**David Black, Murray State**, has been chosen, as one of six in the nation, for the National Agriculture Science Ambassadors Academy at the University of Kentucky. David is a teacher at Fulton County High School. He was chosen among agricultural science education teachers from 16 states across the United States to spend a week at the University of Kentucky at Lexington learning how to incorporate more science principles into the existing curriculum and make learning fun and challenging for students. David will serve part of a national network of Agricultural Science Ambassadors working with teachers to integrate science education into the agriculture classroom.

Teachers who attended the learning academy studied key agriculture science issues, took local field trips and received a multitude of resources, ideas and techniques to integrate in their classrooms.

Black made presentations at the Kentucky Vocational Teachers Conference at Louisville in July. In October he will make three presentations at the National FFA Convention in Louisville. He will also be attending the National Association of Agricultural Educators convention in New Orleans where he will be one of six selected to conduct workshops. David became a member of the Alpha Omega Chapter at Murray State University in 1977.



**Justin Bush, Illinois**, was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Timber Frame Business Council. Justin is Vice President of Operations for Trilium Dell Timberworks in Illinois. He also serves as a board member of Knox County Pheasants Forever. Justin maintains native tall grass prairie and raises organic vegetables, alfalfa and sheep. Justin and his wife, Harmony Jo, reside in Knoxville, Illinois.



**John Cull, Wisconsin-Madison**, of Elegance Futures LLC was named Premier Breeder at the International

Holstein Show during the 39th World Dairy Expo. This is the fourth time in the last five years their partnership, Elegance Futures LLC, has won this award. The Elegance Futures LLC partnership consists of Thomas, Steve, and John Cull (all alumni members of Wisconsin-Madison) and Joel Kietzman of Waunakee, Wisconsin.

Other cows bred by the Cull family were also successful in the All American Jersey Show, the Holstein Show, and Mid West National Spring Show earning various championship honors. Pictured (from left to right) are John, Mary, and Steve Cull, Jeremy Nitz, Kelli Cull, and Tom Cull at the World Dairy Expo.



**Ron Dinus - Pennsylvania State, and Todd Rightmire - Washington State**, received the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Outstanding Teacher Award on December 7th at the NAAE annual conference in Kansas

City. Sponsored by Syngenta, the program distinguishes six NAAE members who are at the pinnacle of their profession, conducting the highest quality agricultural education programs. The award recognizes innovators and catalysts for student success in agricultural education.

Ron is a retired professor, and volunteers for the Mt. Baker agricultural education department and FFA chapter. He teaches students about cutting edge forestry and advanced natural resources practices. Ron became a member of the Gamma Chapter at Pennsylvania State University in 1959.

Todd is a vocational director and agricultural educator at Mount Baker High School. He focuses his coursework on careers and provides opportunities for his students to apply skills they have learned. Todd became a member of the Sigma Chapter at Washington State University in 1989.

**Graham Gilchrist, Montana State**, has been elected to the national board of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC). Graham's position was effective in November. For over eighty years the AIC has served the needs of its members of the agriculture community, as the central role for credible information and comment for the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector. Graham serves as a Farm Management Specialist for Alberta Agriculture in Vegreville, Alberta. He became a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter at Montana State in 1984.

**Joel Kimmelshue, California Polytechnic State**, is working for CH2MHILL - a global private consulting firm. Joel leads the firm's Global Agricultural Services Technology group as well as the southwestern US Water Resources and Environmental Management team. Joel's work takes him throughout the western United States and throughout the world focusing on development of irrigated agriculture in arid and semi-arid climates.

Prior to joining CH2MHILL, Joel received his bachelor's of science degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California and his masters of science and Ph.D. degrees from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Joel became a member of the Chi Chapter at

California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in 1987. Joel has been married to his wife, Lilly, for nine years. They have two children; Natalia, age 5; and Jackson, age 2.



**Ben Ludeman, South Dakota**, and his uncles Brian and Sandy Ludeman (of Lambda Chapter at University of Minnesota), owners of Saratoga Pork at Tracy, Minnesota, were named one of

four national winners of environmental stewardship programs by the National Hog farmer and Pork Checkoff. The award is given to pork producers who demonstrate positive contributions to our natural environment.

