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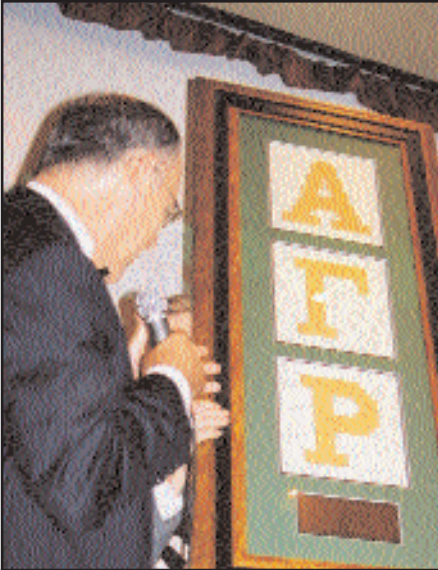
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## Minnesota Memories

By Ken Root, SICKLE & SHEAF editor



In its 98th year, Alpha Gamma Rho members and guests gathered for the biennial convention with great interest in the present and excitement that the fraternity will celebrate a century of brotherhood in 2004.

This year's convention brought together three generations of men from chapters and a colony coast to coast. It also recognized and included the housemothers and advisers who exert a strong influence on the lives of undergraduate brothers.

Alpha Gamma Rho's convention is a time for the bonds of brotherhood to be strengthened, from those who were undergraduates together to those who meet and exchange friendship for the first time. It is also a time of recognition for AGR men who have served industry, academia or government and are named to the Hall of Fame.

In the opening general session, Mike Jackson, incoming grand president, spoke to the delegates and guests about getting the most from a convention and encouraged every AGR to become a friend to everyone at the event. A panel of agricultural leaders followed with a discussion of the future of production agriculture and

agribusiness. Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, revealed that the U.S. misread Soviet intentions in Afghanistan in 1979, surmising that a different policy might have prevented the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The final banquet session was a gala evening with the ascension of Mike Jackson to grand president and recognition paid to Bill Boehm as outgoing president. Hall of Fame photos were revealed for Charles Thompson, Warren Nichols, L.S. (Bill) Pope and Tom Sutherland.

A surprise tribute to Phil Josephson in celebration and recognition for 30 years of service was produced by Charlie Napier, Gene Lemon and Bill Boehm. It was added to the festivities with the recipient sitting quietly with wife Jane and accepting the heartfelt tribute.

The convention ended with a stirring scholarship auction conducted by two Minnesota auctioneers and assisted by many professional bid raisers scattered through the audience.

Next stop, 2004 is Columbus, Ohio, for the 100th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Gamma Rho. ■

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## Executive Director Serves AGR with Conviction for 30 Years

### Phil Josephson: Unmatched Commitment, Unwavering Leadership

Phil Josephson has been executive director during the initiation of 28,718 of AGR's 57,389 members. For over 30 years he has been the cornerstone on which Fraternity growth and prosperity has been built. Succeeding Maynard Coe in 1972 as only our second chief staff officer, Phil has carried on Brother Coe's tradition of a steady hand and firm counsel to the elected leadership.

Under Phil's stewardship, Alpha Gamma Rho has earned a highly respected place among other national fraternities far exceeding that warranted by our relative smaller size. The farm boy from Stillwater, Minnesota has become one of the Deans of the Greek world. His most visible interfraternal role is as the long-time sponsor chair of the Fraternity Executives Association's annual gathering. Of course, he also served through

FEA's officer chairs, finishing as president in 1987.

Phil has served under 16 Grand Presidents, from Ovid Bay in 1972 to Mike Jackson now. His knowledge, experience and talents with people have provided sound benchmarks for those leaders to build on ensuring a consistency of strength over the years. AGR has certainly experienced highs and lows since Phil was initiated in 1969 at Wisconsin-River Falls. But there is no question we are stronger than ever today and getting even stronger as we approach our centennial.

Being a fraternity executive director is not a job it is a way of life. One is on call 24/7 and weekends are the preferred work days for volunteers. Balancing the needs and wants of family, members, Board(s), chapter officers,

alumni officers, universities, parents and staff is a delicate undertaking. This is particularly difficult in the emotionally charged atmosphere of a fraternity, where every chapter and every brother holds sacred their own experience. No one has done this better than Brother Josephson.



Josephson

Phil Josephson, in his amazing thirty year tenure with Alpha Gamma Rho, has lifted the fraternity to the highest level of respect and recognition while he has helped make a lot of men better.

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# Educational Foundation News

Putnum speaks about future of Ag Industry  
By Becky Schlake, Communications Coordinator



*Congressman Adam Putnam, University of Florida AGR, speaks about the future of the agricultural industry and the need to modernize.*

Be-coming a 21st Century Agriculturalist is top priority for Florida Congressman Adam Putnum, and he believes that it should be for Alpha Gamma Rho and all of its members.

In an enlightening speech at the 2002 Minnesota National Convention, Congressman Putnum spoke about using technology to move ahead in the agriculture industry, as well as moving ahead to recruit quality young men to join Alpha Gamma Rho. Putnum believes that Alpha Gamma Rho needs to have computer and internet access in every room of every fraternity house. He believes that by using technology to attract new recruits, AGR can begin to expand the base of majors that are generally attracted to joining AGR. This would include microbiology majors and other science based fields. If we broaden the field of agriculture, we will be able to diversify and reflect new realities for the future.

