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## John Wegmueller - First Noble Ruler

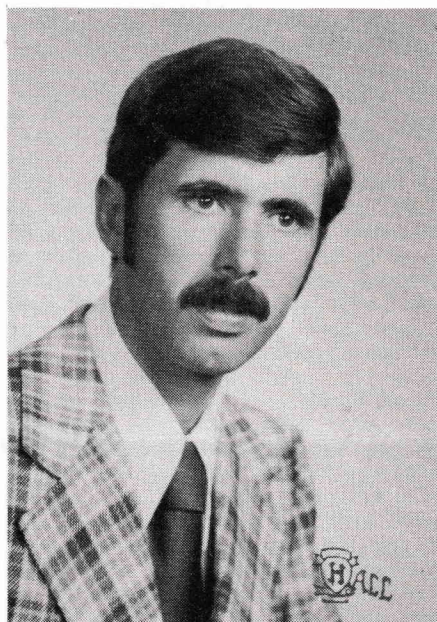
As the tenth anniversary of Beta Gamma approaches, it is only appropriate to recognize the men responsible for getting Alpha Gamma Rho established at UW-Platteville. One of these men is John Wegmueller - first Noble Ruler of Alpha Gamma Rho at Platteville.

Brother Wegmueller is a native of Monroe, Wisconsin. He began school at Wisconsin State University-Platteville in 1966 with plans of obtaining a degree in Animal Husbandry. John's interests in getting an Alpha Gamma Rho chapter started at Platteville grew as his college career progressed. John had friends from Monroe who belonged to the Iota Chapter in Madison and he was anxious to show them that Platteville also had the agricultural leaders and the background necessary for an Alpha Gamma Rho chapter.

John was a senior in the fall of 1968 when the first organizational meetings for Alpha Gamma Rho were held. Brother Wegmueller, with the strong support of Dr. Robert Campbell, played an important role in inspiring other ag students to get involved in the work necessary to establish an Alpha Gamma Rho colony. This first big year for Brother Wegmueller was spent largely in getting Alpha Gamma Rho recognized by the student council and working with the rest of the founding fathers at obtaining colony status. Weekly meetings were held in Ullrich Hall because there wasn't a house available at this time. Brother Wegmueller was elected Noble Ruler at one of these meetings and his willingness and desire to see Alpha Gamma Rho established at Platteville increased even more.

Starting a colony was a real challenge for John and the rest of the founders. It involved a lot of time and work and was a learning experience. As founders, it was necessary to set the groundwork for the first pledge class. John stated that "the first pledge class was a real education and inspiration for us all - it helped knit the whole group together."

Brother Wegmueller, like the rest of the founding fathers, was also involved in other activities besides Alpha Gamma Rho. John was a member of the Soil Conservation Society, Alpha Zeta and the dairy judging team. These other activities were time consuming but John still found time to devote to AGR. The hard work put forth by Brother Wegmueller and the other founders



John Wegmueller

paid off as Alpha Gamma Rho at Platteville became an official colony on February 24, 1969. John graduated from Platteville a few months after this date and began his graduate work in Dairy Husbandry at the University of Missouri. While John was at graduate school, the colony at Platteville got its first house at 350 West Pine Street.

Brother Wegmueller has been farming on the home farm near Monroe since graduating. He was married in April of 1975 to the former Becky Anderson. They have two children, Genia-five years and David-three years. John has increased the size of his farm by purchasing a neighboring farm of 110 acres and he also rents an additional 155 acres. His farming operation is mainly dairy. It consists of a 55 cow herd of Registered Brown Swiss with a DHIA test of 14,000 pounds milk and 545 pounds fat. The Wegmuellers raise all their calves. Bull calves are raised as steers and heifers are used as replacements or sold. Some of the calves from the Wegmueller herd have been sold overseas to foreign customers.

John's dairy setup consists of a pipeline milking system, a manure pit for storage, and five silos. These are used for haylage,

corn silage, and high moisture ground ear corn. The crops grown on the Wegmueller farm are corn, alfalfa, and oats. He also raises wheat as a cash crop. Soybean oil meal is purchased and used as top dressing for the dairy herd.

Brother Wegmueller's ambition and dedication as an undergraduate has not decreased since leaving school. He has been very active in various organizations besides running a very successful farming operation. John has been on the Green County Ag Chest for several years and has served as president. He is also involved with the Green County Farm Bureau as a director and vice-president. The Production Credit Association can claim Brother Wegmueller as a director and chairman. He served AMPI as a delegate for District 4A and also president. John is a member of the Green County ASCS and the School Board Advisory Committee. He participates in the Monroe FFA Alumni and the First Church of Christ Scientists in Monroe where he is a director. Brother Wegmueller is a junior advisor for the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Association. He has been involved with the Association for seven years.

It may seem that with all of these organizations that John is involved in, he would have very little time left for farming. This is certainly not the case when you look at some of the special recognitions that John has received. In 1980, Brother Wegmueller was the Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer. He was first runner-up for the Outstanding Young Farmer for the Wisconsin Jaycees in 1981. John has also been selected as Outstanding Young Farmer by both AMPI and the Green County Farm Bureau. In 1980, he was chosen as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer.

From being the first Noble Ruler for Alpha Gamma Rho at Platteville to a successful career in farming, Brother Wegmueller has done an outstanding job. When looking at the quality of men that belong to Alpha Gamma Rho, it is easy to see why so many of them have enjoyed successful careers.

