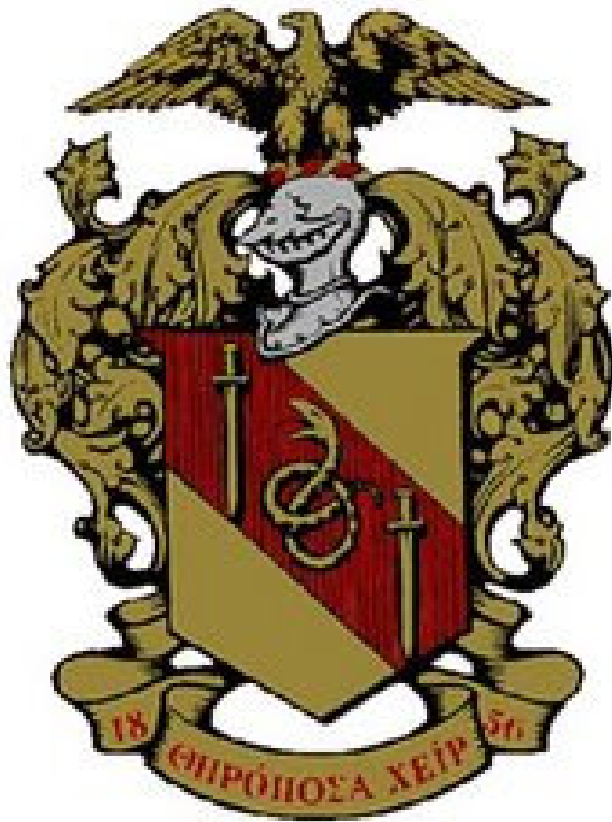


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## Phi Arrow



Fall 2006

The logo for Theta Chi, featuring the Greek letters Θ and Χ in a stylized font, with the letters T, H, E, A, C, H, I arranged around them.

## A letter from Phi Chapter President

Hello Brothers of Phi Chapter,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. We started the summer off doing very well here at Phi Chapter. We had 10 undergraduate members represent Phi Chapter at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention held at Norwich University in Vermont to celebrate Theta Chi's 150<sup>th</sup> year in existence. The convention was three days full of events that had a great ending with Phi Chapter receiving its 8<sup>th</sup> Alter Award. We look forward to the continuing success of the chapter for many years to come.

Summing up last spring we were able to initiate seven new members into Phi Chapter and lost six members due to graduation. The recent graduates' influence and leadership qualities will be missed within the chapter. Currently we have pledged twelve new members into the chapter for this fall's class. These new members will be added to the 40 active members we have currently. If there are any potential new members that you know of coming to NDSU, please pass the name along to us.

Phi Chapter is proving itself in the area of academics once again with a GPA of 2.92 for the spring semester. This ranked our chapter second among all of the other fraternities on campus. This area of success has been a big contributor to our recruitment efforts.

A big part of our philanthropy and recruiting is our annual Johnny Holm concert, which was very successful. This year we made enough money to donate \$3,000 to Fargo/Moorhead's Y.W.C.A.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming on October 14<sup>th</sup> when we take on Mississippi Valley State. This is always a great opportunity to get everyone together and support the Bison along with sharing many great memories of Theta Chi.

It has been a great experience serving as the President of Phi Chapter this past spring and I am looking forward to an even better fall. I ask that if you have any questions or comments to please call the house at 701-237-5830 or email me at [phipres@yahoo.com](mailto:phipres@yahoo.com).

Faternally,

Peter Gates  
1677  
Phi Chapter President

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## A letter from Phi Chapter Alumni President

Greetings Brothers of Phi Chapter,

First, I'd like to thank those of you who turned up for yet another great Pig Banquet. It's always good to see new and old faces. Since then we've had an interesting summer with the hot weather and world events seemingly affecting all of us, so I hope this Arrow finds you well and in high spirits about the coming year.

With Homecoming right around the corner, I'm getting pumped for the parade...I mean the football game with the Bison Football season now under way! It's always a great weekend to hang out at Chub's, spend some time at the house, and cheer on the Bison. I'm always curious who will be wearing the oldest Theta Chi jacket with most holes in it.

Another can't miss football game is the Bison/Gopher game October 21<sup>st</sup> in Minneapolis, MN. There are a couple different groups planning on attending, many of which are Theta Chi Alumni. The following is a tentative outline of what the plan for the game is so far:

You may still be able to order your tickets and identify yourself with the "Theta Chi" group. As long as you call in prior to NDSU getting their seats, the ticket office will do their best to seat us



together. Check out the NDSU Alumni Association website for information on ordering tickets. <http://www.ndsualumni.com/coe/mnpregame/hotel.htm>. Also check out the website for updates on where to meet before the game. The Alumni Association is setting up a tent where you can order beverages and booze. They plan to have a food vendor next to the tent. However, you would NOT be able to bring your own grill or booze to this spot. To do that, you would need to set-up your own tailgating spot. The regular tailgating space is available next to the Target Center and then you would need to ride the light transit to the game. Please keep an eye on the NDSU Alumni website for

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information on how to get to their spot and how to set-up separate tailgating. This is the best information I have on tailgating at this point, although I'm sure it won't be hard to find the rowdy Theta Chi tailgating parties, just look for the tall skinny guy.