Be-coming a 21st Century agriculturalist means becoming technologically savvy. This means that tomorrow's farmer or rancher needs to understand technology and be able to utilize this technology in his daily life. He also spoke of the need to communicate the purpose and importance of agriculture to the majority of the population. Cultural ignorance will prove to be the greatest threat to agriculture, and without good communication, nothing will change.

In a personal interview, Putnum also spoke of offering more scholarships to attract young men into Alpha Gamma Rho. Putnum himself was offered a Housing Scholarship when joining Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Florida. These scholarships would be offered for proven leadership skills and academics.

Be-coming a 21st century fraternity and agricultural society will not be an easy task, but with the right technology and preparation, agriculture's future looks very bright. ■

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*A very young Phil conversing with his predecessor, Maynard Coe.*

As a senior fraternity executive, he is known as a leader with foresight and as a man who gets the best out of each volunteer leader.

In an era when fraternities are fighting to stay on campus, Alpha Gamma Rho has positioned itself to deal with issues from alcohol to hazing while emphasizing scholarship and campus leadership. The long term plan for AGR is a blueprint of success to which other fraternities aspire.

Phil has dedicated himself to AGR to the point that they are one and the same in the eyes of many, says Ken Root, SICKLE & SHEAF editor and longtime friend of Phil.

"Phil is seen by us as a leader of our fraternity, but he is also seen by the executives of other fraternities as a national leader," says Bill Boehm, past grand president.

Over three decades, Phil has successfully negotiated massive societal changes, university position reversals, student attitudinal approaches and the ever-shifting and evolving Fraternity leadership focus. Through it all, he has earned the respect of brothers, peers, colleagues and administrators because of his strength of conviction and ability to convey pros and cons forthrightly. These traits are vital to AGR's success, as a Board must be able to rely on their CEO for the unvarnished truth. (Those who know Phil best and have worked most closely with him have no doubt formed a knowing smile at this point!)

Many an impetuous young staffer (or chapter officer, or volunteer leader) has learned first hand of this conviction, strong work ethic, attention to detail, and forthright approach. Every one of them has gained wisdom, solid experience and leadership skills from their interaction with Phil. These (usually) under-appreciated life-lessons are what fraternity is really all about. Making better men one at a time.

Phil Josephson has gone over and above in his commitment and service to Alpha Gamma Rho. Many sacrifices of family time with Jane and sons Noel and Hans have been made. (More accurately, the entire Josephson clan has made many sacrifices for AGR). But let us not get too maudlin there has been one whale of a good time experienced by hundreds over these many years. Phil Stories abound, but are best repeated elsewhere than in SICKLE & SHEAF.

This long leadership journey has resulted in a fiscally strong, well-respected, well-positioned Alpha Gamma Rho. And the best part is that Phil is still a young man with much more to share with the Fraternity and its brothers.

Thank you, Brother Josephson. All brothers salute you and your unsurpassed effort and commitment to make AGR a vital component in the lives of successful men of agriculture. ■



*Phil and Family -- Noel, Hans and Jane*

# 2001-2002 AGR Awards

## I. Individual Awards:

### Grants:

#### **Runnion Grant:**

-Amon G. Rolerson, Psi Chapter - Maine

#### **Horticulture Grant:**

-Bradley F. Davis, Omicron Chapter - Kentucky

#### **Dairy Grant:**

-Joshua T. Chandler, Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
Tennessee-Martin

#### **Swackhamer Ag. Economics/Ag Business Grant:**

-Kyle Caskey, Alpha Phi Chapter - South Dakota State

#### **Undergraduate Achievement Award:**

-Steven M. Offer, Iota Chapter - Wisconsin-Madison  
-Cade B. Rensink, Alpha Zeta Chapter - Kansas State

#### **AGR Excellence Grant:**

-Roger Don Gattis Jr., Alpha Iota Chapter - Arkansas -  
-Jonathan Clint Shipper, Alpha Kappa Chapter  
Tennessee-Knoxville  
-Benjamin J. Butler, Alpha Gamma Chapter - Florida -  
-Luke Bryant Smith, Alpha Tau Chapter  
Western Illinois

#### **Lindley Finch Memorial Grant:**

-Brandon J. Schaefer, Eta Chapter - Iowa State

### Housemother Awards:

#### **Best Management Program:**

-Johnella Childress, Alpha Upsilon - Tennessee-Martin

#### **Promotion of Cultural & Social Practices:**

-Janet Brown, Eta Chapter - Iowa State

### Housemother Longevity Awards:

#### **5 Years of Service**

-Mom Monica Voiles, Alpha Psi Chapter  
Wisconsin-River Falls

#### **10 Years of Service**

-Mom Mamie Spooner, Alpha Iota Chapter - Arkansas

### Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award:

-Dr. Robert L. Oehrtman, Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State