Brother Wegmueller has stated that it was the combined work of a number of men that made it possible for getting Alpha Gamma Rho started at Platteville. Inside this crescent, there is information on the rest of the founding fathers that helped make the dream of an Alpha Gamma Rho chapter at Platteville a reality!



# OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

In a few short months Beta Gamma will be celebrating our tenth anniversary as a national chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. This celebration wouldn't be possible without the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm shown by the men that are known as our founding fathers. These brothers are men that had the dream of an agricultural fraternity at UW-Platteville and with their hard work helped to make this dream come true!

**David Brassfield:** David received his Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Education in 1969. He also obtained his Masters degree in Ag. Ed. from UW-Platteville in 1972. Brother Brassfield now resides at Pepin, Wisconsin where he teaches vocational agriculture.

**Thomas Ellefson:** Brother Ellefson graduated in 1970 with a degree in Animal Science. He had worked for the Farmers Home Administration for six years and is presently working as a Real Estate Broker. Tom is also involved with construction. He is residing in Madison with his wife, Pam, and their two children, Charles, 4 years old and Leslie, 11 months.

**Francis Friar:** Francis graduated in 1969 with a degree in Ag Education. He received his Masters in the same the following year. Brother Friar served as House Father, Alumni Secretary, and Treasurer of the alumni corporation. He was involved with Alpha Zeta, Ag. Ed. Club, Dean's Advisory Committee, and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee. Francis is presently Vice-President of Marketing for Production Credit Association. He resides in Lancaster, Wisconsin with his wife Judy, and their two children, Julie, 5 years and Sara, 2 years. Francis has stated that "AGR is the one organization I belong to that I always feel part of... you continue to meet fellow brothers."

**Thomas Kellom:** A 1970 graduate in Animal Science, Tom served as 1st Vice Noble Ruler and Pledge Trainer. He was involved in AZ and CAA. Brother Kellom served in the army for two years after graduating. He has worked for Stokley-Van Camp and is presently employed with the USDA as an animal husbandman and computer operator at the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho. Tom is married to the former Marie Hartwell. They have two children, Melissa, 3 years and Andy, 2 years.

**Jeff Key:** Brother Key received his degree in Ag Economics in 1970. Two years later, he received his masters in Ag Industries. Jeff served as Pledge Trainer and was active in organizing plans for building our present house. He was involved in AZ, intramurals, and IFC. Brother Key is presently a member of the alumni board of directors. Jeff worked for PCA in Neilsville for one year and is presently working in Winnebago County as the University Extension Farm Management Agent. Brother Key has received state and national recognition for being the outstanding county agent with less than ten years experience in the state of

Wisconsin. Jeff is married to the former LaVon Jacoby and resides in Oshkosh.

**Richard Marotz:** Brother Marotz is a 1970 graduate from UW-Platteville. While in school, he was involved with Alpha Zeta and the Ag. Education Society. He also served as Alpha Gamma Rho's Scholastic Chairman. Dick is living near Westfield where he is engaged in dairy farming. He and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Dan, 5 years and Joseph, 3 years.

**Stephen Mergen:** Brother Mergen received his Bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 1970. In 1973, he received a degree in Education. Steve has been working with the Holstein Association as a consultant since 1974. He has worked in California and New York and is presently living in Dorchester, Wisconsin. Steve is married to the former Sharon Hennessy. They have two children, Bryan, 3 years and Shannon, 1 year.

**Jan Peterson:** Jan is a 1970 graduate with an Ag. Economics degree. He also has his Masters in Ag. Economics. Jan was involved in the Young Republicans while in school. Brother Peterson is presently employed with Production Credit Association of Janesville as a loan officer. He is active with the Janesville Jaycees.

**Wayne Reiche:** A 1972 graduate with a degree in Ag. Education, Wayne was active in CAA, AZ, Tack and Saddle Club, and the Flying Club. He worked several years as a 4-H agent in Marquette County. He also taught vo-ag at Rosendale High School for one year and spent several years working in production agriculture. He is presently employed as the sales manager for FS Cooperative in Wautoma, Wis. Brother Reiche is married to the former Mary Jo Gilbert. They have two children, Brent, 7 years and Adam, 2 years.

**Darrell Roberts:** Brother Roberts graduated in 1970 with a degree in Ag Economics. He is presently farming near Stockton, Illinois with his wife, Sue, and their two children, Joan, 11 years and Jean, 10 years.

**James Roberts:** James graduated in 1970 with a degree in Animal Science. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where he received his Masters Degree in Dairy Science. Brother Roberts then spent four years with Campus Crusade for Christ before entering Dallas Seminary in 1977. He graduated from Dallas Seminary in 1981 with his Theological Masters degree and is presently a pastor and Th.D. candidate at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas.

**James Salesman:** Brother Salesman graduated in 1969 with a degree in Technical Agriculture. He was involved in AZ and Dairy Judging. James has also served as president of the Alumni Association for Beta Gamma. He worked for 5 years as program director for the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. He later worked as insurance agent and spent a couple of years

as a dairy farmer and consultant - now a major hobby. Brother Salesman is presently employed with Moline Accessories Division-Montgomery Elevator Company as assistant foreman.

**Mike Sands:** Brother Sands is a 1970 graduate with a degree in Ag Industries. He also has his masters degree in Ag Economics from the University of Illinois. Mike as active in Alpha Zeta while in school. He served as both Noble Ruler and Vice Noble Ruler. Brother Sands is presently an Extension Ag Economist at Kansas State. He and his wife, Ann, have two children, Matt-10 years and Mindy-5 years.

