

# PHI ARROW



## HOMEcoming 2013

In 2013, we can expect to see some changes in the way NDSU celebrates homecoming. In an effort to bring the entire Fargo-Moorhead community into our celebration and to revive parts of our heritage, NDSU has restructured the order of Homecoming events. First, the Blue Key Homecoming show will be on Thursday night, and the Coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen will take place at the show. On Friday, the Homecoming parade will be returned to downtown Broadway, as it was from 1922 to 1982, and a student and communitywide Pep Fest will follow the parade. On Saturday, there will be open houses for Alumni and different watching parties for the football game located on campus. Theta Chi specifically will have our doors open as usual for brothers and their families and friends. This weekend is also Parent's Weekend for all NDSU students, so it should be an exciting and busy time to be a Bison!

For a full schedule of events, please visit <http://www.ndsu.edu/homecoming/>.

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## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Greetings Brothers!

I hope this Arrow finds you well. As Bison and as Theta Chis, we have a lot to be excited about right now.

The Bison football team just began its season in dramatic fashion, defeating defending big 12 champion Kansas State. It can't be easy to live up to the expectations that come from

back to back FCS championship seasons, but this team is off to a good start! I know I'm looking forward to some awesome tailgating this fall. You can find a large contingent of Theta Chis tailgating at every game, and I hope you join in the fun!

One of your tailgating opportunities will come during homecoming. This year, the

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### SCHEDULE

#### Friday

Parade downtown

Chubs 8

#### Saturday

Tailgating 8-12

Open house 9-11

parade will be take place downtown on Friday night, so our tradition of watching the parade at the house before tailgating will change a bit. Instead of watching the parade on Saturday morning, stop by the house for an open house, show your family around, and enjoy some refreshments. Representatives from the capital campaign committee will be around to answer questions, and we will have drivers available to shuttle you to tailgating.

Speaking of committees, since we've decided to move forward with a capital campaign we've had a lot of alumni step up to get involved. Along with the Alumni Council and Holding company that we've always had, we now have alumni involved in the form of a capital campaign committee and a building

committee. Thanks to those who have already volunteered their time. In the coming months there will be even more opportunities to get involved, so keep an eye out for that if you're interested!

I hope to see everyone next month at Homecoming October 12<sup>th</sup>, at Pig Banquet March 29<sup>th</sup>, and as many Bison games as you can get to!

Fraternally,

Kyle Kemmet, Phi Alumni  
Chapter President



## ACTIVE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

We hope this Arrow finds you in good health, and great spirits. We look forward to having you back to our home for Homecoming, or any other time you want to drop by. As we start the fall semester Phi Chapter has many things to be proud of, and thankful for.

The semester started out with a strong spring recruitment. We initiated 12 men, bringing our total to 30 new guys for the school year, and our total membership to 85. With the enthusiasm of our new members, the future looks bright. We even have the honor of calling the New Greek Man of the Year, Alex Fausti, our brother.

Speaking of awards, phi chapter had a fruitful semester. Joining Alex were Greek Man of the Year, Kyle Sebesta and Mr. NDSU, John Narum. Alex Hoffman made some noise in the Mr. NDSU competition as well.

As you all know, NDSU won its second National Championship in as many years. Fargo had a strong presence in Frisco this year, and it was great to see so many Phi brothers at the game.

Over the last several months, we've had the opportunity to work with alumni to identify the needs of the chapter house for our chapter's next hundred years. It has been exciting to be part of that process, and it's exciting to imagine the possibilities!

It should be noted that this year's homecoming at NDSU is being revamped, and will be quite the affair! We hope that you can come celebrate it with us. Overall Phi chapter is busy with change while holding onto the bonds that strong tradition has instilled in us.

Daniel Kvasnicka, 1863

## FROM THE RATTLE

Thanks to the hard work of Leadership and Education Consultant Joe Macko and former Leadership and Education Consultant Cory Loveless, Theta Chi is returning to the University of Minnesota where the Alpha Pi chapter closed in 1998.

The colonization ceremony was held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at the University of Minnesota's Hanson Hall. Norwich Housing Corporation Secretary Paul Norstrom returned to his alma mater to preside over the pledging of 23 undergraduates.

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Director Matt Levine (Gamma Tau/Drake 2006), Foundation Chapter President David A. May, Associate Executive Director Ben Hill (of the International Headquarters) and more than 30 parents and alumni were also in attendance, as was Alpha Pi alumnus Carl Peterson (1984).

The University of Minnesota was founded as a preparatory school in 1851, seven years before Minnesota became a state. The school closed during the Civil War and reopened in 1867.

Today the University of Minnesota has a student population of 52,557, and is home to 34 fraternities and 17 sororities.



## THETA CHI FOR LIFE

The Theta Chi for Life fund was created to pay off the house's debt and to finance essential structural repairs. Through your generosity, the fund has helped pay off the mortgage, build a new roof, pour a new parking lot, and remodel three bathrooms, among other things. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past, and to those listed below who have contributed this year!

