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ALPHA GAMMA RHO
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE



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Advisor Report



Retired life is great! Our VNR Finance (and others) told me one night at an executive board meeting that I had too much time to work on AGR matters now. Of course, they all appreciate the financial state of the fraternity because of the budget awareness this effort has created.

It is really fun attending meetings where no one is fighting about finances.

Beta Gamma was represented at the National Convention by four actives, two alumni and myself this summer. We all traveled to Savannah, GA in August. It was a great experience, especially to watch the men receive several awards for chapter performance in front of a nationwide audience. Be sure to read the article found elsewhere in this publication.

The property is looking very good. Carpet replacement in the halls and stairway went exceedingly well, bathroom ventilation is finally accomplished, and the renovation of the parking lot took all of three days following receipt of approval to become reality. Thanks for your support and keep those donations coming.

This calendar year has been an excellent recruiting period. VNR Brian Paul went to work in January and I believe he has recruited 20 young men. Two goals were set at the start of this term. He wanted to break Mike North's record of 25, and he really would like to initiate a person that would be assigned number 557. Actually, I had a part in establishing that goal. I told him if he could do that, it would mean that I have read the charge to 100 men in my tenure. (My number is 457). We have 6 people left to attract by December, and another 3 in the spring.

This article is a bit short, but it can be summed up rather briefly. If you can think of what Beta Gamma should be doing to make it better - its being done! No need to bore you with your own thoughts.

1999-2000 AGR Awards

Those in attendance at the National AGR Convention held in Savannah, GA in August were witness to Beta Gamma continued success in achievement. The following awards were presented at one of the noon lun-

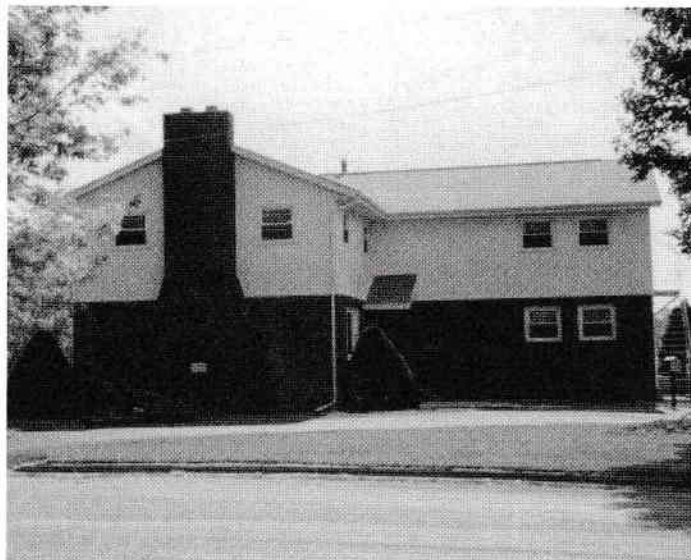
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Chapter Awards included GREEN CHAPTER, an indication that we were judged to be outstanding in 5 of the 10 categories of criteria. This is the second year in succession that we were able to perform at this level. The men look forward to moving up to Gold Chapter this year. Beta Gamma also earned the CHAPTER SPIRIT AWARD, and the ALUMNI CORPORATION AWARD. This was also the second year for the Alumni Corporation Award.

Advisor, Fred Oomens was presented an ADVISOR LONGEVITY AWARD for five years of service. Actually, he begins the eighth year of advising men of Beta Gamma. He began learning the job in October, 1993 and was initiated in April, 1994

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Not
Pictured
Jeff Adams



Noble Ruler's Report...



Hello Everyone. Wow! This semester has just been flying by. We would like to thank the Alumni for their work in paving the driveway, it looks great, and the new ceiling and vents in the upstairs bathroom shower have greatly helped.

