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Noble Ruler Report Mike North

## NOBLE RULER'S REPORT By Mike North

As the active chapter journeys into the new year, it looks forward to a horizon of new tasks and challenges and leaves behind it a "windrow of good works and rewarded efforts." It gives me great pleasure to be in the position I am during this forward progress. I hope my report to you reflects the positive attitude and progressive efforts of the Beta Gamma active chapter.

Membership education, since the adaptation of the Brotherhood Program, has been up in the air until now. Through consultation with other chapters and information from the national headquarters, Brothers Paul Zuelke and Aaron Seim have put together a program that involves all members in the education process and creates a stronger union among the members. Thanks to the Finance Committee, led by the VNR of Finance, Brother Matt Badtke, our finances are back on track and in the black. Coming off an excellent fall semester, recruitment is off to a great start and has set a goal of equalling last fall's initiate class size of seventeen. The Recruitment committee chaired by Brother Nick Homan, is already laying the groundwork for a successful summer recruitment program. Scholastically, the chapter was ranked second among all fraternities and has developed a very strong will to improve. With our finances becoming more secure, the Ways and Means committee, have been working with fundraising ideas to help improve the facilities of the house. The fraternity is growing. Dreams of a larger, newer house have now come within reaching distance.

Through hard work and a strong team effort, the fraternity is growing stronger not only in numbers but also in attitude. The sparks of change have lit a fire that is looking to grow. But it takes more than one log to build a strong fire. I am calling for **ALL** brothers, both old and new, to once again join as one to either build the fire that is growing now or to use it to help rekindle the one started by our founding fathers. Let us pool our strengths as individuals, as "Brothers in the Bond of Alpha Gamma Rho," to become the strongest fraternity that the University of Wisconsin-Platteville has ever seen.

## IN MEMORY

Dorothy M. Paulson (Purdy) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 6, 1996 at her home in rural Belmont surrounded by her family. Family and friends assembled at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 1996 at the Gorgen Funeral Home, Mineral Point. Graveside services followed at the Carmel Cemetery, Rewey. Brothers David Fisher, Tim Brown, Adam Heisner, Mike North, Brad Fox and Bob Hannes served as pallbearers. Dorothy was employed by the Beta Gamma chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho for three years as our cook. She began cooking in the spring of 1993. She was forced to retire in December of 1995 due to illness. Dorothy will be missed by everyone who had the opportunity to work with her and enjoyed her wonderful cooking.

## SUMMER RETREAT July 19, 20, 21 AGR Christmas in July!!

The whole park is a-lite. Special prizes for the best decorated campsites. Free dinners for the first person to arrive, the best AGR Christmas decorations, and the person who has come the furthest distance. The Pledge class with the most members in attendance will receive a dollar off of their fee. Saturday evening there will be continuous hayrides to see the campsites, plus a Christmas sing-a-long. There will also be an afternoon children's party with gift exchange and Santa Claus. If you haven't already done so make your reservations today. Contact Brian Long at 414/867-2697 for reservations or for any questions.

Jellystone park has an olympic-sized lap pool, rec center, snack bar, LP gas, gasoline, game room, adult lounge, boat rentals, rental cottages, fish freezing, RV storage, kiddie pool, bicycle, canoe, and paddleboat rentals, shuffleboard courts, mini-golf, basketball, volleyball, hayrides, 3 playgrounds, separate tenting areas, docks are available, and a water ski school.