### Adviser Longevity Award

#### **5 Years of Service**

-Stephen F. Ferrara, Gamma Chapter - Penn State -  
-Vernan L. Pierce PhD, Theta Chapter - Missouri -  
-Thomas D. Crenshaw, Iota Chapter - Wisconsin-  
Madison  
-Tom J. Tippett, Sigma Chapter - Washington State -  
-John E. Warren Jr., Alpha Alpha Chapter  
West Virginia  
-Todd D. Johnson, Alpha Zeta Chapter - Kansas State  
-John M. Glover, Beta Epsilon Chapter - Arkansas  
State  
-Dean McCorkle, Beta Nu Chapter- Texas A&M  
-Timothy F. Brown, Beta Sigma Chapter - Tarleton  
State  
-Kevin E. McPhee, Beta Phi Chapter - Idaho  
-Scott E. Wright, Beta Psi Chapter - Delaware Valley  
College

#### **10 Years of Service**

-James W. Rumsey, Phi Chapter - California-Davis  
-Philip B. George, Alpha Psi Chapter - Wisconsin  
-Dave D. Whitaker, Beta Theta Chapter - Middle  
Tennessee State  
-Thomas E. Marshall, Beta Iota Chapter -Truman State  
-Roger D. Witte, Beta Sigma Chapter - Tarleton State  
-Randall D. Little, Beta Tau Chapter - Mississippi  
State

#### **20 Years of Service (23 actual years)**

Robert L. Oehrtman, Pi Chapter - Oklahoma State

## **II. Chapter Awards - Annual**

### **Green and Gold Chapter Status:**

#### **GOLD CHAPTERS:**

Delta Chapter	Purdue
Epsilon Chapter	North Dakota State
Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Theta Chapter	Missouri
Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State
Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
Alpha Psi Chapter	Wisconsin-River Falls

#### **GREEN CHAPTERS:**

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
Alpha Tau Chapter	Western Illinois
Alpha Phi Chapter	South Dakota State
Beta Alpha Chapter	Southern Illinois
Beta Gamma Chapter	Wisconsin-Platteville
Beta Delta Chapter	Illinois State

Beta Sigma Chapter	Tarleton State
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### **Best Chapter Scholarship Program Award:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
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#### **High Honor:**

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Delta Chapter	Purdue
Theta Chapter	Missouri

### **Chapter Scholarship Recognition Awards 2000-2001 School Year:**

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

Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State
Beta Alpha Chapter	Southern Illinois

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

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
Beta Tau Chapter	Mississippi State

### **Chapter Activities Awards:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State

#### **High Honor:**

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Delta Chapter	Purdue
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin

### **Chapter Recruitment Excellence:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State
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#### **High Honor:**

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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#### **Honorable Mention:**

Beta Alpha Chapter	Southern Illinois
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### **Chapter Membership Development Award:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
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Beta Alpha Chapter	Southern Illinois
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#### **High Honor:**

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Theta Chapter	Missouri

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Alpha Phi Chapter	South Dakota State
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### **Chapter Management Award:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
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#### **High Honor:**

Theta Chapter	Missouri
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### **Chapter Alumni Relations Award:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
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#### **High Honor:**

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Alpha Psi Chapter	Wisconsin-River Falls

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville
Beta Sigma	Tarleton State

### **Chapter Spirit Awards:**

Epsilon Chapter	North Dakota State
Eta Chapter	Iowa State
Theta Chapter	Missouri
Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
Alpha Gamma Chapter	Florida
Alpha Zeta Chapter	Kansas State
Alpha Kappa Chapter	Tennessee-Knoxville
Alpha Tau Chapter	Western Illinois
Alpha Upsilon Chapter	Tennessee-Martin
Alpha Phi Chapter	South Dakota State
Alpha Psi Chapter	Wisconsin-River Falls
Beta Alpha Chapter	Southern Illinois
Beta Gamma Chapter	Wisconsin-Platteville
Beta Delta Chapter	Illinois State
Beta Sigma Chapter	Tarleton State

### **Chapter Publication Awards:**

### **Chapter History Awards:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Eta Chapter	Iowa State
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#### **High Honor:**

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
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#### **Honorable Mention:**

Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
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### **Chapter Crescent - Best Series:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Kappa Chapter	Nebraska
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#### **High Honor:**

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
Eta Chapter	Iowa State

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Alpha Phi Chapter	South Dakota State
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### **Chapter Crescent - Best Single Issue:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Alpha Chapter	Illinois
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#### **Honorable Mention:**

Omega Chapter	New Hampshire
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### **Chapter Crescent - Less Than 500 Members:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

SMSU Colony	Southwest Missouri State
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### **Alumni Corporation Award:**

#### **Highest Honor:**

Pi Chapter	Oklahoma State
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#### **High Honor:**

Theta Chapter	Missouri
Beta Sigma Chapter	Tarleton State

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Rho Chapter	Colorado State
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## Paul Willis Elected NAADA President Elect



Gainesville, FL July 29, 2002

Paul Willis was elected the President-elect of NAADA at the Association's annual meeting in Park City, Utah on June 18, 2002. The National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association, NAADA, was established in 1975 to help colleges of agriculture meet the future needs of the American agricultural industry. NAADA is a non-profit professional association which provides education and support in alumni relations, development, communications and student services for professionals, volunteers and student leaders who are dedicated to expanding the human resources and financial support for land-grant colleges of agricultural science and related programs.

