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Alumni Offer Views on Farm Credit



Brother Miller

With the farm economy and the general situation in American agriculture being what it is, lending and credit are obviously very important. There are a number of brothers of the Beta Gamma Chapter working in this field. Two of them express their views and offer some insights here from a lender's point of view.

Brother Mike Miller (46) is Vice President of Credit with the Production Credit Association of Southeast Wisconsin in Janesville. His duties include writing credit policy and overseeing loan approvals. PCA's provide short and intermediate term loans for almost all purposes other than real estate.

Mike has seen major changes in the types of loans being made, in that farmers are borrowing a lot less now for capital expenditures, and are limiting their borrowing to what they need to produce a crop or livestock.

According to most reports that he's seen, Brother Miller says there are presently no signs pointing to an upturn in the ag. economy in the next six months or so. When asked what advice he might give farmers, he replied, "Before going in to talk to a lender, they need to be convinced themselves that it's the right thing to do" (that the equipment or the project the loan is for is the best alternative), rather than having a lender convince them.

Brother Miller was in the Alpha pledge class and graduated with a degree in Ag. Economics in 1971. He started out as a loan officer in the Dodgeville branch of PCA, and was the branch manager at Monroe before taking his present position.

Mike and his wife, Mary Jean, have two children, Nathan, 10 and Brad, 7.

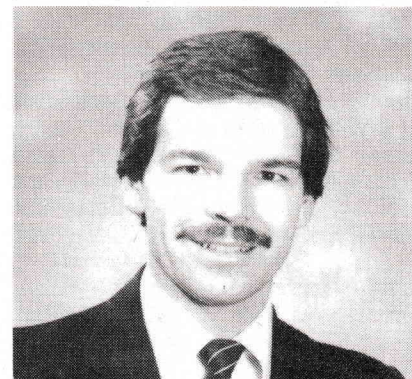
Brother Miller says his favorite memories of being an active at Beta Gamma include the social aspects of the fraternity and in particular, the process of remodeling the first house on Pine Street, with everyone working toward the common goal.

Brother Rick Kuhle (188) currently holds the position of Vice President of Administration at the Federal Land Bank Association of West Central Wisconsin, based in Viroqua. His responsibilities include the supervision of credit, credit policies, appraisals and problem accounts.

According to Brother Kuhle, their FLBA has experienced a decrease in the amount of money loaned over the last two years. Although delinquencies are up slightly, foreclosures have decreased a little since the beginning of 1984. Rick adds that of their approximately 2,600 borrowers, less than five percent are delinquent, with less than one percent in foreclosure.

Like Mike Miller, Brother Kuhle has seen changes in the purpose of loans. Now, many are set up to restructure a farmer's present debt rather than to expand the farming operation.

Even with the pessimism permeating the outlook for the future of the ag. economy, Rick says we may be starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. As farm asset values continue to decline, some farmers will be squeezed out, but, according to Kuhle, "It is getting to the point



Brother Kuhle

where investors will start investing in farmland again because the break-even point in cash flow will have been reached."

Brother Kuhle suggests that farmers keep accurate records to analyze their profitability and also to become more knowledgeable about marketing their products.

A member of the Rho pledge class, Rick graduated in 1979 with a B.S. degree in Agribusiness. After graduation, he was a loan officer in Madison as a credit reviewer for the farm credit system in St. Paul before his present job.

Brother Kuhle states that being an AGR has been an excellent way to meet and establish a good rapport with other people in agribusiness. Of his days as an active, Rick says he most enjoyed the camaraderie of banquets and other social occasions, and also "the bull sessions in the chapter room."

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Alpha Theta Pledge Class Contacts Alumni

James Fanta (55) graduated from UW-Platteville in 1971 with a B.S. in Agricultural Science and Education. The Alpha pledge class charter member is presently employed at UW-Extension in Dodge County, where he is an Agriculture Agent dealing in Agronomy with a Soils and Horticulture emphasis. James and his wife, Kathy, along with their two children, Shelly, age 5 and Tyler, age 4, presently live in Mayville, WI.

