



# Cyclone Phi Psi

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## 25 New Initiates, Great Grades, Homecoming Triumphs



Brothers initiated October 25, 2024. Kneeling L-R: Ethan Campbell Sanderson (1818, Clive, IA); Grant Jamison Wimmer (1819, Eden Prairie, MN); Dillon Smith Kuhn (1817, Eden Prairie, MN); Jack Franklin Weir (1816, Cottage Grove, MN); and Jonathan Michael Worcester (1834, Mundelein, IL).

Standing L-R: Kaden David Bertrand (1822, Clive, IA); Aaron Nathan Verdun (1825, Pontiac, IL); Nolan Santi Sayasane (1826, North Aurora, IL); Braden Michael McLoughlin (1823, Cottage Grove, MN); Lyle James Winterland (1829, Lemont, IL); Cale Thomas Schissel (1820, Jesup, IA); Jonathan Ray Cahalan (1828, Waukee, IA); Grant William Youngblood (1833, Waukee, IA); Zachary Aiden Lathrum (1837, Johnston, IA); Trenton James Peterson (1830, St. Louis, MO); Edward Ronald Bouchard (1835, Altoona, IA); Nathan Richard Rath (1827, Lemont, IL); Zane Michael Miller (1821, Platte City, MO); Otto Bernard Hofmann (1832, Pleasant Valley, IA); Matthew Owen Petersen (1831, Cottage Grove, MN); William Rowan Nepple (1824, Urbandale, IA); and Graffton McKinley Linder (1840, Boone, IA).

Not pictured: McLain Oliver Bendixen (1836, Urbandale, IA); Bryan Christopher Lippincott (1839, Chalfont, PA); and Grant Lawrence Maurice Clute (1839, Urbandale, IA).

### Initiates:

On October 25, 2024, Iowa Beta welcomed 25 new members (photo above) into the brotherhood. We're excited to have them aboard, and look forward to seeing what they can do in Phi Psi.

With this latest class, we have now initiated more than 500 men since our rechartering in 2007!

We are always recruiting, so if you know of any current or incoming students with high academic achievement and solid character, please notify someone on our recruitment team: Easton Mittelstaedt (emittel@iastate.edu, 402-649-7203), Trenton Peterson (tjpeters@iastate.edu, 314-243-1500), or Nathan Rath (nathanra@iastate.edu, 630-272-0069).



Left: new initiate Grant Youngblood and his older brother/brother Carter Youngblood, '18-1575.

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*Chapter Report, continued***Academics**

In our last issue, we reported that our chapter GPA for Spring 2024 was a 3.34. This was based on a preliminary grade report. But when the final report came out — after we went to press, of course — our chapter GPA turned out to be 3.38, and we ranked second among 29 IFC fraternities. We had 133 men on the grade report, 65 of whom had a 3.5 or above, and 14 of whom had a perfect 4.00.

For fall semester 2024, we clocked in at 3.31, which ranked us fifth out of 29 IFC fraternities. We had 116 on the grade report, 46 of whom had a 3.5 or above. Eight of our men had a perfect 4.00: Luke Blasingame, Ryan Greteman, Nate Hander, Zane Miller, Ethan Sanderson, Drew Szalat, Jonathan Wessel, and Carson Wilary.

Fall 2024 marked the 15th semester in a row that we have placed in the top five of all IFC fraternities. And going all the way back to spring semester 2008 (34 semesters), we have placed in the top 10 in 31 of those semesters, and always in the top half.

**Homecoming**

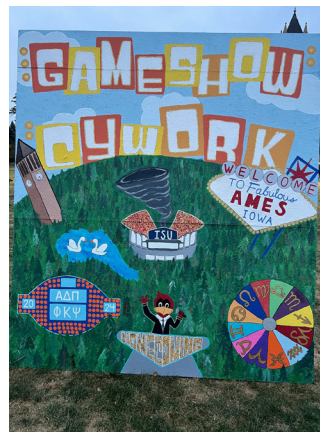
Holding up the Homecoming hardware, L-R: Quinn Stewart, Ethan Hafner, Peyton Rippon, Andrew Ross, Blake Tighe, Charlie Kautz, and Thomas Roth.



