

Spring '13 Crescent

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Active Chapter's Report

Greetings Brothers,

Brothers have started out the Spring semester strong here at 201 Gray. The first round of tests is right around the corner and brothers are beginning to settle into their schedules. Brothers are still quite active in planning some upcoming events such as VEISHEA, Greek Week, Blood Drive, and Varieties going on in the spring. The Fall semester Grade Report came out this past week, and as a house, our average GPA was 3.17, ranking us 3rd place among fraternities.

On the weekend of February 15th, we will be attending the AGR Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, giving some brothers another chance to visit Tennessee in the past couple of months after the trip to Memphis over break. It is a two day conference which will include many seminars as well as time to meet other AGR chapters across the nation. 15 members are registered for the event, and we anticipate a fun and productive weekend for the brothers attending.

Varieties season is also winding down with Sweepstakes the weekend of February 22nd. This year, Alpha Gamma Rho is paired with the women of Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Delta, and the men of Beta Sigma Psi and Phi Delta Theta. They have put in many hours of hard work and are excited to perform. We are excited to be one of three skits performing February 22/23rd.

Our Greek Week pairing for the upcoming spring is the women of Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Sigma Kappa, and the men of Alpha Tau Omega.

We have many brothers involved with the planning of Greek Week with three members on Exec, as well as brothers serving as Aides and Rho Gammas. Last year we placed 3rd overall and are looking to keep improving upon that this year. Lip Sync practices will begin shortly, which begins the series of Greek Week events, ranging from the Greek Olympics, to Community Service, as well as Greek Getaway that weekend. If you know of someone that is interested in joining the house, please have them sign up for Greek Getaway so that we can get them on our recruitment list. If you have any other questions, please refer to the Recruitment page, which contains more info on Greek Getaway.

As always, Eta chapter has a very strong representation on VEISHEA Exec and throughout the various committees. Karl Kerns is serving as the Business Manager, with six others serving on the Executive Board. There are over 30 members serving on committee. VEISHEA is scheduled for the week of April 15-21. The AGR Food Stand will be located in its usual spot just across from Beardshear. Feel free to stop by for a burger or brat as you enjoy the Parade.

On behalf of the active chapter, have a safe and enjoyable end to the winter season. Remember it's never too early to sign up for the Eta 100 Year Celebration being held the weekend of April 4-6, 2014. The link is on the website under the 100 Year Celebration Tab.

Fraternally,

Dakota Lueken "2090"



Eta Alumni Board Report

As the winter sports season draw to a close, we have all witnessed the essential element of teamwork. One or two good players may get a team by, but under pressure or with the challenge of better competition, the team effort and working together is absolutely needed for success. When I coached youth sports for 10 years I always reminded young players that hard work, preparation and effort will always out perform good talent.

In farming and agribusiness the spring time anticipation of another growing season just doesn't happen because of a day on the calendar. It is the preparation, effort, and execution by actions that determine much of what the end result will produce. Our agriculture industry today and individually we look forward to tremendous opportunities, challenges and rewards. The planning for the 100 years of AGR at Iowa State is underway. I encourage you each of you to attend in April of 2014. Not just to sit on the bench, but rather take action and plan to participate as a team player. Additional information will continue to be provided on our AGR team celebration.

As an Alumni Board member the past 3 years, I have had the privilege of knowing many fine AGR undergrads and to watch numerous examples of excellent leadership and ACTIONS in the AGR Chapter, on the ISU Campus, and outside the ISU community. As alumni, each of us has the ability for action in our chosen field. I ask how best may you reconnect or further commit with AGR? How may you spring into action and use your experiences to help AGR on Campus, or in the Ag business field?

As alumni we can be "team players" by networking as a means to further develop relationships, communication, and pass along leadership skills that will better assist the AGR student's needs and abilities. We have numerous examples of Alumni who could provide this needed resource, and have the coaching ability to help further the excellence of our AGR team. I challenge each of us to reflect on and highlight our AGR undergraduate and alumni days. Stop back in Ames, reply back to our email connections at www.isuagr.org, remember AGR with your contributions, or touch base at 201 Gray Avenue to that your experiences may enrich others as we spring into action for another planting season.