### Rates:

Water/Electric	\$27.50	Saturday	\$15.00
Lakeview	\$32.50	Weekend	\$20.00
Channel	\$36.50		
Lakeside w/dock	\$40.50		
Tenting	\$21.50		
Cabin	\$45.00	Call 414/867-2697	

**This is the last notification for Summer Retreat 1996.**

## ADVISOR'S COMMENTS

There was a job to be done and Nobody wanted to do it. Anybody could have done it and so Nobody was assigned to see that it got done. Everybody thought that Somebody would work with Anybody. Everybody was very busy, so Nobody checked with Anybody who told him that Somebody could do it. Nobody then checked with Somebody, and it was learned that in reality, Somebody told Everybody that it really was a job for Everybody. When Everybody came to the meeting, Nobody told Anybody that the job had not been finished. In fact, it had yet to be started. Somebody said that Everybody should take a hold of this project and get the job done, and Everybody said Anybody could help. In the end, Nobody checked on the



Advisor Comments

work, and Everybody was content to assume Somebody did the job. However, when Anybody checked out the job, Everybody found out that Somebody failed to follow through. There was still a job to be done.

Sound familiar? Not at Beta Gamma Chapter. Today, 36 active members of this Chapter are working together toward a common goal - one which gets the job done. Things are in fact changing.

Brother **Tim Brown**, VNR Provisions has stepped forward to take charge of feeding our members. Our cook, Dorothy Paulsen was regrettably forced to retire due to the unfortunate return of a terminal health problem and Tim is now the cook. Brother **Nick Holman**, VNR-Recruitment was recently named as full time recruiter to be reimbursed by the Alumni Association. Brother Holman will devote his attention throughout the summer as well as the academic year to securing initiates for Beta Gamma. Brothers **Paul Zuhlke** VNR Membership Development and **Matt Badtke** VNR Finance have been selected as delegates to the National AGR convention to be held in Monterey, California June 28 - July 2. These brothers have made a commitment to the chapter to participate fully in the workshops and share their experiences with the membership. Brother **David Bacon**, VNR Operations continues attempts to maintain the house in an acceptable state of repair. His attempts at monitoring the house temperature certainly generates much discussion as he gains control of the heat bill. Brother **Bret Harrington**, VNR Alumni Relations was responsible for getting this Crescent out by the scheduled date of April 15. This is the first issue printed on time since this advisor's initiation.

Brother **Mike North**, Noble Ruler provided invaluable leadership in the adoption of recent policy changes including the establishment of a Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB) system. It has yet to be tested, in part due to the limited number of "parties." Yes, another change - Beta Gamma is now planning parties based on "reason to have party:" rather than whimsical notions. We had 2 last semester, and one in the planning stages for a test run of the revised BYOB policy.

Goals which were established by 11 members in attendance of recent Leadership Forum held in St. Louis include: 17 initiates by April 1; Educational Development will adopt a revised version of the Nebraska plan and complete the curriculum by May 1; and brotherhood bonding will be enhanced through additional planned involvement in extra-curricular activities - a bowling tournament has already been scheduled.

The advisor is thrilled beyond comprehension about these recent developments (especially the BYOB policy). It is the hope of this advisor that Beta Gamma will continue its progress toward the development of the outstanding chapter which it has the capability to be. We have stemmed the tide of rotating VNR's, made significant strides toward improved recruiting of initiates through our quality control program, have engaged in serious development of an educational program, and have begun to realize that we can once again live up to our purpose TO MAKE BETTER MEN.

## DEAN'S COLUMN

It is hard to believe that we are almost coming to the time of the spring break in our spring semester. I am always glad to note as I look out my window at the enthusiasm and energy that the students exhibit as they pursue their academic programs. This semester is no exception. Students continue to seek knowledge and experiences. However, I am sure they will save some of that energy for the spring break as well.

One of the major activities that we are pursuing within the college this year is to complete a strategic plan for the new College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture. A faculty committee developed a draft plan that has been provided to faculty, students, business, industry and others to review and comment. The committee is about to finish a final draft after considering all of the comments. I am very pleased that the agricultural business community took this very seriously and gave many good suggestions. The School of Agriculture is a main entity in this new college structure, and this input will assure continued strength in the School as well as the other College departments.

The plan includes seven themes as follows: student development, faculty/staff development, quality programs, fiscal resources, outreach, culture, and alumni interactions. All of these themes will include several strategies which will be accomplished through a number of action plans. Our goal is to continually develop all of the programs and experience for our students. We are willing to share this plan with anyone who is interested. We hope the students in AGR will all benefit from this major activity.

