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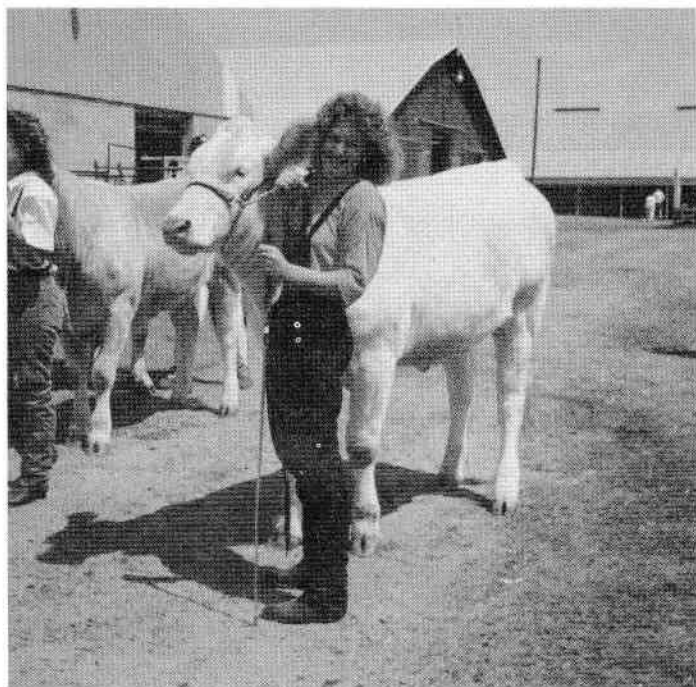


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# Happy Holidays!!!



## AGR SWEETHEART ON A WINNING STREAK

Hi! Greetings from all of the Rho-Mates residing at 880 Union. Although the weather didn't cooperate to my liking this summer, the sun definitely shined in other ways. Besides a summer internship at the Sparta Veterinary Clinic, I showed cattle across the Mid-West. Starting at the end of July, my purebred Charolais heifer, "Beauty," began her winning streak. She was named Champion Heifer at the Minnesota Summer Show and at the Minnesota State Fair. Leaving the state of Minnesota, we crossed the border into South Dakota. Here "Beauty" won her class and was named Junior Division Champion. In November, the road will take us to the American Royal in Kansas City, Missouri. Hopefully, we can make this streak continue. Wish us luck!

*Angela Liebelt*  
1991-92 AGR Sweetheart

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## NOBLE RULER

Greetings, Alumni!

The semester is beginning to wind down, as is my term as Noble Ruler. I must admit that the last year has definitely been a learning experience for me. I hope that the actions that I and my officer team have taken will help the fraternity grow and prosper in the future.

This semester we have taken on the awesome task of carrying out the Brotherhood Program. With any major organizational change, it has been very challenging at times and we have had several problems to overcome. I think that we have set a good basis for the program; however, we still have a long way to go. I think that once we become more comfortable with the process from an active standpoint, things will work better. On a positive note, I am very pleased with the men that have joined Alpha Gamma Rho so far. I think that they will be very active in the future.

I would like to thank all of the graduating seniors for the work that they have done for the fraternity during their college careers. They will all be missed. I would also like to thank all of the people, both Alumni and Active who have helped me with my term as Noble Ruler. I would not have gotten through it without their assistance.

*Fraternally Submitted,  
Christopher Laue*



## VNR-ACTIVITIES

Hello Alumni! Well, another semester is at an end and so is my term as VNR-Activities. During this semester we had a volleyball and softball team. We didn't do very well with either team but had fun playing both. I wish the next VNR-Activities and the new officer team much success. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

*Jim Moody  
VNR-Activities*



## VNR-MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, this is Mike Grulke, VNR-Membership Development, reporting to you on our membership status. We had a successful pledging session last semester which brought four new initiates into our fraternity. This semester it is hard to anticipate what kind of success we will have in bringing new members into our fraternity because of the newly installed

Brotherhood Program. I personally feel that we will have a successful semester and I look forward to bringing many new members in this year. I also feel that the new program will give us flexibility by allowing us to initiate more than once a semester and allowing for an ongoing membership education program. Just as I hope for the success of this program, I also would like to bid you all success in all your endeavors.

*Fraternally Yours,  
Michael Grulke  
VNR-Membership Development*



## VNR-RECRUITMENT

Greetings to my fellow Beta Gamma Brothers! Fall rush is off to a great start. On September 3rd, we hosted our annual Ag Fest and had a really good turnout. We had an excellent crowd. On September 10th, together with Ceres fraternity, Casino Night was held. This activity involved many Las Vegas Style Gambling games, also prizes to be won by the highest bidder. The following week we held a cookout and the final week of the rush period, the Rho-Mates hosted a pizza party.

We hope that at the end of the rush season, we can initiate many productive brothers. With the adaptation of the Brotherhood Program, this will allow Beta Gamma to rush all semester and be constantly initiating at all times of the semester. This should allow for more initiates per semester since an education program can be tailored to their needs.

