



ALPHA GAMMA RHO
EPSILON CHAPTER
NORTH DAKOTA STATE

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AT NDSU



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A Collection of Articles, Stories and Information

We would like to acknowledge the dedication and effort to all members who have served on House Corp. We would especially acknowledge Rick Palmer for his service in the 70's & 80's and all other past members of House Corporation for a job well done. We also acknowledge Brant Bigger, Bill Harbeke and Don Nelson for their serves in recent years.

Several years ago my daughter gave a eulogy at my grandmother passing after the age of 100. What she stated then about my grandmother hundred years can be restated now about AGR.

From the horsepower, travel by trains to the nuclear age, travel by electricity cars. From man beginning of flight to space travel, from harvesting with threshing machines and crews to a one man self propelled combine; Members of AGR Eplison have seen it all.

From the flu epidemic of 1918 to organ transplants to successful cancer treatments, From Babe Ruth to the curse of the Bambino to Boston Red Sox finally winning the World Series, From a time when women could first vote for President to a time when an African American is our president. From the two World Wars, thru Korea, Vietnam and to the end of the Cold War, and after Desert Storm: Members of AGR Eplison have seen it all.

From a time when communication was a hand written letter to a time where you are instantly text message. When a time the social media was the Saturday night dance to email, face book, and twitter. Members of AGR Eplison have seen it all. It all happened in the last 100 years.

The article copied from the Campaign Conclusion Booklet were written by Erik Sorensen '00

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Fargo in 1912

The population of Fargo in March, 1912 was placed between 18,000 and 20,000. In later report the large student population was placed around 3,000. Moorhead population was close to 6,000 at the time giving the merchants of the area approximately 25,000 people from which to draw trade, exclusive of the large rural surrounding farming community.

Fargo was a major railroad hub at the turn of the century located on the main lines of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Additional branch line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul, Fargo Southwestern, Moorhead Northern Railway occupies a splendid position in the matter of railroad facilities with travel conveniently reached from anywhere in the state.

There are over 85 manufacturing plants in the city turning out various agricultural implements. Fargo is a large distributing point for agricultural implements and second only to Kansas City. Fargo also has three large department stores and several smaller businesses in similar lines. There are five national banks and one state bank, three trust companies and several savings & loans, these banking institutions have capital and surplus totaling nearly two million, while the savings deposits are between six and seven million equals to 400 dollars for everyone living in Fargo. Fargo also has a clearing house. In 1911 the clearing exceeded \$40 million a record for ever larger eastern cities.

Fargo /Moorhead had 3 daily papers, a weekly publication, three large up to date hotel and many small ones giving Fargo recognition as the convention city of North Dakota. Fargo business district covered 20 square blocks with two main business streets with dozens of modern building including several constructed of steel and stone. The city has 19 miles of electric car line connecting Moorhead and Dilworth. It has well lighted and paved streets, two parks with hundred of fine residences and abundance of shade trees and efficient fire and police department. In short it is an attractive and up to date city.



Early History of North Dakota State

The bill founding **North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC)** was signed on March 8, 1890, seven years after initial plans to start an agricultural college in the northern portion of the Dakota Territory. NDAC was established as a land-grant university.

On October 15, 1890, Horace E. Stockbridge became the first NDAC president and the Board of Trustees was formed. Classes were initially held in six classrooms rented from Fargo College. A provisional course was held on January 6, 1891, and the first regular class of students was admitted on September 8, 1891. College Hall (Old Main), completed in 1892, was the first building and consisted of offices, classrooms, and a library to serve the four NDAC students.

In 1908, the school's alma mater *The Yellow and The Green* was written and a year later the school's official colors, Yellow and Green, were selected.

A quick tour of the inner part of the old campus and its buildings and structures is a picture of the history North Dakota State University. The first permanent building on the North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) campus was College Hall, also called the Administration Building, but more commonly known as Old Main. In February 1891, the North Dakota State Legislature appropriated \$25,000 to erect the structure. The cornerstone was laid in 1891 and tradition has it that at the dedication no flag was available, so a student made a makeshift pennant with a pair of overalls. Construction of the lower levels were completed by the end of 1891 and on January 3, 1892, the institution opened its regular work in its permanent home, and enrolled 123 students for the term. An additional \$3,000 was appropriated in the next legislative session to complete the building and by the summer of 1893, it was considered completed

Old Main 1891



Mechanical Arts Building 1893 & South Engineering 1907



Early in 1907, \$65,000 was appropriated for the construction of an engineering building. When completed, the structure was a three-story building measuring 80 feet by 90 feet. It contained lecture rooms, laboratories and classrooms for work in subjects ranging from Mechanical Engineering to Freehand Drawing to blue printing to photography. Space was even allocated for the Lyceum of Engineers. The old Mechanics Arts building was remodeled and converted to heavy machinery, shops, and a forge when the Engineering department moved into its new quarters in South Engineering in 1907 and the two buildings were connected by a passage.

Minard Hall 1901



Minard Hall, originally named Science Hall, was to be built in three stages as building funds became available. It was noted in the 1902-03 NDAC Catalog that this first section cost about \$25,000. "This new building is 68x80 feet in size of ground plan, three stories high and furnishes commodious quarters for the departments of biology, geology, horticulture and mathematics. The entire building is finished with quarter-sawed oak, is well lighted and ventilated and is one of the most artistic buildings on campus. Science Hall, when completed, will be 80 feet deep and 224 feet long and its central structure four stories high

Carnegie Library/Putnam Hall 1904



Putnam Hall (Carnegie Library) had its beginnings in 1903 when B. F. Spalding, Representative at Large for North Dakota, wrote to Andrew Carnegie requesting \$35,000 to \$40,000 to build a library and chapel for the North Dakota Agricultural College. James Bentram, Carnegie's private secretary, responded saying that Carnegie was not dealing with colleges at this time but the letter would be kept for later reference (Bentram to Spalding February 17, 1903). President Worst, NDAC President, wrote to Carnegie on February 2, 1904 requesting \$50,000 for a library and chapel that could seat 1,000 students on the second floor and have the first floor devoted to the library. Bentram responded positively about the library and inquired about other buildings on campus, the amount of money spent on upkeep of the current library, the number of students enrolled on the 14th of December for the last three years, and the needs of the students and faculty. The letter included a postscript saying that a chapel would not be considered by Carnegie (Bentram to Worst, 10 February 1904)

Ceres Hall 1916



Although Ceres Hall was the first women's dormitory on the North Dakota Agricultural College campus, it was not the first women's dormitory for the college on campus. The women were housed in the Beals Dormitory building, which was located on Twelfth Avenue North. After renovations, the buildings "comfortably accommodate fifty young ladies. In 1909 the State Legislature approved the construction of a women's building on campus, allocating over \$85,000 between 1908-10 for the construction of Ceres Hall.

Chemistry building Ladd Hall 1910



Construction of Ladd Hall (New Chemistry Building) began in 1910 after an explosion and subsequent fire destroyed the first Chemistry Building. Once the plans for the new Chemical Laboratory were completed, the contract was let in April 1910. The new building was to be of steel reinforced concrete. The plans made the new building much larger than the old laboratory and designed it to be fireproof throughout giving the divisions of chemistry and pharmacy the necessary facilities for growth and development. The plans detailed a building 125 feet long and 90 feet in width that was three stories in height, with a tower for the installment of the meteorological apparatus. The designers also provided a large storeroom for supplies and explosives detached from the main building. The plans further provided for a large, well-equipped greenhouse connected to the building. The greenhouse would be used for experimental work in agricultural chemistry and plant nutrition

Dairy Horticulture 1922



In 1913, the State Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the construction of a dairy building on campus. The construction of the new dairy building progressed rapidly and many believed the building would be ready for occupancy before the first of the year (1914). The plans called for a completed two and a half story building measuring 92 feet by 54 feet; In 1976, the Dairy building became the Horticultural Science building and remained so until 1991 when the department moved to new Crop and Weed Science Building. In 1992, the building was renamed Engineering Technology. Today, the building provides classroom space and well as office space for such programs as Tri-College University

Morrill Hall 1922



The construction of Morrill Hall (then known as the Agricultural Building) began in the Spring of 1922 with T. F. Powers and Co. in charge of the excavation for the building. The plans called for a three-story building (with a basement) measuring 55 feet by 145 feet. The plans also envisioned a north and south wing (exact duplicates of each other) added at a later date. The buildings' designers further proposed the construction of a 500 seat auditorium on the south addition or as a new addition on the west

Churchill Hall 1930



The construction of Churchill Hall named after “The Grand Old Man of Epsilon” (originally Men's Residence Hall) began in 1927 after its plans and funding were approved by the State Legislature. The dormitory was to house 192 male students and six resident instructors. It would contain approximately 100 rooms measuring 14 by 14 feet with hot and cold running water and two in-a-door beds. The entire structure would be a three-story structure with a basement for recreational purposes

Benson /Bunker Field House 1931



On December 5, 1931 the Bentson-Bunker Fieldhouse (Old Fieldhouse) was dedicated during half-time of the basketball game between the Agricultural College and the University of Minnesota. Nelson Suavain, chairman of the state board of administration, and A. C. President J. H. Sheppard both made remarks. Introducing Suavain was A. W. Fowler, a 1901 NDAC graduate, who introduced the appropriation bill to the State Legislature in 1929

Alba Bales House Home Management Lab. 1922



The Alba Bales House, originally known as the Practice House (1923-1936) and later as the Home Management House (1936-1954), was completed in 1923 with a budget of \$8,000 for building and \$4,000 for equipment. The building of the house was in direct response to the Vocational Education Act of 1917, popularly referred to as the Smith-Hughes Act. Part of the Act stated that "teachers of home economics under the Smith Hughes Act must, be graduates of a four-year college course in home economics of standard grade and present satisfactory evidence of at least two years practical experience, including a considerable period of home management." To be able to provide the necessary experience, a facility dedicated specifically for demonstration work was needed.

Contributing structures are Bjornson Memorial Obelisk and the Main Entrance Gate.



The 36-acre area including 12 historic buildings & contributing structures were listed on the National Register of Historic Places as North Dakota State University District in 1986.

Few students of faculty members at NDSU are aware of whose image is represented in the 13-foot statue next to Putnam Hall. Hewn from red granite, the monument pays tribute to the Norwegian poet, patriot, playwright, and novelist Bjørnstjerne Martinius Bjørnson. Bjørnson became enamored of the vitality of American democracy during an 8-month visit to the US in 1880. Bjørnson was thus a natural symbol for Norwegian Americans seeking to preserve their cultural heritage and national memory. He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1903 at the age of 71. The driving force behind the commemorative statue at North Dakota Agricultural College was Dr. Herman O. Fjelde, a Norwegian immigrant and physician who helped fund and facilitate its erection. Fjelde selected NDAC as the site due to its status as a land-grant college, a reflection of Bjørnson's lifelong commitment to the welfare of farmers

The main gate was created by Haile Chisholm, metalworking instructor and Master Artisan at the college who also created the fireplace grate for the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. The Alpha Gamma Rho Eplison house was built in 1928 for a cost of \$26,000 when many of the main buildings on the listed campus historic building were built.



NDAC continued to grow and became known as North Dakota State University on November 8, 1960. The name change was to reflect the increasing field of study breadth of the institution.

The Alpha Mu 1912 History is beginning of Epsilon

Alpha Mu members who became the Founding Alpha Gamma Rho Epsilon Chapter



Glenn R Livengood Hubbard, Iowa General Science

John, Graduated from Valley City Normal. Came west for his health and liked the country. Nearly went Fargo College but didn't. Artist in more ways than one. Cartoonist for Junior Annual. "ETC". His normal school training is responsible for his numerous "amours". Consistent booster for A.M. Deep down in his heart he cherishes regard for Delta Phi Beta. Writes up athletics for the Weekly Spectrum and as a result is an especial favorite of the Athletic Director.



Edgar Olson Hannaford, ND Education 13'

"Isaac" or "Ole". Not a Jew. Finished Concordia but had to admit he had failed to get a corner on all knowledge, so re registered here. Guard on the football team 10' and 11'. Capt. Elect of 12' team. President of his class in sophomore year. Business manager of 13' Agassiz. Declaimer, orator, bookstore magnate and farmer. With the fellows he is a "toreador" but among the ladies he doesn't feel at home. No, he is not bashful.



Norbert D. Gorman Larimore, ND Agriculture

"Gink", Star in all branches of athletics including Spanish. Voted at the city election and as a result suffered many hours of mental anguish before he was sure that he was a citizen. Has a girl across the raging Red also several on this side. Helped save the day in the F. C. basketball game. Made a hit at Huron during the football season. One of the close Harmony bunch. "For He Is A Jolly Good Fellow".



Homer E. Dixon.

Fargo, ND

Agriculture

Our only freshman and an Alpha Mu to the core. He has made a big hit with the fair sex. One of our literary men. Writes for the "Daily News" Forgot to get permission to go to see her. The offense was never repeated "Oh! You five pinkey-pongs".



Carl Paine

Fargo, ND

Agriculture

Carl graduated from Fargo High School 08". Started here the next fall but later decided to wait until he grew up before continuing the serious proposition of becoming "Edjucated". Is an authority on the grade and character of every play staged in Fargo since 1900. He has no girl in Fargo but has a corner on one in South Dakota and one in Wisconsin. He has not yet had to institute a search for his temper



Lloyd Worst

Lloyd was with us for several months this winter but the wanderlust has again seized him and he now appraising land for the Northern Pacific railroad company in Montana. Since leaving college Lloyd has dug for gold in Alaska, fished salmon in the Columbia River and picked oranges in the groves of California – but he has never picked a lemon. We predict that some day he will pick appippin. He showed us while here he knows how.

The Alpha Mu fraternity motto is - An Alpha Mu is a fellow who knows all about you and is still your friend

The Houses of Epsilon Chapter



Early History

The chapters' origin dates back to the fall of 1912 and the beginning of the Kadona Club, which was formed by a group of agriculture students who desired closer fellowship and brotherhood among men of the college. The idea for the club began when Beta Chapter Brother, Sleeter Bull, wrote to the Alpha Mu Club to inquire about the members' interest in petitioning to join Alpha Gamma Rho. The membership of Alpha Mu was not restricted to agriculture students, so joining Alpha Gamma Rho was not possible. Brother John H. Worst, president of the college helped seven members from Alpha Mu, Homer Dixon, Glen Livengood, Norbert Gorman, Lloyd Worst, Edgar Olson, Carl Paine, organized the Kadona Club and were given permission to petition Alpha Gamma Rho. The name Kadona was derived from rearranging the abbreviations of the phrase "North Dakota Aggies" to form "Dak No A," and then reversing the letters of each abbreviation.

Brother Homer E. Dixon was sent to the Alpha Gamma Rho National Convention held in 1913 in Lafayette, Indiana with the petition for charter, which was presented and accepted during the afternoon session on February 7, 1913. The installation of Epsilon Chapter was held on March 24, 1913 at the Gardner Hotel in Fargo. Brothers Sleeter Bull (Beta Chapter), Arno H. Nehrling (Alpha), and Thomas D. Harman, Jr. (Gamma) conducted the ceremony and initiated the 18 charter members. Alpha Gamma Rho was the first national fraternity established at North Dakota Agricultural College now North Dakota State University.

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Long Looked For Play Will Appear Friday This Week

FAMOUS FOUR-ACT COMEDY TO
BE STAGED BY ALPHA MU.

Next Saturday night the students of this institution are going to be given a chance to see one of the greatest English Comedy Dramas that has ever staged. The fact that this play has met with the greatest success wherever it has been staged, both in England, Europe, and the United States is proof of its merit and success. It was staged 300 nights in New York and 150 nights in Chicago and then made a tour of the United States. Wherever this play has been produced it never failed to bring out the applause and approval of the most severe dramatic critics, as it combines all of the essential features of a good evening's entertainment.

It is one of those plays which brings forth a smile at the first rise of the curtain and then produces a good laugh which is again covered with a serious thought and soon you feel like weeping but before you are aware of it you are laughing heartily again. It is a play which contains food for thought and also plenty of side shakers. Mrs. Crackenthorpe is afraid that she is going to lose her right to spend her son's money and he seems to be on the verge of marriage. In order to prevent such a calamity she calls in her youngest son and working on his sympathy, persuades him to "dazzle" the young lady so that she will not marry the older brother, who has charge of the money. Instead of dazzling the young lady she dazzles him and the result is that he falls in love with her. This of course causes a break in the plans of Lady Crackenthorpe, and the result is, of course, a complicated set of circumstances. The suddenness of an action on the part of Peggy makes them all the more complicated, but of course everything ends well in the end.

Miss Katherine York of the English department of the college, is directing the play, and as the individuals who make up the cast are all old hands at the work, the production promises to be above the average. Special arrangements have been made with the Grand theatre for the scenery which is to be used in the production and this will add greatly to the effectiveness of the play.

The cast is as follows:
Lady Crackenthorpe, Jimmie's mother—Miss Laura Taylor.

Millicent, Jimmie's sister—Miss Richard Ladd.

Parker, Crackenthorpe's butler—Clarence A. Williams.

Major Archie Philips, Jimmie's uncle "who does things for the good of the family"—Reginald Colley.

Jimmie, who falls in love—Homer E. Dixon.

Mrs. O'Mara, Peggy's mother—Miss Eugenia Ruff.

Sir Anthony Crackenthorpe, Jimmie's brother—Chester A. Hollavie.

Peggy, who does things all of a sudden—Miss Genevieve Grover.

Lucas, Jimmie's valet—Norbert D. Gorman.

Mrs. Colquhoun, a gossip—Miss Margaret Keene.

Jack Menzies, Jimmie's friend—Glenn R. Livengood.

There will be a number of reserved seats sold, which will be for sale in the Book Store at the college and at Fout and Porterfield's drug store down town. The reserved seats will be 75 cents and the general admission will be 50 cents. Students will be sold general admission tickets for

NOTICE—ATHLETICS.

At the last meeting of the society it was decided that Athletics who were absent from three consecutive meetings of the society, without good cause, would be dropped from the roll. This ruling takes effect on and after April 4, 1913.
(Signed) Walter Baumgardt, President.

New National Fraternity Chapter Installed Monday

KADONAH CLUB BECOMES CHAPTER OF ALPHA GAMMA RHO.

The Kadonah Club of the Agricultural college is no more. It is now known as the Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. The installation took place last week, when Slester Bull, Grand President, of Urbana, Illinois, Amos Nehrling, Grand Secretary, also of Urbana, and F. D. Harman, Grand Treasurer, of Pittsburg, Pa., weathered the windy blasts of our state and came to North Dakota.

They were met at the train and taken to the Gardner Hotel where the members of the Kadonah Club sat down with them at dinner. In this way they became acquainted and spent the evening together. The next morning Secretary Hardy of the Fargo Commercial Club took the visitors out in an auto and convinced them that Fargo was one of the most wonderful little cities in the world. They were then brought out here and taken through the different buildings of the campus. They were very much impressed with our buildings, and our departments, and in fact surprised, as they did not imagine that our departments were as complete as they are.

At twelve o'clock they were taken to President Worst's office and they went from there to the Alpha Mu Fraternity house with the president. The Alpha Mu fraternity entertained the three visitors. President Worst, Deans Ladd and Keene at luncheon, which gave them a chance to become better acquainted with each other. Dean Shepperd also met them at this time.

That afternoon the installation took place at the Gardner Hotel and after the installation a banquet was held in the Gardner banquet room. A program of toasts was followed after the banquet and then the fellows went over to the Orpheum to a box party. After the box party they all returned to the Gardner Hotel where a business meeting and election of new officers was held. The national officers of the fraternity left on the midnight train over the Northern Pacific and the local men were there to see them off.

The new fraternity is a purely technical one, as only Agricultural men are eligible for membership. The local organization of Alpha

25 cents. The first six rows in the armory will be reserved. The curtain will go up at eight fifteen, sharp. There will be an orchestra on hand composed of the members of the fraternity and Ray Boyd, who is going to play the traps, to furnish music until the curtain goes up and between the acts. So there will not be a dull moment during the evening. The fraternity is sparing no expense to make this play one of the best ever produced at the college, and the production is surely fine. Because of this fact no one should miss the opportunity of attendance.

Y. M. C. A. REPORTS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Summary of Work Shows Association Up Well

The work of the Y. M. C. A. has been more successful and the results have been more far-reaching and more keenly felt during the past year than during any other year of its history at this institution. From the President's report for the fiscal year 1912-1913 we are impressed by the varied fields of activities in which the association has been engaged, and are struck by the importance and magnitude of the work. The general policy of the association has been one of general development rather than extension. No new lines of work have been attempted, but more emphasis laid upon those fields of service and work for which the association stands and in which it has previously been engaged.

The Social Service. All of these lines of service are of the greatest importance, not only to the new students but to the older ones as well. The social work has been carried on in a systematic and beneficial way. Strictly Y. M. C. A. socials were given for the purpose of acquainting the new students with the old and for the general enjoyment of all. Joint socials were given in co-operation with the Y. W. C. A., thus helping in a more general way than any other organization to develop the social life of the institution.

Information Service. During the registration here they short course several men stationed at different places over the campus, put in full time acting as guides to new students. An Information Bureau was maintained in the Y. M. C. A. headquarters where students flocked for general information, where they were welcomed and treated most courteously, and given very valuable assistance. Besides, a neat little hand-book was published which contained some concise and valuable information regarding the institution and its many organizations.

Religious Meetings. Devotional meetings were carried on every Sunday afternoon during the fall and winter terms with a very good attendance. These meetings were addressed by some of the leading men of the city and college. A special series of lectures were given by Rev. J. M. Walters, at the opening of the winter term. These were exceptionally good and adapted particularly for college men.

Bible and Mission Study. Several courses in Bible study have been carried on in co-operation with the churches of the city with successful results. This method is a new one with the churches, and we look for far greater results another year.

Gamma Rho. There were eighteen charter members in the organization and they are as follows: President Worst, Prof. Thompson, Edgar Olson, Hal Pollock, Carl Paine, Glenn Livengood, Norbert Gorman, Homer Dixon, Christian Sorenson, Will Cockburn, Morris Winter, Joseph Dwyer, Gilbert Staine, Ed. Parisek, Ray Bolinger, Harold Bachman, Philip Schuyler and Winney Crouch.

Evidently Prof. Smith loves to break up those little tetra-tetra which are sometimes held in or about the Main building. O girls, isn't it provoking?

Lieutenant Herres is confined to his bed with an extreme case of inflammatory rheumatism.

