

“THE HOUSE THAT BROTHERHOOD BUILT” PHI CHAPTER ARROW SPRING 2010



“A glorious past is ever telling of friendship that will never die; within us peace and union dwelling while honor
crowns the Theta Chi” —Howard R. Alter Jr., Ω '41



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ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers,

In a year filled with more ups and downs than a roller coaster, Theta Chi has been a bright spot in my life. The opportunity to be your Alumni President has given me the chance to get to know brothers from across the years and an opportunity to strengthen my friendships with many of you that are from "my era."

The active chapter members that I have met with are a fine group of men that seem to have a lot more sense and focus than I did when I was at North Dakota State University back in the 60's; for this we should all be thankful.

I would like to remind you all of the annual Pig Banquet that is coming up on March 27th. Last year's banquet was a great success and we're working diligently to make this year's just as great. As with the previous years, we will be meeting at the house for the noon meal, followed by the Alumni meeting on fourth floor. After that, the banquet will be held at the new Hilton Garden Inn with a short program. The program will be featuring a presentation by Gus and Kirby Mueller. If any of you have photos or anecdotes that you think would be good material to ferment in our fertile minds; send them to Gus at gus.mueller@mindspring.com or Kirby at kmueller@spfenergy.com.

For those of you that have been following the University this past year, you know that NDSU had quite an eventful year. The students have been put through a lot this year, from a nearly disastrous flood season with several weeks of school being cancelled to the sudden resignation of President Chapman. We will long benefit from the vision that he so eloquently articulated and effectively implemented, even though I was disappointed by some of his recent decisions. I hope that the Board of Higher Education will not "punish" the students and NDSU by appointing a space-filler as Chapman's successor. We deserve and must demand another president that has a clear vision and is not timid about pursuing it.

Meanwhile, NDSU was graced with another great season from the girls' volleyball team following on the heels of our first ever NCAA March Madness opportunity from an outstanding year in basketball. While the NDSU football season was more than forgettable, thankfully we've had an exciting year in professional football to keep us entertained.

In conclusion, I wish you all a blessed New Year! See you at 1307 for the Pig Banquet March 27th.

RC Stein

Alumni President



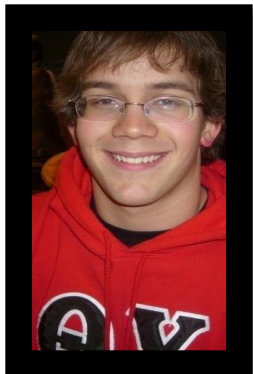
Pig Banquet 1992



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LETTER FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Greetings brothers, as we head into the chilly North Dakota Winter, I hope this reaches you and your family in good health. This spring, Phi Chapter is preparing for another great semester. There has been a lot going on this fall, beginning with another successful recruitment week. Phi Chapter initiated 26 new members this fall, one of the largest recruitment classes in recent history, and reached a complete roster of 83 men! Last spring we reached the milestone of initiating Phi Chapter's 1800th brother, and we are on pace to reach 1900 within a few short years! We are very excited to welcome these men to our brotherhood, and hope that they continue to grow in Theta Chi and let that experience enrich their lives.

One of the more remarkable things that Phi Chapter had the privilege of participating in this past semester was being a part of the ritual revision committee. This committee, which is headed by Grand Chapter member and Phi alumnus Jim Hardwick ('87), is charged with the task of revising the ritual, and Phi was one of five chapters nationally to participate in the revision process by performing a modified ritual as part of our initiation and give feedback to the committee. It was definitely an honor and a privilege to be a part of this process! We have met with the committee with our feedback and suggestions and are excited to see our ritual evolve into something that continues to inspire and bring men together in our brotherhood.

