

FARMHOUSE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008

JOHN TOY SELECTED AS MASTER BUILDER

The Nebraska FarmHouse Alumni Association is proud to announce that John Toy ('77) has been selected as a Master Builder by FarmHouse International. As you may know, the Master Builder is the highest honor FarmHouse alumni can receive. The award recognizes and publicly acknowledges the brother's unselfish leadership and service to his fellow men, within the Fraternity and beyond.

John is an agronomist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). His work and research focuses on developing methods for screening and improving sorghum grain and forage quality. John's impact on sorghum genetic research is unsurpassed – a testament to his passion for learning and his embodiment of the value of scholarship. He is the co-author of 29 manuscripts and publications and is the recipient of six USDA certificates of merit for his

professional contributions. In addition to his professional work, John is also involved in his community, serving on the Waverly Park and Recreation Board, and is active in his church. Since John's time as an active member of FarmHouse, he served on the alumni board and as an advisor for nine years, including five years as Association President. Under John's leadership, a long-range planning committee was formed to assess chapter housing needs resulting in the renovation done in 1999. For his work as an alumni member, he was awarded the Daryl E. Snyder award three times.

John was raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, attended UNL, graduating in 1980 with his bachelor's degree in agronomy and agricultural economics. He earned his master's degree in plant breeding and genetics in 1982. Today, he resides in Waverly, with his wife, Kristy, and their son, Andrew.

BARNER'S BALL SET FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND

The active chapter is excited for Barner's Ball, to be held on Friday October 3rd, the weekend of Homecoming. This alumni event will again be held at the East Campus Union, and will feature a buffet dinner and dance along with a chapter presentation. Barner's Ball has been a great success in the past, and we are

expecting an even stronger alumni turnout this year. Please consider making Barner's Ball part of your Homecoming weekend. Invitations should be in the mail soon, and alumni are encouraged to contact chapter president Matt Weber with questions or consult our website at www.nebraskafarmhouse.com.

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GOT NEWS?

Have you moved? Have you recently been married or had a baby? Have you changed careers, started a new business, or retired? Let your brothers know. Please submit your news and address changes for the FH newsletter to:

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New Association Members Sought

Please consider becoming involved in the Nebraska FarmHouse Alumni Association. If you would like to become a board member or want more information on the commitment associated with being a member, contact Dann Husmann or Scott Cameron. We hope to speak with you soon!

Contributions to FarmHouse Forever and News and Dues Appreciated

With your generous support, our real estate mortgage has moved under \$200,000! Please consider making an additional donation to help pay off our mortgage. You can contribute to the Nebraska chapter in several ways. First, you can donate to FH Forever, which helps pay for renovations and improvements to the chapter house. News and dues contributions help to pay for publishing this newsletter. You may also contribute to the Building Fund, which helps reduce the mortgage loan. All of these contributions may be sent in the enclosed envelope. Additionally, you may also contribute to the International FarmHouse Foundation and ask that the proceeds benefit the Nebraska Chapter. The Nebraska Foundation also has an account to benefit our chapter as well. Your generous donations have allowed the chapter house to receive much needed improvements. Thank you for your support!

HOMECOMING SET FOR OCTOBER 4

The 2008 FarmHouse Homecoming Event will be on Saturday, October 4, 2008, prior to the Homecoming game against Missouri. Attendance at last year's event was down, with less than two hundred brothers and guests in attendance. Let's try and reverse that trend this year with a stronger showing!

Registration deadline is September 27, 2008. Advance reservations and payments (\$20 per person) should be sent to Brian Wolford, 6747 S 34th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516. Late registrations (\$22 per person) will be accepted until October 3rd by email to Brian Wolford at bwolford35@aol.com. Use the form below to forward reservations.

As it has been the last six years, homecoming activities will be at the Downtown City Union. After the meal and

business meeting, a cash bar reception will be available prior to kickoff. The honor classes to be recognized during the event are listed below.

We will probably not know the kickoff time until a week prior to the game. Assuming a 12:30 p.m. kickoff, the schedule will be 7:30 a.m. association business meeting, 8:30 a.m. brunch, and a 10:30 a.m. pre-game gathering with cash bar.

The schedule is tentative. Check the FarmHouse website www.nebraskafarmhouse.com for up-to-date information. Parking will be available at the University Lutheran Chapel, 1510 Q Street, for a donation of \$10.

We look forward to seeing you on October 4! Please e-mail your honor class chairman (listed below) or me with questions.

Fraternally,

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ASSOCIATION REPORT

Being a teacher by trade, I try to start out every class session by asking the students a question, which relates specifically to the lesson being taught for that hour. My column directed to the Alumni of FarmHouse will be no different. Do you remember what the letter “U” stands for in the name FARMHOUSE and how this concept has been demonstrated throughout your life...in both good times and in bad?

