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Montana to Russia: Herd around the world



Left: Darrell Stevenson and Jack Holden observe cattle and hay being loaded for the trip to Russia. Right: Hereford cattle are secured in large containers to ensure safe transportation to Russia by plane.

Montana State alumni Darrell Stevenson and Jack Holden successfully exported an entire herd of cattle to Russia on Dec. 15. The last of a shipment of 1,434 animals—including cows, bulls, plus five Quarter Horses—were shipped to Russia.

Stevenson and Holden contracted the cattle sale earlier this year. To fill the large order, Stevenson selected the Angus genetics from his family's herds of Stevenson Angus Ranch, Stevenson's Diamond Dot Ranch and R&S Angus Ranch all from Hobson, Mont. Also included in the sale is a herd of registered Hereford cattle, supplied by Holden Herefords in Valier, Mont.

Exporting livestock internationally is common Stevenson said. "Thousands of cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and exotic animals move from country-to-country every day. But this shipment stands apart, as it is one of the largest exportations of registered cattle in history."

"These cattle are fully pedigreed and the Russian buyers intend to manage them as such," Stevenson continued. "Our Montana cattle will be the foundation of Russia's future beef industry."

Governor Brian Schweitzer said the large purchase reflects the worldwide reputation of Montana's livestock breeders. "Montana has some of the best cattle genetics in the world," Schweitzer said.

Today, the Russian Federation suffers from a beef crisis. Current estimates put the national beef cowherd at 600,000 animals. Per capita, that's one cow for every 237 people. The United States, by comparison, has 90 million beef cows, or one cow for every 3.5 people.

Because Russia has so few cows on the land, there are enormous tracts sitting

fallow. Stevenson, who has traveled extensively in Russia for three years, describes the countryside as "wide open." "There are literally millions of acres of vacant grasslands waving in the wind," he said.

Stevenson also observed that 90 percent of the beef available in Russian supermarkets is ground canner beef produced by the dairy industry. Rarely has he seen whole cuts of meat for sale. When he orders steak from the menu at a Moscow restaurant, the plate costs upwards of \$75. And yet, the Russian appetite for beef is strong.

Replenishing their national beef herd is a top priority of the Russian Federation. In 2008, they sent the first of several delegations of agricultural experts, investors and politicians to Montana. They toured several of the state's top beef cow operations, including Stevenson Angus Ranch and Holden Hereford Ranch, where they identified the cattle they believed could be transplanted in Russia.

"There is a window of opportunity right now, when land is available, the Russian government is offering agricultural subsidies and the price of beef is extraordinary," Stevenson said. "Russians pay double and triple the value of what we pay for beef in the United States. Combine that with cheaper resources and lower input, and it opens up some possibilities."

The new home for these Montana cattle is Stevenson Sputnik Ranch, a 14,500-acre property in the Voronezh Region of southwestern Russia. According to Stevenson, the land is as good for growing cattle as his family's ranch in Montana—maybe even better. Voronezh is well suited for ag-

riculture, with a 180-day growing season (essentially 60 days longer than Montana), 24 inches of annual rainfall and 12 percent organic soil matter. Geographically, the ranch is located at the same latitude as southern Alberta, Canada and it sits at an elevation of 1,000 feet above sea level. Stevenson also noted that there isn't a rock within sight of the property; a luxury any Montana rancher would appreciate.

The shipment took place over six weeks, beginning on Nov. 20, when 545 cattle and five horses were loaded on a boat in Wilmington, Del. They arrived at the port of Novorossiysk, Russia, on Dec. 16. The remaining 889 head were flown on six chartered 747 airplanes, departing from Chicago O'Hare International Airport to Moscow, Russia. The shipments were timed to arrive so the bred heifers and cows have a chance to acclimate to their surroundings before calving season. The first Russian-born calf was due Jan. 1, 2011.

Stevenson hired a crew of eight Montana cowboys to assist with the cattle work in Russia. He and the other cowboys will work in intervals throughout the coming year.

Stevenson notes that Montana state officials have been instrumental throughout the export process. The Montana Department of Agriculture was actively involved with initial trade missions and follow up visitations.