As some of you may have already noticed, Phi Chapter has also launched its brand new website! The URL remains as www.phionline.org, and on the site you will find a lot of information about Theta Chi and Phi Chapter. There is also an alumnus part of our website geared to help you stay connected and remain a Theta Chi for life. There is up-to-date information regarding Pig Banquet and links to subscribe to our alumni e-mail list, and we are in the process of getting the alumni information database online. Also, soon there will be the option to donate to Phi Chapter and RSVP online via PayPal. I encourage you to check it out when you have the chance to stay connected! The men of the active chapter realize the phenomenal impact that alumni have on Phi chapter and would like to help us all stay connected.



I would like to invite you to attend this year's Pig Banquet on March 27th. There will be lunch as usual at the house as well as a dinner reception at the new Hilton Garden Inn.

This is a great time in the history of Phi Chapter and Theta Chi. We have experienced great success in the past few years, and we hope to remain as one of the top fraternities at NDSU. It is my honor to have been elected to serve in this capacity, and my experience in Theta Chi continues to be one of the most valued parts of my life. Please feel free to contact me at president@phionline.org or by telephone at 701-237-5830 if you have any questions or comments. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Fraternally,

Cory Loveless (1767)
Active Chapter President



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REMEMBERING BROTHER TONY HANSON

(Written By: Travis Gullickson)



Brother Anthony "Tony" Hanson passed away unexpectedly on December 8, 2009 at the age of 33. Tony died of cardiac arrest, resulting from complications from pneumonia. Although Tony was a few years younger than me, I got to know him very well because, as many of you know, Tony was my brother-in-law. He followed in his big sister's (Erica Hanson Gullickson) footsteps by attending NDSU and joining the Greek system. While attending NDSU, Tony was very active on campus. In addition to being a member of Theta Chi, Tony worked at the Spectrum and was involved in Campus Attractions. Following graduation, Tony worked as an Education and Leadership Consultant for Theta Chi Fraternity IHQ of Theta Chi Fraternity in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Tony at Homecoming 2009

Tony Hanson Memorial Fund
c/o US Bank - Ridgedale Office
1817 Plymouth Road South
Minnetonka, MN 55305

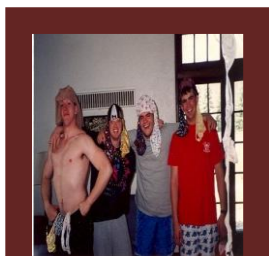
Love and Respect,
Travis Gullickson, 1449



Tony as a LEC for Theta Chi



Tony as Santa Claus



Tony with his brothers

After his years traveling the country for Theta Chi, Tony moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he lived for the past 10 years. Tony had a successful career with Encompass Group, a company which markets and manufactures healthcare products, where he was most recently the Director of Marketing. Within Tony's extended family he is affectionately known as "Tony Nony," in reference to his childhood nickname. In our home, however, he was and forever will be known as "Uncle Tony." Tony was a great uncle, showing up regularly with a little something for his nieces and playing with them until they were completely worn out. Tony will be greatly missed.

A scholarship endowment is being established in Tony's honor through the NDSU Development Foundation. Contributions can be sent to:

In Memory of Tony



What a blessing to have had Tony in our lives. A heartfelt thank you for honoring his memory.
Tony's Family

Dearest Theta Chi,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers in memory of Tony. Your thoughtfulness and many kind words have been much appreciated these past weeks.

Rod & Annette Hanson
Erica Gullickson

Mark - please see that this is distributed *as soon as possible.*

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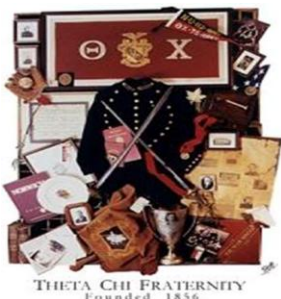
ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS

Scholarship

Quotations such as "What have you done to earn your badge today?" have been motivating brothers to give it their all this past semester in every aspect of being a Theta Chi, from Brotherhood to Philanthropy to Scholarship. Many exciting things have been occurring in and outside of the house from the work of brothers dedicated to creating an environment where academics and education can thrive.



