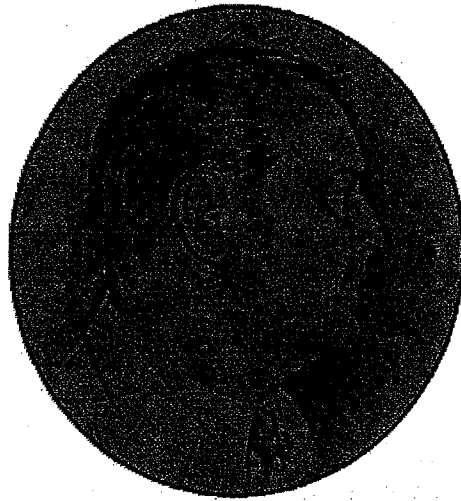


*Phi Chapter*

**Theta Chi**  
**Fraternity**



**Howard R. Alter, Jr.**  
Award for Chapter Excellence

***Section***  
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*Scholarship Programming*

THETA CHI FRATERNITY  
**Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter  
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SECTION THREE  
**Scholarship Programming**

**Goal:** *To emphasize and encourage scholarship and academics through a chapter scholarship program. Chapters should be above the all men's average and all fraternity grade point average. The scholarship program should contain educational programming for all initiates and new members, should involve guest speakers and seminars, a tutorial program, awards, and other special meetings or support.*

- A. Please circle the grade equivalency basis used at your university.**

NDSU has a grading scale based on a 4.0 GPA.

- B. What was the campus all-men's average for fall semester 2005? Include winter quarter statistics if applicable.**

The NDSU all men's average for fall 2005 is not available, due to problems with the new Peoplesoft software used by the campus.

- C. What was the campus all-fraternity average (combination of new members and initiates) for fall semester 2005? Include statistics for winter quarter if applicable.**

The all-fraternity average for fall of 2005 was 2.818.

- D. What was your chapter/colony/interest group's GPA for the fall semester 2005 for initiates? New members? Combined? Include winter quarter statistics if applicable. This is semester/quarter GPA, no cumulative GPA.**

Our chapter GPA for the fall semester of 2005 for initiates was 2.992. The GPA for our new members was 2.371. Our all-house GPA was 2.888.

- E. How did the chapter rank among all men's fraternities for fall semester 2005? Include the total number of fraternities. (For example – the chapter placed 2<sup>nd</sup> of 15.) Include winter quarter statistics if applicable.**

Our chapter was ranked 4th out of 10 fraternities.

- F. List all members who received recognition for academic achievement in the 2005-2006 academic year. Include such honors as Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, National Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha, other honor societies, and any other applicable academic recognition.**

Benjamin Buresh - Dean's List (4.0), Phi Eta Sigma  
Joel Gifford - Dean's List  
Tom Hassenstab - Dean's List (4.0), Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key  
Ryan Holtan - Order of Omega  
Pat Hoolihan - Dean's List  
Adam Larson - Dean's List, Phi Eta Sigma, Order of Omega  
Eric Larson - Dean's List  
Justin Schaub - Dean's List  
Shawn Nieuwsma - Order of Omega  
Neil Wells - Dean's List, Phi Eta Sigma  
Kellyn Wolff - Dean's List, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

- G. What grade point average must a member or new member maintain to remain in good standing with the chapter? What happens if a member or new member falls below this average?**

