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Annie Keeps Cooking Up A Storm

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Our cook, Annie Kemnitzer has been a valuable part of the boys of Beta Gamma. In January of 1983, we mark the 10th anniversary of Annie cooking for us. She is often taken for granted, but we can literally say that we at Beta Gamma have grown and are still growing with the help of the food she cooks. At this time, we stop to thank Annie for putting up with us all.

Annie grew up on a farm near Patch Grove where she went to school. She says their farm consisted of chickens, hogs, dairy cows, and most everything you could imagine. She enjoyed dancing during her younger days; she eventually met Ray, her husband, at a dance hall. She and her family also enjoyed playing cards and picnics. She said that most every Sunday in the summer the whole neighborhood would have a softball game, even the parents.

Ray and Annie are proud parents. They have four children which have stuck pretty close to home and are quite close knit. Betty, the oldest, is married and works at the Platteville Nursing Home. Norman, and his family live in the Des Moines, IA area where he works. The third eldest Jim and his family, run the Old Homestead in Rewey. Pat works with Jack White Construction in Platteville. Just for the record, Annie also has eight grandchildren, two-step grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Before coming to the AGR house to work, and after raising four children, Annie has held two different jobs in the Platteville area. She worked for ten years at the Platteville Hospital and another ten years at the University cooking for the students there. We hope her record isn't a bad indication for her tenth year at Beta Gamma.

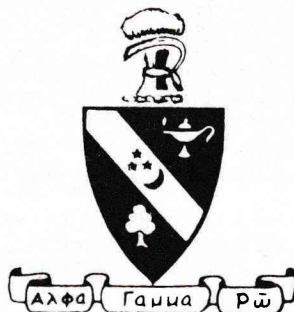
Annie likes to get involved with guys at the house. She thinks being involved keeps her excited about her job. In addition, Annie believes that there are a lot of nice young people around the university. Annie likes the aggressiveness the AGR's have for going out and obtaining jobs.

In her spare time, Annie likes to crochet as well as read. On weekends, she also likes to go out to eat and keep track of her family. She also keeps Ray in line, much like she does to us during the week.



**A lot of things have changed,
but Annie isn't one of them.**

A lot of things have changed since the founding of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. Annie Kemnitzer has seen people come and go around the AGR house. We feel that she has made things easier for our stay at college. It has been very helpful to know that there will be food prepared for our meals when you get back to the house, even if you are disappointed occasionally with liver and onions. But, we'll eat well until it happens!



A.G.R.'s Win Homecoming

The Halloween weekend brought more "treats" than "tricks" this year as the members of Beta Gamma successfully competed in the annual Homecoming events. This year's theme of "Spirits in You" brought out the true spirit of Alpha Gamma Rho as the brother worked hard and long for sweet success. This year, we competed in several events. These included Spirit Scream, 2nd place; Stunt Night, 2nd place; Games 1st; Tug-O-War, 1st; House Dec., 3rd; and the real winner, our float, which took 1st place to give us 1st overall in the Greek competition. Our thanks go to all alumni who helped cheer us on.

Alumni Banquet Is Set For March 19, 1983

The 11th annual Beta Gamma Alumni Banquet is scheduled for March 19, 1983. Plans are under way to try to carry the excitement of the 19th anniversary banquet. Country Four Plus Two, one of the most popular country western bands in southern Wisconsin, is booked for the occasion. More information will be sent to you about this special weekend. Plan ahead for March 19, 1983, it'll be a weekend you won't want to miss.

Comments On National AGR Convention

Last August I had the opportunity to attend my first National AGR Convention in Orlando, Florida. I was most impressed with the convention and met some of the finest men devoted to agriculture in America. The theme of the convention was "Harvest the Sunshine" and my wife and I did just that during our weeks stay in the Sunshine State.

Mr. Ted Priebe, former editor of the **Sickle and Sheaf**, was elected to national board of directors. Many of the brothers remember Ted as he visited Beta Gamma a

couple of times and joined us at one of our alumni banquets held in Dubuque.

Several constitutional changes were made and Montana State was selected as host for the 1984 convention to be held at "Big Sky" Montana.

Items which need attention be local chapters, as presented by various speakers, seem to be a balanced social program, higher emphasis on scholarship and a more wholesome living environment. Computer literacy by AGR's was strongly encouraged with predictions of a computer terminal in

every chapter house by 1990.

Space does not permit me to summarize the whole convention. The five brothers who represented Beta Gamme did an excellent job and participated fully in all of the activities. I feel the convention was well worth attending and encourage others to do so if the opportunity arises.

