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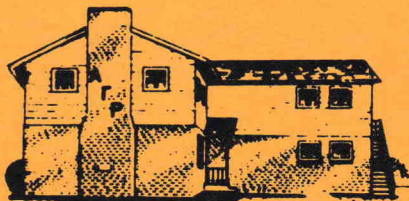
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## House Loan Repayment Drive



Attention Brothers of Beta Gamma:

It has been brought to my attention that some of you don't know about or have been misinformed on the subject of the house loan repayment drive. I would like to take this opportunity to explain the goals of the fund drive.

I. Pay off all notes against the house by spring of 1982.

II. To establish a contingency fund for future house renovation and expansion.

III. To keep AGR No. 1 at Platteville without it becoming a rich man's fraternity.

This will be accomplished with a 400 dollar donation from each of us brothers. As an alumni who has donated 400 dollars you will have the personal satisfaction of knowing that you have helped insure a strong financial foundation for our chapter. You are also entitled to a free lifetime membership in Beta Gamma's Alumni Association.

The 400 dollar donation will continue after the house mortgage is paid off in 1982. These future funds will enable future brothers to build upon the firm foundations laid down by the Alumni.

Also, as you have already been informed we are in the process of planning the 1982 Banquet. This will be in commemoration of our Tenth Anniversary as a chapter, and hopefully in celebration of a successful fund drive. We still need to have many of the questionnaires returned. They already have a postage stamp on them, so please take 30 seconds to fill it out and drop it in the mail. Incidentally, anybody who gives \$400.00 will receive a free meal for himself and his date at this banquet.

With the continued support of you, the Alumni, the fund drive will be a success, not only for the present but for many years to come.

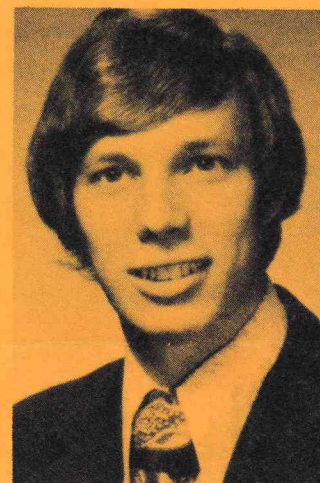
## Beta Gamma's New Advisor

The actives at Beta Gamma welcome Daniel J. Adams to serve as head advisor.

Upon the retirement of Brother Dr. Campbell as head advisor, the chapter has been without a head advisor since February.

Brother Adams is a member of the Iota pledge class and graduated in May 1975 with a double major in Ag Mech and Tech Ag. Dan is currently operating a farrow to finish swine operation on a farm 5 miles east of Platteville.

Once again, welcome Dan!



## The Girl With 45 Boyfriends



This girl who has so many admirers is none other than Miss Fran McKenzie. Fran, a senior majoring in Ag. Business is originally from a dairy farm outside of Blanchardville, WI. She has two brothers, including Ken who is an alumni of Iota, and three sisters.

Fran keeps herself busy by being a member of the Ag. Business-Ag. Econ. club and represents that club on Ag. Council. Along with Brother Dale Wiederholt, Fran represented the chapter in the Homecoming King and Queen competition. She is currently undecided on her plans after graduation.

The Brothers of Beta Gamma are proud to have Fran representing them for the coming year.





## Scholarship Winner:

### Graduating Brother For December 1979



Leonard Pluemer was this year's recipient of a \$200.00 scholarship presented by Beta Gamma. Leonard is a freshman from Lancaster, WI. majoring in Ag. Education. This is the fifth year we

have presented this scholarship. We feel it is very effective in promoting both Alpha Gamma Rho and the college of Agriculture.



Jeff Kroes will be graduating this December. Jeff is the Pledge Trainer this year and was Noble Ruler in 1978. Jeff was a member of the Omicron pledge class. As of this printing Jeff hasn't accepted a job. Good Luck Jeff.