**George Schwab:** A 1970 graduate in Ag. Economics, Brother Schwab served as treasurer of AGR while in school. He served in the army after graduation and is now employed with Production Credit Association in Black River Falls as the branch manager. George is married to the former Rebecca Peasley. They have one daughter, Sarah, 5 years.

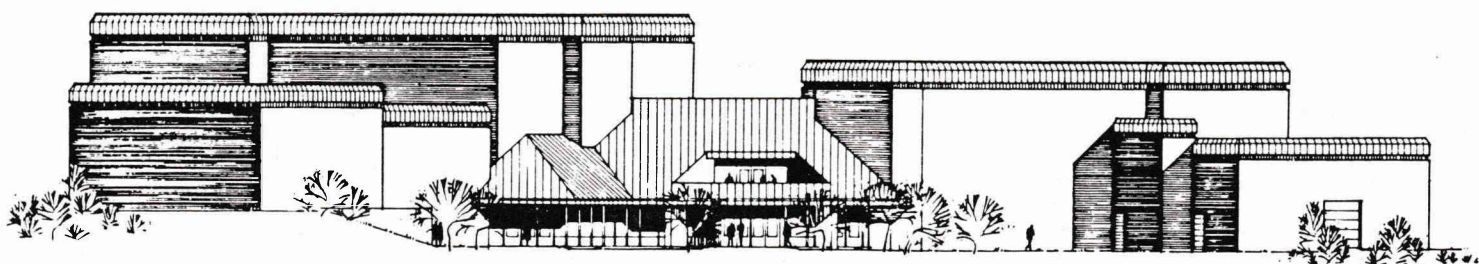
**Gene Smith:** Gene is a 1969 graduate from UW-Platteville. He is originally from Dodgeville. Although we were unable to contact Brother Smith, our latest records indicate that he is now living at P. O. 27, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin and is employed with Production Credit Association in Mount Horeb.

**Stan Smith:** Stan is a 1969 graduate with a degree in Ag Education. He was active in Ag Education Society, AGR, and intramurals. After graduation, Brother Smith taught vo-ag at Barneveld for one year. He spent two years in the army and later worked for Production Credit Association in Plymouth. Stan is presently Assistant Vice-President of PCA at Juneau, Wisconsin. Brother Smith is very active in Jaycees, Lions Club, Juneau City Planning Commission, American Legion, and Parent/Teachers Society. He also judges various FFA contests. He and his wife, Barb, have one child, Marla-11 years.

**Lynden Snetcher:** Brother Snetcher graduated in 1971 with a degree in Ag. Economics. He is presently living near Shannon, Illinois where he operates a beef and hog farm. Lynden and his wife, Robin, have two children, Daniel, one year and Carrie Lynn, 10 years.

**Don Von Rueden:** Don graduated in 1971 with a degree in Ag. Technology. He was social chairman and Alumni Secretary for AGR. He was also active in cross country, track, CAA, and the Ag. Advisory Board. Don has worked for Ralston Purina and Central Soya. He is presently owner-manager of D & D Farm Supply, Inc. in Lena, Illinois. He and his wife, Donna, have one son, Ryan.

**John Wacholz:** Brother Wacholz graduated in 1969 with a degree in Ag. Education. He served in the Air Force for 5½ years as a pilot. John is presently living in Hager City,



Center of the Fine Arts to be completed in 1983 (South Elevation)

## FOUNDERS

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Wisconsin and is teaching a Young Farmers program at Red Wing, Minnesota. While in school, John was active as 2nd Vice Noble Ruler, participated in AZ, and was in the Ag. Education Club. He and his wife, Judy, have three children, Matthew, 11 years Timothy, 9 years, and Michael, 7 years.

**John Wegmueller:** Brother Wegmueller is featured on the front page.

**Kenneth Wilcox:** Brother Wilcox has both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from Platteville in Ag. Education and Ag. Industries respectively. While in school, Ken was active in AZ, CAA, Ag. Ed. Society, and Tack and Saddle Club. He was also reporter for AGR and has served on the Alumni Board of Directors. Brother Wilcox has taught Vo-Ag at Columbus, Wisconsin. He has also been a District Marketing Representative and has worked for State Farm Insurance. Ken is presently general manager of Farmer's Union Co-op Services in Adams, Wisconsin. He and his wife, the former Gayle Ann Punke, have one child, Jane, 9 months.

Following are the names of those founding fathers that were not initiated as national members of Alpha Gamma Rho. Although not national members, they still played a role in getting Alpha Gamma Rho started on the Platteville campus. They are: Bob Addison, Ken Anderson, Bob Cavanaugh, Paul Garthwaite, Tim Helgeson, Dennis Karez, Jon Vickerman, Dan Nankee, DuWayne Ostrem, Denny Rusch, Wally Ulness, and Bernie Weisen- sel.

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## Fine Arts Center

Alumni that have returned to Platteville since this past summer have probably noticed a major change on campus. Old Main, that old brick building between Ullrich Hall and the Student Center, is no longer standing. Old Main was razed after 74 years of existence to make room for a new fine arts center.

The Fine Arts Center is in the process of being built. It is expected to cost about \$4.7 million and should be completed early in 1983. Platteville has been the only school in the university system without a fine arts center but within a short time this will change.

## New Faculty Member

The College of Agriculture has a new faculty member this fall at UW-Platteville. He is Dr. Ronald Schuler. Dr. Schuler attended school at UW-Madison where he joined Alpha Gamma Rho in 1959. He received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Agriculture and Mechanical Engineering in 1963. After serving two years in the Armed Services, Brother Schuler returned to Madison, where he received both his Masters and Ph.D. degrees.

