

# SIGMA CRESCENT

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## NOBLE RULER REPORT



Greg Hampton

Dear Sigma Brothers,

I hope that this edition of the Sigma Crescent finds you well as Spring begins to unfold. As the newly elected Noble Ruler of the Sigma Chapter, I am very excited to work with the new executive council to continue improving the chapter, aiming toward its fullest potential. We have some new and younger faces on the

council, but I am positive that their unique and beneficial ideas and points of view will assist in distilling leadership throughout our chapter. With a synergistic bond between our executive council officers, I believe that we can accomplish great things throughout the coming year, as well as raise the standards of success of each officer position for the years to come.

As the fall semester recently came to a close, I am proud to inform you that our chapter won various awards at the Arete Awards Banquet hosted by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils of Washington State University. We received both the "Adviser of the Year" award, as well as the "Outstanding Executive Council Member of the Year." These are very prestigious awards, and they have been added to our collection on display in the formal room. As is common at the Sigma Chapter, we again excelled academically, as we had the highest percentage of members on the President's Honor Roll, as well as the Junior and Senior pledge classes having the highest class GPAs out of all the fraternities on campus.

As we strive to be transparent with our efforts of both academic and leadership merit, the result has been great publicity which has assisted with our recruitment of new members. I am honored to announce that we initiated six new members at the beginning of the semester, bringing

the freshmen class to a total of 15. Although we are very happy to welcome these men into the fraternity, our work is not done, as we are beginning to recruit for next fall. I encourage any of you who know high school seniors (or juniors) who are planning on attending WSU and are interested in going Greek to contact either myself or one of our recruitment chairmen. Alumni have always been a valuable asset in our recruitment process, and I would like to make sure that it stays that way.

With that said, I highly encourage all of you to stop by and visit the chapter house. Our members have always appreciated hearing old stories as well as advice from alumni. We also welcome any and all alumni to reconnect with the Sigma Chapter by attending the Sigma Alumni Board meetings. It is a great way to rediscover Alpha

Gamma Rho and help both the active members and Alumni Board members continue to improve and ensure the longevity of AGR at Washington State

University. For information on meeting times, or for any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me by phone or email. I am more than happy to answer any questions or hear any advice that you have for the Sigma Chapter, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, I look forward to a very productive spring of academics, leadership development, recruitment, philanthropy and brotherhood. I hope that you all enjoy your spring, and rest assured that we are working very hard at the Sigma Chapter.

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## ALUMNI RELATIONS REPORT



Garrett Greninger

My name is Garrett Greninger, and I am a freshman in the Sigma Chapter at Washington State University. I was recently elected VNR Alumni Relations Officer. I hope the Crescent finds you and your families in good health.

I'd like to start by telling you a bit about myself. I grew up in Moses Lake, Wash., and I made many trips to Pullman as a child to watch Cougar football and basketball games. I spent my summers on our family farm in Mansfield, Wash. With the strong agricultural background that Alpha Gamma Rho possesses, I felt right at home when I joined last fall.

In just one semester, Alpha Gamma Rho has given me so much. When elections rolled around last November, I wanted to give back, so I decided to run for a position on the executive board. I felt like the VNR Alumni Relations position was a position I could excel in. I consider myself to be a positive leader in the house and felt I could bring great leadership qualities not only to the executive board, but the entire house. As far as the other members of the executive board are concerned, we are all excited and eager to keep the house one of the best here at Washington State. We plan to keep the house great by continuing to promote hard work in the classroom, encourage chapter participa-

tion and ask that all members participate in at least eight hours of community service. We realize that many members will exceed this number.

One thing I wanted to accomplish as the new VNR Alumni Relations officer was to bring back the alumni golf tournament as well as potentially adding a wine tasting for wives during the tournament. The alumni I have spoken with have all raved about what a good time this event is. We are looking at setting the date in mid-June. The golf tournament will most likely be in Sunnyside, Wash., and the wine tasting would be in nearby Prosser, Wash. We have put together a committee in the house to help us try and fulfill this large but attainable task. This event would strengthen the fraternal bonds between undergraduate and alumni members.