If you said UNITY, then you would be correct (like there ever was a doubt). Being on the Association Board going on two years, I have had the opportunity to witness how the fine men in FarmHouse have demonstrated their unity as Brothers in good times and in bad. There have been some challenging times, and for the majority of time...the men have been great role models for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

This past spring, we had a site visit from Seth Zilverburg from FarmHouse International. The primary observations made by Seth included three strengths (an excellent new member recruitment program and awareness of recruitment needs, scholastic achievement [Chapter GPA of 3.489 – which ranked second among FarmHouse Chapters], and having a great reputation on campus and in the community). Along with these strengths, Seth also identified three priority action items (recalling that you are Men of FarmHouse 24/7 and you cannot “take off” your letters...strive for excellence in matters both large and small, expansion of the total member education program, and updating the website immediately and regularly). I would have to imagine that many of these items were similar to findings from sites visits made while you were in FarmHouse back when you were on campus.

As you know by now, the Homecoming Event and Annual Alumni Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th. From my personal experience, I would have to say the most powerful demonstration one can provide for one’s family is participating in the activities and

events of your sons and daughters. Just “being there” has such a huge impact in the family structure and exemplifies the true meaning of UNITY. Please accept a personal invitation from me by attending this year’s Homecoming Event in a strong show of unity for our FarmHouse Family. I also know the concept of unity is demonstrated in other facets of your lives and that some of you have your own commitments to keep during this time. I hope you take a moment to reflect back on the impact FarmHouse has had on your life and appreciate that not only is FarmHouse a Builder of Men, but a builder of solid families.

In addition, we can take the concept of “building” one-step farther. The Nebraska FarmHouse Association Board approved six room renovation projects at its April meeting this spring. The changes include Room 1 (which I am told is the Cave), Room 14, Room 22, Room 26, Room 27, and Room 28. I for one am excited to see how these renovations will come to fruition when classes start on August 25th. I am sure many of you remember these rooms and have fond memories of your days living in the House. If you are able to make it back to Homecoming, please take a tour to see how these rooms turned out.

In conclusion, I want to go back to the concept of “Unity” which I started with as a question. I know it is challenging for many of us whether it has been in our past, our current situation, and almost guaranteed for our lives in the future. Moreover, the one experience we all share is our unity that we have demonstrated for our families, our friends, and in our communities. We know by experience that “Unity is fundamental to a successful fraternity” as well as for a solid family structure. If you are able, please become more involved in our FarmHouse. As you can see from reading the other articles in this edition of our newsletter, there is a strong bond of Unity with these Men of FarmHouse.

Fraternally,
Dr. Dann Husmann, Association Board President

ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

By: Matt Weber, President

Hello from the FarmHouse men of the Nebraska chapter. With a solid pledge class of 29 guys and a membership total of 94 men, 87 of which will be living in the house, we look forward to a great fall semester. The summer rush went very well with the pledging of 29 men from across the state and throughout the region. With the addition of the new pledges, the UNL chapter of FarmHouse remains at one of the highest membership totals in at least the past 10 years. We look forward to seeing these men continue the rich tradition of excellence of FarmHouse Fraternity.

Ivy day was a busy event from many of the members in the house this past semester. We had 3 members selected from the Innocents Society and 4 members selected for Mortar Board. These numbers were more than any other house on campus in either honor society. This past semester our house GPA was 3.434. The average all-Greek male GPA was a 3.197. A renewed commitment to academics has been a major focus in the house, and members seem to be responding with dedication and excellence in the classroom. We aim to build off these accomplishments throughout this next year.

FarmHouse has also worked to maintain a strong social program, as social development can help prepare members for the real world. We have several events already on the calendar. In addition to Barner's Ball, we look forward to other events on the calendar including the traditional "South of the Border" party and our famous "Be my Idol" party. Additional social events planned include dinner exchanges, camping trips, Sunday brunches, and pledge class hangouts.

Over the past year, we have put a great deal of effort into improving the landscaping and overall appearance of our chapter house. However, our lawnmower has taken a turn for the worse, and we are currently in the process of shopping for a new one. If any alumni have suggestions or would like to make a donation, please contact our business manager, Jason Eden at 402.417.5393. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

We are excited for another great semester in school and excellent year at FarmHouse. Please feel welcome to stop by the chapter house at anytime. We hope to see everyone at Barner's Ball during homecoming weekend in October.

PLEDGES AND HOMETOWNS

Tyler Blevins – Stapleton
Brian Emmerich – Lincoln
Chris Jeffers – Ogallala
David Meagher-Lincoln
Matthew Scranton – Sidney
Zach Seier – Lincoln
Jerney Wilkinson – Syracuse
Anthony Hanson – Osceola
Justin Whitefoot – Kearney
Matthew Shipp – Bertrand

Kyle Capoun – Lincoln
Ethan Froeschl - Falls City
Ethan Kenney – Kearney
Louis Rambour – Columbus
Ben Seamans – Ogallala
Alex Warneke – Norfolk
Matthew Lauritsen - Beatrice
Drew Hofferbur – Lincoln
Anthony Linder – Columbus
Quentin Dudley - Worthington North, MN

Jack Ehrke – Mankato, MN
Grant Gotschall – Columbus
Tim Leininger – Sidney
Frederick Rinne – Cheyenne, WY
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for me and my guest (Name) _____

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