With the cattle and horses now in place at Stevenson Sputnik Ranch, the new Russian cattle herd already ranks as one of the largest registered cattle herds in the world. It's a promising start for Russia's future beef cow industry.

article courtesy of *The Independent Observer*

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



PROFILE: Brant Bigger

CHAPTER: Epsilon, initiated in 1996

HOMETOWN: Lake Park, MN

FAMILY: Wife, Tami; children: Hailey, 7; Blake, 4; and Hannah, 4 months

What was your childhood ambition?

To farm. I grew up on a farm.

Who do you admire most?

My dad or my father-in-law

What do you value in your friends?

Dependability. I can count on them when I need them.

What is the best advice you've ever received?

My high school football coach always said, "Do what's right."

Tell us something that surprised you about becoming an AGR.

I was surprised at how many people you meet around the country that are AGRs or have some kind of tie to the organization. I'm also surprised at how diverse our membership is, especially career-wise.

AGR taught me:

Leadership and follow-through, which is important when people are depending on you to do what you said you would do.

What has been your favorite AGR memory so far?

How successful fund raising has been for our chapter house renovation.

What other organizations do you volunteer for?

Greek Life Advisory Board at North Dakota State, my church and my kids' school.

As someone involved with a number of charitable organizations, what is the value of volunteering?

You always get more than you give. The value of what you receive back always seems to exceed what you've put in.

In your opinion, why is it important to remain involved with AGR as a volunteer or otherwise?

It feels good to know I'm helping our chapter stay strong, and it gives me the opportunity to give back for everything I received when I was an undergrad.

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HONORS & AWARDS



Riley Pagett

Oklahoma State undergraduate, **Riley Pagett**, was recently elected to National FFA President at the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. This position will require him to travel more than 100,000 miles, visit

approximately 40 states, meet top leaders in business, government and education, and participate in an international experience tour to Japan. Pagett was initiated by Pi in 2008.



Glenn Wehner

Truman State alumnus initiate, **Glenn Wehner**, was recently presented with the National Sigma Alpha Advisor of the Year Award. He has served as the sorority's chapter advisor for 19 years. He is also involved with

Cattle Team, the Missouri Livestock Symposium and countless other activities, all geared toward developing and improving agricultural science students at Truman along with youth in the Kirksville community. Wehner became an honorary initiate of Beta Iota in 1983.



Ewell Welch

Arkansas alumnus, **Ewell Welch**, was recently presented with The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness of University of Arkansas' Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award. He is the

Arkansas Farm Bureau executive vice president. Welch, who served as Bumpers College Alumni Society president in 2002-03, received the Bumpers College Outstanding Alumnus award in 2005. Welch was initiated by Alpha Iota in 1972.



Michael Kawleski

Wisconsin-River Falls alumnus, **Michael Kawleski**, recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Association of FFA. A former state FFA president, he currently serves

as president of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation board of directors. He is public affairs manager for Georgia-Pacific, Green Bay, WI, and manages community relations, internal communications, media relations and local governmental affairs for GP regional facilities. Kawleski was initiated by Alpha Psi in 1977.



Mitch Kappelman

Wisconsin-Madison undergraduate, **Mitch Kappelman**, was recognized as a Distinguished Junior Member during the Wisconsin Holstein Association's annual Junior Holstein Convention on Jan. 9 in Stevens

Point, Wisc. He is a sophomore studying dairy science with a business emphasis and served as a storage/warehouse co-chairman for the Badger Dairy Club at World Dairy Expo. Kappelman was initiated by Iota in 2009.



Robert Rust

Iowa State alumnus initiate, **Robert Rust**, was one of 12 new members inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Scottsdale, Ariz. He joined Iowa State's staff in

1959 as the university's first extension meat specialist, following five years in a similar position at Michigan State. He began a series of short courses, making Iowa State the first university to offer formal classes for the meat processing industry. He retired in 1994 but continues to be a presenter periodically. Rust became an honorary initiate of Eta in 1965.