Gregg Hora
"1247" AGR Alumni Board President

Thanks for responding to the missing composites. We are now down to these years still being missed:

1961	1979
1963	1981
1964	1985
1967	1987
1968	1989
1974	1991
1975	1998
1976	1999
1977	

If you can help to make a more complete collection of the composites it would be appreciated. We have no composites prior to the 1957 composite. Please send a copy of the composite to Mom Brown unless you are willing to donate your composite to the collection. Please remember the house is not returning composites.

Alumni Relations Report

Alumni Report

The semester is off to a fast start here at Eta Chapter. We have been busy updating our website and changing a few policies regarding the Eta Crescent. We will now only be printing three Eta Crescents. Can you give an idea of how the three will be spaced through the year? This is saving costs for the chapter and with the success of the newsletter we feel we are communicating our message just as effectively. If you have any input or concerns feel free to contact me via email at army92@iastate.edu or by phone 309-297-0780.

Directory Update

Another new feature on the website, give the address for the website, is the Eta 100 year celebration registration. This is an easy way for you to register for the event and receive all the information. There is an itinerary in the lower left hand corner of the website. Please start talking to your respective class brothers to get excited for Eta chapter to turn 100. We also will be updating our directory and hopefully going to the printer in March. If you have changed addresses, or know of someone who has please let me know. As we approach the 100 year celebration it is critical that we have accurate contact information.

Faternally,
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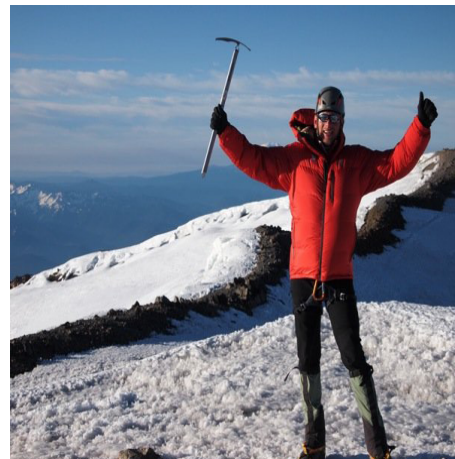


Alumni Spotlight

Brother Ryan Bristle "1720" is being recognized as this edition's Alumni Spotlight. Brother Bristle graduated in December of 2001 with a major in Agricultural Studies. Out of college he accepted a position with Catepillar Inc. as a marketing representative. Through his work he moved five times in a nine-year span, one of these areas being North Carolina.

While in North Carolina Brother Bristle made some valuable relationships and was introduced into hiking. He started out by hiking local trails and areas close to work. Soon thereafter he found himself headed to Africa with a group of friends turning his new interest into a real hobby. On January 3, 2006 he summited Mt. Kilimanjaro, a 19,341ft dormant volcanic mountain located in Tanzania, Africa. Bristle has since summited Mt. Rainier, 14,411ft, and Mt. Hood, 11,249ft. Brother Ryan enjoys his meaningful relationships around the world, including representatives from China, Japan, England, and Switzerland.

He attributes much of his hiking interests to his work associations at Catepillar Inc. Brother Ryan is currently working for Zeigler CAT in Altoona as a regional sales manager for Catepillar and Challenger machinery.



*Brother Bristle
ontop of Mt.
Rainier in 2009*



LOST BROTHERS

249	Kenneth McKinnon	529	Charles Cutter	1119	James Hermansen
152	Wilbur Pentzer	593	Leslie Mathews	1132	Christopher Floy
251	Martin Weiss	601	Roger Olson	1182	James Stark
275	Thomas Scott	613	Jakob Schmitt	1237	Michael Isley
311	Henry Wallace	683	Duane Rowe	1260	James Holub
319	Prentice Burdick	703	Dallas Western	1319	Leslie Holtkamp
327	Robert Putman	719	Rolf Craft	1429	James Meyer
335	Ferdinand Plumer	737	Lowell Taylor	1450	Brian Fischer
337	Ivan Frederickson	781	David Timm	1470	Brian Corpman
354	John Simmons	794	Gene Hohertz	1499	Todd Snider
382	Donald Ehr	806	Otto Benischek	1538	Kyle Wendt
460	Charles Neale	912	James Noble	1566	John Underwood
489	Byron Thomas	979	Stephen Prizer	1863	Mathew Thome
496	Marcus Bauer	998	Douglas Lynch	1907	Kyle Hotz
513	Marvin Boss	1073	Jasper Crowe		
		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

