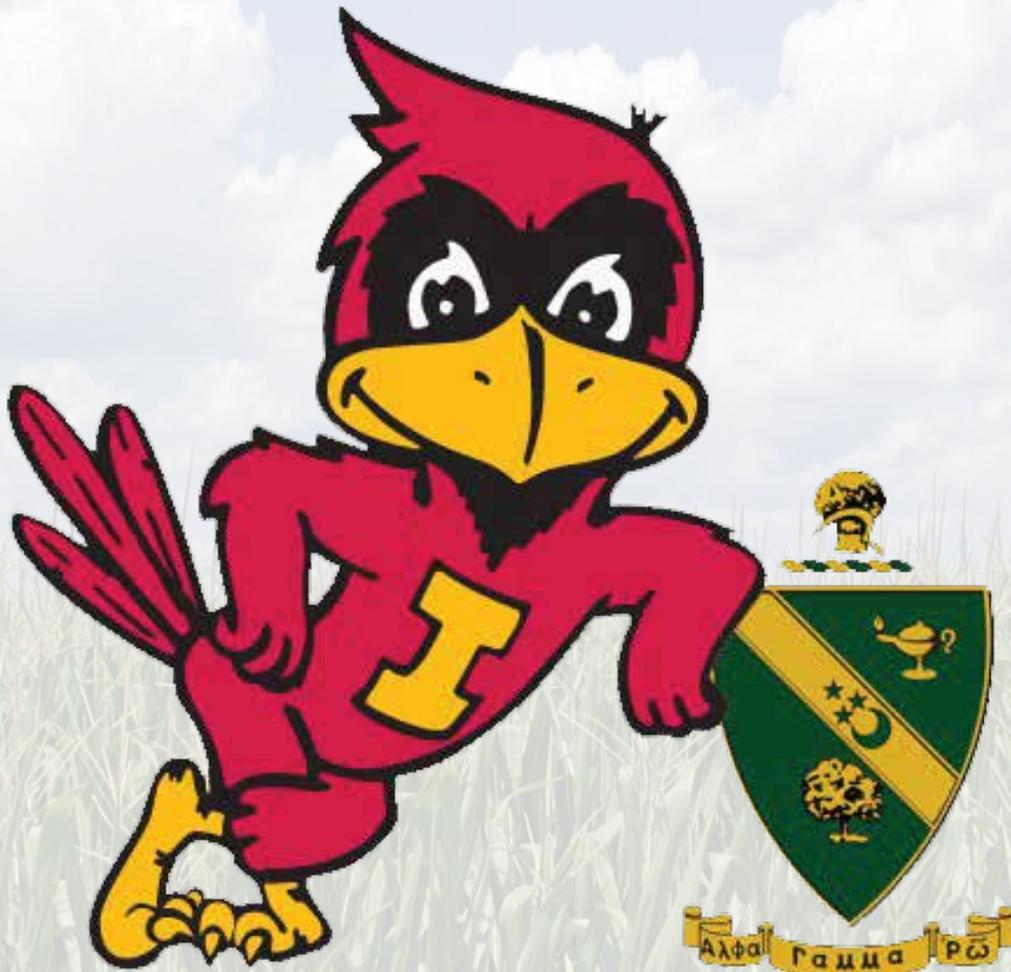




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Eta Chapter Newsletter  
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# THE CRESCENT



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# Noble Ruler

Brothers and Friends,

I hope that the Fall 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 many of the brothers representing us within companies such as Monsanto, Pioneer, Cargill, ADM, Flint Hills Resources, Iowa Cattleman's Association, Vermeer, and John Deere just to name a few.

Over the summer, AGR stayed busy also. The Second Century Campaign is well underway. Our wonderful house at 201 Gray seems to change and get a little closer to completion everyday. I can't start to put into words how nice this house will look when the renovation is done. If you are passing through Ames and would like a tour please don't hesitate to give me a call, and one of the active brothers or I would love to give you a full tour.