### 2013 Donors

Dennis Agnew	Dave Hynek
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Rod Bertsch	Kyle Kemmet
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## ALUMNI TREASURER

### Jason Gates '02

Hello fellow alumni! I'll start off by sending a BIG thank you to our Theta Chi for Life donors; to date this year we have received \$8,900.

In addition to our list of Theta Chi for Life donors, this issue of The Arrow includes a list of all members who have donated to the Theta Chi scholarship fund since its inception in 2010. A special thanks is due to Jason Middaugh who worked with NDSU to get the fund established and Jerry Specht for his support.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Theta Chi scholarship fund you can follow the instructions located on our chapter's website at: [phionline.org](http://phionline.org). As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at 701-367-0471.

Go Bison!



## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thanks to all who have donated to the scholarship fund!

James Amann	Adam Homelvig	Christopher Schauer
Rod Baker	Michael Loughheed	Shannon Schlecht
Bernie Dardis	Jason Middaugh	John Shervan
Jon Dickson	David Miller	Jerry Spect
Robert Gjellstad	Jarett Mogan	Roger Steiner
Brian Hankel	Dave Mueller	Dennis Vonasek
Troy Hedberg	David Mueller	James Wilhelm
	Richard Ruud	

## JOEL JENNISSEN

**Hobbies/Interests:** I like to keep up on current events and probably pay too much attention to politics. I like to read non-fiction (history, economics, investing) and occasionally read fiction like Vince Flynn (RIP). I like to make/build/repair things and learn new things/how things work. I like to understand how businesses operate and what they can do to improve the bottom and top lines (the "what would I do" if I ran the business). I'd like to purchase some ag land and get back out to the country, but currently that is not in the cards due to inflated land prices.

**Favorite memories from your time at NDSU:** All of my memories involve the friends, friendships, social aspects, and events around college and the Fargo area. Most of them have nothing to do with going to

**Hometown:** Sauk Centre, MN

**Current city of residence:** Bloomington, MN

**Married:** Yes (Marilee)

**Kids:** not yet

**Major at NDSU:** BS Mechanical Engineering, Chem Minor

**Graduated Year:** 1998

**Winner:** Centennial Rifle

class. Instead of getting into a lot of detail on any one memory (to protect the innocent and the guilty) I'm more so listing the ones that first came to mind. In no particular order: sandbagging for the flood in 1997, working at and going to the Johnny Holmes kick off dance, tubing down the Ottertail, the ride back from the Ottertail, Wefest, Red River Valley Fair, Johnson's Barn, riding down the sidewalk along University Ave on the back of Puppe's scooter (which had no brakes) to Chub's on a homecoming morning, Chub's Pub, WednesdayNight Jams, the Püb, the stories told in the chapter meetings, homecoming float building, homecoming show skits, keg stands at pig hauling, Iris, Betty, Theta Chi spring break ski trip to Montana, Theta Chi weddings, terms, riding along in a car driving through campus after rain storms to see how far the water could spray, the house fire, racing Agnew back to the house while he was driving Blake's car, taking over five hours to walk back to the house from a football game at the Fargodome, picking up a donated casket and driving through Fargo and bringing it back to the house in the back of a pickup. Theta Chi Rush Class of Fall '94!

Ultimately my favorite memories are really the time we all spent goofing off, partying, and growing up. The best thing I can add is that it is comforting to know that my good friends/brothers from college would still be there if I needed their help.

**Any quotes you can provide about your reaction to winning the raffle:** That's a funny question. Dennis Agnew called me and the first words I heard on the phone were, "You (\*!@#%)%\$&!)" That gave me half a clue that something good was coming. My wife's response was "Can you sell it?" Not that she doesn't like firearms, but she prefers ones that are more than just decoration. The rifle is currently prominently displayed in its display case on our TV stand in our living room.

**Anything else that you want to add:** I'm working to become essentially self employed/business owner. I'm currently working on growing money through investments and the markets. If anyone is currently doing this and wants to share their experiences I'd appreciate your time and thoughts or if anyone has investment opportunities I appreciate hearing about them. Other than that, I hope all is well with everyone and if you need anything don't be afraid to ask.

## MY FIRST MONTH AS A THETA CHI PLEDGE: FIVE LIFELONG LESSONS

Gus Mueller '69

I thought it would be fun to share some of the lifelong lessons learned from my college-day Theta Chi experience—specifically, my first month as a pledge. But before I get to that eventful month, I want to set things up with a little background information, to help you understand why these lessons were so meaningful.

It was the fall of 1965 when I hung my five neatly-ironed shirts on a metal clothes rod stretched across the back seat of my 1962

Chevy Impala, put my parents only suitcase in my trunk (packed by my mom, containing my two pair of jeans and neatly-ironed tights-whites), and left the Ryder, North Dakota farm to head off to the big city of Fargo to start college. Riding with me to also start his venture at NDSU was my 12-year Ryder classmate and lifelong friend Lee Sorenson. He and I met in Minot's Trinity Hospital baby nursery on the morning of December 21st, 1947. No, we didn't have the same mother, or father (that we know of).

