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NOBLE RULER REPORT



Robert "Skip" Hecox

Brothers,

I am happy to report that we are on the precipice of very exciting times here at Kappa chapter. This is a year when plans will be drawn up, and decisions will be made that affect the future of the men who pass through the doors of AGR, and ultimately, will dictate the future of AGR itself. From where the house stands, we have two key happenings to be excited about. First and foremost: the 2010 freshmen class. Thanks to the combined efforts of our Alumni and Recruitment Chairs, we have managed to bring a group of outstanding young men into our membership. These brothers are from all different areas in Nebraska and have a great deal to offer Kappa chapter. Even before the end of their first semester in the house, they have demonstrated great ability, cohesiveness and leadership potential. I am truly excited to see what this class will bring to the future of the house and what impact they will have on campus. We are confident that they will continue the tradition of excellence that AGR has managed to maintain in terms of leadership for CASNR and the agricultural industry as a whole.

Secondly: thanks to the work of the undergraduate chapter, foundation and alumni boards, and the contributions from alumni, the new house project has made tremendous progress. We have hired a contractor and architect, and we are currently finalizing layout plans for the house to ensure it will be

compliant with city zoning ordinances. In our talks with the house designers, the undergraduate chapter has made it extremely clear that the overall design of the house should lend itself to fostering brotherhood on all levels. The current interior design we have come up with is geared toward getting members out of their rooms and into common areas on a regular basis, similar to what the Pit accomplished in the past. Such a house layout will play a crucial role in the development of the young men who will be the future of AGR.

Although we are extremely pleased with the ground we have covered this year, we do not want the progress we have made to cloud the need for support from alumni. At this juncture, the project needs at least another \$1.5 million in pledges before we can move much further. As we continue the fundraising drive, I hope you will remember what Kappa chapter has given you with regard to experiences, friendships and character development.

Overall, Kappa chapter is as strong as it has ever been. Between the support of our alumni and the leadership potential in the underclassmen, I feel safe in saying that this trend will continue into the future. However, these hopes cannot come to fruition without a sustained effort. I challenge each of you, both alumni and undergraduate brothers, to do your part in continuing Kappa chapter's tradition of making better men.

Fraternally,
Robert "Skip" Hecox
Noble Ruler



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KIMMEL ORCHARDS

Once again the men of Kappa chapter took to Nebraska City to volunteer at the Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard during the annual AppleJack Festival. Alumnus Erik Olson is the manager at the Orchard, which is operated by the Kimmel Foundation. Honorary initiate Brother Ernie Weyeneth oversees the Kimmel Foundation. During the weekend of September 18, over 20 brothers cooked donuts, made kettle corn, stocked shelves and drove the hayrack ride. As a result of the hard work of Kappa chapter, the Kimmel Foundation has decided to award the Kappa Foundation a grant to go toward



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Fraternally,
Ross Jensen

the new house project. Although the weekend exhibited unfavorable weather for a festival, Olson called AppleJack Weekend a huge success and looks forward to continuing the partnership with the undergraduate chapter in years to come.

We are always looking for additional fundraising projects. If you know of any opportunities, please contact our Noble Ruler

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Dear Alumni,

As recruitment chairs, we would like to give you an update about how summer recruitment went this year. We started the summer off with a goal of recruiting 20 new members. After traveling from Lincoln to Benkelman and from Crofton to Salina, Kan., we added 23 new members from a wide variety of agricultural backgrounds and majors.

We would like to thank the alumni for their donations

which allowed us to create a new rush brochure and aided in the recruitment process.

If you have any questions or any recommendations for new members, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
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MENTOR REPORTS

The following are mentor reports written by Kappa Chapter undergraduates.

MARK SCHROEDER ('72)

For my mentor report, I interviewed Mark Schroeder of West Point, Neb. Mark has two sons, David and Jeff, and a wife, Debra. Mark teaches Agriculture at Wisner-Pilger Jr.-Sr. High School and is a very successful FFA Advisor, and an alumnus of AGR's Kappa chapter. Deb is an extension agent for Cuming County. David just received his doctorate and is working in Chicago, Ill. Jeff is currently enrolled at UNL and is a member of our Alpha Gamma Rho-Kappa chapter house. I asked Mark some questions and these are the answers I received.

When Mark was an undergraduate he was the AGR house manager, making sure that everything was up to snuff and things were operating how they should. He said during his time in the house he made lifelong friendships and connections, many of which he is still in contact with. Mark was initiated in 1972 and graduated in 1976. He double majored in Animal Science and Economics. After graduation, he took a break from school before earning his master's degree in 1982. He has been teaching Agriculture in high school since 1977.

Written by Austen Godbersen, Wisner, Neb.