Within the house, brothers have participated in a Fantasy Scholarship League, dividing into teams and competing for the best cumulative academic record amongst the opposing teams. This last year also marked the inception of a new method for tracking and stimulating Brothers' academics with the implementation of Scholar's contracts. These were used to, among many other things; identify deficiencies and goals for the semester in a more individualized fashion to meet the differing needs of a growing house.



Ten brothers were placed on the Dean's list:

Brother Erich Bittle
Brother Nicholas Bullinger
Brother Michael Cronin
Brother Daniel Giesen
Brother Ryan Lee

Brother Joe Lutovsky
Brother John Lynch
Brother Anthony Miller
Brother Kyle Sebesta
Brother Alex Wald

- Brothers Dean Derfus and Cory Loveless were both inducted into the Order of Omega.
- Brothers Andy Schlicksup and Cory Loveless were both inducted into Blue Key Honor Society.
- Brothers Nicholas Bullinger (BS in Electrical Engineering), Pete Demuth (BS in Civil Engineering) and Kevin Fries (BS in Accounting) graduated!

Philanthropy

Once again the men of Theta Chi have extended the helping hand to better our University, our community and our fellow brothers. Extraordinary amount of hours of community service were recorded this past fall semester. The service events were diverse and ranged from assisting one woman move out of her house to ringing bells to collect donations for the Salvation Army as well as participating in the 3rd Annual Dance Marathon. Although the members are



required to complete 15 hours of community service, many of the brothers complete much more than this, as assisting others brings a sense of personal satisfaction. One of our brothers even managed to contribute one hundred hours of service which is a grand demonstration of extending the assisting hand.



Remember, we men of Theta Chi are always prepared to assist in any way and enjoy hearing from our distinguished alumni. We look forward to seeing you this spring at Pig Banquet and our Week of Giving.

Rush

Phi chapter's efforts toward year round recruitment have been going extremely well and are paying off. During our fall rush week we held several events to encourage people to come over to the house and learn more about Theta Chi. Some of those events included, In-house Mini-Golf, Dunk Tank on the front lawn, and a trip to Thunder road for Go-Karts and Mini-Golf. These events were a huge success as we had 26 members initiated last fall, the highest in nearly 10 years. We are all looking forward to our spring semester rush week. Events for the spring include Boot Hockey, Fargo Force game, and we are currently in the process of selecting a philanthropy event. Phi chapter has decided to set a goal of 20 quality men for spring semester, which would bring our house total to over 100 active members. Currently Phi Chapter of Theta Chi is the largest Fraternity at NDSU.



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New House Renovations

Now that the mortgage has been paid off, attention has been focused on major house improvements. If you made it to Pig Banquet or Homecoming last year, you may have noticed the new concrete parking lot. Currently, Housing Corporation Secretary Russ Handegard has spent several hours in the house this past month clearing snow from the parking lot and renovating women's head. This renovation includes increasing the size of women's head by taking out the phone booth and insulating and adding new coat racks in the coat room. We hope you will all come back for Pig Banquet to see all these new improvements throughout the house and provide feedback and support for additional projects.



Renovation in the Coat Room

Work in Progress



Renovation in Ladies Head

GREEK UPDATES

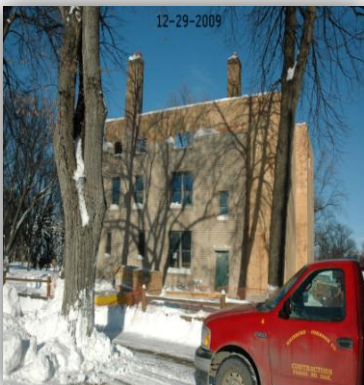
AGR Undergoes Complete Renovation

In recent months, our neighbors to the south have begun a massive renovation and expansion project. Alpha Gamma Rho decided that a renovation and expansion was needed to their house in order to keep current with fire codes and stay competitive with the rest of the Greek community recruitment, while providing modern facilities to its active members.

