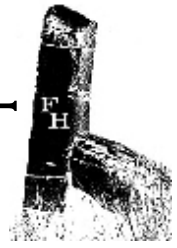




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## Munson a Recipient of Master Builder Award

by Craig Johnson

“He best builds lives of other men who starts from within, so that when the Job’s all done, the Judge will say, ‘a Master Builder passed this way.’”

The Builder of Men Creed reminds us of the importance of both striving for excellence in our personal lives and sacrificing one’s own time and pleasures to better the lives of others. For his exemplary commitment to these ideals, Rick Munson (’73) was honored with the Master Builder of Men Award on August 6<sup>th</sup> at FarmHouse’s 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial

Conclave in Columbus, Ohio.

The National Executive Board established the Master Builder of Men Award in 1950 as the greatest honor an alumnus member of FarmHouse can receive. A candidate for the award is judged solely on what he has done to help others; no other factors, including wealth or occupation, are taken into account. Since the award was first given to D. Howard Doane, FarmHouse’s founding father, less than 125 other FarmHouse men have received the honor. Of these men, Munson is the fourteenth from the Kansas State chapter to be named a Master Builder of Men.

Since joining FarmHouse in 1972, Munson has served the fraternity in a wide variety of capacities. As an undergraduate, he attended the 1972 and 1974 Conclaves. Following his graduation with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics, he served as a member of the Kansas State Association Board from 1981-83 and as a chapter advisor from 1989-91. Munson has been credited with the formation of the Kansas State Foundation Council; since 1997, he has been its chairman, and he played a major role in carrying out the 1998 renovation of the Kansas

State chapter house in this position. Additionally, he has served as the Kansas State Association delegate to Conclave eight times, and he has volunteered at other international fraternity activities, such as FarmHouse Leadership Academies and Regional Leadership Conferences. The Kansas State chapter recognized Rick’s contributions in 1992 by honoring him with the Snyder Award for outstanding contributions from an alumnus.



Outside of FarmHouse, Rick has led a successful career as a farmer, co-owner of Gold-Team

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## Housemother’s Report

To the Men of FarmHouse,

What IS our heritage?  
 Who are we NOW?  
 What will OUR legacy be?

As the men who entered this chapter with me are graduating, I’m pondering these questions. I’ve ask them to do the same. In just the last twelve months, these men living at FarmHouse (and the faithful association board) have had many challenges and opportunities to step up to the plate and show what they’re made of. I’m as proud as any Mom could be to see what “men of FarmHouse” we have here at K-State. Even the international office recognizes that what we have here is rare.

I have witnessed first hand how often these young leaders will offer talent, time, and sacrifice for each other and the chapter. But, being an active and living here is not the only time you are able to leave a FH legacy. No, many alumni have contributed beyond their time at K-State.

Builders of Men. How much of who you are as a man began in the halls of this very house? With these brothers? Have you made a return visit? Please do! When you all come to a game or event, come early enough to stop by the house and meet these men here today. Consider joining the every-other-summer alumni gathering or visiting an association board meeting or the alumni banquet in the fall. It’s still your house—a place you ought to take pride in, remembering the hours spent tending to it that prepared you for taking care of your own

home. Take a walk around, notice the changes and be thankful for the similarities.

In addition, you know what happened here didn’t just stay here. Those memories and lessons learned have been carried along with you no matter where you’ve gone or will continue to go. This has helped you to continually consider multiple perspectives. Many of you tell me that it has helped your relationships and businesses. The principles those Founding Fathers built FarmHouse upon are relevant and valuable still today.

I’m asking ALL the men of FarmHouse to ponder these questions.

What IS our heritage?  
 Who are we NOW?  
 What will OUR legacy be?

With love and respect,  
 Mom OP

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## Twenty Men Join FarmHouse as PC’II

by Eli Schooley

This fall, twenty young men joined FarmHouse Fraternity as members of the pledge class of 2011. Their names, followed by hometown, are arranged by year in college:

Juniors:

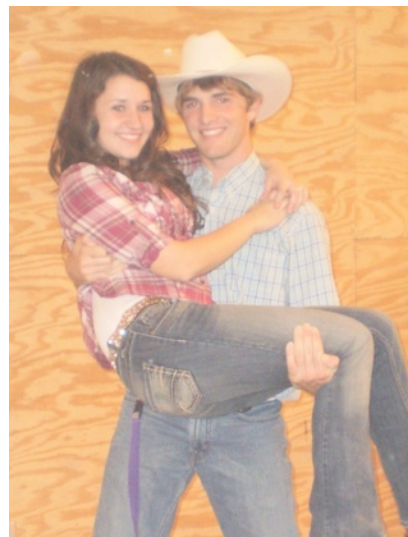
Keith Lamb, Macksville, KS  
 Kelton Steckline, Hays, KS

Sophomores:

Brad Ellis, Olathe, KS  
 Matthew Finley, Winchester, KS  
 Andy Gilmore, Hesston, KS  
 Johnathan Yarrow, Wakefield, KS  
 Jared Zuercher, Olathe, KS

Freshman:

Owen Beverlin, Newton, KS  
 BJ Brinkman, Wichita, KS  
 Trenton Colburn, Belleville, KS  
 Kyle Davis, Overland Park, KS  
 Ben Harstine, Towanda, KS  
 Jeremy Holliday, Soldier, KS  
 Cannon Holtgrieve, Waterloo, IL  
 Josh Liebe, Goddard, KS  
 Evan Mitchell, Wakefield, KS  
 Brian Moore, Iuka, KS  
 Nathan Pfeifer, Wichita, KS  
 Justin Sales, Valley Falls, KS  
 Tyler Schultz, Macksville, KS



.....PC ‘II member Tyler Schultz and his date at Barn Party....

Formal initiation ceremonies for PC ‘II will take place on January 23, 2011.



## FARMHOUSE CHRISTMAS

FarmHouse members have enjoyed another successful Christmas season. To celebrate, members decorated study rooms with a theme of their choice. Awards were given for various achievements, such as “best overall room,” “most lights,” and “most hick room.”

FarmHouse members would like to wish you a happy, healthy holiday season!

### FarmHouse Alumni Banquet Held by Drew Ladd

The annual FarmHouse Alumni Banquet was held on November 6, 2010 at the Houston Street Ballroom in Manhattan, KS. The banquet began at noon, and the Friendship House from Wamego served a delicious meal of home-style food. There were roughly 120 people in attendance at the banquet, with alumni, family, and active members present.

Eric Brunkow ('08), chapter president, gave a short speech about the accomplishments and happenings of the active chapter over the past year. Next, Mike Stamm ('98), association president, talked about what the association had been doing and some of the small renovations that the chapter house had undergone in the past year. The pledge class presented a slide

show and talked about what they had learned and gained from pledgship. A new addition to the banquet this year was FarmHouse Trivia—an event in which guests were challenged to recall facts about FarmHouse. Alumni and active members were encouraged to talk about FarmHouse history and share stories. An association meeting followed the banquet.

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### Schooley, Begnoche Elected to IFC

by Drew Goering

FarmHouse has had a long history of men serving on the Interfraternity Council (IFC). In the past, men to have served include: Andy Gigstad (PC '07), President; Kellen Begnoche (PC '07), Director of Community and Internal Relations, Heath Vincent (PC '07), Director of Judicial Affairs; Andy Patton (PC '07), Director of Recruitment. This past year, Isaac Honer (PC '09) and

Drew Goering (PC '07) served as Director of Retention and Director of Public Relations, respectively, for IFC.

As of this fall, next year's council will see the FarmHouse tradition continued, as Eli Schooley (PC '10) was elected President and Brian Begnoche (PC '10) was elected Director of Interfraternal Relations. They will serve a one year term, in which they will strive to uphold the standards of the Greek community. Brian states that his biggest goal “is to help further develop the relations between each fraternity.”

Congratulations to Eli and Brian!

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## From the President's Desk

We're finishing up yet another busy semester here at FarmHouse at Kansas State.

Last spring, we sought to make changes to our new member education program to ensure that all aspects of the process were purposeful and relevant. I think the changes made were a success. We welcomed an outstanding class of new members into our brotherhood this fall and the new member education process ran smoothly. We are excited to initiate 20 new members into FarmHouse on January 23, 2011.



At the end of last semester we saw the retirement of our longtime cook and friend, Marge Crane. With her departure, we welcomed Barb Holste into our FarmHouse family. Unfortunately, just four weeks into the semester, she was advised by her doctors not to return to work as our cook. We were, however, very fortunate to have Christy Wagner step in and assume the cook position

for the rest of the year. She has been a blessing to our house and has provided us with some of the best "away from home" cooking we could ask for.

This semester has also brought many other successes:

We sent three members to participate in the Bi-Annual FarmHouse Conclave in Columbus, Ohio, where we placed first in Financial Management and Alumni Relations among all FarmHouse chapters and second place overall in the Green Division (for larger chapters). At Conclave, K-State graduate Rick Munson was presented the Master Builder award for his service as an alumnus to not only our chapter, but to the International Fraternity.

We also had two members complete successful years on the K-State Interfraternity Council (Drew Goering as the Director of Public Relations and Isaac Honer as the Director of Retention). In the election for the next year, two more members of FarmHouse were elected to the council (Brian Begnoche as the Director of Interfraternal Relations and Eli Schooley as the new IFC President).

We have also enjoyed listening to several speakers at our house this past semester, including the Athletic Director, John Currie, and University President Kirk Schultz.