Co-Advisor, Beta Gamma

Brother Loberger

Down The Hatch with

CUPID'S CORNER



Jeff Jarvis and Amy Hesseling Plan to take their wedding vows on December 17, 1982. Their wedding is at Darlington with their reception following at the Elk's Club in Platteville at 8:30 p.m.

Tim Mueller and Sally Brigham have announced their engagement. Their wedding plans include at June 18, 1983 wedding in Marlboro, MA. That sure would be quite a road trip and vacation!

James Lang and Jacolyn Turnell are planning to take their wedding vows on December 18, 1982 in Barnevelt, WI. There will be a reception following at the American Legion Hall.

Mike "Trout" Fisher and Lori Carpenter have announced their recent engagement. No wedding date has been set.

Tim Beran and Becky Brotzman have announced their engagement. Their wedding plans include a January 1984 wedding in Milton, WI.

Rho-Mate Jodi Huff and Steve Ryan announce the recent engagement. A June 23, 1983 wedding has been set for these two.



The six listen to Brother Trapp's instructions.

The six Alpha Delta pledges have just finished up their pledging period. Their eight weeks were hectic from start to finish under the reigns of pledge trainers Eric Trapp and Dan Zauche.

The Alpha Delta's finished the butter run in twenty-five minutes and forty-four seconds. Their skip-out was taken to Kirksville, MO to the Beta Iota Chapter and a fun time was had by all. The six apprentices will be initiated next spring if a two point accumulative grade point is reached individually. Although quantity of pledges was slim this semester, we though the quality was as good as we've ever had. We welcomd them aboard.

Following are the members of the Alpha Delta Pledge Class:

Randy Binversie: Randy is a freshman majoring in Ag Economics. He is from Kiel, WI.

Bob Klahn: An Oregon, WI native, Bob is currently a sophomore majoring in Ag Engineering.

Kevin McArtor: Kevin is from Malta, IL. He is a freshman majoring in Ag Economics.

John Scott: John is an Animal Science major from Richland Center, WI. He is a junior at UW-Platteville.

Gary Smith: Gary is a native of Elkhorn, WI. He is currently a freshman majoring in Tech Ag.

Ken Watts: Last and certainly not least, Ken is a sophomore majoring in Agri-Business. Ken hails form Hollandale, WI.

Brothers Do Well In Scholastics

The Brothers at Beta Gamme, once again, proved to have a very productive semester scholastically.

The fraternity grade point average for the spring of 1982 was an impressive 2.913. That is up from the fall of 1981, which was 2.820. The Alpha Gamma pledge class came in the a 2.736. Leading the spring pledge class was John Jarvis with a 3.40.

Other scholastic achievers include Terry Pink and Vern Pierce. Terry receives the "most improved" award, raising his GPA 1.17 points, while Vern leads the fraternity with a 3.65 GPA.

The above brothers will each receive \$50.00 for their achievements. Hats off to all the brothers of Beta Gamma for another job well done!

Submitted,
Vern Pierce
Scholastic Chairman

Three Alumni Come Back To School

During the past semester, three alumni have come back to UW-Platteville planning to finish their undergraduate work. We at Beta Gamma like to sit around and have them tell us about the good ol' days when they were in college and what crazy things they did. Pat Crombie, Jeff Jarvis and Lyle Jeske have gotten together and answered a few questions that we are bringing to you. This is a profile of alumnus turned actives.

Pat Crombie, a member of the Mu pledge class, has done a number of different things since leaving school. Many of his jobs have

been part-time. He has been active in his community with many groups. These groups range from Jaycees to coaching Little League. Pat is also a member of the Columbus School Band. Pat feels he is more serious about his studies now, like many members of the active chapter. The "Croms" as referred to around the house, can't believe how early parties end as compared to when he was an active.

Jeff Jarvis has been driving truck since he quit school. Jeff has seen a difference in the chapter since he was an active. He feels the

brotherhood isn't quite as strong, but this may be due to people being more careful about good grades and a good job. "Fred-dy" has had no trouble getting back into the swing of things, with the exception of Dr. Strohm's biology tests.

Lyle Jeske is a member of the record setting butter run Sigma pledge class. Lyle has also driven semi since departing from school. In the past two years, Lyle has also done some farming. Lyle's future is up in the air, but there is a good chance that he will farm after graduation.



