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Pledges – The Key To Our Future

Bill Von Rueden: Bill is a sophomore from Eagle, Wis. majoring in Ag Education with a minor in Biology. He lives on a small crop farm. He is pledging to gain a better outlook in the field of Ag and to meet more people. After graduation he plans to teach Ag or Biology. His brothers Don and Ken are also AGRs.

Lee Jerrett: Lee is a freshman from Lancaster, Wis. majoring in Technical Ag. He has lived on a beef and swine operation and someday would like to farm. He feels AGR will help him socially. By way of his brother, Lynn he has known many of the AGRs.

Ed King: Ed is a freshman from Ransomville, New York. He is majoring in Tech Ag. For the past five years he has lived on an 80 acre farm. Ed feels AGR will help him get more involved on campus. After graduation he either plans to farm or be a field representative. Also Ed is doing his best to take the nickname "Hustler" away from Ron Suda.

Jim Smith: Jim is a sophomore from Dodgeville, Wis. majoring in Ag Business. Jim has grown up on a 260 acre dairy farm. He is pledging to meet more people on campus and develop himself better. Jim also has a brother, Gene, who was one of our founding fathers.

Dan Cribben: Dan is a sophomore from Delavan, Wis. majoring in Ag Economics and minoring in Accounting. He has grown up living on a 160 acre dairy farm. Dan feels AGR offers him a chance to be more involved on campus, and the opportunity to learn

from men in the same field of study. Upon graduation he would like to go into financial work such as PCA or banking.

Randy Lenz: Randy is a freshman from Valders, Wis. majoring in Veterinary Medicine. He has lived all his life on a small farm. He hopes AGR will help him meet more people and feels will be good experience. His brother, Rick, is an AGR active.

Dan Adams: Dan is a sophomore from Lancaster, Wis. majoring in Ag Mechanization. He has lived his entire life on a 165 acre dairy and hog operation. He is pledging to become more involved on campus and meet more people. When he graduates, he plans to go into research or work for a machinery company.

Don Bahr: Don is a freshman from Elkhorn, Wis. majoring in Ag Economics. He has lived all his life on a 180 acre beef and hog farm and after graduation plans to go back with his Dad. When asked why he is pledging AGR, he said he could meet more people on campus.

Chuck Miller: Chuck is a sophomore from Oshkosh, Wis. majoring in Ag Economics and minoring in Animal Science. He has lived his entire life on a 280 acre dairy farm. Chuck feels the brotherhood and leadership found in the Chapter have influenced him to pledge. He is undecided as to plans after graduation.

Jim McComish: Jim is a sophomore from Darlington, Wis. majoring in Tech

Ag with a minor in Power Mechanics. He has lived all his life on a 40 acre dairy farm. Jim is pledging because he feels AGRs are a great group of guys. After graduating he plans on farming.

John Marotz: John is a freshman from Westfield, Wis. majoring in Ag Education. He has lived on a 170 acre dairy farm all his life. John hopes to meet more people and get more out of school through AGR. At this time he has no definite plans after graduation.

Dave Wagner: Dave is a sophomore from Cleveland, Wis. majoring in Soils and Crops. He has lived on a 150 acre farm all of his life. He feels he can become more involved in campus activities through AGR. He plans to join the Peace Corps after graduation and then go into farming.

Ray Morse: Ray is a junior from South Beloit, Ill. majoring in Ag Economics. He is a transfer student from Freeport Community College. He has worked on farms but never lived on one. Ray is pledging so he may become more active socially and improve himself as a person. After graduation he would like to work in Ag business or finance.

Newly elected Rho-Mates
Ann Kinney
Daryl Fuhreck
Jane Teasdale
Julie Moore
Sweetheart: Linda Ward

Open Rush And Pledging:

A "Pioneering" Step For Beta Gamma

To pledge or not to pledge - that is the question. Is it nobler to remain an independent or is it better to take the big step into Greek life? This question probably runs through many rushees' minds, but the question of how to pledge must be in the minds of the Greeks.