Jacob Achen

Minnesota undergraduate, **Jacob Achen**, was the winner of the 2010 Maurice Core Scholarship. The Core Scholarship recognizes a college freshman planning a career in the

dairy industry and working toward a degree in dairy science or a related field and emphasizes leadership and volunteerism. He has achieved a 3.6 GPA and is active in the Gopher Dairy Club, the crops judging team and Alpha Gamma Rho. Achen was initiated by Lambda in 2009.



Larry "L.E." Moore, Jr.

Arizona alumnus, **Larry "L.E." Moore, Jr.**, was initiated into the Willcox Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2009. He has held leadership positions with Cochise-Graham Cattle Growers' Association and

Arizona Cattle Growers' Association. He owns and operates Bar M Bar Cattle Co. LLC. Moore was initiated by Alpha Pi in 1966.

Wisconsin-River Falls alumnus, **Len Strozinski**, was recently inducted into the Concertina Players Hall of Fame. This highest honor is conferred in recognition of his many outstanding, unselfish endeavors to elevate, to promote, and to perpetuate the concertina as a musical instrument. Strozinski was initiated by Alpha Psi in 1968.



Arnold Appleby

Kansas State alumnus, **Arnold Appleby**, has been inducted into the Oregon State College of Agricultural Sciences Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor the College bestows, and recognizes

men and women who have had an enduring influence on the welfare of Oregon's agriculture. He is the first on-campus faculty member in the 30-year history of the Hall to be inducted. Appleby was initiated by Alpha Zeta in 1954.



Jeremiah Johnson

Murray State undergraduate, **Jeremiah Johnson**, was named Homecoming King during the university's 2010 Homecoming celebration. He is a junior from Hopkinsville, Ken. Johnson was initiated by

Alpha Omega in 2008. Oklahoma State alumnus, **Lyle Eastman**, was recently honored with the Founders Award from the Order of the Arrow (OA) by the Ema 'O Mahpe Lodge. The Founders Award honors Arrowmen in OA for unselfish service above and beyond their normal duties to their lodge. Eastman was initiated by Pi in 1974.



Adam Moore, Cody Carpenter, Brandon Kruswick, Jacob Brey, and Tyler Hildebrandt. Not pictured: Jared Wendt

Wisconsin-Madison undergraduates, **Jacob Brey, Cody Carpenter, Tyler Hildebrandt, Brandon Kruswick, Adam Moore, and Jared Wendt**, each received an American Degree at this year's National FFA Conference. This degree is the highest degree the organization bestows upon its members. It requires investment of \$7,500 and 2,250 hours into the member's supervised agriculture experience project. Carpenter, Hildebrandt and Kruswick were initiated by Iota in 2008, Brey in 2009, and Moore and Wendt in 2010.

KEEP YOUR BROTHERS INFORMED

We want to consistently update your fellow members on recent activity in your life. Please send any information to Stephanie Casey at SCasey@AlphaGammaRho.org.

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER, MAKING HIS MARK



After my first semester on the road as Alpha Gamma Rho's Chapter Consultant, I have to admit I'm full of wonder. Traveling beyond my home state of North Carolina has opened my eyes to the beauty of the United States, but it has also sparked my curiosity about many things that occur around me. For example: Why must cities try to confuse people from out of town with their unexplainable signs? Why is it that only the southeast has chicken biscuits for breakfast? Why is it that only the southeast has McDonald's in all the western United States has the winning game piece for the million dollar prize in their Monopoly game? And finally, why has no eastern-style barbecue made it past western North Carolina?

There are many similarities that are noticeable from state to state, but for the majority, we all have special qualities in our home states. Whether they are good qualities or bad, they are all a learning experience, and I encourage everyone to venture away and experience different foods, activities and cultures.

As transportation is an ongoing concern globally, it is especially interesting to see students' different means of travel to and from class. The most typical would be walking and riding bikes, but in places such as Iota chapter at Wisconsin-Madison, the most common mode

is a scooter. They are everywhere you look! I've been told that some of these scooters have been passed down through six generations of brothers. At other chapters, like Alpha Phi chapter at South Dakota State, it's not uncommon to

find a parking lot full of ATVs. There are literally parking lots with 50 or more 4-wheelers parked in them just as if they were cars. When you get further west, you'll find that a lot of students use skateboards

to get around. No matter how they're getting there, at least they're going.

