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CHAPTER HOSTS FOUNDERS' DAY

By Andrew Gilmore ('07)

On April 21st Alumni and Chapter members joined at the house for our annual Founders' Day celebrations. The day included the monthly meeting of FarmHouse Association, a hog roast, awards ceremony and a golf outing. We were pleased to have more than 30 alumni join us for the day, 16 of whom played golf as well as joining us for lunch.

The awards ceremony included the Doane award, given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated great service to the House. Receiving this award was Andrew Pritchard ('05). Andrew lived in the house for four years and was still very actively involved and present in the chapter

after moving out for his fifth year. Receiving awards for service to the chapter were John ('98) and Rebecca Bloomfield. Mr. Bloomfield was recognized with the Snyder Award. He served as an advisor to the

chapter for three years prior to receiving the award. Mrs. Bloomfield was recognized with the Friend of FarmHouse Award. She recently performed an audit for the chap-

ter and was very helpful getting the books updated and corrected, working with the Treasurer to make sure everything was accurate. The Skinner award, given to a woman that has greatly affected the chapter

was given to Brenda Page, mother of Michael Page ('06), who served as the Moms' Club President for two years. She was responsible for coordinating two Moms' Weekends and also helped the chapter on other occasions, baking for the chapter and attending activities when possible. Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you for your dedication and service to the chapter.

Golf was played outside of town at Stag Hill Golf Club. The men played on teams of four, consisting of two alumni and two chapter members. Despite the slightly chilly weather, the men had a good time and had a friendly competition between the teams.

Thank you to all the alumni who were able to come, and we hope to see more next year. The date for next year's Founders' Day will be posted online at www.ksfh.net early in the spring semester.



Aaron Kaufmann ('05) (L-R), Phillip Harner ('08), Brendan Gleason ('03), and Matt Begnoche ('05) participated in the Founder's Day Golf Tournament at Stag Hill Golf Course.

UPCOMING ALUMNI BANQUET

By Andrew Gilmore ('07)

On November 14, the chapter will be hosting the annual Alumni Banquet at the Houston Street Ballroom. The food will be catered by the Friendship House. The deadline to RSVP for the event is November 6. You can sign up online via www.ksfh.net or by calling Andrew Gilmore at (913) 370-0158. The cost will be \$20

per plate. You are welcome to bring your family, but if you are going to be attending the Association meeting, we ask that they not be present for that part of the event. If you have any questions, call Andrew Gilmore at the number listed above or e-mail him at agilmore@ksu.edu.

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2009 KANSAS STATE
FARMHOUSE OFFICERS

Executive Committee

President – Tim Hadachek; **Vice President** – Andrew Harris; **New Member Educator** – JP Stambaugh; **Business Manager** – Ben Spare; **Treasurer** – Eric Brunkow; **Recruitment Chairmen** – Bret Hanson, Trevor Smothers; **Social Chairman** – Paul Carnahan; **Secretary** – Keith Kerschen; **Alumni Relations Chairman** – Andrew Gilmore; **Community Service/Philanthropy Chairman** – Jeremy Pelton; **Scholarship Chairman** – Craig Johnson; **Risk Management Chairman** – Heath Vincent; **Advisors** – Rich Llewelyn ('81), Michael Dikeman ('63), Chris Barker ('01)

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Appointed Positions

Assistant New Member Educator – Kirk Tjaden; **Newsletter Chairman** – Jason Wright; **Assistant Social Chairman** – Scott Haner; **Song Leader** – Kramer Farney; **Assistant Song Leader** – Nathan Linin; **Chaplain** – Andy Patton; **Escort Chairman** – Josh Hildebrand; **Technology Co-Chairmen** – Jesse Bailey, Tyler Rayl; **Activities Committee** – Daniel Snell, Isaac Honer, Jon Pike, Jacob Wagner; **Parliamentarian** – Matt Ebert; **Assistant Treasurer** – Matt Kiehl; **Assistant Business Manager** – Derek Stockebrand; **Kitchen Manager** – Phillip Harner



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Chapter President Tim Hadachek ('07)

As a fraternity at K-State, we are often encouraged to "Live our values." Greek chapters sometimes struggle, not because their core mission is flawed, but because they stray away from the ideals upon which they were founded. At FarmHouse, however, I am proud to say that we strive to live out the standards set in The Object - which we still recite at the end of each chapter meeting.

We "promote fellowship" at FarmHouse through our New Member Education (Pledgeship) Program, intramural sports, Bible studies, and numerous other chapter activities. The Object also tells us to "encourage studiousness" and to "seek the best in our chosen lines of study." The scholarship aspect is of course an emphasis, with FarmHouse achieving a 3.503 All-House GPA last semester - the highest ever for a K-State fraternity.