## The "CHI" Pledge Class:



### 5 More On The Way For "Mom"

We are happy to report that Alice "MOM" Reinhold is doing just fine. This past October Mom turned a young 70 years. She has reported that she will return next semester. Keep up the good job Mom.



This fall we have five good men pledging our fraternity. They are: Dan Deppe, an undecided Ag. major from Waterloo, WI. Dan is in his second year here. Ken Gibson, an Ag. Ed. major from Kewanee, Ill. Ken is a transfer student. Devin Neuneker, a sophomore in Ag. Engineering from LaGrange, IL. is also a transfer student. Randy Wileman is the only freshman in the pledge class. Randy is an Animal Science major from Edgerton, WI. Last but not least is Keith Mulder, a sophomore in Ag. Business. He hails from Waupun, WI.



The pledges have already gotten a good share of pledging behind them, including a skip out to Missouri, a butter run of 23 minutes-52 seconds and a good date party. We have definitely got a good set of potential brothers this year.





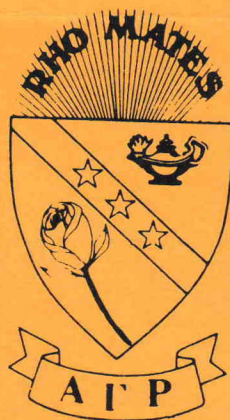
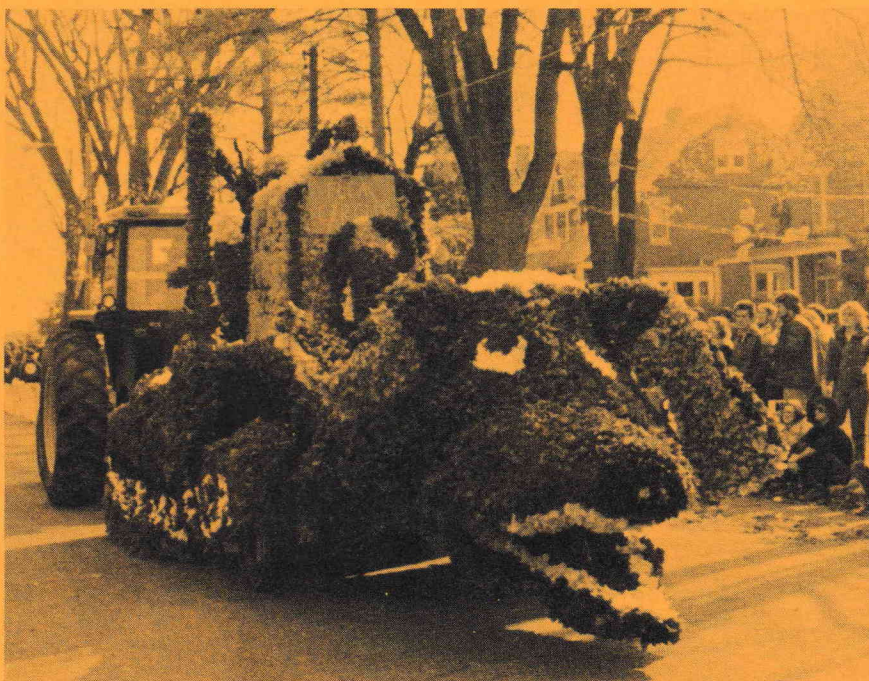
# *We Had A Fine Time In "Circus Time In 1979"*

Surprisingly, homecoming week started one week early when we needed a theme for a banner. Ideas flew and with the effort of many men, we pieced a banner together by deadline date-Monday. It read: Pioneer Pete will announce the Pointer's defeat. There were many good entries and we failed to place in this event. Homecoming week started officially with the window painting. After many interesting ideas, we went with a theme correlating "Flea Circus." Again we failed to please the judges.