I am very proud to announce that we currently have 12 new initiates this semester, which brings our total number of actives up to 38. This is the highest number of actives that I have seen in my three years as a member. Recruitment has become, as it should be an all chapter event and has worked great with Brother Brian Paul, VNR-Recruitment, leading the chapter to work hard at dorm storming, and getting new guys over to the house.

We kicked off the semester with Ag. Fest, which brought a large crowd to our house. With great planning by Brother Brian Paul, Ag. Fest had a little different look this year, with a comedian who kept everyone laughing and the night concluded with volleyball, bonfire and live music provided by Neal Reed and Adam Greene of Milton. I know everyone had a great time. Then came Homecoming, we were a bit rushed with Homecoming come about two weeks earlier than in past years, but we pulled it all together and had a great participation at all the events we participated in. I was hoping to see more alumni back for the All-Greek Reunion, but I am sure all who were here had a great time.

Fraternally,
Steven A. Weber
Noble Ruler

New Brothers Of Alpha Gamma Rho



Hi, my name is Dan Ambort otherwise known as "Candy" or "Arab". I am a sophomore from Elroy Wisconsin. I worked on a dairy farm for nine years. I also show and judge cattle. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to improve leadership skills, improve my grades, make long lasting friendships and become a better man.

My name is Jamie Williams. I am from Leaf River, IL. A small town about 30 miles south east of Freeport. I

come from a farm family of 4. I am the youngest of two brothers, and my parents are Russell and Cathy Williams. Our farm consists of around 2,700 acres of corn and soybeans. I attended and graduated from Forreston High School where I excelled at football and participated in the fundraising of our high schools Ag program.

I decided to attend Platteville because I planned on playing football in college and Platteville was the best D3 school that offers Ag and football. I am however, no longer able to play due to a shoulder injury. I decided to join AGR because it offered many great opportunities while in college and after.

My name is Nick Baker and I am a freshman from Darien, Wisconsin. I have lived and worked on my families dairy farm for my entire life. I am currently an Ag. Education major at UW-Platteville. I joined AGR to meet new people and get involved in many activities they participate in.

My name is Bryan Tallyn. I grew up in Oregon, Illinois, a small town about forty-five minutes southwest of Rockford, Illinois. During the spring semester of 2000, I was approached by brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho to join and regrettably I declined. In the short time I have been a member of AGR, I have met many people that I'm sure will prove to be life-long friends. My major is Ag business and I am undecided on a horticulture minor. I hope to attain skills that will make me a leader and a better man through Alpha Gamma Rho.

Hi, I'm Kraig Knapp from Lancaster, Wisconsin. I am a second semester freshman majoring in Agricultural Engineering Technology. I received my first 15 credits through attending a short course program at UW-Madison last year. I am currently employed at Majestic View Dairy Farm in Lancaster but would like to be employed in the area of equipment testing for an implement manufacturer after graduation.

My name is Matt Adams. I am a freshman at UWP studying Animal Science with an emphasis in Pre-Vet. I grew up on a dairy and hog farm. I joined AGR to meet new people and make myself a better person.

My name is Jason A. Townsend. I am a junior at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. I am majoring in Agribusiness with an emphasis in Ag Engineering Technology. I am from Pearl City, IL, and I graduated from Pearl City High School in 1998. I then attended Highland Community College where I graduated in Spring 00' with an Associate of Science. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to gain leadership skills that will benefit me in the future.

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My name is Ryan Culver. I am a junior at University Wisconsin - Platteville. I am a Ag Engineering Technology major. I come from a small town of Cobb, WI, where my family owns and operates Foresees L.L.C. It is a liquid fertilizer and trucking company. I am attending college to hopefully move back home and run the business with my older brother, someday. I joined AGR to strengthen my leadership skills, and make me a better man.