Under the head of Mission Study some effective work has been done. A class in Rural Sociology has been conducted, studying rural conditions as brought forth in the book entitled "The Challenge of the Country."

Musical. The musical side has probably been the most developed and most important, and this nature had more to do with making the socials and meetings successful than any other force in the association. The Y. M. C. A. quartet in one form or organization might well be proud of Enroute with the Special Train it was one of the big attractions, and wherever they appeared they never failed to leave a very pleasant impression. Lake Geneva Delegates.

A great deal of credit for the success of the association must be given to the delegates that go to Lake Geneva where they get in touch with men of influence and leadership. Four delegates were there last year, and through these the association has been strengthened to a marked degree.

On the whole the association has passed through a very successful year, considering that the work has been done wholly by students of the college, carrying regular courses of study in the several departments. The Y. M. C. A. has still greater work to do along these lines than has just been mentioned in developing and making more effective that which it undertakes to do. There are yet many important fields of work which the local association has not as yet attempted to undertake. For instance, in assisting students to find suitable rooming places and board, securing employment for students who are in financial need, looking after particularly the physical and moral surroundings of the students, and the social development of the individual.

The Present Need. To do these things and others which an association should do there is need for a full time man who can devote his time and can come into personal contact with every man in the institution. To make the work more concerted and more effective the association of this institution needs a resident secretary, a man of ability and leadership. Such a man would be the means of developing the three fundamental parts of man's life—spirit, mind, and body—the three main springs of the Y. M. C. A., and as a result the physical, moral, social, and scholastic standards of the institution.

Successor To Prof.

Putt Has Arrived

PROF. SCHLICHTING OF MICHIGAN TAKES UP DRUG ANALYSIS.

The resignation of Prof. E. B. Putt last fall left vacant an important position in the Chemistry department, which has taken some time to fill. However, the college has been fortunate in securing Prof. A. F. Schlichting of the University of Michigan to take up this work, who arrived last week and has taken up his duties.

Prof. Schlichting is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and for

NOTICE—SPECTRUM STAFF.

You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the full staff in the main office of the publication, on Thursday, April 3, at 1:00 p. m., and that you, each and all of you, are expected to be there at that time to meet and greet your fellow members.
Clarence Walter, Editor-in-Chief.

Annual Inter High

School Field Day Declaration Contest

SATURDAY, MAY 10, ANNOUNCED FOR SIXTH ANNUAL OCCURRENCE.

All students will be interested in the announcement of the date for the annual inter-high school field day and declaration contest. These contests though but six years old, have always brought out a surprising amount of ability, both on the field and on the platform. State and interstate records have been made in high school athletics on Dacotah field, and with the running track in much improved condition, better records than ever may be looked forward to this year.

Fourteen track and field events will take place, including all the events usually run in a high school meet, and gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners of first, second, and third place respectively, in each of the events. As customary, a relay race will be run at the close of the meet, the trophy being a silver banner for the winning school. The school winning the highest number of points in the meet will be given a silk pennant.

The declam. will take place in the armory, in the evening. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are offered to the winners of the respective places, and the school winning first place two years in succession carries home a silk banner.

These contests are open to all high schools in North Dakota and Western Minnesota, and we hope for an even greater number of participants this year than in previous years. Meets such as these are of great benefit, not only as exhibitions of progress and skill, but because of all that is expressed in the term "meet." The rivalry stimulated between the schools, and more yet, the acquaintance formed between different schools and between individuals from these schools helps greatly to put spice into life and to cultivate a certain amount of the finer feelings which prove all men kin. The students of the Agricultural College look forward to this event with a great amount of anticipation each year, and gladly welcome the representatives of the high schools to our campus. As said before, we hope this year to be able to welcome a greater number of these people than we have ever before had the opportunity to extend our hospitality to.

The past two years has been assistant to Prof. Stevens, Dean of the School of Pharmacy at Michigan. He has been giving special attention to the analysis of drugs, particularly of late to patent medicine and proprietary products.

At this institution he will be Drug Analyst for the Food Department, giving special attention to patent medicines and proprietary products here also. In the teaching line Mr. Schlichting will be Assistant Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the school of pharmacy.

Base Ball And Track Schedule Is Almost Complete

NUMBER OF GOOD BASEBALL GAMES ASSURED—ANNUAL DUAL MEET WITH THE UNIVERSITY MAY 31.

Student Manager Peters is hard at work straightening out the final kinks in the athletic program for the spring term, which he promises will be the best that can possibly be secured. So far he has twelve good games on the calendar, and hopes to be able to land at least one more to be played on the Minnesota trip, which takes place during the week of May 12th. Six good games are scheduled to be played at home, assuring us that we will get our money's worth in the baseball line. The inter-scholastic field and track meet is slated for the 16th of May, while the dual meet between the A. C. and the U. N. D. will be pulled off on the 31st of May. The following is the schedule complete to date:

- April 18—Moorhead Normal at Moorhead.
- April 25—Moorhead Normal at Dacotah Field.
- May 3—Science School at Wahpeton.
- May 7—Science School at Dacotah Field.
- May 10—Inter-Scholastic track meet at Dacotah Field.
- May 12—U. N. D. at Dacotah Field.
- May 14—St. Olaf at Northfield.
- May 15—St. Thomas at St. Paul.
- May 21—Fargo College at Dacotah Field.
- May 24—Fargo College at Fargo College.
- May 26—U. N. D. at Grand Forks.
- May 28—Hamline at Dacotah Field.
- May 30—St. Thomas at Dacotah Field.
- May 31—U. N. D. vs. A. C. dual meet at Grand Forks.

INDOOR BATTING PRACTICE HAS STARTED—CANDIDATES GETTING INTO SHAPE.

"Polly" Foss, coach pro tem, during Reuber's absence, and Captain Wirtenberger report themselves well pleased with the material in sight. Batting practices started last week and the preliminary indoor work is progressing nicely. The squad is increasing daily, and although the men are for the most part new men we are confident that an A. N. C. team will represent the A. C. on the baseball diamond this year. There are five men of last year's team back to claim a job, and with possibly one or two exceptions every place will be bitterly fought for.

No definite information on the lineup can be had for some time yet, but as soon as the weather permits outside practice to begin a more substantial line of dope may be had. The season opens on April 18, so the next three weeks will see the candidates put through some stiff workouts in preparation for that date.

Some new apparatus has been added to the equipment of the Agronomy department in the form of a Brown-Duvel tester for testing the moisture contents of grains. The apparatus is so arranged that upon the application of heat to the grain the moisture is driven off, which upon condensing runs into a suitably graduated tube where exact amounts can be conveniently read.

Coach Reuber was away the past week on some mysterious tour.

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Photo of 1918 house from NDSU Archives

Epsilon Chapter is not about a house, a great location, or unique fireplace. Nevertheless, the big brick house on the corner, with the beautiful fireplace in the parlor, has become a powerful symbol uniting generations of AGR's. It's easy to think that as long as there has been an Epsilon Chapter, our home has been 1303 North University Drive. But when Epsilon Chapter was installed on March 24, 1913 there was no common meeting place. Later that spring, the chapter rented rooms near the Fargo business district and come fall, a suite of four rooms over a grocery store near campus were used. Some members lived there to defray expenses. Epsilon occupied its first house, on the corner of 10th Avenue and 7th Street, in the fall of 1914. A year later, the chapter rented a house at 1316 12th Avenue North from Henry L. Bolley, Dean of the Biology Department.

World War I caused an upheaval in our living arrangements. Many young men joined the armed forces or returned to the family farm. Ceres Hall, at that time a women's dormitory, was converted to barracks for the Student Army Training Corps (SATC). The college took over three fraternity houses, including AGR, to accommodate the displaced women.

In September 1918, just before the end of the war, Epsilon had only a handful of members attending school. They were housed in the SATC barracks, where they ended up being quarantined for influenza.

By the end of 1918 the war was over, Ceres Hall reverted to a women's dorm, and the requisitioned fraternity houses were returned to their members. Epsilon Chapter, however, did not go back home. That winter Dean Bolley sold his rental house to Theta Chi Fraternity. AGR relocated to a house at 1129 11th Street for a time, and then moved to 1414 12th Avenue North. In March of 1920 it became clear to Epsilon brothers that renting a house was a bad idea. Their rental house was sold to the women of Phi Upsilon Omicron. The fraternity established a building association to find a permanent housing solution, and after a year without a chapter house, they purchased a home at 1327 10th Avenue North in the fall of 1921. The brothers no doubt finally felt some security by owning their own home. In 1922 they set up a corporation to care for the property. However, by the end of the decade, Epsilon had outgrown its house. Two lots were purchased just east of campus, and in early 1928 it was decided to have a house built over the summer. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on May 12, 1928. The first spade of earth was taken by charter member Homer Dixon who also made a "brief pithy speech" to close the ceremony.

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Dear Brother in Alpha Gamma Rho:

You are aware of the fact that Epsilon is building a new chapter house. I have promised Dr. Churchill, who is managing that enterprise, that I would collect North Dakota geological specimens, Indian implements, etc., with which to build a unique fireplace. Scoriae and petrified wood from the Badlands, fossils from all parts of the state, Indian hammers, arrow heads, spearheads, and other stone implements are wanted. Specimens showing effects of glaciation, such as glacial markings, peculiar shaped or peculiar colored minerals, etc., are wanted. I can use anything belonging to the "Mineral Kingdom" weighing anywhere from an ounce to fifty pounds but it must be from North Dakota, except that we will let Harry Critchfield send something characteristic of the Black Hills of South Dakota and Richard Cripe some fossil or mineral from Idaho, and each and every one who has escaped into other states or foreign lands something characteristic of the place of their adoption.

Get busy at once. Look over your pile of relics. Send it to me marked with your name. Attach a letter to, or enclose letter with specimen giving its complete history. Send all specimens by prepaid express or parcel post to

H. L. Walster,
State College Station,
Fargo, North Dakota.
Room 106 - Agricultural Building.

Fraternally yours,

Harlow L. Walster,
Iota '08.

Dean School of Agriculture,
North Dakota Agricultural College

P. S. Use the enclosed post card to tell me that you are sending the specimens, add a personal note telling what you are doing--also send me names of prospective students for long course or Farm Husbandry course.

H. L. W.

Walster's letter to brothers on fireplace

AGR members were able to occupy the new house that fall. The building at 1303 13th Street North (later North University Drive) was officially dedicated on October 27, 1928 during Homecoming. The house was built for an approximate cost then of \$26,000, and was designed to house 40 men with dining facilities for 65. Seed money was provided by Dr. Omar O. Churchill, the “Grand Old Man of Epsilon Chapter,” who bought the old chapter house for an “over market” price. He converted the house to apartments, and he and his wife lived there for a time.

The famous fireplace in the parlor was designed and donated by Harlow L. Walster, an alumnus of Iota Chapter, who was then Dean of the School of Agriculture. Brother Walster was Dean of Agriculture at NDAC for 29 years, and Walster Hall is named in his honor. The fireplace contains stone from every state in the Union, from every county in North Dakota, and from 15 foreign countries. It also contains gold from South Dakota and iron ore and petrified wood from Minnesota. Fossils and Indian artifacts are dispersed among the stones. The grates are made of rails from the first Great Northern Railroad, which ran through the present site of the house. The screen and poker are made from mild steel and were created by Haile Chisholm, metalworking instructor and Master Artisan from the college who also created the ironwork for the main gate at the southeast corner of campus



House in 1930

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 most of our Epsilon brothers joined the armed forces. By the fall of 1942, the few who remained could not support the chapter house. As a result, the house was leased to the college and subsequently to the Army as the headquarters for the local Officers Candidate School. A house at 1130 Broadway was rented for the use of brothers still attending college. By the following spring, there were too few brothers left for the fraternity to function. On May 10, 1943 the undergraduate chapter was put on inactive status, and the temporary chapter house was closed. The Army cancelled its lease on the house in January of 1944, and the building sat empty until October, when the Catholic Welfare Bureau leased it for two years as a home for the elderly. St. Anne’s Home, as it was called, could accommodate 26 people, and included a chapel and a set of the Stations of the Cross.

After the war

After the war ended young men returned to college, and Epsilon Chapter was reactivated on September 24, 1945. The chapter house, however, was still under lease for another year. It wasn't until September of 1946 that our brothers were able to reoccupy their home. Since World War II the chapter house has only been unoccupied due to choice rather than circumstance.



House in 1940's

In 1950 Brother Harold Schafer, founder of the Gold Seal Company, paid the remaining \$10,000 balance on the house mortgage. This gave Epsilon the distinction of being the only fraternity on campus to own its own house.

In the summer of 1969, the chapter house was renovated for a cost of about \$120,000. The north stairway was added to bring the house up to current building codes. The residential floors of the house were changed from a barracks-style arrangement, with separate sleeping and study rooms, to a dormitory-style setup where two to four men shared a room that combined sleeping quarters with study space. The parlor area on the main floor was not significantly altered.

The 1970's and '80's were an important time for Epsilon Chapter. At the national and local level, a great deal of work was done to modernize and improve the experience of fraternity members. This work culminated in 1991 with the adoption of the Brotherhood Program by the national fraternity. One of the central tenets of this program was the elimination of a pledge period prior to membership in Alpha Gamma Rho. Today, young men who accept an invitation to join the fraternity are initiated as full members with all the rights and privileges of the older members, without any hazing.

In 1993, the chapter instituted the Epsilon Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor an alumnus can receive from the chapter, and is awarded every five years. Four men received it the first time it was awarded: Brother Omar Orlando Churchill for his help in building the chapter house and for caring for it during the war, and Brothers Stephen K. Bjornson, Gerald C. Puppe, and Allan R. Johnson, who are the three Epsilon alumni so far to have served the national fraternity as Grand President. Brother Harold Schafer was inducted in 1998 for paying off the mortgage on the house and for his success in business. One recent recipient, Brother Keith Bjerke, was recognized in 2003 for his achievements at the state and national level, as well as his work for the university.

The current renovation project displaced our undergraduate members for a full year. During the 2009-2010 academic year, AGR undergraduates called Sigma Chi home while construction was underway. "It really has been enjoyable for us," said Ritchie Shafer '10. "For the first couple of weeks it did take some getting used to, but it sure is better than living in a hotel or being scattered around Fargo. One of the biggest, positive challenges has been finding a way for one brother who has cerebral palsy to get to chapter meetings. We've had to carry him, but we made it work."

The Birth of the 2nd Century Campaign

With the mortgage paid off and nearly 30 years since the last major renovation, talk of renovating Epsilon's 80-year old chapter house began in 1996. "Phil Josephson, executive director of AGR, came to Fargo en route to Canada in the summer of 1997 to talk with a few board members," said Tom Lilja '92, former House Corp president and Steering Committee chair. "Among the thoughts he shared that evening were that our property was great, but the lack of parking was a real problem. "House Corp was in the habit of saving for a four-year time span, then doing a small project," added Tom. "In 2000 the basement was completely remodeled. The top floors received new laminate flooring in 2005. But it was becoming quickly evident that this approach was just a band-aid. Mr. Josephson thought that \$1 million 'was out there' from Epsilon alumni to make 1303 more competitive. At House Corp we debated whether to hire a fundraiser or an architect first. In the end we chose the architect, which was a great decision. YHR Partners conducted a thorough physical analysis of the property to test the fitness of the house. They concluded the structure was good, and could last another forty years. This was the information we needed to begin the campaign process. Ivy Partners, an organizational consulting firm owned and operated by AGR brothers from Zeta Chapter, was then hired to develop and implement a fundraising program. We made sure we did our homework first before asking our alumni for any financial support."



Steering Committee Began Work First

In the fall of 2006, 18 volunteer leaders led by Tom Lilja were hand selected by House Corp to study the building plan and financing strategy. Three building proposals were considered, including: renovating and expanding the chapter house (with parking purchase), demolishing the current facility and rebuilding, and selling the chapter house and relocating elsewhere. Before a final recommendation was presented to House Corp, the Steering Committee presented the plan to 38 alumni representing multiple generations of Epsilon brothers for careful consideration. The need to address chapter house concerns was supported unanimously, and the “renovate and expand” strategy was confirmed as the plan of choice. Study participants also advocated for the development of a scholarship program to strengthen new member recruitment and to recognize the leadership and academic performance of upperclassmen.

Campaign Committee Recruited to Raise \$1.75 Million



Gregg Halverson '71

With a green light to proceed as a result of the study, 24 alumni were recruited for the Campaign Committee in the summer of 2007 with Gregg Halverson '71 serving as chair. “We all realized that something needed to be done at the chapter house to remain relevant and competitive,” said Gregg. “The agriculture industry had changed with the times, and so had NDSU. Now it was AGR’s turn. I was convinced we could make it happen because of the passion and leadership ability of our alumni. “In my role as chair, I felt like I was in the middle of a very good alumni sandwich,” added Gregg. “We had a generation of younger alumni doing much of the legwork and an older generation doing the heavy lifting. My age group had an opportunity to tie it all together. With a clear plan facilitated by Ivy Partners, this project became a serious chain of events with clear results. The fun began when we began reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.”

In February 2008 the quiet phase of the campaign got underway when committee members began meeting one-on-one with key friends and colleagues for leadership level gifts. Just one month later over \$300,000 had been raised. “In any fund drive it’s the early donors that give meaning and value to the project,” said Gregg. “If they feel good about it, others will jump on the bandwagon. From our earliest days on the campaign trail we were able to tap into the passion that alumni have for the brotherhood and their concern for our future.”

The Sunderland Challenge Gift



David and Marlys Sunderland '68 and their grandson Pin # 845 Member Education Room

Before reaching out to all alumni, the Campaign Committee was keen to reach 60 to 70% of the goal. In early July 2008 David and Marlys Sunderland committed to a \$250,000 challenge gift if volunteers could match that total in six weeks. The Sunderland Challenge officially began on July 28, 2008. "If we could grow our tally by \$500,000, we would smash through the \$1 million mark and position the campaign on rock solid ground by Homecoming," said Gregg. "I was already 99% certain that we would be successful"

Neighboring Lot Purchased for Parking

Before the year was out, House Corp purchased a building lot five houses north of the University Lutheran Center for \$92,000. The property is accessible to Epsilon via an alleyway and could potentially increase parking from nine to as many as 22 spaces. "This was an outstanding opportunity," said Mike Vipond '82, chair of the 8-member Building Committee. "As a landowner in this mixed use area so close to campus, you can never have too much parking and our expansion plans required additional space to comply with city codes."

Founders Day Over-The-Top Festivities

By early March 2009, the campaign was still \$160,000 shy of the goal. "We were literally standing on the goal line in the fourth quarter with time running out," said Gregg. "What we needed was one strong push to put us over-the-top by Founders Day — just weeks away. At that time we had 270 donors – 28% of brothers - and had 90% of our goal."

Naming opportunities, matching gifts, gifts of commodities, securities, and other non cash options were being successfully used by alumni to join the campaign. The 2nd Century Tribute effort was also a major incentive for brothers and their families to participate. In all over 120 donors recognized 24 tribute honorees including mentors, classmates, housemother and cooks, raising upwards of \$260,000.

Although the original March 28th, 2009 date for Founders' Day was literally a washout, the Red River's high water didn't dampen festivities rescheduled for May 1st. "We had so much to celebrate," said Brant Bigger '00, House Corp president. "Over 80 alumni, undergraduates and friends had gathered to honor the 2009 Outstanding Alumnus, Bob Knudson '58, and the campaign had blown through our \$1.75 million goal. Nearly 40% of brothers had stepped up to the plate to be donors, when the typical fraternity campaign nets upwards of 25% participation. Perhaps the most exciting thing of all was the amazing speed that all of this transpired. We had hoped to schedule our groundbreaking at Homecoming 2011 so work could be completed in time for our centennial year. We were three years ahead of schedule! This says something for the drive and commitment of our volunteers and alumni. There was no question that everyone saw the need and bought into the project vision.

"With a formal campaign celebration and groundbreaking eight months away, we had to quickly decide where to direct future campaign gifts because we were over the goal," added Brant. "The momentum generated by the campaign created a new level of alumni interest. It's like we woke up a sleeping giant. But House Corp had already strategized for this exact scenario. Funds collected through the summer would be used to:

- Increase the number and size of Epsilon scholarships
- Upgrade design specs not included in the original design
- Increase parking by securing a second lot
- Improve energy efficiency
- Create an operating endowment to provide for long term maintenance of the chapter house

Epsilon Breaks Ground at Homecoming 2009

Now three years to the day since the Steering Committee first drew up plans for the renovation project, Meinecke-Johnson of Fargo was poised to begin construction. At Homecoming festivities news crews, university officials and 120 Epsilon alumni and friends attended a groundbreaking ceremony and luncheon served at the NDSU Memorial Union. According to Dr. Chapman, then NDSU president, the Epsilon project symbolized the fraternity's dedication to creating future leaders. AGR's Phil Josephson said that message came across loud and clear when you see how many Epsilon alumni are project donors. "This is the result of a solid history of making better men, and a good plan that is believable and demonstrates need and enthusiasm," said Josephson. "Let us all remember that we have a great fraternity because we have great brothers upholding great traditions of integrity, honesty, pride and decency. Together we can build an even stronger AGR for the years ahead. Epsilon has thought beyond the impossible. That's why we're here today."

Individual Tributes



Dr. Omar O. Churchill '22 Pin#88
Chapter Room #301
Epsilon Hall of Fame 1993

Reverently called **“The Grand Old Man of Epsilon”** by generations of brothers, Dr. Omar O. Churchill was a long time faculty advisor to the chapter and a faculty member in the NDSU College of Agriculture for 42 years. “Doc” Churchill’s 1928 purchase of Epsilon’s first house at well over its market value was the seed money used to build the original chapter house at 1303. During World War II while the chapter was on inactive status, Doc looked after the house and finances while it was leased by the US Army as headquarters for the Officer Candidate School. Doc was initiated into AGR at Michigan State University where he received his bachelor’s degree in 1903. He came to NDSU in 1904 as an instructor in crops and genetics. In 1911 he moved to Oklahoma State as a professor of soils and crops, becoming dean of agriculture two years later. In 1915 he returned to NDSU as a professor of agronomy and was acting dean of agriculture 1919-21. He earned a master’s degree from NDSU in 1922 and his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1927.

Doc had a special interest in college athletics and promoted several early NDSU teams. He served on the Athletic Board of Control most of his career, was business manager of athletics 1908-10, acting athletic director in 1930 and 1942, and was president of the North Central Conference (NCC) in 1936, 1937 and 1942 while serving as NDSU’s faculty representative to the NCC.