Regardless of the different cultures from chapter to chapter, the lifestyle always seems to remain the same. It all starts around 5:30 a.m., when at each house there are a handful of brothers getting up and heading out to work before classes start later in the morning. Around 7 a.m., the rest of the house starts to make their way to the kitchen where you can hear them sipping coffee or munching on Cocoa Puffs

cereal. From here, most are off to class. The house remains virtually silent before they all begin to return for lunch where they congregate in the dining area over a quick meal. Before you know it, they're off to work or class again. As the day shortens, brothers dwindle in throughout the evening, usually arriving a few at a time. At the end of the day, they gather once more for dinner, sharing their daily experiences and announcements. Finally it's off to chapter meetings, club meetings, homework,

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— MARK PHILLIPS

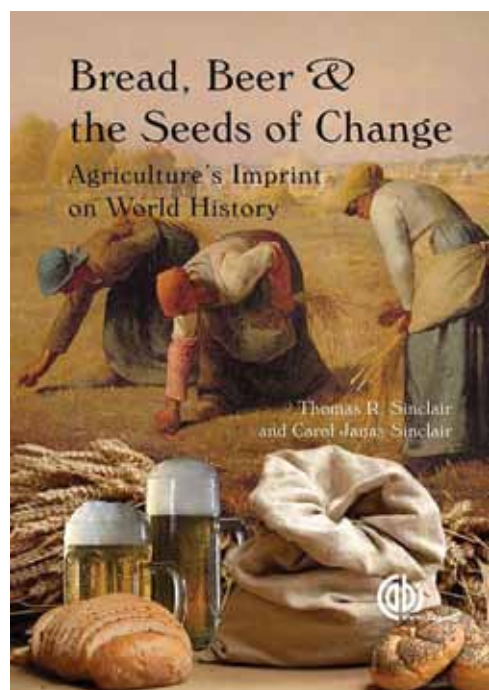
and, for a few, the social nightlife all to return before daybreak to start all over again.

The most rewarding aspect of traveling (other than meeting all of our great brothers) is seeing this nation's beautiful landscape. It's remarkable how God's creation has developed over the years and how much it can change in a matter of 100 miles. As someone from western North Carolina deep in the Appalachian Mountains, it has always been a dream of mine to see everything from the Midwest to

the shores of California. The thing I have learned the most along my travels is how much the landscape changes the daily agricultural lifestyles from one terrain and climate to another. It's amazing how the agriculture industry has adapted over time to reduce production time while increasing product quality and quantity. Each and every region has something unique about its agricultural practices. From farmers in the Midwest spending hours on end harvesting corn, or dairy farmers milking 365 days of the year, to beef cattle farmers in the far west saddling up for branding, there are several traditions that will carry on for years. To hear family stories from place to place and how they operate is a unique way to understand the passion they have for their lifestyle. We have an extremely diverse Fraternity which holds many assets to the development of our brothers. I encourage everyone to continually support the diversity of Alpha Gamma Rho and to experience it yourself as collegiates and professionals. Travel on your breaks to other chapters and experience other cultures. This in turn will influence our Fraternity nationwide and build a broader and better agriculture.

article courtesy of Mark Phillips, Chapter Consultant

AGR AUTHOR



The history of humankind is intimately tied to the history of agriculture: powerful societies rose, persisted and waned in parallel with their food supply systems. Describing what crops were grown, the constraints on their production, and the foods that were obtained, the book traces the impact of cropping and food preparation in 10 societies that were among the most powerful and influential in history, detailing how technology varied and developed as it related directly to agriculture and food production.

The book covers the background of agricultural development, early agricultural societies, and the advancement of technology from the ancient Greeks and Romans to the present. It concludes by addressing the implications for the future of agriculture and food supply as grain production moves towards biofuels. A compelling text for all those interested in the history of society and civilizations, global agriculture, and what it means for the future. This text is also an essential reference for students of agriculture, food technology, history and anthropology.