The games came on Wednesday. The majority of the chapter showed up to either participate or to cheer the teams on. We defeated the TKE's in our first rope pull, but were defeated in the 2nd round by the Delta Sigs. The average size of our rope pulling team has been decreasing over the years but our enthusiasm has never quit.

We also participated in the pyramid build, the elephant chip toss, and the elephant walk. We did well enough to obtain a third place in games overall. Thursday night was the "Yell like Hell." This year we were not quite good enough to place.

Throughout the week our main effort was pointed toward the float. We worked diligently till the early morning hours on Saturday and came out in first place in the float competition. Saturday was the parade and game. The Pioneers managed to defeat Stevens Point in a well fought grid iron game. Although we failed to place overall in Greek competition; the spirit and unity we showed as Brothers of Beta Gamma was well worth the time we put into homecoming.



## **1979 Rho Mates**

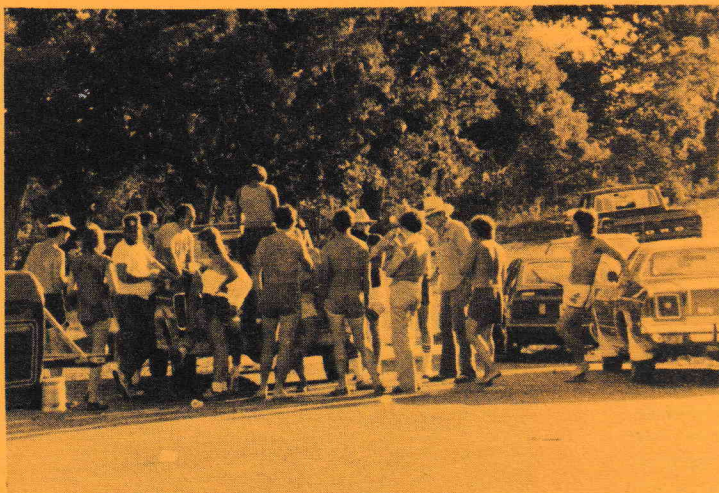


This past semester the Rho Mates have been up to their usual antics. Along with the monthly social calendar and birthday treat, the girls have: added a little spice to the Halloween party; kidnapped many unsuspecting, but willing actives to Jean Wendt's house in Waukesha; used our baking abilities to replenish our treasury; taught the unruly pledges (and few actives) proper etiquette; posed for Brother Terry McMahan's "professional" photography services; and added their help and spirit throughout Homecoming week.

We are working on an alumni Rho Mate and Sweetheart address file. Any current information about any of the past girls would be appreciated. Please send addresses, spouses and children's name, and phone numbers to: Erna Anderson, in care of Alpha Gamma Rho, 845 W. Madison, Platteville, WI 53818.



# 1979 Summer Retreat Wrap-up



The annual Alpha Gamma Rho Summer retreat was held in Hooperville, (Lost Lake) Wisconsin on July 13, 14 and 15. The hosts for retreat were Randy Braker and his fiancée' Barb Ballmer.

The events began on Friday with everyone meeting at uptown Lost Lake to get reacquainted. Saturday brought the infamous softball game with the ½ barrel on second base. Many people also took advantage of the great weather to do some canoeing and play water volleyball in the lake. Later in the afternoon, everyone feasted on a meal of roast pig, prepared by Joe McDonald and Alan Johnson. On Saturday evening, Hooperville was

uprooted as the AGR's had a street dance at uptown Lost Lake featuring a live band.

Sunday found many people sleeping in late, except for four hearty souls who decided to do some early morning canoeing. Rumor has it that the perpetrators were alumni, who then proceeded to swamp the canoe. They couldn't get it upright and cries for help reached a neighboring land owner who rescued them, as no one on shore heard any sound, not even the "freak" sleeping in Stan Jones' car.

