

The Phi Arrow Spring 2013







"Alumni are a product of their chapter. If the chapter stresses 'Theta Chi for Life'. If they consider the status of alumni to be respected if they determine that they will be undergraduates for a years and Theta Chi for Life alumni the rest of their lives, then and only will we have good alumni relations."

George Kilavos (Delta Xi Chapter)





Letter from the Alumni Chapter President

Dennis Agnew - Φ 1487

Greetings to all,

Now that we're all breathing a sigh of relief that the world didn't end in 2012... welcome to 2013! This year is going to be a fun and exciting year for Theta Chi, and here's why:

NDSU National Championship

I don't really need to elaborate on this one. What a great football season and Championship game in Frisco, TX. It was fun to see so many of you there!

Pig Banquet

As you may know, this is my favorite time of the year! I hope to see all of you at this year's banquet on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We've got a great banquet lined up this year and lots to discuss at the annual meeting!

As always, the festivities will start at the house with the pig carving, alumni meeting, and then the banquet at the Radisson in downtown Fargo. RSVP's and reminders will be sent out shortly or you can RSVP at phionline.org. There are a block of rooms set aside at the Fargo Radisson, under "Theta Chi".

Gun Raffle

Thanks to Jack Haines, we have a custom made gun with Theta Chi engraving, commemorating the Centennial of Phi Chapter. It is quite an exquisite piece so please take a look at get a ticket for a chance to take it home with you! Tickets will be available before and during Pig Banquet.

**Upcoming Centennial** 

We've got a very special year coming up in 2017. This will be the centennial of Phi Chapter so the alumni council and the active chapter have many things going on, even now, that are in preparation for this momentous occasion. I would encourage you get involved in any of the efforts working toward the goal of making history. We are all going to benefit from the efforts put toward this occasion.

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Have an enjoyable and safe remainder of 2013,

Fraternally,

Dennis Agnew 1487

Website for the Gun Raffle

http://phionline.org/ gunraffle/

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## State of the Active Chapter

Greetings Brothers,



We hope this Arrow finds you in good health, and great spirits. We look forward to having you back to our home for Pig Banquet, and any other time you want to drop by. As we start the spring semester Phi Chapter has many things to be proud of, and thankful for. We are truly grateful for the though, and planning that happened during your college years, so we might also join in such an unique experience.

This past Fall, we initiated 22 quality men to our Brotherhood. The second largest Pledge Class for all male fraternities on campus was 15. This semester we currently have 13 men in the new member program, which is tied for the lead on campus. However, as my Grandfather would say, "to whom much is given, much is expected". We are not resting during this time, but rather striving to better NDSU, Theta Chi, and ourselves.

Currently NDSU is planning on building a new building, that will house science, technology, and math classrooms, as well as lab space. This Building is currently to be built on the historic Churchill Field, despite a number of other acceptable locations. As the Active Chapter, we will be fighting to keep this one last green space on campus open for the interest of our members, and NDSU. At the Chapter House we are currently housing 30 members, and are building an attitude of respect for our Chapter Home by vigorously enforcing house duties. As far as personal development goes, living with 30 other men can be work enough, but the lessons of respecting those above you, and Accountability are still engrained in our members. In the area of Chapter operations, we are discussing, and acting on the topics of: due raises, budget, bylaws, and campus relations. Due raises are a particularly a heated topic, as we look towards raising money for the Centennial Campaign. In Closing, all is well at Phi Chapter, and we hope the same for you.

Love and Respect

Daniel Kvasnicka, 1863 Ф





## Alumni Council Treasurer Update

Alumni Council Treasurer Update

By: Jason Gates

Hello fellow alumni! This past summer and fall the alumni counsel and campaign steering committee have been busy creating a centennial capital campaign proposal. A decision whether to move forward with the campaign will be made at this year's Pig Banquet. Please plan to attend on March 23rd and take part in this exciting discussion that will impact our organization for years to come!

In 2012 we have received \$10,030 for the Theta Chi for Life campaign. Also, the campaign crossed a major milestone in December by exceeding \$100,000 in cumulative donations since 2000; the current total stands at \$100,883. Thank you to everyone that has contributed!

