

BETA DELTA CRESCENT

ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY

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NOBLE RULER REPORT

Greetings from Beta Delta Chapter at Illinois State University. My name is Matt Rustman, and I am the Noble Ruler for the 2010-2011 school year. I am a junior majoring in agriculture business, and I'm from Sherman, Ill. I became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho in the fall of 2010 after transferring to ISU from Joliet Junior College, where I received an associate's degree in agriculture business. I am honored to serve the Beta Delta Chapter, and I know we have already accomplished many things this year.

On Feb. 12 and 13 we held our annual Founders Day. On Saturday we attended an ISU men's basketball game, where ISU took on Missouri State. We had an open house for the alumni on Sunday morning which allowed them to see how the house has changed since their time here. After the open house we met at the Illinois State Alumni Center where we had lunch. Rodney Weinzierl gave a keynote speech, and former Noble Ruler Sam Stock gave a report on what Alpha Gamma Rho accomplished during his term last year.

Dad's Day took place Feb. 17. To celebrate, we took our dads out to Logan's Steakhouse. Afterward, we went to the Laugh Comedy Club. We had several fathers attend, and we are all looking forward to this event next year.

On Feb. 25 and 26 a total of eight Executive Board members attended the AGR Leadership Seminar in Indianapolis, Ind. The Chapter has benefited from this experience, and I believe the officers are now better trained for their positions.

Our Alpha Gamma Rho Formal was held Feb. 26 at the

Holiday Inn Suites. Members were encouraged to bring a date, and everyone had a great time.

We had another opportunity for our men to network with members from other chapters and learn effective recruiting techniques on March 18 and 19 when two undergraduate members traveled to Kansas City for AGR's Recruitment School.

On March 26 we had our annual Mom's Day. We began the day with an auction, encouraging mothers to donate items for us to sell. We raised over \$2,000 that we will use for house improvements. We then went to Conklin's Dinner Barn where we watched a hilarious play.

We have also been participating in campus philanthropies. We participated in Sigma Sigma Sigma's Dodgeball tournament. We also did street clean-ups for School Street. We are preparing for the 28th annual Mud Volleyball Tournament on April 30. We will be co-hosting this event with Delta Delta Delta Sorority for the fourth consecutive year. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Last year we were able to donate more than \$1,000.

I am proud to say that the Beta Delta Chapter at Illinois State University currently has the highest GPA on campus. We strive to keep our grades high and maintain our reputation as one of the top three fraternities on campus.

Fraternally,
Matt Rustman
Noble Ruler



*Top photo: Beta Delta's Chapter House
Bottom photo: Brothers posed for a picture during Mom's Day festivities*

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ALUMNI BOARD REPORT

Brothers,

I hope this article finds you in the midst of a safe and successful spring season. I'm Duane Gieseke, a 2004 initiate of the Beta Delta Chapter. I reside in Lincoln, Ill. and work as a District Sales Manager for Beck's Hybrids in Mclean and Dewitt counties. In February I had the pleasure of being elected president of the Beta Delta Alumni Corporation. I look forward to the next three years serving in this role, and I welcome any suggestions you may have that may help along the way.

One of my goals as Alumni Board president is to continue to improve communication between the alumni and the undergraduate chapter. Beta Delta has grown to well over 600 initiates, and with strong support from alumni the Chapter will continue to prosper and become even stronger. As the board is made up of only a small number of alumni, I encourage you, my fellow brothers, to take the opportunity to support the Chapter in any way possible. Also, I encourage you to reconnect with those you built such strong ties with during your time as an undergraduate member and with whom you have since lost contact.

The best way you can support the undergraduate chapter is by assisting in recruitment efforts. You will find a referral form on the back of this Crescent. Please take a moment to fill it out with any information you have about students who may be attending Illinois State University in the future. This will help to ensure young men are given the same opportunities you were afforded during your time at ISU.

Recruiting new members is essential to the survival of Beta Delta, and we must continue to keep the chapter house in the most attractive condition possible. Over the next several years, there will be repairs and remodeling to be done in order to ensure new recruits and undergraduates find the chapter house an inviting place to live.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those of you who have made donations, making some of these goals possible. To those who have not yet taken the opportunity to give back, I ask you to take a moment and reflect upon how Alpha Gamma

Rho has shaped your life. That experience was made possible through generous donations from alumni, and we hope that you will continue this tradition. No contribution is too small! The impact of your support will ensure the future of this wonderful brotherhood at Illinois State University.