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Driving all the way to Fargo from Ryder was a pretty big deal in those days. Oh sure, during our last couple years of high school, we were out cruising around all the time, but we usually didn't venture out of our 'hood: Ryder, Makoti, Plaza, Parshall and Garrison. We did motor to the big city of Minot a few times, like to see Gene Pitney and the Ventures in concert, or to get a root beer float at the A and W, but that was about as far as we got from home.

Our trip to "school" was pretty uneventful. We finished the sandwiches my mom had made for us by the time we got to Max, and the cookies were all gone by Carrington. We soon started to see road signs for cities we'd only heard about—Jamestown, Valley City, and yes, even Fargo. I don't recall how we found the University, maybe we had a map, but we did, and soon were checked into Johnson Hall. Coincidentally, we learn that two guys we sort of knew from back home, Alan Austad and Roger Kolden from Roseglen (a town near Ryder) also were assigned to Johnson Hall. So that evening the four of us set out to do what all good 17-year-old boys do when they arrive at a college campus—find a "bootlegger," which in those days is

what one called someone over 21 who would buy you adult beverages. Fortunately, Alan and Roger knew some 21-year-old Roseglen guys who had rented a house a few blocks off campus, and our college life was soon off to everything we had hoped for. There were even some girls at the party. Mom's careful ironing and sandwiches were long forgotten.

The next day the buzz at the dorm was about fraternity pledge week, which started in a few days. Neither Lee nor I had ever thought about joining a fraternity, and in fact, I'm not too sure we even knew there was such a thing. For you younger readers, consider that Animal House didn't come out until 13 years later. The only college movie we had ever seen was when the Absent Minded Professor invented "Flubber." We heard, however, that fraternities had parties, with lots of beer and girls. What's not to like?

There was an unofficial rating of the fraternities among the second year dorm guys (who didn't belong to any fraternity, proud to call themselves GDIs), and they were happy to pass along their thoughts. If we eliminated the fraternities associated with college majors, there

were essentially five to choose from. The rating system went something like this: The ATOs were jocks, the Sigma Chi's were all big-city Fargo jerks, the SAEs were rich snobs, the Theta Chi's were all partiers and the Teke's were for the losers, as they sent pledge invitations to everyone who visited their house. Lee and I quickly identified with the Teke's and Theta Chi's.

The first night we went to the Teke house. Huge crowd, but nothing very impressive. In contrast, the next night at the Theta Chi house we were quickly welcomed by active Gary Heise—a fifth year senior, originally from our neighboring town of Makoti. Because of the age difference, we didn't really know him, but knew who he was—known to be a great guy, and his dad was drinking buds with our dads. Basketball star Ron Schliemen, a 2nd year active also from Makoti soon walked up, and the two of them suggest we get away from the “formal” gathering and head to the back parking lot, where beverages were being served out of the trunk of a car. We were sold—our kind of place—we eagerly accepted our Theta Chi pledge invitation the end of that week!

We were informed that we needed to be at the house every day after our last class. We soon learned that this was not so much for “brotherhood reasons,” but rather so that we could clean the bathrooms and run errands for the actives. The first week was also when we had our first “line-up” in the lower level—I do think we were allowed to keep our clothes “ON” for this one. This was when we were introduced and interrogated by Pledge Marshall Alan Hauf, and also when some of us got our fraternity names. Al prided himself with doing interesting things with your name after you shouted it out. My buddy Lee became “Eel” (Lee backwards) and I became “Goose” (for Gustav, my middle name—we had to recite our full name for Al). Fortunately, Goose soon transitioned to Gus—but still not a name I'd ever been called before.

Okay—that's enough (or maybe too much) of the background of what led up to my first month as a Theta Chi pledge. To this point, I had a new name, knew the favorite soft drink to fetch for all the actives, and was getting pretty handy with a toilet brush, but what did I really learn that first month that has stuck with me over the past five decades? I've listed my top five, in no particular order, as the “importance” is tough to quantify.

### **Table Manners Matter**

The house mother in 1965 was Mrs. Pierce. I suspect she had a first name, but to us she was just Mrs. Pierce. Every Monday at 5:00 (before the Monday night formal meal), Mrs. Pierce would give us lessons on appropriate table manners. Believe me, nobody needed this more than I—my manners were atrocious. For some reason, not just because there was a 25 cent fine for each mistake at the evening meal, I found it quite fascinating to learn all the nuances of being proper. I guess it made me feel a little less “just-off-the-farm.” I vividly recall learning such things as how to set the silverware (fork always on left of course), when it's okay to start eating, what direction (clockwise versus counter-clockwise) to pass food, how many pieces you can cut at one time (never more than one), where and how to rest your knife (blade in versus blade out), and how to indicate you're finished with the meal.

Maybe I would have somehow developed good table manners along the way anyway, but those lessons from Mrs. Pierce sure had an impact. In fact, I still try to follow them as closely as possible, often to the annoyance of others at the table. Just try passing something counter-clockwise at my table and you'll quickly find out!

