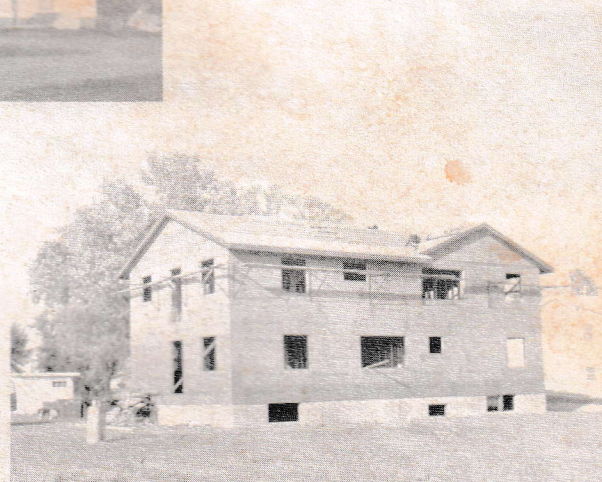
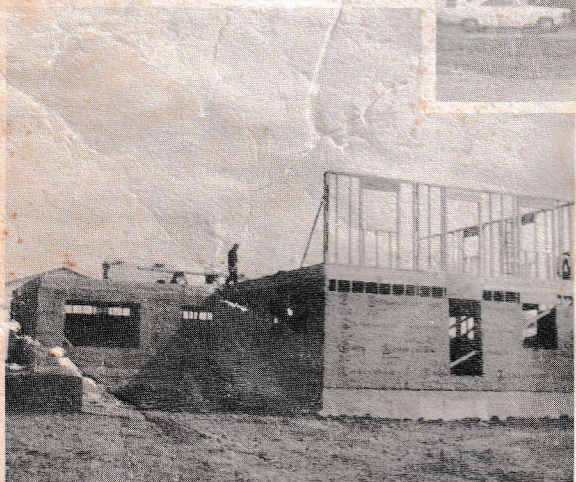
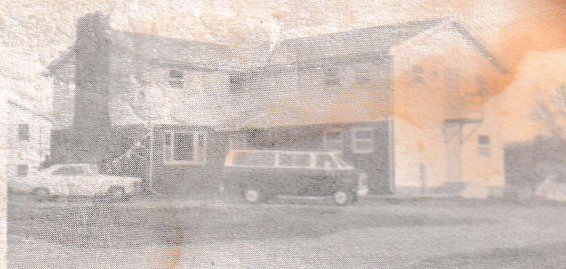
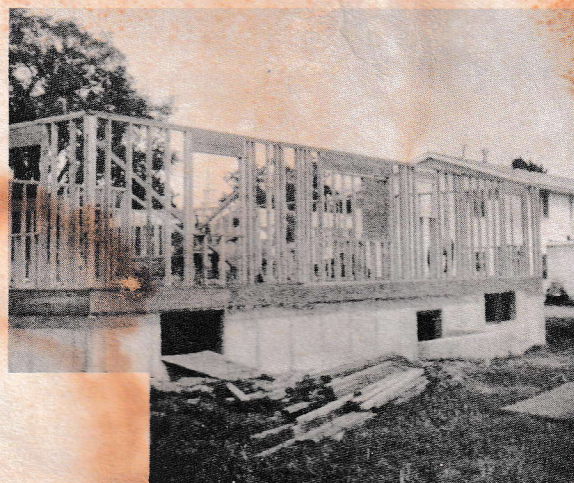
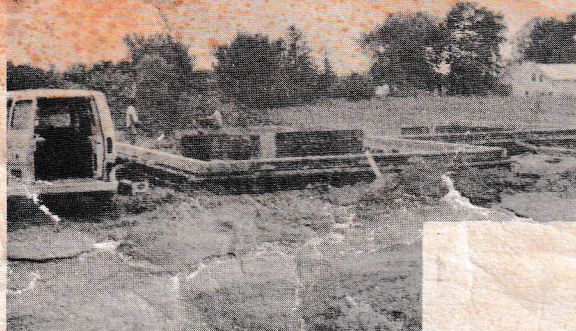


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## Alpha Gamma Rho Builds A New House

The colony of Alpha Gamma Rho at Platteville has taken great strides ahead since the first meetings in Ulrich Hall in the fall of 1968. With continued drive and determination, the colony has worked to improve housing facilities for the men. On August of 1969 the Alumni Association of Platteville Colony Alpha Gamma Rho acquired the present housing facilities at 350 W. Pine. However, with growth and expansion, the Alumni Association deemed it necessary to further expand facilities for the Active Colony.