As the new crop growing season takes place, I hope all of you will find some time to reflect and grow individually as well. Have a great spring!

Tom Lindahl  
Dean of BILSA

## DR. PRICE INTERVIEW

Dr. Price, a professor of livestock nutrition at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville was born and raised on a southern Wisconsin Dairy farm in Iowa County. Upon graduation from River Valley High School, she attended UW-Platteville to major in Pre Veterinary Medicine. She completed a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, and later earned a Master's Degree in Ruminant Nutrition at the UW-Madison. Additionally, Dr. Price studied Biblical Greek at the International School of Theology in San Bernadino, California while she visited and observed the dairy production facilities in that State.

Dr. Price worked for a mixed veterinary practice for three years after earning her Doctorate. She then became a consultant in nutrition for farmers prior to joining the faculty in the School of Agriculture at UW-Platteville in the fall of 1988.

Since joining the faculty she has challenged the minds of students to learn everything possible about nutrition and feeding livestock. Her excellent leadership and teaching ability has earned her numerous teaching awards. Dr. Price has received the Teacher Fellow Award for NACTA and the Teaching Award of Merit for NACTA. Her greatest achievement award is the Monsanto/AASCARR (American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources) Teaching Award which she received last summer.

Dr. Price believes that the greatest enjoyment of teaching come from being part of students learning experiences, watching students become good decision makers, and the challenges and enthusiasm that comes from students. She also believes that the biggest rewards include the personal satisfaction that is part of teaching along with the numerous life long friendships that are developed with students.

In asking Dr. Price for any advice that she could give to anyone she stressed three main points. The first is to learn how to manage and balance time. The second is to develop the ability to handle information. And the final point is to set realistic goals that can be reached.

Dr. Price believes that the key to the future of agriculture is the willingness to change. She believes the future is going to be different on both the input and the output sides. The input side may be more thinking and less labor where the output side will be more global. Overall she believes that the future is exciting but different.

By Tim Brown



Sue Price

## VNR-ACTIVITIES

Hello,

Being this is my first semester as VNR-Activities I have had my hands full organizing up coming events. I have successfully organized banquet but still have many details to work out. Porkfest also has me very involved. The committee and I have been working very hard to make this the best one yet. The fraternity is also involved in intramural basketball in which we are having a great time. I have planned other activities such as bowling and rollerskating along with other activities. I have really enjoyed this semester and look forward to other upcoming events.

Faternally,

Craig Ladwig

## VNR PLANNING

Hello fellow AGR's! As planning officer for the 1996 school year, I have seen a great many new things take place in the Beta Gamma chapter in Platteville. To begin with, we have a great new group of members with which to work with. The members who were initiated in the fall semester have both attitude and work ethic. These new attitudes were very prevalent during the semiannual retreat that was held on campus in early February. At this retreat, we talked about goals and goal setting for the chapter for not only this semester, but semesters to follow. Some of the biggest goals that were set for Beta Gamma were: improving recruitment, improving member education, and improving the attitude within the chapter. These goals were posted throughout the house so that each member will be reminded of their expectations everytime they walk by. The biggest event of the year for our chapter was the trip to St. Louis for the annual AGR Leadership Conference. Each of the twelve members that attended the conference had an enjoyable weekend both at the conference and in downtown St. Louis, where we saw the sights at night. The program had an excellent speaker for the Saturday goal setting program, and the acceptance speech by Grand President, Brother James Bode was an extremely inspiring way to end the weekend. The biggest event of the year for our Chapter will be the annual Porkfest Event on April 20. The preparation for this scholarship fundraiser is already well on its way. I look forward to the coming year as we conquer our goals and move in a new direction.