Finally, our newest philanthropy, called "Philanthrocakes", a monthly pancake feed we host at the chapter

### Newly Elected FH Officers:

President: Jeremy Pelton

Vice-President: Scott Haner

Treasurer: Matt Morford

New Member Ed: Kramer Farney

Business Manager: Andrew Spare

Alumni Relations: Eli Schooley

Recruitment: Bryce Krehbiel, Jake New

Secretary: Matt Finley

Risk Manager: Quinton Berggren

Scholarship: Paul Harris

Social: Kyle Smothers

Community Service/Philanthropy: Ben Harstine

house, has taken off as one of the top philanthropies on campus. For the last event we teamed up with Kappa Alpha Psi, a multicultural fraternity, and Zeta Tau Alpha, a newly re-colonized sorority on campus, to raise \$1,037 in donations to give to various organizations from the over 720 people who attended.

Now that the semester is drawing to a close, we are saying goodbye to seven seniors and seeing the transition to a new officer team for the next year at FarmHouse. I want to thank all of you who have helped us in the past year in any way. It is all greatly appreciated! I am honored to have served FarmHouse as the president this past year and hope you all are as proud as I am of the outstanding members we have.

-Eric Brunkow

## Biennial Conclave Held (by Craig Johnson)

From August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, members and alumni of the Kansas State chapter participated in Farmhouse International's 46<sup>th</sup> biennial Conclave in Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to participating in business meetings and informative workshops on topics such as networking and recruiting new members, FarmHouse men from across North America had the opportunity to visit some of Columbus's most famous places. A visit to the Jack Nicklaus museum and the Columbus Zoo, a night at the Ohio State Fair, and a tour of The Ohio State University were all part of a fun-and-fellowship-filled week.

Highlighting the week's events was the chartering of the Ohio State chapter. This historic event marked the merger of Alpha Tau Zeta fraternity with FarmHouse. With this merger, FarmHouse welcomed current Alpha Tau Zeta members and alumni into the fraternity.

During the week, the Kansas State chapter was also recognized for its achievements. Randy Linville ('73) was recognized as a Philanthropy Laureate, and Rick Munson ('73) received the Master Builder of Men Award, the highest honor the fraternity can bestow upon an individual member. The active chapter received numerous programming awards, including first place in Financial Management and Alumni Relations, second in New Member Education and Intellectual Development, third in Total Member Education and Physical Development, fourth in Recruitment, Community Service, and Spiritual Development, and

fifth in Social/Moral Development. These achievements earned the chapter a second-place finish in the contest for the Ruby Cup, the award given each year to the top FarmHouse chapter.

The Kansas State chapter thanks FarmHouse International for another successful Conclave and looks forward to Conclave 2012 in Minneapolis!

## Annex Property Now Site of Expanded Parking Lot

(by Eric Brunkow)

The project to tear down the old annex and replace it with an additional parking

lot took place this summer under the guidance of the FarmHouse Association. The new lot adds a number of additional parking spots that will help to alleviate the shortage in parking spaces previously encountered by the chapter. The new lot also fixes drainage problems that were causing cracks and holes in the drive along the west side of the house.

The parking lot was also designed with the ability to park two cars deep, allowing plenty of guest space for visitors during Mom's and Dad's weekends, recruitment weekends, and other events.



## Recruitment Recommendations?

If you have know young men you'd like to be considered for 2011 FarmHouse recruitment, please let us know by going online to [www.ksfh.net/recruitment](http://www.ksfh.net/recruitment) or by contacting one of our newly elected recruitment chairmen, Bryce Krehbiel ([brkreh@ksu.edu](mailto:brkreh@ksu.edu)) or Jake New ([jakenew@ksu.edu](mailto:jakenew@ksu.edu)).

**CALENDAR:****JANUARY 23**

PC '11 Formal Initiation

**FEBRUARY 12-13**

FH Recruitment Weekend

**MARCH 12-13**

FH Recruitment Weekend

**APRIL 9-10**

FH Recruitment Weekend

**APRIL 16**

FarmHouse Founder's Day

**APRIL 30-MAY 1**

FarmHouse Mom's Weekend

## Munson Named Master Builder

Realtors in the Junction City area, and owner and operator of Gatherings on the Prairie retail store. Additionally, he has served as an Elder, Deacon, and choir member for First Presbyterian Church. He has also been active with the Geary County 4-H Advisory Council Economic Development Committee, Extension Executive Committee, and Angus Association in addition to the Junction City Little Theatre Board of Directors.

As Rick remarked after receiving the award, "I'm not good at doing nothing." His many contributions and accomplishments show his devotion to both improving FarmHouse and helping all with whom he interacts. The charge

read to new members of FarmHouse during their initiation states that "no greater satisfaction can come to a man than the observation of success on the part of those he has helped." Clearly, Rick knows this to be true, and the Kansas State chapter owes a large amount of its success to his many efforts to build the lives of others.

Congratulations to Rick Munson for receiving FarmHouse Fraternity's highest honor.



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