

## **Fall '10 Crescent**

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# Noble Ruler's Report

Brothers,

I hope that this *Eta Crescent* is finding you as excited for the season as the brothers here at 201 Gray. The Actives' summer certainly went well and some great networks were built through our internships. We had over 80% of the brothers representing us within companies such as Monsanto, Pioneer, Cargill, Land O'Lakes, Green Leaf Genetics, Agri-Gold, Hartung Brothers, Case, and John Deere just to name a few.

Although many brothers were busy with internships, our recruitment chair Matt McLaughlin stayed busy recruiting. Matt recruited 25 outstanding young men to the fraternity. To wrap up our summer, seven actives and five alumni attended our National Convention in St. Louis Missouri. The convention had a full schedule to say the least. Brothers attended business sessions, toured St. Louis, attended breakout sessions concerning career success, money management, and recruitment. At the awards ceremony we received the Gold Chapter standing, Highest Honor for Alumni Relations and Honorable Mention for Promise and Values. Eta is also very proud to be represented on the board by Arlen Wonderlich "930" serving as Grand Vice President.

We completed last spring with an all house GPA of 3.06 which placed us fourth among fraternities. Fall semester presents a challenge for the members as we balance campus activities, Homecoming competition, Ag Career Day opportunities, and academics, but it is a challenge we look forward to meeting head on.

Homecoming is right around the corner. The brothers are excited as usual and we are pleased to be paired with the women of Alpha Gamma Delta and the men of ACACIA. Yell Like Hell skit preparation has already begun and will soon be followed by the lawn display ground breaking on September 25th. Homecoming will take place on October 30th with the Cyclones taking on Kansas. As usual we will have a meal served at the house followed by a short program and our lawn display skit. If you are returning for Homecoming, pack the yard at 201 Gray, meet and greet your fellow brothers, while enjoying a Hickory Park catered meal!

I would like to conclude my article by wishing all Brothers a safe and bountiful harvest.

Fraternally,

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# Recruitment Report

With great privilege I am happy to inform you that Eta Chapter has had another successful summer recruitment season. 25 new members were initiated August 25th into Alpha Gamma Rho's Eta Chapter. These 25 men sorted their way to the top of a pool of 90 to 100 candidates for membership into our fraternity. This new initiate class is composed of men from Iowa and Illinois with tremendous leadership potential and proven success in past accomplishments. AGR also houses three members of the Iowa FFA Officer team, two being new initiates. All of the new members are eager to get involved within the house as well as on campus.

I greatly appreciate all of the alumni support I have received during this recruitment period. It relieved a lot of stress on our part having alumni willing to voice their opinions and recommendations on certain potential new members. It is because of support like this that we are able to fill the house each year and bring in outstanding new initiate classes in the ISU Greek Community. The key to successful recruitment is to be in contact with young men as early as possible. This enables the potential recruits to be aware and notice what AGR is and what we are able to accomplish. Don't be afraid to contact me with names of recruits that are only sophomores or juniors in high school because high school students are begging their college selection process earlier and earlier. AGR would like to be a part of this decision if at all possible.

In conclusion, I have greatly enjoyed my past nine months as VNR of Recruitment. The best part of my position was being in contact with you, as alumni, to discuss new members and your suggestions for our fraternity. Again, I strongly encourage you send in possible recruits this spring, next fall, and years down the road so that we can be in contact with these men early. We already have quite a sizeable list built up for Fall 2011, which is fantastic. The best ways to submit names are giving me a call at 712-304-4075 or shooting me an e-mail at [mattmcl@iastate.edu](mailto:mattmcl@iastate.edu). Again your continued support of AGR is greatly appreciated!

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# What's Coming Up for Eta Alumni?

Brothers,

The men of Alpha Gamma Rho are excited to kick off what appears to be another great year at Iowa State University and 201 Gray. Your involvement with the chapter is extremely important to us. We have several events already on the calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Please plan to visit the house on Saturday, October 30, during the homecoming celebration. Lunch will be served by Hickory Park and there will also be a short program. Due to the fact that the time of the game has not been announced we ask that you check our website, <http://www.alphagammarho.greek.iastate.edu/> for more information regarding this event.

It is not too early to mark your calendars for Founders' Day 2011. The date we have chosen is April 9, 2011 and we hope those of you that go South for the winter are back to join us and planting season isn't in full swing. We will be holding it at the ISU Alumni Center---that outstanding facility on Beach Avenue. Thank you to the brothers and their families who have attended this event the last few years. Your participation has made it a growing success---but it needs to continue to grow!