### **Drinking And Singing Mix Well**

With a name like Herman Gustav Mueller you would have thought that I already knew that drinking and singing went well together, but my visits to Munich's Hofbräuhaus didn't start



until years after college. On Friday afternoon of my second week at the house I was “dusting” in the main living room when active Dave Kantrud hollered from the back entrance: “Hey pledge, I got something for you to carry up the back stairs to the 4th floor.” As you might guess, it was a 16 -gallon keg of beer. Now I’m not too sure I could even lift a full keg of beer today (140 lbs?), but somehow I managed to get it up to the third floor, and then had help from a fellow pledge for the final stretch. Within an hour, my first of hundreds of “Fourth Floor Parties” had broken out. There of course was the requisite chugging contests: actives against pledges, East River versus West River (a loose definition), and as the night went on, shirts against skins. What was the most memorable of that night, however, were the songs, which started right about the time the first beer was poured. There were the fight songs (e.g., Far Across the Plains of Fargo) and the fraternity songs (e.g., We are the Joy Boys), but of course the favorites were the drinking songs, some of them mildly bawdy. I’ve heard that many of these songs hit the fraternity scene when WWII soldiers returned to college in the late 1940s—but the origin was the least of our concerns. My favorites (that I remember today) were Lady in Red (O’Leary’s bar), Drunk Last Night (The Souse Family), Roll Your Leg Over, and Mary Margaret Truman. And of course, the one that could go on forever, depending on the skill of the impromptu songwriters around the keg, Hey-La-Dee-Da-Dee. When an active gave you “the point,” you dam well had better have a verse ready.

I went on to become an audiologist, and we like to party too, but I learned at our professional meetings, that when I would break into one of these songs around a keg (yes, we have kegs at less formal meetings), I seemed to be the only one singing or who knew the words (or was willing to admit it). Moreover, females in the group (80% of audiologists are female) would point out that the words of some of these songs were

rather offensive (Hmm . . . no one ever brought that up on the Fourth Floor). So over the years, a couple of us have collected some audiology songs that are appropriate for singing around a keg, such as My Ol’ Man’s an Audiologist, and have even written a few audiology songs, and preformed them at national audiology meetings (I’m the earGuy at [www.earTunes.com](http://www.earTunes.com)). Another lifespan lesson!



### **Recorded Music Can Sound Darn Good**

For you readers who are close to my age, you might recall that most of us didn’t spend a lot on sound systems back in high school. My family didn’t own any “stereo” system. For my 8th grade graduation present, my parents gave me a Sears Silvertone suitcase phonograph—that’s what I used in my bedroom all through high school to listen to my favorite records. I pretty much thought that all music from records sounded like voices transmitted though metal orange juice cans. So with this reference, you might imagine my shock when I first heard how recorded music really should sound.

In one of my first weeks at the house, while cleaning the third floor crapper, I heard some unbelievable music from down the hall—last room on the right, south end of third floor. I



thought this sound must be coming from concert size speakers, and how did someone fit them into their room, but instead, as I peeked in the door, I only saw two small bookshelf speakers. The room was that of active Bob Luyben, and the speakers were AR-3s (won awards for their excellent sound quality, although I didn't know that at the time). Bob was on the couch with a slight buzz, a portion of a 12-pack sitting next to him. You weren't allowed to have beer below the fourth floor (except for parties in the basement), but Bob

was in his senior year and didn't care much about house rules anymore. The record playing on his new Garrard turntable, which was just a hair nicer than my suitcase Silvertone back home, was the greatest hits of Buddy Holly. I sat and listened to music with Bob until the 12-pack was gone. His room soon became the favorite afternoon hang-out for Lee (Eel) and I, and our new friend from Kenmare, pledge Robin Cook, whose name had just been changed to Cincinnati (from the movie The Cincinnati Kid; Robin won big at poker one

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### *"You are your own logo"*

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night). Bob's taste in music aligned with ours, and hearing our favorites Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison produced by that sound system was pretty amazing—the beer was good too.

I'm not so sure that appreciation of well-produced music was such a good lifespan lesson to have learned, as it has cost me some money over the years—I'm blaming it all on Luyben. I did go out and buy some AR speakers after college, but for the past 20 years or so I've been a fan of Klipsch. The hits of Buddy Holly sound darn good on these too!

that was all the "logo" stuff I owned. My J. C. Penny shirts didn't have logos. So what was I hit with as a new Theta Chi pledge? I immediately needed to get a Theta Chi paddle, car decals, a Theta Chi lapel pin, a couple sweatshirts, a logo dress shirt, and several Theta Chi t-shirts. Shopping for your "active pin" also was in order. I've heard that some pledges even purchased Theta Chi socks and underwear—thankfully that catalog never found its way to me, or I would have had them too. This branding was all new to me. I was brought up to "blend in," which was pretty hard to do walking around campus wearing a red Theta Chi "Screw the Sioux" t-shirt (I'll leave the graphics to your imagination)!