As a result, during the spring and

summer of 1971, the development and planning began for the construction of a new house. Along with the decision to build a new home came a whole new array of obstacles to overcome. First of all, a tract of land was purchased at 845 W. Madison Street. Then blue prints were drawn up, permits were secured and a general contractor was awarded the bid to construct the house.

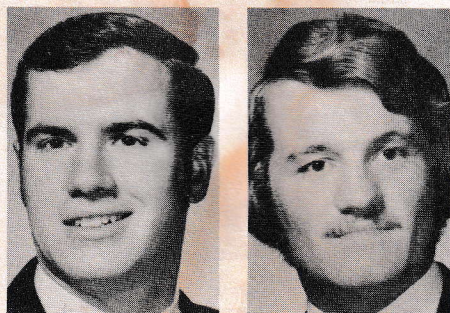
The new house is designed to have accommodations for thirty-two men, a housemother, and facilities for dining. Meals will be served to all members of the

fraternity and it is hoped that the large dining area may also serve as a party room.

At the present time, construction is progressing as planned, and if no major delays occur, occupancy should be approximately on January 1, 1972.

Excitement is reigning supreme for the active members at 350 W. Pine in anticipation of the move to the new facilities. Let's hope that this new house will symbolize an era of greater growth for all fraternities. We think it does for the AGR's at Platteville.





Garry Beals Richard Guenther

## Three Brothers Graduate

On December 19, 1971, three Brothers of Platteville Colony of Alpha Gamma Rho will receive their diplomas, terminating their undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. These three men are:

**GARRY BEALS**, a member of the Beta pledge class. Garry is an Animal Science major from Beloit, Wisconsin. He will be Livestock Manager for Tracy and Son Seed Company, Inc. at Janesville, Wisconsin.

**RICHARD GUENTHER**, a member of the Delta pledge class. Dick is an Agri-Business major from Columbus, Wisconsin. He will be working for F.H.A. following graduation.

**DANIEL MEYER**, a member of the Alpha pledge class. Dan is an Agricultural Engineering major from Monona, Iowa. He will be working for S.C.S. in Madison, Wisconsin.

We wish these men the best of luck in the future!

## Campus Leadership

James Lang SCSA - President  
Lynn Jerrett SCSA - Vice President  
John Kruger SCSA - Secretary  
John McMahon SCSA - Treasurer  
Ron Goplin SCSA - Public Relations  
Dan Matthias IFC - President, Sno-Din Co-Chairman  
John Krueger IFC - Secretary  
Duane Rose Alpha Zeta Chancellor  
John Elvekrog Sno-Din Committee  
John White Dorm Floor President  
John Dorhorst Student Senate - President  
Steve Bowdish Pres. Agri Business & Economics Club  
Fred Klingbeil Lutheran Collegian - Treasurer  
John Blaska Reporter - Agri Business & Ag Econ. Club

## From The Noble Ruler's Desk

Greetings to all Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, especially our own alumni.

Looking back over the past few months, I can summarize them in one word---BUSY. The Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho on the Platteville Campus have certainly accomplished a great deal, as evidenced by the other articles in this Crescent. Besides participating in all school activities, intramural sports, and keeping up with scholastics, the Brothers have taken on three Ways & Means Projects (money raising projects). All have proven to be quite successful, in fact, nearly \$2,000.00 worth of success.

It is obvious that some sort of stimulus is present to warrant these results; there is such a stimulus -- that of a beautiful new

home for Platteville Colony. The vision of a new house will soon be a reality. The Brothers have worked hard so that they may be able to help pay for some of the "finishing touches" of our new facility.