Brother Churchill was a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, American Men of Science, American Agronomy Society, American Society of Genetics, Alpha Zeta, and secretary of the ND Horticultural Society. His honors include: Who’s Who in America, an honorary State Farmer degree from the ND FFA, and the 1932 NDSU Blue Key Doctor of Service Award.

In 1957, the Men’s Residence Hall, built in 1931, was named Churchill Hall in his honor. Doc retired in 1950 and moved to California. He died in 1961.

Epsilon Federal Agency Administrators



Keith D. Bjerke '61 Pin #708
Chapter Room #306
Epsilon Hall of Fame 2003

The former head of a federal agency, former administrator of a state agency and current vice president at NDSU, Keith D. Bjerke is a “triple threat man” for Epsilon. All of this occurred after being a ND farmer for 25 years.

Keith was raised on a farm near Northwood, ND, attended Northwood High School and graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, MN. At NDSU, he majored in animal husbandry and was a member of NDSU’s first place livestock judging team at the 1960 International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. He served as Epsilon’s noble ruler his senior year.

Following graduation in 1961, Keith served three years in the Marine Corps and then returned to Northwood where he and his wife Marian owned and operated their 3500-acre Spruce Row Farm for 25 years specializing in SPF Yorkshire and Duroc hogs. They moved to Washington, D.C. in 1989 when Brother Bjerke was named administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA, and executive vice president of the Commodity Credit Corporation. In 1993 they moved to Bismarck, ND, when Keith accepted an appointment as the adjutant general of the North Dakota National Guard. He served in that position until December 2000 when he retired as a major general.

In January 2001, Keith became vice president for university relations at NDSU where he worked closely with President Joseph Chapman during an unprecedented era of growth and development. His responsibilities include university relations, legislative affairs and community outreach.

Keith serves on the board of directors of AgCountry Farm Credit Services. He has been chairman of the Greater North Dakota Association, executive board member of the National Pork Producers and president of Outstanding Farmers of America. He was inducted into the Epsilon Chapter Hall of Fame in 2003 and named a Brother of the Century, Alpha Gamma Rho in 2004. Keith and Marian have three daughters, one son, eight grandsons and two granddaughters.



Myron Johnsrud '57 Pin # 562
Chapter Room #204
Alumnus of the Year 2010

Myron Johnsrud enjoyed a distinguished career that took him on an eventful journey from his native Watford City, ND to Fargo, ND to Madison, WI and to Washington, D.C. where he headed the Cooperative Extension System.

Brother Johnsrud was initiated in 1952, but his NDSU studies were interrupted by a two-year USAF pilot training program. After eight years as a partner in a grain and livestock farm in McKenzie County, Myron joined the NDSU Extension Service as assistant county agent for Williams County. With the encouragement of ND Extension leaders, a Kellogg Foundation scholarship, and the blessing of his family, he earned master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Johnsrud returned to the NDSU Extension Service as coordinator of program and staff development. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1971 where he became director of staff development for the Cooperative Extension System. In 1973 he returned to NDSU as associate director of the NDSU Extension Service and was promoted to director the following year. He served as state director for 12 years before being appointed administrator of the Cooperative Extension System by the Secretary of Agriculture, a position he held for seven years. In 1993 Myron became director of extension and outreach with the National Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities, retiring in 2002.

The many honors Brother Johnsrud has received include: the Meritorious Executive Award from President George H. W. Bush, NDSU Alumni Achievement Award, NDSU Harvest Bowl Agribusiness Award, National Distinguished Service Ruby Award, Epsilon Chapter Alumnus of the Year, and induction into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame and the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Myron and his wife Muriel have two children, Michelle and Mark, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Stephen K. Bjornson '17 Pin #33
Chapter Room Library
Epsilon Hall of fame 1993

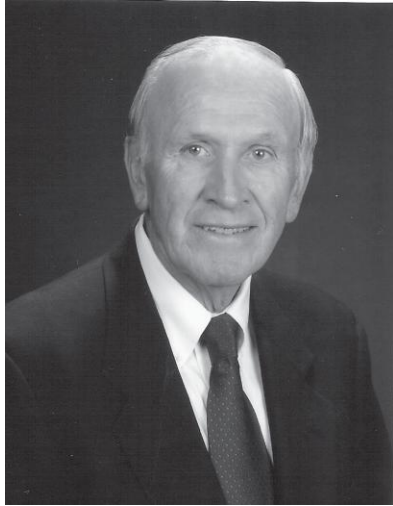
Epsilon's first national president, Stephen K. Bjornson, was born in Gardar, ND, Pembina County in 1891. He was initiated into Epsilon December 12, 1914, the year after the chapter was founded. He played on the varsity football team for four years and was captain three years. Working on the college farm at 10 cents per hour helped support his education. In his senior year he served as Epsilon's noble ruler.

Stephen graduated from NDSU in 1917 and entered the U.S. Army during World War I. Initially assigned to the Quartermaster Corps where he bought oats for the cavalry and artillery horses, he shortly requested transfer to the Artillery Corps. He served for 20 months and at the end of the war was a first lieutenant in Field Artillery.

After the war, he entered the crop and weather insurance business with a company headquartered in Chicago. There he was very active in the Chicago AGR Alumni Association and the International Banquet. He traveled extensively visiting chapters nationwide and attended many national conventions.

Stephen was elected AGR grand vice president at the national convention in 1927 and was elected grand president at the Chicago convention in December 1929, serving until November 1931. He also was Sickle and Sheaf trustee during those years.

Brother Bjornson died in an automobile accident in 1949. He was posthumously honored with the Brother of the Century Award.



Jack Brown '60, '62 Pin #671
Chapter Room Library
National Hall of Fame 2006
Epsilon Hall of Fame 2013

The story of Jack Brown's career stretches from a farm near Hensel, ND to managing \$2.6 billion in mortgages and real estate at the Equitable Life Insurance Society of the United States and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac).

An officer in Walsh County Agricultural High School FFA, Jack also was an officer in Collegiate FFA at NDSU where he completed an ag education degree. He pledged AGR in his first quarter and served as usher and noble ruler by the time he graduated in 1960. He was in Army ROTC and active in Interfraternity Council, Honor Case Commission, Kappa Delta Pi and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He earned a master's in ag economics at NDSU in 1962. He then spent two years as an Army lieutenant stationed in Germany.

Brother Brown worked for Equitable Life and Equitable Agri-Business for 36 years, starting in the investment department where he was involved in farm/ranch, commercial and residential real estate. He played a key role in formulating Farmer Mac, a public NYSE-listed company. Major management positions with Equitable and its subsidiaries followed including vice president of Equitable, chief investment officer, COO, president and board member of Equitable Agri-Business, president of EBA Iowa, president, COO and board member of Lendlease Agri-Business.

Outside of Equitable, Jack was on the board of the Farmer Mac, the Educational Foundation of AGR, and was board chairman of the national AGR Chapter House Loan Fund. He served many communities civic and church organizations in cities where he lived, always active in fundraising. He has served as Star Farmer judge at several National FFA Organization conventions. His AGR awards include: Outstanding Alumnus of Epsilon in 2002, Brother of the Century in 2004, and national AGR Hall of Fame in 2010.

Jack and his wife Diane have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Epsilon National AGR Leaders



Allan R. Johnson '68 Pin #884

Chapter Room Library

National Hall of Fame 2010

Epsilon Hall of Fame 1993

Unlike Epsilon's other two national AGR presidents, Al Johnson didn't go into the crop insurance business. He had a distinguished career in agricultural publishing and served as a USDA presidential appointee.

Al grew up on a farming/ranching operation near Almont, ND. He graduated from Carson High School where he was active in FFA, football, basketball and track. At NDSU he participated in Agronomy Club, Little International, Homecoming Parade, and Rahjajs, graduating in 1968 with a degree in agronomy. He then entered the Army and served in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Purple Heart. His unit also received a presidential citation.

Al's first job was in sales for *The Dakota Farmer Magazine*, Aberdeen, SD, where he rose to advertising director. In 1979 he joined the Midwest Unit Farm Publication Office, Hartsdale, NY, as eastern manager. Barely settled into this job, Al was promoted to national sales manager at Farm Progress Companies and relocated to Oak Brook, IL. Subsequent promotions were to advertising director, general manager and eventually president in 1990. As president, Al managed the largest growth period in the company's history (seven publications to 39).

Brother Johnson retired from Farm Progress in 2000 and began consulting on his own until asked to be director, legislative & public affairs for the USDA Rural Development Mission Area in 2003. Two years later he was appointed deputy under secretary for rural development, remaining there until 2009 when he retired a second time. He then joined his wife Sara in her business, Agri-Pulse Communications.

During his career, Al held industry leadership positions including chairman of the Farm Foundation Board of Trustees, president of the Equipment Manufacturers Institute Suppliers Council, and president of the Agricultural Publishers Association. His awards include: NDSU Master Alumni Award, Epsilon Hall of Fame, national AGR Hall of Fame. Alpha Zeta named him to their Centennial Honor Roll in 1997. He was named ag communicator of the year by the National AgriMarketing Association in 1998, and in 1996 the National FFA Organization recognized his service on their Sponsors' Board with an honorary American Farmer Degree and a distinguished service citation. He was recognized as a Brother of the Century by the National Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity in 2004, and was inducted into the National Alpha Gamma Rho Hall of Fame in 2010.

Al owns his family's century farm near Almont and resides with his wife Sara, and their two sons, Jason and Jordan, in Camdenton, MO.



Gerald C. Puppe '60 Pin #680
Chapter Room Library
National Hall of Fame 2006
Epsilon Hall of Fame 1993

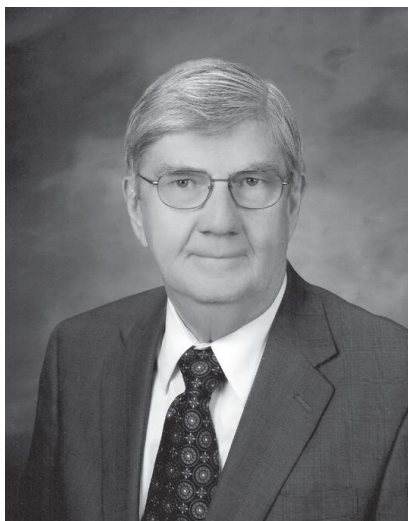
Epsilon's second national president and the first Epsilon brother to be inducted into the national AGR Hall of Fame, Gerald Puppe spent his career in crop insurance. "It's sheer coincidence," says Jerry that he shares the same field as our first national president, S. K. Bjornson, 60 years earlier.

Jerry spent 29 years in executive positions with the USDA Federal Crop Insurance Corp in Washington, D.C. and Kansas City, MO. He directed development of crop insurance training and procedural systems used in government and the private sector, and supervised claims and underwriting activity throughout the United States. Moving to the private sector for the last 11 years of his career, Jerry served as vice president of National Crop Insurance Services in Overland Park, KS where he directed agricultural research programs, crop insurance policy and procedural development, training, education and public relations activities.

A native of Hensel, ND, Brother Puppe served as chaplain and alumni secretary of Epsilon Chapter. He was president of Saddle and Sirloin and Gamma Delta. After graduating with a major in agricultural education in 1960, Jerry was an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Lebanon. He then spent two years as an Army officer and one year as a vocational ag instructor at McClusky, ND. He earned a master's degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, in 1975.

Jerry is an active AGR alumnus, serving as president of the Washington D.C. alumni chapter and vice president of the central and eastern regional organizations. He was first on the AGR national board of directors in 1984, was executive vice president, 1986-89, and grand president, 1989-90. His AGR honors include: Outstanding Alumnus of the Washington D.C. and Chicago alumni chapters, Epsilon Hall of Fame, 1993, national AGR Hall of Fame, 2006, and Brother of the Century, 2004. He has attended 16 national AGR conventions. He has served on the FFA Sponsors Board and as a judge at numerous FFA conventions. Jerry was named an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1971 and has been listed in several editions of Who's Who in Government Service and Who's Who in America.

Jerry and his wife Marsha have a son and two grandchildren.



Dale O. Anderson '59, '60 Pin #670

Epsilon Hall of Fame 2008

With a life-long dedication to his home state and a distinguished leadership career in ND academic and business circles, Dr. Dale Anderson leaves a legacy as an advocate for positive change. His first career—11 years long—was on the faculty of the NDSU Department of Agricultural Economics, where he earned tenure as a full professor. His second career—29 years long—was with the Greater North Dakota Association (GNDA), the state's chamber of commerce. For his last 22 years at GNDA, Dale served as president—the association's chief executive officer—retiring in 2003.

Dale was raised on a small grain/livestock farm homesteaded by his Norwegian grandparents in 1907 near Dunn Center, ND. He graduated from NDSU in 1959 majoring in mechanized agriculture, and in 1960 completed a master's in agricultural economics. In 1965 he earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University.

While on the NDSU faculty, Dr. Anderson headed the ND Water Resources Research Institute, the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, and the Tri-College University Center for Environmental Studies. He also wrote numerous published articles dealing with water resource development and use, and agricultural policy. He was Epsilon Chapter advisor and secretary for the House Corporation Board, 1966-71.

Dale's professional and civic service at the local, state and regional levels include: past chair of St. Luke's Hospital, past master, Shiloh Masonic Lodge, district governor of Toastmasters International and recipient of the Distinguished Toastmasters Award, first president of the ND Consensus Council, and appointed by the Governor to the ND Military Issues Task Force.

Nationally, he served as vice president of the Council of State Chambers of Commerce and as a member of the agricultural and small business committees of the US Chamber of Commerce.

Dale's NDSU service includes past president of Team Makers, and member of the NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees and executive committee.

Dale received the AGR Epsilon Leadership Award in 1974, the AGR Brother of the Century Award in 2004 and was named to the Epsilon Hall of Fame in 2008.

Dale and his wife Claudia are parents of a daughter and son, and have five grandchildren.

North Dakota State alumnus named Grand President Award winner



Tom Lilja '92 Pin #1202

The most recent Epsilon brother to serve as manager of a statewide association, Tom Lilja was hired as executive director of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA) in 2007. He is responsible for implementing producer-funded programs for research and promotion of corn, ranging from northern corn breeding to ethanol consumption.

In his first two years at NDCGA, Tom was instrumental in linking the corn breeding program at NDSU to a royalty-based marketing system that provides farmers with a method of tracking hybrid seed sources. He also helped convince the ND legislature to fund a biofuels blender pump program that gives ethanol vendors equal competitive footing with traditional gasoline outlets.

Brother Lilja was raised on a dairy and small grain farm near Larimore, ND. At Larimore High School he was active in FFA and was chapter president. He was elected 1988-89 state FFA president. At NDSU, Tom served Epsilon as VNR-recruitment and noble ruler. In 1991 he was selected one of two National FFA Organization American Royal Ambassadors. After graduating in agricultural education and extension in 1992, Tom worked for the national AGR office for one year as chapter services manager.

Tom started his professional career in 1994 as a commercial credit analyst for Kemper Banks in Kansas City. In 1995 he became district sales manager for the Golden Harvest Seed Company covering North Dakota and western Minnesota. In 2002 Tom joined Progressive Ag Marketing in Fargo as a grain market analyst and crop insurance agent where he helped farmers mitigate risk through the use of forward contracts and other hedging techniques.

Tom served on the Epsilon House Corporation Board from 1995-2009 and was chairman from 2002-06, during which time he was instrumental in formulating initial plans for the 2nd Century Campaign. In 2011, Tom was one of four individuals selected to receive the Alpha Gamma Rho Grand President's Award. Administered and nominated by a selection committee the Grand President's Award is awarded by AGR for business excellence and professional achievement. It is awarded to specific fraternity alumni age 40 or under who have achieved remarkable success in their professional [careers](#). This award demonstrates an honorable acknowledgement of Lilja's leadership, professionalism and knowledge of his industry. His efforts consistent with the AGR Promise and Values qualified him for this award.

As an active member of his community, Lilja acted as District 27 chairman of the North Dakota Republican Party from 2004 until 2007. In this position he organized poll workers for elections and assisted with election planning and budgets. He has been part of the National Corn Growers Public Policy Action Team since 2008. Lilja was also a 9/11 New York Disaster Relief Volunteer Election Precinct Volunteer.



Melvin G. Maier '55 '63 Pin #608

Twenty-five years service as administrator of the North Dakota Wheat Commission and an unwavering passion to create a world-class image for ND wheat and durum in the US and abroad, easily earn Melvin G. Maier the title of “Mr. North Dakota Wheat.” With an easy smile, great sense of humor and ever-present cigar—his “Churchillian persona”—Mel was an effective personal ambassador, which belied his keen mind, and administrative and marketing skills. Brother Maier grew up in Elgin, ND and received two degrees from NDSU: a bachelor’s in ag education in 1955, and master’s degree in ag economics in 1963. His undergraduate activities included Saddle and Sirloin, Arnold Air Society, Spring Sing, Lutheran Student Association, and president of Collegiate FFA. After two years duty with the Air Force in Europe, he began his professional career as a vocational agriculture instructor at Williston, ND. Following graduate study in 1963, he joined the ND Wheat Commission as assistant administrator. In 1967 he moved to Rotterdam, the Netherlands, where as European director for Great Plains Wheat, he strove to expand exports on behalf of seven state wheat commissions. He returned to the ND Wheat Commission in 1972 as administrator, a position he held until retiring in 1997. Mel died later that year.

One of Mel’s proudest accomplishments was his role in creating and developing the Northern Crops Institute at NDSU. The Institute has become a world-renowned center for research, technical and marketing training for wheat merchandisers and processors. Other accomplishments include opening of significant markets for ND wheat and durum in Asia, the Middle East, Russia, South Africa, Brazil and India.

Mel’s awards include Durum Man of the Year, North Dakota Agricultural Hall of Fame, and the State Friend of Extension Award.

Mel is survived by his wife Sharyl, a son and a daughter.



Gregg Halverson '68 Pin #913

Chapter Room Living Room

Gregg Halverson, businessman and farm owner will receive the 2010 Agribusiness Award. This award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in North Dakota and beyond.

Halverson is president and chief executive officer of Black Gold Farms, a family owned potato growing and marketing organization with headquarters in Grand Forks. Black Gold specializes in potato production with 11 production locations spread from North Dakota to Texas in the Midwest and Florida to Maryland on the Eastern Seaboard. Black Gold grows approximately 17,000 acres of potatoes, plus various other crops. Black Gold is the world's largest producer of fresh-crop chipping potatoes.

He graduated from Midway High School near Forest River in 1967 and received a degree in agriculture from NDSU in 1971.

Halverson has served in leadership capacities with many professional and civic organizations. He, along with his associates, has been the recipient of many industry awards. Black Gold has been recognized globally for supplier innovation and leadership. In 2002, Black Gold introduced a system of growing, bulk handling and transporting chip potatoes in Inner Mongolia, which is part of the People's Republic of China.

Black Gold recently received the Environmental Stewardship award from the National Potato Council in recognition of the systematic approach Black Gold employs in potato production and sustainability. In 2009, the World Potato Congress in Christchurch, New Zealand, presented Halverson with the Industry Award in recognition and appreciation of his lifetime contribution to the potato industry. He is chairman of the board of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association.

Halverson has two sons in the Black Gold organization. John, of Paragould, Ariz., is an operations vice president responsible for Midwest production. Eric, of Grand Forks, is vice president of technology, which puts him in charge of equipment and advanced technology. Gregg Halverson's daughter, Leah, also has spent her share of time on the potato farm. After receiving her MBA, she became an account manager at an advertising agency. Halverson has six granddaughters. Gregg Halverson named top producer in 2012 the video can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zkC4RaSnyk>

JOHN BOLLINGBERG '53 PIN #586

John Bollingberg 2006 NDSU Harvest Bowl Agri-business Award Recipient

For more than five decades, Bollingberg has been working for agriculture.

Born and raised on the family farm near New Rockford, N.D., he earned a bachelor's degree in 1955 from NDSU (NDAC at that time). After graduating, he returned to the family farm and became actively involved in community and state relations.

Bollingberg served on the board of directors for the Bremen Elevator, Wells County Better Seed and Grain, North Dakota Farm Bureau, and served as Legislative Committee chair with the Farm Bureau. In addition, he served on the North Dakota Edible Bean Growers Council and represented it on the Agriculture Coalition Board. During his career, he was appointed to the American Oat Association. As a member of the association, he represented oat breeders, processors and producers from significant oat-producing states in Washington, D.C.

Since retiring in 1998, he continues his involvement with agriculture by serving as a Nodak Mutual Insurance Co. director. As a director, he is a member of the State Finance and Education Committee. He also is a member of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education and continues his business of selling Pioneer Hi-Bred International seed.

Bollingberg's contributions reach beyond the field of agriculture. He has been involved for many years with church activities, serving in various positions. He was a board member on the Wells County Farm Bureau Board, Bremen School Board and Fessenden School Board.

John and Margaret, his wife, raised six children. Four graduated from NDSU.



Francis Wendell (Wen) F. Kielty '36' PIN #276

Chapter Room #205

Wen (Wendell) was born March 22, 1915 in Thief River Falls, MN. He graduated from Lincoln High School where he excelled in sports and was selected Minnesota All State forward in basketball in 1932. He continued his basketball career at NDSU and pledge Alpha Gamma Rho. He would graduate a BS in Arts & Science with a teacher degree and would go on to teach, coach and principal at Aneta, ND Wen would serve in the Navy during WWII at Long Beach, CA.

He would later be employed by Universal Credit and GMC in Fargo and Williston. In 1951 he purchased Chief Pontiac Motors in downtown Grand Forks. By 1955 he acquired the Buick dealership and form Kielty Motors. Kielty Motor would become known as the home of the "clean green engines". Finally in 1969 he expanded Kielty Motors to the location 32nd and South Washington.

It was often said that Wen Kielty was a true gentleman. He is remembered by those who know him and those who worked for him as a man who always treated everyone respectfully. In the early 1970 he was selected by the Chamber of Commerce as "Boss of the Year". Wen was active in local and state auto associations. He served as a director of the Heartview Foundation and was an early member of the Tuesday Dinner club. He retired in 1981 after 30 years in the auto business. During retirement he would spend at Blackduck, MN and Apache Wells, AZ. Wen passed away on October 15, 1995

Article from December 16, 1936 Spectrum

After Wednesday's drill, it was evident in tomorrow's game that The Minnesota Gophers, boasting probably its best basketball lineup in recent years, will furnish opposition to the Bison cagers tomorrow night in the University of Minnesota field house. Coach Bob Lowe would rely on the following combination against the Gophers: Wendell Kielty and Carl Rorvig, forwards; Russ Anderson, center, and Howard Fraser and Bob Saunders, guards. This quintet showed up well in practice with Kielty doing some especially good shooting.

