



FARMHOUSE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2008

HOMECOMING GAME SET FOR OCTOBER 4

As the Huskers are going through their spring practices, it is time again to think about the fall football season. For us on the alumni board, our focus turns to the Homecoming weekend and our annual banquet. This year's game will be Nebraska vs. Missouri on October 4th. As has become customary, we will not know

the kickoff time until about a week before the game. More information will be available as we draw closer to the fall. If you have any questions regarding Homecoming 2008, please contact Andrew Loudon, Homecoming Chairman, at aloudon@baylorevnen.com or myself at scameron131@cox.net

WESTROADS MALL SHOOTING VICTIM GARY SCHARF

While we were all shocked by the Westroads Mall shootings, we were especially saddened to count one of our brothers among the victims. Gary Scharf ('78) was a victim in the shooting. Gary earned his degree from UNL in agricultural economics and held positions in the ag-business field and with ag-chemical

companies, most recently working as a national sales manager with LG Life Sciences, managing a sales team of hundreds. Gary was active in his church and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and FFA. He was 48. Our thoughts are with the Scharf family for their loss.

CLAYTON YEUTTER HONORED

Clayton Yeutter ('49) was honored as the 2007 Distinguished Nebraskan award from the Nebraska Society in Washington D.C. This award recognizes individuals who "help enhance the quality of life for Nebraskans around the nation and around the world by their service and dedication to the state." Yeutter helped to pry open the Japanese

market for beef exports from Nebraska and the rest of the country when he was the U.S. trade representative during the 1980's. He also guided the 1990 farm bill through Congress as secretary of agriculture for President George H.W. Bush. Yeutter has also been named a Master Builder of Men by FarmHouse International.

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News and Dues Contributions and FarmHouse Forever

The household renovations continue to be possible due to contributions from alumni, and the Alumni Board thanks you for your generosity. Without this support, it would be more difficult to complete these projects, and continue to provide a nice home for the men living in the fraternity house. Please use the enclosed envelope to send donations and news to the Association. You may also donate to FarmHouse Forever online at www.nebraskafarmhouse.com. If you have news, you may email me at scameron131@cox.net. Thank you for your support!

ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

By: Matt Weber

The men of FarmHouse have continued to maintain a tradition of success in academics and leadership. Our cumulative house GPA from last semester was a 3.489, and we aim to make that number even higher this spring semester. Five members of our fall pledge class earned 4.00 GPAs in their first semester of college. FH men remain some of the most involved individuals on UNL's campus. We have just recently had three men selected for the Innocents Society and four members for Mortar Board out of the junior class in FarmHouse. Chad Hall was recently elected as the president of Mortar Board. Trevor Nieveen, a Junior Spanish major, is beginning his term as the Internal Vice President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN). Josh Germer, a Senior Agricultural Economics major, just finished this same role on campus. Our men have

leadership roles in numerous other campus organizations including National Human Resources Institute, TeamMates mentoring, New Student Enrollment, Student Alumni Association, Union Board, the Navigators, and the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

Already, we have made some plans for improvement projects this semester. Currently, we are investigating new radiator covers for all of the bathrooms, which will improve the aesthetic value. Also, we look to continue painting small portions of the house once spring projects come around. Hopefully, we will be able to greatly improve the appearance of the house over the next few months.

We have recently been informed that Cheryl Dreger, our house mother, will be leaving us at the end of the semester. This is unfortunate because Cheryl was wonderful for the house and all its members. Her work for

the house the past four years was very much appreciated and she will be greatly missed. This summer we will be holding interviews to find a new house mother

The social program of FarmHouse is alive and well. We kicked off this semester with a great initiation party, Valentines Day party and then most recently "Wedding Party" with Gamma Phi Beta on March 8th. We will finish this semester with Formal in April.

In addition to these great events, we have many smaller social opportunities for the members. These include dinner exchanges, camping trips, brunches on Sundays, and pledge class hang out nights.

As always, we greatly appreciate alumni support for our chapter. We look forward to having a great semester and continuing the success of FarmHouse Fraternity. Please feel free to stop by or contact the house at any time. Have a terrific spring!

