

Fall '13

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Noble Ruler's Report

Brothers,

I come writing to you as a very proud Noble Ruler of Eta Chapter. The men at 201 Gray are on their way to a great semester after a successful summer with many of the brothers completing internships with companies ranging from DuPont Pioneer, Land O' Lakes, Summit Farms, AgriGold, Syngenta, Monsanto, and many other agricultural companies. There are over 75% of the graduating seniors that have accepted a full-time position or have an offer in hand, all before the Career Fair.

Eta Chapter was also very successful regarding National Awards that were posted this summer. We received the Highest Honors in three categories, Best Crescent Series, and both Housemother Awards. We also received High Honor in Alumni Relations and Honorable Mention in Website Design. Brent Sexton, a senior undergraduate received the AGR Excellence Scholarship and Paul Heinemen, one of our chapter advisers, received the Honorable Mention Advising Award.

Mom Brown continues to be an invaluable asset to the house and her knowledge of the fraternity and professionalism continues to push the brothers in order to make them into better men. Her awards she received this summer only demonstrates how lucky the undergraduate members of Eta are to have her in their midst as an asset and person.

I am thrilled to say we have signed 28 outstanding young men to our fraternity this fall. The class collectively came in as one possessing high leadership and scholarship potential and they have not disappointed. Nolan Hageman, our recruitment chair did an excellent job narrowing down the candidates which were selected from an original pool of around 100 candidates. We look forward to their future here at 201 Gray and I am confident they will continue the legacy of Eta Chapter moving forward.

On the academic front, we received an all-house average of 3.16, which placed us 3rd among fraternities, .01 from 2nd place. We have already completed our Dean's Team Meals at Hickory Park and had our annual Prime Rib Scholarship Meal for those reaching the house goal. Our house goal this upcoming semester is set for a 3.4 and we look forward to the challenge of reaching it.

While the football season has been a roller-coaster ride thus far, the brothers are already in heavy preparation for Homecoming this upcoming year. We are pleased to be paired with the women of Delta Delta Delta and the men of Kappa Sigma. Yell-Like-Hell skit preparation is well on its way with AGR sporting three main characters for the skit along with 26 other participants. Lawn Display groundbreaking occurred on October 5th and our structures are well on their way to completion. The Lawn Display performances will take place November 8th, on Friday night. The Homecoming game, with the time TBD yet, will decide the layout of our annual event at the house. There will be a meal served and a short scholarship awards program. We will complete the program with our lawn display demonstration and we hope to see you there. The 100 Year Celebration Committee will also give a brief presentation and will have registration forms available to sign up for the 100 Year Celebration.

On that note, please be sure to mark April 4-6th, 2014 on your calendars. Most preparations for the 100 Year are completed and all that's left is for you to sign up! We look forward to making this a great event and hope that you will attend. There is a full agenda posted on our website, www.isuagr.org by clicking on the 100th Celebration Homepage.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have in the upcoming months. As I finish out my term as Noble Ruler, I want to express how truly humbled I am to serve in this role and to help carry on the legacy of Eta Chapter. Continue to have a safe and bountiful harvest this fall and see you all soon!
Fraternally,

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New Initiates 2013



The Fall Initiate Class of 2013 is large not only in numbers, but also in talent. The 28 New Initiates are already starting to show development as men. They come from various backgrounds from Illinois and Iowa. There are 3 Junior College transfers and 25 traditional freshmen in this Initiate Class.



Name	Hometown	Number
Tanner Stutsman	Hills	2152
Logan Stutsman	Iowa City	2153
Riley Harbaugh	Stanwood	2154
Austin Pappan	Prole	2155
Scott Opperman	Manning	2156
Jake Showalter	Hampton	2157
Shayne Wiese	Manning	2158
Mitchell Hora	Ainsworth	2159
Brett Lilienthal	Durant	2160
Jake Lilienthal	New Liberty	2161
Dustin Smith	Decorah	2162
Tyler Nicholson	Indianola	2163
Mathias Peters	Bellevue	2164
Dustin Belknap	Mediapolis	2165
Gabe Lorack	Nichols	2166
Trey Forsyth	Charles City	2167
Shane Bockenstedt	Manchester	2168
Kirby Goettsch	Holstein	2169
Andrew Benning	Hampton	2170
Chandler Bane	Arrowsmith,IL	2171
Andy Hovden	Decorah	2172
Jeremy Tjardes	Gibson City, IL	2173
Johnathan Triggs	Mount Ayr	2174
Nick Lane	Indianola	2175
Brady Janssen	Clarksville	2176
Jeffery Cole Acton	Danville,IL	2177
Josh Oswald	Osceola	2178
Tyler Houglund	Story City	2179

