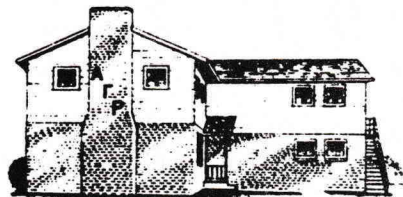


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Badger State AGR Will Host 1988 National Convention



The Convention Delegation from Wisconsin.

An enthusiastic delegation of Wisconsin AGR brothers traveled to Kansas City in August and won the right to host the 50th National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho in 1988.

The convention delegates chose Wisconsin, and specifically the city of Green Bay, over Washington, D.C. for the 1988 bid. Washington was selected to be the 1990 convention site.

A committee with members representing all three Wisconsin AGR chapters was formed in early 1985 to coordinate the convention bid efforts. Our own Beta Gamma Brother Dave Badula has served as chairman of this committee.

The bid for 1988 had its beginnings in December of 1984. During that span of nearly two years until this past August, the committee traveled throughout the state reviewing potential sites and facilities. It was the consensus of the committee that, at the present time, Green Bay offered the most advantages as a convention location.

A video presentation promoting the Wisconsin convention bid was produced with the help of Governor Earl and Orion Samuelson, both of whom appeared in the video to support our efforts. The video production was narrated by 1985-86 Alice in Dairyland, Lisa Hoesly, an Iota Rho-Mate alumnus. The video was extremely well-received, as this marked the first time a production was undertaken expressly for the purpose of promoting a convention bid.

Many people put a great deal of time and effort to achieve our goal of winning the 1988 convention for Wisconsin, not the least of which were the convention committee members themselves. The committee would like to thank everyone who had a part in our success.

As they say, now the real work begins. We would like to encourage anyone who may be interested in getting involved in our efforts to contact Dave Badula at 608/543-3522 or the chapter house at 608/348-6470 or 7370. We'd

like to issue a special invitation to alumni in the Green Bay area to become part of our efforts. Together, we can make the 1988 National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho the best ever!

By Ron Martin
1988 Wisconsin National
Convention Committee

Upcoming Events

Alumni Banquet March 28

Pledge Banquet December 5

Graduation
Christmas Party Dec. 5

NOBLE RULER'S REPORT

Start preparing now for Alpha Gamma Rho. The national convention will be coming to Wisconsin in 1988. A delegation made up of brothers from Iota, Alpha Psi, and Beta Gamma went to the national convention and placed a bid and succeeded in their bid to bring the 1988 convention to Wisconsin. This delegation was headed by Dave Badula. An excellent presentation was prepared by Ron Martin. Thank you to these men and the other men from this chapter and the other chapters for helping to make this dream a reality.

Once again, Homecoming has come and gone in a big hurry. It doesn't seem like that long ago that we were making plans, and now it's over. Once again, we had a fair turn out of alumni, and I hope everyone who came back had a good time. In the homecoming activities we didn't fair as well as we would have liked to, as we finished third. We did take first place on our float again this year. Those moving parts do it all the time. We would once again like to thank Schaefer's for the use of their shed and equipment to build the float.

Around the house things continue to constantly change. After finishing out

last semester as our new cook, Pat Morpew has returned again this semester. She is very friendly and easy to talk with. Everyone in the house feels she is doing an excellent job and I hope she plans on continuing to work here for a long time to come.

The new carpeting in the first floor rooms and the hallways looks very good and we have received many compliments on it from our visitors. Hopefully by alumni banquet we'll have some other improvements made in the house.

This semester I feel that everyone has been doing an outstanding job when it comes to year around rushing. At the current time we have five pledges who are doing a respectable job in pledging and have just past the half-way point in their pledge period. I feel that the brothers have done an outstanding job of talking to prospective pledges for next semester and have informed them of the things that Alpha Gamma Rho has to offer to them and what they have to offer Alpha Gamma Rho.