Actives Edge Alumni

On Homecoming Sunday, the actives of Beta Gamma nipped their alumni by a touchdown after more than two hours of keen competition. Opening the scoring, Jeff Key, president of the alumni association, snabbed a well thrown ball to give the alums a good start. Noble Ruler Brian Donnelly then tied the score with an interception; which he ran for a touchdown. The actives took their first lead when Eric Trapp outran the old fellas for six points. Gary Hertzburg then tied the nailbiting game again when he jumped in front of an excuse of a ball. But Eric Trapp scored the winning points the next series by a great desire to win the game. Rumors have it that Rick Kuhle threw the game for an undisclosed amount of tuna glump! But the that played felt stiff the next morning and were thankful that Homecoming only comes once a year.



Our new sweetheart, Sue Sohner
representing us well in the
Homecoming Parada

She's More Than A Sweetheart!

The brothers of Beta Gamma recently selected Miss Suzy Sohner as our 1982-83 Sweetheart.

Suzy, the daughter of John and Jane Sohner, is from Rockford, Illinois. She is currently a senior majoring in Animal Science. In addition to milking cows for Wilburn Grainey here in Platteville, Suzy is also involved with Ag Business/Ag Econ Club, Pre-Vet Club, UW-P Women's Basketball and Softball Teams and intramurals. One of Suzy's principle hobbies is showing cattle at shows and fairs over the summer. The men of Beta Gamma wish Suzy the best of luck in the upcoming year and are proud as any to have her as our Sweetheart.

News From Alumni Treasurer

Hello everyone! Hope the holiday season which is fast approaching us finds you in a happy, cheerful mood.

The Building Fund Program continues! No, it did not end this past spring at the 10th anniversary banquet. The alumni board of directors has decided to maintain the program and allow present and future alumnus the opportunity to help reduce the mortgage on the house. Thus far, 34% of the alumni have pledged just over \$27,000.00. This amount also includes contributions made by the Rho-Mates and Advisors. These Contributions have certainly helped Beta Gamma's financial position and all the people involved should be applauded.

To refresh your memory about the program: a \$400 contribution gives you a lifetime paid up membership, a \$300 contribution gives you 15 years paid up membership. Since 1983 billing statements for annual dues will be reaching you in the near future, now would be a good time to consider joining those who have already participated in the program. If anyone has questions about the Building Fund Program or concern on other financial matters, feel free to contact me. My address is: 1930 E. 86th St. 309, Bloomington, MN 55420.

Fraternally
Rick Kuhle

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From the Desk of the Noble Ruler

Hello everyone!

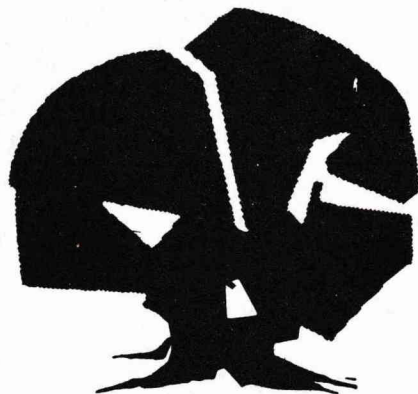
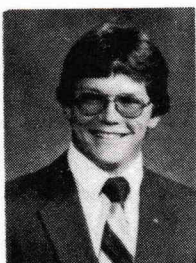
I hope all of the Alumni and their families are doing well. Also, I would like to take this time to wish everyone a happy holiday season and hope we are all ready for some winter weather because both will be here very soon.

In case you didn't hear, Homecoming went very well this year. The AGR's took first place overall. The actives all had a great time that week and would like to thank all the Alumni who came to Plattville for the weekend. I hope all the Alumni could get out of bed the next morning after the Alumni-active football game.

Since this well will be the last Crescent while I am in office, I would like to thank everyone who made this last year very enjoyable. I also look forward to becoming an Alumni in May.

Just a reminder, it's not too early to be planning for Alumni Banquet on March 19th. Hope to see everyone there.

Fraternally,
Donz



A GOOD THING
GROWING

Dairy Judgers Do Well

Dairy judging teams enjoy a successful fall at WW-P. The AGR's put four people on teams. The people include Brother Tom McKittrick, Stuart Stangler, and Rho-Mates Nancy Krohn and Barb Butzine.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was the first stop for our two Rho-mates in a contest of the Eastern National Judging Contest, Nancy took 10th place individually, while Barb finished as a valuable on this team. The foursome placed 9th overall in the contest.

That same week, a team and two alternates traveled to a contest in Memphis Tennessee where Doc Hoffman's team received first place. Plattville had the first and second place high individuals in the contest. Stu served as an alternate in that successful contest.