Faternally,

Jeffrey A. Mohlman  
VNR-Planning

## VNR-OPERATIONS

Greeting Brothers and Rho-mates of Alpha Gamma Rho. I am David Bacon and I am the 1996 VNR operations. I plan on making some minor improvements to the house that will make the house more livable and appealing to our guests. One plan that has already been done was to convert the old phone booth on the second floor to a closet. The closet will be used to store Bathroom and house supplies. I hope the next year will be a good year and I will try to keep the house appealing to guests and prospective members.

## VNR-RECRUITMENT

Dear Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho,

My name is Nicholas Homan and I am the current VNR-Recruitment officer. This summer there will be a change in the recruitment structure in that I will be a full-time recruiter instead of a part-time recruiter as in the past. I have established a tentative map of the areas in which I plan to recruit. This map was designed based upon a list of new students accepted to UW-Platteville in the School of Agriculture.

I believe that summer recruiting gives us an advantage and the opportunity to meet and get to know the incoming freshmen. Summer recruitment is our biggest attraction and our most important tool in recruiting quality men for our fraternity. Furthermore it allows us to impress upon these men the benefits of Alpha Gamma Rho before they start their college careers. Benefits of introducing Alpha Gamma Rho at this stage in their lives gives us a cutting edge over other agricultural fraternities in that it allows us to pick out the "Cream of the Crop" and decide who will benefit from, and will enhance our fraternity the most.

As I already stated, I have designed a summer recruitment map which has established a defined structure to this program. I will also be reporting to Brother Gary Klug on a regular basis as to my progress. Although this is a semi rigid structure I am open to ideas and suggestions. If there are any questions as to who is on my preliminary itinerary or if you know of any incoming freshman that may benefit our organization please call me at (608) 342-2335 or leave a message at the house so I may return your call. Also if you see that I may be in your area and you are willing to offer an evening of lodging I would greatly appreciate it. Please call at the above phone number or leave a message at the house and I will contact you as to when I may be in your area.

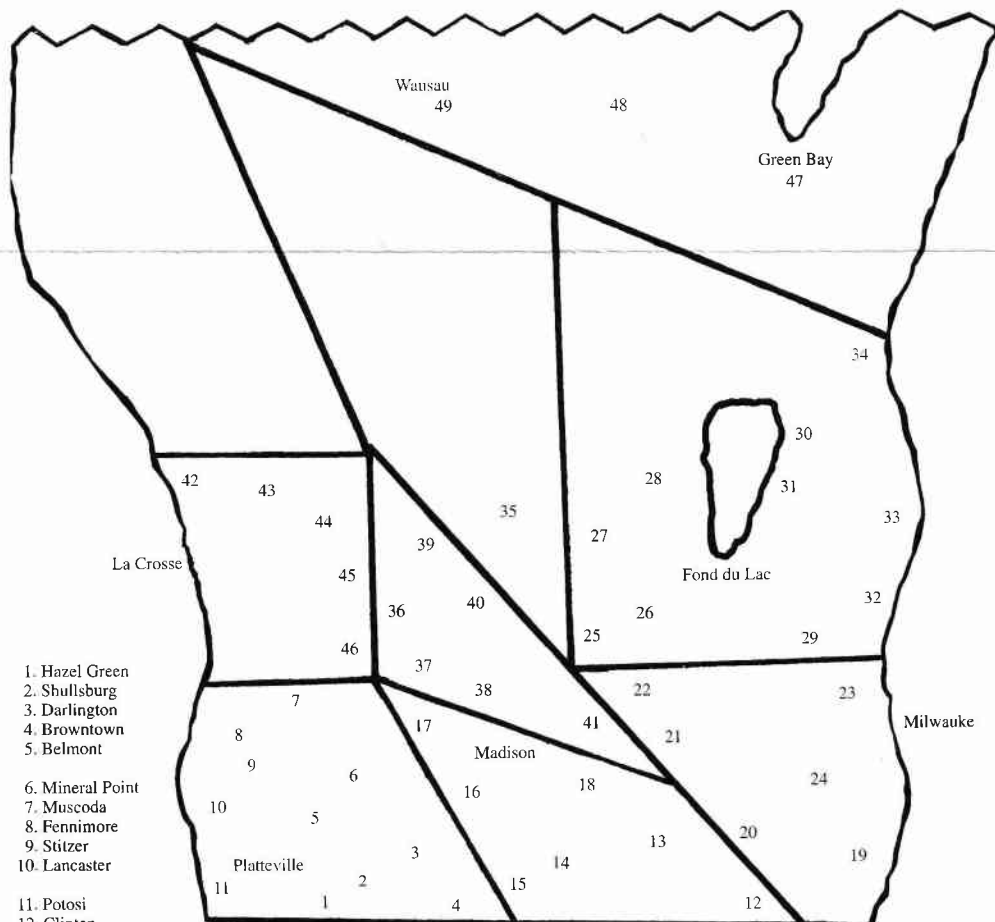
The structure of the summer recruiting program was designed by myself as well as the recruitment committee. This committee consists of Brother Eric Olson and Brother Troy Wallace. I would like to thank them for their time and hard work in developing this program.