At this time I would also like to inform you that Dr. Campbell has once again decided to take up an active part

in the chapter and has agreed to become an advisor once again. Thank you Dr. Campbell. I feel that he will be an excellent complement to our other two advisors, Dr. Loberger and Dan Adams.

Brian Long has had the reservations for alumni banquet for some time now. The date for alumni banquet is March 28, 1987. Mark it on your calendars now and make plans to attend.

As this semester comes to an end, so does my term as Noble Ruler. It has been both challenging and rewarding and I have enjoyed the experience. Thank you.



Fraternally,
Herb Yanke
Noble Ruler



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ATTENTION ALUMNI

DON'T GET LOST

*Keep the chapter informed of
all address changes!*

Alumni Secretary Report

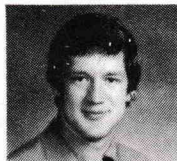
Dear Alumni,

I am in the process of updating the current alumni directory. It is my hope to have the home and business phone number of all alumni included in this directory as well as the current addresses. Enclose you will find an addressed post card to be sent to the alumni secretary to keep current individual information or any corrections that you feel should be made to your file.

The Alumni Banquet date has been confirmed and will be on Saturday, March 28, 1987 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center here at UW-Platteville. Mark your calendar and plan for a weekend of fun, fellowship and fraternity.

According to the national's and my records, the following alumni are "LOST"! Allen H. Fox
Richard W. Lenz
Steven L. Sherven

If you have any information as to their current whereabouts, please write it down and send it to me including the approximate date of his/their change of address and phone number. Thank you.



Fraternally,
Brian T. Long
Alumni Secretary



New Cook at Beta Gamma

Pat Morpew resides in Platteville with her husband, Robert, a computer science professor at UW-Platteville. Pat started working for the house at the beginning of the fall semester and has adapted to the chaos extremely well.



Alumni On The Move

Ken Wilcox has been named General Manager of Mauston Farmers Co-op. Brother Ken was a part of the founding pledge class of Beta Gamma. He graduated in 1971 with a B.S. in Ag. Education and a Masters in 1972. He currently lives at 207 Williams Street, Mauston, WI with his wife Gayle and two children.

Bette Oyen of 311 Skyland Dr., Apt. 7-N, Plymouth, Indiana is working for Ciba-Geigy Chemical Corporation as a Sales Representative assigned to North Indiana. Bette was a member of the Nu pledge class and Rho-Mate President. She graduated in May 1986 with a major in Ag. Business.

Thomas and Debra Ferguson of 11440 W. Warren Rd., Winslow, IL are the proud parents of a daughter. Stephanie Lesley was born May 20, 8:08 a.m. at St. Clare Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz. and was 21" long. She joins two sisters at home, Sarah, 4 and Sandy 2.

George Kilbride of 29702 Rd., 162 Visalia, CA is the District Sales Manager for the Ag Machinery Division of FMS. He oversees the territories of CA, AZ, UT, NV, and Hawaii. Brother Kilbride was a member of the Pi pledge class and graduated in 1979 with a degree in Ag. Mech.

Brother Ron Kast was married to Kathy Weiscisell on August 2, 1986. The couple reside at 620 Lewis St., Columbus, WI.

Bill Von Rueden is currently District Manager for Purina Mills, Inc., in charge of the Sauk, Richland and Columbia County territory. Some of Bill's activities include being a member of the church board and Jaycees, in addition to such hobbies as camping, running and reading. Brother Bill is on the Alumni Board of Directors and resides in Baraboo, WI with his wife, Judy and two children, Kelsey and Kyle.

Featured Alumni

James Kruger, president of the Marquette County Farm Bureau, was awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with elected officials and voice his concerns about the future of agriculture.