Thomas (Tom) R. Sinclair, Purdue alumnus, is an international leader in Crop Science who has undertaken scientific research with cooperators on all continents. His research has covered a wide range of cropping issues including drought, fertility limitations, climate change, and biofuels. Sinclair was initiated by Delta in 1963.

Tom co-authored the book along with his wife, Carol Janas Sinclair, who has a lifetime interest in foods and nutrition. She has lived and traveled in many countries of the world exploring local methods in food preparation and the cuisine of the countries. Exploration of historical approaches to food was a

natural extension of this interest.

The book was published through Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI). To order "Bread, Beer & the Seeds of Change: Agriculture's Imprint on World History," visit www.cabi.org or check your local bookstore.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



CHAPTER: Kappa
UNIVERSITY: Nebraska
OF UNDERGRADUATES: 81
WEBSITE: www.agrunl.org

Give an example of how your chapter utilizes AGR's Promise and Values?

Kappa chapter recognizes one brother per week with a Brother of the Week Award which earns him a parking spot close to the door in our parking lot. Every winner of this award has a chance to win a Nintendo Wii at the end of the year.

In which areas has your chapter most improved and how?

We have improved our on-campus reputation, earned the respect of most of the Greek System and have further enhanced our image to faculty and staff, all through active participation by the chapter. We have had many campus leaders in the past few years which has made people notice the high quality of men we are. We have had influence on IFC and now have a board member on IFC.

What philanthropic activities does your chapter hold?

Last year, we held three separate fund raising philanthropic events with full chapter participation.

- Barn Party: A concert with Josh Abbott band. We raised approximately \$2,200 benefitting Omaha Children's Hospital.
- Hog Roast: Kappa raised approximately \$500 for Farmer's Crisis Hotline
- Farmer's Ball: Along with Farmhouse, we hosted a concert with Casey Donahue Band, raising approximately \$2,500 for Farmer's Crisis Hotline. Last semester we also raked leaves down our street followed by a neighborhood barbecue.

How do alumni support your chapter?

Kappa alumni are extremely helpful in all aspects, such as helping financially with recruitment, leadership seminars, and scholarships. Recently, they have taken on the burden of raising money to build a new house in the very near future. They also are helpful in recommending high school seniors to our Recruitment Chairs.

If your chapter had to choose one meal to eat for the rest of the year, what would it be?

Wings or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Tell us the best thing about your housemother.

Our housemother cares about each of us equally and wants nothing more than to see us succeed. She is willing to help with anything a brother may need.

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...they allow the Educational Foundation to respond quickly to the Fraternity's needs and opportunities.

Support undergrads, like Walter, by making your Annual Fund gift today. Put your investment to work faster by giving online at www.alphagammarho.org/donate or contact James Ferrell at james@alphagammarho.org.



Dear AGR Educational Foundation:

Thank you for your support through the Dr. Johnston Memorial Scholarship. I was truly honored to have been the recipient this past year. I will do my utmost best to study and learn effectively to help aid my aspiration of becoming an agricultural educator. Also, I love being a part of a group of young men that is helping shape our agricultural systems. AGR is helping me to become a better leader and student. Your gift to my higher education at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is greatly appreciated and will help me afford my career goals and life aspirations. Thanks again for your generous giving of this memorial scholarship.

Fraternally yours,
Walter Taylor

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Remembering Alpha Gamma Rho Brothers

AGR Brother of the Century and former Grand President Lowell Eugene Walters died Nov. 9 at age 91. Walters earned a bachelor's degree at Oklahoma A&M College and a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts. He was an instructor at those institutions of learning along with Louisiana State University.

In 1946, Walters returned to Oklahoma State University. He held a full professorship for 20 years and specialized in Animal Science. Walters retired in 1984. Dr. Walters was a recipient of many awards during his career at OSU, while serving as a leader and active member of professional organizations and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He coached the Meats Judging Team from 1951 until 1964. The team won an astounding 50 percent of many national and international events. For two years he served as adviser to Pi chapter before accepting the position of Southwest Province Counselor. In 1964 he served as Grand President of Alpha Gamma Rho. From 1966 until 1968 Walters was Chairman of the Housing Resources Trust. While serving as Chairman he assisted in pouring the original foundation of the current Chapter House and helped oversee its completion. He also served as Pi chapter's Alumni President. He was named an AGR Brother of the Century in 2004.