Dr. Schuler has taught at both North Dakota State and the University of Minnesota. He was at North Dakota from 1970 to 1976 and in Minnesota from 1976 until 1981. While in Minnesota, Brother Schuler served as co-advisor for the Lambda chapter.

Dr. Schuler is originally from a dairy farm near Valders, WI. He is presently living in Platteville with his wife, Barb, and their two children, Rob, 7 years, and Sarah, 6 years. Dr. Schuler is the head of the Ag. Engineering Department. He is teaching Ag. Machinery and Farmstead Electrification and will also begin teaching Materials Handling and Engines and Tractors.

We wish Dr. Schuler and his family the best of luck at Platteville. We feel that the University's choice of Brother Schuler was a good one and that he will make an excellent addition to our fine ag. faculty!

## Tenth Anniversary

As was mentioned in your last newsletter, plans for the tenth anniversary banquet are well underway. Here is another update to fill everyone in on some details in case you missed the letter.

Date: March 27, 1982

Location: Student Center at UW-Platteville  
Time: Social hour at 6:30 p.m., meal at 7:30 p.m., program and dancing to follow meal

Emcee: Dr. Robert Campbell

Guest Speaker: Russell G. Mawby,

Grand President of Alpha Gamma Rho  
Entertainment: Howie Sturtz Band

The history of Beta Gamma from its very beginnings until now will be covered in a short slide show that is being prepared. Anyone with slides from the earlier years of Beta Gamma is asked to send these to the Alumni Secretary at the house. Copies will be made and slides returned.

A number of rooms have been reserved for Alpha Gamma Rho at the Governor Dodge Motor Inn. Please make your reservations now by calling (608) 348-2301. When asking for rooms, state that you are with Alpha Gamma Rho.

An update on the building fund shows that approximately \$11,000 of the \$18,000 pledged so far has been paid in. Anyone who is interested in getting involved with Beta Gamma's "The First Ten Years" fund drive can make pledges and donations by contacting the Alumni Secretary at the house or our Alumni Corporation treasurer, Rick Kuhle. Rick's address and phone number is 2406 Independent La., Apt. 202, Madison, WI 53704 --- (608) 249-9258.

Help to make the tenth anniversary banquet a big success by planning to attend and celebrating our First Ten Years with the Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho!

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## From the Desk of the Noble Ruler

Hi Brothers,

How's things going with everyone. I hope they are going as well for you as they are in the house. The brothers are finally over homecoming and the first wave of tests. Although I'm a little disappointed with the results (we weren't quite able to take first overall), I feel that should be secondary. With the effort that was shown in working and celebrating together, I feel the brotherhood has strengthened. Anyone who doesn't feel that way must not have been around. I feel that the brothers led the Greeks, which in turn, led the rest of the University to a successful Homecoming. I'd like to thank all the alumni who blessed us with their presence over the homecoming weekend. I'm sure it was well worth your trip. I'm confident that the miles sped by either anticipating or reflecting upon the weekend.

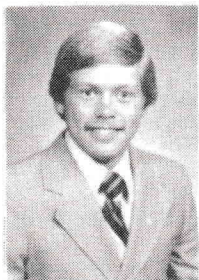
We are well on our way to graduating a fine group of pledges into active brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho. I hope we all remember that key word while being actives. Well good luck pledges! Hope to see you at your pledge banquet at the Boulder Lounge on December 4.

For all brothers who weren't fortunate enough to be here for homecoming or were so blind that they didn't notice the new, good looking girl around. Well, it's Jodi Huff, our new sweetheart. Congratulations Jodi, you deserve it! Congratulations actives on a fine choice.

Once again, all alumni keep March 27, 1982 open for our tenth anniversary banquet. Much hard work has been done already to make the 1982 banquet a memorable one. I guess I better put my reservations in now since I'll be graduating in December and will be on the other side of the fence in March.

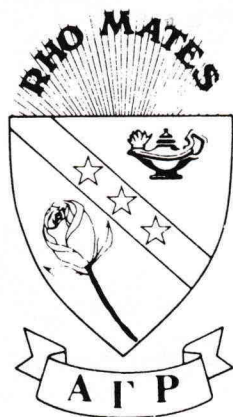
Well, that's all for now. Take care and thanks for everything this past year.

Fraternally,  
John Towns



## New Mascot???

The brothers at Beta Gamma have been giving a lot of thought lately to getting a mascot. Being an ag fraternity, we felt it was only right to choose an animal that relates closely to agriculture. What was our choice? Why, a sheep of course! What better way to represent agriculture at Platteville. Remember alumni - at Platteville, the men are men and the sheep are nervous!



Greetings from the 1981-82 Beta Gamma Rho-mates. We are looking forward to an active year.

This year's sweetheart is Jodi Huff. The following girls are the officers: Sue Langkamp-President, Suzanne Muhlenbeck-Vice President, Julie Berg-Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Johnson-Social/Ways & Means, Jody Martz-Housemother Coordinator.

Thus far this semester, we have helped with the All Ag Festival, made breakfast for the Butter Run, and participated in the Homecoming parade. We have also had a bake sale and back rubs for money making projects. Other plans are to hold a box social auction and to sell ag. buttons.

Last year's sweetheart, Nancy Krahn, has become part of the Rho-mate organization along with Cindy Johnson, a UW-Madison Rho-mate who transferred to Platteville this fall.

