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Alpha-Gamma News

Summer 2014



Lambda Chi Alpha takes over Student Government Association

The University of South Dakota Student Government Association ("SGA") provides a voice for the student body serving as a liaison between students, administration, faculty, and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Historically Lambda Chi Alpha has had student representation on SGA but recently the chapter's presence has been lacking.

In the spring of 2013, Brother Tyler Tordsen set out to reverse that trend, running for and winning an At-Large Senator position on SGA. In this position Tyler worked hard to successfully pass legislation that made a difference in the lives of USD students.

Based on his positive experience as a Senator, in the spring of 2014 Tyler decided to run for SGA President. His primary goals reflected the ideals and lessons he learned as both a member and president of Lambda Chi Alpha. Tyler and his running mate Dustin Santjer, a Delta Tau Delta freshman, ran on a platform

to revamp, rekindle, and reconnect.

Tyler wanted to revamp SGA's internal efficiency, rekindle the campus's Coyote spirit, and reconnect SGA with the students.

themselves and their abilities. They are building upon the leadership skills they learned in Lambda Chi Alpha and using those skills to make the other students' experience better.

"This experience has exemplified our brotherhood and the values we represent. At every SGA meeting I put my Lambda Chi Alpha experience to good use. The meetings under Tyler's leadership have all the signs that a Lambda Chi is running it and it makes me proud to be a part of it!" Jim stated.

Tyler and Jim's participation in SGA gives the brothers a chance to contribute to the betterment of the campus and, at the same time, show them the value of membership in Lambda Chi Alpha. "Other students may not know our ritual, but they know what we stand for by the way we act and present ourselves," Brother Nick Bratvold stated.

Student Government President Tyler Tordsen

Tyler's platform connected with the student body and he was elected SGA president. In addition to Tyler's success, Brother Jim Gulbranson obtained an At-Large Senator position.

The Active Chapter of Alpha-Gamma Zeta, is very proud of these brothers' achievements. These brothers believed in



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**2014
Scholarship
Recipients**

Annually the chapter awards approximately \$12,000 in scholarships to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the undergraduate members. Congratulations to the following winners:

Man of the Year
Nicholas Bratvold

Officer of the Year
Andrew Kost

True Brother of the Year
JP Dempsey

Servant Leader
Ryan Everson
Eric Roach

Outstanding Academics
Brant DeKruif
Ryan Everson
Michael Posch
Cody Reed
Eric Rupe

Randy Reinking Memorial Scholarship
Nick Moser
Michael Neilson

Crescent Girls Program Set to Return

While cleaning some of the chapter's old composites, a group of brothers came across a number of Crescent Girl composites. Interested and curious, these brothers brought the idea of reinstating the tradition to the chapter's April 21, 2014 meeting. The chapter voiced unanimous

support for reinstatement of the program.

Based on the chapter's discussions with alumni Brad Fowler, Chuck Nelson, and Scott Stern, an ad-hoc committee of undergraduate members was created to guide the reintroduction of this program.

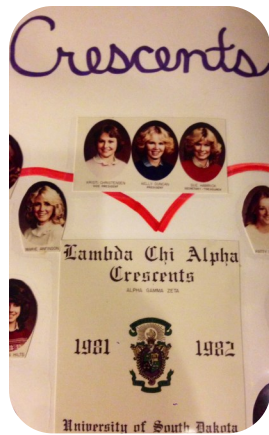
reintroduce an old tradition. A number of other campus fraternities such as Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have similar programs which are primarily focused on philanthropy.

The chapter hopes to create a unique program that increases brotherhood, sisterhood, and relationships between Lambda Chi and USD's sororities.

The committee is currently contemplating the process of choosing Crescent Girls and how to initiate them into the program. Based on initial discussions, the chapter plans to nominate a few women from each sorority. Additionally, the committee has established a target implementation date of August 2014, pending budget considerations.

If any alumni are interested in assisting with this program feel free to contact High Alpha Tre Gillaspie at Tre.Gillaspie@coyotes.usd.edu.

Alpha-Gamma Zeta is incredibly excited to undertake this task and



**Crescents Composite
1981-1982**

Alpha-Gamma Zeta Centennial Celebration



Save the Date
April 8, 2016 and April 9, 2016
Vermillion, SD



Formal Invitation to follow

Lambda Chi House Voted Nicest on Campus

Thanks to the generous gifts of the alumni of Alpha-Gamma Zeta, several significant renovations projects have been completed at 327 North Pine in the past four years. These projects include remodeling several bedrooms, remodeling main floor, purchasing new furniture for main floor, renovating the house's bathrooms, as well as fresh paint and flooring throughout most of the house.

During recruitment in the fall of 2013, potential new members took tours of each of the fraternity houses on campus. At the conclusion of the week a survey was given to each recruit. The Active Chapter is proud to report that, thanks to your efforts, the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter house ranked number one among all fraternity housing facilities. The renovations of the inside of the

house have been incredibly helpful with recruitment over the last year.