Several alumni are now taking advantage of our electronic donation options, which allow your donations to transfer automatically on a schedule that you specify. If you are interested in this convenient service please contact me at 701-367-0471 and I will help you get started.

Don't forget to purchase your Theta Chi centennial gun raffle tickets!

Go Bison!



"Or, on a bend glues, a nowed serpent between two swords, points downward, pale wise all of the first. On an esquires helmet the crest of an eagle displayed Or."



## Theta Chi show their support in the Bison's Stampede to Frisco!

This year, NDSU made its second consecutive trip to Frisco, Texas, for the FCS championship game. Backed by more than 10,000 fans wearing green and gold, the Bison outnumbered Texas in the stands and outplayed them on the field. Among those fans were several Theta Chis.

Mark and Dave Williamson drove their bus down with the Tolna Tailgaters. With them were Stacy Lund, Merle Forde, Wayne Stubson, Brian Flaagan, Doug Gasal, Jeff McInnes, and Dave Mueller. Mike Ehresmann drove down and met up with Adam Johnson, Dennis Agnew, Troy Hedberg, Bryon Amble, Eric Miller, Jamie Appletoft, and others. Jerry Specht, Chris Haroldson, and Wes Darling met up with Kyle Kranda and Jarrett Rix. Hoards of other Theta Chis and Bison fans made the trip down I-35, cars painted, flags flying, and dawned in Bison gear from head to toe.

The night before the game, fans explored Frisco and joined 8,000+ fans at the Bison pep rally. Frisco looked like Fargo because of all the Bison fans who made the trip. The locals seemed to be a bit overwhelmed with how many people showed up. Pete's Piano Bar was overrun by Bison Nation, but they loved it!

By all accounts, tailgating weather was reminiscent of North Dakota. But the tailgaters somehow found a way to get warm. The Tolna bus (the Williamson crew) was among the first bus in the tailgating lot at 6 am. The Specht group took advantage of a pre-game football clinic that gave their children the opportunity to partake in training with retired NFL players.

The game itself was an awesome experience. The FC Dallas stadium is an awesome venue for the championship game. It felt like a home game, with 2/3 of the stadium filled with Bison fans. The clouds parted and the weather warmed up just in time for the game to start.

David Williamson: "This year's game had more hype and expectations because we had been there the year before. The whole trip down and back is a once in a lifetime experience! I don't know how else to explain except that it's the closest thing I can think of to describe what heaven must be like."

Jerry Specht: "The experience before, during, and after the game was awesome. We attended the previous year's game as well - having a chance to see NDSU win two national championships was truly amazing. This year, we enrolled our 3 children in the football clinic and it allowed the kids to run across the field just before the game. It was great for my wife and I to connect with friends from college – it was great seeing everyone and catching up on how they've been. During the game, it was a bit of a nailbiter during the first half, but the second half was a complete blowout. After the game, we stormed the field to the very front where the trophy presentation was occurring. My kids had an opportunity to have pictures taken with some of the football players, which they enjoyed very much. The overall experience was

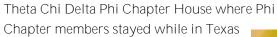
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# Pictures from Frisco, TX

























### One of our Fellow Alumni Retires

"An Assisting Hand"

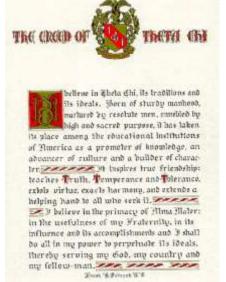
### Congratulations to Bob Stein

Bob Stein, a senior planner with the city of Fargo for the past 13 years, is retiring the first week of January. Bob is proud of the work he was involved with revitalizing Fargo's downtown area. He played a central role in the Renaissance Zone program and downtown parking. If you've been in Fargo recently, you've probably noticed the improvements that have made downtown a great asset to the community. Bob credits a strong commitment to the downtown by Mayor Bruce Furness, the City Commission, and the private sector, along with the downtown residential development for the success of the program.

In a recent Fargo Forum article that highlighted his career, Bob said, "A lot of the people you see downtown now live here and that wasn't the case before. You have to have that type of 24/7 presence in order for a downtown to be healthy."