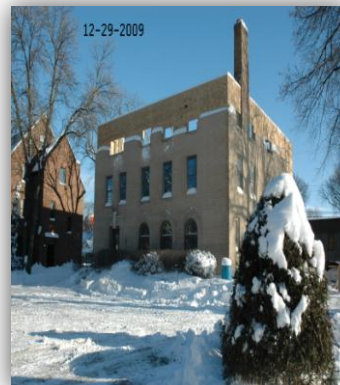
AGP raised \$1.75M to remodel the 80 year old building through their "Second Century Campaign". Eighty percent of the funds will go to the renovation and expansion which will include an additional 2,900 sq. feet, air conditioning, interior work, a patio, and expanded study spaces. Eleven percent will be used to purchase additional parking space from neighboring properties and nine percent will be devoted to a scholarship fund. They have not seen a renovation in 38 years.

"By investing in our chapter's home and extending precious scholarship dollars to deserving students, we will invigorate the fraternity and position it strongly for continued service to NDSU students," said Gregg Halverson '71, Chairman of the Campaign.

Several Alumni joined the Active chapter along with University President Joseph Chapman in breaking ground on the project on October 4th, 2009. The groundbreaking ceremony was covered by local news channels.



AGR's Recent Construction Pictures



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Farmhouse Builds New House

The men of FarmHouse Fraternity have been enjoying their first semester in a brand new building. FarmHouse finished up construction just as the fall semester began. The original building, nearly 100 years old, along with 2 neighboring houses belonging to an alumnus, were demolished to make room for the \$1.6 million building.

The new building has 3 stories and a basement that has room to accommodate 50 occupants. The previous building held only 36 members. The new house features a living area for the house mother, a computer cluster, an expanded kitchen, large lawn, and enough parking for every member.

The new FarmHouse building is just one part of the rapidly developing community along 12th Avenue. Several new businesses, classrooms, and apartments have been recently built in the surrounding areas. Access to the new businesses and establishments has been previously hampered by the 12th avenue road and bridge expansion, which finished work late in the semester.



CAMPUS UPDATES

New Business Building

New to the NDSU Downtown Campus this year, Barry Hall has become the new home of the College of Business and Departments of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. Located at 811 2nd Ave. N., Richard H. Barry Hall is available for public lectures, conferences, research seminars and career development events, for current and future business professionals to connect.

The 135,000 square foot building opened its doors on August 24th, 2009 to more than 4000 students, staff and faculty. This state-of-the-art facility features 12 conference rooms, 131 offices, study areas on all six floors, coffee bar, and fully operational branches of the NDSU Bookstore and Library. Students can enjoy the amenities of the downtown area, including the new Cityscapes Apartment complex, which caters to students.



Minard Hall Collapse

During the early morning hours of Dec. 27, 2009 a section of the northwest portion of Minard Hall collapsed. No injuries were sustained and there was no one present in the affected area at the time of the incident. The collapse was due in part to excavation work in the immediate vicinity being done for the \$18 million Minard Renovation.

President Chapman Leaves NDSU

The Presidential Search Committee is still looking for a replacement for the recently resigned President Chapman. President Joseph A. Chapman's resignation from his position was to be effective January 2nd but he was replaced by interim President Richard Hanson on October 23rd.

President Chapman's resignation comes after public scrutiny of recent financial troubles. Chapman was criticized for spending \$22,000 to charter a jet

flying his family to President Obama's inauguration. Also under hot debate was the price of the new President's house on campus which went one million dollars over budget. Chapman's departure was met with mixed emotion. While some felt it appropriate he stepped down amid the controversy, others put on a campaign to change his mind. The "Don't Go, Joe" campaign was short lived and unfruitful, but it got students and staff to remember how much President Chapman did for the university in his 11 year tenure.