Mr. Willis is the Director of Student and Alumni Services at the University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. He has served on the NAADA board of directors since 1997 and most recently held the position of treasurer. Mr. Willis received the Professional Achievement Award in 2000, which recognizes NAADA members for their significant career activities and accomplishments as an employee of a NAADA member institution. ■

## ON THE MOVE ON THE MOVE ON THE MOVE ON THE MOVE

**Carl Bradley**, Southern Illinois, has joined the Department of Plant Pathology at North Dakota State University as an Assistant Professor in April 2002. Carl has a 90% extension and 10% research appointment with responsibilities in disease management of broadleaf and oilseed crops. He, his wife, Christine, and son, Curtis Lee, live in Fargo.



**Carl Bradley**  
Southern Illinois



**Michael Toomey**  
Cal Poly State

**Michael R. Toomey**, Cal Poly State University, has joined the firm of Ballenger Cleveland & Issa, LLC. BCI is an institutional-quality firm committed to providing world class consulting services across a broad array of disciplines and industries. Toomey will head the Merchant Banking practice for the firm.

**Ralph D. Welsh, Jr.**, Maryland, received a NASA 40 year service award on March 19, 2002.

**Marc Paulson**, Minnesota, has joined Agri Business Group Inc. as business development manager in Alignment Solutions. Paulson will be responsible for strategic consulting and market research.



**Marc Paulson**  
Minnesota



**Jason Kelly**  
Purdue

**Jason Kelly**, Purdue, is completing his last year of graduate studies at Purdue, where he is majoring in Veterinary Medicine. Jason was recently nominated as the new chapter adviser for Delta Chapter (Purdue University).

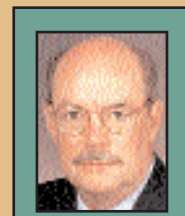
**Kenneth J. Seehusen**, Southern Illinois, farms 1,000 acres in north central Iowa. He also has a futures market consulting business. Seehusen's wife is an office manager for Farm Bureau Insurance and they have two sons who are both engineers.

**Timothy A. Micke**, Wisconsin - River Falls, has been in education for 19 years -- 15 in agricultural education and four in school administration. He is still active in agriculture with ownership of 87+ acres of forest/crop land in Marathon County.

**Ryan L. Ludvigson**, Iowa State, has joined the staff of Walter & Associates in Ames, Iowa. He was previously employed with Orion Enterprises.

**Chadd M. Garcia**, Arizona, began classes at Harvard Business School in July.

**Matthew T. Portillon**, California - Davis, received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Education in May 2002 from Oklahoma State University. He has accepted a position of Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. His wife, Erin, received her DVM in May 2002 from Oklahoma State University and is an intern at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.



**Mike Martin**  
Florida



**Paul Willis**  
Florida

**Mike Martin** and **Paul Willis**, Florida, were named honorary members in Florida Blue Key for their outstanding contributions and commitment to UF. The ceremony was part of the organization's annual spring banquet in April. At the annual meeting of the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) June 19 in Salt Lake City, Willis was elected president-elect of the association. He will serve a two-year term as president-elect before assuming the presidency in 2004.

**Sgt. Douglas Irwin**, Maryland, was recently promoted to Detective Sergeant, supervising a street level unit in precinct G. He has two children; Sam, 6 and Lauren, 3.

**Dr. Mark Kistler**, Florida, recently completed his Ph.D. at Texas A&M University in Agricultural Education and he is now employed as an Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications. He went back to school after ten years with the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service as a County Extension Director and Extension Agent.

**Kyle McMillan**, Illinois, started a new job with ExSeed Genetics as a NutriDense Sales Manager in April of this year.

**John E. Knauff**, Maryland, is the business manager of Construction programs at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics lab.

**David Voller**, North Dakota State, recently accepted a position with Den Besten Seed Company, a regional seed and chemical company as a crop protection division manager.

**Brendon Atkinson**, Oklahoma State, received a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Law on May 11, 2002. Brendon hopes to return and practice law in Western Oklahoma in the near future.

**Dr. Jeffrey A. Wood**, Illinois State, has been appointed Associate Dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology at Illinois State University. Dr. Wood has been at ISU for seventeen years. His discipline is in Agriculture Education where he has served as professor and coordinator. He has served the department, college and university in many different capacities over these years. Most recently he chaired the College Committee that recommended and helped implement a new faculty evaluation system.

**Dale Rose**, Tennessee - Knoxville, has been elected President of Tennessee Sales Association. This becomes the third consecutive different Tennessee Beef Cattle Association he has served as president. Dale is currently a research Assistant at U.T. Agriculture Experiment Station.

**Bret Glendening**, Kansas State, is the

### MOVING? CHANGING JOBS? RECEIVING AWARDS?

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## W in an Alpha Gamma Rho History Book!

Help us name the AGR History Book!  
We are looking for a name for the AGR History Book and we need your help. The winner will receive a copy of the 100 year anniversary AGR History book free! Please send all submissions

by December 1, 2002. Be creative!

All you need to do is send your ideas to:

Becky Schlake  
10101 N Ambassador Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64153

## ON THE MOVE

Program Manager for the League of Kansas Municipalities. He is also the proud father of a new son, Weston Alan.