Several Theta Chi brothers were present for his retirement party recently. In addition to his service to the community through the City Commission, Bob has served Theta Chi as President of the alumni council and is currently working to explore the feasibility of a capital campaign for Phi chapter.







"A glorious past is ever telling of friendships that shall never die, Within us peace and union dwelling while honor crowns Theta Chi"



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	Dennis	Agnew	Dennis Agnew
	Michael	Anderson	Michael Anderson
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	Rod	Bertsch	Rod Bertsch
	Kyle	Blake	Kyle Blake
	Ryan	Boen	Ryan Boen
	Nicholas	Bullinger	Nicholas Bullinger
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	Kevin	Helland	Kevin Helland
	Dave	Hynek	Dave Hynek
	Craig	Johnson	Craig Johnson
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Rod	Bertsch	Rod Bertsch	
Kyle	Blake	Kyle Blake	
Ryan	Boen	Ryan Boen	
Nicholas	Bullinger	Nicholas Bullinger	
Ben	Buresh	Ben Buresh	
Richard	Buresh	Richard Buresh	
Al	Christianson	Al Christianson	
James	Clysdale	James Clysdale	
John	Cook	John Cook	
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James	Hardwick	James Hardwick	
Kevin	Helland	Kevin Helland	
Dave	Hynek	Dave Hynek	
Craig	Johnson	Craig Johnson	
Kyle	Kemmet	Kyle Kemmet	
William	Kranzler	William Kranzler	
Craig	Kubik	Craig Kubik	
Michael	Larson	Michael Larson	
Steve	Link	Steve Link	
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Mike	Lougheed	Mike Lougheed	
Cory	Loveless	Cory Loveless	
David	Miller	David Miller	
Patrick	Miller	Patrick Miller	
Glenn	Mueller	Glenn Mueller	
Jeremy	Mueller	Jeremy Mueller	
John	Nordgaard	John Nordgaard	
Doug	Olson	Doug Olson	
Erik	Peterson	Erik Peterson	
Betty	Schatzke	Betty Schatzke	
Darrol	Schroeder	Darrol Schroeder	
Jeffery	Sheldon	Jeffery Sheldon	
Dan	Skarsgard	Dan Skarsgard	
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## Theta Chi at the University of Minnesota

#### Rebuilding a Tradition: Alpha Pi Recolonizes at the University of Minnesota

It was a warm, sunny day at Theta Chi International Headquarters in Indianapolis when Ben Hill called me into his office. Ben serves the Fraternity as an Associate Executive Director and he oversees the Leadership & Education Consultant staff. The other Consultants and I had been eagerly awaiting word on our travel schedules for the upcoming semester from Ben, so you can imagine my anticipation when he asked to have a word with me. Sure enough, the topic of discussion was about my travel itinerary. I was surprised to hear that I was en route to San Diego, but I was even more surprised to hear that I would be assisting another Consultant in an expansion effort at the University of Minnesota.

The Alpha Pi Chapter of Theta Chi at the U had been closed since 1998, and it was rumored to be a very difficult expansion project. As a new member of the staff with little experience, the task seemed especially daunting because it was going to be a "Cold Start" – we would be starting a colony from the ground up, finding the first men in a crowd of tens of thousands of students at a very large and established University. Joe Macko, the Consultant with whom I'd be working, would be the lead on the project and together I think we both felt a little nervous. However, with the guidance of the International Headquarters Staff I think we were also confident we would be successful.

The Alpha Pi Chapter has a long and storied history within Theta Chi and the University of Minnesota, beginning with its chartering in 1924. There have been many distinguished alumni from Alpha Pi who have gone on to serve the fraternity on a national level, and many brothers remain in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. This was of great assistance to Joe and me as we began our efforts in September. The support of active and engaged alumnus members has often been a crucial component to successful expansion efforts, much in the same way that an active chapter prospers when its alumni are involved and committed to the undergraduate group. I can happily say that I believe Phi chapter has experienced the benefit of this support.