On the home grounds in Madison, the team members of Tom McKittrick and Nancy Krohn didn't fair quite well, but it was still a successful year and we congratulate the participants.

Higg's Heroes

The 1982 Crops Team did an excellent job of representing the university again this November. The team placed fourth in the Kansas City contest and achieved third place awards in Chicago. Twelve teams competed in both contests. Brother Dan Zauche placed third in Seed Analysis division and was the tenth place individual in Chicago scoring 1710 points out of a possible 1800. Kansas City and Chicago host the National Collegiate Crops Judging Contest annually.

Rux and McDougall Perform

This year marks the twenty-third annual Madrigal. With it comes two brothers in the mediaeval show. Daniel Rux is this years major domo. Dennis McDougall is his jester. Madrigal starts December third and runs through December eleventh. They will be entertaining their guests with jokes, stories and gymnastics. Dan and Dennis previously performed together in the children's play, Rumpelstiltskin.



The Stork Reports

We've only two recent births to announce. This fall has been a slow time for our stork report.

Mark and Janet Wienkes are happy to announce the recent birth of their son Eric John. He was born on October 14, 1982, weighing in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mark and Peg Yanke are the proud parents of Bryan Ray. Bryan was born on September 13, 1982, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

We congratulate these parents on their new additions to their families. I'm sure the little fella's will keep them busy.



ATTENTION ALUMNI
DON'T GET LOST

Keep the chapter informed of
all address changes!

Search For House- Mother is on Going

Brothers of Beta Gamma are still searching for a housemother, and it is good to know that the alumni are willing to give us financial as well as moral support in our search. If you know a lady that fits the criterion, please let us know about her.

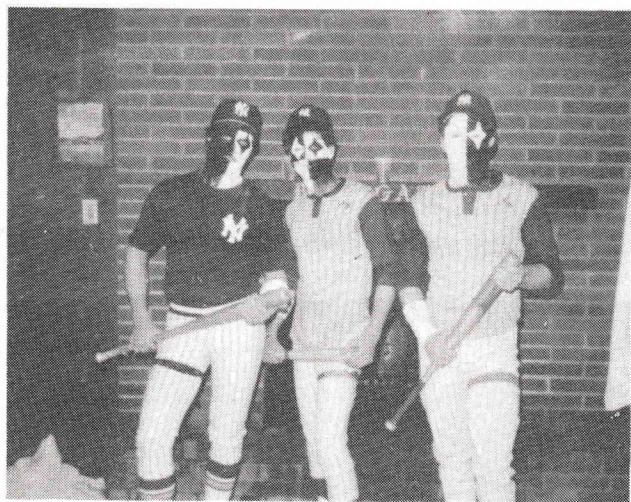
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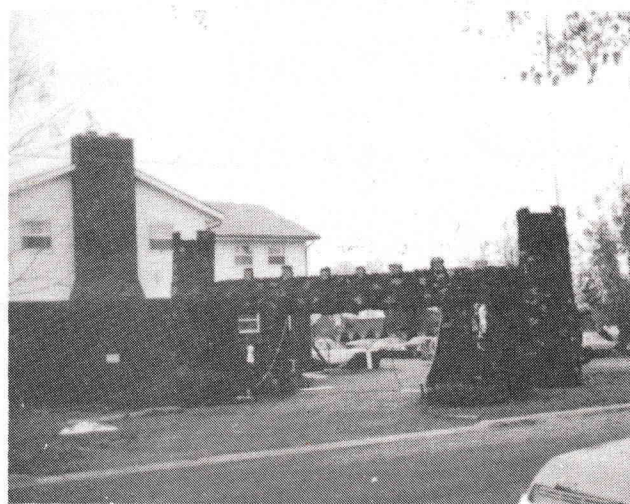
The Beta Gamma Delegation at
The National Convention



Our Pride and Joy of Homecoming



Halloween Party brought all kinds



Our housedeck spiced up Homecoming

A LOOK IN THE PAST



That's Brotherhood



Things sure have changed

Alumni News Wanted



Take the first step. In order for us to have a Crescent full of Alumni news, we need to hear from all of you. Please fill out the questionnaire below, and mail it to Alpha Gamma Rho, 845 W. Madison St., Platteville, WI 53818. Pictures are welcome.

Name _____ Pledge Class _____

Address _____ Pin No. _____

Occupation _____

Job Description _____

Hobbies _____

Comments on activities since graduation _____

Future Plans _____

Enjoyable or meaningful activities while you were a member of the house _____



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