His funeral was held on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Stillwater, Okla. Interment followed at Fairlawn Cemetery in Stillwater.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Stillwater Medical Center, 1323 W. 6th St., Stillwater, OK 74074; OSU Animal Science Alumni Endowment, OSU Foundation, Student Union Room H100, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078; Stillwater First United Methodist Church; or American Alzheimer's Association, 6465 S. Yale Ave. Suite 312, Tulsa, OK 74136.

Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com.



Lowell Eugene Walters

information courtesy of Stillwater NewsPress



Ed "Prof" Lidvall, Jr.

Past Grand President and Hall of Famer Ed Lidvall, Jr., passed away on December 26, 2010 in the Shannondale Health Center in Maryville, TN. The entire fraternity grieves. But we remember a great man, a great brother, a great husband, a great father, and a great adviser to all. Prof will be remembered as a great and wonderful man who was fair, tough, compassionate and loving – all in the same package.

Prof had four spinal discs that fractured since last spring. Surgery on the first one was successful but the second was not. At age 87, the doctors

felt surgery to correct additional medical problems would be far too risky.

As a dedicated professor of Animal Science, Brother Ed "Prof" Lidvall has contributed to the improvement of agriculture through his research and publications while touching the lives of the thousands of students that passed through his classrooms and laboratories.

Ed was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1923. After service as pilot in the United States Army Air Corps, Brother Lidvall attended Iowa State College where he received a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1948. As an Eta Chapter Brother, Lidvall served as Sergeant at Arms, Pledge Trainer, and Intramural Manager. Prof also was a member of several campus organizations including Agricultural Council – serving as president for two years, Veishea, Block

and Bridle, the Dairy Club, and numerous award-winning livestock judging teams. He went on to earn his masters degree in Animal Husbandry from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1952 and was a founding member of Alpha Kappa Chapter there. Brother Lidvall's work in Animal Science at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville spans 39 years, from 1949 through 1988, taking time out only for a two-year stint as a Ralston Purina feed salesman in the fifties. He received the UT Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award in 1969, the College of Agriculture Outstanding Teacher Award in 1979, and the Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Merit Award in 1980.

In 1988, he received the Progressive Farmer Man of the Year in Service to Tennessee Agriculture Award for his accomplishments in the field of agricultural education. Progressive Farmer characterized Prof as "the kind of teacher that no student ever forgot; thorough, demanding, and tough; yet, always sensitive and interested in every student. The professor's affection for each young scholar was as genuine as his stern look or his warm, ready smile."

A strong supporter of the National Fraternity, Brother Lidvall served on the National Board of Directors and as Grand President from 1982-84. Ed served as Regional Vice President from 1976-78, and as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Hall of Fame Committee. He also served as Alpha Kappa's Chapter Adviser for many years.

Brother Lidvall's career as a dedicated professor has influenced the lives of many young men and women across the nation. He joined a visionary group of leaders in our Hall of Fame who have helped shape AGR through their commitment in people.

At his wish, no funeral services were held, but rather Prof's memory should be celebrated individually. Cards may be sent to his wife of over 60 years, Dorothe (Dee), and his three sons and daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren.

Past Director and Hall of Famer Leon S. "Bill" Pope, 87, passed away at his home in College Station, Texas, on Monday, December 27, 2010. Brother Pope was a teacher, researcher and administrator at three major land grant universities, and he received Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity's highest honor in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 14, 2002 when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Philip Josephson, Executive Director, said, "Brother Pope has consistently pursued a goal to improve agriculture through the development of well-informed and capable leaders. His service to our fraternity and to young people in agriculture richly embodies the ideals upon which AGR was founded. He has been a great leader, brother, husband, father and family man."

Born in Boise, Idaho, Bill was reared on a general grain and livestock farm near Addison, Michigan. He was active in both 4-H and FFA, involving primarily livestock projects. During WWII, Bill served Uncle Sam as a B-24 bomber pilot. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1947 and subsequently earned his Masters and PhD degrees from Oklahoma State University in animal nutrition.