Saratoga Pork finishes 15,000 hogs a year in five finishing barns and utilizes many conservation techniques on their cropland from field windbreaks, water retention projects, waterways, manure management plans, minimum tillage, and wildlife plantings to protect and preserve their land and water resources.

Ben, who handles the day to day management became a member of the Alpha Phi Chapter of South Dakota in 1994 and served as noble ruler in 1995. Sandy became a member in 1967 and served as noble ruler in 1969. Brian became a member in 1970. Pictured above are Sandy, Ben, and Brian (left to right). *Picture is courtesy of National Hog Farmer.*

**Larry Miller, Western Illinois**, received the Signal Service Award from the American Meat Science Association at the meeting of the International Congress of Meat Science and Technology in Baltimore. Larry recently retired from USDA, CSREES as National Program Leader, Animal Systems. On hand to congratulate him on this honor, in addition to his wife Ellen, was Bill Henning, also a Western Illinois alumnus member, professor of Animal Science at Pennsylvania State University; and the Chief of Standardization for the United States Department of Agriculture, Marty O'Conner. Larry became a member of the Alpha Tau Chapter at Western Illinois University in 1963.

**Billy Molasso, Florida**, received the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA). The award was presented during the 2005 Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The AFA represents over 1,400 fraternity and sorority professionals. The award recognizes members who have exceeded expectations in their service to the Association. Billy is an individual that has been integral in implementing the Association's strategic plan, followed through with commitments and have made achievements beyond the scope of their position descriptions.

Billy is Assistant Professor of Higher Education at Northern Illinois University. During 2005 he helped develop the Oracle: The Research Journal of the Association of Fraternity Advisor. Billy became a member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Florida in 1989.



**Matt Muller, Oklahoma State**, earned the American Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement

Award. Matt and his wife, Kellie, received the award in January during the 87th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau in Nashville, Tennessee.

The award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operations and exhibited superior leadership abilities. Matt and his family received a plaque and a 2006 Dodge Ram, courtesy of Dodge; a money voucher from Syngenta Crop Protection; and free registration to the Farm Bureau's 2006 Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. The Mullers have a diversified operation consisting of cotton, peanuts, wheat and grain sorghum. Matt became a member of the Pi Chapter at Oklahoma State University in 1991. Matt and his wife Kellie reside in Atlas, Oklahoma.

*Picture courtesy of American Farm Bureau.*



**Ben Sanders, Tennessee - Knoxville**, is the new Extension Specialist at the University of Tennessee Center for Profitable Agriculture. His primary role is to coordinate a targeted educational initiative in 19 Tennessee counties. He will also focus his efforts on the center's

Developing Rural Business program, a two-year effort supported by USDA Rural Development. The program is designed to provide assistance to farmers who are considering value-added agriculture enterprises. Ben earned a masters of science degree in agricultural economics and a bachelor's of science in animal Science from the University of Tennessee. He became a member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter in 1999.



**Peter Tomlinson, Connecticut**, received the 2005 Francis and Evelyn Clark Soil Biology Scholarship from the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA). The award was presented at the SSSA Annual Meetings held in conjunction with the American Society of

Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America in November. The Francis and Evelyn Clark Soil Biology Scholarship was established to recognize the importance of soil biology and the understanding of soil, plant, and microbial interactions, and of nutrient cycling in terrestrial ecosystems.

Peter will be a Ph.D. candidate and senior graduate research assistant in the Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Department at the University of Arkansas. Peter earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and his M.S. degree at the University of Arkansas. He became a member of the Alpha Nu Chapter at the University of Connecticut in 1995. He also served as a Chapter Consultant from 2000 to 2002. He is currently serving as Recruitment Coordinator for the fraternity.



**Randy Torgerson, Minnesota**, has published a book on cooperative marketing with emphasis on the role of his father, Truman Torgerson, titled Truman Torgerson: Leadership Straight From The Hip. The book consists of history from Minnesota and Wisconsin regarding farmers'

organizational efforts. He has also authored two books, and numerous book chapters, articles and editorials.

Randy retired in 2003 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he served as Administrator of the Farmer Cooperative Service and successor programs for 27 years. He previously was professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and served as noble ruler, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1962. Randy was Grand President of Alpha Gamma Rho in 1976-77. Randy is also a Brother of the Century award recipient and became a member of the Lambda Chapter at the University of Minnesota in 1958. Randy and his wife, Sue, reside in Alexandria, Virginia.