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**Wade Moser '79 Pin #1032
Basement Study Lounge**

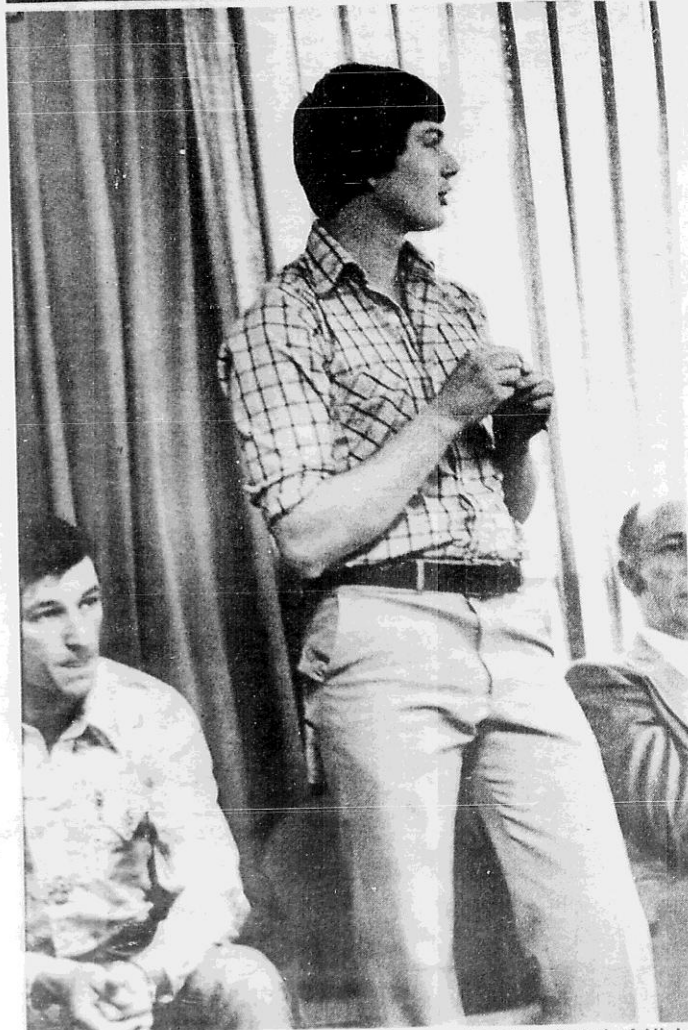
Wade Moser was an active and effective voice for ND stockmen for 26 years as executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA). In that role, he managed programs, a staff of 40, and was the association's chief lobbyist.

Under Wade's leadership, the NDSA implemented several innovative programs for ND beef cattle producers including: the Environmental Services Program, All Breeds Tour, Junior Beef Expo, Mentorship Program, Feedlot Internship, Young Cattlemen's Legislative Conference, brand recording, animal identification and the environmental stewardship programs. He helped obtain over \$1 million in federal and state grants to bring cattle producers into environmental compliance, and was instrumental in securing state funds for the Beef Systems Center of Excellence at NDSU. One of his important roles was protecting cattle producers' interests by informing legislators of how proposed laws and rules would impact the cattle industry.

Brother Moser grew up on a diversified farm near Elgin, ND. After a stint in the military, he received a degree in animal science from NDSU in 1979. He worked for First Bank as an agricultural loan officer until 1983 when he joined the NDSA as chief administrator.

Wade's service activity includes the North Dakota FFA Foundation, Burleigh County Fair Board, and North Dakota Rodeo Association. He served on the Wells Fargo Bank board and was active in the USDA National Animal Identification Program advisory group. His recent awards include an honorary American Farmer Degree from the National FFA Organization and the North Dakota Stockmen's Association Top Hand Award.

Retired in 2008, Wade, his wife Lynn, and two daughters, Kate and Twila, run a cow/calf operation and a heifer development program south of Bismarck, ND.



Finance commissioner John Giese addresses the State Board of Higher Education in regards for the reasons for the increase in the activity fee. (Photo by Don Pearson)

Board approves fee hike, effective fall quarter

by Keri Barsness
The proposed activity fee increase of \$4 per quarter for next year was unanimously approved by the State Board of Higher Education at its meeting here Thursday, so the increase will go into effect

able to expand its programs to fill the needs of the students, the resolution said. And inflation since the last raise in the activity fee has depleted the buying power of the incoming money.

Finance Commissioner

Link signs bill building head

by Keri Barsness

The final step necessary to make legal the bill proposing to fund SU's new music building was taken Friday when Gov. Art Link signed the bill passed by both houses of the North Dakota Legislature last month.

The bill, which was drafted by the Senate Appropriations Committee, is based on a priority list of six buildings with the music building first on the list, and proposes funding contingent on the level of the state general fund.

Any money above \$148.6 million on June 30, 1979, and above \$110.5 million on June 30, 1980, will be put toward construction, up to the approximate \$11 million cost of the six buildings named on the priority list.

Therefore, all six buildings may not be constructed and no building is guaranteed funding, but SU Legal

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Spring quarter enrollment down slightly

Spring quarter enrollment at SU has dropped slightly from a year ago, according to Burton Brandrud, registrar.

Spring quarter enrollment of 6,814 students compares to 6,836 in 1978. Two of the seven colleges, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Engineering and Architecture, increased enrollments since



Dennis H. Askim '72 Pin #926
Chapter Room #302

Dennis Askim grew up in the Lankin, ND community with strong interests in 4-H and livestock judging, competing one year in a national 4-H judging contest in Chicago. After graduating from Lankin High School in 1967, Dennis furthered his interest in livestock at NDSU by actively participating each year in the Little International. Following family tradition, he joined AGR. He graduated in 1972 with a degree in agriculture.

Until his death in October 1991, Brother Askim had a variety of ag related positions. He was operations manager for Schulz Farms in Davenport, ND from 1972-75. For the next ten years, he was research coordinator for the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association (now known as the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association) and farm manager of a 400-acre agricultural experiment station. Dennis served on local, state, national, and international committees representing the growers association and presented many papers at such meetings. From 1985-89, he was territory manager for Gold Label Feeds. His last position was with the USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service as an agricultural commodity aide.

Typical of Dennis, he focused his service attention on activities that were youth oriented. He was a Cub Scout leader, worked with 4-H youth, and was a livestock judge at the Walsh County Fair (ND) for many years. In 1991, he was honored posthumously for his long and dedicated service to 4-H and the Walsh County Fair.

Dennis and his wife Mary have two children, Michelle and Justin, who were 12 and 8 when he died. But when Justin started to talk about college, there was only one choice: to go to NDSU and be an AGR like his dad. Dennis cherished the AGR house and the brotherhood he shared with so many. The strength of that brotherhood is evident in the friendships that his family feels fortunate to still have with his AGR brothers, and in the family legacy that continues.

Individual Tributes



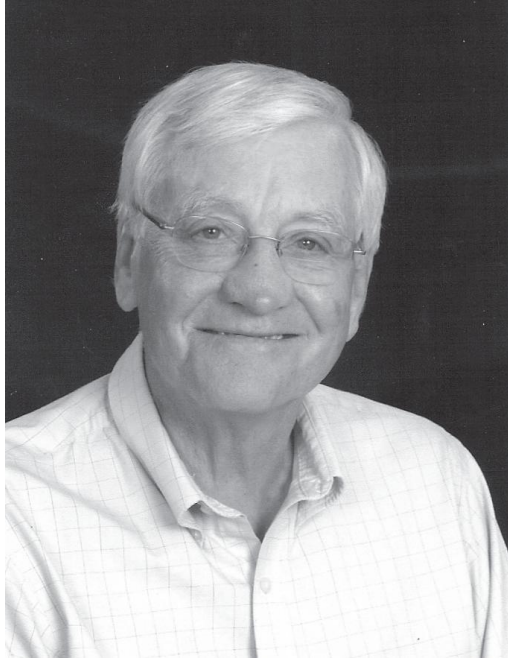
Bertram “Bert” Berg ’53 Pin #496

Dr. Bert Berg was the embodiment of the term “community leader.” A proud lifetime resident of ND, Bert was an ardent and active supporter of 4-H, his church, his communities of Maddock and Hettinger, the ND Veterinary Association and NDSU.

Bert was raised on a farm near Maddock, ND and graduated from the Benson County Agricultural High School. He served as a state FFA officer. At NDSU he earned a degree in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine in 1953. In 1954 he was an International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate to England/Wales. He farmed near Maddock until 1962 when he entered the College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Minnesota. After receiving his DVM in 1966, he moved to Hettinger, ND where he joined Brother Bob Velure as a partner in the West River Veterinary Clinic, remaining there until his retirement in 2000.

Brother Berg loved ND and believed in giving his time to organizations that had a positive impact on people’s lives. 4-H is an example. In addition to IFYE, he was a 4-H leader for 38 years and served as a ND 4-H Foundation director and as president. In 1990 he received the 4-H Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given. In addition to being a 4-H leader, Bert was a Sunday school teacher for over 20 years, president of the Hettinger Black Devils Booster Club for nine years, and served on the Maddock School Board. Bert was active in the ND Veterinary Association for over 30 years, serving in many leadership roles including president. He was recognized as ND Veterinarian of the Year in 1998. At the national level, Bert was active in the American Veterinary Medical Association, where he was on the Judicial Council and the Accreditation Committee. Bert’s NDSU service included nine years as an Alumni Association director.

Bert died in 2001. Continuing a family legacy of service to ND, Bert’s oldest son was in the ND legislature, serving terms as majority leader, and is a 2010 candidate for the US Congress.



Michael Brandvik '61 Pin #642

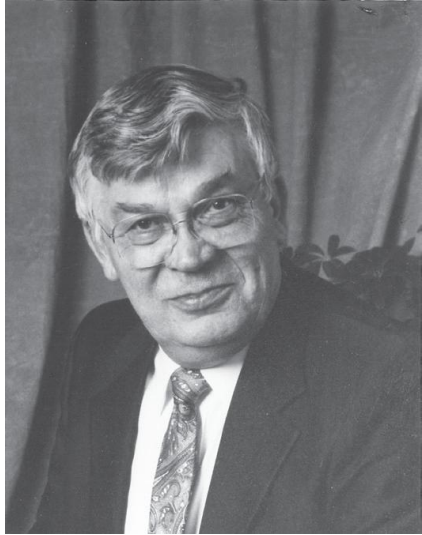
A life-long resident of North Dakota, Mike Brandvik spent all of his career helping ND farmers and ranchers.

A native of Killdeer, ND and graduate of Killdeer High School, Mike attended NDSU for two years before entering the Navy for a two-year stint. He then returned to NDSU, graduating in 1961 with a double major in animal husbandry and agricultural economics. A member of Blue Key and Saddle and Sirloin, Mike was most proud of being on the NDSU livestock judging team that won first place at the 1960 International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

After graduating in 1961, Brother Brandvik began his career in the Dickinson, ND office of the Production Credit Association. Two years later he joined USDA's Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) where he remained until retirement in 1994. He worked in county FmHA offices in Dickinson and Bottineau, heading the latter for 14 years. His last FmHA assignment was in the state office in Bismarck. There he specialized in rural housing and also served on the Federal Appeals Hearing staff. Following retirement, Mike was a private agricultural credit consultant for 10 years.

Mike was active in local community, church and civic organizations wherever he lived. In Bottineau, he was instrumental in developing the Bottineau Winter Park.

Mike died in 2006 at age 70 in Bismarck.



Ron L. Brandvold '57 Pin #611

Ron Brandvold was a determined man. On his first date with a freshman KKG pledge—a blind date arranged at his request by an AGR's sister—he told her: "I'm going to be a banker; I'm going to visit Alaska; and I'm going to marry you." He accomplished all three.

The eldest of six children, Ron was raised on a dairy farm near Bottineau, ND. He was active in 4-H and in high school football, basketball, band (trumpet) and choir. At NDSU he was Epsilon's noble ruler, treasurer of ASAE, and a member of Blue Key, Saddle and Sirloin, IFC and Bison Brevities. He was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities as a senior.

Brother Brandvold graduated in 1957 with a major in agricultural engineering and began his career as assistant Extension agent in Walsh County. In 1960 he became the agricultural loan officer for Northwest Bank in Grafton. There he rose to vice president before leaving in 1972 to become president of Merchant's Bank in Rugby.

In 1987 Ron and his family moved to Prentice, WI where he founded and was president of Community State Bank. Beginning with no assets except for a small group of trusting investors, Ron retired in 1996 as the head of the bank with 12 employees, assets of \$22 million and a new bank building.

The third part of Ron's dream remained: a trip to Alaska. During that 1996 trip Ron fell ill and was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He died three months later.

During his career Ron was active in community and civic affairs including Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, Elks and the Masons. In each community he served as president of his church council, and was chairman of the Rugby hospital board for eight years. He held offices in the ND Bankers Association, including chairman of the Bank Managers Conference. He served in the ND Air National Guard for 11 years.

Ron and his wife Ruth (the KKG alum) have two children, John and Jana, and four grandchildren.

Individual Tributes Beyond the Call of Duty



Darel Leetun '55 Pin #615 Chapter Room #303

War Hero, Air Force fighter pilot, Father, Student Leader, Proud AGR, West River farm boy all these terms describes Brother Darel Leetun. The years since they've seen their friend Darel Leetun make no difference to his NDSU pals. Nor does the fact that no one knew for sure what happened to him that day in the aftermath of a fire fight northeast of Hanoi. The news that his remains were identified, and that he was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, brought memories to the present, good memories, of a very good man. Like many Epsilon brothers since 1913 who joined the military and the many who gave their lives in that service, Darel Leetun was proud to serve his country. Air Force ROTC at NDSU led to training as a fighter pilot and active service during the Vietnam War. Lt. Col. Leetun's F-105 was shot down over North Vietnam in September 1966. He was listed as missing in action until 1975 when the Air Force declared him dead. In 2005 his remains were recovered and he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery was July 8, 2005 with full military honors including the Air Force Cross, the highest medal awarded by the Air Force. His burial at Arlington ended a 39-year ordeal for Darel's family. "Gravel", his Air Force buddies' nickname because of his gravelly voice, was finally home. The years since they've seen their friend Darel Leetun make no difference to his NDSU pals. Nor does the fact that no one knew for sure what happened to him that day in the aftermath of a fire fight northeast of Hanoi.

A grandson of Norwegian homesteaders, Darel was born in Harvey, ND. He lived in McKenzie, Kidder and Adams counties as his Extension agent father moved to different assignments. A graduate of Steele High School, in college he claimed Hettinger, where his family then lived, as his hometown. An athlete and active 4-Her in high school, Darel was president of Saddle and Sirloin, Arnold Air Society treasurer, a Little International grand champion showman, a member of the livestock and meats judging teams, and an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to India.

He graduated from NDSU in 1955, after a career of achievement. In the yearbook, his activities list is long: Alpha Gamma Rho; Arnold Air Society treasurer; Saddle and Sirloin president; Little International, Grand Champion Showman in Sheep, Reserve Championship in Fitting Sheep; junior and senior Livestock Judging Team. He also was on the meats judging team. These were among the most popular activities of the time. One of his faculty mentors, Verlin "Doc" Johnson, nominated Leetun for a year-long exchange program to India, and the elephant tusk letter opener

Leetun brought back is still on Doc's desk. Johnson remembers Leetun as a levelheaded guy, who asked good questions about how to be a better student or a better leader. "Darel was a good kid. He had enough common sense to make the world go" Johnson says. "Everybody liked Darel." In fact, Johnson says the result of Leetun's election to lead the Saddle and Sirloin Club was a landslide, so lopsided he felt sorry for the opponent. "The other guy got something like six votes, to 80-something for Darel. "You just couldn't help but like that bird." Johnson was surprised to hear the news that Leetun's remains were identified. "He'd been missing for so long I figured they'd never find him.

Leetun's college buddy Joe Ruliffson happened to hear the news on television one night, and wasn't sure he'd heard right. Ruliffson kept memories of Leetun, and had traced Leetun's name on the Vietnam Veteran's wall, even though they never saw each other after Leetun graduated. Ruliffson says Leetun's the kind of guy he always hoped he'd see again. "He had such a striking influence on everyone who was around him." Around the AGR house, Darel's infectious sense of humor, his quick and ready laugh, and his open and honest personality made him a popular brother and an effective membership recruiter. Those who knew Darel personally remember him with great affection.

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Stuart Anderson '82 Pin #1120

Brother Stuart Anderson, 44, killed in Iraq

Brother Stuart Anderson, 44, was killed January 7, 2006 in Iraq when the Black Hawk helicopter he was in crashed in bad weather. Anderson, who was married to Tori Klinge, was a major in the U.S. Army Reserve. Stuart and Tori lived in Peosta, Iowa, with their two daughters, one in the sixth grade and one a freshman. His father lives in Hoffman.MN

While growing up in west-central Minnesota, Stuart Anderson could sit hour by hour listening to his grandpa and uncle talk about serving in World War II. The stories of their service inspired him to follow in their footsteps.

Anderson, a welder by trade, was on his second tour of duty in the Middle East. His father, Claremont, who lives in Hoffman, said Anderson always did his best to reassure his family that he would be OK. "Where I'm going, it's going to be duck soup," Stuart would say. "I think [he said those things] more or less to make us feel good," his father said. He regularly sent his family e-mails from Iraq, commenting on the weather and joking about the food, saying he was sick of eating camel. An outgoing, story-telling type, Anderson loved to talk "anyplace, anytime and with anyone," Claremont said. "You were at complete ease with him." He said it was little surprise when his son joined the Army Reserves during his sophomore year at North Dakota State University.

His father said Anderson felt bad that he wasn't called to duty for Desert Storm. Serving now was a way to utilize his years of training and to repay the military for providing it. "He felt it was his duty," his father said. "This is what he had to do." Anderson first went to the Middle East in the fall of 2003 for a one-year tour. He started his second stint last fall. His father said he was never in any direct combat this time or during his first tour. Still, with "the whole of Iraq now a front line," Claremont said, he and other family members were more nervous about him this time around. "I was a lot more concerned," he said. "You get this feeling. You can't put your finger on it, there's no logical reason for it. But there's this apprehension." U.S. military officials said the UH-60 Black Hawk crashed just before midnight Saturday January 7th about 7 miles east of Tal Afar. All 12 aboard died. For Anderson, his wife and two girls always came first. "When he was home, he was home," said Pete Weber, 26, a former Marine whose sister and father live next door to Anderson in Iowa. But Weber guesses that Anderson would have been in the military full time were it not for his devotion to his family. "He loved every minute of [the military]," he said. "I think it was the people he worked with and the work he was doing." Anderson's father said his son didn't expect to die in Iraq. "There was no doubt in his mind he was coming back," he said.

Editor's note: The following story written by reporter Tom Ford was in the Minneapolis Star Tribune Tuesday, January 10th, 2006. The Associated Press contributed to the story. Article from the Star Tribune. The Associated Press contributed to this report. Tom Ford • 612-673-4921. Article reprinted from Swift County Monitor. January 11, 2006



Orville Emil Bloch '38 Pin #303

- Date of Birth: February 10, 1915
- Place of Birth: Big Falls, Wisconsin,
- Date of Death: May 28, 1983 at age 68
- Burial Location: Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park, Seattle, Washington
- Home of record: Streeter, North Dakota
- Bloch joined the Army from Streeter North Dakota in February 1942, and by September 22, 1944 was serving as a first lieutenant in Company E, 338th Infantry Regiment , 85th Infantry Division. On that day, near Firenzuola Italy, he led three soldiers in an attack on enemy positions which resulted in the capture of nineteen prisoners and the silencing of five machine gun nests. For these actions, he was awarded the Medal of Honor five months later, on February 10, 1945.
- Bloch reached the rank of Colonel and served in the Korean War before leaving the Army 1970

Orville Emil Bloch was born in Big Falls, Wisconsin, to German immigrant parents. Bloch later grew up in Streeter, North Dakota, where almost everyone in town still spoke German. Although he grew to be only 5'4" tall, he starred on his high school basketball and football teams. In fact, other than having to endure nicknames like "Weiner," Bloch's height wasn't much of an issue until he tried to join the military as an officer. Even though he had graduated on May 15th 1942 from North Dakota State University with a B.S. in Ag food, Food systems and Natural Resources, the Army, Navy, and Marines all denied him an officer's commission because he did not meet their minimum height requirements, so he enlisted in the Army as a Buck Private, and then, true to form, worked his way up to officer rank anyway. He was a 1st Lieutenant in Company E, 338th Infantry, 85th Infantry Division, when he performed "above and beyond the call of duty."

The War Year

In the Italy campaign after the fall of Rome on 5th June the enemy had retreated to the famous “Gothic Line” during the summer of 1944. It would finally fall on 17th September and Fifth Army forces moved into IL Giogo Pass that night as the enemy forces withdrew. The 85th Division immediately pursued the retreating enemy northward, the 337th Infantry spearheading the crossing the Santerno River at San Pelligrino on 20th September and the city of Firenzuola fell to the 338th Infantry on 21st September. As a platoon leader, Boch was conspicuous in leading his command in the assaults on the Gothic Line at Mount Altuzzo. The regiment advanced through the line and toward the city of Firenzuola, Italy. It was near here on September 22, 1944, that Lt. Bloch took the matter of enemy resistance into his own hands. Orville Emil Bloch, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty on 22 September 1944, while serving with Company E, 338th Infantry Regiment, 85th Infantry Division, in action at Firenzuola, Italy. First Lieutenant Bloch undertook the task of wiping out five enemy machinegun nests that had held up the advance in that particular sector for one day. Gathering three volunteers from his platoon, the patrol snaked their way to a big rock, behind which a group of three buildings and five machinegun nests were located. Leaving the three men behind the rock, he attacked the first machinegun nest alone charging into furious automatic fire, kicking over the machinegun, and capturing the machinegun crew of five. Pulling the pin from a grenade, he held it ready in his hand and dashed into the face of withering automatic fire toward this second enemy machinegun nest located at the corner of an adjacent building 15 yards distant. When within 20 feet of the machinegun he hurled the grenade, wounding the machine gunner, the other two members of the crew fleeing into a door of the house. Calling one of his volunteer group to accompany him, they advanced to the opposite end of the house, there contacting a machinegun crew of five running toward this house. First Lieutenant Bloch and his men opened fire on the enemy crew, forcing them to abandon this machine gun and ammunition and flee into the same house. Without a moment’s hesitation, First Lieutenant Bloch, unassisted, rushed through the door into a hail of small-arms fire, firing his carbine from the hip, and captured the seven occupants, wounding three of them. First Lieutenant Bloch with his men then proceeded to a third house where they discovered an abandoned enemy machinegun and detected another enemy machinegun nest at the next corner of the building. The crew of six spotted First Lieutenant Bloch the instant he saw them. Without a moment’s hesitation he dashed toward them. The enemy fired pistols wildly in his direction and vanished through a door of the house,

First Lieutenant Bloch following them through the door, firing his carbine from the hip, wounding two of the enemy and capturing six. Altogether First Lieutenant Bloch had single-handedly captured 19 prisoners, wounding six of them and eliminating a total of five enemy machinegun nests.