Former President Chapman with
Student Body Vice President Andy
Schlicksup (1727)

As President, Chapman made NDSU into one of the leading research institutions in the country while seeing record enrollments for ten consecutive years. The NDSU athletic program also owes in part their recent successes and transition Division I to Chapman. Chapman, now 67, plans to either do consulting work or write a book.

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THE THETA CHI FAMILY BECOMES BIGGER

Josh Scraper (1633) and wife Rebecca welcomed Gabriella Marie Scraper into the world on October 14, 2008.



Kevin Biberdorf and wife Maria (Puppe) welcomed Charlotte Joy Puppe into the world on December 15, 2009.



Other Births

*Ross Minnicksoffer and wife Abby welcomed Mia Minnicksoffer into this world on July 11, 2008.
Steve Listopad (1562) and wife Lori welcomed Murray Patrick Listopad into the world on December 4, 2009.
Shawn Nieuwsma and wife Lindsay welcomed Reagan Nieuwsma into the world on January 5, 2010.
Jason Gates and wife Sara welcomed Maria Gates into the world on October 18, 2008
Pete Knudson and wife Laura welcomed Leinie Knutson into the world this past summer.
Troy Hedberg and wife Stacie welcomed Landon Hedberg into the world.*

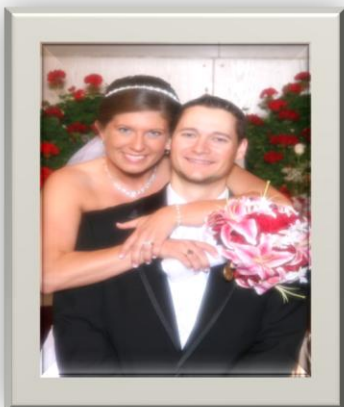
GOING TO THE CHAPEL OF LOVE



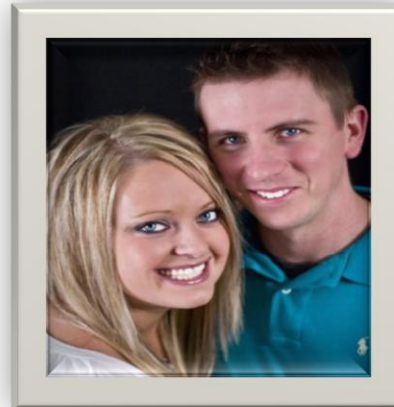
Patrick Miller and Anna Reines were married on October 17, 2009 in Minneapolis, MN.



Rick Wilson and Allison Gibbs were married on October 17, 2009 in Fargo, ND.



Ross Kramer and Kim O'Lenick were married on May 30, 2009 in Anoka, MN.



Andrew Law and Sarah Brooks were married on June 6th, 2009 in Fargo, ND.

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Michael Lougheed and Whitney Baethke were married September 5, 2009 in St. Cloud, MN.

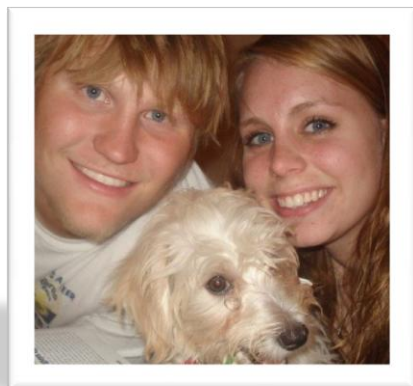
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Ben Zeltinger married to Robyn Hennessey were married January 2, 2010 in Bismarck, ND.

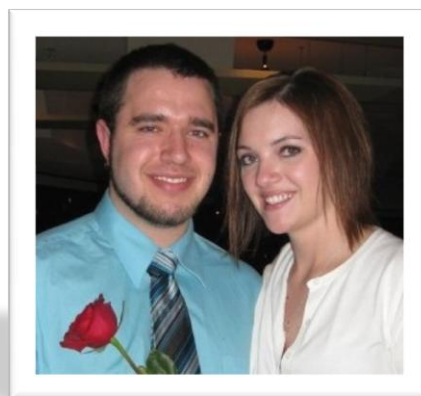
There are three things that last: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Corinthians 13:13

UPCOMING WEDDINGS



Peter DeMuth & Tiffany Lund to be married on May 22, 2010 in Plymouth, MN.