Another great Eta event to be looking forward to is the annual AGR Golf Outing that will be taking place June 24, 2011 at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames. Many Eta alumni have found this event to be fun and full of memories over the years. We hope to see you all there to enjoy this event!

The men of Alpha Gamma Rho would also like you to know you and your families are welcome to stop by the house at anytime. Come visit with actives, get the grand tour of our newly renovated house, and/or enjoy a meal with us. It is a great way to become aware of the many changes taking place on campus and within the Greek community. We are presently looking for alumni who would welcome the opportunity to being a Monday evening guest. If you would like to do this please let me know as we want to keep this tradition going at Eta Chapter.

We are always excited to see Alumni walk through the door. Have a safe harvest season. We hope to see you all during homecoming!

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# Meet the New Exec

This highlight is a continuation from the last Spring Crescent, in which we featured three new executive team members. This is the final New Exec submission for this current Exec Rotation.

In this issue of the *Crescent* we are highlighting two new individuals to the Executive team. They are; Matt McLaughlin, VNR of Recruitment; and BJ Brugman, VNR of Alumni Relations. Eta Chapter would like to congratulate these new executive team members.

Matt McLaughlin, from Audubon, is a junior majoring in Agricultural Business, with a minor in Agronomy. He grew up on his family's farm and enjoyed working there and showing cattle. He is currently involved with Block & Bridle, VEISHEA, and the College of Ag Ambassadors. Matt feels that the biggest change within the house in the past three years has been Eta Chapter's involvement in organizations at the campus and university level that are somewhat "nontraditional" from the past.

BJ Brugman, a junior majoring in Agricultural Business, grew up on his family's farm near Royal, where they grew corn and soybeans. His current campus activities include the Women's Basketball Scout Team and VEISHEA 2011 General Co-Chair. "The great thing about Alpha Gamma Rho is that no matter where you go, you are never far from a fellow AGR. Each, and every day I am amazed at the leadership connections and friendships this fraternity provides. Around the world or down the street, AGR's really are everywhere. I am extremely proud to say that I am a part of this brotherhood."

## Telemarketing for Brother Latham

In support of Brother and U.S. Representative Tom Latham, "1645", 40 active Eta brothers participated in a calling telethon on behalf of him September 9th. Brother Latham is an incumbent seeking Iowa's 4th Congressional District in the November 2nd election. On a normal night, the calling project reaches out to around 2,500 people. The active brothers of Eta Chapter surpassed the average and achieved an astounding 7,000 people in a mere three hours. Brothers also were responsible for distributing yard signs in people's lawns. The following week, brothers called on behalf of Lee Hein, father of active brother Ben Hein. Lee is currently running for the State House of Representatives District 31.

# Meet Our New Initiates

Johnathan Lichty, Waterloo, “2073”, is a junior majoring in Agricultural Business. He is the brother of Matt, “1674”, Chris, “1678”, Joe, “1751”, and Luke, “1878”. John’s family feeds out 350 head of cattle, finishes over 1,200 hogs and runs a row crop operation.

Taylor Flynn, Washington, “2075”, is a junior majoring in Agricultural Studies. Taylor grew up working on his neighbor’s farm, and enjoys hunting, fishing and four wheeling. Taylor is a Kirkwood transfer student.

Ethan Wise, Decorah, “2076”, is a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Business. Ethan grew up on an 850 head dairy operation. He was involved in 4-H FFA and enjoys farming, showing cattle, and hanging out with friends.

Samuel Showalter, Hampton, “2077”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Studies. Sam is the son of Jim Showalter “1279”. Sam grew up on a corn soybean farm as well as showing livestock. He enjoys working on the farm, playing sports and hanging out with friends.

Brent Sexton, Rockwell City, “2078”, is a freshmen majoring in Animal Science. Brent is the son of Keith Sexton, “970”, and the brother of Brian Sexton, “1932”. Brent grew up showing livestock, and working on his family’s row crop operation. He enjoys wrestling, showing livestock and hanging out with friends.

Jacob Spellman, Woodward, “2079”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Studies. Jake is the son of Jeff Spellman, “1275”. Growing up on a farrow-to-finish hog operation, Jake enjoys golfing and hanging out with friends.

Nicholas Spellman, Woodward, “2080”, is a freshmen majoring in Agronomy. He is the son of Jeff Spellman, “1275”. Nick grew up working on his family’s farrow to finish hog operation and 1,800 row crop. In high school Nick was active in fine arts, athletics, and his student government.