*Fraternally,  
Paul Krueger  
VNR-Recruitment*



## VNR-ALUMNI RELATIONS

Hello fellow brothers!

The semester is nearing the end and the end of another officer group. The new directory should be out when nationals are ready to send it. Remember to send your address changes so you don't become lost alumni. Have a happy holiday season.

*Fraternally,  
Brad Herbrand  
VNR-Alumni Relations*

## VNR-FINANCE

Greetings fellow brothers: I am now entering my second semester as VNR-Finance. As we enter another fiscal year, I was reminded of my hopes and dreams from when I took office. I have cut unnecessary spending by working very closely with the other officers. The commissary saw some major overhauls last semester, such as rice. But we have weathered through the bad times and this semester so far looks promising. We probably can have the glamorous food that our predecessors had when they were in school. We have done away with most scams, but are still on the lookout for any others that may come along. The next major thing we need to look into is supplies and maintenance. We have the old deep fat fryer for sale, and it would make a great paper weight. Please make an offer.

*Fraternally Yours,*  
**William Retza**  
VNR-Finance



## HOMECOMING 1992

This year's theme was "Let The Games Begin." We did well in the games this year. We placed first in the skit, and first in the gold bar relay, and second in the float competition, and placed second overall in the competition. The Friday night and Saturday night party didn't have a good turnout. The Saturday steak feed, however, went well. We would like to thank the alumni that came and celebrated homecoming with us.

## AG FEST

The 1992 Ag Fest was held on September 3, with more than 200 people attending. The weather was beautiful, which helped with the success for the event. Dr. Ken Kilian, chairperson for the Department of Agriculture Sciences, was the guest speaker this year. Three incoming freshmen each received a \$125 scholarship from Alpha Gamma Rho. The recipients included Mike Trapp from Columbus, Aaron James from Mineral Point, and Anthony Seebecker from Mauston. There was also a good show of alumni members at Ag Fest. Special thanks to Beta Gamma Alumni who attended Ag Fest.

## VNR-SCHOLARSHIP

Greetings fellow AGRs! My name is Tom Brooks and I have recently been elected to serve as the VNR-Scholarship for this fall. I am a member of the Alpha Chi pledge class and serve as the chapter parliamentarian. I am planning to implement a study incentive program, and also present a scholarship program to help my brothers, as well as myself, to achieve scholastic superiority on campus.

*Fraternally,*  
**Thomas M. Brooks**  
VNR-Scholarship



## INITIATION FUND

Everybody knows how tight money can be while going through school and pledging. In the past, potential members have been discouraged from joining due to the high initiation fee of \$195. One of our main rushing tools this semester has been that we will try to help lower this fee. We are hoping that you, the alumni, can help us lower the initiation fee. We are setting up an initiation fund, with donations from alumni, to help offset this cost. If you would like to donate to this fund, it would be greatly appreciated.

## NEW MEMBERS

Hello, my name is Richard Voltz and I am a third year Technical Agricultural major from Mauston, WI. I graduated from Mauston Area High School in 1990. Throughout my high school career I was very involved in FFA, received many local and state awards, and have gone on many trips including the National Convention twice. I come from a dairy and beef farm. My hobbies include fishing, hunting, and outdoor recreation. I hope to be an asset to Alpha Gamma Rho and look forward to being active in the fraternity.

*Fraternally,*  
**Richard Voltz**

## GRADUATES

❖ Richard Blakely (378) from Eden, WI, will be graduating with a degree in Animal Science, a minor in Biotechnology, and emphases in Dairy and Ag Business. Rick has been Judicial and VNR-Provisions along with various other committees. Campus activities included: Student Senate, SUFAC, Ag Council, NAMA, and Dairy Council. Rick is happily married to Barb, his loving wife. They married on May 30. He is also unemployed and looking for a job in sales or lab work.

❖ Jeff Turnipseed (JT) from Elroy, WI, will be graduating with a degree in Agribusiness. He is a member of the Alpha Chi pledge class. His campus activities included intramural basketball, volleyball, softball and also chorus. His time at Platteville is a part in life he will never forget. Jeff is seeking a career in Ag Sales and/or marketing.

❖ Jim Moody (379) will graduating with a degree in Animal Science with a Dairy emphasis. While living in the house, I have been usher and VNR-Activities. During my stay here in Platteville I have made many friends and have had many great times, many of which can be attributed to 2nd Street. I would like to thank all my friends for all those great times I have had. Currently, I am looking for a job and may be moving to Georgia where my parents recently moved.

❖ Sue Klement from Fort Atkinson, WI, will be graduating with a degree in Agricultural Business. A member of the Upsilon pledge class, Sue has served as Secretary/Treasurer and President of the Beta Gamma Rho-Mates. Campus activities would include: Block & Bridle Club, Agri-Ambassadors, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi. Sue will be working for American Cyanamid Company, out of their new sales office in Des Moines, IA.