Once again I look forward to serving you on the board in years to come, and I hope this gives me the opportunity to connect with even more alumni. I welcome any suggestions or comments that you feel will help to strengthen the Chapter, they are all greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,
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ALUMNI DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who responded to the initial solicitation for funds to make house improvements. We've received nearly \$5,000 as of April 14! Hopefully this amount will continue to grow. Additional donations may be sent to Dan Faber at P.O. Box 53, Flanagan, IL 61740. Please include any family or career information you'd like to share with other alumni.

DONATIONS OF \$250-\$500

REED FOMBELLE (#59)

MARK HINES (#169)

PETER PISTORIUS (#359)

MICHAEL DESUTTER (#212)

BRIAN WADDELL (#358)

DAN FABER (#43)

DONATIONS OF \$150-\$200

BRYAN MOODY (#210)

MICHAEL SCHWEICKERT (#231)

ROD HARTZOLD (#84)

DAVID STOKES (#472)

IAN BAIRD (#269)

TYSON BENWAY (#441)

TIMOTHY WEBER (#473)

PATRICK DUFFY (#21)

DONATIONS OF \$25-\$100

FRED BAKER (#23)

THOMAS FITZGERALD (#60)

BRYON COFFMAN (#304)

WILLIAM DAVEY (#37)

BRETT CONRADY (#535)

MARK BOWEN (#10)

THOMAS KAMINKE (#167)

THOMAS CLARK (#101)

DAVID SERVEN (#220)

DAVID GOEKE (#104)

JAMES WHITE (#112)

ED BETTNER (#173)

DANIEL MAELTZER (#32)

JON CHAMBERLAIN (#469)

GERALD DESMITH (#100)

JOHN WHITE (#120)

THOMAS GUTH (#45)

ALUMNI UPDATES

MARK BOWEN (#10)

**841 US Hwy 34
Neponset, IL 61345-9171**

Update: Owner/operator of family grain farm (550A)
Wife-Sue (First Beta Delta Sweetheart), daughters-Katie (ISU 2001) and Jesse (ISU 2002/Bradley 2005), son-Bill (UIUC 2004-Engineering)

FRED BAKER (#23)

**1278 E 20th Rd
Streator, IL 61364-9020**

Update: Grain and Livestock Farmer (Streator)
Wife-Debby, son-John, daughters-Susan and Sarah (Lukach), grandsons-Nolan and John Tyson.

DANIEL MAELTZER (#32)

**15297 Osco Rd
Osco, IL 61274-9556**

Update: Farmer (Osco)
Wife-Roselyn, two daughters and two granddaughters

WILLIAM DAVEY (#37)

**1830 Perry Ct
Sycamore, IL 60178-3016**

Update: Senior vice president/senior commercial loan officer
Wife-Juleene, children-Audra, Drewe and Joshua

ROBERT BEUTKE (#81)

**1799 E 20th Rd
Grand Ridge, IL 61325-9615**

Update: Farmer - 1200 Ac. (LaSalle and Livingston Co.)
Wife-Tamara (Loan Documentation Spec. at Central Bank), children: Brad (BS ISU-Crop Tech Consultant-Clinton), Jessica (Senior at WIU-Ag Business)

THOMAS CLARK (#101)

**109 W 2nd St
Long Point, IL 61333**

Update: Farmer (Long Point)
Wife-Karen, children-Robert and Michael

DAVID GOEKE (#104)

**4798 N Fawver Rd
Dakota, IL 61018-9628**

Update: 15 years teaching fifth grade at Dakota after 17 years as a dairy farmer
Wife-Val, daughter-Loni (29) and son-in-law-Roberto, grandkids-Nataline, Johnny and Sean, son-Tim, daughter-in-law-Lindsay, son-Curt

JOHN WHITE (#120)

**1750 275th Ave
New Holland, IL 62671-6063**

Update: Farmer (New Holland)
Wife-Connie, son-Connor, daughters-Emy and Elly

THOMAS KAMINKE (#167)

**25045 N 300 East Rd
Long Point, IL 61333-5048**

Update: Farmer (Long Point)
Wife-Julie, daughter-Carley (Freshman at Elmhurst College), son-Conner (Senior at Fieldcrest HS, plans to attend ISU or Heartland in fall 2011)

DAVID SERVEN (#220)

**166 Knox Rd 150 E
St Augustine, IL 61474-9600**

Update: Farmer (St. Augustine)
Wife-Barb (Small Animal Veterinarian), children: Perry (5), Anna (3) and Tim (1)

MICHAEL SCHWEICKERT (#231)

**11013 Fairwoods Dr
Fishers, IN 46037-8808**

Update: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

ROBERT SHAFFER (#307)

**468 E 4th St
El Paso, IL 61738-1224**

Update: Farming with brother and Crop Insurance Agent for Diversified Services (Metamora)
Wife-Jennifer, sons-Bobby and Jacob

PETER PISTORIUS (#359)

**9044 Damery Road
Blue Mound, IL 62513**

Update: Farmer (Blue Mound)
Wife-Megan, children-Emma (5), Isabel (3) and Olivia (9 mo.)

