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ALUMNI PRESIDENT REPORT

Brothers,

We have been busy at 7511 Princeton Avenue; your alumni board has continued renovations at the house. We have successfully refinanced our mortgage and continue to invest in our house. Since the last Crescent there has been significant progress.

- Completely gutted and remodeled the second and third floor bathrooms
- Replaced all remaining wooden windows with new vinyl windows, which has made a big difference in heating and cooling the house as well as improving the overall appearance
- Gutted and remodeled the entire basement – to the studs and digging up the floor! We moved the laundry room and opened up the kitchen for a larger dining room area. The lower floor, as you may recall, was previously unusable but now looks great. It really must be seen to appreciate.
- Chimneys, main sewer and furnace were repaired,



trees were trimmed, and downspouts were repaired and/or replaced. All of these repairs have helped eliminate the moisture problem in the basement.

We now have a much more marketable housing option to offer the undergraduate chapter. The next goal must be to continue to grow our undergraduate chapter, getting it to a size where it is completely self-sustaining. The undergraduate chapter recently initiated five new brothers, four of whom are ag related majors. This is progress, and we hope to see it continue.

We encourage you, our alumni, to get involved in helping us revitalize our Alpha Theta chapter. We have a deep pool of talent in our alumni, and we would love to more fully utilize it. Success is fun, and with your help and involvement Alpha Theta will have a bright future.

Fraternally,
Bill Allen #992
Alumni President

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A MEMORIAL TO CHAD DULIN CLARK #1262

APRIL 13, 1991 - DECEMBER 18, 2010

He was a brother we knew only 16 months before he tragically died. However, it was only right to create a memorial in his honor. Some folks may plan a fundraiser in the name of a fallen friend and some may fund a scholarship. There are friends who plant a tree and some even a whole garden. If



Chad could have seen any of these he would have been thankful, humble and gracious. As we welded, ground, and buffed 50 feet of steel into 3 foot tall images of our fraternity's letters, Chad's reaction was my main thought.

Chad liked trucks, tractors and "yip-yappin'!" good times. He was there with no complaints when you needed him and quick to help even when you didn't. He hit the ground running when he joined the chapter during my last semester as an undergraduate by jumping straight into a position as an additional Ag-council representative. He helped us get more involved in Ag school events, where he was already heavily involved, and he was eager at the chance to get things done, which is one reason he was elected to serve as our Noble Ruler in 2011. Chad has left a resounding impact on those who knew him, and I'm sure he would have led Alpha Theta to bigger and better things.

It's not easy to explain who a man was to a stranger. A

brother is not remembered by the stories that friends recall, but rather the emotions and impressions which he leaves behind. It's the impressions that burn the stories into their memories forever. I hope whoever gazes upon this memorial, whether it's a future brother of Alpha Theta or a complete

stranger to AGR, understands a fraction of the impression Chad Clark left on those privileged enough to know him.

Brothers, the letters are nearing completion. As I am writing this, the letters are fully assembled, waiting to be powder coated, and the plaque has been delivered. By the time you read this they will be powder coated, standing in our Founders Garden waiting to be unveiled this Founders Day 2011. Through the generosity of fellow Greeks at Maryland, AGR brothers at West Virginia University and family and friends of Chad, we have been able to finance most of this project. If you would like to make a donation in Chad's honor to help fund this noble project please contact Jason Kramek at jkramek@umd.edu or 301-655-1671.

Fraternally,
Dan Pearlman #1240
732-642-3439

AGR BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER

The next projects on the list for the overall facelift at 7511 Princeton Avenue are the front steps and walkway. Currently the sidewalk is cracking, and the brick entranceway and steps are breaking loose and falling apart.

Several years ago we held a Buy-a-Brick fundraiser and had a moderate success. All of the engraved bricks are stored neatly at the house waiting for others to join them!

That's right – the lonely bricks need to be joined by their brothers. We are about 60 bricks short of our project goal. We are counting on you to help. The Buy-a-Brick program would like to have you and/or your families purchase bricks to be inserted into the project. The bricks will then be laid along the edges of and spaced throughout the walkway area (excluding the stair treads).