Dismal weather began to play a major role in slowing the advance as rain, fog, and mud hampered the allied drive. After a bitter and heavy fight, the 338th Infantry secured Mount Canda on 28 September. The 337th and 338th Infantry combined assault on the enemy reinforced ridge called Torre Poggioli led to an intense battle for La Martina, a crossroads village of prime importance to enter the Idice River and Sillaro River valleys. Flanking the two regiments, the 339th Infantry secured a series of hills west of La Martina and all three were subjected to heavy enemy counterattacks and artillery. La Martina was finally secured with the enemy withdrawal on October 2nd, 1944

On February 10, 1945 First Lieutenant Bloch was award the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty for his action on 22nd September at 19 near Firenzuola, Italy.

After the war, he stayed in the Army and many expected Bloch to become a Brigadier General, but a physical examination revealed a serious heart ailment. He retired in 1970 as a full Colonel, and then got into the apple orchard business in Manson, Washington, but also spent time at his home in Seattle's North End.

Attending Bloch's funeral at Evergreen-Washelli were six other Medal of Honor award recipients, whom Bloch had met through his involvement in the Medal of Honor Society. Bloch's own MEDAL OF HONOR was placed around his neck for the service, but no mention was made of it, his Italian Military Cross of Valor, his Free Polish Silver Cross, or any of his other medals. Bloch probably would have appreciated that; despite earning our nation's highest military decoration, "The Little Giant" remained a humble man. It was said that he could afford a Cadillac, but drove a Ford pickup with 300,000 miles on it. He was also the type to take a down-and-out itinerant into his Manson home, delivered his apples to financially strapped schools, and never said an unkind word about anyone "unless it was the Mariners, after they'd blown a ninth-inning lead." Well, that's surely something we can all relate to.

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North Dakota State alumnus honored for career



Gilman Rud 66 Pin #831

Alumnus of the Year 199

North Dakota State alumnus Gil Rud enjoyed a career that literally soared. A 2012 recipient of the North Dakota State University Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award, Rud was honored during ceremonies April 26, 2012 at the Fargodome.

Born and raised on a farm near Portland, N.D., Rud never considered a career other than agriculture. But, as a child he marveled at crop duster airplanes as they worked the fields and his love of flight became an important part of his life.

Rud graduated from North Dakota State in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. During his years as a student, Rud became self-confident, yet humble; he says he learned to view every challenge as an opportunity, and not accept that a goal is unattainable. As he put it, "Being a Bison also meant always taking the ethical high road."

Rud began farming, but Vietnam changed the direction of his career. One year after graduating from NDSU, he joined the Navy, and earned his Wings of Gold in December 1968, setting the stage for a 28-year [Navy career](#). Rud flew 57 combat missions in Vietnam and logged more than 5,600 hours of flying time and 786 carrier landings.

In 1986, Rud earned the rare distinction of being the commanding officer for the Blue Angels naval flight demonstration squadron. In addition, he served as commanding officer of two Navy ships, including the USS Constellation aircraft carrier.

For the last 14 years of his career, Gil worked for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Co. and, later, Boeing Co. He was managing director of McDonnell Douglas Limited Norway and became a manager in the development of the F-18 Super Hornet fighter plane. He retired from Boeing in 2009 as director of business development.

Today, Rud still is active in aviation as a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Once each month, he introduces young people to flight through the Young Eagles program. Rud lives in Coronado, Calif.

Information courtesy of [North Dakota State University](#)



Reginald M. Gorder '57 Pin #604
Chapter Room #201

Reg Gorder spent his entire career doing what he liked best: helping other people, especially farmers with their finances.

After a three-year stint as a high school vocational agriculture instructor at Crosby, ND, Reg joined the Dickinson Farm Credit Association. He moved up the ladder to the Farm Credit Bank (FCB) in St. Paul and then to senior vice president of the Spokane, WA, FCB. After 23 years with Farm Credit, he established his own financial consulting business in Spokane, working with farmers and ranchers until his death in 1995.

Brother Gorder was very often a leader in the organizations he joined. At Bottineau High School, he was president of the senior class, on the all-state football team, treasurer of the FFA chapter and a FFA state officer 1953-54. At NDSU he was president of his AGR pledge class, editor of the *Bison Annual*, assistant manager and co-master of ceremonies for the Little International, editor of the *Epsilon Crescent*, a member of Gold Star Band, and was elected to Blue Key where he helped establish the Doctor of Service Hall of Fame. Professionally, he was active in the Dickinson Junior Chamber of Commerce, was president for three years of the Ag Bureau-Spokane National Stock Show, on the board of directors of the Spokane YMCA and on the finance council of two Catholic churches.

Married to his high school and NDSU sweetheart Joyce Berg, he and Joyce have four children and nine grandchildren.



Warren L. Jamison '61, '62 Pin #691

Warren Jamison's accomplishments during more than four decades of water resource management were the culmination of his vision that every citizen should have access to a reliable, high quality and affordable supply of water. He pursued that vision throughout his career with tireless dedication.

Warren was raised by his grandparents on a farm near Hannaford, ND where he attended high school. At NDSU he served Epsilon as secretary and was active in the 1960 "name change" campaign. He completed his bachelor's in 1961 and one year later earned an NDSU master's degree in agricultural engineering.

For the next 18 years, Brother Jamison worked for the US Bureau of Reclamation in the western states, including five years as manager of the Bureau's Bismarck office. He left the Bureau to become deputy administrator of the Southwest Power Administration in Tulsa for five years and then spent seven years as assistant to the administrator for the Western Area Power Administration in Denver.

In 1993 Warren retired from federal service and returned to ND and state government service as manager of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, headquartered in Carrington. He capped his career by managing passage of the federal Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000, providing over \$600 million for water supply and recreational needs in North Dakota.

Warren was active in many professional and civic organizations including: the National Water Resources Association, Upper Missouri Water Association, Red River Basin Commission, ND Water Education Foundation, ND Irrigation Caucus, International Committee on Irrigation and Drainage, ND Water Users Association, ND Water Coalition, the Carrington School Board, and many community organizations. His service recognitions included: Upper Missouri Water Association Distinguished Service Award, GNDA Natural Resources Award, ND Water Users Association Hall of Fame, State of North Dakota Commodore Award, Bureau of Reclamation Special Achievement Award, Who's Who in Government, and Interior Department Award for Excellence. He died in 2003 of cancer.



LeVon Kirkeide '54 Pin #424

“North Dakota Extension Agent Extraordinaire” is the way LeVon Kirkeide is described by many longtime residents of Wells County. For good reason; many of the agricultural and economic improvements in the county from 1959 to his retirement in 1986 were the result of LeVon’s vision and leadership.

LeVon Kirkeide was raised on his parents’ farm near York, ND. He graduated from the Benson County Agricultural School in Maddock and enrolled at NDSU in animal science. He joined his older brother Mel as an AGR and served as president of Saddle and Sirloin his senior year. Following graduation in 1954 he was an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Brazil and in 1955 began his Cooperative Extension career as assistant agent in McHenry County. The following year he moved to Fargo as assistant Cass County Extension agent and three years later moved to Fessenden as Wells agent.

Brother Kirkeide’s leadership positions included: board member and president of the Wells County Housing Project, one of the founders and president of the Western 4-H Camp and camp representative to the ND 4-H Foundation, treasurer of the Fessenden Community Development Association, president of the Fessenden Kiwanis Club, advisory council member for the Carrington Agricultural Research Center, founding member and president of the Northland Seed Bean Corp, secretary of the Wells County Better Seed and Grain and the Wells County Soil Conservation Service, president of the ND County Agents Association, and every lay position in his church including president of the congregation. LeVon was instrumental in developing a pinto bean certified seed industry in Wells County, and was key in bringing rural water service to Wells County.

LeVon’s awards include: an honorary Chapter Farmer Degree from the Fessenden FFA chapter, Agriculturalist of the Year from the ND Bean Growers Association, distinguished service awards from the National County Agents Association and Epsilon Sigma Phi, and the Outstanding Agricultural Pioneer Award at the 1989 NDSU Harvest Bowl. LeVon died in 1991.

Individual Tributes



Ralph M. Ruliffson Sr. Pin #60 Chapter Room #202

Although he could only afford to attend NDSU for two quarters, Ralph Ruliffson Sr. was a proud member of Alpha Gamma Rho (initiated #60 in 1918). His admiration of AGR encouraged his sons, Paul, Joe and Ralph Jr. to join Epsilon. Joe served as noble ruler from 1955-56.

Ralph Sr. was born in 1895 and died in 1966. He was raised on a farm near Lincoln, NE. In 1913 Ralph's father looked at land near Mapleton, ND that had been part of the Amenia and Sharon Land Company and later headquarters for the Dill Farms. He purchased a section and in 1914 moved his machinery, livestock and family by immigrant train to the Red River Valley. Ralph drove a truck packed with personal possessions on a 10-day trip to Mapleton.

In the economically tough years of the 1920's, Ralph's parents and brothers left farming. Ralph assumed a large mortgage and took over the home place. He raised grains and corn, and fed livestock. He married Margaret Ranes of Lisbon, ND in 1931. She died in 1991.

Brother Ruliffson was a strong believer in being a good steward of the land and of being involved with his family and community. He was recognized with a State Soil Conservation Award as well as other honors. He was active and a leader in many community boards. He was a founding member of the Cass County Farm Bureau and the Mapleton Cooperative Oil Company in 1934. With his sons and their families joining the operation in the late 1950s, the farm increased to 2,800 acres, sugar beets were grown and a confined hog operation was added. Ralph was loyal to NDSU and AGR his entire life, seldom missing Founders' Day events. Both he and Margaret were involved for many years with alumni and auxiliary activities at the chapter. They were extremely proud that all of their sons became AGR's Paul (deceased), Joseph, Ralph Jr (deceased)



Ralph R. Ruliffson Jr. '64 Pin #692

The youngest son of Ralph M. Ruliffson, Ralph Jr. was the fourth member of his family to join Alpha Gamma Rho. However, he did not become a farmer like his father and older brothers Paul and Joe. Ralph received an architecture degree at NDSU in 1964 after spending four years with the Fargo architectural firm Johnson Lightowler while also taking courses. Wanting to expand his experience, Brother Ruliffson worked for the next four years at prestigious architectural firms in San Francisco, New York and Minneapolis. Returning to Fargo in 1968, he joined the newly formed Koehnlein Lightowler Johnson Inc. as a partner and was named vice president in 1971. Sharing his father's strong belief in the importance of community, Ralph specialized in working with communities on housing, medical and civic projects. During his career, he was co-director of architectural activities in the Fargo office and worked to promote and develop new projects in his firm's Burnsville, MN office. He was involved with several buildings in Fargo-Moorhead including the American Crystal headquarters and some at NDSU.

Ralph married Judith Monson of Fargo in 1967. They have two children. He died after a lengthy illness in 1984 at age 45.

Speaking of his brother, Joe said: "He was very proud of his ties and experiences with AGR and of his background in agriculture. He felt it served him well in his life and profession."

North Dakota State alumnus recognized for commitment to leadership, community



Brant Bigger 2000 Pin #1320

North Dakota State alumnus Brant Bigger and his wife Tami will receive special recognition for their commitment to leadership and their community at the Agassiz Leaders Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 26 at the University of Minnesota Crookston. They, along with individuals from fifteen other counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota will be recognized for their involvement.

Brant grew up on a dairy and beef farm near Frazee, MN. He currently works as a [Lab Technician](#) in a molecular biology laboratory in Fargo, ND with the USDA - Agriculture Research Service. Tami also grew up on a farm in the Frazee area and is a Registered Nurse (RN) at the VA hospital in Fargo. Brant and Tami Bigger are Becker County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. They have been taking part in educational sessions along with other rural leaders since November 2010. Those sessions are focused on personal leadership styles, communication, community leadership, legislative issues, and personal vision and goal setting.

This is the twenty-seventh year the Emerging Leadership Program has brought together individuals from across the region for recognition and training seminars. There are now more than 900 leaders in northwest and west central Minnesota who are alumni of the program. The program, which grew out of the King Agassiz Program of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, was developed in 1985 by a small group of people who felt there was a need to help individuals develop their leadership potential. It continues to focus on the belief that effective leadership can be learned and that leaders grow into positions of leadership, motivated by a sense of responsibility for themselves and their communities.

The Emerging Leadership Program is a program of the University of Minnesota Extension and the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. Major financial contributions for the program are made available through the Red River Valley Development Association and the West Central Initiative. Additional support for the program comes from ag producer groups, electric cooperatives, and community businesses and individuals in counties throughout northwest and west central Minnesota who contribute financially to the program each year.



Richard Crockett '39 Pin #314

Richard Crockett was born August 30, 1919 in Langdon, ND. He attended North Dakota State in 1939. In September of 1942 Richard Crockett, president of the local chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, was named the nation's outstanding Alpha Gamma Rho by the national fraternity. The award is made on the basis of fraternity prominence, campus activities and scholarship.

In addition to Crockett's national prominence in the fraternity, the local Epsilon chapter has the national award as the most outstanding chapter in the United States. This award is based on chapter participation in extra-curricular activities. Crockett was a senior in agriculture and present editor-in-chief of the *Bison*. Besides being president of the AGRs, he was rushing chairman. Other activities Crockett has engaged in are *Spectrum*, editor in-chief; *Saddle and Sirloin*; *Blue Key*; *Edwin Booth*; *Interfraternity Council*: Board of Publications; *Alpha Zeta*; and *4-H Club*, president.

During the war he was a lieutenant in the Army Air Corp and served as a flight instructor. After the war returned to NDSU and completed his education. Upon graduated he was the recipient of a fellowship to Harvard University Graduate School of Business. He was a county agent in Ramsey and Burke countries and served as a territory representative for AGSCO. He also owned an implement business in his home town of Langdon where he also farmed and ranched north of town.

Dick Crockett was a recipient of the Greater North Dakotan Award, bestowed for outstanding contribution to the state for 28 years of service to the GNDA and a variety of state causes.

He was the founder of the U.S. Durum Growers Association and served as its president from 1958 to 1962. He also was a founder of the North Dakota Agribusiness Council and chairman of the Durum Industry Committee, an industry group of growers, millers and processors. He served on the boards of the North Dakota Development Credit Corp., The North Dakota Community Foundation, and the North Dakota State University Development Foundation; He was named chairman of the Central Livestock Association in 1981

Crockett was called a visionary by many and was good at getting people together. Crockett was also part of a trade delegation to the Republic of China in 1982 to promote North Dakota products. In 1987 he was elected executive director of the North Dakota Council on Economic Education, a non-profit organization with headquarters at the Tri-College University in Fargo- Moorhead. He also served on the Committee of 100 for education. In retirement he was an outspoken voice for lowering taxes on lakeshore property in West Central Minnesota as the chairman of the United Lakeshore Association.

Richard Crockett passed away May 13, 1994 at the age of 74.

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NDSU Harvest Bowl Agribusiness Award Recipient



John (Jack) Dahl '53 Pin #495

Epsilon Hall of Fame 2008

John R. (Jack) Dahl, a Gackle N.D. cattle rancher, has been selected to receive the 2003 Agribusiness Award.

Also honored will be outstanding agriculturists from across North Dakota and western Minnesota. Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding male and female NDSU athletes.

Dahl graduated from NDSU in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. He began his career on his ranch in Gackle with 120 cows plus 150 share cows, all Herefords. From 1952 to 1954 he served in the United States Army. After his return he expanded his business, Dahl Land & Cattle Company, to the current herd of 700 cows that include purebred Salers, Red Angus, South Devon plus a commercial cowherd.

While building his business, Dahl was involved in many local and state organizations. He is past president of the Logan County Livestock Association, N.D. Beef Cattle Improvement Association, N.D. Stockmen's Association and Northwest Farm Managers Association. He was a past board member of the N.D. Beef Council, N.D. Beef Commission and N.D. Hereford Association.

He has been a member of several organizations including the Board of Directors of Dakota Hospital in Fargo, Advisory Board for N.D. Vocational Agricultural Education, Advisory Board for the N.D. Extension Service, Advisory Board for the Central Grasslands Experiment Station, Advisory Board for the N.D. Game and Fish Department, Agricultural Council of the N.D. Chamber of Commerce, President's Agricultural Club at NDSU and a Consultation Board Member.

Dahl originated the Gackle Livestock Show and served as Chairman from 1964 to 1974. He is a member of the Gackle American Legion and the Masonic Lodge and has served on the Emmanuel Lutheran Church council and the regional council.

Several national organizations have benefited from Dahl's leadership. He served as President of the National Cattlemen's Association. His leadership continued as Vice Chairman for the National Cattlemen's Foundation and as Chairman for the National Cattlemen's Foundation Industry Information Planning Committee.

Dahl was a member of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal Diseases to the Secretary of Agriculture, a member of the board for the National Livestock and Meat Board, a member of the Executive Committee for the National Livestock and Meat Board and Beef Industry Council, a member of the advertising sub-committee for the Beef Industry Council and Chairman of the Board for the Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation.

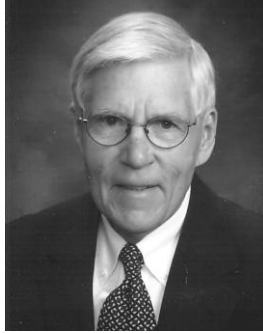
Dahl was active in livestock judging and was a judging coach for local 4-H and FFA judging teams. He has judged several county, state, regional and national events such as the National Western Stock Show where he judged the Hereford Carload Bull Show, the National Hereford Conferences, the North Dakota Winter Show; the Red River Valley Winter Show, the Northern International Livestock Exposition, several Hereford Field Days and the King Ranch Santa Gertrudis Field Day & Sale.

Recognized for his exemplary service, Dahl is the recipient of several awards. He and his wife, Dottie, were the 1973 Harvest Bowl Honorees for Logan County. He received the Soil Conservation Award, the Honorary Chapter Farmer – FFA, the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association Appreciation Award in 1982, the International Livestock Brand Conference Appreciation Award in 1983, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association Top Hand Award in 1987, the Governor's Award for National Leadership of Excellence in 1988, the NDSU Alumni Achievement Award in 1989, the John Lee Coulter Agribusiness Achievement Award in 1991, the Society for Range Management Award in 1993 and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Appreciation Award in 1994. He was named North Dakota Hereford Promoter of the Year in 1975, North Dakota Cattleman of the Year in 1978 and North Dakota Man of the Year in 1980.

Jack married Dorothy (Dottie) in 1952. The Dahl Land & Cattle Company is a family partnership with Jack, Dottie, and their three sons: Dan, Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Jeff (Pin #999) and John (Pin #1058) they so have a daughter, Margo.



L to R Dan, Jeff, Jack, John



Bob Knudson '58 Pin#591
Epsilon Hall of Fame 2013

Bob grew up on a farm in Nelson County. He graduated from NDSU with degrees in Agricultural Economics and Agronomy. He served as Alumni VP of Epsilon Chapter and president of the Saddle and Sirloin Club and NDSU Young Republicans. He was also a student member of the College of Agriculture Honor Case Commission and a member of Alpha Zeta Honor Society. Named to "Who's Who in North American Colleges and Universities," Bob was also a Distinguished Military Student. After special infantry training in Fort Banning, GA he served active duty with the First Infantry Division in Fort Riley, KS.

After military service, he joined the NDSU Extension Service where he was awarded the Outstanding Agent Award for less than five years of service. His first venture in the private sector was ND Seed Potato Company, where he developed markets in the US and Canada. He served as President of the Red River Valley Potato Growers and Vice President of the National Potato Board. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Potato Council. After 10 years he made a major career change that would become his professional home. Bob began work with Nickerson Seed Co LTD of London UK, a Division of Shell Oil. His first responsibility was developing a sugar beet seed company for North America. He was assigned to Agri-Pro as director of cereal seed. He was CEO of West Coast Beet Seed in Salem, OR owned by Nickerson and five other multi-national companies. Bob was elected to the Executive Committee of the Beet Sugar Foundation.

Bob served as chair of the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Agricultural Committee and served three terms on the Minnesota Wheat Growers Research Committee. Nickerson expanded their North American business and Bob's responsibilities. His major effort was expansion of the Agri-Pro wheat seed business in US and Canada. Bob graduated from the Senior Executive Course of the Johnson School of Business at Cornell University and received the Nickerson Distinguished Service Award.

Ownership of Agri-Pro changed and Bob became totally involved with Agri-Pro Wheat and the North American wheat industry. He received the North Dakota Grain Growers Honorary Kernel Award along with the Minnesota Wheat Growers Communications Award.

Bob retired in 2000. He was put on a ten year retainer as senior consultant to Syngenta's North American Wheat Seed business. Bob was honored at his retirement with AgriPro when they named the new wheat variety 'KNUDSON'. Bob was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Agricultural Marketing Association.

Bob and Bev (Hahn) have been married for 55 years and were blessed with two children. Two of four grandchildren already have ties to NDSU!



Howard Olson '41 Pin #361

Howard Olson has dedicated his life to the improvement of agriculture not only within North Dakota, but throughout the nation. During his career, Olson furthered agricultural research in his positions with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the USDA research station at Mandan and the North Dakota Research Extension Centers in Williston and Carrington.

Howard was born April 22, 1921, in Sheldon, ND. He grew up on the family farm, attended a one-room country school, and was graduated from Sheldon High School. His college education began in the fall of 1938, at NDAC now North Dakota State University where he joined Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

His college education was interrupted by four years of military service in 1942. He was commissioned in the Navy as an Ensign in 1945 after attending Navy V-12 NROTC program at Tulane University in Louisiana. He concluded his naval service in 1946 as assistant navigator on the USS Fargo, leaving the service with rank of Lt Junior Grade.