Within the next few weeks we will be painting interior walls, installing paneling in the basement, setting up furniture and finishing many other odds and ends.

Anticipation is growing as the moving approaches. The Brothers are looking forward to the new unity that living and working in our new home will provide.

Please stop anytime and see our new home, meet our housemother, and visit with the Brothers of Platteville Colony.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN BLASKA

Noble Ruler



Frustrations are beat out on AGR car during I.F.C. carnival.

## Social Report

The Brothers of AGR had their first social function of the fall session on September 24th with the Zeta Tau Omega sorority. The AGR's invited many rushees to attend this party, and we were very happy to see so many interested young men at our function.

On October 13th the Brothers had a Hillbilly costume party with the Gamma Phi Beta sorority to follow up a pledge exchange which took place during the day. We had a live band by the name of "The Country Western Ramblers," which played mostly polkas and other types of music which was very fitting to our

hillbilly theme. Prizes were awarded to the best costumed guy and gal. Pledge Ron Suda was the man determined as the best dressed hillbilly guy. The Brothers danced up a hillbilly storm, and had alot of fun even though they went home with very sore feet.

AGR had its last social function before the fall banquet on November 3rd with the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. This function was a date party and was held at the Country Club in Platteville. Again we had live music and the party was a success. Both the AGR's and the TKE's had a very enjoyable evening.





Shan Frey, colony sweetheart, represented AGR in the Homecoming Parade.

## Homecoming 1971

"Conquest of a Superior Being" was the slogan and the setting for homecoming 1971 at University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

AGR took a very active part in homecoming, practicing hard for all phases of competition. This hard work paid off for AGR by placing in the top three positions in every contest of the homecoming games and taking first in the eight-legged race. The most exciting competition was in the tug of war where after the AGR's lost in the semi-finals, they rallied to take third place with a tremendous pull.

The house decoration took second place in the Greek competition, featuring a seventeen foot Pioneer football player cooking a captured Yellowjacket in a large stewing pot with a caption exclaiming,

"Soup-perior Conquest".

Homecoming would not be complete without a skit and AGR presented UW-Platteville with Howard Cornsilk doing an interview of each team. This effort was good enough to make the final four places and get AGR into the finals at the Williams Fieldhouse on stunt night.

That same night, spirit was exemplified by AGR placing second in the "Yell like Hell" contest that was moved indoors due to a very wet out-of-doors.

To top off a successful homecoming, Platteville's football team shut out the Superior Yellowjackets 10 to 0 bringing a climax to Homecoming 1971. AGR can be very proud of their accomplishments and readily enjoy the trophies collected at this "Superior" homecoming.

## Who's Who Among College Students Two Alpha Gamma Rho Members Selected

Each year approximately thirty-four outstanding seniors are selected out of a total of approximately 4,700 students at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus. To be selected as a member of Who's Who Among College Students is truly an honor, not only on this campus, but throughout the United States. This year two Alpha Gamma Rho brothers, John G. Blaska, Noble Ruler, and Duane Rose, pledge trainer, were among the outstanding seniors selected.

To be eligible for candidacy, a student must have completed 90 credits, 60 of

which must have been earned at this campus, and have an overall grade point of 2.75, based on a 4.00 grade point system. To be selected, however, the student must have met the above conditions and also have been active on campus, demonstrating person attributes, such as leadership, moral character, good fellowship and a willingness to help others.

Both John Blaska and Duane Rose measured up to those standards and were recognized for their contribution to the entire campus.

Congratulations to both John and Duane for a job well done.

## CUPID'S CORNER



Cupid has again been busy here at Platteville colony of Alpha Gamma Rho. Some of the engagements that have been announced in the last few weeks have been big surprises. They include: Noble Ruler John Blaska to Liz Hymes; alumni Tom Knauer to former sweetheart Marge Arnold, and Tom Friar to Judy Adams.

Those who have been lavaliered are: Steve Bowdish to Pat Weiss; Mark Highland to Anita Roberts; Jim Jarvis to Bonnie Williams; and Duane Sanner to Ann Erdmann.