Kruger was awarded the trip because he was chosen as a finalist of the Young Farmer and Rancher Contest. Brother Kruger has an excellent track record in farming. He operates 460 acres of land: 250 acres of corn, 130 acres alfalfa, 40 acres oats, and 40 acres in the government programs. Kruger has 45 registered and grade mixed cows. His 17,594 lb. herd average and 638 lbs. of fat make Kruger one of the top producers in the state.

While in Washington, Kruger and a group of other farmers talked to officials from the USDA and Farm Credit Administration. They met with Congressional representatives, including Senators Robert Kasten and William Proxmire.

The itinerary also included a tour of Mt. Vernon and Alexandria, VA, a bus tour of Washington, D.C. a briefing on national issues by the National Affairs staff of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and free time to explore the nation's capital.

We at Beta Gamma congratulate James on his outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

DANGER: WING DAM



Ha Ha

Badula Wrecks Boat

Dave Badula took a short time off from his busy schedule as convention chairman to spend a weekend waterskiing on the Mississippi River in his boat purchased from Ron Keil.

In the company of alumni, and a few members of the active chapter, Brother Badula demonstrated his nautical abilities reminiscent of Captain Kirk, Commander of the Starship Enterprise, Brother Badula proclaimed, "to boldly go where no boat has gone before". And then Dave hit a wing dam setting the boat and crew adrift. Damage was limited to the prop and skag, no one was injured except Dave's pride. When this correspondent approached Dave for an interview, he tersely replied "NO COMMENT, I'M SELLING THE BOAT". Look for future crescents for further info on Brother Badula's boating misadventures.

What's New In RUSHING

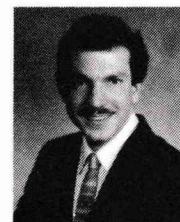
Ah! Rush, that never ending task. It is becoming even more challenging due to the national trend of increasing legal drinking ages. There is simply too much liability to be burdened with. So, Beta Gamma decided to try a "Dry Rush" program. It posed no problem for potential pledges, though it was difficult for some actives to recruit effectively.

This Fall, rush picked up momentum with a dry Ag Fest. Guests will remember this year's as the one with the Big Patch Skydiver's performance. We also co-hosted an afternoon mud-volleyball contest with the DG's. Casino Night, several suppers and one last party topped off the season.

I did not know what to expect from Dry Rush. Indeed, there are bugs to be worked out. This was only a trial period. Man, is it difficult to plan an activity that will appeal to the younger crowd! Most other greeks are following the same pattern. A more intense program will have to be developed to support our decision to rush only three weeks. We hope this will prevent the loss of potential pledges to non-ag fraternities.

It is becoming even more important to attract that limited number of young men to the the finest ag organization on campus. There are only 70 new ag freshmen in our college this fall. Farmhouse has established a colony here at U.W.-P. They will apply for chapter status in the spring. This has given us an extra push to work for the finest young men in the college of ag.

Good luck to next year's Vice President of Recruitment. It is quite a challenge. I hope only that I have contributed as much as I have received from this outstanding organization.



Fraternally,
Larry Raupp
Rush Chairman



Alumni President Comments

The Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho has worked hard to build and maintain a strong, successful fraternity. This success was created by a close knit brotherhood committed to achieving specific goals. Although our existence on the Platteville campus is relatively brief, we can be proud of the accomplishments made thus far. In order to continue this record of success, the Board of Directors has assessed our present state of the fraternity and has set directions for the future of Beta Gamma.

As most of you know, the active chapter has been without a housemother for the past several years. The search for a new housemother has been nearly non-existent in the past year since the previous housemothers room was converted to a much needed computer and resource center. Beta Gamma is now faced with the decision to either continue without a housemother or to remodel or expand present facilities to accommodate one.

The Board of Directors has decided to allow each alumni brother the opportunity to vote on this issue. Please refer to the article written by Ken Gibson, chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, pertaining to this vote. Your alumni directors, the local chapter advisors and the AGR national offices all agree that Beta Gamma is in need of a housemother. Many of you will remember the positive influences and strong relationships you had with either "Mom" Johnson or "Mom" Reinhold. Perhaps we did not fully realize the benefits of the housemother program until we had none. Your Board of Directors believes we can improve our public image and rush program and further add to the dignity and respect our fraternity deserves.

The costs of any house remodeling or addition has not yet been determined. If the alumni vote to continue the program, we will begin formulating the plans and specifications for the project. Our House and Grounds Advisor, Dr. Richard Loberger, will be relied upon heavily to assist us in the planning. He has been very helpful in the past and we look forward to his continued support. The Building Fund Program has improved the financial position of the fraternity immensely and will allow us to manage the cost of this project with minimal, if any, risk.

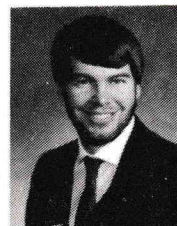
Please remember that your involvement with the fraternity did not end upon graduation. While the Board of Directors are always happy to hear from you, we now need your input more than ever. Please cast your vote now.

Thank you.

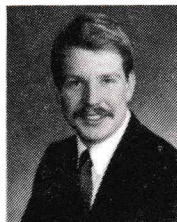
Fraternally,
Richard L. Kuhle
President

New Crop of Grads

Rick Lipka (295), from Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, will be graduated with a degree in Psychology. Brother Lipka was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pledge Class and served the chapter as Treasurer, Ways and Means Chairman and Judicial Chairman. Rick served as Vice President of the Psychology Club as well as being involved in American Society for Advancement of Management and Homecoming Committee. Rick will be continuing his education by pursuing his Masters in Industrial Psychology next fall.



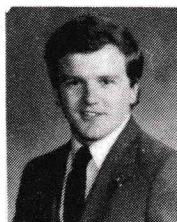
Taylor W. Weisensel (306), from Beaver Dam, WI will also be graduating in December. He is graduating with a degree in Technical Agriculture with a minor in Agricultural Economics. Brother Weisensel is a member of the Alpha Zeta Pledge Class. Offices held in the chapter consist of Judicial Chairman and Chairman of Homecoming. Other organizations he was involved in on campus were Charter President of Pioneer NAMMA and currently their student advisor. Other clubs consist of Dairy Club, where he serves as one of the chairmen. Taylor, after graduation will be working for the Port Supply Property Management in Beaver Dam where he will be working in building development and auctioning. He will also be continuing his studies by going to graduate school in the school of business at UW-Madison, taking up Real Estate and Land Economics.



Eric Johannesen (306), son of Richard and Darlene Johannesen from Viola, Wisconsin will be graduating with a degree in Agricultural Education. Brother Johannesen was a member of the Alpha Iota Pledge Class. Eric was involved in the Ag. Ed. Society, Pioneer Dairy Club, and the College of Ag. Recruitment Program. Eric will be pursuing a position as a Vo-Ag teacher and has plans to continue his education sometime in the near future.



Robert J. Weiglein (316), from Mayville, WI will be graduating with a degree in Technical Agriculture with an Animal Science Minor. Brother Weiglein was a member of the Alpha Theta Pledge Class. Bob was involved in Dairy Club, National Agriculture Marketing Association, Block and Bridle Club, Homecoming Committee, College of Agriculture Recruitment Program and also worked for the Student Housing Office. Bob will be pursuing a position in the agriculture sales field.



Eleven AGR's Take A Dive!