We completed last spring semester with an all house GPA of 3.32 which placed us 3<sup>rd</sup> among fraternities. We rewarded those on Dean's List with Dean's Team Meal at a restaurant of their choosing as well as Steak Scholarship Meal for those getting above the house GPA goal (3.41).

Homecoming 2017 was a huge success for Alpha Gamma Rho! The week was full of fun tournaments and events that many brothers participated in. The first event that kicked off the Homecoming week was the parade. Due to the Second Century Addition taking over most of our yard, we decided to build a float instead. Our float received first place and many brothers helped accomplish this daunting task. Eta Chapter also received second place in community service. I would like to thank all of the alumni that came over to the chapter house after the game and joined us for dinner. It was a pleasure to see all of you and we hope you can make it to our Founders Day ceremony in the spring. I wish you all a safe and bountiful harvest.



Fraternally,

John Armstrong "2189"

The logo for Alpha Gamma Rho, consisting of the letters 'A', 'G', and 'R' in a stylized, bold, yellow font with a blue outline and a slight shadow effect.

# Homecoming

For the 2017 Homecoming celebration we were paired with the women of Gamma Phi Beta and the men of Beta Sigma Psi. The University Wide theme for the week was "Sound the Cyren". Some of the events AGR participated in included Yell like Hell, Float, Community Service, Tournaments, and Banner. Brothers of all age levels worked diligently to assure they placed as well as possible in each of these events. This year's Yell like Hell theme was "Game Show". Unfortunately, we were unable to move past first cuts this year, but we still had a fun time participating in the competition.

Due to the progress on the house expansion project we are unfortunately unable to construct and perform our annual lawn display structure and skit. Instead we created a float to travel with the Homecoming parade on October 22<sup>nd</sup> down Main Street in Ames. The theme for this year's float was "Angry Birds". Although we are disappointed in not being able to participate in lawn display, we put our utmost effort into creating a high quality float that was the crowd favorite and took home 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Other activities that members of the house participated in included creating a high quality banner represented the theme of "Sound the Cyren". Also members will be showing off their skill by competing in tournaments such as basketball, volleyball, trivia, and Olympics. We were successful in the Olympics tournament placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and also finished second in trivia.

New to this year's homecoming festival was points being attributed for community service. Some of the activities contributing to this included collecting "pop tabs", donating to memorial Lutheran services through a 4K charity run, and participating in the "Up-Till-Dawn" promotion event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

We were fortunate enough to finish 4<sup>th</sup> overall for homecoming, and the week concluded with the exciting victory over TCU on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Afterward we had many alumni show up for the house tour and homecoming meal, and many brothers were also privileged to receive a legacy fund scholarship. Overall it was a great week for brothers of all ages were able to work hard and show how much they love to be Cyclone.



