



Making Better Men
AGR 2nd Century at NDSU

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Campaign Committee Wants to Break \$1 Million by Homecoming!

Although Epsilon's 2nd Century Campaign has not officially launched, financial support of the project is growing daily. Over 60 brothers have stepped forward with pledges and gifts to build our total to \$622,000.

"We're in the Quiet Phase of the campaign," says Gregg Halverson '71. "Our goal is to formally launch the campaign to all undergraduate and alumni brothers when we have over \$1 million committed. The amazing thing is we're over half way there with just 60 donors. We have the potential to break \$1 million easily by Homecoming 2008."

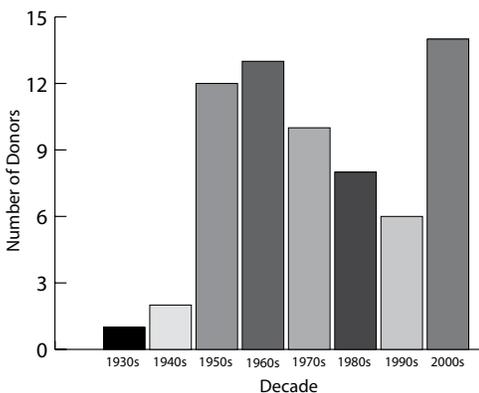
Although all gifts are appreciated, we're working hard to meet one-on-one with brothers to personally encourage them to give at

the leadership gift level of \$10,000 or more over a five year period. These gifts are an inspiration or a motivator for other alumni to get on board, and will ensure that we'll celebrate our 100th anniversary in a newly renovated, expanded chapter house!"



Gregg Halverson, Campaign Chair

Recent Grads Lead All Donors



To achieve our goal of \$1.75 million Epsilon needs:

1 gift of	\$250,000 or more
2 gifts of	\$100,000 - \$249,999
5 gifts of	\$50,000 - \$99,999
12 gifts of	\$25,000 - \$49,999
30 gifts of	\$10,000 - \$24,999
50 gifts of	\$5,000 - \$9,999
175 gifts of	\$1,000 - \$4,999
100 gifts of	\$500 - \$999
Many	Up to \$499

"Every gift is appreciated. But to achieve our goal of \$1.75 million in a timely and efficient manner, we need gifts and pledges that will make an impact, including inspiring others to give generously."

Gregg Halverson '71



"A Tribute Can Recognize Special AGRs, Family or Friends"

Donors to Epsilon's 2nd Century Campaign have a variety of reasons for giving. It's "payback" for personal development. It's an insurance policy to guarantee AGR's leadership position at NDSU. It's a tax deduction or benefit. But have you considered that your gift could serve as a tribute to an Epsilon brother or house staff, family member, colleague, or favorite professor?

"These special acknowledgements are possible," says Don Schwartz '57, Tribute Chair. "I know that I am not alone when I think of the positive influence that our house-mother and many brothers had on my life and the lives of others, then and now. This is the perfect time, as we initiate our 2nd century as a chapter, to honor these significant

individuals with a tribute that will live long beyond the campaign." If there is someone living or deceased whom you'd like to recognize, consider making a gift at the

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room naming level (see naming opportunities below). In doing so, you will become a Tribute champion for your honoree. Later, other alumni will be encouraged to add to

your tribute, increasing the impact of your original gift, and enhancing the visibility of your honoree to future generations of NDSU AGRs.

"Making a Tribute gift is a win-win for you the donor and Epsilon Chapter," adds Don. "All gifts to the campaign are appreciated, but a Tribute has legs. It will permanently honor individuals who helped shape our chapter and ourselves, their communities, and our state and nation."

For more information on creating a Tribute, contact Don Schwartz at dfs9@cornell.edu or 607-387-4435, or Bill Harbeke at 701-277-9681 or goldieh@juno.com.

"Naming Opportunities Available for Leadership Gifts" – Three Already Spoken For!