Respectfully submitted
by Bob Weiglein

Gary Klug (134) graduated from UW-P in Technical Ag. in 1978. Gary was born and raised in Mequon, WI and is currently living there while managing a German cuisine restaurant in Milwaukee. He also raises sheep on his hobby farm. Brother Klug was the Alumni Secretary and Pledge Trainer for Beta Gamma Chapter and remains active as an alumnus.

Respectfully submitted
by Reed Trefz

Gary Herzberg (184) graduated from UW-Platteville in 1980 with an Agribusiness major. He is formerly from Columbus, WI. He now resides in Springfield, IL where he is a Sales Rep. for Union Carbide Ag. Chemical Co. He is presently single.

Respectfully submitted
by John Schmidt

Ken Von Rueden (57) was in the Delta pledge class. He was Reporter for two years and majored in Technical Agriculture. Ken and his wife, Joyce, live in Dodgeville, WI. They have two children, Sarah, 7; and Scott, 18 months. He works as general manager for an agriculture service store.

Brother Von Rueden says that the fraternity is an excellent opportunity and a definite factor is his ability to be successfully employed.

Respectfully submitted
by Vince Bush

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN
ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE
NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY!**

Roy Luedtke (167) was a member of the Omicron pledge class in the spring of 1976. Later he graduated from UW-Platteville in the spring of 1978 with a degree in Soil and Crop Science. He received his Masters from North Dakota State in 1980 and a Ph.D. from Iowa State in January of 1984. He now works as a corn breeder for Pioneer and lives in Grand Forks, North Dakota with his wife, Sue.

Respectfully submitted
by Andy Schleicher

Dan Helgeson (170) lives in Rothschild, WI and works for Production Credit Association in Wausau as a loan officer. He has been working for them for the past 6½ years, and he likes the job very much because of the close ties to the farmers.

He graduated in May of 1978 with a B.S. in Ag. Business and was a member of the Omicron pledge class. He got married at 1982 to Mary Jamrose from Mosinee and has a son, Bill and another on the way.

Respectfully submitted
by Paul Glaeser

Since graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Mike Myers (15) has been involved in several types of employment. He is currently employed with the Production Credit Association in Lancaster. Mike services the very southeastern part of Grant Co., and does business with approximately 140-150 people.

Mike and his wife, Colleen, have two sons, Patrick and Jim and a daughter, Bridgid. They live in Belmont.

Respectfully submitted
by Mike Daniels

Norbert Schleicher (76) was a member of the Eta pledge class of 1971. He graduated from UW-Platteville in 1975 with an Animal Science major. Norb began his career in Appleton, Wisconsin as a feed representative for Cenex. In 1977, he became a department manager at Dane County Farmers Union Cooperative in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. Norb has recently taken a general manager position at Corsica Cooperative in Corsica, South Dakota, where he and his wife Vicki now live.

Respectfully submitted
by Phil Schleicher

Charter member David Brassfield (22) is currently living in Buffalo, Minnesota. He is married and has three daughters that are 12, 9, and 7 years old. He is presently a loan officer at Federal Land Bank.

While going to school at UW-P, he was drafted and served in the U.S. Army for 2 years. After getting out of the Army, he went back to Platteville to receive his Masters Degree. Upon graduation he taught school in Pepin for 10 years, and then for the past three years he has been working for the Federal Land Bank.

His goal is to get into management and he would also like to retire early.

Respectfully submitted
by Dan Chipman

Let's Be Number 1!

In the Fall 1984 issue of the Sickie & Sheaf, the names of all the alumni that have contributed to Alpha Gamma Rho's voluntary dues program was published. Beta Gamma had 52 brothers out of a total of 268 alumni members that had contributed. Compared to all the other chapters, Beta Gamma ranked sixth in the nation in the percent of potential contributors.

If you haven't yet contributed to the voluntary dues program, please consider doing so. An envelope was included in the latest issue of the Sickie & Sheaf for this purpose. With your help, Alpha Gamma Rho will remain strong and Beta Gamma will be Number 1!

Alumni Updates

John Wegmueller (2) has been serving as president of the Wisconsin Brown Swiss Association since February. Some of the events that he is involved in planning are the state show in July and the luncheon at the Dairy Expo.