But I quickly found that I liked the new Theta-Chi-Logo me. My fellow pledges could spot me from across the mall. People noticed you when you walked into class wearing your jacket (which arrived the third week)—especially when you only attended the class once every two weeks. For football games, it was really cool to see a sea of Theta Chi jackets in the stands at Dacotah Field. We even all wore our jackets when we walked out of the Highway Host truck stop at 3:00 a.m. without paying (oops!).



#### **You Are Your Logo**

In my high school days, I did wear a Ryder letterman's jacket, and I did purchase a high school graduation ring (which disappeared with some girlfriend a few months later), but

So ever since those first few weeks as a pledge, I've always been a pretty serious logo guy, whether it's my favorite sports teams, bars, or beer brands. And yes, even clothes designers—there is a little of “you are what you wear” in me. But hey—if you think this logo clothing deal is a bad thing, stop by a Bison tailgating in Fargo this fall. We were just “fashion-forward” in 1965!

**Play Hard, But Only After You Work (at least sort-of) Hard**

That first month at the Theta Chi house was

pretty great. A lot of lifelong lessons learned—although I didn't know it then. But, styling with new logo clothes, listening to music in Luyben's room, and fourth floor parties two or three nights a week didn't leave much time for going to classes or studying. And, the first year courses for engineering majors (which I was then) were not a cake walk. At the end of the first month, I was failing everything but ROTC! Things didn't get much better and I ended the quarter with a 1.31 overall. I found myself on academic probation, and out of Theta Chi. My Ryder buddy Lee, newly named Eel, didn't fare

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*“Play Hard, But Only After You Work (at least sort-of) Hard”*

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any better—he was by my side learning those same lifespan lessons!

I have to say, that the studying we did that next winter quarter was driven more by our desire to get back into the fraternity, than it was to simply stay in school. We were back at Theta Chi in the spring, went active the next fall, with many enjoyable years to follow. It became pretty obvious, that getting your work done first is important, but you don't really have to work THAT hard to be successful, and there's always plenty of time to party—the most important lifespan

lesson of all!

About the author: Gus Mueller ('69) is a professor at Vanderbilt University, Senior Consultant for Siemens Hearing, and Contributing Editor for AudiologyOnline. He lives on one of North Dakota's largest islands, just west of Bismarck (<http://www.gusmueller.net/fox-island-audiology-north-dakota-nd.htm>). When not buying logo clothes or working on his table manners, you might find Gus along the banks of the Missouri with his trusty cooler, playing his favorite Theta Chi drinking songs! Oh . . . and

in case you're curious, he still gets together with his lifelong buddy Lee/Eel several times a year; they get into just as much trouble now as in the fall of 1965!



## CHUB'S PUB GETS A FACELIFT

If you come to homecoming this year, you'll notice some changes to the format and schedule. True to tradition, though, you'll still find a large group of Theta Chis filling the barstools at Chub's Pub on Friday night. Still, you'll even notice some changes to Chub's pub, as it underwent a significant remodel this summer.

Built in 1966, Chub's has always been a second home for students at NDSU. Originally owned by Phil and Morry Gillerstein, it was sold to Bill Doyle in 1980. Bill's kids, Jan Ramstad and Mark Doyle, and Jan's son Jason "Teddy" Ramstad operate the family business today.

The relationship between Theta Chi and Chub's pub has been mutually beneficial. Teddy recently visited with his grandpa, Bill. When Teddy mentioned that he was going to meet with some Theta Chis for a newsletter article, Bill said, "those boys have paid a lot of bills over the years". They reminisced together about some of their memories of

their Theta Chi patrons.

One such memory involved a blizzard many years ago. Classes were cancelled, roads were closed, and they were about to lock the doors when the Theta Chis showed up and asked for three kegs. Confused about the guys' plans for transporting three kegs a mile through a blizzard, they soon learned that they planned to utilize a toboggan for the job. And they did. Presumably, good times were had by all.

Teddy is proud of the small town feel his bar – his family has worked hard to make it a place people can feel at home. Chub's has always been appealing to students with agricultural backgrounds, which are prominent at Theta Chi and with our neighbors at AGR. You could put Chub's in Mott, Hebron, Horace, or Moffit and it would fit right in.

Since its inception under the Gillerstein brothers,



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Births

Kevin and Maria Biberdorf had James

Dave and Katie Goetz had Layla

Ryan and Amanda Goodman had Jonathon

Justin and Kristin Schaub had Avery

Neil and Kristin Wells had Ryder

Kirby and Ashley Anderson had Rylee

Kyle and Katherine Nerison had Petra

Mike and Whitney Loughed had Avery

Jake and Sarah Nikle had Ruby

Ben and Robyn Zeltinger had Lucy

### Weddings

Mike and Kristina Larson

Nate and Holly Pikalek

Andrew and Tiara Law

Erich and Linzy Bittle

Paul Lee passed into the chapter eternal in April

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and then under the Doyle and Ramstad families, Chub's has been a family business, and that has fostered a family atmosphere for its patrons over the years. Bill Doyle often says, "This is our family farm. Our crop is just a little different."