Ryan Lee & Bekah Hovland to be married On July 17, 2010 in Valley City, ND.

Theta Chi Trivia

- 1) Who is the active chapter's current president?
- 2) Who wrote the Theta Chi Creed?
- 3) Who is the only alumnus to be National President of Theta Chi?
- 4) Who is the current National Chaplain of Theta Chi?
- 5) Where is Phi's original Chapter House located?
- 6) What is the nickname for current house?
- 7) What is the flower of Theta Chi?
- 8) What year was Theta Chi founded?
- 9) Currently how many Sororities and Fraternities are at NDSU?
- 10) When is Pig Banquet this year?

****Answers are on the last page of Arrow****



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1-5, 2010 Rush Week

February 19-20, 2010 Midyear Leadership Challenge

March 27, 2010- Pig Banquet

TBA- Theta Chi Ice Fishing Tournament (Check your e-mail)

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MIDYEAR LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Every year, actives have several opportunities to represent their chapter and gain valuable leadership skills at regional and international Theta Chi conferences. The Nelson B. Deranian conference in Indianapolis every January, international convention or Chapter Leadership Conferences (CLC) during the summer, and various Midyear Leadership Challenges (MYLC) throughout the school year are always well-attended by Phi chapter.

MYLC is the best opportunity for a chapter to send several members because of generally closer proximity and lower registration fees. Brothers gain access to the experience of regional staff and a Grand Chapter representative who teach brothers about operations, recruitment, and leadership skills. Attendees also have the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions to discuss issues that affect their chapter and share ideas.

This spring (February 19 and 20), Phi chapter has the rare opportunity to host an MYLC at the NDSU Memorial Union. If you are interested in getting involved, there are a few areas where you could volunteer your time. You can team up with other alumni to facilitate group discussions for breakout sessions, help out with directions, or provide general input during presentations and discussions.

Undergrads will begin to arrive Friday at 7:00 pm for registration and a brotherhood building experience. The event begins again Saturday morning at 9:00 am. After breaking for lunch, the afternoon session begins at 1:30 and consists of the breakout sessions. MYLC concludes at 5:00 pm, and all participants are invited to our chapter house for a social.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email our regional counsel or Dan Reilly, at dan@agwireless.net.

PIG BANQUET

Pig Banquet is coming up on March 27. We are working hard to equal the success of last year's banquet. We will again meet at the house at noon for our noon meal, followed by the Alumni Meeting on 4th floor. A meal (\$30 per person) will be provided and spouses and/or guests are encouraged to attend. A small block of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn at the very great promotional rate of \$89, call 701-499-6000 to book a room. The banquet will be at the new Hilton Garden Inn with a short program that will feature comments by Gus and Kirby Mueller. If any of you have photos or anecdotes that you think would be good material to ferment in their fertile minds; send them to Gus at: gus.mueller@mindspring.com, or Kirby at: kmueller@spfenenergy.com.

- RC Stein



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RSVP by February 27

Complete the form below and the mail to:

RC Stein, 111 Roberts Street #2, Fargo, ND 58102

2010 Pig Banquet • March 27th

Theta Chi Fraternity - Phi Chapter RSVP

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<p>Evening Meal • \$30/person</p> <p>Other Donation Opportunities</p> <p>* Theta Chi For Life</p> <p>* New Scholarship Fund</p> <p>* Alumni Council</p> <p>* Active Chapter</p> <p>Total</p>	<p>Amount</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

THETA CHI SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship 2010

In 2008 Theta Chi Alumni started a scholarship fund. Our goal at the time was to raise \$10,000 to start giving scholarships of \$500 a semester to one current active and one current pledge upon completion of his active membership. Our goal at the time was to hit \$10,000 by fall of 2009.