As far as Phi Alumni business goes, the hot topic is "House repair and improvement". With the decision to not go ahead with the Scholarship fund at the alumni meeting, we are looking to focus our attention and hopefully resources on the needs of the chapter house. A few areas that have been brought to our attention are the roof, lady's head, and parking lot. We welcome any and all suggestions as to where you see the current and future needs, so the next time your in Phi-land please take a look around the house and let us know what you think. Point to Ponder: As fall is closing in, we're planning our winter home projects. Have I forgotten about my home in the Theta Chi House.

Love and Respect,

Collin D Miller  
1494

## Theta Chi 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention

This past summer was Theta Chi's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention. For this special occasion, we went back to where our fraternity was founded; Norwich University in Vermont. Phi Chapter sent 10 members to the convention, and 2 Phi alumnus brothers were present, as well.

The business portion of the Convention consisted of electing and re-electing members of the Grand Chapter, legislation regarding Alcohol Free Housing, and a committee was set



up to explore the possibility of adding an undergraduate member to the Grand Chapter.

Unlike most summer conventions, there were not many breakout educational sessions this year. The 150<sup>th</sup> was largely a celebration. In light of this, a skit involving Freeman and Chase deciding to found Theta Chi was performed, and the oldest known version of the Ritual

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was demonstrated. One afternoon was spent visiting the town of Norwich and viewing a marker which shows the spot where the Old South Barracks used to stand. A Theta Chi Museum drew a very large crowd. There were several items on display, including swords from Alpha Chapter, a video from the 100<sup>th</sup> Convention, and even an old Alpha Mu badge. Over 400 people went through this museum in 2 days.

Several speakers gave presentations. Among these were Brother Bob Arnold, who shared some very interesting and inspiring stories, and Brother Nick Del Calzo, who shared with those in attendance the work he has done chronicling Congressional Medal of Honor winners. We also celebrated and remembered the life of Brother James Burt, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The Convention was concluded with a formal banquet where awards were presented. Phi Chapter was recognized once again and received it's 8<sup>th</sup> Alter Award, which leads the Fraternity. Closing remarks were given by Jim Hardwick, Phi '87.

Fraternally,

Joel Gifford, 1696

## **Phi Chapter Says Farewell to a Wonderful Woman**

As some of you may know or may not know, Phi Chapter's cook for the past 10 years, Betty Heuer, is retiring this upcoming October. She has played a big part in many of our lives and her wonderful meals will be dearly missed.

Dear Men of Theta Chi,

As I reflect back the February 1996, a dear friend recommended me for this job. I subsequently was interviewed and hired. Little did I know then what an important part of my life you would become. Now ten years have past and I have so enjoyed being your cook. We have shared some wonderful times together. I have watched each of you grow into young men with purpose and goals for your lives. I have many treasured memories, and it was amidst tears that I wrote my resignation letter. But now seems the right time for me to move into the retirement phase of my life.

I hope I will see many of you in the years to come. I will be watching the wedding announcements and the business pages for news of you.

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You have kept me young, even though I could qualify as “Grandma” to each of you. I have appreciated the respect I received from you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives. Theta Chi will always have a special place in my hear.

Now I want to wish each of you the very best in your career, marriages, etc. May God richly bless each of you.

With Caring and Love,  
Betty Heuer

Thank you Betty and we all wish you the very best!

## Pro-PHI-le: Chris Shauer- Phi '96, 1424

(Farm Ranch Guide, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006)

Chris Shauer has been appointed North Dakota State University Hettinger Research Extension Center director, according to Ken Grafton, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station director and NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources dean. Shauer replaces Tim Faller, who retired as director in February.

Shauer has been doing post-doctoral research at the Hettinger REC since 2003. He was the principal investigator for research evaluating supra-supplementation of selenium to finishing lambs, alternative forages for beef cattle backgrounding ration, alternative supplementation strategies for grazing cows and alternative uses of Conservation Reserve Program lands.

In addition, Shauer is responsible for research evaluating the selenium status of grazing bison, alternative lamb-finishing rations, dormant-season grazing on western rangeland and multispecies grazing on leafy spurge-infested rangelands. Shauer completed his undergraduate and master's degree at NDSU and his doctorate degree in animal science at Oregon State University.