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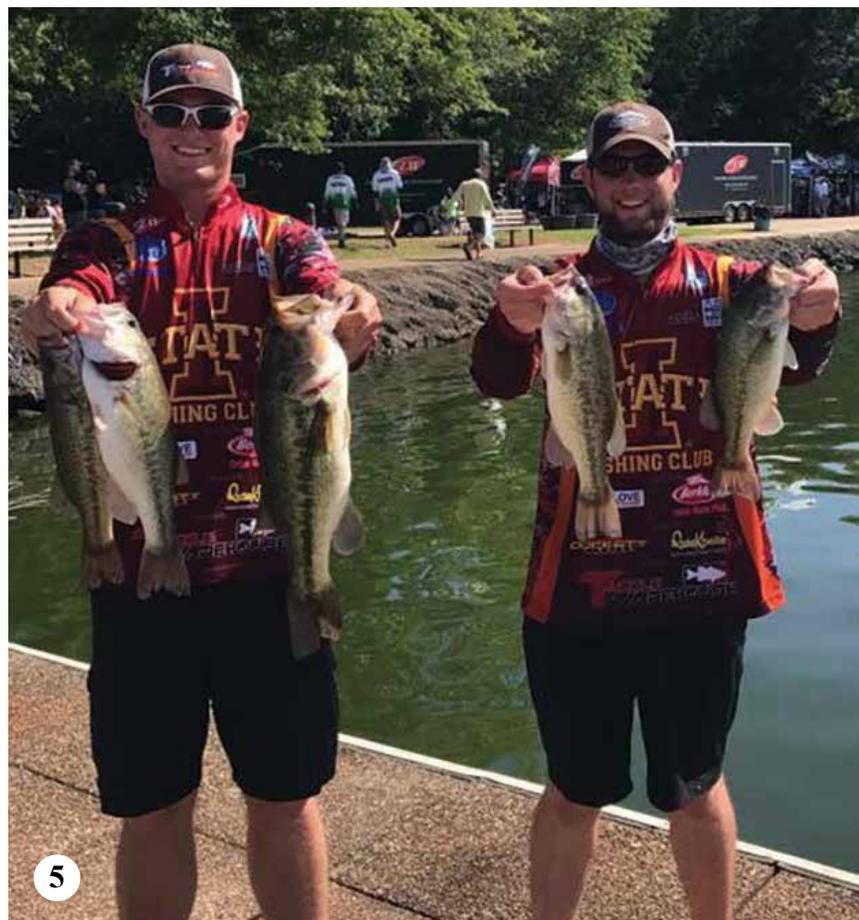
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1. Hans Riensche with his summer internship with the World Food Prize
2. New initiates assisting our Chefs vehicle when it broke down
3. Delta Gamma Anchor Splash 2nd place (Trey Wiese, Brandon Hanson, Cooper McDermott, Mitchell Hanson, Adam Baker, Jake Smith, Trey Boyle, Brian Louis, and Wes Reeve)
4. AGRs competing in the Cyclone Stampede calf competition
5. National fishing competition (Dylan Rague on the left)



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6. Brothers at Scholarship Meal  
7. Matt Morgan and Reece Rieken at Agger Fries  
8. Agger Fries  
9. Food Prep  
10. Brothers Ben Hidders, Dylan Rague, and Kyle Kent hunting ducks



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11 - New initiate Class of 2017

12 - Kyle Lafrenz in Canada for his internship with John Deere

13 - Food Prep

14 - Food Servers and Chef Mike

15 - Alpha Gamma Rho Eta chapter back in the late 20's



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16 - Dylan Rague, Jake Smith and Kyle Kent after another successful duck hunt  
17 - Erik Darrington and Harvard Williams with their internship with AMVC  
18 - Ticket sales at Agger Fries (Michael Poggemiller and Wyatt Forsyth)  
19 - Philanthropy Chairs of Erik Darrington, Andrew Albright and Nathan Holloway  
20 - Harvard and Erik working on their final projects for AMVC

# Active Member Spotlight

## Dylan Rague “2192”

Dylan Rague is from Carrol, IA. He is a senior in Agricultural Studies as well as treasurer of the Fishing Club. He is also a self-proclaimed Division 1 athlete. Dylan competes for the Iowa State University Fishing Team in the FLW/YETI Collegiate Fishing circuit. He has competed in various regional fishing competitions at locations such as Lake of the Ozarks, Table Rock Lake, and the Mississippi River. Through these regional tournaments, his team was able to qualify for the 2017 FLW Collegiate National Championship in Wheeler Lake, Alabama.

Dylan fished from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> and was able to finish 20<sup>th</sup> of out 148 other teams. He is looking forward to more success in the future, as his team will begin to compete in 2 more collegiate circuits: the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series and the Cabela’s Collegiate Bass Fishing Series.