On August 17, 1946, he married Barbara N. Johnson of Boston, Mass. They then returned to Fargo, ND, to complete their college education. Howard was graduated from NDAC in 1948 with a BS in Agricultural Engineering. Following graduation, they moved to Logan, Utah, and Howard received his Masters of Irrigation Engineering from Utah State University. Howard began his professional career as an agricultural engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, Garrison Project. He was a research agricultural engineer with the Agricultural Research Service, Northern Great Plains Field Station in Mandan and superintendent of the Williston Dry land and Irrigation Branch Experiment Stations, until developing the Carrington Station in June 1960.

Olson developed the Carrington Station from a piece of barren prairie to an irrigation showplace. With Olson's expertise and initiative, it became a center of innovative research for irrigation, horticulture and tree plantings, and it served as a model of farmstead planning. Under his leadership, many new irrigation technologies were tested and proven effective at the station. Solar technology was utilized and found to be successful and cost effective when drying wet hay.

Efficient utilization of animals as part of the state's agricultural industry was another area of interest for Olson. This led to the addition of a beef production unit. The first Research Extension Center in North Dakota was built at Carrington. This successful venture quickly became the model for similar projects across the state. Townspeople and farm families were always welcome at the station and knew they could gain reliable advice and information on a wide variety of topics.

Throughout his career, Olson has been the recipient of many awards, including the NDSU Honored Alumnus Award (1979), Agriculturist of the Year from the NDSU chapter of Alpha Zeta, the Garrison Conservancy District's Mr. Irrigation Award (1986), the NDSU John Lee Coulter Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agribusiness (1987), and an Honorary Doctorate of Science from NDSU (1989). Howard was the 2004 NDSU Harvest Bowl Agribusiness Award. A new variety of hard red spring wheat was developed and given his name "Howard".

After retirement as superintendent of Carrington Station in 1986, Howard continued his involvement with NDSU. In 1987 and 1989, Howard Olson attended North Dakota legislative sessions on behalf of NDSU presidents Loftsgard and Ozbun. After decades of service, the Olson family still calls NDSU home.

Howard M. Olson, 87, passed away October 28, 2008



Bruce Fagerholt '67 Pin #885

Chapter Room #203

Bruce Fagerholt and his wife, Sue, farm with their son, Tom. The Fagerholts have three adult children and three grandchildren. He is a graduate of NDSU and served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant. Fagerholt was a platoon leader in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces. He is past president of the Walsh County Fair Association, the Walsh County Farmers Union, the Walsh County Crop Improvement Association, and the North Dakota Weed Control Association. Fagerholt is active in the American Legion. Bruce son Tom is an Alpha Gamma Rho (Pin #1351)



Roger Kenner '68 Pin #912

Second Floor Study Room

Roger Kenner, graduated with a degree in Ag.Economics from North Dakota State University. Kenner Simmental Ranch has been raising Simmental cattle since 1974. A Simmental breeder for over 30 years, he also produces and markets certified durum wheat.

Roger purchased his first Simmental bull in South Dakota in 1974 to cross on his herd of Hereford cows. He noticed such a significant increase in the weaning weights that he went back to South Dakota and bought 20 head of halfblood Simmental cows. The neighbors started to take notice, and Roger began selling bulls privately off the farm in 1976.

At that time, Canada was so far ahead of the United States in the Simmental breed, so Roger traveled to Bar 5 to purchase bulls, and made several trips to Agribition as well.

The 1980's saw a trend of big framed, spotted Fullblood Simmental cattle that were not functional for the feedyards forcing the Simmental breeders to downsize and remove the spots. Roger used the genetics of the Full-Fleckvieh Simmental to reduce the frame size, add muscling, reduce spots and add pigmentation. Examples of the Full-Fleckvieh genetics were Hack's Friar, Hack's Bold Fenella, and KS Tattenhack.

The first non-spotting, and non-diluted bulls were very important to the breed as well. The first non-spotting black bull purchased at Kenner Simmental was Meyer's Black Dakota from the Meyer Ranch in Elgin, ND. Black Dakota was very widely used in the Simmental breed and was a tremendous bull for his time. Roger also purchased a couple of non-spotting, non-diluted, red bulls that were breed changers – ER Mackfrid and SV Red Charlie. The Red Charlie daughters have been super cows, with excellent udder quality. There are daughters and granddaughters of all three of these bulls still in production in the Kenner Simmental herd.

As the breed kept moving forward, so did Kenner Simmental. In 1999, Roger purchased Ellingson Black Perfector, at the North Dakota State Sale in Bismarck, ND, from Terry Ellingson, Ellingson Simmentals. Perfector was used as a power bull and is still in the top 20 most commonly used bulls within the Simmental breed. His son, Brooks Above Par, has also been widely used and is also in the top 20 most commonly used bulls. Above Par is known as a curve bender bull as he will calve easily and still bring in high weaning and yearling weights all in a smaller frame.

Roger sold bulls privately from 1976 until 1996, when he joined with Black Tie Simmentals and Riverview Farms in the Northern Exposure Sale. Riverview Farms dispersed their cowherd in 1999, so it became just Black Tie Simmentals and Kenner until Black Tie Simmentals redesigned their partnership. It has been the Kenner Simmental Ranch Production Sale since 2004.

The SimAngus program was developed in 2001 with the first halfblood bulls sold in 2003. They were so well received, that each year the number has increased. It has been fun to utilize some of the best genetics in both breeds through AI and embryo transfer.

Roger has been very involved in the Simmental breed on both the State and National levels. He served on the North Dakota Simmental Board of Directors for six years, serving as President in 1986-87. He was also on the American Simmental Board of Directors from 1997 – 2002, serving as Chairman in 2001.

During the last year of his first term as a trustee, Kenner served as ASA treasurer and as president of ASA Publications, Inc. He also served two three-year terms on the North Dakota Simmental Association (NDSA), including two years as president., Kenner was named NDSA Promoter of the Year in 1988. Kenner and his wife, Jeannette, are the parents of three children, two daughters and a son.

During the American Simmental Association's (ASA) most recent Annual Meeting in Denver, Roger Kenner, Leeds, N.D., was added to the impressive list of individuals and family operations, which have been awarded the prestigious World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation's (WSFF) Golden Book Award.



Harold Schafer '30 Pin #196

Epsilon Hall of Fame 1998

February 1, 1912 – December 2, 2001 was a North Dakota businessman who founded the Gold Seal Company, the original maker of *Mr. Bubble* bubble bath. He was also an entrepreneur who invested money in the tourist town of Medora, North Dakota and the Medora Musical.

Harold was born on a small farm near Stanton, North Dakota the second of three children born to Edward and Bertha Schafer. Harold spoke only German at home until he went to elementary school. During Harold's school years the family moved repeatedly. Harold graduated from Bismarck High School in 1929. During this period in his life, Harold came to recognize the value of hard work - a principle that defined his personality throughout the remainder of his working life. He took his first paid job at the age of eight working in a butcher shop in Killdeer for \$4 per week. When his family moved to Bismarck he worked as a newspaper boy, did janitorial work and was employed as a gas station attendant. In Jamestown he candled eggs, sold flowers and worked as a department store clerk. In Glen Ullin he worked on a threshing crew, and by the time he was back in Bismarck and graduating from high school, Harold was working two or three jobs at one time. He did odd jobs at the Dahl clothing store, was an usher at the Capitol Theater, a bellhop at the Patterson Hotel, and an attendant at the Standard Oil Service Station. He also delivered milk and shoveled snow. Finally he was offered a job as a salesman at Bergeson's clothing store, an experience which may have marked the real starting point of his career as a salesman.

In 1929, Harold enrolled at the North Dakota State University in Fargo. He was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho April 4, 1930. He continued to work at multiple jobs and once again his employment included work as a salesman, this time at the Globe Clothing Company. Harold left college after one year when he found his fraternity brothers fighting over the chance to become county agents at \$75 per month. Already earning \$200 per month while working part time and attending school, he hit the road as a traveling salesman, convinced that college was not the answer for him.

By 1931, at the age of 19, he returned to Bismarck where once again he found work at the Dahl Clothing Store. Through an unfortunate set of circumstances Harold was forced to take a job at a clothing store in Glasgow, Montana, almost immediately after the wedding but, by January 1, 1936, he was back in Bismarck and working for Vantine's Paint and Glass. He switched to Fargo Glass and Paint in November 1936 and then worked for that company as a traveling salesman for several years.



Gold Seal Company

In 1942, Harold started packaging and selling a product he called Gold Seal Floor Wax. He personally typed the labels by hand and taped them onto old cans in his basement and, thus, Gold Seal Company was born. Virtually no one noticed. In the spring of 1943, Harold resigned his job at Fargo Glass and Paint to pursue his new dream, only to discover that the few hundred dollars that he had expected to have available for the purpose of starting the company did not materialize. At that point Harold had three small children, no job and no money, and his new company had no assets.^[4]

In 1943, his Gold Seal Company made a profit of \$901.02, and Harold borrowed money from friends to keep going. The company grew modestly at first but, in 1945, Harold introduced a new product called Glass Wax. Sales increased dramatically and then suddenly boomed when, in 1948, Glass Wax "went national." The astonishing rise of this small North Dakota company, In 1950 Brother Harold Schafer, founder of the Gold Seal Company, paid the remaining \$10,000 balance on the house mortgage. This gave Epsilon the distinction of being the only fraternity on campus to own its own house. Harold's sometimes flamboyant management style and his incredible enthusiasm for hard work propelled Harold into the national limelight. The success of Glass Wax was repeated again in the 1950s with Snowy Bleach and in the 1960s with Mr. Bubble. Each of these became the number one selling product in the world in their respective categories, and the Gold Seal Company continued to produce increasing sales and profits until it was sold to Airwick Industries in 1986.

After selling his Gold Seal interests, Schafer reinvested much of his assets in the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to promote and preserve Medora's Western culture. Schafer was honored for this benefaction with the Roughrider Award, North Dakota's highest civilian honor.

Although Harold's business success received a huge amount of attention, he is fondly remembered by most North Dakotans for very different reasons. He was phenomenally generous, often to the exasperation of the people who were charged with the task of making Gold Seal prosper and grow. The early years of his life were marked by hard work and a nearly destitute existence, his middle years were marked by hard work and business success and the latter portion of his life was defined by hard work and his devotion to family, North Dakota and Medora. Through it all, he was always extremely generous. No living person knows the number of people touched by that generosity- but they are legion.

Harold had a quiet but determined faith in God that was inextricably woven into the fabric of his life. He expressed that faith by his actions more often than by his words. Though he seldom spoke of his faith publicly, that faith was strong and always guided his path. Harold gave God full credit for his accomplishments and often felt very undeserving of having the prosperity that had eluded so many others. He was ever mindful of the passage from Luke 12 which teaches that, "... for unto whom much is given, of him shall much be required..." The feeling that he was not worthy of being singled out for any unusual success was the driving force behind much of his generosity. Harold truly lived his faith.

As Harold grew older, his lifelong love for the Badlands and for Medora occupied more and more of his attention. He purchased the Rough Riders Hotel and the Ferris Store in 1962 and began renovating them in 1963. Other renovations and improvements soon followed and, in 1965, the Medora Division of the Gold Seal Company was opened to the public. Harold was enthralled with Medora and its fascinating history, and continued to pour his money and his efforts into this project. Medora eventually developed into the largest recreational area in the state of North Dakota. When the Gold Seal Company was sold in 1986, the family donated the Medora assets to the newly formed Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. A very large number of people have worked very hard to make Medora the premier attraction it is today but, clearly, it all began when Harold's crew took the Rough Riders Hotel apart board by board and then painstakingly reassembled it. In later years, Harold would walk, with great difficulty, through the streets of Medora simply marveling at all that had been accomplished. He loved it. The happiest days of his life may have been those he spent with Sheila in Medora.

A number of awards were bestowed on Harold Schafer. A very large number of those were directly related to his philanthropy, but he also became the youngest person ever to win the Horatio Alger award, he was named one of the 10 best-dressed men in America by the International Association of Custom Tailors and Designers. In 1975, he was awarded the state's highest honor, the Rough Rider Award, by Governor Link.

Harold Schafer was a unique blend of flamboyance and humility, a successful businessman who was much more interested in sharing than in accumulating wealth. He was generous to the point of extravagance. He loved his family, North Dakota, Medora and the company he had built. He knew the joy of relentless hard work and the satisfaction of overcoming adversity in the face of all odds Harold was particularly proud of the Harold Schafer Leadership Center which has been established at the University of Mary, and of the collection of Native American artifacts which he assembled and displayed in the Museum of the Badlands in Medora. On September 22, 1935, Harold was married to Marian Nelsen of Aberdeen, S.D. During their 30-year marriage they raised five children, Haroldeen, Joanne, Dianne, Ed Schafer, and Pam.

He is the father of former United States Secretary of Agriculture and North Dakota governor Ed Schafer. Harold Schafer died December 2, 2001, in a Bismarck hospital after an extended illness. He was 89 years old. A memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck



LaVen "Vern" Freeh '48 Pin #479

Memoir Celebrates Prairie Upbringing

Born July 10, 1926, on the family farm seven miles south of Harvey, ND, one would never guess LaVern Freeh, BS 1951, would someday influence international relations and serve the administrations of three U.S. Presidents. But he did, and he's recorded memoirs of his modest beginnings and his exchanges with world leaders in a memoir published by NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection. Freeh wrote "Child of the Prairie, Man of the World: The memoirs of Lavern 'Vern' Freeh" with his daughter Lori Freeh Tufte. While the memoir includes many stories of Freeh's professional accomplishments, such as meeting with Fidel Castro in Cold War Cuba, it is also rich with colorful personal anecdotes, like an eventful television interview with a sheep. Predicting Freeh's experiences "will resonate with a broad spectrum of readers," friend and colleague Ronald Roskens, former administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development, said, "It is a unique person who can write about himself with such openness and gentle, often subtle, humor..." Freeh tells everything in his story, from crazy tricks he taught the farm dogs and driving Roman chariots at the county fair to what it was like living with a father who once struggled with alcoholism. Although Freeh eventually traveled to more than 60 countries, his roots are in the German-Russian community where he grew up. He first left home to serve in the Marines. He returned to North Dakota and taught in a one-room school before enrolling at NDSU. At NDSU Freeh became captain of the football team; earned honors as an ag education student; was elected student body president; was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; and met and married the girl of his dreams, Mable "Mabes" Moen. Freeh tells us how, as NDSU student body president, he was called into President Frederick Hultz's office to discuss what Hultz labeled "three meaningless witch hunts." The student council wanted faculty evaluations, fairer textbook prices and more resources for football. The students eventually won on the first two issues, but to Freeh's dismay, the football budget didn't budge. Freeh's first job out of college was teaching vocational agriculture and coaching football at Linton, ND. Six years later he enrolled in graduate school and became a football coaching student assistant at Michigan State University. He earned his doctorate in 1962 and began an 18-year career at the University of Minnesota. He was serving as the U of M's director of international programs when he left academia to become vice president for public and international affairs at Land O' Lakes, Inc. During his 12 years with Land O' Lakes, Freeh became increasingly involved with international affairs and represented his company in Washington, D.C. He also worked on international aid and development projects for the administrations of Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. "Vern" passed away at Age 84; he died March 26, 2011 at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood, MN.

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Earl Marifjeren 49' PIN #509

Chapter Room #207

Earl Marifjeren hailed from Park River, North Dakota. While attending college is was a member of Alpha Zeta. Upon graduating in 1954 from North Dakota State with degree in Ag Mech Earl and his brother Allyn Pin #509 became potatoes farmers in that area. Earl and Allyn attend as many AGR events as possible every year. Truly one of the everlasting brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho

Whenever there is a campaign for brothers to donate Earl is one of the first to answer with a check.

Peter Shockman'73 Pin #1002

Chapter Room #305

Peter and his son Joshua'98 Pin#1383 are corn/bean farmers near Berlin, North Dakota. Peter and his wife Joan created The JakeStar Festival as a community celebration in memory of the life and spirit of Jacob Shockman, who passed away April 22nd, 2012 in an ATV accident. Their desire is to promote healthy activities for children, support charitable organizations that reflect our vision, and to offer hope and healing by celebrating life in a unique and entertaining way. The 2013 JakeStar Festival takes place Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th at the beautiful LaMoure County Memorial Park (Granny Park), just north of LaMoure, ND. The event features live bands and national recording artists including the **Johnny Holm Band** and **Little Texas** on a huge 50 foot stage, kid's games and activities, Inflatable Adventure Zone, an air show, laser tag, mechanical bull, food and beverages, magic shows, choir performances, music workshops, silent auction, car show, helicopter rides, golf tournament, archery shoot, raffles, door prizes and much more.

The JakeStar Festival is a proud and active supporter of Make-A-Wish® North Dakota and other community foundations and children's educational programs. Offering quality entertainment and a variety of attractions for families and people of all ages, the 2012 JakeStar Festival was a huge success that attracted over 1,000 festival goers. Proceeds in excess of \$30,000 were donated to Make-A-Wish North Dakota, Family Voices of North Dakota, LaMoure City Parks and Recreation Improvements, City of Edgeley Swimming Pool Fund, LaMoure County Memorial Park Renovations and other worthy causes.

JakeStar LLC, producer of the JakeStar Festival, is a nonprofit organization founded in 2012 after a tragic accident took the life of a young child. Out of tragedy came a desire to celebrate life with friends and families who have also been impacted by the loss of a child.

Mission

Raise funds that enrich the lives of children through quality entertainment and creative community involvement.

Vision

With events like the JakeStar Festival we strive to be a catalyst for awareness, hope, healing and the celebration of life.



Dave Vipond '76 Pin#1036

Vipond Spiritual Center “The Pit”

Dave Vipond grew up on a diversified grain and livestock farm near Norcross, MN and graduated from Herman High School in 1975. He started at NDSU that fall and pledged AGR. While at NDSU Dave was involved in student government and became Student Body Vice President. Brother Vipond was also a member of the Student Finance Committee, Blue Key Honor Fraternity, Inter Fraternity Council and VNR of Alpha Gamma Rho.

“I joined AGR because someone asked me to,” said Dave. “It’s turned out to be the second best decision - after my marriage proposal to Pam - that I’ve ever made. The rewards have been endless because of the people I never would have met without being an AGR. The common bonds we forged in school and after college are timeless. For undergraduates, I would encourage you to get involved in the fraternity and college. The relationships you build by working and playing will last your entire life. It never seems to fail that every time we start a new chapter in our lives, we run into someone we got to know at NDSU. It’s been a huge asset both socially and professionally.”

Dave graduated from NDSU in 1979 with a BS in Soil Science. In 1980, he was hired as a crop consultant for Control of Morris, MN. In 1981, he signed on to develop and manage a new Control office in Twin Valley, MN. Two years later, he was promoted to regional manager for Control and moved to Inver Grove Heights, MN overseeing 14 Control offices within a seven state region.

In 1988, Dave accepted a position as manager of a 6,000 acre farm near Mahanomen, MN. Under his direction, the operation was expanded from small grain and soybeans into seed and specialty crops. A seed conditioning plant and dry bean receiving facility were also established in Mahanomen.

Dave and Pam started their own business in 2000, ProAg Service & Insurance. Together they sell Pioneer brand seed and operate a full service crop insurance agency. Growing significantly over the past ten years, they currently employ six people. ProAg Service & Insurance serves customers from southern Minnesota to the Red River Valley and into central North Dakota. Dave also farms 800 /acres of corn and soybeans with help from sons Michael and Aaron.

“We transitioned back into farming because we didn’t want to raise our kids in the city,” said Dave. “We wanted to get back to some hands-on agriculture where our kids could learn the business and be part of it someday if they chose to. We saw the significant changes occurring in the seed industry and in the size of farms in our area. We knew there was an opportunity for someone who really understood crop insurance and farm programs. We positioned ourselves so we could be the go-to people in both seed and crop insurance. We’ve enjoyed growing the business ever since.”

Bill Harbeke '66 Pin #868

Chapter Room #206

Bill lives in Fargo and is a long time member of House Corp. He has given an outstanding effort in fund raising for the house.

Warren Hall '72 Pin #988

Kevin Hall '02 Pin #1441

Chapter Room #304

Father and Sons potatoes farmers from Hoople that have outstanding donors to the house remodeling.

The Vipond family is one of the many legacy that has become brothers in

Alpha Gamma Rho

David Vipond #1036 1/1/76

Mike Vipond #1069 1/1/79 Cousin

Tim Vipond #1080 3/1/79 Brother

Mark Vipond #1158 3/1/1985 Brother

Aaron Vipond #1572 11/1/2012 David's son

Legacy

Aarestad

Randall	3/1/74	1006
Charles	9/6/07	1498

Askim

Floyd	1/1/53	598
Gary	1/1/68	903
Dennis	1/1/69	926
Arlyn	12/1/73	997
Craig	12/9/91	1239
Justin	9/17/01	1435

BATA

Joseph L	1/1/69	925
Christopher	9/16/96	1319
Joseph M	9/20/99	1389
Mark	9/16/02	1438

Beneda

Ronald	4/1/75	1024
Nicholas	9/21/98	1370
Matthew	9/15/03	1452
Chris	9/16/08	1510

Blume

Dale	1/1/70	949
Alan	4/1/77	1053
Karl	12/1/81	1115

Coit

Neal B	1/1/21	97
Neal E	1/1/76	1029
Richard	1/1/78	1060
Jeffrey	12/1/80	1102

Dahl

Jack	1/1/49	495
Jeffrey	1/1/73	999
John	1/1/78	1058

French

Ernest	1/1/49	497
Herbert	1/1/52	565
Wayne	1/1/60	743

Funseth

Gene	1/1/70	944
Curtis	3/1/72	980
Kyle	9/16/08	1509

Hall

Warren	12/1/72	988
Kevin	9/16/02	1441

Hall

Levi	11/28/10	1535
Ian	3/30/11	1541

Hoffman

Danny	12/1/79	1089
Dane	10/24/10	1533

Marifjeren

Earl	1/1/49	509
Allyn	1/1/54	609

Mauch

Randall	1/1/69	927
Russell	12/1/73	1001
Adam	9/13/93	1267
Andrew	9/16/02	1444

Myrdal

John	1/1/46	434
Mark	1/1/75	1010
Paul	12/1/80	1104

Nettum

Leslie	1/1/66	877
Galen	1/1/68	910
Jamie	9/19/94	1282

Olafson

Roger	1/1/67	896
Curtis	1/1/71	955

Payne

Chad	3/1/83	1135
Bradley	12/1/84	1152

Pulvermacher

Derik	8/21/06	1487
Taylor	9/29/10	1531

Puppe

Gerald	4/7/57	680
Gary	1/1/61	773
Wayne	1/1/63	804

Ramsey

Robert	1/1/75	1012
David	1/1/76	1034
Dennis	12/1/79	1092

Reber

Darrell	1/1/57	681
Randy	12/1/76	1048

Ruliffson

Ralph Sr	1/1/17	60
Paul	1/1/51	551
Joseph	1/1/53	595
Ralph Jr	1/1/57	692

Shockman

Peter	12/1/73	1002
Joshua	9/21/98	1383

Sletten

James	1/1/69	930
Mark	1/1/75	1016
Michael	12/1/76	1038
Graeme	9/16/10	1528

Stanley

Martin	1/1/71	974
Orville	1/1/75	1017

Toussaint

William	1/1/28	107
Leo	1/1/27	143
Melvin	1/1/27	151
Merlin	1/1/35	259
Roger	1/1/37	290
Armond	2/11/40	333
William	1/1/46	411

Winkler

Wally	1/19/75	1013
Patrick	1/1/79	1079
Michael	12/1/80	1107
James	9/1/81	1112

Wosick

Robert	9/17/01	1434
Steven	2/22/05	1473
Douglas	3/20/06	1485
Daniel	9/16/08	1513

Zavalney

Bruce	1/1/75	1020
Boyd	1/1/78	1065

Ella Metcalf Housemother



Spring 1952 to 1963, Epsilon was privileged to have Mrs. Ella Metcalf as housemother. Whether one was the beneficiary of her patient and sage counsel with a difficult personal problem, or of an emergency darned sock, or even at the end of an accusingly wagged finger accompanied by an admonition for “too much noise on the stairs last night,” most brothers of that era agree that her influence on their lives, and especially their social manners, was profound. In retrospect, her influence also was greatly appreciated. She was a genteel lady whose mere presence in the house reminded us to be polite, considerate of others and to behave with good taste.

Pledge Trainer Maynard Iverson '61 recalls: From “I asked her to give etiquette lessons to the pledges on several occasions. She very effectively taught table manners, dance protocol, introductions, and other polite behavior to the sometimes rough guys we recruited. She was certainly one of the most dynamic and memorable housemothers.” Mrs. Metcalf was a proud housemother who bragged about “her AGR boys” every chance she could.

Ella Metcalf was born in Barnesville, MN in 1889, the daughter of Andrew and Sophia Emerson. She moved as a young girl with the family to Fargo, ND. She attended Moorhead State University and returned to Barnesville to teach school. She married Dr. George R. Metcalf, a Barnesville dentist, in 1915. They had a son, George, and a daughter, Mary. After her husband died in 1946, she moved back to Fargo. She was Epsilon’s cook for a year before being named housemother by popular acclaim of the brothers. She returned to Barnesville after retiring from her housemother position in 1963, living in her Pelican Lake cottage during summers. She died in 1978 at the age of 88.



Sally Osborn

Sally Osborn has been a cook at Epsilon since the fall of 1996. Better watch out guys! She reports that she may write a book about her time and experiences being a cook at a fraternity (although she says she would change the names so no one would be embarrassed or get in trouble because of her stories).

Brother Darnell Wohlk said this about Sally: “The chapter hasn’t had an official housemother since the ‘60s, but many would agree that Sally has filled that void. Many have gone to her for help, advice and friendship. Many brothers who live away from Fargo make it a priority to stop in and visit Sally on their visits to Fargo.” Originally from Fairbault, MN, Sally has lived in California, Minot and Fargo, ND and in Moorhead. She married Tom Osborn in 1969. He died in 2003. Before coming to Epsilon, she worked for DH Market Research. The firm conducted market research for banks, retailers and other businesses, and political candidates and parties. She formerly volunteered at Fargo’s Madison School as a tutor in the English as a Second Language Program. Sally has three sons, three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.



Madelyn Stringer

Madelyn Stringer served as Epsilon cook from 1987 to 1996. She has said that those years created some of her fondest memories and she truly cherished the relationships made with the young men of AGR.

Brothers who knew Madelyn will agree that she brought more than exceptional cooking skills into the house every day. She also brought a quick wit, a gracious nature, and extreme patience for the occasional antics of college men living in a fraternity house. That being said, many brothers from that era will remember a tongue lashing or two the morning after an especially poor showing by the “crud crew!”

Madelyn Fitz was born in Cummings, ND into a family of 13 children. Married and widowed twice, she has a son Michael Malone, a step-daughter Kimberly Stringer, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. An avid cook, she enjoyed preparing meals both as a professional and for family and friends throughout her life. She currently (2010) resides in West Fargo, ND at the Cooperative Living Center. In her 90s and doing well, Madelyn especially enjoys visiting with brothers from Epsilon Chapter.

Article from April 1913 Spectrum

New National Fraternity Chapter Installed Monday

KADONAH CLUB BECOMES CHAPTER OF ALPHA GAMMA RHO

The Kadonah Club of the Agricultural College is no more. It is now known as the Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. The installation took place last week, when Sleeter Bull, Grand President, of Urbana, Illinois, Amos Nehrling, Grand Secretary, also of Urbana, and T. D. Harman Jr., Grand Treasurer, of Pittsburg, Pa., weathered the wintry blasts of our state and came to North Dakota. They were met at the train and taken to the Gardner Hotel where the members of the Kadonah Club sat down with them at dinner. In this way they became acquainted and spent the evening together. The next morning Secretary Hardy of the Fargo Commercial Club took the visitors out in an auto and convinced them that Fargo was one of the most wonderful little cities in the world. They were then brought out here and taken through the different buildings of the campus. They were very much impressed with our buildings and our departments, and in fact surprised, as they did not imagine that our departments were as complete as they were. At twelve o'clock they were taken to President Worst's office and they went from there to the Alpha Mu fraternity house with the president. The Alpha Mu fraternity entertained the three visitors, President Worst, Deans Ladd and Keene at luncheon, which gave them a chance to become better acquainted with each other. Dean Shepperd also met them at this time. That afternoon the installation took place at the Gardner Hotel and after the installation a banquet was held in the Gardner banquet room. A program of toasts was followed out after the banquet and then the fellows went over to the Orpheum to a box party. After the box party they all returned to the Gardner hotel where a business meeting and election of new officers was held. The national officers of the fraternity left on the midnight train over the Northern Pacific and the local men were there to see them off. The new fraternity is a purely technical one, as only agricultural men are eligible for membership. The local Epsilon Chapter is part of the National Organization of Alpha

Article from September 1939 Spectrum

Robert Wilson Dies July 27, 1939

Robert Wilson, sophomore in the department of Arts and Sciences from Courtenay, died in St. Luke's Hospital on July 27 from sinusitis. He had been employed at the Fair Hills resort on Lake Pelican for the summer months. Upon being stricken with the sinus trouble, he was rushed to the hospital in Fargo, where an operation was performed. It was too late and he died early in the morning of July 27. Wilson was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity pin #309

Article from January 1941 Spectrum

Former AC Students Lawrence Douglas & W. M. Cathcart Killed In Air Crashes

Lawrence Douglass Pin #272 of Eckman, North Dakota was recently killed in Grand Forks shortly before the holidays. Lawrence was employed as a CAA instructor; he was a graduate of NDAC and a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Also killed in a Texas accident Lieutenant Wm. Cathcart, instructor at Randolph Field, Texas both were former student at NDAC. The accident occurred five days after Cathcart's marriage to the former Jeanne Hoyden, Fargo, a former student at NDAC.



John Peterson and Eric Miller send the sandbags down a slide to a waiting Boyd Zavalney. The slide was used to avoid having to haul the sandbags down the stairs.

AGRs show support for alum by 'battling the Red'

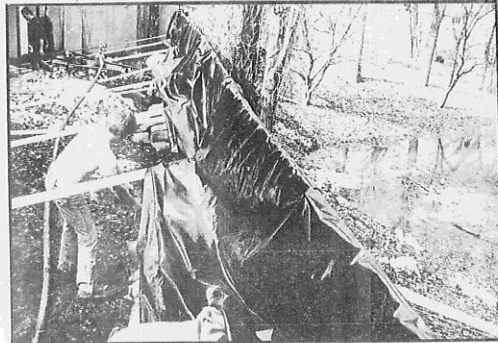
Grunts and groans were mixed with laughter as members of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity came to the rescue of one of the alums, Dick Crockett. The AGRs have been employing their brawn in Crockett's personal "Battle of the Red" for the last three days.

Tossing those bags of wet sand around is no small feat, considering they weigh about 50 pounds each. The men seemed to be taking things in stride but jokingly hurled remarks back and forth between the loading and packing crews like, "Our job is harder than your job," and "You wouldn't believe the working conditions down here."

A seemingly unlimited supply of "beverages" undoubtedly eased the workers' strain. When asked how long they had been working, one of the guys replied, "Oh, about a 12-pack."

Spending afternoons and evenings fighting on the Elm Street front has, of course, "forced" them to take time away from their school work. One remarked wistfully, "Just think, I could be in entomology lab right now."

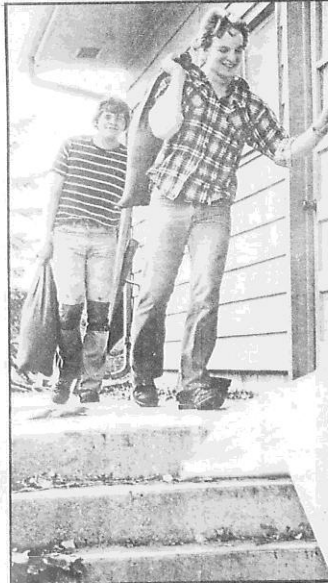
Despite the pull of free brews and an excuse to skip class, their loyalty to Crockett was evident. In the words of frat member, Dave Vipond, "He's pretty good to us, so we take care of him."



Randy Reber works on building the bottom layer of sandbags.



The AGRs try to build the wall of sandbags up high enough to hold back the ever rising waters of the Red River.



Deyri Amundson and Eric Miller haul the sandbags from the front, where they were being filled, to the slide.

Article from September 20, 1991 Spectrum

Alpha Gamma Rho become butt of joke

Tom Lilja and the other members of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity are fed up with all the unwanted services they have been receiving lately.

Since Sept. 11 the fraternity has been bombarded by food establishments and small businesses delivering unordered goods and services to its doorstep. One of the unwanted deliveries was an order of Chinese Food that totaled \$82, according to Lilja, the fraternity's president. Lilja claims the most annoying prank so far was seeing his own car practically towed from the fraternity's private lot Sept. 12. "Whoever did it had to know the make, model, color and license number of my car," Lilja stated, "and it bothers me to know that someone is watching me that closely." The police were called after the towing incident, but they told Lilja there was nothing they could do about it.

Late Friday, after finding a serviceman from Chem.-Lawn spraying the grass, Lila decided to take matters into his own hands. He called The Forum and told them what was happening. KXJB-TV got wind of the story from The Forum and interviewed Lilja for its Channel 4 news. In spite of everything, Lilja is trying to keep up good relationships with local businesses. "I apologized to businesses in the Channel 4 interview, but they didn't run it," Lilja claimed.

There is a great deal of speculation about who could be committing the acts. It could be committing the acts. It could be a very strong anti-Greek group within the College of Agriculture or just an anti-Greek group on the whole, speculates Lilja.

"This is a form of harassment "Claims Lilja, "and when we catch the people who are doing this, they will be prosecuted- no matter who they are".

Article from April 20, 1992 Spectrum

Alpha Gamma Rho Adopts New Pledge Policy

SU's Alpha gamma Rho chapter is adopting a national policy to eliminate pledging and hazing before the initiation of new members into the fraternity. The program officially takes affect June 1. A 72 hour period is required between the time AGR receives a bid from a potential member and the initiation ceremony with the new policy said chapter President Mike Dieprech. "The pledges now go at their own pace," Dieprich said. "They take tests and have to know the national and local history, NDSU's history, all the active members, the land-grant system and the Greek system."

With the new program, potential members will be initiated and learn most of this information after the formal ceremony. The 72-hour period gives potential members time to decide whether to make a lifelong commitment to the fraternity said Brian Kjosa, head of membership development. AGR is emphasizing graduation, rather than initiation, as the ultimate goal and high point of college, Kjosa said.

"The program will eliminate any chances of hazing with is our number one concern" said Tom Lilja former chapter president. "It's going on nationally. It's a big problem." "Hazing is making someone do something they don't want to do something they don't want to do but will do it to get into a group," Kjosa said. "It's demeaning, unproductive, hazardous and ridiculous,"

AGR doesn't haze, Lilja said, but the no-pledging program will get rid of the possibility of it happening. The new policy may also attract more members, Potential fraternity members may be turned away by the stereotype of pledging, Lilja said.

The new policy not only eliminates pledging, but also dominant-subservient relationships. "Everyone is equal, and once you're in, you're in," Lilja said. "Everyone is a team together." AGR is returning to its original policy of no pledging that it had when the fraternity was founded. Pledging didn't begin until after World War I and became more popular after World War II when men returned and formed soldier clubs, Lilja said.

AGR has 43 active members with four pledging members. To be initiated, a student must have earned 12 credits and a 2.0 GPA.



Alpha Gamma Rho

Row 1 (LtoR): Matt Benz, Eric Miller, John Giese, Randy Reber, Greg Jacobs.

Row 2: Richard Coit, Philip Landis, Tom Trost, Daryl Cole, Cary Anderson, Dennis Ogg, Dave Schneeberger.

Row 3: Bruce Schermerhorn, Joe Vogel, Alan Blume, Dennis Ramsey, Joel Erickson, Thomas Cotton, Bob Nord.

Row 4: John Cranmer, Carlton Anderson, Ron Mueller, John Marth, Jay Pascoe, Arlin Swenson, Mark Magnusson, Mark Voll.

Row 5: Allen Giese, Wade Myers, Robert Bahm, John Anderson, Curtis Hartman, Wayne Nygard, Patrick Winkler.

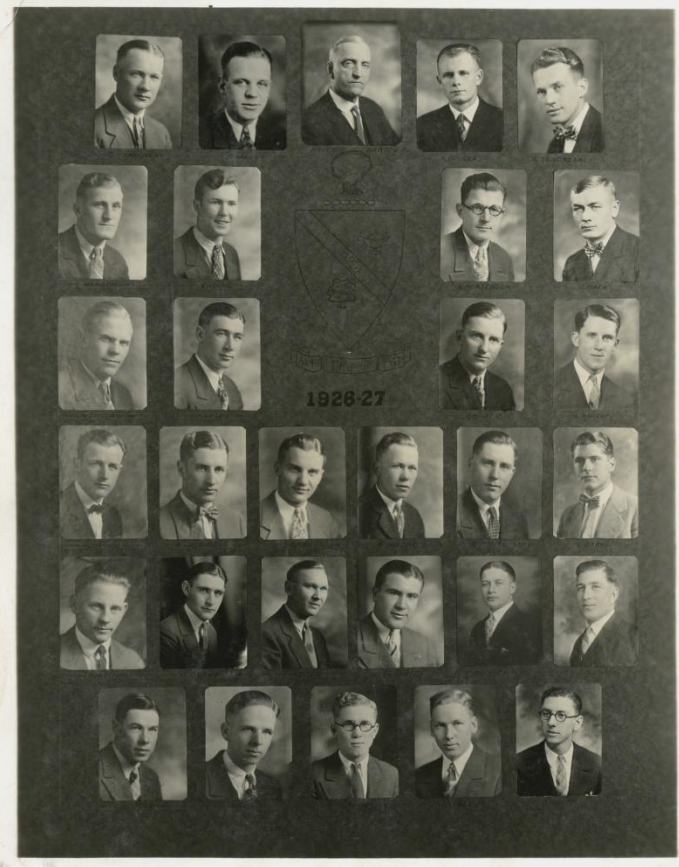
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AGR FRATERNITY-MEN & CASTLE

Photos from Bill Plath Scrapbook at the NDSU Archives



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Carl Hansen Elroy Young A.G.R. Al Morrison Johnny Mack

Leon (Pink) Johnson Howard Kunch 1926-27 Cy Border Allen Knight

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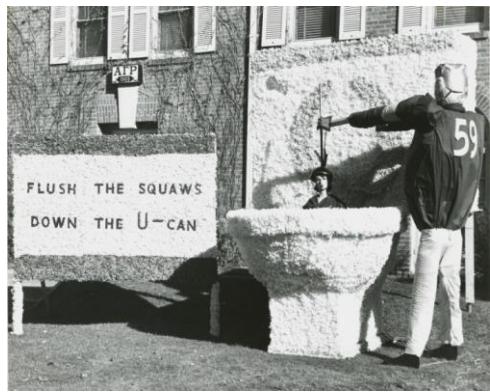
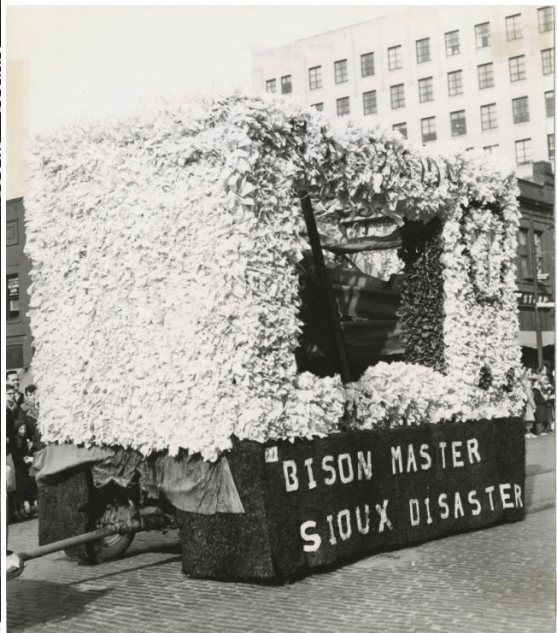


Photos from Greek Life at NDSU Archives





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FRATERNITY LIFE AT NDSC



Original Club Car Homecoming 1979



Club Car II 1980 Homecoming



THE SHARK



Halmark message (above) is bringing the couple a December 28 wedding and a Hawaiian honeymoon.

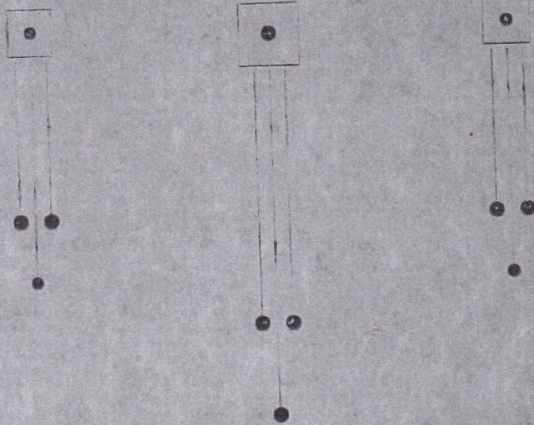


JOHN ANDERSON IS DEY-OAT-ED TO KEEPING HIS GAL ON THE FARM

For an older generation it was writing love letters in the sand. But when 27-year-old farmer and amateur pilot John Anderson wanted to let girlfriend Shirley Bauer know his days of sowing his wild oats were over, he did what came naturally to him. On the morning of September 22, he used a field cultivator to write the words "Marry me Shirley" in 250-foot-high, 40-foot-wide letters in his family's oat field outside Brooten, Minn. That afternoon, Shirley's 29th birthday, he flew her over the half-mile-by-quarter-mile message in his single-engine plane. The grass roots proposal almost didn't get off the ground. First, John recalls, his digging equipment got stuck on a tree ("I guess I was nervous"). Then Shirley, a nurse, didn't want to go up ("It was rainy and I was acting kind of silly," he says). When they were finally airborne, John had to make two passes with the plane before Shirley got the message. Although John says he had no doubts that Shirley would accept, he had a backup plan ready just in case: "I just would have stayed up there until she said yes."

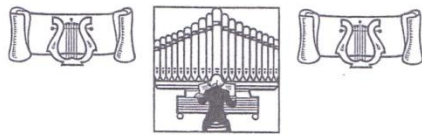
Installation Banquet program form NDSU Archives

INSTALLATION
BANQUET



EPSILON CHAPTER
OF
ALPHA GAMMA RHO
MARCH TWENTY-FOURTH
1913

Alpha Gamma Rho Song



Around the festive board, boys,
We'll sing together again,
As we have often done before
And likely to again.
It's here we pledge our fellowship
In the love of brotherhood.
The bond grows stronger all the time,
Now shout it loud and good.

Alpha Gamma Rho boys,
Forever and a day,
There is nothing like our college joys,
The pride of our work and play;
And here we live in a closer bond
A life we'll ne'er forget,
As jolly a bunch of farmer lads
As ever you have met.

Hurrah for Mary,
Hurrah for the Lamb;
Hurrah for the teacher
Who didn't give a d—.
And we'll sing one song
Of our dear old country home,
Just as tho we were walking 'round the place.

Now way back there in our woods pasture,
Several sows and pigs coming after;
Look away, look away, look away Dixie Land.
Across that clover field out yonder;
Them's our cattle, need not ponder,
Look away, look away, look away Dixie Land.

I've got a bran new splinter-fired buggy;
Hoop-a-lah—did you see me Sunday?
Look away, look away, look away Dixie Land.