**Wayne R. DeBuhr**, Wisconsin - Platteville, has joined ABS Global Inc. as domestic marketing coordinator. DeBuhr will be responsible for working with the sales management team to service prospective and current customers. He was previously co-owner of a dairy in Wisconsin.

**Charles R. Miller**, Wisconsin - Platteville, will celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife Jan this year. He has two children Nicole (20) and Zach (16).

**Matthew P. Reidy**, Southern Illinois, recently received a promotion with the Forest Service and moved to Oregon with his family.

**Ralph D. Welsh, Jr.**, Maryland received 40 year NASA service award on March 19, 2002, for work at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility and Goodard Spaceflight Center.

**Shane Stephens**, Oklahoma State, earned the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and was a Truman Scholar finalist in 2001.

**Mark Montgomery**, Kentucky is the new softball head coach for Centenary College, a Division I school in Shreveport, LA. Mark accepted his new position after a number of successful seasons as softball head coach at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY.

**John T. Woeste**, Kentucky, was inducted in the Florida 4-H hall of fame on Saturday August 31st. The induction ceremony was part of the centennial celebration held in St. Augustine Florida.



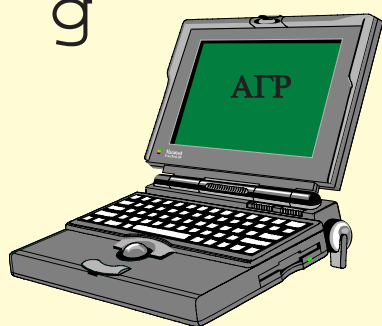
**John Woeste**  
Kentucky

**James O. Boan**, Missouri has written a new book *Rising Sun Sinking -- The Battle for Okinawa*. This book is available on the internet from the publisher Eakin

## Pi Chapter to celebrate OSU Homecoming with annual cookout tradition

Oklahoma State University is celebrating its 81st Homecoming with the theme *Together We Can...* and this year, on November 1st, the Annual Homecoming Celebration will begin for Pi Chapter Alumni. This year the festivities will begin with the Annual Homecoming Cleanup at 3:00 pm. The idea is to help the undergrads clean up the house for everyone's enjoyment as they are putting the final touches on the housedeck and to set up for the cookout. After the cleanup, stay for the Annual Homecoming Cookout at 5:00 pm. It is held at the fraternity house as a yearly event to get alumni together during the homecoming celebration. All members of Alpha Gamma Rho are invited to attend this opportunity for food and fellowship. For more information, including menu and price, please refer to the Pi Chapter website at [www.okstate-agrs.freesevers.com](http://www.okstate-agrs.freesevers.com). Hope to see you there! ■

Check out all the new features on AGR's website: [www.agrs.org](http://www.agrs.org)



## Pi Chapter Adviser recognized as Outstanding Teacher of the Year



*Dr. Oehrtman, Pi Chapter Adviser, stands in front of his own portrait in the Pi Chapter house displaying his award.*

**Dr. Robert L. Oehrtman** was recognized on April 20, 2002, at the Annual Oklahoma Teacher in the Department of Agricultural Economics for the 2001-2002 school year. What makes this award so special is

that it is completely controlled and awarded by students of the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is not the first time that Dr. Oehrtman has been recognized for outstanding teaching or advising activities by students or student organizations. Dr. Oehrtman has received more awards of recognition from students, student organizations, and youth organizations than any other Oklahoma State University faculty member, including by students in the

Department of Agricultural Economics for Outstanding Teaching and Advising six different times during the past 20 years. ■

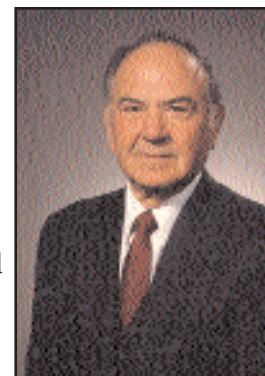
## Dr. J. Robert Brunner awarded

**Dr. J. Robert Brunner** was awarded the distinguished alumnus award for 2002 from Penn State University. The awards ceremony was held April 17-18 in conjunction with the 2002 Dairy Expo and Little International.

Brunner was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in 1937 at Penn State University and majored in Dairy Manufacturing.

He has devoted his professional career to researching dairy products and the components of milk, especially the milk proteins and the milk fat globule membrane.

In recognition of these studies he was honored with the Border Award in Dairy Chemistry by the American Chemical Society in 1964.



As an alumnus, Dr. Brunner was closely associated with Phi Chapter during his MS studies at the University of California - Davis and served as Tau chapter (Michigan State) adviser during the late 70's. ■

## NC State Economist Elected to National



**Jon Brandt**  
Ohio State

American Agricultural Economics Association.

During the association's annual meeting in Long Beach, California (July 28-31), Brandt

**Dr. Jon A. Brandt**, of North Carolina State University, has been elected next year's president of the

was elected president-elect. He will become president at the 2003 annual meeting in Montreal.

The American Agricultural Economics Association, with more than 3,000 members, is a professional society committed to furthering knowledge about the economics of agriculture, rural communities and natural resources.