Teddy intends to keep Chub's a family business into the foreseeable future. Doing what he loves keeps him young - it makes him feel like he's still 25. It also helps to have great help. Chubs usually employs around 20 staff. There have been some real characters over the years. From longtime fixtures like Lauri "Grandma" Pickett, Dickie, and Wade, to student athletes like Steve Walker, Brett and Jack Maughn, and Justin Frick, to Theta Chi members John Best, Ty Nelson, and Mark Puppe. Teddy says that Puppe was probably the best door guy ever. He says he "was an ass at the door, but he got a lot of fake IDs."

The goal of the remodel project was to clean up the space and give it a facelift, while staying true to the legacy of Chub's Pub. Some of the notable upgrades are in the

area of technology. If you stop by Chub's on game day, you'll be able to watch the bison on one of several flat screen TV's, the newest of which is 70". To go along with the TVs, the main area will have 14 new speakers. The pillars have been removed to give the bar a more open feel and improve acoustics.

While Chub's added a pool room in January of 1994 (known by alumni as "the new Chub's addition") and converted the car port to a patio in 2008, this is the first time the main space has been significantly remodeled. After the pool room was added, pieces of the wallpaper from the north wall were donated to be auctioned off to help raise money after the fire at the Theta Chi chapter house.

Chub's will be open at 8am on game day for homecoming if you want to stop by for some homemade Bloody Mary's and whatever food Grandma feels like making before you head to the open house and tailgating. You can also take advantage of Chubs' upgrades during all Bison games and enjoy food and drink specials.





## ALUMNI FEEDBACK

In June, we sent out a survey (to the alumni list serve) to get your feedback on alumni programming at Phi chapter. So far, we've gotten some great feedback with over 40 responses. We'll leave the survey open to keep that anonymous communication channel available, or you can always contact the alumni council at [alumni council@phionline.org](mailto:alumni council@phionline.org) with any feedback. In the meantime, we'd like to share with you what we're hearing.

First, we wanted to know a little about who was providing feedback. As of July 12, we have about 40 responses, and participants are skewed heavily to the 2000's era. We need to keep in mind that this feedback isn't necessarily representative of our entire alumni base, but we still received some very good feedback.

Of the participants, 30% haven't been back to Pig Banquet or Homecoming in the last 5 years. The reasons cited were mostly time constraints and distance. There's not much we can do about the distance, but we're open to exploring the idea of changing Pig Banquet dates from year to year to make it easier for people to make it. This year's banquet is already set for March 29th, but we'd love to hear from you about dates that work best.

We asked about preferences for a Pig Banquet venue, and the feedback was pretty mixed. There wasn't a strong preference for which formal venue to book, but there was a bit of a debate between formal venues versus informal venues. Hotel banquet halls are great venues for this event, but they can be cost prohibitive for some of our younger alumni and undergrads. We're exploring ideas to mitigate that, and we'd love to get more feedback on the venue question. For now, we'll continue to host an informal meal at the chapter house for lunch and a formal meal for dinner.

For Pig Banquet entertainment, you're telling us that you want to hear updates from the active chapter, stories from alumni, talks from campus officials, and you want us to keep it short. We're trying to get the NDSU archivist to speak briefly, and we'll see if we can get updates from the active

chapter and bring back the rocking chair symposium for a second year.

The question that probably had the most consensus was the question about attending additional alumni gatherings outside of Homecoming and Pig Banquet. There is certainly demand for additional gatherings, but the challenge is going to be finding people in different geographic areas who are willing to sponsor these events. The alumni council is at your disposal to help coordinate the logistics, so if you're interested in putting something together, please let us know. You can reach the council at [alumni council@phionline.org](mailto:alumni council@phionline.org) or



just contact a member directly.

Participants were happy with what we do for homecoming. This year we will be changing things up anyway, because NDSU is moving the parade to Friday night downtown. We will still have an open house from 9 am to 11 am where you can socialize, show your family around the house, and get information about the state of the Capital Campaign. Then you can head up to tailgating where we'll have a clearly marked spot for Theta Chis to enjoy some good food and beverages.

The feedback on the Arrow was that it has been much better over the past few years, but we need to be more punctual with its arrival (or you don't get it at all). We'll do our best to get the Arrow out

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in record time this year. If you're not getting the Arrow, that means we don't have your correct address – please visit [www.phionline.org/update-information/](http://www.phionline.org/update-information/) to provide your current contact information. Several participants volunteered to write articles, and we'll be putting them to work over the next few semesters.

Overall, the feedback we've received through the survey has been positive, but we know there are always things we can do to improve. So thanks to those who have provided feedback, and if you disagree with anything in this letter, please make your voice heard by contacting the council or by filling

out the survey.

The URL for the survey is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VYM2TBK>.