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## Homecoming 2006

It's that time of year again. It's that time to get together with old friends, and some new ones, crack open a few and watch some football. That's right, it's homecoming time once again. The homecoming football game this year is on October 14, and just like every other year, we expect a Bison victory. Below is the schedule which is very similar to last year. I hope to see all of you there!



October 13: Chub's in the evening  
October 14: Meet at the house at 9 AM  
Parade at 10 AM  
Tailgating afterwards  
KICKOFF! at 1 PM



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## Pig Banquet-March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007



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## *Births*

Kate Mabel to Jon & Darcy Kragness on May 2, 2006; Elk Grove Village, IL  
Julia Marie Bartsch to Eric & Kathryn Bartsch, on June 5, 2006; Bismarck, ND  
Shelby Quinn to Jason & Ericka Middaugh on May 23, 2006; Fargo ND  
Robert Knor to Robby & AnnaMarie Knorr; Maricopa, AZ  
Ava Reeck to Eric & Heather Reeck; Columbus, IN  
Kelly Shauer to Chris & Ronda Schauer on; Hettinger, ND  
Carson Blake Griffin to Blake & Laura Griffin; Fargo, ND

## *Weddings*

Joel Jennissen & Marilee Haas in Osakis, MN on April 29, 2006  
Jason Schmitt & Denise Dattomo in Cincinnati, OH on May 13, 2006  
Jason Gates & Sarah Buyck in Benson, MN on April 22, 2006  
Jon Dickson & Kylie Breland in Fargo, ND on June 24, 2006  
Traivs Hedberg & Leah Armstrong in Minot, ND on July 15, 2006  
Brad Lorentz & Melissa Kroshus in Detroit Lakes, MN on September 13, 2006

## *Engagements*

Shawn Nieuwsma & Lindsay O'Brien

**\*Please email any wedding, births, engagements or announcements to:  
Mark Puppe: [mark\\_puppe@hotmail.com](mailto:mark_puppe@hotmail.com)**

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## Theta Chi For Life

The Alumni Council would like to extend Fraternity Honors to the following that have made the commitment to the Theta Chi for Life Fund. As of September 2006, 25 Brothers have completed their \$1000 donation. Another 40 Brothers have committed themselves to helping the Theta Chi for Life Fund and 24 have made a one time contribution to the fund. At least 5 of the Brothers who have completed the donation have signed up for another five years and are challenging the rest of you to do the same.

So, if you haven't already, we challenge each and every one of you to commit \$200 per year for the next five years. All funds are sent to the Alumni Treasurer and then put directly toward paying off the mortgage early. If mailing check, please make payable to and mail to:

Theta Chi Alumni  
P.O. Box 163  
West Fargo,  
ND 58078-0163

Or register at [phionline.org](http://phionline.org) (donations can also be made via credit card). If you have any questions concerning Theta Chi for Life Fund, please contact Clint Severance at 701-347-0052.

### Theta Chi for Life Contribution complete:

Dennis Agnew Φ Paul Backland Φ Eric Bartsch Φ Chub's Pub – Jason Φ Jon Dickson  
Roger Gjellstad Φ Jim Gompf Φ Blake Griffin Φ Russ Handegard Φ Brian Hankel  
Troy Hedberg Φ Dale Hetland Φ Joel Jennissen Φ Doug Johnson Φ Eric Lembke  
Kelly J. Linster Φ Jamie Livingston Φ Collin Miller Φ David Miller  
John T. Nordgaard Φ Christopher R. Olson Φ Bryan K. Schulz Φ Mike Tobias  
Wes Tossett Φ Roger L. Williams

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Brian Fjosne Φ Douglas Gasal Φ Jason Gates Φ Kim Gutenkunst Φ Bob Haines  
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Eric Moberg Φ Jarett P. Mogen Φ Glenn Mueller Φ Troy Olson Φ Bruce Ovind  
 Mark Puppe Φ Timothy Raap Φ Aaron Reinholz Φ Travis Reno Φ Cameron Rudolph  
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 Clair Watne Φ Jon Weng

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 West Fargo, ND 58078-0163

## A Letter from the Editor

Thank you all very much for taking the time to read the Fall 2006 edition of the Phi Arrow. This being my second Arrow, I am proud to say that I enjoyed putting it together. It has been a privilege for me to add another chapter to its rich history. I hope that all of you are living happily and doing well.

I would like to extend much thanks to the people that helped to make this edition. I would like to thank Peter Gates, Collin Miller, Joel Gifford, Clint Severance, Mark Puppe, John Thorson, Seth Bowman, Betty Heuer and anybody else who contributed to the Fall 2006 Arrow.

I look forward to seeing everybody at Homecoming!

Fraternally,

ChrisGroth,1718

