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Brother Kellom Plays a Significant Role At the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station

Brother Thomas R. Kellom (87) was a member of the founding fathers of the chapter. Tom is presently employed at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station at Dubois, Idaho. The station was established in 1916. At that time, sheep numbers were very high in the Dubois area of Idaho with perhaps 200-300 thousand sheep grazing there in the summer. Some of the prominent early achievements at Dubois were developing the Columbia and Targhee breeds of sheep.

Since the 1920's and 1930's sheep populations have declined in Idaho and nationwide. Range beef cattle now utilize the former sheep ranges. However, there does remain land unsuitable for anything but sheep and sheepmen who adapt to changing times and look to institutions like the sheep station for answers.

The station is large by midwest standards at 48,360 acres. But the annual rainfall in the area of 12 inches and the additional problems of lava rock, sagebrush, and steep timbered slopes, you will understand the difference in production as compared to the Midwest. The station also has winter range on another 23,000 acres of National Forest.

Recent developments at the station include extensive testing of the Finnsheep crossbreds and the development of a new breed, the Polypay sheep. Both the Finns and Polypays are run with three standard range breeds, Rambouillet, Targhee, and Columbia. The main advantages of both the Finns and the Polypays is early maturity and the ability to lamb at one year of age plus dramatic increases in prolificacy. Under range conditions the Finn crossbreds can deliver a 150-180% lamb crop, whereas the standard breeds perform at about 100-150% lamb crop. The polypays have a developing ability for 2 lamb crops per year.

The August 1, 1983 inventory of sheep showed 4,680 ewes, 464 rams and 5,466 lambs for a total of 10,610 sheep. These large numbers permit the station to duplicate typical range operations and adds to the statistical accuracy of the research.

People might be interested that much of the year, the ewe bands are guided by shepherds who live mostly alone in camp wagon and tents. Horses are much a necessary tool not only for sheep handling but also for cattle work.



As far as his specific work Brother Kellom serves the station scientists in a support role, in charge of all sheep records. To his surprise, when arriving there in 1973, this involved the use of I.B.M. machines and punched data cards. In 1980, the station acquired a computer to enhance the data processing effort. About half of Tom's time is spent tabulating, analyzing, and reporting on research data. The other half of the time is spent collecting data, weighing, sorting, etc. Most importantly making sure the experiments are run properly.

After graduating from Platteville in 1970, Tom was drafted by the U.S. Army and served in the medical corps at an entrance examining station in Phoenix, Arizona. After leaving the army, he returned to Wisconsin and was formally initiated into the National A.G.R. chapter in 1972. He was the first Vice Noble Ruler and the First Pledge Trainer.

After working for Stokely-Van Camp at Columbus, Wisconsin for about a year, the chance came to move west. Brother Kellom arrived in Dubois in August, 1973 and wondered about all the sagebrush. Since then, that has become his home, and he would miss the arid climate, the mountains and streams, perhaps even the sagebrush.

Helping to make Idaho home is Tom's wife, the former Marie Hartwell, from Montevlew, Idaho. They were married in June, 1977 and now have three children, Melissa, 5 years; Andrew 3 years; and Sarah 3 months.

Community activities include: Dubois Lions Club, Dubois Community Baptist Church, and Dubois Legion Post. Tom's hobbies include hunting for deer, elk, antelope and upland birds and gardening.

Distance and other activities seem to always prevent Tom from seeing his fraternity friends in Wisconsin. Brother Kellom is always pleased to hear how things are going and hear news about the Alpha Gamma Rho brothers.

Homecoming October 15

This year's Homecoming activities will take place during the week of October 9th - 15th. The theme for this year's Homecoming events will be "A Blast From the Past". Saturday, October 15 is the main event with the Platteville Pioneers hosting the LaCrosse Indians.

On Saturday, during the time that the parade ends and the football game begins the Platteville Ag Alumni Association will be having a lunch served in the parking lot of Russell Hall.