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## *“Phi Now: Perpetuating the House that Brotherhood Built”*

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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Rick Buresh '71

You are probably aware of steps begun over the last two years to begin work on a major upgrade to our venerable Theta Chi house at NDSU. Despite the oversight of the actives, the House Corporation, and dedicated volunteers like Russ Handegard, time and hard use have taken a physical toll on the house. Much has been stated elsewhere on why this campaign is necessary. My goal in this article is to move beyond the rather obvious “why?” and instead focus on reporting on where we are in the process and where we hope to arrive.

The people listed below have been participating in a series of meetings, including staff from Ivy Partners, a fundraising consulting firm whose work was authorized by alumni at our last Pig Banquet and subsequently by the Alumni Council. These people are giving their time as members of the Alumni Council, Ivy Partners and/or the Theta Chi (Phi) Capital Campaign Committee. In no particular order: Ben Buresh, Bob Stein, Cory Loveless, Daniel Adamietz, Dave Hynek, Dave Miller, Dennis Agnew, Dennis Vonasek, Duane Grippe, Glen Masset, Jason Gates, Jeff McInnes, John Cook,

Jon Dickson, Kyle Blake, Kyle Kemmet, Mark Williamson, Rick Buresh, Roger Gjellstad, (Ann Shephard, Bill Wickham, and Jennifer Noble. – Ivy Partners)

We are grateful to Duane Grippe who has made available a conference room at his business, O'Day Equipment, at which many of us gather face-to-face and then connect via a conference call with those in remote locations. As of the end of August, we have met four times with meetings planned about every three weeks as needed. There is much to discuss about strategies to maximize success of the campaign, different giving options, legal issues surrounding tax deductibility of donations, and learning from our knowledgeable consultants. We are looking forward to a training session September 21 at which Campaign Committee members will receive training on best practices for campaigns such as ours.

It is important to note that this committee is focusing its effort on FUND RAISING. There are other committees working on design and construction issues. Dividing up the workload and the issues makes the volunteer job reasonable for all of us and keeps us focused

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*Theta Chi chapter house rendering*

on our mission – raising the funds to do a project comparable to the one that was completed in 1929 – one for which we can rightly feel proud – one that perpetuates a proud tradition.

Russ Handegard is leading the Construction Committee. Because of the need for occasional quick communication and decision-making, Russ is hoping to get volunteers from the FM community. This team is still in formation.

For the next 6-9 months, the campaign team will be working quietly behind the scenes to raise 60-70 percent of our goal before reaching out to all brothers for support. We will also be recruiting additional volunteers by decade and class to assist with making outreach to alumni as personal as possible. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to reconnect as well as to reaffirm our commitment to the fraternity.

Our working theme is Phi Now: Perpetuating the House that Brotherhood Built. Speaking on behalf of all volunteers - now nearly 60 strong - we know this project has to be done at this very time to maintain our legacy of leadership at NDSU. I hope you'll consider how to meaningfully participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

We hope to have some sort of display/exhibit set up at the House at Homecoming 2013. We hope to see you there. We'd love to hear your thoughts and suggestions.



## PIG BANQUET 2013 A SUCCESS

Many of us treasure the opportunity to connect with old friends, enjoy a fantastic meal together, and celebrate the very thing that brought us all together. Our annual tradition of Pig Banquet at Phi chapter allows us to do these very things and more, and in 2013 we saw a few changes to our much anticipated spring event.

It began as it usually does at the chapter house, but the already nostalgic and enjoyable atmosphere of our home was excited with another energy. This year marked the beginning of a very important period on Phi chapter history – the planning of our centennial celebration in 2017. During our annual alumni meeting last year, Phi chapter moved to proceed forward with a feasibility study to be conducted by a third party to assess the potential for a large capital campaign to renovate the chapter house. The business to

be conducted at the 2013 meeting centered on the findings of that study and consequently the decision whether to proceed with the campaign.

On Main, the classic appearance of our formal living room was accented by the addition of an elegantly decorated commemorative rifle in a showcase presented by alumnus brother Jack Haines ('85) to be given away later that evening to a lucky brother. There were copies of the feasibility study and some other supplemental information being discussed and circulated as well. The Pig Roast was held in the basement, complete with a blessing and, of course, the very important Apple and Cherry tradition of identifying the oldest and youngest brother at the event. Aaron Lockwood, the current chapter chef, prepared several sides and sauces to accompany the pork.





One of the biggest differences that was met with positive reviews was the venue of the Alumni Chapter Meeting. Due to growing attendance and a larger chapter size, the decision was made to relocate our meeting to the Centennial Theatre in the NDSU Memorial Union. Added space and more suitable seating resulted in a more comfortable environment to discuss business, which was appreciated during a lengthy and important meeting this year. The business included a presentation outlining the results of the capital campaign given by Rick Buresh ('71), a motion to engage Ivy Partners in the completion of an 18-month capital campaign with the purpose of renovating the chapter house, the election of a President-Elect (Cory Loveless, '12), and the election of a new member of the Alumni Council (Duane Grippe, '88) to replace exiting brother Ben Buresh ('06).