**Mike Turner, Truman State**, is the new General Manager of Madison Service Company effective January 1, 2006. Mike graduated from Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University, with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He

is also a Certified Public Accountant. He joined the GROWMARK System after graduation in 1987 as Assistant Controller for Schuyler-Brown FS in Rushville, Illinois. In May of 1988 he accepted the Controller position at Schuyler-Brown FS, which is the position he held until coming to GROWMARK, Inc., based in Bloomington, Illinois. Since May of 2004, Mike has held the position of Region Business Manager for the Northern Region of GROWMARK, Inc.

Mike and his wife, Teresa, three children, Nike, Chelsea and Matt. Mike became a member of the Beta Iota Chapter in 1983.

## Remembering Don Paarlberg



Don Paarlberg, Purdue, passed away February 14th, in West Lafayette, Indiana, at the age of 94. Don was a farmer, teacher, senior government

official, author and a poet.

Don was born in Oak Glen, Illinois in 1911. After graduating from high school he remained at home to farm for eight years. He then earned his bachelor's degree at Purdue University in agricultural economics, and his master's degree and Ph.D. from Cornell University. Don was married to Eva Robertson in 1940; they lived in West

Lafayette, and were lifelong members of the First United Methodist Church.

Don served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in 1957 and 1976. He was Assistant for Economic Affairs to President Eisenhower and the first coordinator for the Food for Peace Program. Don was named Professor Emeritus of the Department of Agricultural Economics, and became Hillenbrand Distinguished Professor at Purdue University. He has also been the author of six books. Don has been granted membership into Phi Beta Kappa, and received an honorary Ph.D. from Purdue. He was named "One of Purdue's Great Teachers" and during 2002, Purdue University awarded him the "Order of the Griffin".

Don became a member of the Delta Chapter at Purdue University in 1937. He was an AGR Brother of the Century, and Hall of Fame honoree. Don had two sons, and one grandson.

## Memorial Contributions

*The following is a list of those who have given recent gifts in memory of members who have passed away since the Winter '06 issue.*

*In memory of Marvin A. Evens, Purdue University - - Phyllis A. Evens donated in memory of her husband, Marvin A. Evens.*

*In memory of LeRoy A. Jensen, Wisconsin-Madison -- Adelaide Jensen donated in memory of LeRoy A. Jensen.*

*In memory of Donald E. Bennett, Sr., Washington State University - - Virginia Bennett made a donation in memory of her husband, Donald E. Bennett, Sr.*

## Wetzel Inducted to 4-H Hall of Fame

Hugh Wetzel, Illinois, was inducted to The National 4-H Hall of Fame October 3rd, at the National 4-H youth Conference Center in Maryland. Hugh was one of 20 significant contributors to the 4-H youth development movement that was honored with this induction.

For nearly 60 years Hugh provided leadership and guidance to the learning, living and sharing experiences for thousands of youth and families throughout the state of Illinois, the nation, and the world. He retired in 1982 as State Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist. During his tenure, he worked closely with staff at the United States Department of Agriculture to form the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program. He served as chairman of the 4-H International Programs Committee and member of the National 4-H Congress Program Committee and National 4-H Conference Committee. He also helped establish the 4-H link with the National Junior Horticulture Association. Hugh was a 4-H club



member in Madison County, Illinois. He continues to stay involved in 4-H international programs and global humanization projects.

Hugh served three years in the Army Air Corps.

As a navigator he was based in France with the 439th Troop Carrier Squadron in Chateaudun. Hugh became a member of the Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois in 1943. He graduated in 1948, immediately entering Cooperative Extension. He is an AGR Brother of the Century award recipient. Hugh and his wife, Dottie, reside in Urbana, Illinois. Living in the university community enables Hugh to keep in close contact with Alpha Chapter where he served seventeen years on the board and as secretary and president.