PLEDGE EDUCATOR REPORT

By: Trevor Nieveen

Hello from everyone here at FarmHouse in Lincoln. We are about midway through the spring semester and have been working hard to finish strong before spring break. The semester started off well, with the initiation of 21 new active members into the fraternity. These initiates include: Matt Bay from Kearney, Luke Carubia from Colorado Springs, Colorado, Drew Clark from Scottsbluff, Alex Drvol from Omaha, Corey Drvol from Omaha, Matt Ecklun from Holdrege, Aaron Galvan from Grand Island, Shawn Hutsell from Hampton, Nick Kayton from Albion, Kane Keller from Eustis, Marcus Kuhl from Kearney, Justin Nolte from Nehawka, Ryan Owens from Norfolk,

Landon Peterson from Osceola, Tyler Pieper from Farnam, Geoff Pierce from Sumner, Alex Renaud from Huxley, Iowa, Blake Reynolds from Lexington, John Rodysill from Lexington, Gil Russell from Grant, and Andrew Volkmer from Syracuse. With the addition of these new members, along with five 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 we have come to expect from members of FarmHouse Fraternity.

During initiation week, our new members had the opportunity to visit with several local alumni and were able to gain a better

appreciation for the great history of this fraternity. They thoroughly enjoyed the encouragement and fun stories associated with these visits. In addition, the new members worked on several renovation projects throughout the house during their initiation week. They repainted hallways and the Lowenstein room, built more desks and shelves for the upstairs study room, organized storage areas and closets, built a bike rack, and completed other small tasks around the house. We are extremely appreciative of the many improvements our house has seen in the last few years, and would like to thank all of our alumni for the generous support and assistance they have offered.

SPRING FOUNDERS DAY SET FOR APRIL 18

By: Jacob Hovendick

We are happy to announce that we will be having a Spring Founders Day this spring. On April 18, we invite all alumni over to the house for food and drinks beginning at 4:00 pm. After dinner, we will head down to the Nebraska baseball game against the Kansas Jayhawks and enjoy an evening of baseball. First pitch is set for 6:35. We hope you are able to make it out to meet the active chapter and look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-450-0397 or jhoendick@live.com.

RUSH REPORT

By: Brian Hansen

The 2008 FarmHouse rush team is composed of Brian Hansen, Kolby Van Newkirk, and Andrew Pankonin. As recruitment chairmen, our goal is to find, pursue and sign men who will uphold and demonstrate the intellectual, physical, social, moral, and spiritual pillars of our fraternity. We will constantly be in search of men who are striving to pursue excellence in all areas of life until we are either limited by the capacity of our house or the quality of men from which we have to choose. We anticipate signing an extraordinary pledge class in 2008 that will be capable of bringing FarmHouse to even greater levels of excellence.

Through this spring semester we have added three more members to the 2008 initiation class. Taylor Yaw from Imperial, Seth Barnes of Halsey, and Nathaniel Wittwer from Falls City. All three of these members have been great additions to the house and expect to have a bright future.

Throughout the spring we will be collecting names of potential rushees who would meet the expectations of FarmHouse. We will contact promising rushees through letters, postcards, and phone calls once names have been

received. In addition, we have begun to revise the rush book, design t-shirts and prepare all that is needed for rush. On March 7th, we held an open house during the State Basketball Tournament. We had over twenty five high school seniors from around the state and were able to meet some quality young men. This year we are trying something new and having a booth at the state FFA convention on April 2-4th. We are considering holding another open house in April, but at this time no plans have been established.

As a rush team, we have generated several ideas to improve recruitment and ensure that it is successful. Being the first house to contact outstanding prospects, involving the entire chapter in rush events, holding weekly barbeques, and finding extraordinary men who exemplify all values of FarmHouse are a few of our major objectives for this year. We also will work to utilize and increase involvement of both alumni and parents in the rush process as we feel they are a vital resource.

If you know of any men in your community who would fit well in FarmHouse, please let us know. We can be contacted by e-mail, phone, or the form below.

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