SCOTT FORD ('91)

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For my mentor report, I interviewed Scott Ford of Bertrand. He is currently married to Kim Ford, and they have two daughters who are ages six and three. Scott and Kim currently live southeast of Bertrand on the Cross Diamond Ranch.

Scott was initiated into AGR in the fall of 1991, and he graduated in the spring of 1996. After graduation Scott returned to Bertrand and started his own feed business while he also helped sell seed corn with the local seed dealer. He got involved in a cattle business called Panhandle Cattle Company, with his future wife Kim, in Lakeside, Nebraska. Kim's family had a Red Angus herd they owned, and Kim was very involved. Scott moved to Lakeside for a couple of years and strictly worked with Kim and her family improving the Red Angus herd.

Scott and Kim now own the Cross Diamond Cattle Company in Bertrand and take care of 550 pair of Red

Angus cows and calves. Scott is also a Pioneer representative in Bertrand and is involved in the Red Angus Association. Scott enjoyed his time at the AGR house and really liked the strong network connection that he had immediately with the guys. He said he could be who he wanted to be and fit in very well.

Written by Jake Nelson, Bertrand, Neb.

CASEY NAPRSTEK ('01)

Casey Naprstek joined Alpha Gamma Rho in the fall of 2001. That summer he was having a hard time deciding between Farmhouse and AGR, as I imagine a lot of brothers have experienced. After meeting with both houses and touring the houses he noticed one particular part of AGR that Farmhouse didn't have. On his house tour he was taken to the pit and shown the pool table, and that was the deciding factor. During his four-year stint as an undergraduate member of the AGR brotherhood, Casey served as a K-Chief his sophomore year, and "that's pretty much it," he thinks. Casey really enjoyed being a Big Brother and hanging out with all of the brothers in the house. He said his least favorite part about living in the house was the fact that the house wasn't full during the time he lived there, but the bills still needed to be paid. This meant things were split between them all, so everyone had a little bit larger chunk of to pay. Casey graduated in 2005, majoring in Agricultural Economics from CASNR.

Now Casey is back home on the family ranch 11 miles north of Lexington on Wiley Canyon Rd. He and his father, Hap, run a cow/calf operation and do a little farming – just enough to feed the calves in the winter. Casey said he has never regretted his decision to become an AGR and that it was the best decision he's ever made. He now has lifelong friends and someone who will always answer any questions he might have about the cattle industry.

Written by Andrew Schipporeit, Sumner, Neb.

JERRY MYERS ('58)

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Jerry is from the town of Cairo, which is 15 miles north of Grand Island. He has lived there his whole life – 'born and raised' is the phrase.

MENTOR REPORTS CONT.

Jerry was a junior when he was initiated in to Alpha Gamma Rho. He really enjoyed his time here and wished he could have joined before his junior year. His major was Agricultural Economics. He graduated with a degree in 1960. He said he wasn't in any clubs while being on campus, but he was a member of 4-H as a kid.

He is currently married and has three kids. He still resides in Cairo, Neb. He came right out of college and onto the ranch. Jerry currently runs his own feed yard which stocks over 5,000 head of fat cattle. He enjoys the cattle business and wishes to continue for the rest of his life. You could say it's in his blood.

Written by Jamie Stevenson, Rockville, Neb.

SCOTT MCPHEETERS ('81)

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I interviewed Scott McPheeters of Gothenburg for my mentor report. Scott lived in Alpha Gamma Rho from the fall of 1980 through the spring of 1981. His freshman year in the house he was the grounds chairman for AGR. While attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he majored in Agriculture Economics. He was a part of the Agriculture Economics Club, the National Agri-marketing Association, and he was a part of Nebraska Agriculture Youth Council.

Today, Scott farms the valley ground in Gothenburg, Neb. He is married and has four kids, ranging in age from 12 to 22 years old. He said the best things he took away from Alpha Gamma Rho were the friends he made and the good times he had with them. He still keeps up with those friends today, even after over 20 years of living out of the house.

Written by Jared Aden, Farnam, Neb.

JORDAN FELLER ('02)

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For my mentor report, I interviewed Jordan Feller of

Wisner, Neb. As Jordan and I are siblings, it was very easy to talk to him. It was fun to talk about AGR and what it's like now that I am in the fraternity. He gave me some interesting facts and knowledge of his time at Alpha Gamma Rho. Including some crazy stories, funny moments and what he liked most about AGR.

Jordan graduated high school in 2000, but first attended Chadron State College and Northeast Community College. After being accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he knew people in the fraternity and decided to check it out. He was accepted and was initiated in 2002. He spent his remaining two years at the fraternity and loved it. He remembers most the friends that he made during his stay who are still as close today as when they lived together, as well as the great cooking and late nights.