My name is Brad Bush. I am a freshman at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. I am majoring in Agribusiness with an emphasis in Ag Engineering and Technology. I am the son of Pod and Pam Bush. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to improve my grades and get involved in agricultural programs. Hello, my name is Chris Sheahan. My parents are Richard and Jean Sheahan. I grew up on a Registered Holstein Dairy farm near Wonewoc, WI. I'm currently a sophomore with a double major in Ag Business and Animal Science. Other college activities of mine are NAMA, Pioneer Dairy Club and Ag Council. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to develop long lasting friendships and to make me a better man.

Hi, my name is Mike Jacobs. I am a native of Prairie du Sac, WI, which is 30 miles north of Madison on the Wisconsin River. My hobbies include fishing, hiking, playing Euchre, and hunting small game, turkey, deer, and water fowl. My interest in agriculture organizations started in high school where I served as the Sentinel, Vice-President, and President of the Sauk Prairie FFA chapter. I earned my state FFA degree this past summer and placed in the top five gold rated proficiency of wildlife management two year consecutively. I am a Soil Crop Science major in my freshman year here at UW-Platteville. I am 19 years old and very excited to have become a part of AGR.

Hi, my name is Michael Heinrich. I am a freshman from Hampshire, Illinois. I plan on majoring in Agribusiness with Engineering and Technology emphasis. I grew up on a beef cattle and small grains farm. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to meet people and to improve my leadership skills.

Say Hello to the New Alumni

I was initiated into the Beta Gamma Chapter on January 29, 1998 in the initiate class of Beta Lambda. As I look back on the three years that Alpha Gamma Rho has been a part of my life, I would not change what I have gained and learned here. I have seen many changes of people and ideas in the past few years. Alpha Gamma Rho has given me so many opportunities that have made me a better man. I have had the opportunity to attend two leadership conferences and one national convention, which greatly helped me become a leader for the active chapter.

I will be graduating in December with a BS in Ag Business with a comprehensive emphasis. I am currently interviewing with a few companies. I am looking forward to joining the rank of alumni for such a great organization. I would like to thank all of the brothers who are here now and those who have graduated in the past three years for making my college experience the best that it could have been.

Sincerely,
Steven A. Weber

Richard Loberger AGR Scholarship

David Heimerdinger was the second annual recipient of the Richard Loberger AGR Scholarship. Dr. Loberger made the scholarship available in 1999 to a sophomore or junior active who had a proven record of outstanding performance through committee work and AGR Leadership activities. The recipient must have a 3.0 grade point average. The award was made to David at the annual AGR Spring Banquet. The \$200 award will be deducted from the recipients fees upon his return to UWP in the fall semester. The recipient is chosen by the active scholarship committee, graduating seniors and the advisor.

Scholarship Report



Greetings from 845 W. Madison. Again the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho come together for the academic year of 2000-2001. We see ourselves once again in pursuit of achieving the many academic goals we set out for. Last spring semester Beta Gamma recorded an overall G.P.A. of 2.94, which fell a little short of our chapter goal of 3.0. As we see ourselves so close to our goal, it forces us to stay ahead of the program. The program we have assembled should put us over the edge to reach our goal.

With gaining success in academics we fortunately get rewarded with scholarships from our alumni board. The alumni board has been helpful in the scholarships rewarded to the new initiates. We at Beta Gamma feel it has helped us increase active members and spirits inside the fraternity. Two of the scholarships that were given last spring were for highest G.P.A., and most improved. They were given to Brother Andrew Schraufnagel for highest G.P.A., and Brother Dale Linder for the most improved.

As we look forward to the semester we hope for great success, and hope to report that success along to all of you in the spring!

Fraternally,
Preston Vincent
VNR Scholarship

National Convention 2000

The 2000 national Convention was held in Savannah, GA in August 6-10, 2000. Actives Brian Paul, Darin Strauss, David Heimerdinger, Eric Staudinger traveled with Alumni Mike North and Chris Atten and Advisor Fred Oomens to the deep south. Brian Paul was selected to serve on a couple of committees. The delegates spent most of their time attending workshops and general sessions.