If you need to contact me during the summer and ask any questions or tell me about someone who you may want me to visit you can reach me at **(414) 475-9298 or you can mail me at 907 S. 76th St., West Allis, WI 53214**. I will be here during the summer and this is where you can contact me during the summer.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Homan  
VNR-Recruitment

## Summer Recruitment Map



1. Hazel Green
2. Shullsburg
3. Darlington
4. Browntown
5. Belmont
6. Mineral Point
7. Muscoda
8. Fennimore
9. Stitzer
10. Lancaster
11. Potosi
12. Clinton
13. Janesville
14. Orfordville
15. New Glarus

16. Mt. Horeb
17. Arena
18. Edgerton
19. Union Grove
20. Burlington

21. Johnson Creek
22. Watertown
23. Pewaukee
24. Waukesha
25. Randolph

26. Waupun
27. Brandon
28. Eldorado
29. Lomira
30. Malone

31. Mt. Calvary
32. Kewaskum
33. Cascade
34. Valders
35. Westfield

36. N. Freedom
37. Sauk City
38. Waunakee
39. Poynette
40. DeForest

41. Sun Prairie
42. Onalaska
43. Sparta
44. Kendall
45. Hillsboro

46. Richland Center
47. Green Bay
48. Birnamwood
49. Wausau

50. Chana, IL
51. Fulton, IL
52. Shannon, IL
53. Pontiac, IL
54. East Dubuque, IL

Cities not on map

55. Polo, IL
57. Maquoketa, IA
57. Preston, IA
58. Teeds Grove, IA
59. Inver Grove Heights, MN



**You are cordially invited to attend Beta Gamma's  
25th Anniversary Extravaganza  
April 4, 5, 6, 1997**

Mark your calendar, reserve a room, get that new dress or suit, brush up on old stories, practice those AGR songs, and plan to attend!

**Friday, April 4** 8:00 Brotherhood get-together  
Legion Bar-Platteville

**Saturday, April 5** Morning: Tour of the college farm  
11:30 Lunch AGR house  
1:00 Alumni Meeting-AGR house  
5:00 Attitude Adjustment-  
Student Center  
6:00 Dinner-Student Center  
8:00-12:00 Entertainment

**Sunday, April 6** 10:00 Brunch-AGR house

**There are now over 500 Beta Gamma Actives,  
Alumni, and Rho-Mates! Many we haven't seen for  
a long time. Let's plan to renew old acquaintances  
and friendships as we celebrate together Beta  
Gamma's 25th Anniversary.**

Kerry and Barb Henning  
Co-Chairpersons  
25th Anniversary

## Beta Gamma Chapter

"25 years old"

## A GOAL IS REACHED Platteville Colony Becomes...

On April 22, one of the main goals of Platteville Colony became a reality. We became Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. The pride in our colony was very much evident as a total of 88 men became charter members.