Jason Opperman, Manning, “2081”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Studies. He is the son of John Opperman, “1167”. Jason was raised on a 4,800 head hog finishing operation along with a row crop operation. He enjoys waterskiing, jet skiing and farming. Jason plans to build a 1,000 head cattle confinement building and return to the family farm after graduation.

Christopher Heilskov, Latimer, “2082”, is a freshmen in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Open Option. Chris is the son of Scott Heilskov, “1284”. Growing up on his family farm, Chris also enjoys playing sports, video games and tree-house construction.

Justin Stumpf, Otho, “2083”, is a freshmen majoring in Marketing. He is the son of Kevin Stumpf, “1355” and the brother of Josh Stumpf, “2030”. Justin grew up on a 2,000 acre row crop operation with 1,500 feeder cattle. Besides farming, Justin also enjoys wakeboarding and snowboarding.

Cody Korthaus, Moulton, “2084”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Studies. Cody comes from a 6th generation cattle farm, and manages over 800 head. He enjoys showing cattle, judging livestock, and playing basketball.

Dakota Kieffer, Preston, “2085”, is a freshmen majoring in Engineering. He is the brother of Travis Kieffer “2033”. Dakota comes from a century farm and helps farm over 100 acres of row crop. Besides farming, Dakota enjoys jet skiing, snowmobiling and hunting.

Tyler Ritland, Hampton, “2086”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Engineering. Tyler grew up on a corn/soybean farm and enjoys restoring tractors, playing sports and welding.

Karl Kerns, Clearfield, “2087”, is a freshmen majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in Molecular Reproductive Physiology. Karl grew up raising swine seedstock, Angus cattle, and designer puppies, as well as performing swine biomedical research. He enjoys working on websites, listening to music, showing pigs, and FFA.

Jacob Kent, Auburn, “2088”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Engineering. Jake comes from a farrowing operation, and is currently serving on the 2010-2011 State FFA officer team. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, and playing sports.

Grant Bargfrede, Ankeny, “2089”, is a freshmen majoring in PSA (Public Service and Administration in Agriculture). Grant was heavily involved with 4-H, and is currently serving as an executive officer on the Iowa 4-H foundation.

Dakota Lueken, Colesburg, “2090”, is a freshmen majoring in Agronomy. Growing up on a 1,000 acre farm, Dakota enjoys working on the farm, hunting, fishing, and playing sports. His family runs 600 head of beef cattle, and grows corn, soybeans, oats and alfalfa.

Nolan Hageman, Ossian, “2091”, is a freshmen in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Open Option. He grew up working on his uncle’s dairy farm, and was involved in 4-H and FFA. Nolan also enjoys hunting, baseball, and football.

Colton Dunphy, Creston, “2092”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Studies. Colton runs his own show calf operation. He plans to return to the family farm after graduation.

Dustin Woebeking, Gladbrook, “2093”, is a freshmen double-majoring in Agricultural Business and International Business. He is the brother of Ryan, “1931”, and Blake, “2000”. Dustin grew up on a hog and calf farm with about 1,300 acres of row crop.

Jacob Armstrong, Monmouth, IL, “2094”, is a freshmen majoring in Agronomy. Jake came to Iowa State from Illinois for the great agriculture program. His family owns and operates grain elevators throughout Illinois. Upon graduation, Jake plans to return to the family business.

Holden Asmus, Rake, “2095”, is a freshmen majoring in Agricultural Business. Holden is currently serving on the 2010-2011 State FFA officer team. He enjoys riding his dirt bike, hunting, and fishing.

Craig Sperfslage, Winthrop, “2096”, is a freshmen majoring in Animal Science. Craig grew up on a 900 acre row crop operation, with 75 head cow/calf pairs. He enjoys hanging out with friends, working on the farm, and playing sports.

Carl Hanson, Decorah, “2097”, is a freshmen majoring in Dairy Science. Carl grew up on a 50 head dairy operation. His hobbies include playing sports, working on the farm, and hanging out with friends.

# 2010 Golf Outing

On Friday afternoon, June 25th, three dozen AGRs from several generations of brotherhood took part in a fun Eta tradition, the summer scholarship golf tournament, in memory of Dan Radig & Dave Roepke. The event was again held at the beautiful and challenging Coldwater Golf Links in Ames, and over \$1,500 was raised in support of the Central Iowa AGR scholarship fund.