Remember that we have activities planned also. Friday night we will be meeting at the Legion Post in Platteville. Saturday is the parade, followed by the game. Sunday is a meal at the house followed by the annual actives vs. alumni football game.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming	October 15
Pledge Banquet.....	December 2
Graduation	December 18
Alumni Banquet.....	March 17

Men with the Masters

Brother Pat Krutza (18) is presently the branch manager of the Monroe Production Credit Association. After receiving his Masters in August, 1973 in Ag Industries, he started work for PCA of Monroe and was promoted to his present position in 1976. Pat married the former Gloria Hill, who is presently teaching at Pecatonica High School. They are proud parents of a daughter, Kari, 2½ and a son Matt, 1.

Brother Dave Brassfield (22) is presently a loan officer of Federal Land Bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Upon his graduation with his masters in 1972, Dave taught high school Vocational Agriculture, until 1981 at which time he took his present job. Dave has a wife, Linda, and 3 children; Michelle, 11; Jenny, 8; and Leah, 6. Dave obtained his masters degree in Ag. Education.

Brother George Koener, (45) is presently a dairy market reporter for the USDA. One of five in the country, the job involves working with dairy industry representatives to summarize current market conditions of dairy products. George presently lives in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. George graduated with his Masters degree in Ag. Industries from Platteville in 1977.

Brother Richard Marotz (53) is presently a dairy farmer near Westfield, Wisconsin. Dick obtained his Masters from Platteville in Ag. Education in 1970. Upon graduation, Brother Marotz went into the army, then became a Vocational Agriculture instructor at Jefferson High School. Dick has a wife, Shirley, and 3 children: Joseph, 5; Daniel, 7 and Becky, 2.



Earl and Cindy Heirmerdinger are the proud parents of a new baby boy. On June 13, 1983, Kevin Joel was born, weighing 6 lbs., 1 oz. Kevin joins a brother, David who is 2½-years old.

Mike and Lynn Martz are proud parents of a new baby boy. On June 16, 1983, Douglas Nathan was born weighing over 7 lbs. Douglas is the first child of the Martz family.

Randy and Barb Baker are proud to announce a perfect addition to their family. Seth Randall was born on August 9 at 8:56 a.m. He weighed 9 lb., 2 oz.

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CORNER



Brother Scott Towns and Miss Nancy Sutter (Rho-Mate) were wed on September 10, 1983. The ceremony took place at 1:00 at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin.

Miss Sue Langkamp (Rho-Mate) and Jim Warner will be married on October 1, 1983 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Glen Haven, WI. The reception and dance will follow at 4:30 at Sunset Lanes in Dickeyville, WI. All are welcome.

Brother Brian Donnelly and Miss Lisa Miller plan to tie the knot on October 22, 1983. The wedding will be held in Cambridge, WI at about 5:00 p.m. with the reception to follow at the Stoughton V.F.W. Everyone is welcome.

Miss Barb Butzine (Rho-Mate) and Phil Hanson will be wed on October 22, 1983 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ebenezer Moravian Church in Watertown, WI. The reception and dance at Turner Hall in Watertown starting at 8:00 and all are invited.

Brother Kerry Henning and Miss Barb Hutter (Rho-Mate) plan to be wed on November 26, 1983. The ceremony will take place at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Rural Kiel, WI at 2:00 p.m. The reception will take place at 6:30 at Michael's Supper Club in Brillion, WI.

Brother Tim Beran and Miss Becky Brotzman are to be wed on January 7, 1984 in Milton, WI. The reception and dance will follow at the UAW Hall in Janesville, WI.

Brother Terry Pink and Miss Sarah Leedle will be hitched on February 25, 1984 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Geneva, WI. More information will be available later.

Comments from the Exalted Noble Ruler

Brothers:

I hope your summer was fulfilling and enjoyable. As usual, the summer was too hectic and too short. Maybe next year it will be different!

I want to take this time to extend my appreciation to Dr. Richard Loberger and his committee for doing a super job on our Long Range House Repair Planning. I can't help but think this is one of the best programs that Beta Gamma has initiated in the last few year.

We are also still trying to come up with a set of long range goals in other areas such as Rush, Community Involvement, etc. These Long Range Plans could do nothing but help build Beta Gamma's continuing from year to year and make it an even stronger chapter in the future.



Fraternally yours,
Tim Beran

Alumni On The Move

Danny Scholten has moved to 9 West Ontaria Street, Oak Park, IL.

George Koerner has moved to Rt. 3, Box 407, Beaver Dam, WI.