At the present time there are a few Brothers who are hesitating, but they should come around and have their names on the next list of those who have taken that big step.

## Skip-Out

The Zeta semester pledges completed their skip-out requirement by visiting Alpha Tau chapter at Western Illinois University, Macomb. Plans for skip-out had been made for about a month but because of Homecoming and several personal obligations the date settled on was November 12-14. As there were three cars going and only twelve pledges, it was decided to kidnap an active, Scott Weisinger.

The cars left Platteville at 2:00 Friday and reached the AGR house at Macomb at 6:00 that night. We were greeted by several of the actives and given a pot luck supper. Friday night a warm-up party was put on to help us get acquainted. Saturday was spent exploring the town and campus, house of the pledges, attending the football game, and visiting the experiment station. Saturday night there was a party complete with a band and dates given in honor of the Platteville Colony pledges.

The group left Sunday morning and were back in Platteville by 2:00 Sunday afternoon. The skip-out to Alpha Tau was enjoyed by all the pledges and actives taking part.

Participants of the skip-out included the following pledges: John McMahon, Norb Schleicher, Steve Sherven, Keith Haldiman, Rick Rickelman, Jerry Goetsch, Charles Brandt, Dave Havlik, Ron Suda, and Scott Wilson. The actives were Scott Weisinger and Cyril Deitelhoff, who had just been activated.



# Alumni In Service

Some of our alumni are serving in the Armed Forces. Some entered soon after graduation while others were just inducted! The men and their addresses are:

S.P.4 Francis T. Friar  
393-50-1031  
Vet Unit P.O. 202  
HHC MEDAC  
Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina 29207

PFC George Schwab  
387-52-7474  
Co. C4-3 BN 198th Bde  
23rd Inf. Div.  
APO San Francisco 96374

Dale Fitzsimmons  
Rt. 3  
Platteville, Wis. 53818

Mr. and Mrs. John Wacholz  
Route 5 Lot 9  
William Trailer & Park  
Valdesta, Georgia 31601

PVI Ronald Pribnow  
388-50-5223  
B-5-2 1st PH  
Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.  
65473

PFC James E. Fanta  
394-52-9843  
BTry B 5th Thg (MSL) BN  
USATCFA Permanent Party  
Fort Hill, Oklahoma 73503

Jim Timm  
RR1 Box 281  
Wisconsin Dells, Wis. 53965

Tom Knauer  
328-42-4119  
Co. B 12BN 4th AitBae  
MP Platoon  
Ft. Gordon, Georgia 30905

Richard Marotz  
USAH-Medic Co.  
Box 109  
Ft. Carson, Colorado 80913

PFC Tom Kellom is also in the service but at the present time we do not have his address.



Past and Present Noble Rulers pause following the dedication ceremony. Left to right are John Wegmueller, 1968; Mike Krutza, 1970; John Blaska, 1971; Mike Sands, 1969.



Mike Myers, President of Alumni Corporation, and Noble Ruler John Blaska unveil the cornerstone.

## A.G.R.-F.F.A. Participation

The World Dairy Expo was the scene of one of the colony's service projects. Dr. William Hoffman, Animal Science instructor at the University, asked for our help in the three state F.F.A. Dairy

Judging Contest which he was supervising. Approximately 15 brothers journeyed to Madison on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 2. Some served as group leaders, others were involved with tallying scores and

leading animals. In the afternoon many went to Whitewater University to cheer for Platteville's Pioneers in their encounter with the Warhawks.



# Summer Outing

The weekend of July 2-5, 1971 brought the Brothers of AGR together for the second annual summer outing at the Lakeview Dairy Farm of Wautoma, home of Brothers Jim and Dick Jarvis.

Far from civilization, this year's outing proved to be filled with fun and excitement. Approximately thirty-five guys and several girls, including Shan, our Sweetheart were able to be present for the outing.

Brothers began arriving early Friday afternoon and many stayed till Monday afternoon.

With the guidance of Brother Ken Wilcox, many people were able to try their skill at water skiing. Other activities included several "spirited" baseball games and nights were spent looking for races, mini-golfing or just singing and telling jokes around the campfire.