We hope that this will be the best year ever for the Rho-mates and brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville.

## SCHOLASTICS

The brothers at Beta Gamma did a good job scholastically this past spring. The overall grade point for the chapter was a 2.78. Twenty-two men either increased their grade points or remained the same from the previous semester and were able to eat steak at our biannual steak and beans supper.

Paul Wegmann earned a 3.87 to capture the honors of highest active grade point. Brian Donnelly had the most improved grade point with a 3.5. Brother Mark McMahon earned a 3.75 to lead the Spring pledge class. These brothers each received \$50.00 scholarships for the efforts.

We are quite satisfied with the grade point that we were able to achieve, but we are hoping to improve it this fall semester and have even more brothers eating steak next semester.

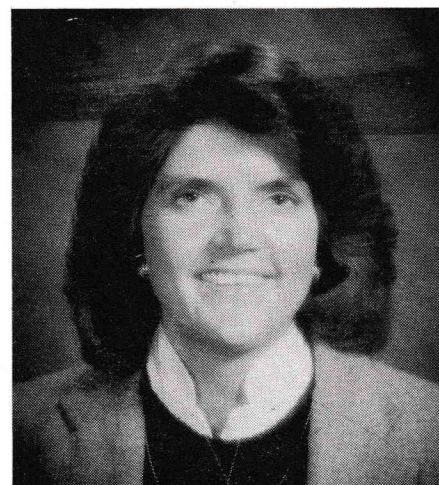
This year's recipient of the AGR-FFA scholarship that is given out by Beta Gamma is Terry Alan Schmidt. Terry is an Agriculture major from Wilton, Wisconsin. He has received a \$200.00 scholarship to assist him financially in his academic studies.

## New Sweetheart

The brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho have selected a new sweetheart to represent our fraternity during the 1981-82 school year. She is Miss Jodi Huff, from Lancaster, Wisconsin. Jodi is a junior majoring in elementary education.

Jodi has been doing an excellent job representing Alpha Gamma Rho. She, along with Brother John Towns, represented our chapter in the Homecoming King and Queen competition where they were one of the five finalists.

The brothers of Beta Gamma are proud to have Jodi representing us this year and wish her the best of luck!



Jodi Huff

## Dairy Team Goes AGR

Dairy judging was a success this year at UW-Platteville. In turn, so was it a successful year for the AGR's on the team. Brothers who participated on the team were Bob Janes, Tom McKittrick, John Towns, Scott Towns, and Paul Wegmann. Nancy Krahn, last year's sweetheart, was also a member of the team.

In Waterloo, IA, Brothers McKittrick and young Towns prepared for battle. They came back as the 3rd place team overall with Towns receiving 3rd high individual and McKittrick placing eighth.

Next stop for the Pioneers was Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. John Towns was a member of this team as it placed 8th overall and was in the top five for several breeds.

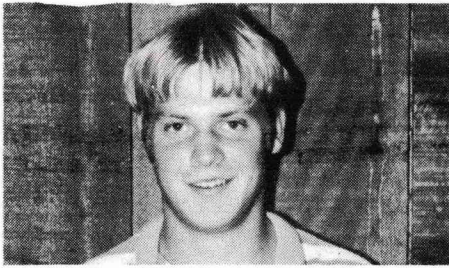
Third stop on Doc Hoffman's magical mystery tour was Memphis, Tennessee. Here the house was represented by Janes, Wegmann, and Krahn. Platteville placed teams 4th and 5th in the contest. Once again, the AGR's were well represented as Wegmann was 3rd high individual.

On the home stretch, Alpha Gamma Rho sent fifty percent of the team to Madison with old Towns and Wegmann. The team was 16th overall and Towns was 10th individual in the contest, a meager nine points from the number one position.

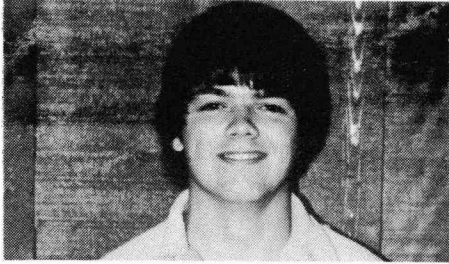
All in all, Alpha Gamma Rho was pretty awesome along the lines of dairy judging. Next year's prospects look even more impressive.



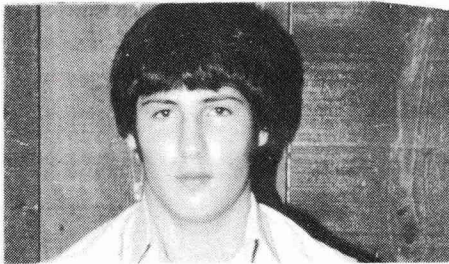
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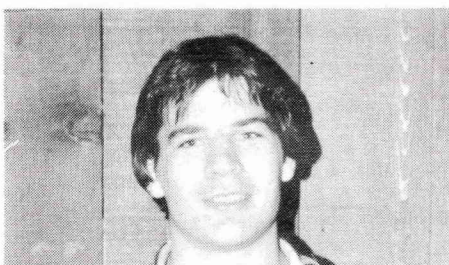
**Thomas Bull:** Tom is a sophomore majoring in Agriculture Education. He is from Mt. Carroll, Illinois.



**Michael Kirschbaum:** Mike is a local Wisconsinite from Glen Haven. He is majoring in Agricultural Engineering.



**Jeff Laufenberg:** From Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, Jeff is a freshman majoring in Agriculture. He is presently undecided on what area of ag.