James Lang has moved to Platteville, WI.

Edmund King, Jr. has moved to 251 E. Columbian Street, Neenah, WI.

Ray Morse has moved to 3739 Blain Road, Poplar Grove, IL.

Larry Jerrett has moved back to the farm at Rt. 3, Box 144, Lancaster, WI.

Steve Burgess has moved to 512 E. 12th St., Neilsville, WI.

Lyle Jeske has moved to 250 Herman St., Platteville, WI.

Bill Frank has moved to Lomira, WI.

Ron Kiel has moved to 325 Elmer St., Platteville, WI.

Bob Cotter nas moved to 250 Herman St., Platteville, WI.

Kenrick Smith has moved to R.R. 1, Lone Rock, Wisconsin.

Dwight J. Horkheimer has moved to 3634 Breckenridge Ct., No. 7, Madison, Wisconsin.

Actives Assist Alumni



Three that scrubbed the ceiling of the hog finishing room.

On the week of September 6, Brother Dave Badula (191) came to the regular chapter meeting. At this time Dave stated that he needed some help to clean a farm for Southern Wisconsin Cattle Credit Co. The following weekend, 6 actives rose to the occasion and helped Brother Badula clean the farm in Dodge County. Another group helped the following weekend with some touch-up work.

Scholastic News

This year we expanded our F.F.A. scholarship. Instead of one \$200 scholarship, we divided it into two \$100 scholarships. We also expanded the areas to include Northern Illinois and Eastern Iowa. This year's recipients were Kevin Klubertanz and David Hill. Kevin is from Waterloo, Wisconsin, and is majoring in Ag Engineering. David is from Dixon, Illinois and is pursuing an Ag. Business degree.

Chapterwise, the scholastic winners are Jeff Laufenberg, Bob Klahn and Marty Adams. Jeff had the highest G.P.A. for the actives, Bob the most improved, and Marty had the highest G.P.A. for the pledge class. For the spring semester the accumulative G.P.A. for the actives was 2.795 and the pledges had 2.887. Congratulations Alpha Epsilons! We have also purchased an office typewriter for the chapter.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

DON'T GET LOST

Keep the chapter informed of all address changes!

Letter in Response to Typo of Last Crescent

Dear Brothers of Beta Gamma,

We would like to thank you very much in our rushing program. We've received many letters from your alumni concerning prospective rushees. We have followed up on many of the names and they seem to be very interested in our chapter.

This unique idea of rushing is a great benefit. We've never heard of this rushing program. We've decided to recommend this to more chapters in hopes that it may become an important tool on a national basis. The initiative and ingenuity of Beta Gamma should be commended.

Finally we would like to return the favor. Enclosed with this letter is a list of prospective rushees our alumni have composed. We hope your chapter has as good of rush as we have. Again, thank you and good luck.

Fraternally,
Brothers of Chi Chapter

House Long Range Planning Report

During the summer a committee of seven people met to discuss the future plans for the house. The committee was made up of representatives from the alumni, advisors and the active chapter. A close observation of the house was taken, then the plans were made. A list of the immediate repairs was made. Also the plans of what to do in the next 1-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years and 20 years and over. In the next 5 years the plans are to renovate the parking lot, improve the landscaping, and install a computer terminal at the chapter. In the 6-10 year range, they suggest an addition to expand the housemother facilities, purchase the adjoining lot and construct new storage facilities. No plans are set for the 11-15 year range, however, in 20 years plans are for remodeling the exterior of the house. For more detailed information about the house plans, contact Charles Johnson at the chapter house.

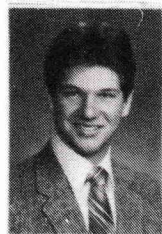


From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of The House Manager

The house has been shaping up lately. We started the semester with a lot of work, due to the construction over the summer. The work that had to be done was mainly painting. We painted the walls in the halls and 3 rooms had their walls and ceiling painted. We also remodeled the second floor bathroom by replacing the counter and faucets and putting in cabinets.

During the first annual summer house clean-up we accomplished a good deal of work. The main job was to paint the outside of the house, however, since there was plenty of man power and equipment, we also stained the walls of the basement. In addition, we seal-coated the driveway and waxed the basement floor. We greatly appreciate the turnout and let's see an even bigger turnout next year.