A member or new member must maintain a 2.5 or better GPA to remain on good standing with the chapter. If any member falls below a 2.5, they are placed on academic probation. This consists of several things, including mandatory study hours, which are regulated by the scholarship chairman. Those members on study hours must spend at least 4 hours studying on their own in a place approved by the scholarship chairman, for example the library. They must also report to the Academic Collegiate Enhancement, or ACE, program on campus for at least 4 hours. The ACE program is a walk in study/tutor session where designated tutors will help students in need of assistance with homework or studying. Students and members can also study in groups. Members on study hours are also required to attend a study skill workshops offered. This semester it was a time management and study tips session put on by the ACE program. If a member does not meet the required hours, they are not allowed to participate in the next social event held by the chapter. A member can remove himself from study hours and probation if they meet with the scholarship committee with a formal grade sheet signed by each professor showing that they are currently above a 2.5 GPA. If a member is below a 2.5 for two consecutive semesters, then they are placed on academic probation and social probation. When this happens, they cannot attend any social event all semester. If a member falls below a 2.5 for 3 consecutive semesters, then he is brought up for suspension from Theta Chi Fraternity. If a new member is below a 2.5, then they are not initiated.

**H. Are the academic expectations for chapter officers higher than those for members or new members? Describe.**

✓ Both chapter officers and members are expected to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, although chapter officers are expected to lead by example and strive to achieve in the classroom. An officer must maintain a 2.5 GPA to stay in office.

**I. How many initiates have a grade point average below that of the all-fraternity average? How many new members have a grade point average below that of the all-fraternity average?**

In the fall semester of 2005, 13 initiates had a GPA below that of the all-fraternity average. 5 new members were below the all-fraternity average in the fall semester of 2005.

**J. Does the chapter currently utilize an Academic Advisor or a Faculty Advisor? If so, describe any assistance he/she has offered the chapter and provide a letter from the advisor verifying this information.**

✓ Our advisor, Dr. Joseph Brennan, has been a great addition to our chapter. He is always there when needed. Whenever there is a question, or we sponsor an event, he is there to help. He also comes over for our Monday night meals. We are happy to have an enthusiastic faculty advisor like Dr. Brennan. We are looking forward to an even closer relationship with him in the future. He verifies this information in his letter of recommendation in section sixteen.

**K. Please provide the name of the Scholarship Chairman and the names of members/new members on the chapter Scholarship Committee. Please describe the role of the Scholarship Committee.**

Chairman: Nicholas Bullinger

Committee Members: Joel Gifford

Adam Larson

Tom Hassenstab

Kevin Fries

Josh Sheets

Our chapter scholarship committee has many important functions. We hold regular meetings to discuss some new goals, ideas, and how we can get more participation in the scholarship program. We have input not only from the members of the committee, but also from other members of the chapter to see how we can get them interested in participating. We also help the FSC committee to enforce the legislation regarding academic standards in our by-laws and constitution.

**L. Describe the chapter scholarship program. Please include in your description the following aspects of chapter programming:**

**1. Speakers or seminars related to scholarship—list the members/new members who attended.**

One of the ways our scholarship program involves speakers and seminars with the chapter is by inviting informative speakers to speak before our Monday night meals. Some of the speakers consist of student body presidential candidates, speakers warning of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, the head football coach, even the Governor of North Dakota has visited us recently. We generally do not need to take attendance at our Monday night meals because of the strong attendance that is always present. Any skills workshops that are current with study habits or speakers with the same agenda are weaved into our scholarship program. Therefore all members on academic probation are required to attend, although those not on academic probation are also encouraged to go.

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**2. Tutoring or assistance programs.**

Our chapter has a variety of different tutoring or assistance programs available to it. The first of which is the ACE program that was mentioned and has been incorporated into mandatory study hours. Members who go to this program feel that it greatly helps them out. In fact, several members who have successfully gotten themselves off academic probation have continued going. This service as well as another, called Super Tutor, are available to all members and new members. Super Tutor is a more individual based tutoring program. Instead of just walking in and finding a tutor, it is necessary to set up a meeting with a tutor and they will help you out. As for tutoring and assistance in our own chapter house, there are a few things that we do to help out the members. First of all, members sign up on a sheet of what classes they have and what they want help in, then other members can look at this and set up a time to help each other out, or study for a final together. We have found this to be very effective, because sometimes two people will be in a class together all semester and not know it until they look at the sheet. Many members also make use of the library in our chapter house, which has notes, old homework assignments, and old tests from many classes.

