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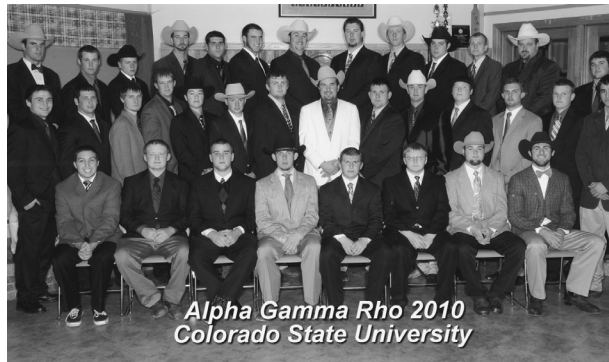
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NOBLE RULER REPORT

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I have not had the privilege to meet many of you, so allow me to introduce myself. My name is Craig Sitzman, and I am the Noble Ruler for 2010. I grew up on a farm southwest of Eaton, Co. I was fortunate enough to be brought into Rho chapter by two brothers who also come from Eaton. Being a part of this chapter has really helped to engage me not only as a student at Colorado State University, but also in the agricultural industry. I'm proud and honored to lead this chapter through 2010.

Some of our chapter highlights thus far include attending the National Leadership Seminar in Reno, Nev. in February and the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo. in August, thanks to the generous donations of the Alumni Board and two strong supporting alumni members as well. It was a great experience to exchange thoughts with other chapters not only in our region but nationwide. Ten brothers attended the conference in Reno along with our adviser, Jason Habrock. We came home with a stronger sense of what Alpha Gamma Rho is about and new ideas that will help make all the members of our chapter better men. In August we were able to send two brothers to St. Louis for the biannual National Convention.

We have begun the fall semester strong with five new recruits from spring and eight thus far this fall, and we continue to work hard at increasing our membership. The new members from the fall of 2009 and spring of 2010 are already proving themselves to be leaders and scholars in the house. They know the value and reward that comes with grasping the sickle and using it in everyday life.



I am excited to share with you the improvements that were recently made to the house, thanks to our alumni board and the funds from a Christian group who rented the house over the summer. We had the exterior of the house repainted, along with making improvements on the interior including new paint and flooring in the dining hall. There was also some landscape work done behind the house.

Thank you for all of the support that you've given us, and I look forward to a great rest of the 2010 fall semester and the great direction our chapter is heading towards.

Fraternally,
Craig Sitzman
Noble Ruler

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Good day gentlemen. I would just like to give a recap on our spring 2010 graduates as well as fall 2010 graduates. I am also excited to announce that we have initiated eight exceptional men this fall in hopes that they become the men that they were born to be. We wish them all luck in their endeavors and hope that any alumni they encounter help them on their ongoing road to success.

Fraternally,
Luke Bayci
Membership Development

SPRING 2010 GRADUATES

Jacob Allacher – Flagler, CO
James Bledsoe – Wild Horse, CO
Jaime Goza – Olathe, CO
Jed Michal – Flagler, CO
Paul Reppenning – Baltimore, MD
Kevin Schlabach – Durango, CO

FALL 2010 GRADUATES

Jim Magnuson – Eaton, CO
Justin Roles – Grand Junction, CO

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ALUMNI RELATIONS REPORT

Brothers,

I hope this update finds you in good spirits and hopeful for the fall harvest. The new semester has brought new challenges and new opportunities. As those of us still residing in the house continue our endeavor to be better men, I trust those who have come before us maintain the same mentality.

This past summer brought the opportunity for two of our young men to attend the Alpha Gamma Rho National Convention in St. Louis, Mo. Many connections were made with other chapters and the national staff in continuing efforts to network for future opportunities. This chance for involvement may not have been possible if not for the alumni board and their continued support of the undergraduates.

Continuing progress has been made to maintain the house. The undergraduates have tried to maintain our house as the most outstanding on campus, and alumni have helped us support this mission. A new coat of exterior paint and upgraded gutters were a main focus. Also work on the back lawn was completed after a spring improvement on sewer lines left bare ground and a large eyesore. By removing a fence by

the kitchen door and leveling and seeding of the lawn, the rear entrance is now more than suitable for our purposes and drainage. As agriculturists, we strive to maintain proper landscaping around the house and this addition will only help.

Rho chapter is also proud to announce that the sitting student body president here at CSU is a proud member of Alpha Gamma Rho. Mr. Cooper Anderson was elected ASC-SU President last fall and has been representing all brothers well since taking office this fall. Cooper was initiated in fall 2007 and is majoring in Political Science and Ag Business. He is the son of Mark and Tammy Anderson of Eaton.