Fraternally yours,
Chuck Johnson



In Memory Of Doug Fitzsimmons

As brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, the most enjoyable opportunity that we have is to announce the initiation of someone into our bonds. The hardest job we have is to deliver the message of a brother's death. This job is even more difficult when these two announcements fall close together.

Brother Douglas B. Fitzsimmons, 20, was initiated with the Alpha Epsilon pledge class on April 15, 1983. The struggle of the class was over Pledge Banquet, Finals Week, and summer "good-byes" came and went. For some, it was our last good-bye to Doug. The weekend of July 15-17 was marked for the 1983 Summer Retreat. The Brothers reunited once again to exchange stories and see old friends.

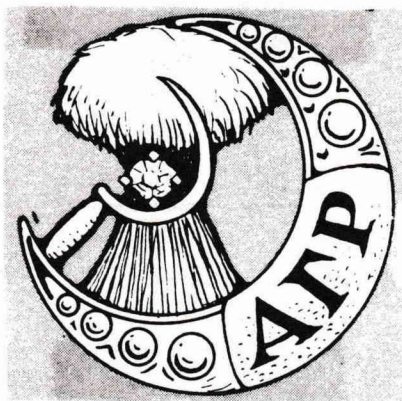
Of course, no one knows for sure but perhaps Doug came to say good-bye. On the evening of July 17, 1983, after returning from the retreat, Doug did his farm chores, then walked to the woods behind his farm and ended his life. It is impossible to justify this, or even attempt an explanation. But do we have to?

As Doug's pledge trainer and friend, I choose to remember the good times we had with him. As to the method of his death, I do not care. The methods of life as an AGR and a friend are what is important. For these reasons, I thank Doug for the good times we shared, it is these memories that I hold.

Eulogy
Vern Pierce

AGR Rush

This fall things have gone very well for us. Ag Fest had only a fair turnout due to the rain, however, things ran smoothly. The new acting Dean of Agriculture, Harold Beals put in some very good words for the men of Alpha Gamma Rho. Turnouts at the three parties since has been overwhelming, especially at the 1st almost annual beach party, at which Chuck Johnson built a pool behind the house for people to splash in. On September 15, over 25 men showed up for our Rush Supper and bids were voted on the following Monday, September 19. Pledging will begin on the 26th of the month.



Lost Brothers

The following brothers are lost according to our records. Anyone knowing their whereabouts, please inform the chapter.

Last known addresses are:

Randy Williams
825 Kennedy Court
Fennimore, WI 53809

Gordon Sebranek
R.R. 4
Richland Center, WI 53581

Dennis Valstad
Apt. 1A, 555 Gold St.
Green Lake, WI 54941

Pete Leise, Beta Gamma's First AGREP Participant



I would like to introduce Pete Leise from Hadley, Pennsylvania, Beta Gamma's first AGREP participant. At this time I would like to share a letter that Pete sent me:

AGREP University of Wisconsin, Platteville - Beta Gamma and The Pennsylvania State University - Gamma.

Wisconsin has proven to be very educational to me. I am the first AGREP student to visit Wisconsin through the UW-Platteville. My name is Pete Leise and I am a dairy student at Penn State.

I first heard of the AGREP program when I rushed Gamma chapter. Hearing about such a program greatly influenced my decision to pledge AGR. Now that I have spent the last nine weeks in your state, I can confidently say that the AGREP program is one of the best benefits the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity has to offer. Also, the state of Wisconsin is truly "God's country".

I am from a 200 acre dairy farm near Greenville, PA (located one hour north of Pittsburgh). We milk 50 grade Holsteins in a four stall side-opening parlor. My father and younger brother, Phil, operate the farm in my absence. Ultimately, I would like to buy my own farm, however, I plan to work in a farm service capacity upon my graduation.

My most memorable experiences from Wisconsin most definitely involve the people I met. The host families and brothers of Beta Gamma were most hospitable and accommodating. In particular, I recall Julie Berg's wedding. (Will Blanchardville ever be the same?) Wisconsinites do love a party!

Wisconsin's agricultural communities were a new experience for me. My Pennsylvania home is relatively close to the steel mills of Pittsburgh, where the communities are more "steel labor" oriented. It was different to see entire communities "agriculturally aware" if I may put it that way. I particularly enjoyed that facet of Wisconsin culture.