WE HAVE WITH US TO-NIGHT



THE PASSING SHOW OF OLD KADONAH
HOMER DIXON, PRESIDING

THE CAST IN ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE

PRES. J. H. WORST

PROF. THOMPSON
A. H. NEHLING
HAL. POLLOCK

T. D. HARMAN
WINNEY CROUCH
SLEETER BULL

PREPARE FOR MIRTH FOR MIRTH BECOMES A FEAST

ME  NU

Beef Bouillon en Tasse

Queen Olives

Celery

Gherkins

Broiled Jumbo Whitefish

Potato Chips

Half Spring Chicken a la Maryland

Sweet Potato Croquet

Early June Peas

Fruit Salad

Merangue Glace

Assorted Cake

Cheese

Crackers

Demi Tasse

Cigars

Cigarettes

Active Chapter

Hal Pollock	Homer Dixon
Edgar Olson	Glenn R. Livengood
Carl Paine	Ray Bolsinger
Winney Crouch	Will Cockburn
A. C. Sorenson	Joe Dwire
Edward Parizek	Harold Bachman
Morris Winter	Gilbert Stafne
Philip Schuyler	Norbert D. Gorman

Honorary Members

Pres. J. H. Worst	Clark Kelley
Prof. Thompson	

Visiting Members

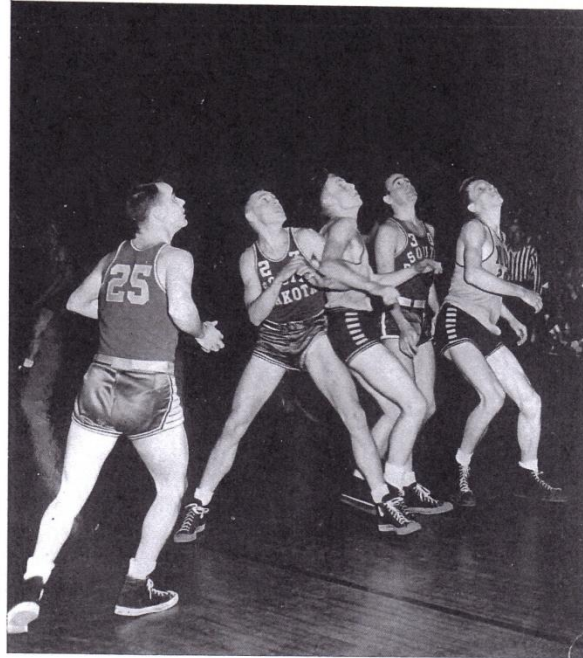
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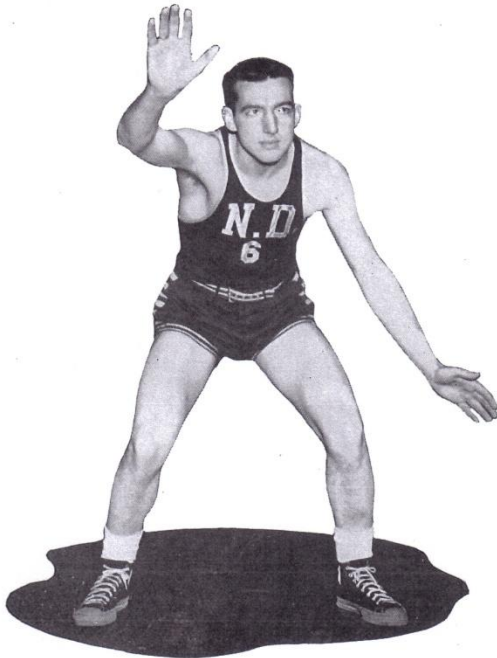
AGR unofficial Master of Ceremony Photos from 1948 Yearbook

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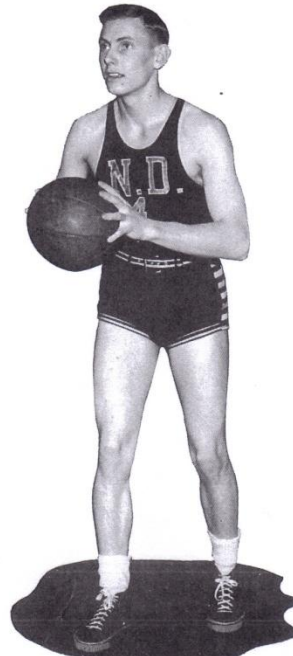
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"Fair Robert" squeezes into the play.



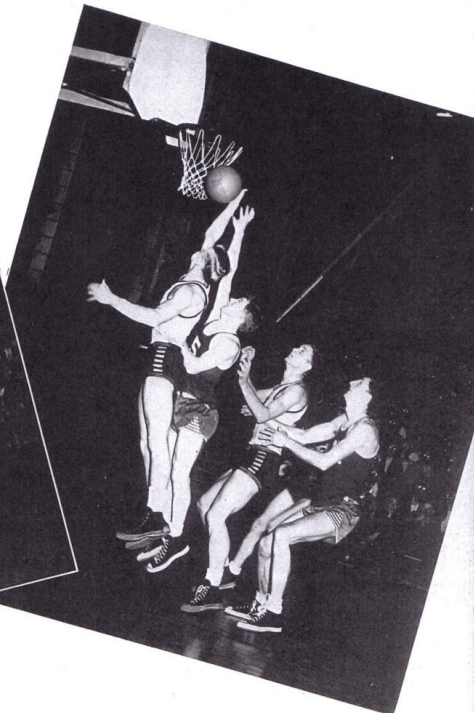
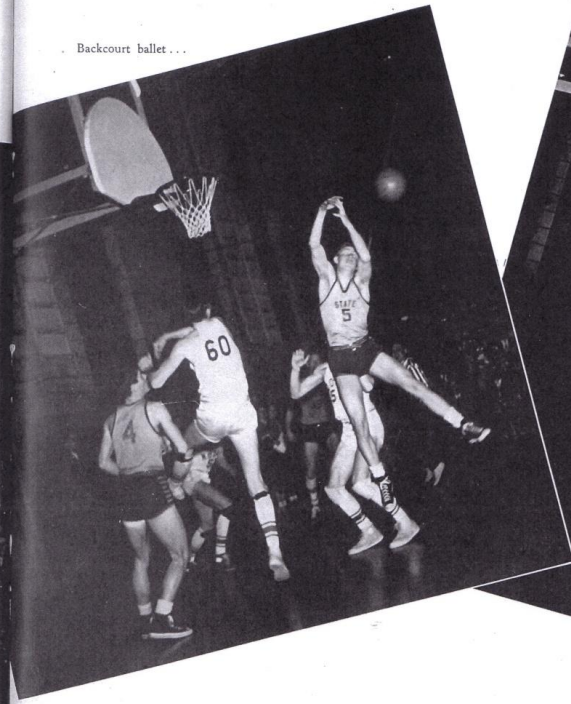
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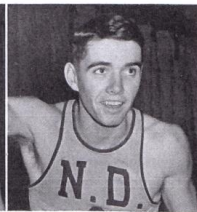
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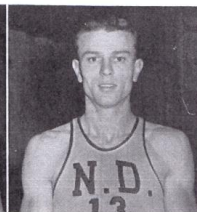
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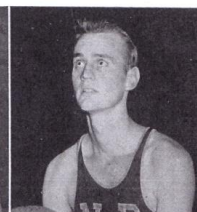
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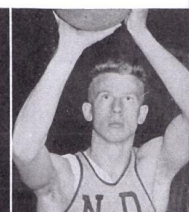
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Jim Johnston



Jerry Davenport



Jack Garrett



House thru the Years



1928





House Photo Homecoming display 1929



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After Remodeling



1930 Crescent from Plath's Scrapbook

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EPSILON CRESCENT

Fargo, N. D.

Alumni Back for Homecoming

So far as we know, this is a complete list of the alumni who were in for homecoming, their present address and occupation. If you were in and your name does not appear here, please write and let us know, for we shall be only too glad to apologize and correct the error in the next issue of the Crescent:

- Bill Aldrich, Bemidji, Minn.; Salesman.
 Mike Sullivan, Hazelton; Teaching.
 Wayne Weiser, Wahpeton; County Agent.
 Lawrence Hanes, Hannaford; Professor.
 Walter Davidson, Fargo; Seed Dept.
 B. K. Bjornson, Mandan; Asst. State Veterinarian.
 L. W. Bullard, St. Thomas; Teaching.
 A. N. Sorenson, Devils Lake; Farmers Grain Co.
 George Hanson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Insurance.
 W. F. Oechburn, Grand Forks; Machinery.
 Louis Anderson, Williston; Auto-Electrical.
 A. N. Simonitsch, Devils Lake; Life Insurance.
 Leon M. Johnson, Grand Rapids, Minn.; Teaching.
 George Hilde, Egeland; Smith-Hughes.
 Paul Abrahamson, Holla; Smith-Hughes.
 H. W. Hilde, Rugby; Machinery Sales.
 Lawrence Reiten, Buffalo; Smith-Hughes.
 Ralph K. Welch, Cando; Smith-Hughes.
 C. O. Ebling, Gladstone, Mich.; Soo Line R. R.
 S. K. Bjornson, Chicago, Ill.; Insurance.
 Allen Knight, Ardena; Farming.
 Clare Southan, Mohall; Farming.
 Neal Coit, LaMoure; County Agent.

- O. L. Hansen, Nora Springs, Ia.; Insurance.
 Arthur Zeigler, Bisbee; Teaching.
 Howard Lewis, Wahpeton; Farm Management.
 R. B. Widdifield, LaMoure; Ag. Teacher.
 H. W. Herbohn, Minnewaukan; County Agent.
 Fred Wilkinson, Valley City; Block-man-Oliver.
 Cap E. Miller, Fargo; Teaching.
 A. N. Christensen, Minot; Seeds.
 C. B. Waldron, Fargo; Horticulture.
 William Goy, Ardena, aFarming.
 C. O. Hansen, Sherwood; Teaching.
 Craig Montgomery, Ste. College Station; Masters.
 Bill Toussaint, Circle, Montana; N. P. Ext. Agent.
 Leo Toussaint, Grand Forks; University.
 Bill Plath, Fargo; Masters.
 William Frey, Drake; Teaching.
 Chas. Struble, Marion; Farming.
 T. S. Thorntson, Brookings, S. D.; Ext. Specialist Economist.
 H. P. Sullivan, Ray; Teaching.
 Ivan Bullifson, Magleton; Farming.
 Martin Altenberg, Bismarck; Trucking.
 Homer Dixon, Grand Forks; Transfer Business.
 Don Grant, Hawley; Farming.
 Edgar Olson, Fargo; N. W. Seed Growers.

LOCALS

Alpha Gamma Eho had a stag party December 5th for all members of the chapter. * * *
 Irvin Dietrich presented the Gamma Ehos with a box of cigars Monday night. * * *
 Marvin Tunland left December 4th for Chicago where he will participate in the Student Judging contest of the Poultry show to be held in the Coliseum.

State Scores Well At Chicago Show

OUTSTANDING SHOWING MADE WITH ABERDEEN ANGUS CATTLE

North Dakota has again made an outstanding showing in the Aberdeen Angus purebred cattle show rings at the International Livestock show in Chicago, a bull bred on the Hartley Stock farm at Page taking the grand championship of the Angus class. It is reported by Prof. D. J. Griswold of North Dakota State college, who returned recently from the show. "The grand champion bull was Examination of Page, bred at Page and owned in partnership by the Hartley farm and the Briar Cliff farm of Pose Plains, N. Y., which is managed by Kenneth McGregor's brother", said Professor Griswold. "The Hartley farm also won the first prize in the American Angus 2-year-old class, while a senior yearling heifer, bred on the Hartley farm, but now owned by Blake Brothers of Des Moines, was the champion female. "North Dakota State college did not do so well this year with its carload of lambs in which class it won the reserve championship last year. This year our carload placed fifth.

EPSILON MAN IS A FLYING CADET

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 mitting him to apply for his commission. This vacancy failed to materialize, so Brother Erey applied for entrance to the air service. His application was O. K'd and he received orders to report at Fort Riley, Kansas to take his entrance examinations. He passed the exams and received orders to report to March Field to receive flying instruction. Erey reports that he thoroughly enjoys his work and that he expects to do solo flying this week. Brother Young is the first alumnus of Epsilon chapter to take to the air, and the third alumnus of the college to enter the air service.

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George Knutson Elected to A.G.R.

A. C. GRADUATE NOW WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

One of the most pleasing parts of the Alumni business meeting that was held following the homecoming game, was the suggestion on the part of the Alumni to the active chapter that we elect George Knutson to membership in the fraternity. At one of the regular fraternity meetings following homecoming, Mr. Knutson was unanimously and gladly voted to become a member of the fraternity.

With Department of Agriculture
 Mr. Knutson, upon his graduation from the college in 1916, was connected for a while with the Great Western Sugar Beet Company. At the present time he is with the United States Department of Agriculture as Statistician located at Grand Forks. And in conjunction with that work there he has been taking work on his doctor's degree.

Mr. Knutson will be for many initiated into the fraternity during county agent week, which will be held the second or third week in December.

Alumni members who were in school at the same time Mr. Knutson was enrolled at the college and who plan on being here for the initiation are William Guy, Homer Dixon, Bill Cockburn, A. N. Christensen, Grand President "Dick" Bjornson, E. J. Thompson and C. Sorenson.

And we want as many of you alumni as possible to be here at that time.

A Gamma Eho that didn't come back, is the highly dramatic role Brother Don Lawrence had to play as a member of the Edwin Booth Dramatic club in their current production, "Journey's End." Brother Lawrence plays the part of Lieutenant Osborn.



EREY YOUNG

CHARLIE STRUBLE FAVORS NO. DAK.

Maybe it was the climate, perhaps the moist atmosphere that somehow or other didn't appeal to him. Anyway Alumnus Brother Charlie Struble is back on the home farm at Marton, S. D., raising the farm. For the past several years he has been running a farm out on the west coast. Brother Struble was in for homecoming and had much to tell us about his experiences out there.

Epsilon Delegates Go to Convention

Noble Ruler Gordon Widdifield and Brother Carl Roberts have been selected by the members of the chapter to act as delegates at the National Alpha Gamma Eho convention which was held in Chicago November 29 and 30th, and December 1st. Brother "Herbie" Herbohn, Minnewaukan, was selected to represent the Alumni Chapter of Epsilon Chapter at the convention.

And the stork came down the chimney at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bentley. Richard Ronald is the boy's name. Give Brother Bentley a hand, fellows.

Epsilon Man Is A Flying Cadet

BROTHER EREY YOUNG ENJOYS FLYING VERY MUCH

Word has recently been received at the house that Brother J. Erey Young, '28, has entered the army air service and is stationed at March Field, Riverside, Cal. Erey's entrance into the air service comes as a result of a year's service in the regular army at Fort Snelling, from which he received a transfer into the air service late this fall.

Was Prominent in Activities
 Throughout his collegiate career Erey was prominent in extra-curricular activities. He was a member of Scowhard and Blade, national honorary military fraternity; vice-president of his class during his senior year; in the Elmsites; a member of the student commission; Board of Publications; Gamma Tau Sigma, honorary journalistic fraternity; Eison Staff; a member of the rifle club, Inter-Fraternity Council; and was Manager of the Junior Prom.

Following his graduation Brother Erey was engaged for two years in teaching vocational agriculture at Glynndon, Minnesota. After this he enlisted in the regular army at Kansas City, Mo., where he was stationed for a short while. From there he was transferred to Fort Snelling. He remained there as a member of the third Infantry for about a year.

While at Snelling Erey was active in the affairs of the fort playing on both the basketball and baseball teams of his company, and at the same time acting as special reporter to a twin city paper, reporting the news at the fort.

When he enlisted in the army, Erey did so hoping that a vacancy for a second lieutenancy would occur, per-

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GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL

And everybody had a good time. Had I the ability of Shakespeare, the originality of Bocaccio, or the descriptive power of Lawrence Sterne I would say no more concerning the wonderful time everybody had at the house during homecoming. The spirit of brotherhood, true brotherly love, was most gratifying to be who chanced to but pause and reflect upon the fact. And to keep up such wonderful affinity between the members of the active and alumni chapters left next week often, get together again and keep fanning that blaze of true brotherly love.

THANKS, FELLOWS

The Crescent wishes to take this opportunity of thanking you Alumni who have shown interest in the affairs of the active chapter to the extent of writing in to us and "hawling" us out for not sending you data and other material gotten out from time to time by the chapter, that is of interest to you.

For by letting us know you are not receiving this material is the only way we have of checking thru our files and seeing that your addresses are correct.

Thank you, fellows, and let us hear from you again, for if there is anything wrong along that line we want to straighten it out as soon as possible.

Alumni Brothers Clyde and Morris Barke have just moved into Fargo to spend the winter.

TWO MEN INITIATED INTO FRATERNITY

Sunday morning, November 23, Neophytes George Simons and Victor Lundeen, were formally initiated into the fraternity.

Brother George Simons hails from Stanley, while Brother Victor Lundeen is from Park River.

Pledges Now Total Seventeen

In addition to the men mentioned in the last Crescent the following men have been pledged into the fraternity: Steve McKinnon, Mapleton; Roy and Clarence Solberg, cousins from Churches Ferry; Alvin Lyness, Fessenden. And for the benefit of you Alumni who did not happen to see a copy of the last Crescent we are listing the other men pledged into the fraternity: Pius Mastle, Hazleton; Edward Wilcox, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; Arnold Mickerson, The River Falls, Minn.; Donald Murray, Edesley; Clifford Johnson, Stanley; Ralph Detrick, Mandan; Donald Green, Langdon; Palmer Olson, Stanley; Reginald Dennis, Fargo; George Kofron, Harvey; Roland Maskin, Mandan.

Roberts, McCleod on Judging Team

LEAVE FOR CHICAGO

"Ray for Carl", "atta boy Jimmie!" These and many other like expressions were but a few of the sendoffs the boys at the house gave Brothers Carl Roberts and Howard McCleod when they left for Chicago as members of the Fat Livestock Judging Team, Chicago, the fraternity convention, the livestock show, the bright lights and a wonderful trip.

Brothers Roberts and McCleod were selected as members of the team by Al Severson of the college. Brother E. J. Thompson will also attend the livestock show.

Alumni Chapter to Present Watch

WILL HOLD ALUMNI MEETING

"And another year has rolled around, for we are again getting ready to present a watch to the outstanding boy during the Boys and Girls Club week", said Dr. O. Churchill in speaking of the present the Alumni chapter of Epsilon chapter is going to give away. And the active chapter is all set to show the state club leaders and the members of their respective teams some real hospitality when they arrive in Fargo for the annual state 4-H club convention.

Brothers Dr. Churchill and Lined Johnson have selected the watch to be presented to the outstanding boy in club achievement at the convention. The awarding of the watch is the sixth time the Alumni chapter has made this award. The first watch was won by Alumnus Ralph Welch, who is now teaching Smith-Hughes work at Cando. Brother Ralph was Epsilon's Noble Ruler during his Junior year. The awarding of a watch each year is well worth while if it will help Epsilon get acquainted with such valuable men as Brother Welch.

Some time during that week Brother Churchill will call an Alumni business meeting. And of course he wants to see you all there. Besides the Alumni Association there are about thirty activities who are looking forward to seeing you and we don't want you to disappoint us. Remember the good time you had at homecoming? Well, why not repeat that occasion at that time?

Kenneth Cramer Hansen was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen on Oct. 30th. Congratulations, Carl.

Brother Frederick Nunns is waxing verbally strong now and then. Of course there is a reason, and a very good one at that. He is a member of the debating team at the college.

Chapter Holds Fall Party

GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL

"The best party we've had in a long time." Sure had a fine time." These and many other expressions of pleasure were stated by the fellows concerning the annual fall dancing party held in honor of the pledges in the college Y. M. C. A.

The party was held November 19, with dancing from 9 till 11:30 P. M. All of the pledges took advantage of the opportunity to have a good time, and did just that.

The floor was in good shape, waxed and just like glass, only not so brittle.

The hall room was decorated in yellow and green, with the illuminated Crest hanging at one end of the room. And what a dance orchestra. The "Campus Rounders" is the name they have given themselves. And if that name means a good dance orchestra, one with lots of pep, and that "Daddy Vallee" effect, they certainly lived up to their name. Brother Bjornson, who plays the drums, favored us with a song of his own composition. And was it good? Ask us. Incidentally Brother Hermer, saxophonist and clarinetist of no small renown put on a "Levinsky" act that would put even Mussolini to shame.

Alumni members present included William Plath, Loren Plath, Craig Montgomery, Wayne Weiser, Russel Weiser, Don Grant, and Harold Bergford of Lumbia chapter.

Chaperones for the affair were Mrs. Charles E. Kellogg and Dr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Lindsay.

PRESIDENT SHEPARD LEAVES FOR CAPITOL TO ATTEND MEETING

Brother President J. H. Sheppard left Friday, November 14, for Washington, D. C., where he will attend a meeting of the Association of Land Grant Colleges. This meeting which was held November 11 to 19 takes place annually and is attended by the presidents of the colleges belonging to the Association.

NOBLE RULER'S MESSAGE

Epsilon has now thirty-one active members and seventeen pledges. And each man is doing his part, striving to make this one of the most successful years, scholastically as well as socially, in the history of the chapter. The financial depression is a handicap to us in that a large number of the fellows have to work for their board, consequently they are not eating at the house, but this has been overcome to a large extent by the number of pledges eating at the house. In spite of their financial embarrassment the fellows' fraternal spirit has not weakened in the least, instead we are having just that much more determination to make this another big year for Epsilon chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho.

PROWLER DISCOVERED IN GAMMA PHI HOUSE

Girl's screams and shrieks were in order recently when an unassuming and unknown man was found prowling around in the Gamma Phi Beta's sorority house at 12:30. The girls at the sorority house were preparing for bed on the second floor. As one of the girls passed the head of the stairs and glanced down, the face of an unknown man appeared at the foot of the lighted stairway. The shrieks which the girl gave, woke everyone who was asleep. As the culprit fled the light was made known every girl in the house either screamed or fainted. The girl's house mother called the police who arrived on the scene and searched the house in vain. It is not known whether the prowler escaped while the police were being called or when they were searching another part of the house. It is believed the man made his entrance and escape through a window in the reading room, as foot prints left by the snow on the rug marked the way.

After the search, calls were made to two of the fraternity houses, and three boys volunteered to remain at the house to lend their moral support as the girls were in a hysterical condition.

Shortly after the police left, a watch was found lying in a chair near the window. The police were informed and they called for the watch which may serve as a valuable clue in the search for the unwelcome visitor.

Epsilon Men Are Entertained By Tau Chapter

ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

The Michigan State College co-eds are certainly "all there" when it comes to looks, reports men from the house, who as members of the variety football team, made the trip to Lansing to play the Michigan State football team. Especially so were the ones that the A. G. R. brothers of Tau chapter got as dates for them the night of their college party. The fellows who made the trip spoke most highly of the royal entertainment given them by the members of Tau chapter.

Brothers Thomasson, Gray, Rod McMillan, and Ellingson, made the trip. Strange tales of a wondrous city called Chicago drifted back to the house on the return of the fellows. "Hub", said Pat Ellingson, "that town isn't so big".

Bob overhauling Fat made such a statement came across with, "Say, you know we had the time of our lives in Chicago, looking after Fat and keeping him from getting run over by taxicabs. He would stand around and look at all the tall buildings until one would think he'd strain his neck."

By way of comment it might be worth while to mention that Brother Ellingson used the liniment bottle quite frequently on that part of his anatomy between the head and the shoulders. Was it the tall buildings. Or was it that date he had at the Michigan State party.

Tuntland Elected to Phi Kappa Phi

Brother Mervin Tuntland was just recently elected and initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity. Brother Tuntland is a senior, majoring in Social and Economics. And here's news hot right off the press. Merv has just made the poultry team. And that means a chance to represent Epsilon chapter in the National Poultry Show to be held in Chicago.