The top team in 2010 was a combination of current Alumni Board members, Greg Hora and Mike Nissly, GW Fuhr, and Jeff Rowe. This foursome had it rolling well this year, shooting a tournament-best, 10 under par 61. We had several other past and/or current Alumni Board members and long-time AGR Golf supporters join us again this year, including the teams of Kevin Drury, Dan Stockdale, Scott Hansen, and Scott Mortimer, as well as the team of Leon Helling, Don Nickerson, Rod Meyer, and Paul Kruse. John Chism, John Latham, and Scott Starkweather were joined by Ron Larson, a first-timer from Cedar Rapids. Josh and Jake Hansen joined forces again this year with Bryce Dee and BJ Furman. We also had a team of undergrad AGRs that included Andrew Lauver, Aaron Cling, Joe Hora, and James Cornelius.

Individual awards were presented to Rod Meyer for his longest drive, to Tony Osmundson for his longest putt, and to Jeff Rowe for the “closest to the pin” award. There was some good 19th hole fellowship at Coldwater following the tournament, and a few Brothers even found their way to the Tip-Top for a 20th hole of refreshments where lots of memories were shared!

We plan to continue the recent tradition of hosting this event on the Friday after Father’s Day, scheduled again next year for Friday afternoon, June 24th, at Coldwater in Ames. Please mark your calendars now -- and start making plans with your fellow AGRs – to participate in this fun event that also serves as a valuable scholarship opportunity for the Eta AGRs to use in recruiting new members to Alpha Gamma Rho!

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# Spotlight On “1550”

Jeff Rowe is a Vice President at Pioneer, A DuPont Company, with responsibility for product stewardship, biotech and regulatory affairs, government and industry relations, community investment and sustainable agriculture and development. He resides in Waukee, IA, with his wife Amy, and their four kids, Emma, Maggie, Austin, and Tori.

Jeff started working for Pioneer as an intern during his sophomore year at ISU. He joined Pioneer in a full-time capacity in 1995. He has worked in several departments during his 15 years with the company, including: Supply Management, Regulatory, R&D, Information Management, and Legal. He worked as a corporate attorney for eight years when he was named vice president of Biotech Affairs in 2008. He is a member of the Pioneer Enterprise Leadership Council, and the chair of the DuPont Biotech Advisory Panel.

Jeff graduated from Iowa State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business. He holds a Master of Science degree in Plant Molecular Biology, also from Iowa State University, and a Jurist Doctorate degree from Drake law school.

As an undergrad, he took a different approach to campus involvement than most Eta's do. While many pledge brothers focused on campus activities, Jeff pursued playing baseball at Iowa State and during his junior year, he was accepted into a program to study International Economics at Cambridge University in England. While there, Jeff played on the Cambridge basketball team and even had the honor of earning a Blue (an award given to varsity athletes who compete for Cambridge against Oxford University). "Having the opportunity to study and travel abroad was a life-changing experience for me."

Jeff currently serves on the board for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) and the Global Harvest Initiative. He also serves on the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) Food and Ag Governing Board, as well as the Crop Life International (CLI) Plant Biotech Strategy Council. Jeff currently has over 200 employees reporting to him in over 30 countries from around the world. He travels frequently to Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Jeff encourages all current students to take full advantage of all the learning opportunities available in college. "A diverse education, outside of agriculture, will serve you well and give you a unique and valuable perspective on world issues that can be directly applied to an exciting career in the agriculture industry." After all, his most memorable class was a graduate level religion class, which he took as an elective.

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# Lost Brothers

311 Henry B. Wallace	519 William M. Shenton	1100 Hero Veenstra
319 Prentice J. Burdick	529 Charles M. Cutter	1118 Craig W. Lawton
327 Robert D. Putman	593 Leslie J. Mathews	1119 James N. Hermansen
335 Ferdinand J. Plumer	613 Jakob H. Schmitt	1182 James K. Stark
337 Ivan C. Frederickson	703 Dallas E. Western	1260 James D. Holub
354 John M. Simmons	737 Lowell G. Taylor	1268 Michael S. Elson
382 Donald G. Ehr	781 David H. Timm	1429 James J. Meyer
412 Robert E. Hindman	800 Daniel M. Murphy	1566 John C. Underwood
460 Charles E. Neale	912 James M. Noble	1709 Timothy E. Foley
489 Byron H. Thomas	979 Stephen E. Prizer	1863 Mathew A. Thome
496 Marcus N. Bauer	1073 Jasper W. Crowe	1929 Aaron L. Wenger
513 Marvin W. Boss	1075 Stephen C. Jones	

**If you know the new addresses of these brothers or if you are at a new address please notify one of our Eta Editors or contact the Home Office at [www.alphagammarho.org](http://www.alphagammarho.org)**

# Circle of Life

## Engagements:

Will Cornelius, "1936", and Kelly Finn. Their wedding date is November 27, 2010.