There is a two-tier program of donation. Brick sizes are 4" x 8" and 8" x 8" and are the same red clay as the others. All bricks will have up to three lines of text (names, pin number, etc.) engraved on them. The larger bricks will also include the AGR letters/mark/crest.

Purchase a brick today to leave your legacy at the Alpha Theta house. 4" x 8" bricks are \$250 per brick; 8" x 8" bricks cost \$500 per brick.

Our goal is to have project work completed and ready for alumni inspection by Homecoming 2011. For further information contact Chris Cavey at 443-465-1002 or chris@cavey.com. A mailing with further information and order forms will follow shortly!

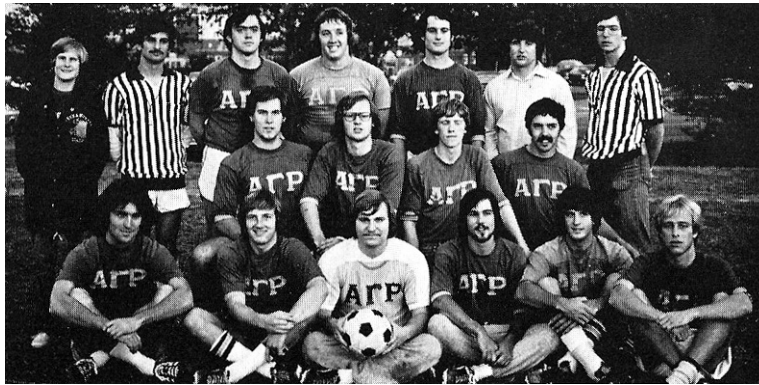
THE GOLDEN ERA OF AGR SPORTS: 1975-76

The last fraternity Greeks at Maryland would ever consider a “jock” house is AGR. After all, they’re just farmers. In the ’70s there was the massive Sigma Chi across the street, the prep filled Phi Delta Theta around the corner and the ever present denizens of ATO everywhere you turned. How could a house filled predominantly with farm

boys put together a year in intramural Greek sports that claimed titles in two team sports as well a couple of individual sport champions? Well here’s how...

Everything started in the fall of 1975 when the AGR soccer team came out of nowhere to win the IFC soccer championship. Playing seven vs. seven games, Team AGR was limited by the number of experienced players it could field: those who had actually played soccer in high school. Bruce Crossman, Jack Mulrooney and Mike Wiemer were our most experienced players and were counted on constantly to score. In the backfield, lacking any true finesse, the AGR defensive enforcers were led by Gus White and Charlie Wrightson. They were empowered to “push” the rules of physicality to their limits, while preventing the other team from scoring.

The season’s major upset came in the semifinals of the playoffs when “Team Green” pushed the mighty Phi Deltas into an overtime sudden death shoot out. AGR goalie Tim Raver denied the Phi Delt penalty kick. Farmer penalty kick specialist, Murray Leigh, completed the upset by blast-



1975 Fraternity Soccer Champions: Alpha Gamma Rho. Front row, left to right: Jeff Rhoda, Keith Neff, Tim Raver, Jerry Bolt, Charles Wrightson, Bruce Crossman. Second row, left to right: Allen Davis, Mark Niewerth, Mike Weimer, Gerry Godfrey. Third row, left to right: Joyce Sondheimer (Tournament Director), Bernie Shapiro (Official), Jack Mulrooney, Gus White, Murray Leigh, Larry Remsburg, Tom Burgess (Official).

ing his well aimed shot past the opposing goalie. AGR then went on the defeat Delta Upsilon in the championship game.

Horseshoes was also a fall individual sport and one that would seem to be ideal for an AGR. Eddie Mayne charged through for a Silver Medal finish in the event.

The biggest surprises of the sports year came from the AGR wrestling team.

Powering Team AGR to a third place team finish, AGR had two individual weight class winners: Dennis Montegue at 142 pounds and heavyweight Eddie Anderson.

Spring is for softball and AGR was well prepared for the initial season of “mod” pitch softball. Mod pitch replaced the fast pitch version played for decades. AGR pitcher John Libeau had no trouble providing a “hittable” pitch, and catcher Mark Niewerth provided an ample target, but the infield...that was the eye-catching group. Fielding what may be the heaviest infield ever in intramural history was Lowell Ely, Jack Mulrooney, Gus White and Doug Nelson averaging over 225 pounds per player! Outfielders Kevin Brady, Larry Remsburg, Ewing McDowell and Tim Raver were hardly fleet afoot but looked svelte backing up the massive infielders. AGR proved a dominant force in mod pitch softball and easily won the championship over Delta Sigma Theta.