**James Limmex:** One of three pledges majoring in Ag. Education, Jim is from Spring Green, Wisconsin and is a sophomore.



**Paul Manke:** A freshman in Agribusiness, Paul is from Arlington, Wisconsin.

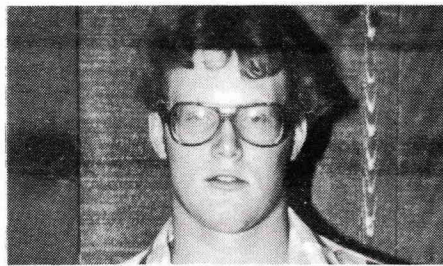
Our fall rush went extremely well with the work of 1st Vice Noble Ruler Ken Gibson and the rest of the chapter. We currently have twelve young men pledging Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville. These men are members of the Alpha Beta pledge class. They have been quite busy getting interviews and doing other pledge activities under the supervision of Pledge Trainer Ron Keil, and his assistant, Scott Laufenberg.

The Alpha Betas ran the six mile butter run from the university farm to the ag. hall in twenty-three minutes and forty six seconds. They made a gallant effort but were not able to break the Sigma's record. The pledge class took their skipout to Delta chapter at Purdue on Friday, October 23. They also stopped at Beta Delta chapter in Normal, Illinois on the return trip. Ten actives also traveled with the pledges.

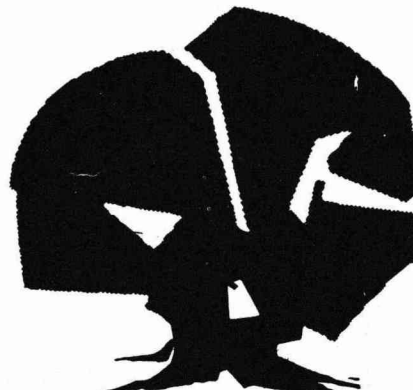
These twelve men are really fired up and anxious to become brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho. We wish them the best of luck and are confident that they will uphold the high standards of Alpha Gamma Rho.



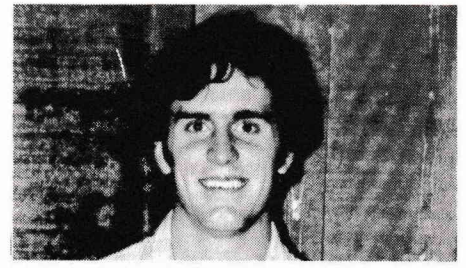
**Dennis McDougall:** Another Illinois pledge, Denny is a freshman from Rockford, Illinois. He is majoring in Technical Agriculture.



**Joe Nettum:** Joe's hometown is Edgerton, Wisconsin. He is presently a freshman and is majoring in Agribusiness.



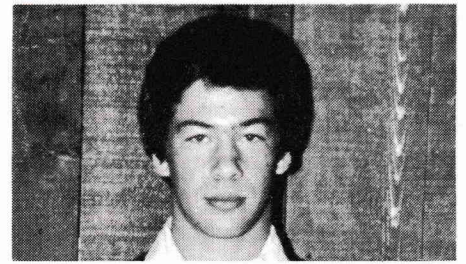
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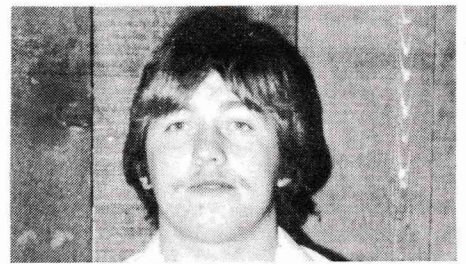
**Jeff Parks:** Jeff makes the fourth pledge from Illinois. He is from Milledgeville and is a sophomore majoring in Agribusiness.



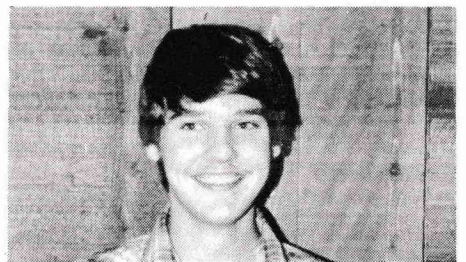
**Dan Rux:** A junior transfer student, Dan is Kewaunee, Illinois. He is majoring in Animal Science.



**Kent Schoeny:** Kent is a freshman from Shannon, Illinois. He is one of the few, the proud, Soils and Crops major.

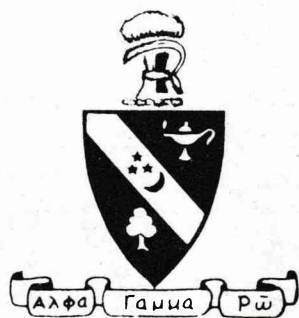


**Stuart Stangler:** A Watertown, Wisconsin native, Stuart is a freshman majoring in Ag. Education.



**Wendell Weisensel:** Wendell is a sophomore majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet. He is from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.





## Important Dates and Events

### January 16, 1982

Pork Congress at the Holiday Inn South in Madison. Try to meet with fellow brothers on Saturday at noon in the main lobby.

### March 27, 1982

Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Beta Gamma! Reserve this date on your calendars. It may be one of the most memorable events that Beta Gamma has experienced!!

## HOMECOMING

This year's homecoming events took place October 12 - 17. The theme was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The brothers and Rho-mates of Alpha Gamma Rho were really fired up and showed a lot of spirit all week.