*Wetzel is pictured with: (L to R) Clyde Jackson, Fairfax County, Virginia 4-H Extension agent; Don Floyd, National 4-H Council president and CEO; and Dr. Cathann Kress, director, youth development at National 4-H Headquarters. Picture courtesy of the National 4-H Council, taken by Edwin Remsburg.*

# Transitions

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

### Missouri

Chester W. Hill, 1938

### Illinois

John H. Irwin, 1/1/1947  
Verlin K. Johnson, 1/1/1949

### Pennsylvania State

Elmer C. Musser, 1/1/1946  
David E. Williams, Jr., 1/1/1955

### Purdue

Howard G. Diesslin, 1/1/1941  
Don Paarlberg, 1/1/1937

### North Dakota State

Stuart M. Anderson, 3/1/1982

### Iowa State

Lyle F. Haring, 4/9/1972  
Barton L. Schwieger, 4/22/1961

### Missouri

Lindell D. McCartney, 2/6/1999  
Elliott M. Slusher, 1/1/1939

### Wisconsin-Madison

Leroy A. Jensen, 10/24/1942

### Minnesota

Edward H. Fier, 1/1/1940

### Kentucky

Thomas H. Johnson, 1/1/1946

### Washington State

Robert C. Nealey, 1/1/1941  
Gerald L. Poor, 1/1/1942

### New Hampshire

C. Dudley Johnson, 1/1/1948

### Florida

Elmer G. Close, 1/1/1948  
George M. Edwards, 1/1/1954  
Edwin B. Turlington, 1/1/1935

### Louisiana State

Alvin L. Bertrand, 1/1/1921  
W. P. Duplessis, 5/15/1927

### Kansas State

Dale H. Edelblute, 4/10/1932  
George J. Manchester, 1/3/1930  
Mark E. Wright, 1/1/1963

### Georgia

John T. Groover, 1/1/1938

### Tennessee-Knoxville

R. Dan Culp, 1/17/1954

### Rutgers

Carl F. Eby, 11/25/1952

### Connecticut

Richard K. Crooke, 1/1/1959

### Tennessee-Martin

John Robert Paysinger, 1/1/1982

### Clemson

Eddie H. Kaiser, 10/1/1982

## York Receives Lifetime Achievement Award From Auburn



E.T. York, Auburn, received the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Auburn Alumni Association at Auburn University in Alabama.

The award, which is the highest honor presented by the Auburn Alumni Association, recognizes York for outstanding achievements and service to the university. William Muse, former president of Auburn University, presented the award during the March 4th ceremonies in Auburn.

York is chancellor emeritus of the State University System of Florida. He is former University of Florida Interim President, Executive Vice President, and Vice President for Agriculture. After serving on the faculty at North Carolina State University and with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., York was named director of the Alabama Extension Service in 1959, becoming its youngest director. He has also served as Director of Extension at

Auburn University.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University before completing his doctoral degree at Cornell University. He holds honorary Doctor of Science degrees from Auburn, Florida, Ohio State, and North Carolina State.

In 1997, the Florida Museum of History named York a Great Floridian, an honor, which at that time, had been bestowed on 11 other individuals who have made notable contributions to shaping the state of Florida. York and his wife, Vam, also an Auburn graduate, endowed a series of lectureships at Auburn in 1981, bringing internationally known experts to the Alabama campus.

York continues to focus on alleviating world hunger, particularly on expanding food production to meet rapidly growing needs, making food safer and more accessible, and increasing production efficiency to lower food costs. He has received many national and international honors with seven awards or programs established in his name.

York became a member of the Xi Chapter at Auburn University in 1941. He is an AGR Brother of the Century, Hall of Fame honoree, and has served as Educational Foundation President.

## RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS

### CHAPTER RECRUITMENT WORKSHOPS

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For more information, please contact Josh Wackler or Thad Koenigsfeld at the AGR Home Office by phone: 816-891-9200 or e-mail: Wack@AlphaGammaRho.org, or Thad@AlphaGammaRho.org

## 2006 Adviser Forums

June 23-24 at the Home Office

*Alumni Presidents are also encouraged to attend!*

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## Don McFeeters Is AGR's New Senior Consultant



Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is pleased to announce Don McFeeters is going to be helping the staff as a Senior Consultant. Don recently stepped

the Outstanding Rural Development Leadership award presented by the Ohio Rural Development Partnership. He is also a retiree of the University of Vermont having served as an Extension Agent as well as holding many different leadership and administrative roles.