❖ Hi! My name is Ann Wills and I am originally from Galena, IL. I will be graduating in December of 1992 with a degree in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics. I have accepted a position with Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service, an agency of the USDA, as a Research Analyst/Statistician. I am currently engaged and will be married in May of 1993. During my time at UW-Platteville, I was involved in softball and volleyball intramurals, Block and Bridle, Ag. Bus/Ag. Econ. Club and on the Meat Animal Evaluation Team. Thanks for the great banquets and interesting times.

❖ Gene Brooks (391) from Reedsburg, WI, will be graduating with a degree in Agribusiness. He is a member of the Alpha Pi pledge class. His campus activities included intramural sports, Pioneer Dairy Club, and Ag Council. His other activities included several excursions to 2nd Street. Gene is seeking a career in Ag Sales or Management.

❖ Hi all! I'm Chris Sanders from Bloomington, Wisconsin. I am graduating in December with a B.S. in Business Administration and emphases in Management, Marketing, and Human Resource Management. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho in the Spring 1991 pledge class of Phi. While involved with AGR, I held the office of Rho-Mate Vice President in the 1992 school year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the best fraternity, with my regret being I was only a member for three semesters. AGR has taught me leadership and commitment, as well as what true friendship is all about. Also, to all of the members of the Goldfish Club, may you always find the stream that takes you to the biggest lake. Following graduation, I am pursuing a career in Management with the Kmart Fashions Corporation, eventually hoping to work my way up into the Corporate Human Resource Department. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me create some of the best lifelong memories I will have. Thank you and I love you all.



**Rick  
Blakely**



**Jeff  
Turnipseed**



**Jim  
Moody**



**Sue  
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**Gene  
Brooks**



**Chris  
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## ALUMNI NEWS

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To that end, we have established the following list of Second Score Resource Committees that we intend to fill in the near future:

- Alumni Development
- Alumni Events
- Alumni Membership Recruitment
- Fundraising
- Fraternity Properties Management
- Housemother
- Long Range Planning
- Short Range Planning
- Fraternity Relations-Undergraduate
- Fraternity Relations-University and System

I have contacted some of you and asked for your assistance on these committees. I invite you to contact me at the number listed below if you wish to devote some time back to AGR. The commitment will involve some time, so please consider it carefully. We have a rather aggressive time schedule in mind.

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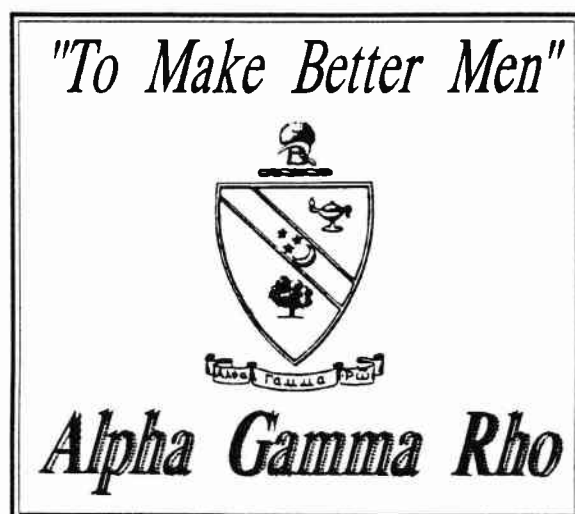
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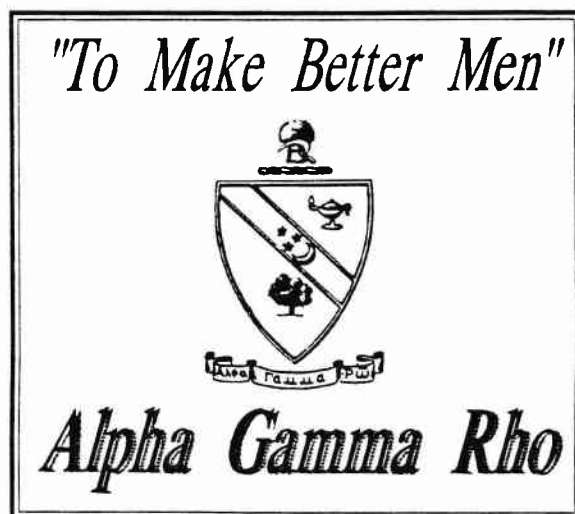
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## CUPID'S CORNER

Kelly Weiskircher (Rho-Mate alumna) and Jeff Dzurka were married Oct. 3, 1992, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Shullsburg, WI. The reception was held at the Wheel Inn in Shullsburg. Kelly is a Senior Quality Assurance Technologist for Oscar Mayer Food Corp., and Jeff is a Mechanical Engineer for Ford Motor Co.

Congratulations to Steve Hoffman (373), who will marry Crystal Gerlach, both of Whitewater, WI on October 1, 1994.

Congratulations to Ann Wills (Rho-Mate) and Thomas Soat who are engaged.

Congratulations to Brad Herbrand (411) and Kari Slark who are getting married in the summer of 1994.

Congratulations to Herb Yanke (309), who married Cathy Lange on November 14, 1992 in Platteville, WI.

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