Iowa Beta's first place Yell Like Hell team, dressed and painted for the occasion.



Our Yell Like Hell team in action!



Clockwise from above left:

(1) Iowa Beta's Homecoming banner;

(2) Homecoming Lawn Display, with Luke Shover (L) and Charlie Kautz giving the weather alert;

(3) Homecoming Lawn Display, with Master of Ceremonies Sam Barnes.



Oh my, what a fun Homecoming! After placing second last year (2023), we brought home the first-place trophy this year! Alpha Delta Pi sorority was a great pairing, and here is what they helped us accomplish: first place in community service; first place in the 5k walk/race; first place in community drive; first place in basketball; first place in Yell Like Hell (a big deal); best script in Yell Like Hell; second place in blood drive; third place in lawn display; and fourth place in relay race.

To say we've been on a roll is an understatement. Over the last four semesters, we've won Greek Week back-to-back, second place in Homecoming, and now first place in Homecoming. The odds are against us continuing at this pace, but we're surely going to keep trying!

Kudos to our general Homecoming chairs, Charlie Kautz and Andrew Ross; our Yell Like Hell chairs, Blake Tighe and Thomas Roth; our Apparel & Design chairs, Brennan Sauser and Alex Middleswart; our Banners & Displays chairs, Jack Rosa and Ethan Hafner; our Tournaments chairs, Quinn Stewart and Carson Wilary; and all of the brothers who enthusiastically pitched in.



## Philanthropy and Community Service



Above: These puppies at the Ames Animal Shelter were among the beneficiaries of Iowa Beta's Cookies for Canines philanthropy.

Left: One of the shirts printed for the occasion.

For our main philanthropy this fall, we raised money to benefit the Ames Animal Shelter. This time we sold tickets for a meal at the house consisting of Buffalo Wild Wings and Insomnia Cookies (thanks to the contributions of these local businesses), and who doesn't like those?

Fall semester was filled with several other service projects. The chapter did a shift at Food at First, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing meals to anyone who is struggling with hunger and food insecurity, no questions asked.

On another occasion, the chapter manned a table inside the Memorial Union to encourage passersby to take the pledge to end distracted driving. We do this because we feel the problem needs more attention and to remember that one of our own, **Paul Troupe, '11-1402**, was killed by a distracted driver in 2014, only six months after his graduation and marriage.

Several brothers spent one Saturday morning at the Ames Miracle Playground and Field, which caters to children with physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities. During a series of organized games at the park, our men served as "buddies" to the players, hanging out with them and helping them as needed.

At Halloween, the chapter participated with the rest of the Greek Community in providing a safe, fun, and family-friendly trick-or-treating experience for local children at the Memorial Union.

And once again, the chapter donated fleece tie blankets to help immigrants adjust to their new surroundings. This time, the blankets found homes with people from Haiti, Honduras, South Sudan, Venezuela, and Ukraine.



Brothers working a shift at Food at First. L-R, standing: Dillon Kuhn, Brennan Sauser, Brandon Gerrans, Sam Barnes, Jacob Nardo, Thomas Roth, and Grant Wimmer. L-R, kneeling: Grant Youngblood and Jon Cahalan.

## Monday Night Dinner Guests



Delta Zeta's executive committee members were among our fall term dinner guests.

Monday night dinner guests this fall included: Executive Committees from three different sororities (Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Gamma, and Delta Zeta); Dr. Warren Phillips, a Teaching Professor in the Psychology Dept. who gave a talk after dinner on stress mitigation strategies; and **Braden Senne, '20-1693**, a recent graduate who gave his thoughts on making the best of the college experience

## Campus Involvement



L-R Kyle Nord, Will Thomas, and Jack Tootle doing their part at the ISU Blood Drive.