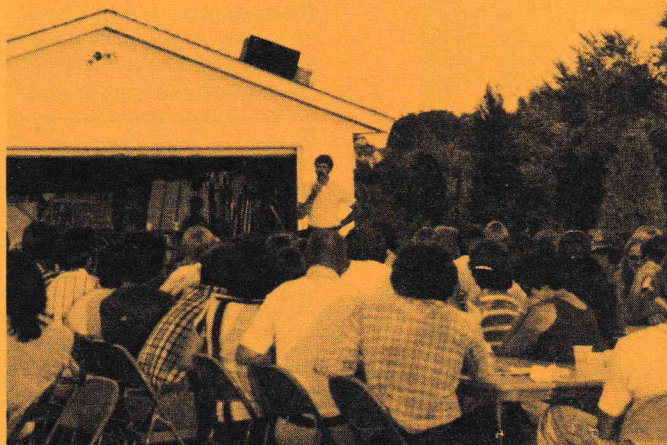
Sunday morning the alumni board met. Most people packed up and left Sunday afternoon, while a few others patronized downtown Lost Lake.

A lot of time and hard work went into this year's retreat, but it paid off since everyone who came had a good time. The event was especially successful as George Koerner provided the extra resources to make this year's retreat a break-even venture.

Kevin "BooBoo" McMahon traveled the farthest, as he came from Hawaii. George Kilbride came in second as he drove 15 straight hours to reach retreat.

A special thanks goes to everyone who helped make Summer Retreat 1979 the best ever.

## Brothers Wegmueller Speaks At 4th Annual All AG. Festival



Our 4th Annual ALL AG. FESTIVAL was held August 30th. One of our guest speakers was Brother John Wegmueller, Beta Gamma's first Noble Ruler. Brother Wegmueller talked of the many changes that have taken place on the UW-Platteville campus over the past years, especially in the College of Agriculture. He also expressed his feelings about Alpha Gamma Rho and how it has helped him in many aspects of life.

Brother Pat Krutza also visited the house this fall to present a Rush workshop. He showed the active chapter several methods of selling ourselves, and in turn Alpha Gamma Rho, to perspective rushees. This program was well worth attending as we were able to get a new out look on how to better our rush program.



## Alumni Secretary Report

As we close out another year, Beta Gamma's officers are at the end of their terms. With this I charge you the Alumni to help the upcoming officers as you have in the past years.

Having an office is good for the person holding the office in that it brings along additional responsibilities. Without you we can not exist as a chapter. Whenever you are in the area you are more than welcome to stop in and say "Hello."

You may not realize it but knowing where you live is the most important item of the Alumni Secretary's job. I plead to you that if in the future you move or change jobs that you write to the Alumni Secretary and state the changes as it makes this job a great deal easier for him. If you write to him then he will be more than happy to send the information on to the National office.

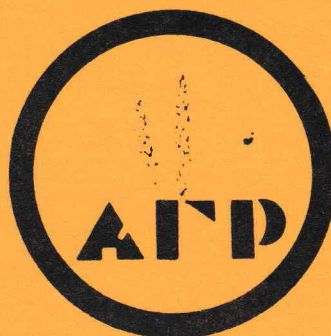
This year I started a new Alumni file box. I previously wrote to you asking for your wife's name, any children, town in which you reside, address, and job you hold. The response was fair but we need to bring the files up to date as they have fallen behind. Please send something, if you lost that letter, in as soon as possible. So, as you can see the communication link can not be broken between you, the Alumni and the Active chapter.

It has been a pleasure serving in this position this past year and I hope you will help out the future Alumni Secretaries.

Fraternally,  
Ron Hagen  
Alumni sec.

## Lost Brothers

If any person knows the whereabouts of the following LOST brothers, please inform the Alumni Secretary at once. We need to know their address as does National. LOST Brothers are: James McComish; Tom Pederson; and Bob Ratzburg.



## Alumni Shorts

Dale Pertzborn is now working for Tri-State Breeders in Appleton, WI. as a Sales Representative.