The next step is to restore the Tudor style house to its original glory. The Housing Corporation's plan is to restucco the entire exterior. This is an important project as the house has not been re-stuccoed in nearly 50 years. Included in this project is repainting of the exterior to bring

back the original color scheme of cream walls and dark brown accents. The project will cost approximately \$35,000.00.

The Housing Corporation's goal is to raise at least \$20,000.00 in alumni donations and pay for the rest of the project through the reserve fund. Please consider making a donation of \$500, \$250, \$100, or \$50.



**The Nicest House on Campus
as Voted by Potential New
Members**

To donate, send a check to:
Scott Stern, Treasurer
2731 East Capricorn Place
Chandler, AZ 85249

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www.lambdachiatUSD.com

100th Annual Dakota Days this Fall

Dakota Days turns 100 years old this fall. The Active Chapter hopes that you can join us to mark this special occasion.

The festivities kick off Saturday October 11, 2014 with the annual Dakota Day parade at 10 a.m. Following the parade alumni are

invited to join us at the chapter house for lunch.

The Housing Corporation will hold a brief meeting during lunch. In addition to joining us for lunch you are encouraged to tour the house and meet the members of the Active Chapter.

The General Fraternity also plans to honor a prominent Alpha-Gamma alumnus with the Order of Achievement, which is awarded to brothers who have distinguished themselves by outstanding accomplishment in their chosen field and serve as a role model through their success and have thereby brought honor and respect to our great Fraternity.

Following lunch you can join undergraduate and alumni brothers for Coyote Tailgate Nation pre-game festivities in the Dakota Dome east parking lot.

At 3 p.m. the Coyotes take on the University of Northern Iowa at the Dakota Dome. The coronation of Miss and Mister Dakota will take place at halftime.

Tailgate lots and game tickets are sold through the Coyote Ticket Office. You can contact the Coyote Ticket Office at 605-677-5959. A full schedule of events can be found at www.usdalumni.com.



Alumni News Odd and Ends

All the news that is fit to print, but didn't fit anywhere else

✚ Congratulations to Brother Dennis Daugaard on winning the Republican Gubernatorial Primary. Governor Daugaard defeated former State Representative Lora Hubbel. Governor Daugaard will face Democratic candidate, State Representative Susan Wismer, on November 4, 2014.

✚ Brother Brad Fowler appointed as the chapter's new High Pi. Brother Fowler lives in Elk Point, South Dakota and is a State Farm insurance agent. The High Pi serves as the alumni advisor for the chapter.

✚ Brother Scott Stern was honored with the Order of Merritt award at the General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. The Order of Merritt recognizes unusual, lengthy, and dedicated service, particularly at the local chapter level.

✚ Our apologies for miscategorizing William Bowen's donation in the fall newsletter. His correct donation amount is noted in this edition.

In Memoriam: Harold Carl Nelson

Harold Carl Nelson was the first of five children born in Vermillion, South Dakota to Peter Christian Nelson and Anna (Peterson) Nelson on July 28, 1923. He died on April 14, 2014 from pneumonia at VNA Horton Hospice Center in Valparaiso, Indiana. He had a wonderful 90th birthday celebration with family last July.

Harold was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. Harold spent his youth helping his father with farm chores and enjoyed sports. He attended the University High School in Vermillion and earned athletic letters in track and basketball.

After graduation in 1941, Harold worked on the family farms. He enlisted in the Army in 1943 and eventually joined a National Guard unit from Ohio. He often served as a scout and runner for his platoon and saw fierce combat at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, in the Philippines and New Guinea. He received numerous commendations including: Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal with one bronze star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, combat infantry badge, and good conduct medal. He was

honorably discharged June 14, 1945 attaining the rank of Private First Class.

Harold took advantage of the G.I. Bill and attended the University of South Dakota, majoring in accounting. He joined Lambda Chi fraternity and always stopped by the fraternity house when he visited South Dakota. Harold worked in Chicago at an accounting firm after graduation in 1949. In 1953, he began working for

Norway, and in Sons of Norway Summer Home Association. Later he and Olga joined Minnekirken Church in Logan Square, Chicago and were currently members of Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Harold retired from Walgreens in 1991 after 38 years of employment. In 2000 Harold and Olga moved from the house on Rice Street in Chicago to Naperville, Illinois and later to Valparaiso, Indiana.

Burial took place at the West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, in Stoughton, Wisconsin on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. His wife, Olga passed away just six weeks after Harold on May 27, 2014 and was buried next to Harold on June 3, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, please give memorials to the homeless ministry at Christ Lutheran Church (New Creation), Valparaiso, Indiana or ELCA World Hunger.



Harold Carl Nelson

Walgreens Agency at the main office.

Harold was introduced to Olga Nuland through Sons of Norway. He liked her legs. They were married in a small wedding ceremony at First Lutheran Church in Chicago on Valentine's Day, 1959. Together Harold and Olga raised five children: twins Eric and Carla, David, Chris, and Peter. Harold was an active and faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church (on Laramie Avenue) in Chicago, in the Sons of

Inner Circle Giving Program

**2014
Fundraising Goal
\$20,000**



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