Scholarship Report

The semester is in full swing and midterms are approaching quickly as the Fall season sets in on the Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho. We are proud to have finished third overall in fraternity cumulative GPA in the Iowa State Greek Community. We are proud to continue this tradition of academic excellence and look to continue improving. In addition, members are busy filling out scholarships that our Alumni and other venues so generously donate to AGR active brothers. These scholarships are always a means to lighten the burden of college expenses and are greatly appreciated by the Brothers.

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Alumni Relations Report

Greetings from Eta Chapter. I hope this *Eta Crescent* finds you in good spirits and a bountiful fall is ahead of you. This was not the year for a National Convention but we were recognized with several of the annual awards. They were: Adviser Award: Honorable Mention, Paul Heineman; Alumni Relations, High Honor; Website Design: Honorable Mention; Housemother Award-Best management Program, Highest Honor; Housemother Award-Promotion of Cultural and Social Practices, Highest Honor; Chapter Crescent Award-Best Series, Highest Honor.

We are excited for the next National Convention in Indianapolis this coming summer, Aug 1st-5th with Eta brother, Arlen Wonderlich"930" presiding as the Grand President.

This year's homecoming is November 9th and the time of the game is to be determined as I write this article. There will be the annual gathering at 201 Gray as usual so you will want to check the mail or the website for the exact details for the event. This will be perfect time to register for our 100 Year Celebration taking place on April 4th- 6th. We have all sorts of events planned. You can register online at www.isuagr.org. Look for the tab, "100th

Celebration," then the registration tab if you wish to register.

Later this semester Eta Chapter will be printing the 2013 Eta directory. I would like this to be as up to date as possible. If you have new contact information, (phone number, email address, or address) please send me the new information. Our one page E-newsletter has been well received by our alumni. I would like to expand this mailing list. If you are interested, please send me an email expressing your interest. If you have a mass e-mailing list for numerous brothers, please send me that listing and I will be happy to add them our list.

I hope to see many of you at Eta Chapter's homecoming event, November 9th. It will be a good opportunity to meet other alumni and undergraduates before the 100th celebration. Happy Fall and "Go Cyclones!"

Fraternally,
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LOST BROTHERS

319	Prentice Burdick	613	Jakob Schmitt	1237	Michael Isley
327	Robert Putman	683	Duane Rowe	1260	James Holub
335	Ferdinand Plumer	703	Dallas Western	1319	Leslie Holtkamp
337	Ivan Frederickson	719	Rolf Craft	1429	James Meyer
354	John Simmons	737	Lowell Taylor	1450	Brian Fischer
382	Donald Ehr	794	Gene Hohertz	1458	Jeffrey Vondrak
431	John Hunter	806	Otto Benischek	1470	Brian Corpman
460	Charles Neale	912	James Noble	1499	Todd Snider
466	Bert Eason	979	Stephen Prizer	1538	Kyle Wendt
489	Byron Thomas	998	Douglas Lynch	1566	John Underwood
496	Marcus Bauer	1073	Jasper Crowe	1670	Benjamin Austic
513	Marvin Boss	1075	Stephen Jones	1863	Mathew Thome
529	Charles Cutter	1119	James Hermansen	1907	Kyle Hotz
593	Leslie Mathews	1132	Christopher Floy	1929	Aaron Wenger
601	Roger Olson	1182	James Stark	2007	Jeremy Wurzer
		1193	Mell Taets		

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.alphagammaho.org

Alumni Board Report

Greeting's to all Eta chapter alumni. As I sit down this evening to write this article after climbing out of the combine, it is hard to believe that another fall season is upon us. Each year seems to pass along a little faster. With the challenges that the weather provided us here in Iowa this year, spring and summer got pushed together with fall sneaking up quickly. I hope this year's harvest provides you with generous yields and a safe season.