Brother Wegmueller is most remembered for being Beta Gamma's first Noble Ruler. He was a 1969 graduate in Animal Science and he now milks purebred Brown Swiss on a 260 acre farm. Helping him on the farm is his wife, Becky and three children; Genia, David and Daniel.

Brother Wegmueller has switched to being paid on a protein premium basis which has increased his milk check 7--8%. Although he hasn't moved, his address was changed to W4358 Montgomery Road, Monroe, WI.

AGR Alumni Board Update

Brothers:

The Board of Directors of the Platteville Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma Rho, Inc. met on October 21 for our annual Homecoming board meeting. A very productive session was held with the undergraduate chapter well represented. Some of the items of business that were discussed are explained below.

A major decision made at the meeting was the alumni board's approval of the purchase of a computer for the chapter house. One half of the cost of the computer will be paid by the alumni with the alumni association loaning the chapter the other half. The active undergraduate chapter will repay this loan over a five year period.

Recruitment of new members is a vital concern of all AGR brothers, therefore, your alumni board has approved the development of a rush poster that will promote both the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and the College of Agriculture at UWP. These posters will be sent to all high schools in Wisconsin with vo-ag departments. Neighboring states will also receive this recruitment tool. Present plans are to split the cost of the posters with the university. The active chapter has also developed a rush brochure that will be available to high school students when they visit the campus.

For brothers interested in hosting Beta Gamma's summer retreat, the board of directors has approved a small budget for this purpose. Although it is not the intent of the board to finance the cost of the annual summer outing, this budget will allow the host to pay some of the initial expenses incurred while making arrangements for the retreat. Contributions will still be accepted from those attending the retreat to pay for their meals and refreshments.

As you may recall from an earlier newsletter, tentative plans are to resurface the parking lot next summer. The long range planning committee will be looking into the possibility of improving the landscaping around the chapter house as a part of the resurfacing project.

Another item discussed at the board meeting concerned the upcoming Leadership Seminar on March 8-10, 1985 in Kansas City, MO. This seminar has replaced what many of you may remember as the officers seminar or O.T.S. The National Office has expanded the Leadership Seminar to include not

only chapter officers, but all brothers both undergraduate and alumni. Beta Gamma will be the host at the seminar in March and if any brothers are interested in attending, please contact the AGR house for more information.

The annual AGR alumni banquet will be held on March 23, 1985. Further details will be forthcoming, however, please note that the annual meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on the 23rd. Your attendance and input at this meeting is vital to the future of our fraternity. The meeting is scheduled to be completed by 2:30 p.m. in order to allow plenty of time to prepare for the evening banquet.

Each year, two to three new board members are elected to your board of directors. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact me as soon as possible at (608 723-4115/723-4720 or drop me a line at 811 E. Maple St., Lancaster, WI 53813. Your board of directors would like this information well in advance of the March meeting in order to better prepare for the alumni meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the state of the chapter, please feel free to contact any of the board members or advisors.