FarmHouse couldn't achieve such success without the recruitment of great young men each year. This was again true this semester, when we added 20 outstanding new members, chosen from a pool of more than 120 interested students.

The Object says that "progress shall mark our ever step," and thus we are constantly looking for ways to improve. This semester, we have focused our effort on the recruitment process. Having such a large number of young

men interested in the chapter is certainly a positive thing, but some steps of our recruitment effort are not designed for such a high volume.

A recruitment revisions committee is meeting throughout this semester to address some of these issues, but we need alumni involvement as well. FarmHouse men living in communities remain one of our best resources during recruitment. Please help the potential FarmHouse men understand how selective we are forced to be.

Additionally, we are having to change the way we treat "legacy" recruits. Brothers, sons, and grandsons of FarmHouse men will still receive special consideration because of their family background, but we can no longer assure that they will receive bids.

Problems that arise from the result of our success are good problems to have, but they are no less difficult to address. We would appreciate alumni input and support as we complete these transitions.

FarmHouse at Kansas State is very strong, and if we continue to live by The Object, the future continues to look bright.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Andrew Gigstad ('07) and Andrew Harris ('07)
William S. (OK '38) & Catherine May Scholarship

Andrew Harris ('07)
Mom Russell Scholarship

Morgan Parker ('06)
Kansas State FarmHouse Scholarship



ASSOCIATION REPORT

By Alumni Association President Mike Stamm ('98)

As you have read in this issue of the Fence Post, the men of FarmHouse are reaping some amazing honors! It is truly an exciting time to be an active FarmHouse alumnus. Whether you're a recent graduate or a seasoned alumnus, the time is right to serve and support the fraternity that gave each of us so many memories and life lessons. The active chapter's excellence in scholarship, spirituality, physical development, and social/moral conduct is not the only benchmark of a first-rate fraternity. Supportive alumni who sustain the foundation for "Building Men" by providing a livable, safe, and affordable physical structure play a significant role in the overall fraternal experience.

The Association Board has a sound relationship with the undergraduate members. Besides our monthly board meetings, each board member attends one chapter meeting per semester. This gives the chapter an opportunity to stay abreast of the Association's business, and it provides the board members more interaction with the chapter members. Board members also have provided guidance as the chapter revised and updated its new-member-education program.

tion program.

Today, the Association Board owes \$220,000 toward the 1998 house renovation. These payments are made primarily through rent paid by the chapter. I am pleased to report that we are one year ahead on our mortgage payments! The anticipated payoff date is December 2016 if we make monthly payments only. Some areas of the house have accumulated significant wear and tear over the past decade. The Board recently replaced carpet in the study rooms, living room, Mom's room, and education wing. Windows on the north side of the house were replaced in summer 2009. The Board has been working hard to keep the house aesthetically pleasing and an enjoyable and safe living environment.

After much deliberation, the Association Board voted to demolish the Burris Property (annex) and replace it with a concrete parking lot – a \$38,500 project. Deconstruction is slated for summer 2010. Significant financial resources would have been necessary to keep the Burris Property in a livable condition. The reasons for tearing it down include a deteriorating interior, crumbling foundation, and outdated electrical wiring. There are also very few parking stalls for guests and out-of-house members, especially at special events like Moms' Weekend.

The men of FarmHouse have raised the bar of excellence for all fraternities on K-State's campus. As an active alumnus, the Association Board appreciates your service and financial support of the fraternity. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions about the Association Board or how you can give back to the fraternity.



Rebecca Bloomfield and John Bloomfield ('98) were recognized at Founder's Day for their service to FarmHouse Fraternity.

HOUSEMOTHER'S REPORT

By Housemother Barbara Oplinger

Sometimes I get questioned about why I would want to do "something like this." I'm guessing they are referring to being a Fraternity House-Mom. But, I'm not a House-Mom at just ANY Fraternity. Those who know the young men here know what I'm talking about.



This chapter, OUR chapter, is made of fine young men with the desire to become

"Alumni are always welcome to stop by the chapter house."

- Mom Op

even more exceptional! In these times, why would you NOT want to see the dynamics of building such leaders for tomorrow? It's not just tomorrow. I see their influence on our campus TODAY! These FH men are making all around them better. They are raising the bar in so many areas there is not time to brag (not that they care for me to even do that). The areas of growth in all the unseen (or unsung) places are especially appreciated.

Not only do these men come to campus with tools sorely needed at K-State, they have the opportunity to grow and learn about becoming equipped for most any place life will place them! So far, that seems to be all over the world.