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*Chapter Report, continued*

**Brothers in Order of Omega, L-R: Keaton Bertrand, Quinn Stewart, Luke Shover, and Thomas Roth.**

Our men were busy on campus this fall. Luke Shover and Thomas Roth were inducted into Order of Omega. Peyton Rippen was in the Iowa State Singers.

The Fall Semester ISU blood drive again had plenty of Phi Psi participation. Brothers Ryan Droogsma and Jack White were the Partnership and Outreach Execs, Kyle Nord was the Off-Campus Exec, and Will Cooper was the Treasurer. Nine brothers served on various committees, and a whole lot of brothers gave blood.

Sam Barnes participated in Explore, a fairly new program created by the Phi Psi Foundation. It is a multi-day externship program that encourages undergraduates to see theoretical classroom knowledge practiced in real-world settings. Sam attended the Finance program in Minneapolis, where participants gathered with alumni hosts and engaged with industry leaders through immersive tracks with several high-profile companies.

## Socials and Brotherhood Events



**L-R: Beau Lasky, Luke Steffen, and Aaron Kramer at the pumpkin carving social with Kappa Kappa Gamma.**

Our social chairs, Ryan Greteman and Carson Ekis, lined up plenty of fun socials this fall. There was trivia night with Alpha Delta Pi, grill-out and yard games with Delta Gamma, bouncy house with Alpha Phi, pumpkin carving with Kappa Kappa Gamma, cookie decorating with Delta Gamma, and a gingerbread house contest with Tri-Delta.

Brooks Wee, our VP of Relations, organized a country-themed bus party to Outlaws in Des Moines, and also Dad's Day, with its activities of sports, chili, and all-around male bonding.

And our brotherhood chairs, Luke Steffen and Landon Sturch, kept us busy as well. They lined up three brotherhood tailgates before football games, a paintball outing, a cornhole tournament, kickball, and an outing to TopGolf in Des Moines.

## And a Word of Thanks to . . .

Our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings, cousins, you name it, who showed up at our annual Family Weekend. The support they provide via their voluntary dues and annual silent auction is appreciated.

Doug Werthmann, dad of brother Luke Werthmann, for helping put up the outside Christmas lights again this year (no small task).

**Jeff Haynes, '88-1214**, of Custom Awards & Embroidery of Urbandale for supplying this year's name plates for our scholarship plaques.

## Fall Semester 2024 Chapter and Alumni Officers



**Our Exec Team for calendar year 2024, L-R: Jack White, HI; Nate Donlon, P; Nate Hander, VGP; Will Thomas, GP; Brooks Wee, SG; and Myles Alexander, VP of Membership.**

### Chapter Officers

GP (President)	Will Thomas, '22-1738
VGP (Vice President)	Nate Hander, '22-1742
P (Treasurer)	Nate Donlon, '22-1744
AG (Corresponding Secretary)	Sam Barnes, '23-1780
BG (Recording Secretary)	Carson Wilary, '22-1746
SG (Historian)	Brooks Wee, '22-1739
Hod (Messenger)	Joel Seifried, '23-1783
Hi (Chaplain)	Jack White, '21-1707
Phu (Sergeant-at-Arms)	Sam Shover, '21-1705
	Luke Shover, '22-1728

### Corporation Board

President:	Peter Anderson, '07-1337
Vice President:	Randy Minear, '76-1036
Secretary:	Andrew Allard, '10-1390
Treasurer:	Doug Fuller, '74-989
Assistant Treasurer:	Eric Lathrop, '11-1409
Director:	Jim Grabenbauer, '73-948
Director:	Michael Gilhooly, '78-1046
Director:	Greg Sanders, '78-1056
Director:	Tim Thompson, '85-1167

### Advisors

University Advisor:	Dr. Craig Anderson, IN Zeta '74
Chapter Advisor:	Bill Good, '69-864

### Chapter Advisory Committee

Finance:	Marty Kelly, '16-1506
Internal Affairs:	Michael Stone, '18-1569
Membership:	Alex Lev, '16-1508
Development:	Carson Feldman, '16-1518
Relations:	Adam Goldberg, '13-1445

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## Scholarships Awarded Fall Semester

### Most Valuable Brother Award



The Most Valuable Brother Award is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded through the ISU Foundation to the brother who has made the most positive impact on the chapter during the semester, as determined by the chapter. Two awards are presented each semester, one to an underclassman (first or second year of college) and one to an upperclassman (third year of college or above).