Our fraternity is the only Greek organization on campus that involves itself in open rush and pledging. Since our chapter switched to open rush and pledging 2 years ago, the response has generally been very good. The biggest question that is voiced is the danger of a lack of brotherhood and unity among the pledge group. Brother Mike Krutza states, "brotherhood will not prevail if a pledge does not have the opportunity to associate with his peer group in terms of working together, socializing together, and enjoying other kinds of activities which will help pledges understand, appreciate, and emphasize with their fellow pledges." For brotherhood to prevail in the pledge group, it must be a cooperative effort

on both the actives and pledges part. The actives should help plan activities for the pledges to participate in and the pledges must get together and try to develop unity through pranks, other school activities and religious activities.

One problem that does crop up in open rush and pledging is that one person could end up pledging by himself and miss any chance to develop brotherhood with a pledge group. He would also miss the activities of a pledge exchange and the meaningful pledge meetings. Brother Paul Onan, pledge trainer presently, feels that, "pledges can still develop the unity they need by singing songs, and getting together by themselves."

Open pledging does allow the pledge to move at his own pace. This allows the pledge to have "more inner relationships with the actives," according to Brother Scott Wilson. This system of pledging also allows the rushee to really think about the big step he'll be

taking if he turns in his bid. If he has tests the week the bid is due, then extensions can be granted on the bid. This allows more men to pledge and also shows that the fraternity is interested in the students' grades.

With open rush comes the problem of misinformed pledges. Pledges that did not fully know the expenses, obligations, etc. before pledging are rightfully bitter about accepting things not told them previous to pledging. Rush must be made more informative and the "gray" areas should be cleaned up to allow the rushees to know exactly what he is getting into.

The real effects of open rush will be in the actives that this system gives to the chapter. Perhaps Mike Krutza sums it up best, "it must be an experience which is both enjoyable and educational to all parties concerned; the pledge, the fraternity, the university, and also the parents of the pledges."

"Brother's By Choice"

The Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho took a couple days off from their hectic schedule to stop and evaluate the activities of the past year, at the annual retreat.

Brother Cyril Deitelhoff and his committee consisting of Rick Rickelman and Al Klug set up the program which was held Friday and Saturday, January 19th and 20th. "We are Brothers by Deliberate Choice" was the theme chosen for the retreat weekend.

On Friday, the kick-off started by all the Brothers attending a movie, "Little Big Man," at the Main Auditorium, as a group. Following this, a Euchre tournament was held at the House with prizes given, and potato chips and refreshments served.

Saturday morning the Brothers were split up into groups of 6-7 people for separate committee meetings, each with a different topic. The major topics discussed were: 1) Rush, 2) Pledging, 3) Fraternity Involvement-both within and outside, 4) House Routine, 5) Rho-Mates, 6) Boarding House Atmosphere, 7) Pledge Trainer and Officer Elections, and 8) Morals.

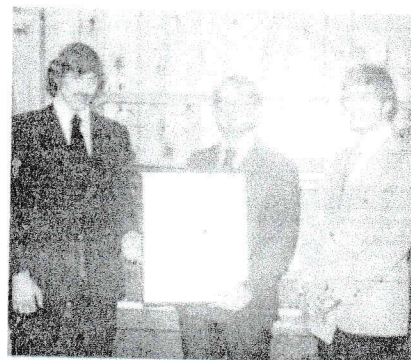
After a dinner break, Pastor Merckx, of the First English Lutheran Church, gave a very thought provoking talk on the topic, "Living Together."

Following this all the ideas hashed over in the morning meetings were presented before the whole group at a general session by the committee heads.

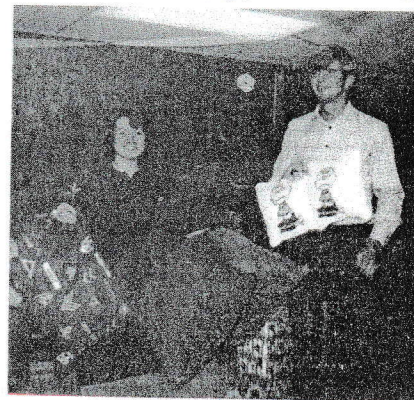
Many important topics and ideas were brought out and commented or argued about. Both good and bad points were highlighted and hopefully many improvements can be incorporated into the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