Beta Gamma became the 47th chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho and the third chapter in Wisconsin. The other chapters are Iola at UW-Madison and Alpha Psi from UW-River Falls. The brothers of Beta Gamma are very proud that Alpha Psi acted as the installing chapter. They were well represented with 25 men being here for the busy weekend.

Ovid Bay, National Grand President, from Washington D.C., was here to give a speech at the unveiling of the letters and also to present the charter to Noble Ruler John Kureger at the charter banquet.

Ted Priebe, editor of the Sickle and Sheaf, the national magazine of AGR, along with Bruce Cowan, a member of Alpha Chapter, were also representing the national office.

Beta Gamma number one signer is Dr. Robert Campbell, our advisor, who has led us through our four short years as a colony. Without "Doc's" leadership and devotion, we surely would not be as far as we are today.

Our short history and a colony is just a spark of the great fire that Beta Gamma chapter and its brothers throughout the nation will be in the future.

Also present was Maynard Coe, Executive Secretary of Alpha Gamma Rho. Brother Coe has done much to help us become a national chapter and also presented us with a challenge for the future.

## Beta Gamma, Alpha Gamma Rho!

### A Glorious Past . . . . .

#### Establishment of AGR Colony

In the fall of 1968, 34 men from the College of Agriculture formed a fraternal organization known on campus as Alpha Gamma Rho. The constitution was approved and on February 2, 1969, the group became the newest colony of Alpha Gamma Rho.

(Crescent No. 1, Spring 1969)

#### Alumni Corporation Formed

In April, 1969, brothers Marotz, Salesman and Wegmueller formed an Alumni Corporation Board. The Board is worked to obtain housing for the brothers of the colony.

(Crescent No. 2, Fall 1969).

#### Alumni Purchase House

When the brothers of Platteville Colony of AGR returned to campus in September 1969, they learned the Alumni Corporation had purchased a house at 350 W. Pine Street (Crescent No. 2)

### A Brighter Future. . . . .

#### AGR's Build New House

During the spring and summer of 1971, the Alumni Board began planning for the construction of a new house. A tract of land was purchased at 845 W. Madison St. Construction is progressing as planned and occupancy should be on Jan. 1, 1972.

(Crescent No. 6, 1971)

#### Beta Gamma Chapter Installed

A dream became reality on April 22 when 88 members of the Platteville Colony were initiated and Beta Gamma became the 47th chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho.

(Crescent No. 8, 1972)

#### Rho-Mate Chapter Installed

On Thurs., Oct. 12, Beta Gamma chapter initiated six women as the first members of its little sister organization, the Rho Mates.

(Crescent No. 10, 1973)

#### LIVE MUSIC!

at

### PORKFEST '96!

**3rd Annual Benefit: RoyHoff Scholarship**

#### FEATURING

### WIZENHIEMERS

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Admission: \$ 4.00 at the Gate

T-Shirts: \$10.00 in advance includes  
one admission

T-Shirts \$ 8.00 day of event

Pork Sandwiches or Dinner which includes:

Sandwich, Potato Salad and Sauerkraut

Fermented Beverages available and Soda

Date: April 20, 1996 Time: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Place: Legion Field, Platteville, WI

Other Entertainment: The Wundoes, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**For more information contact:**

**(608) 348-6470 or 348-7370**

*Sponsored by: Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity*



**Paul Zuhlke, left, Tom Schuh, right**

My name is Tom Schuh, and I am a freshman here at UW-Platteville majoring in ESPS with a minor in Agricultural Business. I am from Green Bay, Wisconsin, which explains my Packer Backer attitude among the Bear fans down here. I grew up on a dairy/beef farm, which evolved to totally beef in 1989. The Schuh family consists of my dad and mom, Frank and Janet, and six kids of which I am the youngest. I joined AGR to get involved in school activities, to be a part of an organization in which the members have the same interest as myself, and to have the family and home I'm used to away from home. My plans after graduation are to work for a prominent ESPS firm, raise beef cattle, and open my own Auto Paint and body shop. Alpha Gamma Rho is an awesome organization and will help me with my future goals.