After the meeting, brothers returned to the chapter house to spend a little more time together before gathering significant others and family members to meet at the Radisson Hotel downtown. The dinner was followed by a program featuring outgoing Alumni Council Presi-

dent Dennis Agnew ('99) as our master of ceremonies. The program included several games of trivia, a speech from the newly installed Alumni Council President Kyle Kemmet ('98), and the drawing for the commemorative rifle. New to this year was a short segment dubbed the Alumni "Rocking Chair" discussion, which had brothers from several different generations of Phi chapter answer the same questions, elaborating on the similarities and differences of chapter life throughout our history.

All in all, this year's Pig Banquet was a resounding success. We hope to have you join us next year! Look to our website, [www.phionline.org](http://www.phionline.org), for more information this fall and spring.



## CONTRACT FOR HOUSE IS LET

### **Excavation for Theta Chi Building Will Be Begun Monday      Contract Let Saturday**

Breaking of sod for the new \$40,000 home of Theta Chi, oldest fraternity at the North Dakota Agricultural college, will be marked by a bonfire ceremony on the site of the home opposite the men's dormitory on Thirteenth st N at 9 p.m. today. Active and alumni members, pledges and members of the Theta Chi auxiliary will participate. Heads of all the sororities and fraternities at the college and faculty members have been invited to attend.

Mrs. Steve Birch, mother of the oldest Theta Chi mem-

The general contract for the new house was let Saturday to Stewart Wilson. Workmen will start excavating for the basement Monday morning. The contract calls for completion of the house by Sept. 20.

The structure will be of three stories with full basement, 34 by 70 feet, with accommodations for 38 men. English style of architecture predominates. The exterior will be of irregular paver brick with white oak trim and old English design ell at front.

The interior of the house is modeled after the latest ide-

as in fraternity home building. The suite plan of two-man study room and adjacent sleeping quarters is carried out on the second and third floors. The desirable feature of this arrangement has been better study arrangements for the men with a resultant improvement in scholastic averages, William F. Kurke, architect in charge, declared. In a recent tour of examination of new fraternity houses at a number of universities and colleges in the east and middle west, Mr. Kurke said he had found most satisfactory scholastic results had been noted where the two man suite idea was incorporated in the building plan.



ber, will break the first sod for the new fraternity home after the spade has been placed by Clarence Bryant, youngest pledge of the fraternity. President John Lee Coulter will speak for the college. Brief remarks will be made by C.A. Williams, president of the Theta Chi House Building association. George Hays, president of the active chapter, Mrs. N. D. Gorman, president of the Theta Chi auxiliary, and Judge B. F. Spalding, a member of Alpha chapter of the fraternity. Prayer will be offered by Rev. Robert Robertson, a fraternity alumnus, of Mapleton, N. D.

### **Terrazzo Floor**

The ground floor will be of terrazzo composition with a 34 by 17 lounging room, reading, music, reception and cloak rooms, manager's office and guest suite. The basement will include the dining room and kitchen, servants quarters, boiler room, laundry and storeroom. The house will be heated by oil burner.

Letting of the contract for the new home marks the culmination of a 10 year program inaugurated in 1919 for the purpose of building a finer and larger home to replace the present fraternity house at 1316 Twelfth ave N



which for some years past has proved inadequate for the needs of the active chapters.

Officers of the Theta Chi House Building association are C. A. Williams, president; James Cooke, vice president; George Dixon, secretary-treasurer; finance committee—Harry G. Carpenter, Frank I. Darrow, Norbert D. Gorman, Melvin D. McGuigan; plans and contracts committee—Robert M. Dolve, Kent E. Darrow, Philip Keene; furniture and equipment committee—Edgar Olson, with plans and contract committee and ladies auxiliary assisting; ladies auxiliary—Mrs. N. D. Gorman, president; Mrs. W. A. Robertson, vice president; Mrs. Elmer May, recording secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Dunham corresponding secretary and fraternity counselor, Judge B. F. Spalding.

Officers of the active chapter are George Hays, president; L.M. Burgess; vice president; Harold Phillips, secretary; William McRoberts, treasurer; Ralph Brakke, historian; Clark Frederickson, librarian; John Brady, chaplain; Kenneth Bute, marshal. Professor Kenneth Kuhn is alumni advisor.

#### **National in 1917**

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chapter of Theta Chi was installed as a member of the national body April 12, 1917. It was formerly Alpha Mu organized May 12, 1904 as the first Greek letter fraternity at the A. C. The charter members were Fred Birch, Harry Porter, Rufus Lee, Roger Brown, Ross Fowler and Bert Corbett.

For years the fraternity held its chapter meetings in the Blue Rooms above the old engineering building. Pressing demand for more classroom space in recent years forced abandoning of these quarters. All the trophies, traditional relics and movable fixtures were stored and will be restored to their former places in a reproduction of the Blue Rooms on the fourth floor of the new home.





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