This scholarship was created and funded by **James P. Grabenbauer, '73-948**, with some initial help from **Jerry A. Soper, '73-956**. More recently, contributions sufficient to endow the scholarship have been added by **Gary F. Short, '58-699**, to honor his brother **Robert E. (Bob) Short, '59-712**, father-in-law **Charles F. (Chuc) Mason, '21-109**, brother-in-law **Charles R. (Dick) Mason, '61-756**, and **Arthur C. (Con) Short, '56-670**.

**Will Thomas, '22-1738** (Left, above), an Industrial Design major from Eden Prairie, MN, was the upperclassman recipient of the Fall 2024 Award. Will has served the chapter as GP, Brotherhood Co-Chair, and Steward. On campus, he has been heavily involved with various committees for the ISU Blood Drive.

**Joel Seifried, '23-1783**, a Supply Chain Management major from Hugo, MN, was the underclassman recipient of the Fall 2024 Award. Joel has served the chapter as House Manager, HOD, and Community Service Chair. He is a previous recipient of the chapter's Paul Troupe Emerging Leader award. On campus, he has served on a committee for the ISU Blood Drive and participated in Dance Marathon.

### William and Lindy Good Scholarship



The William and Lindy Good Scholarship is a \$5,000 scholarship awarded annually through the Phi Psi Foundation that serves to recognize a brother (generally a senior) who has put substantial effort into making Iowa Beta better during his undergraduate days and who shows potential for continuing his involvement with the chapter as an alumnus. The recipients are chosen by a committee appointed by the House Corporation Board, the current

members of which are: **Jim Watson, '70-882**; **Alex Lev, '16-1508**; and **Andrew Turner, '07-1343**.

This endowed scholarship was funded by a generous gift from **Dennis L. Stanley, '70-893**, and his wife Sherri to honor **Bill, '69-864**, and Lindy for their transformational impact on the Iowa Beta Chapter. The Stanleys' gift serves as an inspiration to new generations of leaders as well as a recognition of the long-term leadership of the Goods.

**Luke Werthmann '21-1718**, an Aerospace Engineering major from Des Moines, IA, was the recipient of the 2024-2025 Award. Luke has served the chapter as GP, Philanthropy Co-Chair, and Fraternity Educator Co-Chair. He was the recipient of the Spring 2024 Most Valuable Brother Award. On campus, he is a member of the Cardinal Key Honor Society, the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, and the University Honors Program.

### Kyle L. Goodell Spirit Award



The Kyle L. Goodell Spirit Award is a \$500 scholarship awarded each semester through the Phi Psi Foundation to a member who has demonstrated the spirit of Kyle L. Goodell (especially in the creative performance aspects of chapter life — performing or directing), as determined by the chapter.

This endowed scholarship honors **Kyle L. Goodell, '18-1566**, who died in a car accident shortly after graduating. It was created and funded by Kyle's parents, Todd and Donna Goodell, as a tribute to Kyle and his relationship with Phi Kappa Psi.

The spring semester 2024 recipient was **Carson Wilary, '22-1746**, a Criminal Justice and Accounting major from Inver Grove Heights, MN. Carson has served the chapter as: Recording Secretary (BG), Finance Chair, Fraternity Educator Co-Chair, and Judicial Review Chair. Like Kyle Goodell, Carson seemed to be involved in just about all aspects of the chapter's Homecoming activities this fall, and his efforts greatly helped bring home the first place trophy.