We started the week off right by winning first place in the mud volleyball tournament. Alpha Gamma Rho also placed first in the Greek's division of the Homecoming games. Our "Terrible Ton" tug-o-war team pulled their hearts out and defeated all challengers. The end of the week saw us in the finals in both the "Rainbow Rally" (Yell Like Hell) and the stunts. We managed to take first in the yell and second in the stunt.

Saturday was the day of the big Homecoming parade and game. The weather wasn't very cooperative as it rained most of the day. Our float which consisted of a good witch and a bad witch on a football field managed to place second.

When all the points were added at the end of the week, the brothers and Rho-mates of Alpha Gamma Rho saw our fraternity tied for second place overall with the Delta Sigs. We were only five points behind the first place Sig Taus. Our Pioneer football team also came out in second place as they lost to the Oshkosh Titans in a muddy gridiron game.

Although we didn't win the trophy for first place overall, we still felt as if we came out number one. The brotherhood and spirit was very strong and everyone had an excellent time participating in the various events all week long.

Alpha Gamma Rho was also proud to have sponsored our sweetheart, Jodi Huff, and Brother John Towns as one of the five finalists for the Homecoming King and Queen competition. The annual Alumni vs. Undergraduate football game was cancelled due to inclement weather, but watch out Alumni - we'll get you next year!

## Alumni Secretary Report

Homecoming is over and things are returning to normal. It was nice seeing so many of you return for the festivities. Although the weather wasn't very cooperative, everyone still seemed to be having fun. The next big gathering of brothers and Rho-mates from Beta Gamma will be our tenth anniversary banquet in March.

Ten years of being a national chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho! That's something to be very proud of. The success of Beta Gamma is due to the support and dedication of our alumni. A strong group of alumni is the backbone of a strong chapter. The undergraduate chapter of Beta Gamma is proud to be able to say that we have alumni that really care!

As alumni secretary, I have had the opportunity to correspond in various ways with numerous alumni. I have found this to be very rewarding. Through it, I have been able to learn what Alpha Gamma Rho has meant to you as alumni. Many of us, as undergraduates, do not realize all the benefits of being an AGR, but as we graduate and enter the business world, it becomes more and more obvious what Alpha Gamma Rho represents.

April 22, 1972 - A proud moment in the lives of many brothers of Beta Gamma. Think about this date and what it means to you. In a few months, we will celebrate our First Ten Years as Beta Gamma of Alpha Gamma Rho! I am eagerly looking forward to the approaching anniversary and encourage all brothers and Rho-mates to make plans to attend. This celebration has the potential to be one of the most exciting and memorable events of Beta Gamma since the signing of our charter!

Fraternally,  
Terry McMahon



### ATTENTION ALUMNI DON'T GET LOST

Keep the chapter informed of  
all address changes!



## The Stork Reports

It's been a big year for babies from Beta Gamma. Four babies this year and also one announcement that came in late for last year. Here they are:

Randy and Connie Lenz announced the birth of a baby girl, Hillery Kay, on October 7, 1980. She weighed 8 lb. and 5 oz. Hillery joins a brother, Eric.

David and Sue Peterson are the proud parents of a new boy born on September 25, 1981. His name is John David and he weighed in at 6 lbs. and 7 oz. He joins a brother, Mark.

John and Angie Dorhorst are the proud parent of a new baby girl. Her name is Johnna Jean. She was born October 7, 1981 and weighed 6 lbs. and 12 oz.

Tom and Judy Friar have announced the birth of a daughter, Jessica Jean, on October 6, 1981. Jessica weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz.

Charles and Mary Rassmussen have also announced the birth of a new baby. He is Eric Richard. Eric weighed 7 lbs. and 13 oz. He was born October 7, 1981.

Congratulations to the new parents! One point of interest - the last three babies mentioned were born within fourteen hours of each other. It certainly proves one thing -- AGR's like to do things together!

## ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Director ..... Dale Mondloch  
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## 1981 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Noble Ruler ..... John Towns  
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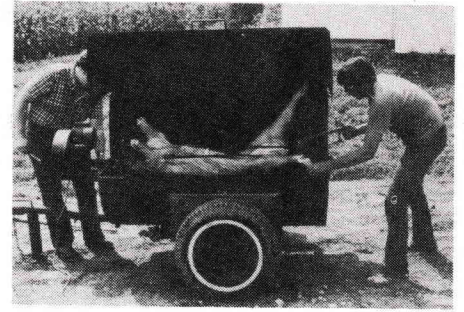
# CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



Noble Ruler Towns presents checks to our scholarship winners.



Brother DeNure welcomes new and returning students to AGR's 6th annual Ag. Festival.



Brothers Bohnhoff and Yanke ready the hog for the 1981 Summer Retreat.



Beta Gamma's Number One Lady is hard at work as usual!



This year's fine group of Rho-Mates, along with our sweetheart and cook.



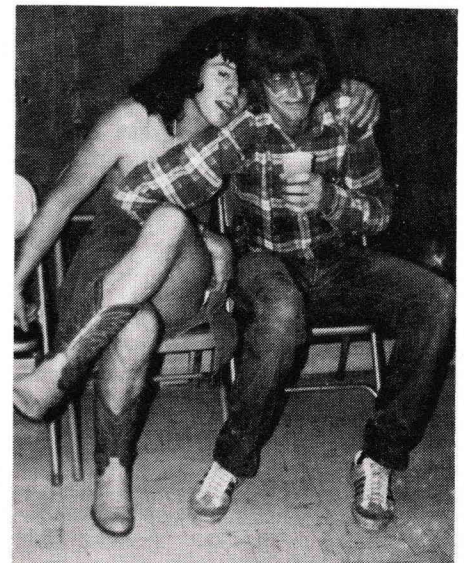
Homecoming games are a lot of fun but not always too clean, as shown by brothers Ahsinger and Deppe.