All of these intramural successes added up to a Top 5 finish in the overall IFC All Sports Team Championship, AGR’s highest finish in history. (“Old school” rules!)

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WINDSOR MANOR FARM

We all remember the three R's from our school days and at Windsor Manor Farm those R's are even more important to Jason and Donna Myers. Instead of reading, writing and 'rithmetic, it's Ruby, Rosebud, Raisin...and Raindrop!

In this case, the R's are the names for the standout cow family on the Myers' farm, located in Carroll County, Md. Starting with great-grandmother Ruby and following through to her great-granddaughter Raindrop, these beautiful Red and White Holstein cows represent the philosophy of Windsor Manor – taking above-average care of above-average cows.

Just like their cows, the Myerses have several generations on the farm, making theirs a true family tradition. Jason and Donna are proud to have their daughter, Kelly, helping each day with the

many chores involved in providing top-notch care for the cows. Kelly's children, Bryce and Kelsey, while young, are already the owners of their own cows – Rosebud and Raindrop. Both children are eagerly awaiting the county fair where they will join another family tradition, showing their dairy cattle. The prospect of a blue ribbon brings excitement to each family member because only the very best cows and showmen receive a blue. As evidenced by the many ribbons and trophies already won by the Myers family, they are certainly fine dairymen and cow caretakers.

“Farming for us is more than a way of life, it is a part of who you are,” Donna said.

It's evident to even a bystander that the Myers family truly loves this way of life. With each new



Donna and Jason Myers

calf born, the passion for cows and the dairy industry is also re-born. A new pupil is ready for its education in the unique Windsor Manor three R's – Respect, first-Rate care and a Reverence for a fine way of life.

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REMEMBERING LARRY JAMES GROSSNICKLE #764



Larry James Grossnickle

Larry James Grossnickle, 61, of Middletown, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, in Kline Hospice House, Mount Airy, after a short illness. He was the husband of Muriel (Bonnie) Grossnickle, his wife of 37 years.

Born Sept. 12, 1949, in Frederick, he was the son of the late James Peter and Esther Elizabeth Reid Grossnickle. He was a 1967 graduate of Middletown High School, attended Bridgewater College for two years, and was in the Bridgewater Touring choir.

He was a 1971 graduate of the University of Maryland where he majored in agriculture and was a member of the college judging dairy team and Alpha Gamma Rho. He was a longtime dairy and crop farmer and was a member of

the Maryland Virginia Milk Producers.

He was baptized member of the Myersville Church of the Brethren and attended Frederick Church of the Brethren for more than 20 years. He was also a very active member of the Pathfinders Sunday school class. He was involved in 4-H both as a youth and a parent. He was a 4-H all star and also enjoyed singing in various choirs.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three children, Carolyn M. Grossnickle of Honolulu, Hawaii, Andrew P. Grossnickle and wife Anna of Fredericksburg, Va., and Stephanie Grossnickle Batterton and husband Jim of San Antonio, Texas; and one sister, Mary Ann Grossnickle of Middletown. Brother Grossnickle will be sorely missed.

HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

Following the second and third floor bathroom renovations earlier last year, we have also recently completed the basement and kitchen overhaul at the chapter house. The kitchen especially was long outdated and in dire need of major renovation.

The project began by gutting everything in the basement to the masonry foundation. The existing drainage line was jack hammered out of the floor and re-routed to address back-up issues occurring over the past few years. Additionally, the floors were re-graded and resurfaced towards the drainage lines to eliminate water-pooling issues.

The old laundry room was demolished, allowing the kitchen to recess back towards the boiler room and ultimately resulting in an expanded dining area where undergraduate brothers share meals.

All of the original stainless steel counters and sinks were refurbished and reinstalled in the kitchen, which now includes all new cabinetry and countertops.

On the opposite side of the basement, the small powder room was expanded and fit with new wet fixtures.

The “new” laundry room and a storage closet were then framed adjacent to the existing bathroom.