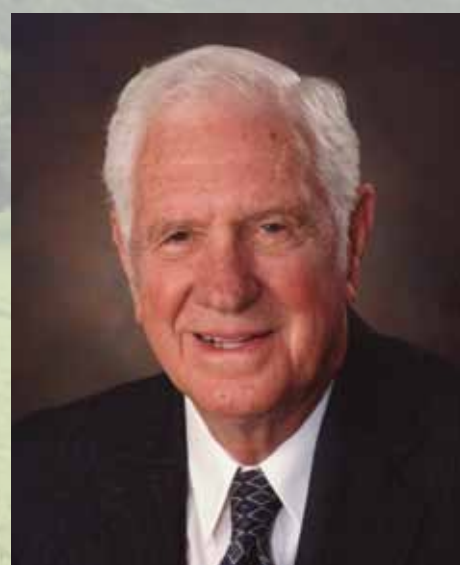
Brother Pope's professional career began as a teacher and researcher at Oklahoma State and from 1964-68 he headed their Department of Animal Science. From 1968-76 he served as Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs, College of Agriculture, Texas A&M University. Beginning in 1976, he served as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University until his retirement in 1985.

Bill joined AGR as a member of Tau chapter at Michigan State in 1942 and was elected chapter president in 1946. He later served as chapter adviser at both

Oklahoma and New Mexico State Universities. Brother Pope assisted in the establishment of the Texas A&M chapter and was their adviser for several years. He has been active in the affairs of the National AGR Fraternity in a variety of leadership roles – including a term on the National Board of Directors from 1986-92, the Housing Resources Trust board, as well as numerous committees.

Bill was Executive Secretary in the IAPAL (International Association for Programs of Agricultural Leadership) organization until his death. He did international programs with Argentina, Ethiopia, Egypt, Iraq and Israel. Bill received numerous awards during his career. Besides induction into the AGR Hall of Fame, he was a Fellow in the American Society of Animal Science. He was admitted to the International Hall of Fame for Adult and Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma and served as a Director for the Central Bank for Cooperatives. He was nationally recognized as "Agriculture's Ambassador of Goodwill." He was an active member of A&M United Methodist Church and College Station Noon Lion's Club.

Memorial services were conducted at A&M United Methodist church Dec. 30. Cards and condolences may be sent to his wife, Vanna (Polly), and family.



Leon "Bill" Pope

ON THE MOVE



Tim Birky

Tim Birky, *Purdue* alumnus, was recently promoted to marketing communications manager at Lincoln

Electric. In this position he will oversee the manufacturer's U.S. creative services, marketing communications, events and trade show teams. Birky was initiated by Delta in 2002.



Delbert Christensen

Delbert Christensen, *Iowa State* alumnus, was recently appointed as one of 34 farmer-directors of the United

Soybean Board. He is a new board member who will oversee opportunities for soy research and promotion efforts. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business in 1972. Christensen was initiated by Eta in 1969.



Caleb Colbert

Caleb Colbert, *Missouri* alumnus, recently joined the Springfield, Mo. office of Husch

Blackwell, LLP as an attorney in the firm's Business Litigation department. In law school at the University of Missouri, he served as the Note and Comment Editor of the Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review. Colbert was initiated by Theta in 2003.



Paul Maass

Paul Maass, *Iowa State* alumnus, has been promoted within ConAgra Foods, Inc. to president, Commercial

Foods. In this position, Maass will be responsible for almost 35 percent of ConAgra Foods' annual revenue and will lead the Lamb Weston, ConAgra Mills, Spicetec Flavors and Seasonings and J.M. Swank businesses. Maass was initiated by Eta in 1985.



Dewayne Ingram

Dewayne Ingram, *Tennessee-Knoxville* alumnus, was recently elected president-elect of American Society for Horticultural Science. He is a professor at the University of Kentucky. Ingram was initiated by Alpha Kappa in 1971.

Phil Bollman, *Wisconsin-River Falls* alumnus, recently joined Forage Genetics International's Calibrate™ business as Marketing Manager. In addition to this new role, he will spend a significant portion of his first year in field sales support to newly certified Calibrate forage labs. Bollman was initiated by Alpha Psi in 1995.