Erik Pedersen, "1984", and Rebecca Kingland. Their wedding date June 11, 2011.

Andrew Schneider, "1995", and Brooke Dummermuth. Their wedding date is June 25, 2011.

Jake Rouse, "1973", and Chelsea Webb.

## Weddings:

Nate Johansen, "1886", and Sara Wonderlich on June 5, 2010.

Ben Butcher, "1962", and Brianna Carlson on June 26, 2010.

Ben Olson, "1916", and Lindsey Priebe on July 3, 2010.

Chad Yoder, "1912", and Tiffany Inskeep on July 17, 2010.

Kyle Patten, "1924", and Jamay Hartwell on July 31, 2010.

Mike Heller, "1591", and Kim Anderson on September 4, 2010.

## Births:

Shawn, "1749", and Kelly Koehler welcomed Maxwell Allen on June 22, 2010. Siblings McKenna and Mason are thrilled to have a little brother!

Steve, "1534", and Kendra Merfeld welcomed their first born child, Merrick James, on March 12, 2010.

# Mom's Journal

In the overall scheme of exciting news on the Iowa State campus, it could be well that this fall enrollment number is record setting at 28,682 students! This is a 2.6 % increase over the previous record set in the fall 2009. The fact that enrollment increased in nearly every category speaks well for ISU. Here are some figures reflective of this increase:

- *There are 23,104 undergraduates, an increase of 583 students from fall 2009.*
- *There are 4,991 graduate students, an increase of 131 from fall 2009.*
- *There are 310 more international students than last fall for a total of 3,327 international students.*
- *Veterinary Medicine has an enrollment of 587 students---23 more students than fall 2009.*
- *There are 1,001 Iowa community college transfer students this fall---up 19 from last fall.*
- *More than one in five ISU students is either a minority or an international student. These students make up 20.7 % of the student body. International students make up 12%.*
- *70% of the undergraduates are from Iowa.*
- *10,234 students are nonresidents which is an increase of 792 students from fall 2009.*
- *There are 4,552 freshmen this fall---2nd largest class ever. The record was set in 2001.*
- *Retention rate for first-year, full-time students improved by 2.1 % compared to last fall's figures. 86.1% freshmen in 2009 returned for this school year.*

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) has 4,001 students and is the third largest college on campus. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the largest with 7,462

students, and the College of Engineering is second with 6,517. Just behind CALs is the College of Human Sciences - 3926 students, College of Business - 3,513 students, College of Design - 1,927 and Veterinary Medicine - 587.

As I begin another year as the housemother for the men of Eta Chapter, I consider how this chapter could continue to improve. One big change which has occurred slowly over my years here is that we no longer have alumni returning. I feel our alumni could help strengthen the chapter by visiting with the actives, touring the chapter facility, and enabling our members to meet the alumni. Please stop in! Stopping by unannounced is one of the best ways to see Eta, as it is, on a daily basis. Be assured if you came near meal time, there would be plenty of food for you and it won't cost you! We continue to have "sit-down" meals on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30. With Chapter on Monday evenings, this meal is formal attire. All other meals are business casual or casual. Wednesday evening is an "eat-on-the-run" walk thru meal. All of our noon meals are "walk thru" so if you can find the plates you are welcome to join us.

Please notice on the back cover that the date for Founders' Day has been set and it will be held at the ISU Alumni Building on Beach Ave. Mark that date in your 2011 planner. Don't forget homecoming is just around the corner and Hickory Park is our caterer! Come---let's pack the yard at 201 Gray with Eta alumni.

See you soon at 201 Gray!

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## 2010-2011 Calendar

<b>October 19</b>	Ag & Life Sciences Career Day
<b>October 29</b>	Lawn Display Skits (8 pm)
<b>October 30</b>	ISU Homecoming
<b>April 9, 2011</b>	Eta's Founders' Day
<b>April 11-17</b>	VEISHEA 2011
<b>November 20-28</b>	Thanksgiving Break
<b>December 18-January 9</b>	Semester Break
<b>March 12-19</b>	Spring Break
<b>March 27</b>	AGR Spring Steer Show Down
<b>April 2</b>	Greek Getaway
<b>April 9</b>	Founder's Day
<b>May 7</b>	Graduation
<b>June 24</b>	AGR Golf Outing