As of today we have reached our goal of raising \$10,000. Thanks to the help of the actives and the alumni working together we now have over \$10,000. We can start looking forward to giving scholarships away in the fall of 2010. Who we give those scholarships to may change but we will start giving them away in 2010.

The reason we took this step is because the social aspect isn't the only reason why we join the fraternity. We need to stress the scholarship of what the fraternity has come



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to foster. We also believe having a scholarship award helps the actives of Theta Chi in the recruitment of potential members.



Looking forward we still need the support of the alumni to keep the scholarship fund strong and viable. Any donation helps. Now that we have hit \$10,000 we need to try to continue to grow the scholarship fund in order to sustain and grow the base and hopefully be able to expand the amount we give every year. All donations (unless we did a raffle in the future) are tax deductible. To donate write a check to Theta Chi Phi Chapter Scholarship Fund and send it to Theta Chi Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 163, West Fargo, ND 58078-0163. Any questions or comments send to Jason Middaugh at Jason@damiddaugh.com or Jerry Specht at Specht@bresnan.net.

Love & Respect
Jason Middaugh
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THETA CHI FOR LIFE

Theta Chi for Life was set up to pay off the mortgage used to remodel the house following the fire of 1995. That was 15 years ago and that mortgage has been paid off, but house is in dire need of repairs and we need to take action. Absent your support we are subject to significant debt. Theta Chi for Life helped finance a new parking lot out back, but much more needs attention. Other NDSU fraternities have invested millions into their houses while ours withers away. Our house has always been a sense of pride for Phi Chapter and with your help we can continue that pride.

Theta Chi For Life Contributors

Over \$7000 was raised through the Theta Chi for Life program in 2009. This brings the total raised since 2001 to over \$70,000. I would like to thank the following people for making a contribution to it in 2009 and I sincerely apologize if I forgot someone.

John Nordgaard
Bradley Westrum
Brian Larson
Dennis Vonasek
Richard Ruud
Adam Homelvig
Micheal Loughheed
Steven Erbstoesser
Robert Haines
Nels Halvorson
Craig Kubik
Donald McAdoo
Aaron Reinholz
Bryan Schulz
Roger Steiner
Kyle Vig

David Miller
Rocklin Bertsch
Brian Fjosne
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Joel Jennissen
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Bob Stein

Russ Handegard
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Patrick Miller
James Hardwick
Jarret Mogen

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Phi Chapter Christmas Picture



Phi Chapter Christmas Picture

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Theta Chi Trivia Answers

(1-Cory Loveless, 2-Frank H. Schrenk, 3-Stuart Kelly, 4-Jim Hardwick, 5-1316 12th Ave N, 6-Buckingham Palace, 7-Red Carnation, 8-1856, 9-11 fraternities and 3 sororities, 10-March 27th)

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GREEK INITIATIVES

Being asked to write an article encompassing the many aspects of the NDSU Greek Life Initiatives and Action Plan may seem like an easy thing to ask. When I was first asked to write on this topic, I was not surprised since the subject comes up quite often from alumni and collegiate members

To start off, there is not magic answer of what is going on with the initiatives and for those of you saying to yourself, "What are these darn initiatives she is writing about" please check them out on our website www.ndsu.edu/mu/programs/greek_life. Many of you will be surprised to learn there is more to the document then the substance-free housing initiative.



I have picked a few of the initiatives that seem to raise the most questions. So join me as we dissect some of our most discussed initiatives!



Initiative 2 – This initiative provides support from the university to the Greek chapters through a number of sources. It provides the Greek community with a full time funded Coordinator of Greek Life and a half time funded Graduate Assistant. A benefit that students receive is a private office space for Greek Life student use which includes: desks, computers, one laptop, private meeting space within the office, storage space, an operational budget, and a full color brochure that has been designed and printed to help promote Greek Life at NDSU

Initiative 3 –This initiative establishes a permanent Greek Life Advisory Board. I am happy to say that this board is up and running, most currently discussing community expansion.