Size of Gift	Building Target
\$250,000 or more	Parlor, Scholarship Fund
\$100,000 - \$249,999	Library, Dining Room
\$50,000 - \$99,999	Living Room, Patio, Game Room, Second and Third Floor Study Rooms
\$25,000 - \$49,999	5 New Resident Rooms Created by Expansion
\$10,000 - \$24,999	Your Choice of existing Resident Rooms

How Does the Campaign Work?

- All gifts to Epsilon are tax deductible.
- Cash and non cash gifts – including marketable real estate, appreciated securities, life insurance, commodities and others – can be accepted.
- Donors can make payments on pledges over a five year period.
- Matching gifts can be received.

“Renovation Q&A”

Why Renovate?

On the NDSU campus, Greek housing must go beyond providing the bare necessities of student living; more than just a place to eat, sleep and study. Living options are numerous on and off-campus, therefore students can afford to be selective.

Privacy figures heavily in the decision-making process. Students want their own bedrooms, baths and study areas. Unlike a dorm or an apartment which can cater to individual needs, AGR is in the business of building a brotherhood or community that will live on long after graduation, as well as promoting leadership development and personal growth. Beyond rising maintenance and utility costs, and code compliance issues typical of an old building, how does Epsilon balance privacy and community in an 80-year old chapter house? With the “best address on campus,” and a sound basic struc-

ture, House Corp. has determined that renovating and expanding the current facility makes sound business sense.

How Does Epsilon’s Renovation Compare to Others?”

House Corp. is projecting that construction costs for the renovation and expansion of the chapter house will not exceed \$1.4 million. This is definitely in the same ball park as other fraternity projects across the country and on the NDSU campus. Consider:

- \$750,000, Alpha Eta - University of Georgia
- \$1.3 million, Iota - University of Wisconsin
- \$1.5 million, Alpha Zeta - Kansas State University
- \$2.4 million, Theta - University of Missouri
- \$1.45 million, Zeta – Cornell University



At NDSU, SAE recently spent between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million on their renovation project, and FarmHouse has established a goal of \$1.6 million to fund their new construction.

When Will the Renovation Start?

The Building Committee, chaired by Mike Vipond ’82, would like to break ground at Homecoming 2009. Major construction would begin Spring Semester 2010, with the undergraduates relocated to single facility if possible. Completion of the project is projected for July 2010 in time for Fall Rush.

2nd Century Campaign Includes Scholarships!

There’s no escaping the fact that college costs are rising. According to recently released reports from the College Board, most students and their families can expect to pay, on average, from \$95 to \$1,404 more than last year for this year’s tuition and fees, depending on the type of college. Students will pay, on average, from \$371 to \$406 more than last year for this year’s room and board, depending on the type of college. And the average surcharge for full-time out-of-state students at public four-year institutions is \$10,455.

The statistics show that about two-thirds of all full-time undergraduate students receive grant aid. In 2007-08, estimated aid in the form of grants and tax benefits averaged about \$2,040 per student at public two-year colleges, about \$3,600 at

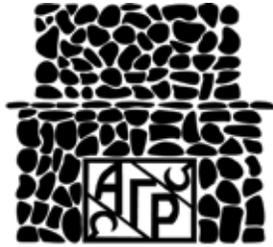
public four-year colleges, and about \$9,300 per student at private four-year colleges.

Epsilon Chapter can help young men at NDSU through your support of the 2nd Century Campaign. With the ability to provide up to six scholarships per semester, House Corp. believes freshmen recruitment efforts can be strengthened, and upperclassmen would welcome relief from rising expenses. Expect more details on Epsilon’s proposed scholarship program shortly.



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“I believe in the project because in order to stay competitive with other student housing options, AGR has to update. I am personally committed because I believe that I graduated from NDSU because of Epsilon Chapter.”

Bruce Fagerholt ‘70

“The upgrading at 1303 is a necessary and exciting project. The support of the brothers has been overwhelming and fun. The students of today are dedicated and motivated for all the right reasons and deserve our strong commitment to the future of Epsilon.”

Keith Bjerke ‘61