Once he graduated, he came back to our family-owned operation, Feller and Company Cattle Feeders. He now manages Feller and Company's 20,000 head feedlot near Wisner. He told me it is no small task, but there are a lot of things that AGR taught him that he has incorporated and used within his job. Being able to talk to and be around a variety of people is one of the biggest benefits he stressed to me.

He also said even though his major was Animal Science, he got to know many other majors and lifestyles, from meeting new guys or going home to see their operation. While not only managing our family feedlot, Jordan has found time to have a fun, entertaining social life.

Jordan couldn't say enough good things about Alpha Gamma Rho and how much fun he had while in the fraternity. He gave me some good advice on college life, as well as how to make your stay in the fraternity worth it. He reminded me that high school friends are awesome, but the AGRs he met and got to know have by far been the best friends he has ever had. He was happy that I chose AGR and can't wait to hear my stories about the fraternity.

Written by Andrew Feller, Wisner, Neb.



ALUMNI UPDATES

OBITUARIES

- Willard H. Waldo, DeWitt, NE initiated in 1931.
- Glenn E. Kovanda, Milligan, NE initiated in 1939.
- Mary Derrick Kinnier (wife of Gray Kinnier, 1946 Kappa initiate, Redlands, CA) sister of 1948 Kappa initiate, William Derrick and daughter of the long-time U of N extension livestock man, William Derrick.

If you know of someone who has recently passed and would like to let us know so we can update it in the next issue of the Crescent please send them to

agr_crescent@hotmail.com or mail them to Kappa Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 1430 Idylwild Dr., Lincoln, NE 68503.

We could also use your help in finding lost alumni. We are currently in the process of updating the alumni lists and if you know of someone who has been out of contact with AGR we would like to know! There is an Alumni Contact Form on the website to help. Please visit <http://agrnl.org/alumni-relations> to keep us up to date. Thanks for your help!

LOST BROTHERS

Below is a list of our lost brothers. If you have any information, please let us know so we can keep our brothers up to date. Please send information to Alpha Gamma Rho-Kappa Chapter, 1430 Idylwild Dr., Lincoln, NE 68503.

Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date
35	Sumners, O.	1919	720	Fidler, William	1963	1094	Loseke, Brent	1981
77	Barnes, James	1922	736	Johnson, Rodney	1964	1097	Ringenberg, Joel	1981
91	Houseworth, Charles	1923	838	Kreutz, Roger	1968	1119	Smith, Randall	1982
104	Garvie, Lawrence	1924	844	Beattie, Harry	1969	1134	Seil, Brent	1983
129	Brown, Charles	1926	849	Fairbanks, William	1969	1150	Jones, Jeffrey	1985
160	Corliss, Ralph	1928	854	Kuhr, Curtis	1969	1162	Schmeeckle, Todd	1985
234	Smith, Donald	1933	858	Trenkle, Gary	1969	1174	Jones, Darrin	1986
241	McCarty, Raymond	1934	861	Beck, Thomas	1970	1180	Wolff, Dan	1986
244	Taylor, Spencer	1935	864	Janovec, David	1970	1200	Nickolaus, Rob	1988
306	Voss, Carroll	1938	895	Schroll, Ronald	1971	1218	Andersen, Clint	1989
394	Putjenter, Gerald	1943	913	Sidders, Dale	1972	1225	Grapes, Todd	1989
419	Hohl, Truman	1946	932	Petersen, Randall	1972	1226	Gentrup, Roger	1989
421	Johnson, Dwight	1946	937	Schurman, Michael	1972	1245	Pokamy, Kevin	1990
480	Kinghorn, Frederick	1949	945	Doyle, James	1974	1250	McClellan, Clark	1990
503	Danielson, David	1949	959	Peters, Daniel	1974	1271	Bender, Christopher	1992
537	Engel, Nolan	1951	992	Lamprecht, Daniel	1976	1291	Boerner, James	1992
545	Leisy, Thomas	1951	1004	Loseke, Kevin	1977	1353	Stockall, Justin	1994
558	Kerr, Eugene	1952	1014	Wiedel, Gregg	1977	1365	Dickey, James	1995
562	Norris, John	1952	1019	Doyle, John	1978	1422	Waller, Cody	1997
589	Schaffert, Richard	1954	1068	Gocken, David	1980	1459	Puls, Neil	1999
595	Lundeen, Robert	1954	1074	Snyder, Robert	1980	1464	Robbins, Joel	2000
627	Stokebrand, Duane	1956	1075	Taylor, Joshua	1980	1543	Condrey, Joel	2004
637	McCubbin, Dan	1957	1076	Todd, Michael	1980	1548	Johnson, Aaron	2004
688	Quick, Allan	1960	1082	Klimes, Mark	1980	1579	Woerner, Cory	2005
689	Axthelm, Larry	1961	1086	Fairchild, Larry	1980	1624	Easterly, Dwight	2007
692	Conner, James	1961						

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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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