Brandt, who lives in Apex, NC, has been head of NC State's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics since

1991. The department, with 38 faculty members, has 245 undergraduate students and 130 graduate students.

Before coming to NC State, Brandt served on the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia and Purdue University. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics at The Ohio State University in 1970. In 1977, he received a Ph.D., also in agricultural economics, from the University of California-Davis. Brandt has written a book, 29 ref-

erred journal articles and more than 50 extension reports and publications. He also has advised more than 40 graduate students. Currently, he serves on the North Carolina Cooperative Council's board of directors, the national Experiment Station System Committee on Policy's social science committee and the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics board of directors. ■

# New Officers in Alpha Gamma Rho

Officers elected at National Convention



Michael Jackson  
Grand President



Charles A. Napier  
Executive Vice  
President



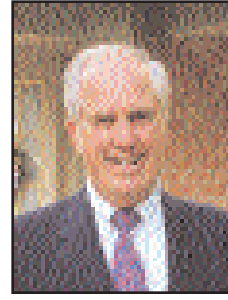
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Financial Vice  
President



Randy A. Marten  
Director



Ray M. Traen  
Director



J. Wayne Rehn  
Director



Robert Earnest  
HRT Chairman



Roger Rinderknecht  
HRT Trustee



Richard L. Feltner  
President  
Educational Fnd.



Joseph Coffey  
Vice President  
Educational Fnd.



Nick Hein  
Director  
Educational Fnd.



LeRoy Luft  
Director  
Educational Fnd.

The brothers shown above were elected for national leadership positions at the 2002 National Convention in Minnesota.

**Michael Jackson**, Purdue: Grand President  
**Charles A. Napier**, Missouri: Executive Vice President  
**Richard S. Carpenter**, Penn State: Financial Vice President  
**Randy A. Marten**, Illinois: Director  
**Ray M. Traen**, Minnesota: Director  
**J. Wayne Rehn**, Illinois: Director

**Robert Earnest**, Tennessee-Martin: HRT Chairman  
**Roger Rinderknecht**, Iowa State, HRT Trustee  
**Richard L. Feltner**, Purdue: President - Educational Foundation  
**Joseph Coffey**, Purdue: Vice President - Educational Foundation  
**Nick Hein**, Washington State, Director - Educational Foundation  
**LeRoy Luft**, Montana State, Director - Educational Foundation

## Transitions

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

### Arkansas

John W. Hess, 1952

### Arkansas State

Ralph E. Simmons, 1973  
Adam Brown, 2001

### Auburn

Windell W. Vickery, 1946

### Colorado State

Augustine A. Depaulo, 1930  
Joe K. Epps, 1937  
Charles Maylender, 1946  
Leroy E. Egelhoff, 1947

### Georgia

Frank E. Stancil, 1938

### Illinois

Marshall J. Scott, 1931  
Richard S. Vaniger, 1933  
Robert A. Edgar, 1943  
Roger L. Naylor, 1972

### Iowa State

John W. Ingels, 1936  
James S. Harlan, 1940

### Kentucky

Everett J. Beers, Jr., 1932  
James L. Hume, 1941

### Maine

Howard N. Waterhouse, 1951  
Lester W. Hammond, Jr., 1953

### Maryland

Louis E. Kelly, 1946

### Massachusetts

Earle L. Douglass, 1923

### Michigan State

William J. DeBoer, 1934  
Robert P. Burrington, 1947  
Alvin R. Conquest, 1948  
Charles E. Beachnau, 2000

### Missouri

John N. Falloon, 1930

### Minnesota

Llewellyn M. Humphrey, 1928  
Joseph C. Olson, Jr., 1934

### Montana

Jay E. Anderson, 1956  
Bill M. Chiesa, 1961

### Nebraska

Raymond W. Starostka, 1942  
Frederick W. Frost, 1950  
Robert G. Paine, 1957  
Lynn W. Wilhelm, 1965  
Bradley N. Gangwish, 1974

### New Hampshire

Orion F. Bickford, 1931  
Henry A. Laramie, 1947  
Clare B. Mitchell, 1950

### North Dakota State

Charles J. Challey, 1929  
N. Paul Rasmusson, 1932  
Arthur H. Skurdall, 1933  
Arnol Troftgruben, 1941  
George V. Rudd, 1942

### Oklahoma State

Earnest Lowe, 1927  
Wilbor O. Wilson, 1931  
Glenn M. Burrows, 1932  
Prentice Loper, 1936  
Winnard McAlister, 1936  
John C. Buxbaum, 1938  
Oliver W. Little, 1940  
Donald L. Ferguson, 1971  
Trenton A. Patton, 1996

### Ohio State

George E. Frank, 1948

### Oregon State

Berton E. Black, 1941  
Harold I. Talley, 1943  
James L. Gorman, 1952

### Tarleton State

Gregory H. Orr, 1992

### Tennessee - Knoxville

William F. Brown, 1963

### Washington State

Floyd E. Fenton, 1927  
Ramon L. Kent, 1929  
Wallace W. Loudon, 1954  
Norman S. Stone, 1954

### West Virginia

Robert L. Sergent, 1951

# Hall of Fame Inductees Recognized at Convention



**Charles Thompson**  
*Oklahoma State*

**Charles Thompson**, born May 2, 1921, was reared on a cotton and dairy farm near Sayre, Oklahoma. After serving as a B-29

engineer in WWII, he graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1947 and subsequently earned a M.S.A. Degree in Agriculture Economics from Cornell University.