**Howard Roth, right, Matt Badtke, left**

My name is Howard AV Roth. I live near Wauzeka, Wisconsin. I live on a 350 farrow to feeder and 100 cow beef operation. I participated in 4-H and FFA throughout high school. I was the President of the Wauzeka chapter from 1992 to 1994. I played football for the Hornets and participated in the newly formed Wauzeka wrestling.

My major at this time is AG Business. I decided to join the AGR because my father and brother-in-law encouraged me. Another reason is because of the long term friends and mental qualities you can get out of AGR. It will also help me with my leadership and communication skills, by being extremely active in the AGR.

My name is Tony Leake and I am a 20 year old sophomore. My hometown is Cassville, Wisconsin which is a small farming community. Even though my major is accounting, I am very much interested in agriculture. At first, I was very skeptical about joining because of the negative things I have heard about other fraternities, but Alpha Gamma Rho proved me wrong. They have shown a great sense of brotherhood, an eagerness to help out in the community, and a great sense of pride in the fraternity. I felt that being a member will allow me to grow in many ways and help me to accomplish my goals in the future.

## **GRADUATING SENIORS**

Hello,

My name is Adam Heisner and I will graduate in May with a degree in Animal Science. After graduation I will get married on the 19th of May and then report to work in Omaha, Nebraska on the 28th of May. I am accepting a position with the USDA as a Meat Grader. This job is a result of an internship which I worked on last summer. As of right now I do not know where I am going to live. However, as all the alumni know, this is not an uncommon story because the fact is we have to start a new life after graduation.



**Adam Heisner**

Last weekend was the Alumni Banquet. This is a time all the active chapter looks forward to because we can mingle with Beta Gamma Alumni and work on that brotherhood bond which we all hold so dearly. There was only one problem with this banquet, there was the lowest turnout of alumni I have seen in a long time. I understand how things get busy in all of our lives from time to time, but this is a chance for the new members to get to know the older alumni and hear the stories of "how it use to be."

As I leave the active chapter, I leave behind a house of fantastic members and brothers. To these brothers, I wish you good luck in your studies and in everything you do as a chapter. Last fall we initiated the best group of guys I have ever seen go through this house. I am looking forward to good things happening from these brothers. The only advice I have for you is to get out of school as fast as you can without forgetting to have the time of your life while you are there.

Last weekend I was part of the funeral for Ms. Dorothy Paulson. As most of you know she past away after a long battle of cancer. This woman has been like a mother to me, whenever I needed to talk to some one she was always in the kitchen ready to listen and give me some of her advice. I will miss Dorothy! This sad departure leaves a vacancy of a cook for the house. Right now Tim Brown is doing a fantastic job feeding the guys.

As I spend time reflecting over my time here as an active I remember some of the things that I did. I am sure Randy Simonson remembers the day in the fall of '92 when we baled the lawn at the house. Jerry Pegelow will never forget the night he and I dreamed up the idea of having a 48-foot homecoming float, and being as resourceful as we both are, we were able to pull it off. Ronnie Rule had a very big surprise one night after he and Ryan Rockweiler came home from downtown to find their room arranged little differently. The memories, as with fine wine, will always get better and better with age. It has been fun!!!

Fraternally,  
Adam Heisner

## GRADUATING SENIORS

Hello, my name is Nate Davis. I am a graduating senior in Animal Science. I have an emphasis in Dairy Science. I have been a member of Alpha Gamma Rho for two years and the office of VNR-Provisions for one year. After school I will be dairy farming in a partnership with a gentleman I worked for in high school. I will also have the opportunity to work into his Dairy Consulting business. I have enjoyed my two years as a member and wish the very best to all the graduating seniors.