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Engagements: Congratulations to:

Stephen Prather #2063 who became engaged to Emily Haselhoff

Todd Raemaker #2055 who became engaged to Caitlyn Beecher

Births: Congratulations to:

Eric #1725 and Ellen Schulte on the birth of their third child Cora Rowene Schulte

Deaths: We extend our sympathy to the families of:

Brother Jay P. Rinker, #1117 passed away December 20, 2012.

Brother Oliver D. "Bob" Rinker, #592 passed away January 25, 2013.

Brother Robert V. Lewis #484 Passed away January 25, 2013

Brother Charles C. Persinger #501 passed away Sunday, November 25, 2012

Honorary Brother John Soorholtz #1394 Passed away December 28, 2012

Brother Clinton E. Sage #353 passed away in December two days before his 98th Birthday

Please send Circle of Life updates to the Eta Editors

Eta Chapter Members: On a Mission

For the upcoming spring break, we have ten brothers that will be traveling to Mexico to participate in a mission trip. More specifically, they will be going to Ahuazotepec, Puebla, Mexico, which is about five hours northeast of Mexico City. Their plans are to spend five days building and repairing houses in the small village up in the mountains. along with spending their free time teaching kids English and playing soccer. During these five days, there will also be very few home comforts, as they will be sleeping in tents and eating only what the local people provide for them. There is also one more sacrifice that our fellow brothers have given up to take on this mission; they will be spending over \$900 dollars of their own money to go on this mission rather than soaking up the sun on a beach like most college kids do. That is why we plan to have a free will donation plate at Founder's day to help Colin Hurd, Dakota Leuken, Tyler Ritland, Dustin Woebeking, Karl Kerns, Jake Armstrong, Nick Spellman, Jake Kent, Holden Asmus, and Aaron Dibble offset the costs of this trip.

RECRUITMENT REPORT

My name is Nolan Hageman and I was recently elected the VNR of Recruitment for 2013. I am a junior majoring in Agronomy. I grew up in North-east Iowa in the small town of Ossian. It is an honor to serve in this position. I am very passionate about recruiting the next generation that will hold up the principles of Eta Chapter.

Recruiting a great initiate class heavily depends on the alumni support that we have here at Eta Chapter. I know that other AGR chapters are not as fortunate as we are when it comes to how active our alumni are. Each and every year our alumni are recommending the great young men that are becoming leaders in not only AGR, but the Greek Community and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences as well.

This semester has been off to a great start. The future of AGR is looking very promising. Between Matt Heiller and Jeremy Maass, the assistant recruitment chairs, and myself, we have been contacting potential new members that could call 201 Gray their home.

It is vital that if you have someone that would make a great addition to the house, to contact me and give me their contact information. An easy way to make a recommendation is via our website www.isuagr.org. We are taking recommendations for high school seniors and juniors, along with junior college transfers. We are looking for 27-29 young men for the fall of 2013. Please contact me if you have any high school students that would make a great AGR brother.

So far, our list is consisting of about 100 potential new members. Most of them consisting of high school seniors along with some junior college transfers. I would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of your generous support to the house. After spending a weekend in Kansas City at AGR Recruitment School with other chapters from across the nation, I am both confident and proud to say that we probably have the strongest alumni support in the nation.

An important date is our main recruiting event, Greek Getaway. If you know a high school senior who is interested in attending Iowa State please encourage them to attend. This will start on Friday, April 5, 2013 and end Sunday, April 7, 2013. Last year was a great success. We had the more potential new members stay at AGR than any other chapter in the Greek Community. We are hoping for at least 35-40 guys again this year. Please feel free to contact me anytime via email nolanh@iastate.edu or by phone (563) 380-1103. I am looking forward to working with you and serving as your VNR of Recruitment.