### Most Valuable Executive Committee Member



This is a \$750 scholarship awarded each semester through the Iowa Beta Chapter Endowed OneFund at the Phi Psi Foundation to the member of the Executive Committee that the committee deems to be the most valuable member for the semester.

The Exec member chosen for fall semester 2024 was **Myles Alexander, '22-1737**, a Mechanical Engineering major from New Berlin, IL, who served fall semester as the chapter's VP of Membership.

## New Roof for the Iowa Beta Chapter House

The shingled portion of the roof on the chapter house was replaced in July 2024, as a result of damage from a massive hail storm that hit Ames in March of 2023. The old shingles were installed in the summer of 2006, so we got about 17 years out of them. The cost to replace was \$38,557, and all but our \$2,500 deductible was covered by insurance.

We may not be so lucky next time. Our insurance policy has been revised so that, going forward, replacement cost will be paid only if the damaged shingles are no more than 15 years old. Further, the policy has been revised so that the deductible for water damage claims is now \$10,000, up from our normal deductible of \$2,500 — and water problems in a fraternity house are not that uncommon. The cost of doing business at 316 Lynn Ave. is going up — another reason why the ongoing support of our alumni is so appreciated.

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## GAC Awards and Recognitions for Iowa Beta



**Will Cooper** with his NIC Undergraduate Award of Distinction.



**Past GP Luke Werthmann (L)** and **GP Will Thomas**, with the plaques for the District V Award for Chapter Excellence and the Ralph D. Daniel Award for Excellence in Chapter Management.



The Phi Psi Foundation featured the stories of two scholarship recipients from the last biennium, our own **Evan Horak (L)** and **Ryan Schiltz**.



**Burns Davison (L)** and **Peter Anderson** respectively chaired and served on the GAC's State of the Fraternity Committee.



**L-R: Tom Marsden, Bill Good, and Jim Watson.** Bill received one of seven 2024 National Leadership Awards.

The 81st Grand Arch Council was held July 10 - 14, 2024, at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. We had a lot of Iowa Betans in attendance, and the chapter received plenty of recognitions.

One of those was the Chapter Excellence Award for District V. These awards are given to six chapters, one from each district, that exemplify the Fraternity's ideals, above and beyond. These six chapters then vie for the top honor, the Grand Chapter Award. While we did not receive Grand Chapter again (three of the last six years is probably sufficient), we were in the top six out of 90+ chapters.

The chapter also won the Ralph D. Daniel Award for Excellence in Chapter Management, which celebrates a chapter's organizational prowess. The award's criteria state: "Adept leadership, strategic planning, and effective administration are practiced by the awarded chapter, whose inclusive environment and commitment to operational efficiency result in positive outcomes."

The Phi Psi Foundation held a donor appreciation reception which featured the work of the Foundation, including the various scholarships that it grants. Two scholarship recipients were featured — Iowa Betans **Evan Horak, '20-1666**, and **Ryan Schiltz, '21-1715** — both of whom graduated last May. During their junior years, Evan and Ryan each received a \$2,500 Watkins Christian Scholars Award, and Ryan also received the \$7,500 Outstanding Solon E. Summerfield Scholar Award. A video was shown highlighting their college careers, and both were on hand to give remarks. They did a terrific job.

A representative of the North American Interfraternity Conference was on hand at the final banquet to present the NIC's Undergraduate Award of Distinction. This award recognizes seven fraternity men throughout the country who "through their collegiate experience, have found outlets for development as both leaders and as better men. They are exemplary members of their organizations, and serve their brothers, campuses, and fraternity/sorority communities with humble confidence." Our own **Will Cooper** was one of the recipients this year (and the only Phi Psi in the nation to receive one), and he was on hand to receive his honor.

The 2024 National Leadership Award recipients were also announced at the GAC. Introduced in 1998, this award recognizes notable Phi Psis for their professional achievements, the significant impact they have made in their communities, and the impression they have left on Phi Kappa Psi. Seven awards were presented this year and one of them went to **Bill Good, '69-864**, the first brother from Iowa Beta to receive this honor.