As always, attending the luncheons and dinners were extra special. The highlight of the week involved a river-boat trip to a civil war era Fort Jackson where the participants were treated to a "Low Country Boil". For those who have not had such an adventure, attendees were presented an abundance of shrimp, sausage, chicken, corn on the cob, salad, and watermelon. The cooking was done on an open fire, and there was all one could eat. Nobody went home hungry.

Necrology



This summer we received notice that brother Gary Hodge (356) of Sterling, IL was fatally injured in a skid steer accident. Gary E. Hodge, 33 of Sterling died Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at his home following a farm mishap. He was employed by DeKalb Feeds, Rock Falls, as a swine specialist and raised feeder pigs.

Mr. Hodge was born Feb. 19, 19667, in Sterling, the son of Orville and Judith (VanNatta) Hodge. He was a 1985 graduate of Newman Central Catholic High School, Sterling, and received his degree in business agriculture and animal science from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He married Tina Cox on June 1, 1991, in Rock Falls. He was involved with the pork producers and active on the swine committee at the Carroll County Fair, Milledgeville. Survivors include his wife; four sons, Nick, Sam, Luke and Matt, all at home.

Contributing Member

\$ Contribution in addition to annual dues

Foundation Club

\$400.00 Contributors Initial Building Fund (Closed)

Please consider supporting your alma mater through Alpha Gamma Rho Beta Gamma chapter. Funds are being used for remodeling projects in and about the house. Thank you.

Directory

Perhaps there is some confusion about the recent update postcard you received recently. To date 54 cards have been returned to provide address changes and importantly, phone numbers. E-mail addresses are also being made available in the upcoming directory if the cards are returned. Thanks for your help.

Dear Mr. Laufenberg
and the brothers of
Alpha Gamma Rho -

Thank you very much
for the donation to
our family in memory
of Gary. It is greatly
appreciated.

I have enclosed
an obituary for the
Crescent. The fraternity
was a very important
part of Gary's life, and
mine as well!

This has been a
very sad and difficult

time for myself, our 4
boys, and his family,
but the knowledge that
so many people care -

Your kind expression of
sympathy is deeply
appreciated and
gratefully acknowledged.

The family of

Gary Hodge

- has helped us
get through this.
Thank you, again
Tina Hodge

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Categories of contributors are currently delineated by the following levels of contributions. To have your name listed in the:

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Dale Linder rebuilt the plow and it looks great!

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The Foundation for the Future Committee would like to Thank all Brothers for donations, Past and Present. We are on track to surpass previous totals for supporting Member.

(Annual Dues) donations. Review the list and consider adding your name to it. Your support is helping Beta Gamma become one of the top chapters in Alpha Gamma Rho and the Top Greek organization on the Platteville Campus.

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Biography of Michael O. Mee



Michael O. Mee was born January 17, 1953 in Tomah, Wisconsin. As a youth, he enjoyed working with the dairy cattle on his family's farm. After high school, he spent three semesters at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville before he returned to the family farm and formed a family partnership with his parents. Following ten years of successful farming, the family partnership was dissolved when Mike suffered a serious farm accident. He made a major career change and reentered the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where he obtained a B.S. degree in Animal Science in 1986. Subsequently, he entered graduate school at Kansas State University and obtained an M.S. degree in Animal Science in 1988, and his Ph.D in 1991 specializing in Reproductive Physiology of dairy cattle.

In the fall of 1991, he accepted a 100% teaching appointment in the School of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Mike teaches six different animal science classes each year and advises between 60 and 70 undergraduate students. Students are his first priority. He maintains an open door policy where students can come and chat with him at any time. He cares about the School of Agriculture and its students and always has time to listen. Presently he is an associate professor and program director for animal science. He also serves as internship coordinator in the School of Agriculture. In addition, he coaches the university dairy cattle judging team and is advisor to the Pioneer Dairy Club and Agriculture Student Council. His research interests center around dairy cattle reproduction and he encourages undergraduate student participation in its efforts.



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