The Blues Brothers at Halloween Party? Actually it's Brothers Jelle and Gibson.



Brother Towns and our sweetheart, Jodi, represent AGR as finalists in Homecoming King and Queen coronation.



Brother Hamm gets some friendly advice from a fellow brother at his bachelor's party.



## CUPID'S CORNER



Several brothers have recently taken their wedding vows and are now a part of the married life. They are:

- **Tom Hamm** - Brother Hamm was married on October 3rd, 1981 to the former Deb Huehne of Platteville, Wisconsin. Tom and Deb have since returned to Brother Hamm's native state of New York, where he is farming.

- **Steve Weisensel** - Steve was married on October 17, 1981 to the former Laurie Buss at the United Church of Christ in Reeseville, Wisconsin.

- **Kendrick Smith** - Brother Smith was married on September 12th to the former Joy Vodak. They are living near Spring Green, Wisconsin.

## HOUSEMOTHER

Beta Gamma is still without a housemother. We have a committee looking into possible leads and at present have one lady that is being contacted. If any alumni have any other possibilities that we can check into, please notify the chapter.



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## Alumni Shorts

**Allen Klug** - Al is a 1975 graduate. He is presently a sales representative for FMC Corporation in their Ag Chemicals division. Al and his wife, Janet, have one child, Kelly. They reside in Madison, Wisconsin.

**Michael Martz** - Mike is a 1977 graduate. He is living at Route 1, Rewey, Wisconsin where he is engaged in farming. Mike is married to the former Lynn Larson.

**John Meyers** - John is also a 1977 graduate. He is living in Mineral Point and is employed with Wisconsin Power & Light. John and his wife, Nancy, have one son, Jered Michael.

**Mike Stanek** - A 1978 graduate, Mike was an Animal Science major. He is living at Route 1, Wonewoc, Wisconsin where he is engaged in farming.

## Lost Brothers

Our latest records indicate that these brothers addresses are incorrect. If you know their whereabouts, contact the Alumni Secretary. Last known addresses are:

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Houston, TX 77036

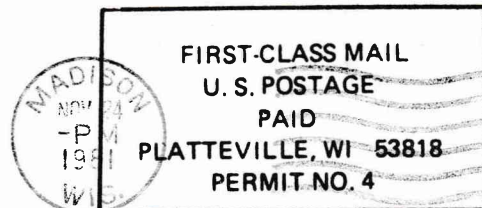
Randy Williams  
825 Kennedy Court  
Fennimore, WI 53809



**Greg Nelson** - Brother Nelson is presently farming near Geneseo, IL. He raises corn and about one thousand head of hogs in a field operation. Greg and his wife, Barb, have two children, Jeff, 4 years, and Kimberly, 1½ years.

**Daniel McGowan** - Dan is presently employed with Ralston Purina as Manager of Dealer Financial Services. His responsibilities include extending credit to Purina grain elevator dealers, management, and financial consulting. Brother McGowan is married to the former Marcia Hepner. They reside in West Lafayette, Indiana.

**David Peterson** - Brother Peterson is presently farming with his two brothers. They are operating farms in St. Charles, Illinois and Richland Center, Wisconsin. Dave and his wife, Sue, have two children, Mark, 18 month, and John, 6 weeks. They are residing in Elburn, Illinois.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



This directory supplement contains the new addresses of brothers that have changed since the last directory was mailed out. It also contains the addresses of our latest initiates. If any of these addresses are incorrect, please notify the Alumni Secretary. Also, if you did not receive the directory that was mailed out last year, please contact the house. The next complete directory will be compiled in the fall of 1982.

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001 Campbell, Robert  
1225 W. Main St.  
Platteville, WI 53818  
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163 DeGraf, Peter  
508 S. 2nd Street  
Oregon, IL 61061

255 DeNure, Charles  
190 Preston Drive  
Platteville, WI 53818  
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240 Donnelly, Brian  
R.R. 2, Box 324  
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175 Fisher, Michael  
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231 Gibson, Kenneth  
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021 Goetsch, Gerald  
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209 Green, Joseph  
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017 Haldiman, Tim  
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214 Jelle, David  
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Mt. Horeb, WI 53572  
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044 Jerrett, Lynn  
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Appleton, WI 54911  
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1851 Park Ave.  
Sycamore, IL 60178

180 Keesey, Kim  
933 Michigan Ave.  
N. Fondulac, WI 54935  
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226 Keil, Steven  
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Benzonia, MI 64133  
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Oakes, ND 58474

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201 South Stone  
La Grange, IL 60525

067 Lenz, Richard  
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Madison, WI 53703  
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204 Makholm, Bruce  
220½ E. Wis. Ave.  
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026 Meyer, Daniel  
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259 Prem, Larry  
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215 N. Sanborn  
Jefferson, WI 53549  
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Republic of China

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Moline, IL 61265

076 Schleicher, Norbert  
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Cottage Grove, WI 53527  
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007 Timm, James  
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113 Wagner, David  
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Cleveland, WI 53015

185 Weisensel, Steven  
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Waterloo, WI 53594

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