

# Winter '12 Crescent

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# Active Chapter's Report

Brothers,

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable winter with friends and family. Thanksgiving break was much needed, as the brothers recharged for the remaining three weeks of the semester. We are hoping to reach our goal of a 3.4 GPA for the fall semester.

We had great success in homecoming this year. The weather was fantastic and we had hundreds of people attend our homecoming celebration. The meal was cooked by Chef Don who continues to impress us with his talents in the kitchen. We would like to thank everyone who attended this annual event and look forward to seeing you at next year's celebration. Turning to the homecoming competition we received second place overall. We were paired with the men of Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha and the women of Gamma Phi Beta. Our pairing was very strong this year and collaborated efficiently in many areas. We received 1st place in Blood Drive, 2nd place in Yell-Like-Hell, and 2nd place in Lawn Display.

We now turn to the spring semester with many brothers providing leadership on campus with involvement in VEISHEA, Dance Marathon, Greek Week, and Varieties. Each of these organizations has had a strong tradition of Eta brothers taking active leadership roles. This year is no different with many Eta executive officers in each of organizations. There is also an exciting buzz around the

house as brothers prepare for the holiday season with full-time jobs, and internships in hand. As undergraduates, we certainly realize how blessed we are to enter such a strong sector of the American economy as agriculturalists.

I would also like to take time to congratulate Noble Ruler, Dakota Lueken, and the new Executive team at Eta Chapter. I am confident that our new executive officers will capitalize on the strong foundation that those before us, and the most recent executive board have created. It has been an honor to serve with the past executive officers, and transitions have already started with excitement from both incoming and outgoing officers exhibited.

This is my last Noble Ruler's Report, and I appreciate all of the guidance, support and advice alumni, advisors, Mom Brown and active members have provided. It was an honor to represent Eta Chapter as Noble Ruler from the state of Vermont to the farm gate where I was able to advocate for the good works of Alpha Gamma Rho. I will now head to Washington D.C., in January, to work for Senator Grassley on Capitol Hill. It will be an honor to continue to represent Eta Chapter in this next chapter of my life. On behalf of the active chapter, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas Season!

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# Eta Alumni Board Report

“Reflections of Past and Meeting Challenges Ahead”

With the 2012 crop production season, the effects of external factors like lack of rain, prolonged periods of increased temperatures, the “manage what you have control of,” have been most important in each of our farm operations, and in all areas of our professional agriculture business. We are dependent on not just what we manage, but those external factors which shape who and what we are, and what we need to prepare for into the future. A sharper focus needs to be strategized for and managed to have an internal plan of action when such challenges and opportunities develop, like this past growing season.

As Board President I have had the privilege for the past four years to watch my son, Joe “2046” who is an AGR senior, as well as the many other excellent undergrads excel not only within the AGR House as leaders, mentors, and setting the example of service minded citizens. These men of 201 Gray Avenue also serve in the Ag College, and ISU campus organizations with time, leadership, and philanthropy. They have earned the respect and admiration from the ISU President’s office, to the Alumni Association, to the Dean of the Ag College and Ag Career Services.

AGR undergrads are preparing to meet the challenges of the future with many taking internships, full time jobs and returning to their home farms with various responsibilities.

How best will we as alumni meet our challenge and responsibility to our AGR roots? As a Board we will update our SWOT analysis. (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) We are looking at the best ways to move forward and planning Alumni and undergrad future goals. Should you, as an alumnus, wish to have input please reply to me with your questions or thoughts.

In April of 2014 we will have our 100 Year Celebration which was kicked off at the Homecoming program this past October. In the *Crescent* you will see related information or look on line to do registration for this event. The 100 Year Celebration Committee is in action and planning now of which you will see future program timelines. Thanks to the many generous and faithful alumni leaders of the past, we can reflect on our historical roots and progress, and plan for the future of the next generation of AGR men to grow and leave a lasting legacy.

How best can you participate to be a part of the planning and making memories of shaping the future? Referrals of new recruits to join, mentoring of undergrads, donating to future projects? These are but a few that you could join with me in “Making Better Men!”

Fraternally,  
Gregg Hora ”1247”  
AGR Alumni Board President



# Recruitment Report

The new initiates have done a great job this semester at Eta Chapter. They have taken full advantage of the opportunities and have gotten involved on campus as well as in the house. This past fall we signed 22 new members to join the house. It was also a great opportunity that we were able to sign four new initiates to become members of AGR this spring. We are excited about having each of them join us at 201 gray.