A Change In Scenery

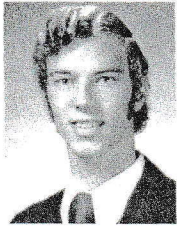
Since spring is fast approaching, the grounds committee is finalizing plans for landscaping the Alpha Gamma Rho home. Included in the plans are a hedge along the lot line, shade trees and ornamental shrubs for around the house, lawn seeding and developing a rock garden in an oval-shaped area facing the street. In addition to flowers and ornamental shrubs in the rock garden, we plan on mounting an old hand plow and putting a redwood sign up with the letters Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho burned into it. We are also checking into ornamental light fixtures for the sidewalk leading to the front entrance. The parking area will also be extended to include a better drive to our new garage.



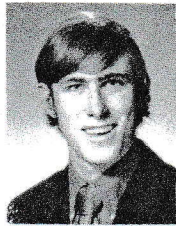
Brother's Ken VonRueden and John Krueger help Beta Delta Noble Ruler Dave McCabe install their Chapter at Northern Illinois University, Normal Ill.



Kathy Hazen, President of the Rhomates presents Christmas gifts to Tom Pederson.



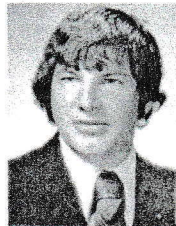
Richard Lenz



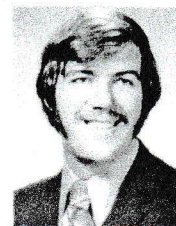
Ken Von Rueden



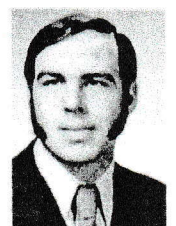
John McMahon



Frank Schrieber



Ronald Goplin



Robert Gosewehr

RICK LENZ, from Manitowoc, Wis., is majoring in Animal Science and has a Chemistry minor. Rick will obtain a job in laboratory research or continue his education to procure his veterinary degree. Rick and Mary Blanke plan to wed on August 18. Mary was our chapter Sweet Heart.

BOB GOSEWEHR, from Saukville, Wis., plans to be a golf course superintendent. Bob has an Ag Technology major with a Soils minor.

JOHN MC MAHON aims to enter the Peace Corps early this summer. John is going to work in Ecuador also. He is from Lancaster, Wis. John is majoring in Ag Technology with a psychology minor.

DAVE HOUSTON is planning on returning to farming in West Point, Iowa. He was our chapter's pledge trainer. Dave is planning to exchange wedding vows with Kathy Palzkill about the time of Thanksgiving.

FRANK SCHRIEBER is from Webster, New York and is majoring in Animal Science. Frank intends to return to New York to engage in dairy farming.

STEVE BOWDISH, from Central City, Iowa, is majoring in Agri-Business. He plans on obtaining a job in the area of management or marketing.

KEN GAY, from Waterloo, Wis., is majoring in Animal Science. Ken anticipates farming with his father and brothers at home. He served as chapter Secretary and House Manager.

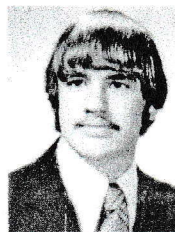
Seniors



Lynn Jerrett



Richard Jarvis



Kenneth Gay



John Krueger

Of "73"

KEN VON RUEDEN, from Eagle, Wis., is majoring in Ag Technology. Ken is interested in working in the area of production and management. He has held the chapter offices of Usher and Reporter.

RON GOPLIN, from Blue River, Wis., is interested in Ag-Business. Ron is graduating with an Ag Economics major.

JOHN ELVEKROG, "Elmer," from Stoughton, Wis., is majoring in Ag-Business. He was the chapter's past Treasurer. "Elmer" plans to obtain a job in the area of Ag-Business.

SCOTT WEISINGER, from Fort Madison, Iowa, is interested in working as a livestock manager. Scott has an Ag Technology major.

TOM FRIAR is the only married senior in our chapter. His wife's name is Judy. Tom is from Woodman, Wis. He intends to teach with his Ag Education major.