Fraternally,
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Scholarship Thank You

*Dear Ladies Auxiliary,
During the Mom's Weekend Auction, I was named the recipient of the 2012-2013 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship. Alpha Gamma Rho has opened many doors for me through academics, job opportunities, and friendships. This scholarship is a prime example! I will be using this scholarship money for next year's tuition here at Iowa State University while I continue my journey majoring in Animal Science, and strongly advocating for the agricultural industry each day. Thank you for making this annual scholarship available to an Eta member!*

*Sincerely,
Sean Robinson*



Sean Robinson, auctioneer for Mom's Weekend Auction, accepts his \$1000 scholarship check from Linda Lauver, past Noble Ruler's mother

Mom's Journal

Mom's Journal, Spring 2013

On January 30th, President and Mrs. Leath joined us for a formal evening meal. It was an enjoyable, thought-provoking evening as our young men related to his numerous hunting experiences, felt his deep passion for agriculture, and learned of his goals for the future of Iowa State University. Our members asked numerous questions – one of which pertained to innovative opportunities for classroom teaching and learning at ISU. President Leath informed us that what was once intended to be a College of Engineering endeavor has been expanded to become an entire campus goal. It will be an interdisciplinary innovative classroom building to be built in the near future. That's exciting, forward thinking news! Presently, there is an experimental classroom in what was the lobby of the Howe Building. Students and instructors like the changes compared to the traditional class of the past.

The classroom of the future might look like this---a large open area with mobile, rotating chairs, white boards lining the walls, multiple screens to facilitate multiple laptops hooked in for collaborative group work. Mobile walls will provide for smaller areas when needed. The interactive white boards are placed on the longest walls, unlike the black/green boards on the shortest walls in a traditional classroom. Desks will no longer be lined up in rows, and the instructor will have a far less prominent physical role in the classroom. In fact, in the College of Engineering, "You Tube" is often an effective teaching tool to challenge students! The new "tech" style of learning means paper and pencil will no longer be needed in the classroom as students work off of the electronic device. Of course the green emphasis will be very evident---light sensors, charging stations, and possibly furniture from recycled materials. Some of the biggest concerns with these changes will be the cost and effectiveness of equipment maintenance and its replacement with the latest technology in a timely manner.

Classrooms are changing to incorporate instructional technology; the old dairy farm is gone; a new pavilion will soon be completed; Curtiss will have a new look inside its walls. Not only are things different on campus and at 201 Gray, but just imagine what other changes you might see when you return for Eta's 100th celebration!

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AGR Spring Showdown

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity will be holding our 7th Annual Spring Showdown prospect steer and heifer show on the March 24th. In preparation for our show we are currently seeking sponsors to assist financially in support of our event. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho would greatly appreciate your contribution to this year's show. Sponsorships for the AGR Spring Showdown are available in an assortment of levels. The 2013 Spring Showdown will again be held in conjunction with the Iowa State Block and Bridle Cyclone Classic. Both shows will be held at the Webster County Fairgrounds in Fort Dodge, Iowa and are sanctioned by the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association. This will be a full weekend of great competition put on by Iowa State University students from two great organizations. This year we are excited to have Scott Bush for our judge.

The show cannot be a success without the generous support of businesses, alumni, and friends of AGR. As a sponsor, your contribution will go towards payouts, awards, and general expenses of the show. We will be giving thousands of dollars worth of awards and cash prizes to youth from across Iowa and the Midwest. Sponsors will be displayed at the show throughout the weekend, listed in the show programs, and announced during the show. We hope this will be a great opportunity for you to support a great event while promoting your business to exhibitors, their families, and spectators.

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2013-2014 Calendar

March 13-16, 2013 Big 12 Basketball Tournament
March 16-24, 2013 Spring Break
April 1-7, 2013 Greek Week
April 5-7, 2013 Greek Getaway (Potential Members)
April 12-13, 2013 BBQ Competition-Tennessee
April 15-20, 2013 VEISHEA
April 20, 2013 VEISHEA Parade
April 21-23, 2013 Iowa FFA Leadership Convention
May 11, 2013 Commencement
June 21, 2013 AGR Golf Outing
August 16, 2013 Iowa State Fair Pork Tent
April 4-6, 2014 Eta Centennial