This year was an extremely competitive year as far as recruitment numbers go and we fully expect the next class to be just as competitive. We are going to be looking for 26-28 new members. It is very important that you begin sending us the names of prospective members as soon as possible in order to educate the young men about benefits of living

at Alpha Gamma Rho. We have already started to build our list and we are calling these men to line up house tours. The current list even entails young men that are interested in joining in the fall of 2014.

It was truly an honor to recruit a fine group of young men for the fall of 2012 and spring 2013. It will be enjoyable to witness the depth of leadership, scholarship, and character that the fall class will bring to Eta Chapter and Iowa State. I am looking forward to another great recruitment year for Alpha Gamma Rho.

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## Alumni Spotlight

Brother Gary L. Minish "782" has been inducted into the the 2012 Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery. The gallery serves as the livestock industry's hall of fame. For those involved in animal agriculture, this selection is one of the highest honors one can receive. It is bestowed by the Saddle and Sirloin award committee based on service to and impact on the industry.



Dr. Minish began his teaching career in 1962 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he was ultimately named Department Head of Animal and Poultry Sciences in 1994. Over his 40 years of service he has been a teacher, intercollegiate livestock judging team coach, student mentor, and extension specialist. He served as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Southern Illinois University from 2004 until his retirement in 2010. He is the recipient of numerous agriculture education and industry awards and widely recognized for his improvements to academic programs for animal science and agriculture.

Today, Dr. Minish and his wife Roberta live in Plano, Texas. We would like to congratulate brother Minish for all his work in the livestock industry and to recognize this great achievement.



# Alumni Report

Homecoming 2012 was a success for Eta Chapter this past October with over 300 alumni and guests attending the festivities before the game. The barbeque meal was prepared by Chef Don and was raved about by all. The award presentation kicked off with Chad Dummermuth presenting scholarships to the active recipients. Chad was followed by John Landon who spoke on the upcoming election at the time and what we as agriculturalists can do.

John Latham then kicked off Eta's 100 Year Celebration which will be held April 4-6, 2014 so please mark your calendars and please start to register for the event. If you are interested in getting information and registration for the event, please email me and I will email or mail it to you. Actives and alumni alike are excited to celebrate the last 100 years of Eta and look forward to the great future of our chapter. The presentation was then concluded with Arlen Wonderlich, Eta alumnus, who is the current National AGR Grand President, highlighting some of the events of the past National Convention in Vermont and talked about some of the priorities during his term.

The brothers then proceeded to the game in which Iowa State beat the Baylor Bears. Thanks to all the brothers and guests who came to the event as it was great to see such high attendance and enthusiasm with the upcoming 100 year Celebration right around the corner.

Founders' Day will be held March 2, 2013, so we would like to have a strong showing in order to prepare for the following 100 Year Celebration of Eta. The event will again be held at the Alumni Center with Hickory Park to cater the event.

If you have any brothers that you feel should be nominated for any of the four alumni awards, 25 & 50 Year Testimonials, Ag Leadership Award, and Alumni Achievement award, please call or email me with those nominations in order that we can start forming our pool of nominees.

## 2013 Founders' Day Schedule

**Alumni Meeting: 12 p.m.**

**Banquet: 1-2:3- p.m.**

As I finish out my term as Alumni Relations, I would just like to thank all the alumni I met and worked with this past year. It truly made this position one that I will cherish forever as I got to hear so many alumni stories and gave me a great perspective of what it truly means to be an AGR, and Eta AGR, and an agriculturalist.

If you have any ideas or comments for the position or for the Executive Board, please contact me. I am always anxious to hear alumni ideas and their support is greatly appreciated by the active chapter. We look forward to seeing you in Ames March 2, 2013 for the 99th Eta Founders' Day. Have a safe and productive holiday season.

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## Eta Golf Outing

**What: 2013 AGR Annual Golf Outing**

**When: Friday June 21, 2013**

**Where: Coldwater Golf Links in Ames**

**Who: Eta Alumni and Active members**

More information will follow during the spring semester

Please contact John Chism at 515-360-4409 or john.chism@pioneer.com if you have any questions.



# 100 Year Celebration

Brothers:

The Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Iowa State University was founded in 1914. Our 100th Anniversary is less than two years from now! In honor of this milestone we will have a weekend filled with Brotherhood and Celebration on April 4-6, 2014.