McFeeters has a bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Vermont, and a master's degree from Michigan State University. He became a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Vermont in 1961. He served as a noble ruler, and for many years a member of the Alumni Corporation Board. He also served as a member of the 2004 National AGR Convention Committee. He is married to Anita and between them they have five children. Don and his wife now reside in Florida.

down as one of the Regional Vice Presidents, serving the Northeast and East Central regions.

Don recently retired as the Director of The Ohio State University South Centers, a regional research and education center. In late 2003, he received

## Brent Hurd is New HRT Board Trustee



Brent Hurd is now one of five Housing and Resource Trust Board Trustees. Brent is replacing Ed Longfellow, who resigned because of family and

management company in the southeast as CEO, overseeing 12,000 residential rental units and 300 employees. He founded Hurd Real Estate, a company his son now operates.

Brent became a member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1952. Brent is an Alpha Kappa Chapter Hall of Fame honoree, and a Brother of the Century Award recipient. He served AGR on the Housing Trust Board, 8 years, as National Director, 6 years, and as Vice Grand President. Brent has also been a member of the University of Tennessee Agriculture Development Council and President of the Nashville Board of Realtors. Brent is proud of the four children he and wife Barbara raised. Their son, Raymond, is also an AGR member.

business schedule conflicts.

Brent had careers in dairy farming, Real Estate Management and brokerage for 35 years. He continues to garden and win the largest tomato award at the Wilson County Fair. Brent spent 16 years with the largest real estate

## Brown Selected as Wildlife Society President



Robert Brown, Colorado State, has been installed as President of The Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Society is a professional organization and scientific society for

8,200 wildlife biologists in over 120 state and student chapters. The society promotes the use of scientific information in wildlife management, regulatory issues, and policy decisions. The society publishes scientific journals and books, certifies practicing wildlife biologists, provides continuing education, and supplies information that influences state and national conservation legislative policies.

Robert attended the University of California-Davis and received his bachelor's degree in animal nutrition in 1968 from Colorado State University in 1968. After serving in the Marines

in Vietnam, he attended Pennsylvania State University, where he earned a Ph.D. in animal nutrition and physiology in 1975. He served on the faculty of Texas A&I University in Kingsville from 1975-1981, and as a research scientist for the Ceasar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute there from 1981-1987. He was Head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Mississippi State University from 1987-1993, and he has been Head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Texas A&M since 1993. Robert also serves as the Director of the Institute of Renewable Natural Resources and as the Coordinator of the Gulf-Coast-Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit at Texas A&M.

Robert has been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1975 and has served two 3-year terms as Southwest Section Representative. He has served as vice president and president-elect of the national society, and he recently chaired a two-year endowment campaign for the society, which raised \$3 million. Robert became a member of the Rho Chapter at Colorado State University in 1966.

## John Selected as NCBA President

Mike John, Kansas State, was selected as the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) president during the 2006 Cattle Industry Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado.

NCBA represents more than 230,000 cattle breeders, producers and feeders.

Mike is manager of John Ranch, Inc., a commercial cow-calf operation. He is also director of MFA Health Track Beef Alliance in Columbia, Missouri, a feeder cattle source and process verification program. Mike has previously served as chairman of NCBA's Animal Identification Commission and its Membership and Association Services Committee. He also served as group chair of Industry and Producer Services for NCBA.



At the state level, Mike was president of the Missouri Beef Industry Council and was also president of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. He is a 1980 graduate of Kansas State University,

with a degree in Animal Science. Mike became a member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter at Kansas State University in 1976.

Larry Jones, Kansas State, was also elected president of the NCBA Federation of State Beef Councils during the convention at Denver. He is the owner of J.O. Cattle Co. in Holcomb, Kansas. Larry became a member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter in 1971.

Mike and Larry are pictured left to right. *Picture courtesy of the Kansas Livestock Association*

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### The World Dairy Expo AGR Alumni Reception

**When:** Friday, October 6 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Clarion Suites Hotel (adjacent to the World Dairy Expo grounds)

**Who:** All AGR members, no reservations needed.

*Donations towards the food is appreciated. There is a cash bar.*

**For more information** please contact Bill Hantke via e-mail at behanke@att.net

## Dates To Remember

June 23-24, Adviser Forum, Kansas City, MO

August 13-16, 59th National Convention, Breckenridge, CO

September 15-16, New Leaders Orientation, Kansas City, MO

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