Another thing I wanted to improve was the relationship with undergraduate members and alumni. I plan on setting up some alumni events other than homecoming, though specifics have yet to be determined. If you are interested in the alumni golf tournament or an alumni event other than homecoming next fall please email me.

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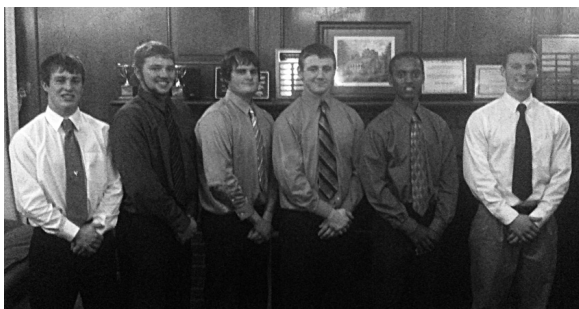
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## OUR NEW MEMBERS



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### MATTHEW CRONK

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### JAMES MURRELL

Hometown: Seattle, Wash.

### STETSON STEIGER

Hometown: LaCrosse, Wash.

## PHILANTHROPY REPORT



*John Bergstrom*

Since 1937, Barn Daze has been a Sigma Chapter tradition. It is a week-long event with events such as fire watch, Goddess of Demeter talent competition, sorority football, and skits and serenades. Barn Daze has traditionally been the largest philanthropy event on the WSU campus with good cause. All proceeds raised go to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association in honor of Kevin Leadon. Kevin was the father of our fraternity brother Kenny Leadon. Kevin passed away in October 2010 after a three year fight ALS.

This year, we hope to raise over \$7,000 for ALS Association. Contributions can be made through donations or t-shirt purchases. A donation of over \$100 will get your business or family name on the event t-shirt, of which we usually sell more than 300. We highly encourage alumni and other brothers help us reach this goal for a worthy cause. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me.

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## ESTATE PLANNING AND SIGMA CHAPTER

As brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, we swore an oath to help a brother when he is in need. As members of Sigma Chapter, we share the common experience of living in virtually the same house since 1936. However, it is not the structure which binds us together; it is the bond of brotherhood, a deliberate choice made by men who wanted to improve themselves and the agricultural community.

Sigma chapter needs to improve the existing house to continue providing the opportunity for academic achievement and brotherhood. Significant and costly improvements must be made to modernize the electrical and heating systems in order to remain a safe housing environment. Living arrangements must be changed to compete with newer fraternities on campus. Single-man and double-man rooms are the future of fraternity housing.

Please consider Sigma Chapter in your estate planning. Help continue in making better men, an AGR tradition since 1904. A gift to the Sigma Chapter, no matter the amount, will ensure the future existence of AGR on the Pullman Campus. The Building Fund controlled by the Sigma Alumni House

Corporation is used strictly for educational purposes. Therefore, all gifts to the Building Fund are tax-deductable. To ensure your gift specifically goes to Sigma Chapter, contact Bill Heinemann at [whlmhei@gmail.com](mailto:whlmhei@gmail.com) or 509-624-5555, or contact Tom Tippet at [tippet@pullman.com](mailto:tippet@pullman.com) or 509-595-7943.

Another way to help current members is to create an endowment to benefit Sigma undergraduate members. For example, Sigma Chapter was the beneficiary of the estate of June Roberts. Those funds are managed by the Alumni House Corporation, with the earnings funding two annual scholarships for two undergraduates of Sigma Chapter, the first set of which were awarded in spring of 2008. Additional bequests can be made to this endowment or separate endowments can be created.

Sigma Chapter welcomes any and all gifts, no matter the amount. As the saying goes, every little bit counts. Please consider Sigma when planning your estate. Make sure your contributions keep Sigma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho a leading fraternity in the WSU community. Past, current and future members of Sigma Chapter thank you for your generosity and dedication to the brotherhood of Alpha Gamma Rho.

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### ALUMNI NEWS WANTED

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