Pat Kelly has been relocated in Chippewa Falls, WI. Pat is a Divisional Manager for Surge.

Tim Eberle has accepted a position as Vo-Ag. Teacher at Argyle, WI.

Jim Lang has returned to UW-P as a Graduate student.

## Alumni Banquet

### 1980 Date Set

The Annual Alumni Banquet will be held March 22, 1980. This year though the location has been changed due to the Student Center being already booked. Do not despair though, we are planning just as good a time if not better! The Banquet will be at Boulder Lounge in Arthur, Wis., Yes-Brothers in Arthur! There is plenty of parking available. This is a new facility and I personally feel that it is large enough and the owners are quite accommodating. Fill out the reservation form and send in as soon as possible as we have to plan for numbers now. See you on March 22, 1980.

## 1979 OFFICERS

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Vice Noble Ruler — Stan Jones  
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## The Stork Reports

Daughter to Kenneth and Mary Gay. Elizabeth was born July 20, 1979, she weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Son to Steve and Kristine Sherven. Jeffery Steven was born October 19, 1979. He weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Jeffery joins sister Jennifer, age 3.

Son to Dave and Kathy Houston. Eric David was born October 25, 1979. He weighed 7 pounds 5½ ounces and was 20½ inches long. Eric joins sister Amy.

Daughter to Robert and Linda Gosewehr. Connie Catherine was born November 4, 1979. Connie weighed 10 pounds 10½ ounces and was 21½" long.



## Scholastics

The overall grade point average for the men of Alpha Gamma Rho for the spring semester of 1979 was 2.48. The nine members of the Phi pledge class had an average of 2.67.

John Towns did an outstanding job by raising his average from 3.00 to 3.82. He had the highest grade point and was most improved also. John Wegman also did a fine job as he had a 3.50 to lead the Phi pledge class.

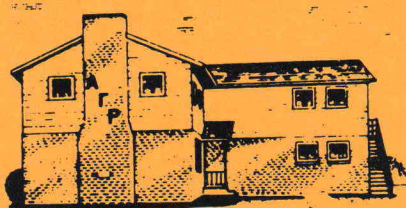
Even though the average did drop, a majority of our members enjoyed a good steak during our traditional steak and beans supper.

### *Date To Remember:*

#### *Alumni Banquet*

*March 22, 1980 At  
Boulder Lounge In  
Arthur, WI*

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from all of us to all of you.**



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## Sports Report

This past semester was a busy one for the chapter as usual. We had one team entered in the intramural flag football league and two volleyball entries in that respective league.

In football, there were a few close games and a few not so close games. Unfortunately the "Barnyard Bruisers" came out on the bottom in all six games with another game forfeited. The season did end on a bright spot as the active chapter downed the Alumni 30-27 in the annual Homecoming Weekend game. The game was a well played game all the way through, which saw 3 touchdowns scored in the last 4 plays.

On the volleyball circuit, it was somewhat brighter as one team was well above the .500 clip and the other team won a few games and had lots of fun.

All in all the members of these teams got to vent their frustrations and enrich themselves mentally as well as physically while performing together as a team. In the upcoming months we will have two teams participating in the intramural basketball league.

## CUPID'S CORNER



Although there have been no lavaliers given out this semester, we would like to report:

Joseph Green will be forfeiting all stocks and interests in bachelor life to Trina Hines on Jan. 19th, 1980. The memorable occasion will take place in Davenport, Ia., at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. A great celebration shall follow the wedding in Bettendorf, Ia., at the Holiday Inn from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Victory is located at 4103 Division and Resepion, 909 Middle Rd. in Bettendorf. All AGR's and mates are invited and welcome.

Brother Dan McGowan announces his engagement to Marcia Hepner. The tentative date is set for Sept. 13th, 1980.

Randy Braker and Barb Ballmer have set their wedding date for May 31, 1980.

Jeff Kroes and Paula Johnson have set their wedding date for May 24, 1980.

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