Nate Davis



**Nathaniel  
Davis**

My name is David Becker. I grew up on a dairy farm in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. My first two years of college were spent at Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois. I then transferred to UW-Platteville to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho in the Beta Epsilon class. I have lived in the house for the past school year. During this time, I have served as a Greek Council representative, and a judicial court member. I am currently looking for a job in the agribusiness field. I have enjoyed my time as an active in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at UW-Platteville. Hopefully, the years to come as an alumni will be just as fulfilling as my active years. Furthermore, I would like to thank the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho for all the friendship, and encouragement they have provided throughout the past year and a half.

David Becker



**David  
Becker**

## VNR SCHOLARSHIP

The Brothers at Beta Gamma did a very good job scholastically last fall. We ranked 2nd within fraternities and 3rd among all Greek organizations.

David Becker earned a 4.0 to receive the highest active grade point for the semester and Mark Pipkorn earned a 4.0 to receive the highest pledge grade point. Ryan Rockweiler had the most improved grade point with an increase of 1.10. The cumulative grade point this last fall went to brother Mike North. The high Big Brother Little Brother team went to brothers David Becker and Mark Pipkorn (go figure!).

We are very pleased with the grades this last fall. We already set goals to achieve higher grade points next semester and hopefully we can improve our rankings.

## VNR-ALUMNI RELATIONS

My name is Bret Harrington and I am the new VNR of Alumni Relations. I am looking forward serving both the active chapter, the alumni board, and the alumni as a whole. If you have any questions regarding current events within the chapter feel free to contact me. I hope that in the future the relationships between the active chapter and alumni will grow stronger and lead to a better working experience in the future.

As a part of my job requirements I will be working on a new Alumni Directory. To complete this job I will be needing information on new addresses, new family members, and new jobs. Please send any information that you have to the AGR house. Thank you!

Fraternally,

Bret Harrington

## MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION

My name is Paul Zuelke. I am currently a Sophomore at UW-Platteville. I am majoring in Agricultural Education. I am the Vice-President of my hall. I am Treasurer for Collegiate FFA. I participate in intramural with the active chapter. I've found that Alpha Gamma Rho has been a great growing experience for me. This office is just one more learning experience that helps me to achieve my goals in the fraternity. I figured that the Membership Education office would be very helpful and natural for me. This office will give me some brief experience of educating others. I plan to teach High School Agriculture some day. This way I can get a jump on my career and I can also influence new members to strive for excellence in college and in Alpha Gamma Rho.

This semester we currently have 6 members in our education class. Last years initiate groups were a great success. I plan to keep some of the same activities and lessons that were so effective last semester. This semester the focus is going to be more Big Brother and Little Brother oriented. They will be working closer with one another then they did in the past. Their Big Brother will be their Mentor and Educator, along with my guidance. I feel very positive about this class. This class is the future of our fraternity. I feel that the Chapter is in good hands.

## VNR-FINANCE

My name is Matthew Bradtke and I am the current VNR-Finance. I am a senior majoring in crop and soil science, with a minor in AG-business. After graduation, I will purchase the home farm from my parents and continue to expand my farming operations. My current responsibilities with finances are going great. We are currently experiencing financial bliss. We have our rent paid in advance and are on budget. Members are staying current on their house bills and we have been able to stay in the black without many of the headaches of being in debt.

With continued from our alumni and the finance committee, we will continue to build and update our financial records on the computer. We have received our updated version of Quickbooks and are beginning to install and update our records for ease of tax filing in the future.



## Alpha Gamma Rho

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Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Home Office  
10101 North Executive Hills Blvd  
Kansas City MO 64153-1395

Last Name, First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Stud Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Extension: (Apartment Number), P.O. Box  
Number, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

(A)-Alumni, or (\*)-Active: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,

The Brothers of Beta Gamma

Dear Brother,

We are in desperate need of updating  
our Alumni files. We beg you to take a few  
minutes of your time to fill out the Alumni  
Profile and mail it to:

VNR of Alumni Relations  
845 W. Madison  
Platteville, WI 53818

\*P.S. Send all wedding, birth announce-  
ments or other events to the above  
address.