The going was slow at first as Joe and I worked hard to get our name out among different groups and places around campus. We sent hundreds of emails to men who were personally referred to us from these groups, often without any response. We kept persisting, however, and to our amazement the men we did hear back from were of exceptional quality. Many of the men had cumulative Grade Point Averages well into the 3.2 - 3.5 range on a four point scale, and along with their academic prowess often came leadership experience. After many, many hours of conversation with roughly 60 -70 men, we eventually came to give around 30 bids in the next month. Joe and I were both exhausted. By the end we could probably get to know someone in our sleep, but we were very proud to have met and shared our fraternity with so many people. This, truly, is one of the greatest joys of fraternity: sharing the gift with which we have all been given by someone else to experience an unparalleled college career with lifelong friends.

I am happy to say the group is still growing at the U. Currently there are 27 men who are colony members, and you can stop by their public website at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/thetachiminnesota">www.facebook.com/thetachiminnesota</a>.

Fraternally,

Cory Loveless, Phi '12



#### **Announcements**

#### Stay connected

Subscribe to email updates, update your contact information, and find alumni at <a href="http://">http://</a>
<a href="http://">http://</a>
<a href="phionline.org/alumni-page">phionline.org/alumni-page</a>. Subscribe to new website content by using an RSS feed reader: <a href="http://">http://</a>
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#### Feedback

If you have any ideas for new events or how to improve homecoming or Pig Banquet, we want to hear them! Please send suggestions to the alumni council at <a href="mailto:alumnicouncil@phionline.org">alumnicouncil@phionline.org</a>. Mike Ehresmann, Dennis Agnew, Kyle Kemmet, Rick Buresh, Dan Adamietz, Ben Buresh, and Jason Gates are currently serving on the council.











Old South Barracks, Norwich University





## Pictures of Other Theta Chi Houses



Chi Chapter



Theta Chi Headquarters



Sigma Chapter





Theta Chi Marker



Iota Theta Chapter





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## Pictures of Other Theta Chi Houses



Delta Phi Chapter



Beta Delta Chapter



Alpha Sigma Chapter



Beta Xi Chapter



Alpha Rho Chapter



Alpha Omicron Chapter





## Pictures of Other Theta Chi Houses



Delta Psi Chapter



Alpha Iota Chapter



Iota Chapter



Alpha Phi Chapter



Mu Chapter



Alpha Gamma Chapter



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### Letter From the Editor

Brothers,

From the pleasant mountain valleys of Vermont surrounded with maple trees, to the plains of North Dakota. Theta chi had humble beginnings, not expanding for almost 50 years but since 1917 when the Phi chapter charter was granted we have made great strides growth and expansion. Phi chapter is healthy and invigorating and can only keep on its well respected path both in the eyes of NDSU and in the eyes of all other chapters and people. I am proud to be a Theta Chi from Phi Chapter, which has given me so much more then a place to live, It has shown me what real brotherhood means and that is something you cant just learn from a classroom. Currently out Phi chapter has had many fun brotherhood building events this year such as attending a RedHawks game, casino trip and various game nights and movie nights. Our secretary Ben Tang is busy filling out the Alter Award packet, and our house manager Andrew Janssen is keeping the house in good order for the centennial campaign. Our overall GPA for the men of Theta Chi was 2.948. Also many academic honors were recognized this year. The slugger award winner for Fall of 2012 was new member Tyler Ito with a 4.0. We also had 17 of our members make the Dean's list last semester. Chris St. Amant also became president of Campus Attractions and I would like to recognize Henry Anderson for being the 1900th member. I have learned a lot about Theta Chi from writing this issue of the Arrow and I am excited to see how our chapter grows in my time as an Active undergraduate member. I hope this edition of the Arrow finds you in good health, good spirits, and good fortune. Live by the Creed and extend a Helping Hand.

Love and Respect,

Trevor Haugdahl 1902 Φ Editor



Here is a map of the current hometowns of all active undergraduate Phi chapter members, with our farthest being from Olathe, Kansas.





## Pig Banquet

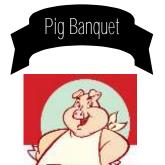
2013 Pig Banquet, March 23rd.

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Fargo, ND 58102



Evening Meal \$35/person....\$

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-Scholarship Fund.....\$

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