We look forward to the coming season and hope for the best in our academic and professional careers. I personally hope to be in contact with as many alumni as possible. Without the support of alumni and our alumni board, many goals and activities would be impossible for those of us in the house.

In The Bond,
Jim Magnuson
VNR Alumni Relations

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Alumni,

Fall has officially begun, but summer has a pretty tight grip on our weather here. One day we'll wake up to snow and ask where fall went. On the bright side of things, harvest has gone very well and hopefully will continue to roll along smoothly.

Rho Chapter has made some positive strides over the past year. From Leadership Seminars to campus involvement, the undergraduate chapter should be commended. They are enjoying some major improvements to the Chapter House this fall. A new dining hall floor with fresh paint and new exterior paint as well. Some landscaping has really improved the look of the back of the house. As an Alumni Association we continue to pay down the debt and put \$10,000-\$20,000 in capital improvements back in the house.

I would like to thank the Alumni who attended the Farm Show Luncheon and Founder's Day in April. It would be great to see more of our Alumni at these events. We are working on a database to have more communication with Alumni electronically. To do this we need names and email addresses from those Alumni we don't have. This would improve efficiency, communication and participation in Alumni events. Please send your information to rhoalumni@gmail.com.

Hopefully we will see some of you at Homecoming in October. I hope you all continue to have a safe and happy fall.

Fraternally,
Brett Markham
Alumni President

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

The final weekend of April was the annual National Leadership Seminar held in Reno, Nev., sponsored by Monsanto and Pioneer. This year we sent 10 of our brothers across state lines to see what new ideas and knowledge we could gain from the 2010 AGR and Sigma Alpha seminar. We met brothers from all over the West from states such as California, Texas, Oregon and the Dakotas. The workshops we attended focused on things like visioning, communication, ethics, risk management, connecting with people, time management and recruitment. All of these topics were presented in a way that made them very relevant to every member of our chapter and will certainly benefit the chapter as a whole. It was also very helpful to brainstorm with other chapters to see what is and is not working well for them and to try and help each other out. Some topics that came up were member retention, fundraising, recruitment and professional development. Each chapter had valuable information to share, whether from a failure or success. In addition the national advisers were of great assistance and had lots of helpful points for us to take back home and share. All of the brothers who attended gained knowledge on how to make themselves better leaders and brothers here at Rho chapter. The seminar was a priceless experience.



In August Tyler Witter and I attended the National Convention in St. Louis, Mo. This was similar to the seminar in Reno but focused more on having the Noble Rulers or highest ranking executive members analyze their chapters. More brainstorming went on and comparisons which helped chapters learn from each other. A huge thank you goes out to our alumni for their outstanding support in these endeavors. Without your help this wouldn't have been possible for us.

Also, the second weekend in September we held our first Alpha Gamma Rhoeo which went well for being the first event like this that has been held in quite some time. We had a flat-bed trailer displaying our AGR banner and a mechanical bull. We also put together a barbecue, and the proceeds went to Agribility. The barbecue was a success for the most part, but we could have had better Greek support. This gives us a few things to work on for next year. I feel that this could be a big annual event and a great way to get our name out on campus in coming years, making it a good way to help with recruitment. I hope everyone is having a good year and that all is well.

Fraternally,
Ryan Goforth
VNR Activities

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Fall recruiting has been a success thus far yielding the house eight new members in addition to the five new members we retained from spring rush last school year. We will continue to push recruitment but are very pleased with the new members

that have joined the house within the past year.

In The Bond,
Shane White
VNR Recruitment

FALL 2010 RECUITS

NICK BEAUPREZ
BYERS, CO

RYAN FINNEGAN
LA JARA, CO

DALTON HINDMARSH
DOLORES, CO

JOHN LITTLE BALD EAGLE
ROSEBUD, SD

ALEX BURFORD
BAIRD, NE

JEFF HAWTHORNE
HAXTUN, CO

JOSH HOLT
LOOMIS, CO

LOGAN WINBORN
DURANGO, CO

SPRING 2010 RECUITS

KYLE BANGS
ESTES PARK, CO

JOHN BRAMMER
HAXTON, CO

COLBY DURHAM
PARKER, CO

JOE MARINELLI
MANHATTAN BEACH, CA

LOGAN STESON
ESTES PARK, CO

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ALUMNI NEWS WANTED

The next issue of the Rho Chapter Crescent should be full of news about alumni brothers. Please send us your updated contact information and the latest on your accomplishments (marriage, family, jobs, etc.) to: Rho Chapter Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 705 S Shields St., Fort Collins, CO 80521.

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Please help us recruit the best of men. If you know someone who would make a good addition to our fraternity, please let us know so we can contact him and enhance our brotherhood.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone - home: _____ School: _____

Classification/Major: _____

Comments: _____

Your name and address: _____

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