Overall, the renovation is considered to be a grand success. Undergraduate brothers can cook/prepare meals now that the kitchen has been restored to a functional use. We extend a big thank you to Brother Tim Raver (#807) for his kind donation of dining furniture, which allows the undergraduates to finally share meals together.

The basement is noticeably more comfortable since the renovation addressed the many water issues causing a humid environment in the past. The window improvements have impacted drafts within the bedrooms, and the house in general is warmer now during the winter months.

Although the majority of the original basement was gutted and renewed, the stairwell remains lined with that familiar wood-paneled wainscot, distinctive to the memory of all who have shared a meal or good time in the basement of our house.

Fraternally,
Nicholas Tomaszewski #1233

LOST BROTHERS

Below are some of Alpha Theta’s lost brothers. If you have any information, please let us know so we can keep all brothers up to date. Please send information to: Alpha Theta Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 7511 Princeton Ave., College Park, MD 20740.

Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date
49	Davis, Herbert	1929	503	Johnson, William	1955	884	Kaplan, Gary	1977	1102	Carey, Rob	1994
130	Wheeler, Lewis	1935	505	Scott, David	1955	886	Berry, Stephen	1978	1108	Files, Bradley	1994
156	Bond, Donald	1937	524	Roberts, George	1956	903	Buell, F. George	1978	1109	Kaufmann, Omri	1994
159	Scherer, Charles	1937	543	Fishpaw, John	1957	907	Hendricks, Scott	1978	1115	Fitzpatrick, Stephen	1995
162	Forsyth, Carroll	1937	576	Forrest, Ian	1959	919	Wheeler, Mark	1979	1116	Engel, Joshua	1995
169	Hoshall, George	1937	596	Doar, Erin	1960	922	Jones, Richard	1979	1117	Blades, Harry	1995
177	Elkins, William	1938	616	Murray, Robert	1961	925	Fredlund, David	1980	1121	Johnson, Sean	1995
247	Gibson, Harry	1942	634	Holmes, Donald	1962	947	Schroeder, John	1981	1123	Tine, Michael	1996
284	Wend, Robert	1943	658	Hodgson, Laban	1964	962	Reeves, Robert	1982	1136	Boyd, Michael	1997
321	Giddings, Clifton	1945	668	Huff, Charles	1964	963	Valentino, Louis	1982	1140	Shimko, Daniel	1998
336	Hoyert, Charles	1947	670	Leishear, Donald	1964	985	Patterson, Eric	1984	1146	Drake, Christopher	1998
337	McCrea, Whitney	1947	674	Ay, Carl	1965	986	Patton, Keith	1984	1164	Kerr, Troy	2000
361	Burke, Frank	1949	693	Simpson, Robert	1966	1007	Hubbard, Michael	1986	1166	Dugan, John	2000
379	Roberson, Radcliff	1949	703	Dunn, Douglas	1967	1026	Considine, Mark	1987	1170	Sadowski, Bryan	2001
388	Baker, Richard	1950	727	Summers, William	1968	1037	Wren, Robert	1988	1175	Gutierrez, Marcio	2001
406	McIntire, Robert	1951	751	Buckler, James	1969	1049	Reed, William	1989	1178	Willey, Bryan	2001
424	Hood, John	1951	755	Riggs, Charles	1969	1050	Maxwell, Edward	1990	1184	Pucciarelli, Ronald	2002
444	Day, Edgar	1952	796	Young, Sidney	1972	1053	Quill, Joseph	1990	1187	O’Connell, Matthew	2002
450	Wyatt, Floyd	1952	818	Noone, Thomas	1973	1056	Ward, Daniel	1990	1195	Douty, Michael	2003
455	Jones, Ronald	1953	823	Anderson, Carl	1974	1063	Swift, Thomas	1990	1198	Wallace, Robert	2003
463	Ellis, Russell	1953	855	Neff, Keith	1975	1072	Vandyke, Andrew	1993	1236	Witt, Steven	2007
472	Melvin, Robert	1954	857	Rhoda, Jeffrey	1975	1087	Higgins, William	1993	1238	Karner, Bruce	2007
502	Alter, Philip	1955	878	Carroll, William	1977	1089	Keeler, Earl	1993	1239	Clyborne, Bryan	2007

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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: _____

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