The Greek Life Advisory Board is working closely with past IFC President Tony Clowe (Active Theta Chi) to determine a plan for fraternity expansion at NDSU. Early in spring 2009 the IFC voted to explore expansion and then voted in fall 2009 to support expansion. Please stay tuned as these discussions are reported in at every IFC and President's meetings so your chapters will have the most updated information.

Many have asked, why fraternity expansion and not sorority. This is a valid concern and given our amazing fall numbers in the sorority community we are taking every step to ensure that our sorority community is able to offer opportunities for all women who are interested. Most recently the women voted to raise their chapter totals from 55 to 65 per chapter, which is a great, move forward.

Initiative 6 – Substance Free Housing, probably our most popular initiative as most individuals tend to remember this one. For those who are just learning about the initiatives, this initiative states *"No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are permitted in common areas of chapter property at any time. Members who are*

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21 years of age may consume alcohol in the privacy of their rooms with no more than three guests who are also of legal age, provided that all of the occupants of the room are 21 years of age or older."

Members are given the role of implementing this initiative in their chapter houses and are often challenged with the roles they must play in enforcing the policy with their peers. This is unfortunately the reason some of our chapters end up on a probationary status with the university because they are unable to hold their own members or guest accountable. One other area of concern is having our collegiate members enforce this policy when alumni members are around. To ensure that the members of our community are able to function as the top quality chapters that they are, we ask that our alumni members adhere to the policies that are required of the collegiate members during visits back to the chapter.

Initiative 7 – Release from University Housing relates to the agreement between Residence Life and Greek Life regarding the release of new members to live in our fraternity or sorority chapter houses. This initiative has been incredibly helpful for those chapters who are in good standing with the university and are able to fill their chapter housing positions. The Greek community at NDSU is incredibly lucky to have this relationship built and maintained as many other universities do now allow first year students to terminate their housing contracts to move into Greek housing. Strong efforts have been made to ensure that students are academically successful and come into the chapters understanding that certain rules apply based on the agreement.



Obviously this was a brief overview of our most discussed initiatives. I invite you to contact me if you have any questions regarding your chapter or the overall Greek community at NDSU. We are working hard everyday to ensure that students at NDSU have the most positive Greek experience available and that they leave NDSU proud to say they are a member of their fraternity or sorority and they are proud to be a Bison. These two should go hand in hand and we look to you, the alumni to assist with this process in any way possible.

The Phi chapter of Theta Chi should be very proud of the current collegiate membership, many key leaders have been in place to lead the chapter to the successes they have seen recently and it is our hope that this type of leadership continues from the chapter. From an alumni perspective, you should be proud of your chapter and the great accomplishments they have achieved. They are a group of fraternity men and not the typical "frat boys" title that so many may throw around freely.

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Me and Cory Loveless

I hope this edition of the arrow is coming to you all in good spirits. This past December I was extremely excited to be elected as Public Relations/Alumni Relations Chair of Theta Chi Fraternity. I plan strengthening the relationship between alumni and actives this next year and with your help implement new ideas to accomplish that goal. I have learned and will continue to learn about how to better serve you as alumni. It is an honor to have the opportunity to write the arrow and keep all of our alumni updated on the active chapter and other alumni. As you may have noticed the Arrow is again formatted with a little personal touch, I hope that the added pictures and shorter articles make the Arrow more enjoyable to read. Your thoughts and suggestions are always appreciated, if there is anything that I can do to improve for the next arrow or improve

on for alumni relations side please feel free to contact me. It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work with so many great alumni who are so willing to help and are so dedicated to Theta Chi.

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for reading the spring 2010 arrow. I would especially like to thank the people who made this arrow possible: Ben Buresh, Travis Gullickson, Russ Handegard, Cory Loveless, Ryan Marquette, Mark Puppe, Clint Severance, Robert Stein and all the alumni who sent in the pictures.

Love & Respect

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