I highly recommend AGREP to all AGR's. I hope the program continues to grow with the participation of Beta Gamma chapter. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my stay in Wisconsin. Thanks to all of my host families and to the brothers of Beta Gamma.

Fraternally,

Peter W. Leise, r1185

As coordinator of last year's program I would like to thank on behalf of myself and the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, the following people: Mr. & Mrs. Carl Zauche, Mr. & Mrs. David Hurlbert, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Stauffacher, Mr. Steve Gay, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bohnoff, Keefe and Associates, Mr. & Mrs. Alton and Clayton Martin.

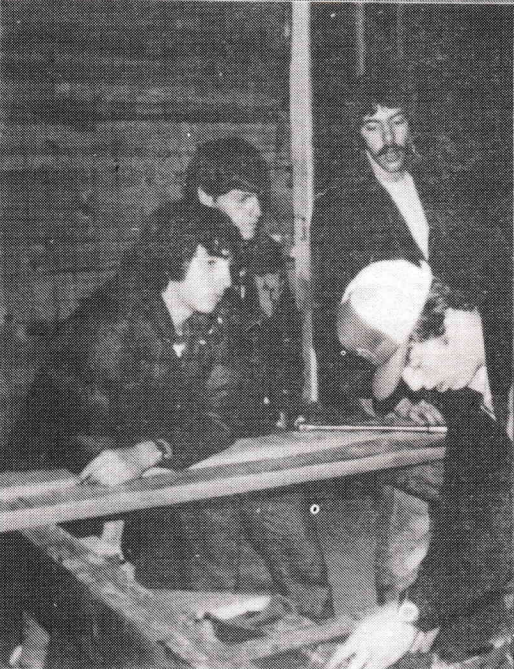
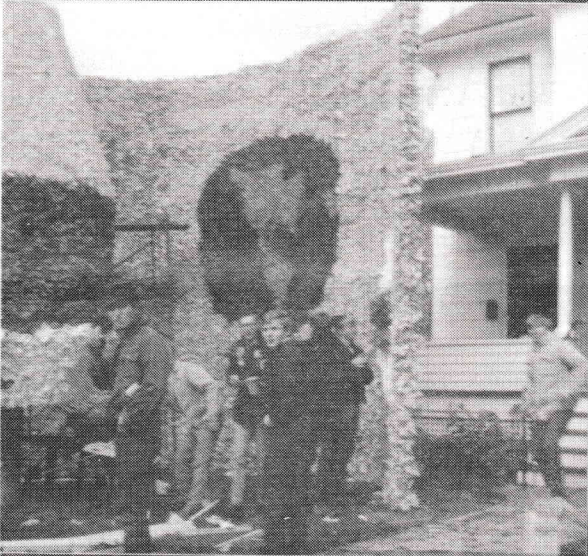
Now is the time to be thinking about next summer. Anyone interested in participating in next year's program, feel free to contact me with the form below:

Name _____
Address _____

Phone (home) _____
(Business) _____

Dave Badula
1809 Tenth Street
Monroe, WI 53566
Phone (608) 543-3644

Review of Homecomings Past



AGR Rush Recommendation

In the spaces provided below, please list the names of prospective rushees in your community or area that might attend UW-P. It would be helpful to tell them about your experiences in AGR. Let them know you are enthusiastic about the fraternity. Remind them that we are a social/professional fraternity stressing agriculture, scholarship, leadership and a well-rounded program of campus and community activities, intramural sports, etc. Your efforts on this background information will help strengthen our rush program.

Name of prospect _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Home address _____

Parents Name _____ AGR Relatives _____

High School _____ High School grades _____

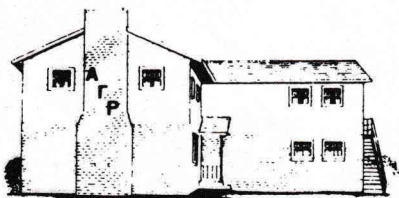
High School activities _____

Curriculum _____ Have you discussed pledging with him _____

Recommended by _____ Date _____

Return to:

**Rush Chairman
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Platteville, WI 53818**



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