On Saturday, September 27, 10 stout hearted AGR's traveled out to Grant County Airport to experience the exhilarating sport of skydiving. After a short lecture on the basics from the instructors, our group was ready to begin jumping. First, the student put on a flight suit, goggles and helmet. Then came the special student parachute pack. It was equipped with a reserve chute in case the main chute failed to open. After some additional instruction on the proper way of exiting a plane, our group was ready to begin. The plane carried five people. The pilot, student, two experienced jumpers and the cameraman. It took about 20 minutes for the plan to climb, 10,000 ft. altitude. So it gave some time for the student to look out at the clouds and settings below. At 9,000 ft. everyone turns around and sits on their knees to get ready. At 10,000 ft., when the pilot is in position, he signals the cameraman who opens the door. The pilot cuts the engine. You step out of the plane and put both feet on a little board and hold on to the prop of the wing. Each instructor holds onto your straps at the waist on either side of you. Finally, one instructor yells, "ARCH" and you arch your back and jump. The freefall lasts about 30 seconds. During this time you smile weakly at the cameraman showing what a good time you're having. At 4,000 ft., the instructors shake the student who then looks at his altimeter and pulls his rip cord. Fortunately the chute opened for everyone in our group; then we glided in the last 3,000 ft. by radio instruction from a grounds person. Most of us landed fairly close to the target area. Except, understandably, one brother from Iowa landed in the cornfield. All and all it was a very enjoyable day and most of us expressed interest in doing it again. In addition, I would personally recommend anyone interested to contact a local skydiving club and try it.

Jon Braymer



Attention, Attention, Attention

Greetings Brothers,

As the year QUICKLY comes to an end, let us take time to reflect on some things which we have accomplished. As chairman of the long range planning committee, we can look to several areas of success and some areas of inhibited success. The good news is that the long range planning committee is alive and meeting on a regular basis. It seems we have finally come to terms with what it is this committee is charged with doing. To sum it all up, we look at items of current need in or around the house, as well as look at future plans for our Fraternity. When we begin to look at long range plans one factor continues to pop up. The Housemother issue. We on the

committee, would like to solve this issue once and for all. We cannot do any planning without this issue solved. We are therefore proposing that this issue be put before the members. We would like to know how YOU feel on this issue.

Please fill out the attached sheet and mail it back:

Fraternally,
Ken Gibson

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Comments: _____

Alpha Mu Pledge Class

Front: Mike Price, Ag. Ed., Bus., Dodgeville, WI; Darren Murphy AET, Coral Springs, FL; Mark Winters, Ag. Ed., Fennimore, WI; Doug Laufenberg, Ag. Bus., Kurt A. Bruenning, Ag. Bus., Sauk City, WI.



Winnebago AGR Alumni Christmas Party December 6, 1986

Dear AGR Brothers:

Come and celebrate the Christmas season AGR style. The 14th Annual Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 6th, at the Fox Hills Resort. Located on County Truck B in Mishicot, Wisconsin.

Join us for a full night of good food, renewed friendships and fine music. The evening will start with social hour at 7:00 p.m. A buffet meal with broasted chicken and roast pork will start at 8:15. The night will continue with toe tapping music from the seven piece, Larry Hlinak Polka Band. All this for \$9.95 per person.

For those interested in staying the night and enjoying the resort's excellent facilities, there is a special rate of \$24.95 per night for the Christmas season. Call 1-800-242-7615 for more information or to make reservations.

Hopefully, December 6th is open on your schedule and a large crowd will help us celebrate. If you know of any AGR's in your area, please invite them and their guests. Respond accordingly on the attached reservation form by November 25th.

I hope to see you all.

Fraternally,
Paul Sattler

R.S.V.P. By November 25th to: Paul Sattler
5005 Hwy. 147 West
Maribel, WI 54227

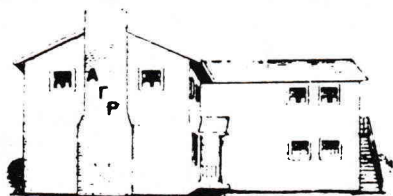
_____ We will attend

_____ Sorry we can't attend

_____ Enclosed is \$2.00 annual alumni dues for 1986. (Used solely to cover postage costs, envelopes, etc.) Make checks payable to Winnebago AGR Alumni Chapter.

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