With the experiences these men share about, I'd challenge any multi-cultural competency test around. You think young people from the country can't know what's going on in the world? Think again. These guys have been there! Each of the brothers get to learn from their hands-on encounters. That's one of the many things I love about being here at FH.

MOMS' WEEKEND ANOTHER SUCCESS

By Paul Carnahan ('08)

As the school year wraps up, so do the plethora of events that occur throughout the year. One of many annual events is our Moms' Weekend. This year the men of FarmHouse were blessed to have their mothers come visit on the weekend of March 28-29.

The mothers came from all over, with many of them arriving on Saturday morning. As mothers were arriving, the guys and their mothers had the opportunity to peruse the items that were up for sale in the auction. Once all of the mothers had arrived, the festivities then moved down to the chapter room where the group enjoyed various "ice-breaker" games. The auction and lunch followed. There were many great items in the auction for both the guys and their mothers. One of the main attractions was the lovely quilt that was crafted by our housemother Mom Op. It was a quilt that she had worked on the previous week with one of her fellow housemothers in the Greek community. After the auction, the mothers attended the annual Moms' Club meeting. At the meeting they discussed the gifts that they wanted to give to the Chapter. Some of the gifts given this year included a game table and new lamps for the living room and a power washer for various uses.

Another big event that took place during the Moms' Club meeting was the presentation of the Skinner Award. The 2008-2009 Skinner Award was given to Brenda Page. Her son Michael, a senior in the house, was there to present it to her. Brenda had previously served two years as the Moms' Club president. Through that role she was able to help and support the house in many different ways. She was definitely deserving of the award and we, as the men of FarmHouse, wanted to make sure that she knew how much we appreciate all that she has done.

The evening was filled with many more activities. A talent show was put on by the men of FarmHouse, as well as by some of the mothers in attendance. The talent show included various individuals and

groups singing, playing instruments, or a combination of the two. It was a great time for all who attended as many talents were shown off. The night ended with a game of Jeopardy that included a version for the moms and a different version for the guys.

Sunday morning gave the men of FarmHouse the opportunity to take their mothers to the church they attend. Following church, there was a spectacular meal served back at the house. As the weekend wrapped up, the mothers reluctantly began leaving and the members got back to their normal routines. Altogether, it was a great weekend that makes all who attended look forward to next year.



Jeremy Pelton ('09) performs in the talent show with his mother.

FARMHOUSE RECOGNIZED WITHIN GREEK COMMUNITY

By Andrew Harris ('07)

The annual Greek Awards Banquet, which honors excellence in the Greek Community at Kansas State was held in the KSU Alumni Center on April 16, 2009. The dinner and awards recognition ceremony honored both individual and chapter accomplishments during the 2008 term. A new system for recognizing excellence in the Greek Community, called Fraternal Relevance Accreditation and Minimum Expectations, was used at the banquet. This system, developed at Kansas State with the help of several FarmHouse men, is the first of its kind and will be implemented at universities across the country.

At the banquet, Kansas State FarmHouse was honored with several prestigious recognitions during the ceremony. In the first year of the new recognition system, FarmHouse was awarded as the top fraternity at Kansas State. FarmHouse has held this title for 4 years running, going back to the previous awards system. FarmHouse Fraternity was also recognized for achieving the highest standard in 5 specific areas, more areas than any other fraternity or sorority at Kansas State.

Individual awards at the banquet recognized outstanding effort to improve one's chapter and/or the Greek Community

as a whole. Andy Gigstad ('07) was honored as the Kansas State Fraternity Man of the Year. Gigstad served as the president of the Interfraternity Council, the governing council for fraternities at Kansas State. Gigstad helped develop the new recognition system that will be used by many other universities.

Matt Ebert ('06) was recognized for serving the Greek Community through the honor society Order of Omega. Ebert received a scholarship through the national Order of Omega office for his efforts as an officer at the Kansas State organization.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Name: _____ Pledge class: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Occupation: _____

College major: _____ Graduation year: _____

E-mail: _____ Website (if Applicable): _____

News of interest:

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FARMHOUSE RECRUITMENT

Name: _____ Age: _____ Home Phone: _____

Permanent address: _____

Campus address: _____ Phone: _____

High school/community college: _____ GPA: _____ ACT: _____

Major: _____ Submitted by: _____

School activities, hobbies and interests _____ Your phone: _____

Other information:

Send to: FarmHouse Fraternity, Attn: Recruitment Chairmen, 1830 College Heights Road, Manhattan, KS
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ALUMNI BANQUET

NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Time based on KSU Football Game

Houston Street Ballroom
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