Besides those mentioned above, several other Iowa Betans were in attendance. **Burns Davison, '79-1079**, served as the Fraternity's Attorney General during the last biennium and during the convention. He also chaired the State of the Fraternity Committee. **Peter Anderson, '07-1337**, who has attended every convention since his initiation, also served on that committee, and was the primary drafter and presenter of its report to the convention.

Also attending some or all of the convention were: **Jim Watson, '70-882**, and his wife, **Tia; Tom Marsden, '70-884**, and his wife, **Phyllis; Kyle McGreevy, '10-1380; Brett Byriel, '11-1400; Eric Lathrop, '11-1409; George Melookaran, '12-1440; Will Greteman, '20-1686**; and undergraduates **Luke Werthmann, Will Thomas, and Sam Barnes**.

## Spotlight on: Dennis E. Stamp, '63-784

When I first entered Iowa State as a freshman in the fall of 1962, I'd always thought that life moved in a straight line. I'd graduate, go into my dad's business, have a couple of kids who'd go to Iowa State as well, and I'd retire somewhere not too far from where I'd grown up in Iowa. I didn't figure on the National Guard, Steamboat Springs, or Phoenix, but that's where my life's journey took me. I have to thank my education at ISU and my experience as a Phi Psi for making that journey successful.

In fact, my introduction to Phi Kappa Psi happened even before I entered ISU. I was a senior at Harlan Iowa High School, and we had a student coach on our football squad by the name of **Gary Astleford, '60-728**. Gary had graduated from ISU and was doing his student teaching in Harlan. He was from Lake City, Iowa, about 75 miles northeast of Harlan, but part of our Western Iowa Football Conference. Gary and I developed a friendship, and one day he asked me where I was going to go to college. Without hesitating I said, "Iowa State!" His eyes lit up and this big smile creased his face, eyes twinkling like he had something up his sleeve. He then asked if I'd ever thought of joining a fraternity, and I probably said, "Gee, I don't know." So then he brought up Phi Psi, and he said I could live in the fraternity house if I wanted.

That idea was new to me. When my dad graduated from ISU in 1938 with a degree in Agriculture, he lived off campus. When my brother graduated in 1963, he lived at Friley Hall and off campus. So this idea of living with a bunch of like-minded guys had a real appeal!

So, during the summer before I left for Ames, that initial conversation with Gary led to a visit from **Bob Fields, '61-747**, and **Dave Evans, '60-729**, who were from Red Oak, Iowa, about 50 miles due south from Harlan. They explained what the fraternity was all about, what they stood for, and what they did for the community. I was impressed.

That conversation started not only my enthusiasm for Phi Kappa Psi, but also, thanks to Dave Evans, I developed a long line of connections to Red Oak. In addition to Dave Evans and Bob Fields, there was **Jud Isebrands, '62-761**, **Daryl Hallquist, '62-760**, **Steve Simpson, '61-748**, **Rick Bell, '63-779**, **Dan Lefgren, '62-765**, **Dale Lindell, '63-775**, **Dennis Carlson, '63-776**, and **Doug Carlson, '65-809**.

Meanwhile, I had taken Gary Astleford's advice and attended Rush Week in the fall, knowing I was really hoping to be accepted into Phi Kappa Psi. A couple of weeks later, my life journey took another interesting turn. I'd played football at Harlan High, and was a pretty good athlete. I was glancing through the campus newspaper one day and saw a classified ad for a punter for the football team. What a thought! The ad said, "come try out to be on the Iowa State Cyclones squad."

Now, this wasn't new to coach Clay Stapleton. In fact, he had placed just such an ad for a punter several years before, and that ad brought us Gary Ellis, who was also shortstop on the Cyclones baseball team.

So I answered the ad and tried out. I didn't get selected, but the guy who did, **Scott Schaupp, '63-782**, became my roommate at Phi Psi. Scott was from Fort Dodge, Iowa, and he and I became friends and have been to this day.