The most enjoyable part of the weekend, however, was once again getting together with Brothers and rehashing experiences and memories from last year's outing, school, and the summer's activities.

The only regret of the weekend was that it went too fast. However, plans are already underway for next year's outing.



Dick and Ron lead songs at the campfire during the summer outing.

## Pledge's Major Events

During the pledge period we were involved in many activities. Included in

these were the butter run and two pledge exchanges.

The butter run was held Wednesday afternoon, October 6. Twelve pledges participated. They finished the 6+ mile relay in 24 minutes and 17 seconds, just 10 seconds shy of the record pace.

On Wednesday, October 13, we were involved in a pledge exchange with the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. During the day we acquainted ourselves with the girls and ran errands, etc. Following our skits that evening we had a hillbilly theme party and furthered our friendship. By popular demand, Ron Suda, one of our pledges, was judged best dressed man.

Our second pledge exchange was Tuesday, November 2 with the Delta Gamma Phi sorority. Following an interesting and educational day of being sorority pledges, we had an enjoyable get-together that evening.



Two distinguished people. Dr. Bjarne Ullsvik (l), President of U.W.—Platteville, and Dr. Charles DeNure (r), Dean of School of Agriculture congratulate pledges following butter run.

## Scholastic News

Alpha Gamma Rho maintains its scholastic excellence among the Interfraternity members on the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus by winning the IFC Scholastic trophy for the third consecutive semester. AGR averaged 2.87 on the 4.00 system for the spring 1971 semester.

We are presently working on clinching the Overall Greek Gradepoint trophy which becomes permanently ours if won this semester.



# Ways and Means Report

The Brothers of AGR have been working hard this fall on a couple of good Ways and Means projects. A retaining wall and soil sampling have not only kept the Actives busy, but also has helped to build up the Ways & Means' treasury to a sizeable amount.

At the beginning of the semester a retaining wall for Dairyland Fertilizer was the place of many hours of hard work. Due to some bad weather, the construction took about a month to complete. But with some fine engineering and a little luck, the wall "should" hold up under pressure.

Our next little encounter this fall has been soil sampling for The County Seedmen. With roughly seventy farms to do, it has taken a group effort from a majority of the Brothers so far. Hopefully the weather will hold long enough so that we can finish the few remaining farms before it freezes.

With the money from these two projects, and the tree planting we did last spring, we have built up the treasury. This money will come in very handy for the new house.



Brothers dig in to build retaining wall.

## Student Directory

This year for the first time the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho published the Student Directory at U.W.-Platteville. It took a lot of hard work from the committee members beginning with advertisement sales last March, and a group effort from all the A.G.R.'s with selling the directories this fall. But the project turned out to be a big success both financially and publicity wise.

Approximately 3,000 copies were printed with all but 300 being sold. Advertisement sales covered most of the publishing expenses, so directory sales were almost all profit. A few minor problems arose with the publishing causing the directories to come out a week late, but the students were happy with the results as indicated by the number of sales. Hopefully next year's student directory can be just as good, if not better, from the experience we gained this year.

## House Manager's Report

Housing is a big item with the men of Alpha Gamma Rho in Platteville these days. We are still living in the old facility at 350 W. Pine, but plan on moving into our new house at 845 W. Madison by the beginning of the second semester. The Active Chapter plans to do some of the finishing work ourselves to help hold down the costs. We plan to paint the outside of the house in the spring and paint the rooms in the interior. Paneling in the basement is also planned, if we can find the desired type of lumber to finish the room. Through "Ways & Means" we have set a cornerstone and also put the Greek letters on the chimney.

We have acquired a house mother; this

is something new for our colony. She is Mrs. Bernice Peterson from LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She comes to us with the qualifications that should make her a great house mother. Her presence should be a definite asset to our fraternity on the Platteville campus.

We are also in the process of obtaining the services of a cook for our new house. This will be another improvement that we couldn't enjoy at our old house.

The new house will give us many advantages that we don't have now. Through the hard work of our advisors on campus and the alumni, both on and off campus, what was a dream a year ago is rapidly becoming a reality.

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Platteville, Wis.