A planning committee has been at work organizing a weekend of activities that you will not want to miss. Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities to celebrate our history and the promise of our strong future. We kick off Friday evening with class reunion dinners followed by a historical reception and live entertainment. The live entertainment Friday evening will be "Swing Crew", a favorite of the brothers at Iowa State for the last 20 plus years.

Saturday morning will include campus and athletic facility tours, but will be highlighted at the

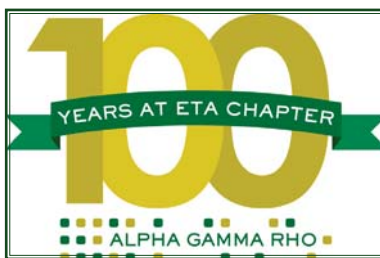
chapter house by a very exciting 100th Anniversary activation. Dr. Steven Leath, President of Iowa State University, has accepted our invitation for a distinguished honorary membership. Following activation ceremonies, a traditional AGR hog roast will wrap – up morning activities. In the afternoon, there will also be an offering of roundtable discussions on the future of Agriculture. Saturday will conclude with our 100th Anniversary Banquet. The key note address at our banquet will be given by future brother, Dr. Steven Leath.

Sunday we will meet again for a church service, abbreviated Founders Day program, and a farewell luncheon.

We look forward to a great showing of Eta brothers to celebrate our 100th year! Please register early so we can work to accommodate everyone for this exciting and memorable weekend.

Sincerely,  
The 100th Planning Committee

So your class planning a class reunion for Friday evening, April 4th, 2012? Class Reunions are on the agenda so it isn't too early to start making your plans as the 100th Planning Committee is not assuming this responsibility. That's what this group of alumni (shown below) did for Homecoming 2012.



30 Eta alumni, graduating in mid to late 50s, gathered in Ankeny the Friday evening of ISU's Homecoming to reminisce about old times and update each other on the present. According to the spouses, many fun stories were told with lots of laughter shared. Saturday morning, they returned to 201 Gray to meet the actives and enjoy lunch prior to the game. The active chapter regrets that we don't have the names of those attending but this a photo shared by Jim Albright.

# Eta During the 2000's



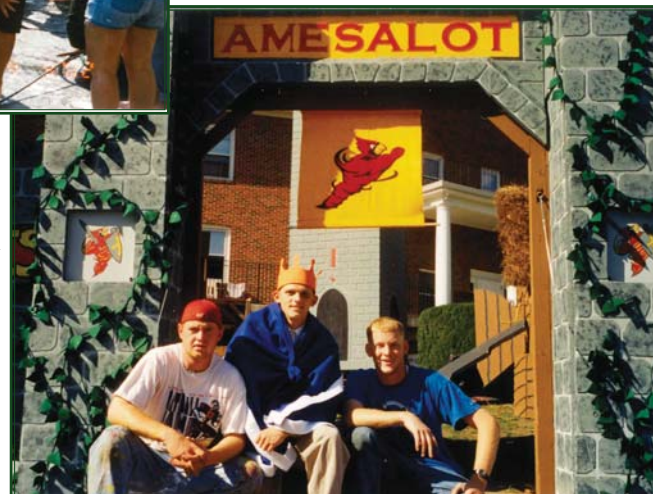
Colton Meyer and Erik Pedersen working on the Banner, Todd Elleson and Andrew Butcher working on Display 2007 Homecoming

VEISHEA 2007  
Dustin Smith, Brandon Fischer, and Will Connelius  
"Operatin" the gator during VEISHEA



Hillbilly car wash, 2002  
1st philanthropy- each fall

Homecoming 2002 1st place Overall  
Co-chairmen from Eta: Caleb Hoakison, Abe Schwager, Richard Prestegard



# Composite



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## Lost Brothers

249	Kenneth McKinnon	496	Marcus Bauer	1119	James Hermansen
152	Wilbur Pentzer	513	Marvin Boss	1132	Christopher Floy
251	Martin Weiss	529	Charles Cutter	1182	James Stark
275	Thomas Scott	593	Leslie Mathews	1237	Michael Isley
311	Henry Wallace	601	Roger Olson	1260	James Holub
319	Prentice Burdick	613	Jakob Schmitt	1319	Leslie Holtkamp
327	Robert Putman	703	Dallas Western	1429	James Meyer
335	Ferdinand Plumer	794	Gene Hohertz	1450	Brian Fischer
337	Ivan Frederickson	806	Otto Benischek	1470	Brian Corpman
354	John Simmons	912	James Noble	1538	Kyle Wendt
382	Donald Ehr	979	Stephen Prizer	1566	John Underwood
460	Charles Neale	998	Douglas Lynch	1863	Mathew Thome
482	Thomas Chudomelka	1073	Jasper Crowe	1907	Kyle Hotz
489	Byron Thomas	1075	Stephen 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:** Congratulations to:

- Ryan Schroeder "2058" became engaged to Lexi Eischeid on December 2nd, 2012
- Lucas Larsen "2031" became engaged to Lindsey Schlegel on December 1st, 2012
- Neal Grant "2046" became engaged to Lydia Lubben on November 26th, 2012

**Weddings:** none

**Births:** Congratulations to:

- Shawn, "1749" and Kelly Koehler along with McKenna, Mason and Max welcomed Miley Elizabeth Koehler into their family on August 9, 2012.
- Dale, "1705" and Gena Vinsand welcomed Tatum Ann into their family on November 5, 2012. Big sister, Adelyn is thrilled to have a sister!

**Deaths:** none

**Please send Circle of Life updates to the Eta Editors**

## Website

Nationals: [www.alphagammarho.org](http://www.alphagammarho.org)

Eta: [www.isuagr.org](http://www.isuagr.org)

Our new website has lots of new and exciting things going on it! One of the main reasons for this website is to better communicate with alumni. We have a separate tab for the alumni. This includes Founders' Day, *Eta Crescents*, and Prospective Members form. Please check out the new website!

# Mom's Journal

As usual, the fall semester has flown by as Eta members have been very busy pursuing internships and full time employment opportunities following ISU's Ag Career Day, building an outstanding lawn display and participating in Yell Like Hell for homecoming, and hosting their first ever Agger Fries philanthropy. Now they are busy planning their road "bowling trip" over the four week semester break!

Eta's 100th Celebration was kicked off at Homecoming 2012! The time, at 201 Gray, seems to fly by so I have started to work on a historical display of Eta's 100 years. Several Eta members are involved in this endeavor and our tentative plans are to develop a video and memorabilia display.

We have found limited photos in the fraternity house. Do you have a fun or informative photo that you might share? If so, please send me a copy of the photo with this information included: individuals, event, and date. We will not return these photos, nor can we promise all contributions will be used. Photos or copies of photos may be sent to me at the fraternity or by email. If you wish to send a digital photo please send it in jpg form. Our deadline for photos will be this upcoming April 1, 2013.

I have put together a list of the smaller size composites found in the house. Unfortunately there is not a complete collection of these but perhaps we can fill in many of the years. The oldest composite found in the house is dated 1957. Here is a list of missing composites.

1958, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1998, 1999

If you can send a copy of a missing composite or donate a composite, please do. Once again, we will not be returning items sent to us.

FYI—At the time of the renovation, it was decided that much of Eta's history needed to be stored in a safer place than 201 Gray. For that reason, there is an Alpha Gamma Rho account in the Archives of Park's Library. Here you will find historian books, books written by alumni, some trophies, composites, etc. No secretary minutes are stored there. Items may be checked out by the Alumni Board President, Housemother, or Noble Ruler. You may go through any of the items by visiting the Archives on floor 4. If you have something you feel should be donated to this collection, I will be happy to see if they are interested in accepting it. Due to space they are selective on what they can accept.

My committee would like to be aware of all our choices for the video by April 1, 2013. Our fall semester is extremely busy and those working on the video know summer may be a good time to work on this project. Please fill our mailbox with photos to help us relive the great memories of Eta Chapter through the 100 years. Remember, April 4-6, 2014 is the date of the 100th celebration.

May the beauty of the season be filled with Christmas spirit! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## 2012-2013 Calendar

December 15, 2012	ISU Commencement
January 14, 2013	Classes resume
March 2, 2013	Founders' Day
April 5-6, 2013	Greek Get Away
April 20, 2013	VEISHEA
May 11, 2013	ISU Commencement
June 21, 2013	AGR Golf Outing
October 26, 2013	ISU Homecoming
April 4-6, 2014	Eta's 100 Year Anniversary Weekend