## Alpha Gamma Rho Class of 2017

Shane Karkosh	“2258”	Voorhies	Ag Studies	3
Matson Kiehne	“2259”	Harmony, MN	Ag Business	2
Riley Ford	“2260”	Tipton	Ag Studies	2
Hans Riensche	“2261”	Jesup	Ag Business	1
Samuel Peters	“2262”	Bellevue	Forestry	1
Bryce Robison	“2263”	Winfield	Ag Studies	1
James Griswold	“2264”	Black Earth, WI	Ag Engineer	1
Larme Boysen	“2265”	Columbus Junction	Ag Business	1
Jack Carter	“2266”	Washington	Animal Science	1
Kaleb Miller	“2267”	Lacona	Agronomy	1
Connor Hultman	“2268”	Red Oak	Ag Studies	1
Cal Daughten	“2269”	Mt. Ayr	Ag Studies	1
David Trumm	“2270”	Cascade	Ag Studies	1
Trey Boyle	“2271”	Manning	Ag Business	1
Devin Becker	“2272”	Indianola	Agronomy	1
Colin Stark	“2273”	Pontiac, IL	Agronomy	1
Jake Hlas	“2274”	Tracer	Animal Science	1
Grant Kiefer	“2275”	Gridley, IL	Ag Business	1
Cody Mead	“2276”	Marshalltown	Ag Studies	1
Jacob Sterle	“2277”	Roland	Animal Science	1
Landon Foster	“2278”	Gutherie Center	Ag Business	1
Jacob Shultz	“2279”	Melvin	Agronomy	1
Scott Stoll	“2280”	Wabasha, MN	Ag Business	1
Brian Lois	“2281”	Burlington	Ag Engineer	1
Andrew Dornbier	“2282”	Garner	Ag Engineer	1
Paulo Franz	“2282”	Lucas do Berde, Brazil	Ag Studies	1
Brycer Bruns	“2283”	Allison	Ag Studies	1

## Mom's Report

I think it would be accurate to say that living at the fraternity thus far this year has been exceptionally interesting; at times frustrating but often just funny. With initially no dining room, we gathered in the back parking lot before going down to dinner together. This was observed by a House Director who wondered why the guys wore suits for a fire drill.

The progress at the house continues and as more of the areas move towards completion, it is evident that when it is done it will be beautiful. However, I doubt any of us will forget the remodel/addition of 2017.

Student life continues pretty much the same as always. Young men are going to class, studying, taking tests, going to football games, taking part in philanthropies and socials, joining clubs, and participating in Yell Like Hell. New members are getting to know each other and the upper classmen. Planning has begun for Homecoming and Ag Career Day. Resumes are being created and updated, and everyone is enjoying Chef Mike's great meals. As usual, some members are going home on weekends to help with harvest.

This year AGR is paired with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity for Homecoming. Together they are designing and building a float for the parade. We all look forward to seeing it. We also look forward to seeing parents and alumni during Homecoming events.



Diane Pinneke  
AGR Housemother

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# VNR of Membership Development

Brothers,

It is great to be back in the hallowed halls of 201 Gray! I hope all is well for you and your family and that this Crescent finds you well. My name is Adam Baker, and I am the VNR of Membership Development for the 2017 calendar year, we are off to a great start, this year we brought in 27 new initiates with classes, Yell Like Hell, and other House related things.

This year's new initiates are very diverse and evenly spread in majors throughout the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. We have men that are in Agronomy, Animal Science, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Studies, and Forestry. These new men come from various parts of the Midwest, primarily here in Iowa, but we have a few from Minnesota and another from Brazil.

This year, we are paired with the ladies of Gamma Phi Beta for Homecoming, and all of the men here at Alpha Gamma Rho are very excited, especially the men who are in Yell Like Hell. Unfortunately, we are unable to do our beloved Lawn Display this year due to construction. However, we are very fortunate that we are able to make up these points by turning our attention to a new tradition, building a float.

I hope that over the course of the school year many of you are able to make it up to Ames to see for yourself the new renovation that is occurring here. I can assure you that it will be well worth your time to visit and we have 27 outstanding new members who would enjoy hearing stories of your time here.

As I said before, I look forward to seeing many of you again and good luck with harvest and all of your fall endeavors!



Sincerely,  
Adam Baker "2191"

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