Charles worked two years for the Oklahoma Department of Vocational Agriculture and four years for Braun and Company, a consulting firm. He then began a 35-year career with Merrill Lynch as a broker, office manager and Southwest Regional Director.

A member of Pi Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, Mr. Thompson has been active in their alumni association having served as Alumni President. He has served the National AGR Fraternity as a member of the investment committee, ten years as president, and was instrumental in developing a long range of investment strategy for the fraternity's general funds and foundation.

Charlie met his wife Barbara at a University of Missouri AGR Officer Training School Function.

Charles and his wife Barbara (deceased) are the parents of five children, two daughters and three sons. Mr. Thompson and his wife, Randy, currently reside in Stillwater, Oklahoma. ■



**Warren Nichols**  
*Kansas State*

**Warren Nichols** was born and reared on the family farm in Osborne County near Afton, Kansas. He was especially active in

both 4-H and FFA, graduated valedictorian of his high school class and earned his DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1958.

Warren has been active in the affairs of AGR since his student days at Kansas State. He assisted in the establishment of Beta Delta chapter at Illinois State University and served as its alumni board president for several years. He served the National AGR Fraternity as a member and chairman of the Housing Resources Trust and later was elected to the National Board of Directors where he served as Grand President from 1990-1992. He then served a six-year term on the Educational Foundation Board of Directors and is currently a senior staff consultant for Alpha Gamma Rho.

An Optimist Club member for many years, he served two terms as Lt. Governor of Zone Two and one term as Governor of the Central Southern Illinois District. Dr. Nichols is a past president of the Tri-County Veterinary Medical Association.

Warren and his wife Naomi are the parents of two sons, Brian and Peter, and two daughters, Martha and Angela. ■



**Tom Sutherland**  
*Colorado State*

**Tom Sutherland**, born May 3, 1931, near Falkirk, Scotland, received his B.S. degree in Agriculture

from Glasgow University and a Post-Graduate Diploma in 1954 from Reading University. He earned his M.S. and PhD degrees from Iowa State University in Animal Breeding in 1958. He then followed an academic career as Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University for 25 years.

Dr. Sutherland joined Alpha Gamma Rho in 1964 and served as chapter adviser at Colorado State for several years.

Tom has a long history of service to international agriculture. In 1983, he accepted an invitation to serve as Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. As he was returning from a visit to the U.S. on June 9, 1985, he was kidnapped by gunmen of the Islamic Jihad. He was held for the next 77 months (2354 days) at various locations in Lebanon. Dr. Sutherland was released on November 18, 1991 along with Terry Waite.

Tom Sutherland currently serves as a consultant on agriculture and international affairs, and is a speaker for the Washington Speakers Bureau. He and his wife, Jean, are the parents of three daughters, Ann, Kit and Joan. ■



**L.S. Bill Pope**  
*Michigan State*

Born in Boise, Idaho, **Bill Pope** was reared on a general grain and livestock farm near Addison, Michigan.

He was active in both 4-H and FFA, involving primarily livestock projects. During WWII, Bill served Uncle Sam as a B-24 bomber pilot. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1947 and subsequently earned his Masters and PhD degrees from Oklahoma State University in animal nutrition.

Dr. Pope's professional career began as a teacher and researcher at Oklahoma State. From 1968-76 he served as Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs, College of Agriculture, Texas A&M University. Beginning in 1976, he served as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University until his retirement in 1985.

Bill joined AGR as a member of Tau chapter at Michigan State in 1942. He later served as chapter adviser at both Oklahoma and New Mexico State Universities. Dr. Pope assisted in the establishment of the Texas A & M chapter and was their adviser for several years.

Bill and his wife Polly reside at College Station, Texas and are the parents of two sons, Ronald and Thomas and one daughter, Susan. ■

## Ludemans are first to receive Conservationist of the Year

The American Soybean Association is pleased to name Sander (Sandy) and Peggy Ludeman of Tracy, Minnesota as Conservationist of the Year.

The Ludemans were selected from four regional winners as a part of ASA's 2002 Conservation Legacy Award Program February 21 at the Commodity Classic in Nashville, Tennessee. The program is designed to recognize the outstanding environmental and conservation achievements of U.S. soybean farmers. Along with the ASA, the program is co-sponsored by Monsanto and the *Soybean Digest*, an Intertec/Primedia publication.

The Ludemans are part of a family farm operation that raises corn, soybeans, beef and pork in southwestern Minnesota. They have constructed water impoundment structures, wildlife ponds, and waterways, and they have planted thousands of trees in shelterbelts, field windbreaks, wildlife paintings and recently almost 4,000 feet of living snowfence.