Beyond my lifelong friendship with Scott Schaupp, my trying out for the football team was used by **Glen Evans, '61-737**, to introduce me to a long list of Cyclone football players who were Phi Psis — some of them All-Americans!

As you can see, my life as a Phi Psi was rich and full. We thrived as individuals but we grew as a fraternity of brothers who shared a common commitment to each other, to Iowa State, and to our deep roots as Iowans.

I remember one year, in the fall of 1964, a group of the brothers decided to provide turkeys for the entire chapter for Thanksgiving dinner. We invited the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court



(Theodore Garfield, Iowa Alpha), and he attended as our honored guest. Not only were we able to share a fantastic meal on a special occasion, but it reflected the values and credibility of our organization that such a distinguished jurist would join us to celebrate the holiday.

We didn't do all this alone, of course. Our perceived stature as a fraternity had a lot to do with the delicate (and sometimes not-so-delicate) guiding hand of Mom Greer. She managed to keep a band of 50 sometimes "rough-around-the-edges" young men in line by delivering thorough lessons on etiquette, table manners, and politeness. She put the shine on even the dullest apples. To this day I still remember proper table place settings, appropriate seating arrangements, and polite table manners. These are skills I've relied upon my entire life, whether in business or just as part of everyday living.

All these lessons and experiences led to one of the highlights of my life as a Phi Psi. In the fall of 1964, I was selected to serve as Rush Chairman for the chapter. My job was to meet and recruit prospective members fresh out of high school, from across Iowa and the surrounding areas. I was entrusted with a Phillips 66 credit card (remember them?) from the chapter, so I could buy gas for my recruiting trips. I was also provided housing at the chapter house. My dad bankrolled me for food, and I drove my grandfather's 1954 Ford two-door sedan. I was driving in tall corn!

I earned \$25 for every pledge signed after Rush Week. We signed up 26 new pledges that fall, and I earned \$650 for working the entire summer. I couldn't spend my earnings: they were applied to my house bill for the year. It was a fabulous experience. All the time I spent working with different people from all over the region, with different backgrounds and different perspectives and different objectives, helped shape my interpersonal skill set that served me so well later in life and in my various business pursuits.

I found these skills helpful, for example, when Vietnam came along. I joined the Iowa National Guard, where I ended up serving for six years. I didn't even walk with my graduating class in 1967; I graduated in absentia. I learned something else which was not on my original life plan — how to repair helicopters. I became a Crew Chief in charge of some very complex machinery and the men who kept them flying.

Along with my service in the National Guard, I joined Wilson Hybrids in 1967 as Sales Manager, and I supervised six Territory Managers from Iowa and the surrounding states. It was my role to oversee and motivate people. I realized that my experience as Rush Chairman for Phi Psi in 1964, where I met and motivated all kinds of people, helped me directly in my new position. We called on farmers with German, Dutch, and Polish backgrounds, you name it. Each of them had not only a different family history, but a particular place in the state. Their local soil conditions, weather patterns, and planting technologies dictated different solutions to their varying needs.

With Wilson's innovative hybrid processes and its commitment to customer service, we expanded and soon were a regional supplier of corn and soybeans. I became active in the larger organizational aspects of the business as well. I joined the Iowa Seed Association and the American Seed Association, serving in various administrative offices, and speaking about marketing and business trends at association meetings and conventions.

I stayed with Wilson Hybrids for 17 years. When the company was sold to the French agricultural and science company, LaFarge, in 1984, I stayed on as President for the next five years.

As I was getting older, I remembered a great interview on television with Arnold Palmer. This was back when he and Jack Nicholas and Gary Player had made golf into a fun spectator sport. Arnold said he loved golf, and he hoped to make his living doing



something he loved. He succeeded! I remembered his ambition and determination. I had always loved to hunt and fish. So I figured there had to be a way to make a living at it!