I am sure that many of you agree that each year seems to go by a little faster than the previous one. Just as I am amazed how fast each year passes, it will only be a few more months and my term serving on alumni board will be over. It has been a very enjoyable three years that have passed very quickly. When I was asked to serve, it made me realize how fast time had gone by since I graduated and had to move away from 201 Gray. It has been very enjoyable to take the time to come back to Ames for meetings and see how Ames, Iowa State University and Eta chapter continue to change and progress. I would like to thank all the individuals on alumni board who take time out of their busy schedules to attend four meetings during each year. We, as an alumni board, are always working with issues within the Alumni Corporation and Educational Foundation to assist the active chapter. Here is a list of the individuals serving this year:

President Jon McClure; Vice President- Rodger Main; Secretary- Kyle McCormick; Treasurer- Mike Nissly; Bruce Lorch, Heath Brock, Joel Akers, Mark Stutsman, Michael Borcharding, Daniel Faidley
Legal Advisor-Dan Stockdale; House Manager- Shamus Brown; Scholarship Chairman- Chad Dummermuth; Chapter Advisors- Tim Heiller, Paul Heineman, Jim Kleibenstein

I feel that I have a theme in this quick note to all of you about how fast time passes. In six short months, we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary on April 4th-6th. Hopefully, you have already taken the time to register for this event. If you have not, I would encourage you to take a few minutes to register for this celebration. It will truly be a great event to celebrate the past 100 years of Eta Chapter. A small alumni group along with a lot of help from the active chapter, Mom Brown, and alumni board has been busy planning events for that weekend. It will truly be a great event to celebrate the past 100 years of Eta Chapter. It provides us with an opportunity to get together, to reflect on the past, enjoy our brotherhood, and look forward to the future. I look forward to seeing you all next spring.

Fraternally,

Jon McClure "1769"

Alumni Board President



Finance Report

This semester's housebills were \$3,050 including meals making it much cheaper than the dorms. The alumni board has also come out with a new loan program this semester. Brothers are now able to receive a loan of up to \$5,000. The loans are interest free until the member graduates. Upon graduation, interest rates become 1% for two years, and the interest rates jump to 12% two years after the member graduates. Loan applications are reviewed by the alumni and based upon brothers' financial needs and other criteria. AGR continues to compete with the university in the loan programs and cost of living to provide an affordable lifestyle which promotes brotherhood while providing extra amenities to make college careers fiscally stable and memorable. Undergraduates truly appreciate all the support alumni provide through their donations and the loan program and hope to continue being valuable investments.



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RECRUITMENT REPORT

The fall semester is off to a fantastic start and the 2013 New Initiate class has come into Eta Chapter and is off and running. We have seen many of them become involved and engaged on campus through clubs and organizations as well as becoming involved with Alpha Gamma Rho. The future looks bright for the 28 young men that have joined us this fall.

With every outstanding class that joins AGR, we are always looking forward to the next recruitment class. It is currently unknown if we will have a spring New Initiate class or not and will dependant on a variety of factors. There are some active members considering studying abroad for the spring semester and if any of these brothers explore those opportunities, then we will have a class of possibly 2-3 members, depending on interest.

Looking beyond the spring 2014 class, I have already began taking names for the Fall 2014 class. This past year was extremely competitive to become a member of AGR and it is extremely vital that you send me names of young men that you recommend for membership. We will start recruiting yet this fall and will continue heavy during the spring. The recruitment methods for AGR have changed in the past few years and I just want you to be aware of them. We have shifted our recruiting plan to a spring semester timeline which means our Fall 2014 class will be determined by the end of this school term in May.

Now is the time to send us prospective names to consider and contact. You can do this by calling or emailing me. It may also be done online at www.isuagr.org. Refer to the recruitment tab where you will find a link titled "Alumni Recruitment Recommendation Form." Please complete this form as completely as you can and make sure to list your phone number in order that we may contact you about the potential recruit.

It is a great honor to work with the active chapter and the alumni in search of finding the men that we will "make better" and next leaders to impact the agriculture industry. By recruiting heavily during the school year we are able to recruit the best to AGR and signing prospective members in April and May allows us to fulfill this purpose. Let's continue that trend with another great group of men to join Eta Chapter in the Fall 2014.