In addition, the Ludemans work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on wildlife food plots. Wildlife that uses their ponds include deer, pheasants, red-tailed hawks, blue herons, Canadian geese, mallards and wild turkeys. The Ludemans also practice minimum and mulch



*Sandy and Peggy Ludeman with their dog Shadow.*

tillage and incorporate the manure from their hog operation to fully utilize the nutrients more efficiently. ■

## AGR Brother Seeks Ring

If you are the owner of a ruby AGR ring that was purchased around 1936, and are interested in selling this ring, please contact Pam at the AGR Home Office at (816) 891-9200 ext 13 or by email at Pam@AlphaGammaRho.org

An AGR brother is desperately trying to attain this ring to replace the AGR ring that he purchased in 1936 and has been lost.

# Grand President s Remarks



*William T. Boehm  
Past Grand President*

By most accounts, AGR is in excellent shape as we head toward our centennial convention in Columbus, Ohio in 2004. We have lots to be proud of.

New member initiations have remained fairly steady at about 1,000 new initiates per year for the past several years. Last year, we initiated 1,032 men into AGR. Not a bad record when Greeks nationwide are struggling for membership.

Our membership development programming efforts continue to expand. Each year, more than 525 collegiates and 60 alumni participate in the winter leadership seminars. Approximately 20 advisers attend the adviser forum each year. Many of our Chapters have recently participated in special Chapter planning sessions supported by Brother Bill Sayre through the Sayre Projects.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the past two years was the restatement of our Fraternity s Vision and a clarification of our three key strategic initiatives. This project took over a year to complete and involved hundreds of AGRs (undergraduates and alumni).

This Strategic Plan, which is simple in its construction, has the power to carry AGR well into its second 100 years!

If AGR wants the benefits that come from being the premier fraternity building values, skills and relationships for lifelong personal and professional success in the food, fiber and life sciences industry, we ve got to head down this same path. We need to be uniformly strong, premier, at all our undergraduate Chapters and alumni organizations.

Alpha Gamma Rho now has a clear vision for its future. All that is left is for us to develop clear action plans at every level in the organization. Then, we must execute those plans with passion.

Hang on, it will be an exciting ride! ■

(Be sure to check out Mr. Boehm s entire State of Fraternity address at [www.agrs.org](http://www.agrs.org)!)



*Michael Jackson  
Newly Elected Grand  
President*

It s been a few weeks since the close of a very successful National Convention. Thanks to the convention committee and all the dedicated brothers for making this one of the best National Conventions in recent memory.

We now look forward to the next two years, the promise of a dynamic Centennial Convention in 2004 and the beginning of our second Century. You see, in true AGR form, we celebrate the moment and quickly move on toward new challenges, more progress and a brighter future. This is as it should be. You see, the success of Alpha Gamma Rho is measured not merely by its storied past, but also by the continual extension of the path forward toward dreams yet to be realized.

Countless AGR leaders move our fraternity ahead, one day at a time, with an eye on tomorrow. We clearly have made incredible progress as a fraternity over the last several years. As Past Grand President Bill Boehm pointed out in his State of the Fraternity address, we have established a clear vision for AGR in the National Fraternity s strategic plan. So, what is our path forward? Our strategic plan lifts up these five initiatives for significant attention over the next two years:

1. Engage each chapter in planning for its future
2. Enhance member development
3. Improve chapter performance
4. Build a more cohesive AGR team
5. Build a significant financial base for our future

Obviously, we have much work to do over the next two years. Thankfully, hundreds of AGR s across the country stand ready to give of their time and talent to help further the cause of our great fraternity. We all are challenged and humbled by the opportunity to make a difference in the life of Alpha Gamma Rho. Thank you for your commitment and support. ■

## Outstanding AGR Senior Uses Experience to Help Others in a Far-Away Place

by Patrick Eslinger, SMS Undergrad



*SMS Senior, Garrett Hawkins, uses skills that he learned while in Alpha Gamma Rho to help him in his travels to Turkmenistan.*

What does it take to be outstanding? Alpha Gamma Rho member Garrett Hawkins seems to have the answer

as he was selected for the 2001-2002 Glenn E. Karls Senior Excellence Award for the Department of Agriculture at Southwest Missouri

State University. And doors just keep opening for Hawkins all the way to Turkmenistan!

Hawkins accomplishments led the way to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of an international agricultural project. Hawkins and Dr. Randall Andreasen, agricultural education assistant professor and AGR Adviser, recently went to Turkmenistan, a country in Central Asia.

The two men were selected to be consultants on starting a Future Farmers of Turkmenistan (FFT) organization. FFT is being modeled after our FFA program.

Overcoming the cultural barrier was challenging, explained

Hawkins. But you could see the enthusiasm in their eyes when we talked about the new opportunities in agriculture. Despite our language barrier, they understood.

Hawkins currently serves as president for both Collegiate Farm Bureau and Agricultural Presidents Council. During his sophomore year he served as Missouri Farm Bureau Ambassador. Hawkins is also a member of Collegiate FFA, University Ambassadors, Delta Tau Alpha National Agricultural Honor Society.

Hawkins has future plans of going to law school and getting involved in politics. ■

### Dates To Remember

November 8-9 -	National Board Meeting El Paso, Texas
December 25 -	Christmas (Home Office Closed)
February 14-15	Leadership Seminar Washington DC
February 21-22	Leadership Seminar Birmingham, Alabama
Feb. 28 - March 1	Leadership Seminar Reno, Nevada
March 7 - 8	Leadership Seminar Indianapolis, Indiana

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