I was lucky enough to have the right life partner to help achieve that dream. I met Janet (Jan) Black during my last year at Iowa State. She was a Home Economics major, graduating in 1966. That was the year we were married. We ended up with three sons — Dirk, Brad, and Aaron — who all live in Colorado. Currently, Brad's daughter is at Iowa State, graduating in 2026. That makes four generations of Stamps at the school. My dad graduated in 1938, my brother in 1963, me in 1967, and Brad in 1991 — 86 years and four generations!

Jan and I hit it off from the first time we met. We both love the outdoors, skiing and golf in addition to hunting, fishing, and horses.

One time we were skiing in Aspen, Colorado, and someone told us we should try Steamboat Springs, nearly three hours north of Aspen in a more remote part of the Rocky Mountains. We fell in love with the area and bought a condo for family getaways.

Well, in another one of the odd turns in my life, I happened to ask our realtor one day if she knew of any properties in the area. She told me about a ranch 25 miles south of Steamboat Springs. That was it! Jan and I bought the place without her ever seeing it. She has always been a can-do person who embraces adventure, so we figured we could make it into something.

It was 100 acres adjacent to thousands of acres of National Forest and protected land. It was too far from Steamboat Springs ski areas to serve as a ski lodge. I bought a used Snow-Cat groomer, and we turned our property into a cross-country ski area for the winter. We offered horseback riding and pack trips with fishing in the summer, and then hunting trips in the fall. We became a destination resort for weddings and corporate events, hosting more than 110 weddings in 20 years.

Here I was doing exactly what Arnold Palmer had talked about, making a living doing something I loved, and doing it with my life partner from Iowa State!

We sold the ranch in 2019 and moved to Surprise, Arizona, northwest of Phoenix. We still play golf, but Jan noticed I was slowing down physically. Wise partner that she has always been, she said I'd better figure out something to do with my time. I've since taken up painting and joined the local art club. My work is mostly about scenes I know: western scenes of horses, cowboys, and people at work on the land. People ask, "Do you sell your paintings?" My reply is, "Can't." They ask why that is, and my reply is, "They're priceless!"

Even though we live in Arizona, Iowa is always at our core. We still have farmland in Iowa, and many friends we get back to see as often as we can. On a game day you can see us proudly flying the Iowa State banner in our front yard.



That's where this life journey began — at Iowa State and Phi Kappa Psi. Looking back now, I realize what a huge debt of gratitude I owe Gary Astleford when he first asked me that fateful day at Harlan High school, "Where do you plan to go to college?" I proudly said, "Iowa State!" What a journey!

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## Cyclo-gram

**Kenneth W. Sweeney, '56-665**, is retired. His wife, Susan (U of WA), is recently deceased. He is a member of the Port Angeles Rotary Club and the North Olympic Land Trust. "My son Gregg and his wife moved back to Washington after 21 years as a Navy pilot. Now he flies for Alaska Airlines. They gave us a granddaughter in July 2024." Call Ken at 360-775-1402, or send e-mail to sweendog1955@gmail.com

## Obituaries

**William A. Dinham, Jr., '50-517**, of Wenatchee, Washington, died October 3, 2024, at age 94.

**Gary L. Biederman, '75-1001**, of Everly, Iowa, passed away on February 27, 2025. Gary was born in 1952 in Osage, Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State University in 1978. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He married Susan Plank in 1979 in Cedar Rapids. They later divorced. Gary spent over 30 years working his dream job for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. His hobbies and interests included fishing, hunting, camping, teaching, and history. Gary enjoyed educating the public about natural resources through his weekly radio update on KICD, Kid's Fish Day, and numerous other public outreach engagements. He was a former president of the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club and an active member of Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited. Gary is survived by his daughter, Michelle; son, Michael; and a granddaughter.

**Nicholas H. "Nik" Tucker, '11-1405**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died October 23, 2024. Nik was born in 1992 in Des Moines. Graduating with the Class of 2010 from Johnston High School, Nik went on to attend Iowa State University and later Mississippi State University, where he completed his degree in chemical engineering. An active member of the youth group at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Urbandale, Iowa, Nik was also involved in wrestling and football during high school, and enjoyed online gaming.

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