Jeffrey Armstrong

Jeffrey Armstrong, *Murray State* alumnus, was recently named president of California Polytechnic State Univer-

sity. Prior to this position, he was dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and professor of Animal Science at Michigan State University since 2001. Armstrong was initiated by Alpha Omega in 1977.

Julius Johnson, *Tennessee-Knoxville* alumnus initiate, was recently named Tennessee's Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture. He has been at the Tennessee Farm Bureau for 37 years, the past 15 of which he was the Chief Administrative Officer. Johnson was initiated by Alpha Kappa in 2003.



Kirk Weih

Kirk Weih, *Iowa State* alumnus, was recently installed as president for the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers at their 81st Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fl. He is the fourth member of the Hertz Farm Management organization that has served as National President. Weih was initiated by Eta in 1975.

TRANSITIONS

The following deaths were reported to the Home Office since the last publication. Includes initiation date.

Alpha-Illinois
Harold Nolen (1932)
Delmar Zumwalt (1942)
James Bliler (1950)
Rodney Lindgren (1962)

Jack Lemon (1951)
Ernest Peo (1968)
Bryan Terrell (1996)

Alpha Beta-Oregon State
Donald Bencoter (1946)
Merle Tannehill (1953)
Robert Kirk (1956)
Edward Manary (1958)
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“The Jerry Litton Dialogues” to air on TV

“Bringing Government to the People: The Jerry Litton Dialogues” is a new made-for-television documentary that looks back on a unique time in American politics. AGR Hall of Fame member and U.S. Congressman Jerry Litton broke new ground when he succeeded in bringing national leaders of both parties to appear on television with him in a monthly town-hall setting for the first time in U.S. history.

Some of his guests included former President Jimmy Carter, Speaker of the House Carl Albert, Secretary of Agriculture (and AGR) Earl Butz, presidential candidates Hubert Humphrey, Jack Kemp, Lloyd Bentsen, Morris “Mo” Udall and Consumer Activist Shirley Chisholm. There were many others, and all appeared with Jerry before television cameras on stage in an in-the-round theater setting.

Congressman Litton and his guests fielded questions from the audience that always led to lively dialogues on immigration, health care, education, energy, inflation, farm policy, deficit spending, defense spending, welfare, and other topics still on our minds today.

Other AGR brothers featured in addition to Litton and Butz include Litton’s Chief of Staff Ed Turner and past Missouri Secretary of Agriculture and Missouri Farm Bureau C.O.O. Lowell Mohler. The film is the culmination of the combined efforts of The State Historical Society of Missouri, the University of Missouri, the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, and Sharp Focus Video LLC.

Brother Jerry Lon Litton’s story is the personification of the classic American dream. It is the story of a shy young boy from “the sticks” who grew to be a man who “would have been President” according to any and all



Jerry Litton

who knew him or knew about him.

This opinion is shared by his North Missouri constituents, most Missouri state leaders, and many national leaders of both political parties. Ironically, the very same night of Jerry’s greatest victory in winning the Missouri Democratic Primary for the United States Senate, he and his family were killed in an aircraft accident on the way to the victory celebration.

Along his path to success Brother Litton was Theta Chapter’s first Sophomore Noble Ruler, he was National FFA Secretary, and he was the major player in bringing the Charolais cattle breed to prominence in the United States. There were many more achievements too numerous to include here.

At this writing, air times for the film are unknown, but DVD copies of it and DVD copies of the entire “Dialogue with Litton” series and other Litton DVDs are available from the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 695, Chillicothe, MO 64601. The film can also be seen at the Alpha Gamma Rho Home Office.

My personal favorite of the series is the episode featuring Earl Butz. Although Butz was a Republican and Litton a Democrat, both had a deep interest in Agriculture and they shared the Brotherhood of Alpha Gamma Rho. While centered around serious issues of the time, this episode is interlaced by friendly jousting and great humor since both men were quick wits. I know that anyone who ever knew either man would enjoy both this episode of the original “Dialogues” as well as the new documentary.

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