DAN MATTHIAS is from Manitowoc, Wis. Dan has an Animal Science major. He is planning to enter the Peace Corps early this summer. Dan anticipates working in Ecuador. He has held the chapter offices of Vice Noble Ruler and Alumni Secretary.

DICK JARVIS is graduating with an Ag Business major and is interested in working in the area of Ag Finance. He has held the office of Secretary for the past year. Dick is from Wautoma, Wis.

LYNN JERRETT is graduating with an Ag Mechanization major and an Ag Technology minor. Lynn is from Lancaster, Wis. He has announced his engagement to Sandra Wegmueller.

JOHN KRUEGER was our chapter's Noble Ruler this past year. John is majoring in Ag Economics and plans to obtain a job in the area of ag business management. John is from Deerfield, Wis. John and Judy Helgestad plan to exchange wedding vows September 8.



David Houston



Daniel Matthias



Steven Bowdish



John Elvekrog



Thomas Friar



Scott Weisinger



Brother John "Elmer" Elvekrog leads a cheer at River Falls.

AGR Spirits "Pioneer"

Victory At River Falls

On the weekend of February 9th, twelve brothers of Beta Gamma traveled to River Falls to watch the Pioneers of Platteville play the Falcons of River Falls in basketball. It was a return trip for the one Alpha Psi made to Platteville during the football season.

The men of Beta Gamma arrived at River Falls at different times on Friday and many took tours of the campus and the university farm. After supper, the brothers went to a local pub for a "pre-game fire-up," and then proceeded to the game. Many coaches and players were delighted to see us up there.

Since Platteville didn't bring cheerleaders along we took their place in leading the Pioneers to a one point victory. The men of Beta Gamma then attended a party at Alpha Psi's house where old friendships were renewed and new ones started. We all had a great time and appreciated the hospitality extended to us.

Cupid's Corner

During the winter months some of the brothers decided that they didn't want to be alone the rest of their lives. They felt that it was time to take the giant step in life and go down the road to matrimony. The brothers engaged are:

David Houston to Kathy Palzkill - Dave is presently a Senior in Technical Agriculture at Platteville, and Kathy works as a waitress at the Don Q Inn in Dodgeville. She holds a teaching degree from Stevens Point. No definite wedding date has been set but it will be very close to Thanksgiving.

Lynn Jerrett to Sandi Wegmueller - Lynn is presently a Senior in Ag Mechanization with a minor in Technical Ag at Platteville. Sandi is also a Senior here with a double major in English and Speech with a minor in Library Science. The wedding will be in approximately two years.

John Krueger to Judy Helgestad - John is presently a Senior in Ag Economics at Platteville and Judy is a secretary for the American Cancer Society in Madison. The couple has set September 8, 1973, as their wedding date in Deerfield, Wis.

Danny Scholten to Susan Kind - Danny is presently working as a 4-H and Youth Agent in Columbia County, living in Portage. Susan is from Sheboygan and is a Registered Nurse working there. An end of the summer wedding is planned.

Duane Rose to Judy Allen - Duane is presently working for Tri-State Breeders out of Fennimore. However he is in the process of going into far-

ming and hopes to be at it by April 1. A tentative wedding date has been set for June 30, 1973.

Steven Bowdish and Pat Weiss have announced their wedding date: July 21, 1973.

You would think that with spring just around the corner, we would have more Don Juans around. As of now there is only one brother that we can dig up who is lavaliered.

Ken Von Rueden to Joyce Clark - Whoosh!

Parents Day

April 1, 1973 is the day that has been designated as Parents' Day for Beta Gamma Chapter this year. Following the usual format, a short program following a noon luncheon will feature various speakers such as the new Noble Ruler and Dean DeNure, among others. They will speak on Alpha Gamma Rho's role in everyday life and in the Agriculture College and University as a whole. Two or three other actives will give short talks on activities and responsibilities of brothers. Following the program parents, relatives and friends will have an opportunity to tour the campus, the University farm or just visit with the other parents present or the Ag faculty, who are also invited. A good time and a rewarding experience can be expected by all in attendance.

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