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CIRCLE OF LIFE

Engagements: Congratulations to:

Drew Sponheim "1857" is engaged to Kathy Michael
Kyle Peterson "1935" Married to Elizabeth Kovanic
Douglass Puffett "1926" Married to Anne Lang-Shaffer
Bret Pierce "1768" is engaged to Elizabeth Frederick
Mark Pierce "1965" Married Lee Christensen

Births: Congratulations to:

Brandon Fischer "1934" and Megan Fscher welcomed Brody Jackson Fischer February 25, 2013

Deaths: We extend our sympathy to the families of:

Baxter Freese "1099"
Thomas Smith "517"
Merrill Hanson "763"
Dr. Paul L. Cornelius "690"
Reuben Ashbaugh "587"
Harold Hedlund "481"
Robert Fix "661"
David Timm "781"

Please send Circle of Life updates to the Eta Editors

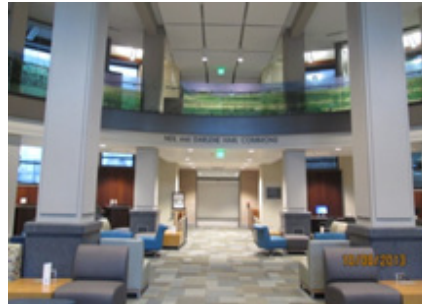
Mom's Journal

We are into the 2013-14 school year with lots of excitement in the air. 201 Gray is once again a "full house" and we have welcomed 28 new brothers. The homecoming lawn display is in the making with 17 posts now in the ground. Campus changes are also adding to the excitement for the members of Eta Chapter. To the credit of the chapter members, they have just been granted a seat on the CALS Council and are excited to have Alpha Gamma Rho represented on this governing body. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences also celebrated the renovation of Curtiss Hall and several of our undergraduates and myself attended the celebration of this renovation on October 1st. Comments were shared by Dean Wendy Wintersteen, Bruce Rastetter, Board of Regents President; Steven Leath, President of Iowa State University, Neil Harl, Emeritus Professor; David Acker, Associate Dean; Bethany Olson, student; and Roger Neuhaus, President and CEO of Iowa State University Foundation.

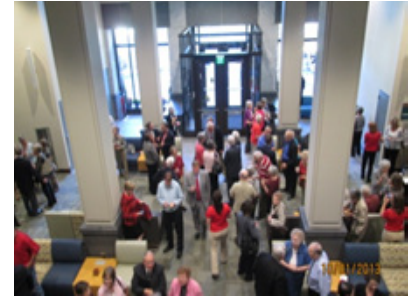
Agricultural Hall, built between 1906-1909 for \$340,000 was renamed Curtiss Hall in 1947. It has been a tired looking building for years but thanks to over 700 donors Curtiss Hall has been renovated to be a very attractive, functional building for our students. The exterior of Curtiss Hall remains the stately building you remember. However, all new windows (64 to be exact) have been installed throughout the building and a majestic entry greets students as they approach the building from the east. Remember those steep stairs just inside the east entrance? They are gone and in its place is the Harl Commons. The photos below show what a difference the renovation made to this area of the building.



Left photo: East Entry to Curtiss Hall



Middle photo: Harl Commons just inside the east doors looking west



Right photo: A view of the Harl Commons from the balcony looking towards the east entry. The Agricultural Entrepreneurships Program is housed in the balcony



AGR members who attended the Renovation Celebration of Curtiss Hall. They are from left to right: Will Riley, Nolan Hageman, Dakota Lueken, Carl Hanson, Sam Showalter, Matt Kerns, and Will Reever.

When you return to campus you will want to walk through Curtiss Hall. This website has an excellent 90 second video showing most of the renovations which have taken place. <http://www.cals.iastate.edu/features/2013/iowa-state-curtiss-hall-renovation-highlights>. The memories remain but the changes are wonderful. It indeed makes a strong statement about the future of agriculture and life sciences for our students and the respect our donors have for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State.

I continue to collect missing composites. If you any composites you would like to add to the collection, these are the missing years: '55, '56, '58, '59, '60, '64, '67, '77, '79, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '89, '91, '98. Please send them to me or bring them to our homecoming gathering. See you then!

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2013-2014 Calendar

November 7: CALSAg Junior Visit Day
November 9: Homecoming
November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break
December 9 – 13: Dead Week
December 16-20: Finals Week
April 4-6, 2014: Eta Centennial Celebration
April 12: VEISHEA