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**3. Awards or incentives used (provide examples if available).**

Our chapter gives out many awards for academic excellence. To start off, we have an awards banquet to give out awards for members from the previous semester. These awards include: Most Improved, Dean's list, above a 3.0 GPA, 4.0 GPA, and the Slugger Award. The Slugger Award

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goes to the member who has the highest GPA combined with the most course credits. This award is an actual Louisville Slugger on a plaque. The member who receives it gets to sign his name on it and gets bragging rights all semester. Other awards that we give out include gift certificates to a local restaurant. To get the certificates, members must sign up for study teams at the beginning of the semester and record all study hours that they did that week. The team with the most hours each week is recognized at each meeting. At the end of the semester, the team who has the most hours and the individual that studied the most get the certificates. Everyone seems to enjoy this program and the competition shows that.

4. **Any other programming or support offered to chapter members and new members.**

Our Scholarship Committee posts recent scholarships that can be applied for. These range from Theta Chi scholarships to basic online application scholarships. They are posted on the main floor where all members have access and are encouraged to take part in filling them out. Also there is a Greek study room that has been set up by the InterFraternity Council. This study room is open up to 3 days a week and can be accessed by any Greeks. There is a sign up sheet to monitor the usage of this room. The turnout has been successful and many of our members are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Every new member at our chapter must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA in order to be initiated. Because we initiate before the end of the semester it is difficult to obtain an exact GPA from each prospective member. To overcome this, we send each member out to their classes before initiation to obtain a signed sheet from their professor with their current grade on it. New members receive their class rank and activation number in order of highest GPA to lowest. Alma Mater first, Theta Chi for Alma Mater.

**Please include a printout or document from your Greek advisor or Dean of Students which includes documentation of the chapter GPA, all-male average, and all-fraternity average. If your college or university does not compute or release grade point statistics for Greek organizations, please submit a letter from the Dean of Students or Greek Advisor verifying that fact and also verifying that he or she is satisfied with the academic performance of the chapter (for initiates and new members).**

Attached

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
 MEMORIAL UNION STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE  
 FALL 2005

**All Campus Semester Grade Point Averages**

	Undergraduate	Graduate
Men		
Women		
Campus Average		

**College and Class Semester Averages**

Agriculture			Total Greeks =	469	All Greek Avg. =	2.943
Arts/Humanities/Soc. Sci			Actives =	348	Actives Avg. =	2.991
Business			New Members =	121	New Member Avg.^ =	2.798
Engineering/Architecture						
Human Dev. & Education			Fraternity Total =	289	Fraternity Avg. =	2.818
Pharmacy			Sorority Total =	172	Sorority Avg. =	3.140
Science & Math						
University Studies						

**Fraternity and Sorority Averages**

	Number	All House	Active	New Member^	All Greek Rank	F/S Rank
Alpha Gamma Delta	60	3.140	3.090	3.267	4	1
Ceres	12	3.118	3.167	3.000	6	3
Alpha Theta	49	3.056	3.132	2.891	7	4
Alpha Delta	45	3.132	3.264	2.883	5	2
Alpha Gamma Rho	32	3.165	3.225	2.644	3	2
Alpha Tau Omega	40	2.779	3.029	2.410	10	5
Delta Upsilon	17	3.049	3.052	3.000	8	3
FarmHouse	33	3.314	3.314	3.317	2	1
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	24	2.418	2.375	2.793	14	9
Sigma Chi	22	2.597	2.532	2.684	11	6
Sigma Nu	25	2.583	2.628	2.480	12	7
Sigma Phi Delta	21	2.333	2.304	2.439	15	10
Theta Chi	44	2.888	2.992	2.371	9	4
Tau Kappa Epsilon	33	2.568	2.565	2.578	13	8
Alpha Omega Epsilon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kappa Psi	12	3.582	3.582	N/A	1	1

Dean's List Information:  
 Not Available at this time

Percent on Dean's List:

