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50TH AGR CONVENTION IS A GOLDEN SUCCESS

by Ron Martin

The 50th National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho was a tremendous success and culminated several years of hard work by Wisconsin AGR's. Over 400 brothers and family members attended the gathering held August 14-18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Green Bay.

Three men with close ties to Wisconsin agriculture were initiated into the fraternity during the opening ceremonies on Sunday. They are Howard Richards, Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture; LaVerne Ausman, former Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture; and Donald Peterson, University of Wisconsin Associate Dean for Extension.

Beta Gamma was well-represented in the chapter awards presented at the Monday afternoon luncheon. The active chapter came away with several awards, including Highest Honor for Membership Development, High Honor for History Awards, Honorable Mention for Recruiting Excellence, and a Citation for Co-Hosting the Convention.

The AGR Olympics on Monday night were fun for everyone, especially the participants who enjoyed (?) rolling eggs with their noses, tossing water balloons, and shelling corn. Another high point was the infamous Math Contest, skillfully created and administered by Kurt Krueger. Even though our own North Central region won the tug-o-war, the Northeast region edged us for the championship.

Tuesday was Tour Day, as attendees could choose from three excursions highlighting Door County, ag production and ag manufacturing in northeastern Wisconsin. Tuesday night featured the "Wisconsin Tailgate Party" at the Packer Hall of Fame.

Wednesday began with the election of two new members to the National Board of Directors, Allan Johnson and Neil Fruechte. Nashville was chosen by the delegates to host the 1992 convention. The 1990 national convention will be held in Washington, D.C.

The luncheon speaker on Wednesday was Kevin Ochsner, a Colorado State AGR and 1987-88 National FFA Secretary. Ochsner drew parallels between FFA and AGR and encouraged everyone to be boosters of agriculture as an industry and a career.



Noble Ruler Ty Powell accepts one of the many awards that the Beta Gamma chapter received during the AGR National Convention.

Three brothers were inducted into the Alpha Gamma Rho Hall of Fame during the Wednesday evening banquet. They are Wallace Jerome, Orville Redenbacher and William Sayre. A rousing concert by the country music group Sawyer Brown concluded the evening's festivities.

As always, a number of important issues were discussed in various committees and brought before the delegate body. Several receiving further action involve improving communications between the national office and alumni. These include creating an alumni relations office at the national headquarters and developing a standard presentation for local alumni events to clarify the role of the national office.

These steps will hopefully lead to the implementation of positive programs that will benefit the entire fraternity. I would urge all

alumni to contact the national office and voice their support for these measures.

Beta Gamma's active delegates at the convention were Ty Powell, Mark Winters, and Kurt Krueger. Dave Badula served as alumni delegate, while Dr. Richard Loberger was our advisor delegate.

Beta Gamma was represented on the convention steering committee by Jeff Kroes, Vern Pierce, Bruce Makhholm, Noble Ruler Ty Powell, Badula and Campbell. Members of the convention bid committee included Badula, Pierce, Ron Martin, Dave Martin, Eric Trapp and Ron Keil.

Many hours of effort by brothers and generous donations by sponsors contributed to make the 50th National convention a very special event.

NOBLE RULER

Greetings and welcome back. Since the semester has started it has been very busy here. The first Thursday back was the date for the All Ag Fest. Ag Fest went over with a bang as we had one of the largest crowds ever for an attendance. Before the program there was a College of Ag olympics, that was a great success. During the program we were fortunate to have Mr. Al Johnson, past Regional Vice-President, and newly elected National Board of Director. Al spoke to the crowd about careers in agriculture. Following the program a band played for the enjoyment of everyone. The next project on the agenda for the actives was the preparation for Homecoming '88. There wasn't much time in between Ag Fest and the start of Homecoming to get things ready. Persistence and hard work payed off because Homecoming '88 was a weekend of non-stop fun. We are proud to say that we took second place overall for Homecoming. We were outdistanced by a measly 23 points to Delta Sigma Phi.

Rush season was a great success with the signing of 24 quality guys as pledges. At this point in time there are 18 still sticking with it and it looks like they are in for the distance. It looks like it could be a tough pledge - active football game during maturity week.

In closing I would like to say that I really enjoyed my term as Noble Ruler and I would like to say thank you to everyone who made my job easier, that includes the executive committee and the rest of the actives. I know there were times when I wanted to just forget it all, but with the help of these guys it made my job that much easier. Thanks guys. Also, I would like to say that my four years as an active AGR will never be forgotten, and that if I could do it all over I would pledge Alpha Gamma Rho again.

Fraternally,
Ty W. Powell

VNR - ALUMNI RELATIONS

Hello Alumni,

Due to the fact that Rich Grulke is studying abroad in Australia, I am now your new VNR - Alumni Relations.

Many alumni showed up this year during the Homecoming weekend. A reception was held to allow the alumni to meet with our new pledges. Overall, I think that everyone had a good time.

My next project will be to put out the membership directory before the end of the year. I would greatly appreciate any address changes, birth announcements, and engagements, so please get in touch.

Fraternally,
Scott Binversie

LOST ALUMNI

Dan Koniar
Ms. Sue Warner
Dan Matthias
Gregory Herbers
Tom Timmerman
Ms. Suzy Sohner
Mrs. Renee Fay
Mrs. Jane Smith (Teasdale)
Mrs. Mary Lenz (Blanke)
Mrs. Holly Miller (Kissner)

VNR - MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Many good things are happening at Beta Gamma this fall. The fall has been extremely busy with eighteen pledges. The pledges are becoming very active in the chapter and all show potential to be excellent members. The Alpha Pi Pledge Class consist of the following men:

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| Corey Austin Belmont, WI Ag Economics Freshman | Mike Marchant Brodhead, WI Mechanical Eng. Freshman |
| Rick Blakely Eden, WI Animal Sci. Freshman | Jim Moody Sauk City, WI Animal Sci. Freshman |
| Gene Brooks Reedsburg, WI Ag Business Freshman | Joe Keller Lodi, WI Ag Business Freshman |
| Karl Cornelius Bellevue, IA Ag Eng. Tech. Junior | Scott Roberts Janesville, WI Animal Sci. Freshman |
| William Demuth Burlington, WI Animal Sci. Freshman | Will Ryan Beloit, WI C.J.-Ag Law Junior |
| Randy Dampman Lanark, IL Ag Eng. Tech. Freshman | Steve Sorg Darien, WI Ag Economics Freshman |
| Bryan Hanson Columbus, WI Ag Business Freshman | Paul Steffes Mt. Calvary, WI Ag Business Freshman |
| Jeff Klaes Osage, IA Ag Economics Freshman | Steven Tauscher Green Bay, WI Crop & Soil Sci. Freshman |
| Al Lemke Fort Atkinson, WI Ag Business Freshman | Tom Walton Lake Geneva, WI Ag Ed./Physical Ed. Freshman |

The pledging program is very similar to previous semesters; however, one new activity included dance night. Rhomate alumnus Carol Wright Thole directed the pledges through several dance lessons. The event proved to be fun and rewarding.

Fraternally,
Mark Winters

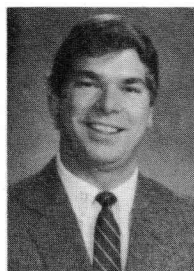
ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

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Dave Bohnhoff, 5110 Odana Rd., Madison, WI, 53711
Joe Buttel, 1230 Wayne Rd., Apt. 101, West Bend, WI, 53095
Bill Cody III, P. O. Box 218, Ripon, WI, 54971
Robert Cotter, 116 E. Oshkosh St., Ripon, WI, 54971
Mike Daniels, Rt. 3, Box 1980, Cashton, WI, 54619
John Dorshorst, P. O. Box 269, 306 Elm St., Cobb, WI, 53526
Richard Grulke, N8354 Cty. AY, Mayville, WI, 53050
Allen Fox, 2601 W. Main St., Merrille, WI, 54452

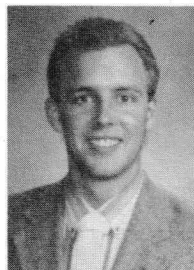
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Dwight Horkheimer, 8567 Southlawn Ct., Alexandria, VA, 22309
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Robert Janes, 814 Ziegler Rd., Madison, WI, 53714
Ronald Kiel, 18828 E. Auten Rd., South Bend, IN, 46637
Kevin Klubertanz, 992 Third St., Apt. 206, Menasha, WI, 54952
Kevin Knuth, 7206 Pennycook Rd., Edgerton, WI, 53534
Eric Komprood, 530 W. Caine, Apt. 8, White-water, WI, 53190
Mike Krutza, 2903 Westhill, Wausau, WI, 54401
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Brad Lenschow, 46W604 Lees Rd., Maple Park, IL, 60151
Rick Lipka, 10100 W. Capital Dr., Milwaukee, WI, 53222
Kevin Long, 6275 N. Denmark St., #101, Milwaukee, WI, 53223
David Martin, 23 E. Chestnut St., Ephrata, PA, 17522
Steve Massey, 108 E. Milwaukee St., Apt. 2, Watertown, WI, 53094
Kevin McArtor, 320A S. Dement, Dixon, IL, 61021
Thomas McKittrick, 750 Chapman St., Madison, WI, 53717
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Mrs. Lisa Zielke, St. Anthony's Medical Center School of Nursing, Rockford, IL, 61108
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Mrs. Barb Scott (Wegmann), 406 Sunset Dr., Cuba City, WI, 53807
Ms. Kristine Gratz, 430 Nancy Lane, Apt. 20, Pulaski, WI, 54162

GOODBYE ACTIVES — HELLO ALUMNI!

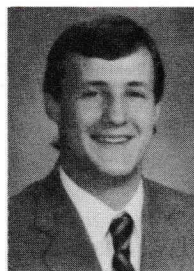
Paul J. Glaeser (321) from Manitowoc, WI, will be graduating with a degree in Technical Agriculture. Brother Glaeser was a member of the Alpha Theta pledge class and has held the offices of VNR - Activities and Scholastic Chairman. Campus activities would include Greek Council, Ag Student Council, Pioneer Dairy Club and Theta Phi Alpha Sorority Sweetheart. Paul is seeking a job as a production manager in a dairy cooperative.



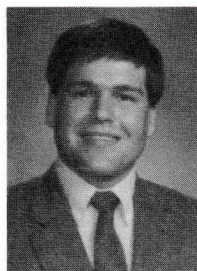
Jim Goking (327) from Sheboygan, WI, will be graduating with a Soils and Crops Science major with an emphasis in natural sciences and a minor in Biology. Brother Goking was a member of the Alpha Iota pledge class and has held such offices as Rho-Mate Coordinator and Alumni Relations. Campus activities include Agronomy Club, Alpha Zeta, and Intramurals. Jim will be working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in January.



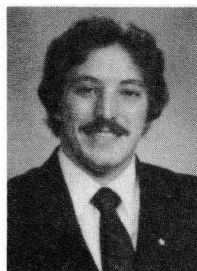
Andy Schleicher (323) from Sheboygan Falls, WI, will be graduating with degrees in Agricultural Business and Business Administration. Brother Schleicher was a member of the Alpha Theta pledge class and has held such positions as Rho-Mate Coordinator and VNR Activities. Campus activities would include Rugby Club, Pioneer Dairy Club, and Theta Phi Alpha Sweetheart. Andy is seeking a job in the area of sales management.



Kurt Krueger (332) from Horicon, WI, will be graduating with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Brother Krueger was in the Alpha Iota pledge class and has held the chapter offices of VNR of Planning and Alumni Relations. Campus activities included American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Zeta, and Ag Council President. Kurt is presently seeking a job as a Design Engineer for a manufacturer of Agricultural Equipment.



Ty W. Powell (333) from Brodhead, WI, will be graduating with degrees in Agricultural Economics and Business Administration. Brother Powell was also a member of the Alpha Iota pledge class and has held such positions as Rho-Mate Coordinator, Assistant Pledge Trainer, and Noble Ruler. Campus Activities would include: Vice-President of Pioneer NAMA, College of Ag. Representative for SUFAC (segregated university fees allocation committee), sophomore and junior class member at large Ag Student Council, Alpha Zeta, Ag Bus./Ag Econ. Club, and Pioneer Dairy Club. Upon graduation Ty will start working as a sales representative for Hayloft Marketing. He will have a sales area of Southern Wisconsin.



HOMECOMING '88

The 1988 Homecoming festivities took place during the week of October 2nd. The week started with AGR taking a third place in 'Yell Like Hell.' As the week progressed, the chapter took first place in the float, scavenger hunt, banner, and spirit clown. We also received a second place on our non-float entry in the parade and a third on our house deck. Overall, Alpha Gamma Rho finished a close second with promises of a win next year.

Rick Thompson,
Homecoming Chairman

VNR - OPERATIONS

Howdy! This is the house manager speaking. We've had a super busy semester. I'm pretty happy about the way everybody has chipped in each week to get the work done. As always it was a major project to get the homestead all cleaned up for All Ag-Fest. Following this we sealed the driveway, which is an all day affair. Another little project that was undertaken is the area around the chimney. It has been landscaped to slope away from the house in an attempt to eliminate the leaking problem, however that hasn't been a problem due to the drought. Also we have installed a new dishwasher and paper towel dispensers in all the bathrooms, as the old ones were obsolete.

Fraternally,
Gary Hodge



The AGR's participate in the 10-man pyramid contest during Homecoming Week.

ALUMNI PROFILES

Brother Ray Key (311) of the Alpha Eta pledge class graduated in May of 1986. He is employed by the Waukesha Land Conservation Department in Waukesha as a Conservation Tillage Specialist. He also helps out on his family's farm on the weekends. He is single and lives in Waukesha. He's planning on joining the local Y.M.C.A. as soon as his work load lightens up. His long-term plans include taking over operation of the family farm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Karl Cornelius

Brother Larry Raupp (288) of the Alpha Epsilon pledge class graduated in July of 1987. He is employed by Blain's Farm & Fleet of Platteville as an assistant manager. He is currently single and resides in Platteville.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Scott Roberts

Brother Brad Otter (331) of the Alpha Iota pledge class graduated in May of 1988. He is employed by Otter Sales and Service as a salesman. Brad is single and lives in Burlington, Wisconsin. Brother Otter coaches wrestling for young children over the summer and hopes to be married someday.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Randy Dampman

Brother Bill Cody (314) of the Alpha Eta pledge class graduated in May of 1987. He is employed by the Ripon Co-op in Ripon, Wisconsin and is currently the feed mill manager. He is living in Ripon where he is single. He is also a member of the FFA Alumni. In the future, he plans to stay in Ripon and hopefully become general manager at Ripon Co-op.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Joe Keller

Brother Todd Stiede (303) of the Alpha Zeta pledge class graduated from UW-P in May of 1986, then employed at New Holstein High School in the Vo. Ag. department. In 1987 he began teaching at his hometown high school in Pulaski as an Agricultural Education Instructor. He is presently planning to get married on July 1, 1989, to Shelly Rozmarenowski, and strongly states that he never was a member of the chess club or the horse club.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Steven Tauscher

Brother Herb Yanke (309) of the Alpha Eta pledge class graduated in May of 1987. Brother Yanke held many offices in Alpha Gamma Rho including VNR-Provisions and the 1986 Noble Ruler. He is currently single and is employed at the family dairy farm in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. He intends to work on the family farm until he can buy a farm of his own.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Will Ryan

Brother Mark Weinkes (40) of the Gamma pledge class graduated in May of 1971. He is currently employed at the Soil Conservation Service in Sparta. He lives in Sparta, Wisconsin, where he is married and has three sons. He likes to go fishing and hunting, play volleyball, and do some gardening.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Paul Steffes

Brother Kevin McArtor (280) of the Alpha Delta pledge class graduated in May of 1986. He is employed by a bank in Dixon, Illinois. He is married to Denice Fitzsimmons who was a Rho-Mate. They plan on changing jobs and building a house.

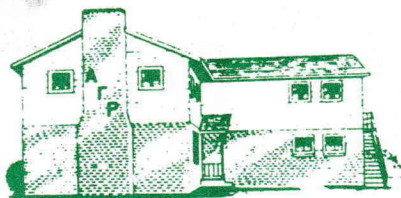
Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Jeff Klaes

Brother Ken Updike (346) of the Alpha Lambda Pledge class graduated in August, 1988. He is employed as the Parts/Service manager for Town & Country Ford Tractor in Verona, Wisconsin. He lives in Madison and is single.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge Rick Blakely

Brother Rich Grulke (343) of the Alpha Kappa pledge class is taking a year off from school for an overseas exchange program. He is in Australia working on a sheep ranch. Brother Grulke is single. He would someday like to own and operate a beef farm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pledge William Demuth



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