DAVID STOKES (#472)

**2288 Hayden Way
Normal, IL 61761-5484**

Update: Wife-Jennifer, son-Jack

TIMOTHY WEBER (#473)

**RR1 Box 2E
Cooksville, IL 61730-9701**

Update: Wife- Erin, child-Ayden

BRETT CONRADY (#535)

**1058 950th St
Elkhart, IL 62634-6039**

Update: Grain and Livestock Farmer (Elkhart)
Wife-Janna, son-Ryder.

DUANE GIESEKE (#583)

**1852 Sunset Dr
Lincoln, IL 62656-5370**

Update: District Rep for Beck Seeds
Fiancée-Heather Grant (Getting married 6/25/2011)

MATTHEW OLSON (#615)

**1704 E 19th Rd
Streator, IL 61364**

Update: Farming and working in sales for a manufacturing company.

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Brothers,

My name is Ryan Larson, and I am currently serving as VNR Recruitment. I grew up on a grain farm and was actively involved in FFA and 4-H. I am excited to be serving in this position and looking forward to recruiting brothers that will bring the best qualities to the Beta Delta Chapter.

This spring semester was successful, and new ideas were brought forth from attending Recruitment School in Kansas City, Mo. We intend to encourage the use of these new ideas to help develop larger classes of men flowing through our chapter. As the agriculture department at Illinois State grows, we have other opportunities to get out there and get involved in hopes of finding potential new members.

As alumni, I am turning to you in hopes of large amounts of help; I am looking to you for names and contact information of young men who are juniors in high school to start building a relationship with them in hopes of them attending Illinois State University and joining our chapter. We are

also interested in men who are planning to transfer here as well as those who are currently attending Illinois State University.

I have a goal of recruiting 13 members and growing our contact list to 100 students by fall 2011. We would be more than happy to give students and parents a tour of the house and take them around campus to help them get associated with the university.

We are currently fundraising to help update and improve our Beta Delta Chapter house, and we greatly appreciate your help with current and future donations. The house is in dire need of help, and I see this being a great asset in recruiting new members to this amazing brotherhood.

Thanks again, and I will appreciate any help or advice you can provide.

Fraternally,
 Ryan Larson #663
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 815-508-8452

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LOST BROTHERS

Below are some of Beta Delta'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: Beta Delta, 1403 N. School St. Normal, IL 61761.

Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date
14	Abrahamson, Roger	1973	293	Mitchell, Scott	1990	447	Smith, Randy	1997
65	Dryer, D	1975	317	Kalasz, Eric Robert	1992	454	Bliss, John	1997
67	Wilber, Dennis	1975	319	Burcham, Ryan	1992	461	Alberts, Ryan	1998
90	Yoder, Russell	1977	320	Jarboe, Eric	1992	491	Lyons, Chris	1999
123	Anderson, David	1979	352	Hilgenberg, Gregory	1993	519	Willrett, Nathan	2001
144	Stierwalt, William	1980	400	McNelis, Joshua	1995	530	Greenwood, Justin	2001
145	Wallace, Kent	1980	410	Meyer, A	1995	532	Shannon, Jeff	2001
162	Osmond, Craig	1981	412	Chatterton, Nicholas	1995	553	Stephenson, Derek	2003
181	Knoblauch, Scott	1983	420	Barr, Bradley	1996	566	Price, Gregory	2003
189	Johnson, Eric	1984	424	Henne, Gregory	1996	570	Hendren, Jeff	2003
209	Price, Bradley	1986	425	Hall, Ryan	1996	574	Roe, Jonathan	2003
238	Dettore, Mark	1987	427	Franklin, Kenneth	1996	580	Bryant, Matthew	2004
251	Fasse, Mark	1988	428	Schaad, Nick	1996	634	Roseman, Jon	2007
283	Wojcik, David	1990	431	Zumwalt, Joseph	1996			

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ALUMNI NEWS WANTED

The next issue of the Beta Delta 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: Beta Delta Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 403 N. School St. Normal, IL 61761.

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: _____

PLEASE MAIL TO: ALPHA GAMMA RHO - BETA DELTA CHAPTER,
ATTN: RECRUITMENT, 403 N. SCHOOL ST. NORMAL, IL 61761