Fraternally,

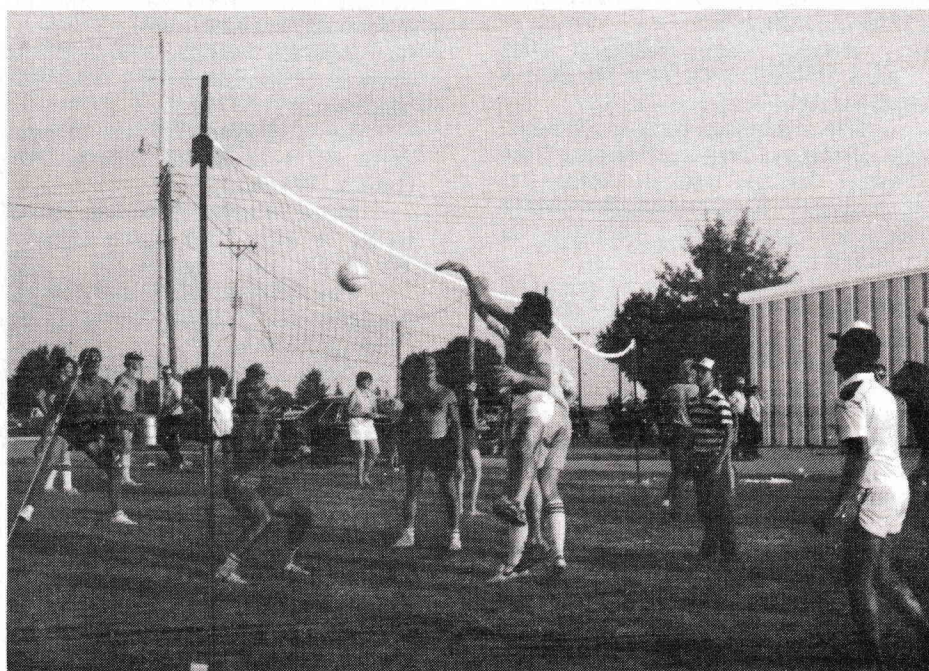
Terry A. McMahon, President
Beta Gamma Alumni Board

Summer Retreat a Success

Over 100 Alpha Gamma Rho alumni, undergraduate brothers, Rho-mates, and friends traveled to Lancaster, Wisconsin on the weekend of July 20, 21 and 22 for Beta Gamma's summer retreat. The weather was perfect for the annual event and the facilities at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster worked out great. Those in attendance enjoyed a weekend of socializing, card playing, and games of volleyball and softball. A hog was roasted on Saturday and many members checked out the sites in downtown Lancaster and nearby Platteville on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Sunday morning's major event consisted of a golf tournament for those who were interested in trying their luck with the clubs. Also, the board of directors met to discuss the state of our chapter. After a productive board meeting (and a not-so-productive golf game for some brothers) it was time for lunch and then the return trip home.

Larry Jerrett and Terry McMahon hosted this summer's retreat. They would like to thank everyone who helped prepare for the weekend's activities. If anyone is interested in hosting next year's summer retreat, please contact the AGR house. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the annual outing in order to encourage more people to attend, please let the alumni secretary know of these ideas.



A hotly contested volleyball game on a hot day at Summer Retreat.



The Stork Reports

Steve and Kathy Burgess proudly announce the birth of a son, Joshua Lee, on August 29, 1984 at 9:43 a.m. He weighed in a 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20½" tall. He joins another son, Lucas.

Steve and Erna Keil also announce the birth of a son, Christopher Steven, on October 5, 1984. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Scott and Nancy Towns have a baby boy, Daniel Scott, born April 25, 1984 at 9 lbs. 5 oz.

Steve and Marcia Fiedler were blessed with a son, Michael Scott, on June 27, 1984. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.

CUPID'S CORNER



Brother Pat Kelly and Miss Carolyn Mehling were married Oct. 27 in Lincoln, NE.

Brother Dave Jelle and Miss Laura Bowyer were wed on Oct. 6 in Dyer, IN.

Two weddings took place Sept. 29. Brother Larry Jerrett and Lori Sanger tied the knot in Lancaster, WI. Larry Klegin and Rho-Mate Debbie Green were married in Cannon Falls, MN.

Cupid's arrow has hit its mark with several actives in the last few months.

Brother Wendell Weisensel married Miss Heather Ellen Ross on Sept. 14 in a private ceremony held in Platteville. A reception will be held at some future date. More information will be in later Crescents.

Brother Matt Scurek and Miss Julie McCoy were wed on Nov. 17 in Burlington, WI.

Brother Lyle Poch and Miss Shirley Manion are engaged to be married in June, 1985.

Brother John Jarvis and Miss Cindy Whese are planning an Oct. 1985 wedding.

Alumni On The Move

Marty Adams (292) is living up north at 1504 S. Adams, Marshfield, WI 54449.

Jeff Ahsinger (260) is living under the sun at Rt. 2, Box 17A, Monticello, FL 32344.

Tim Beran (235) is now at 203 East Thompson, Harvard, IL 60033.

Tom Bull (271) moved south to Rt. 2, Box 149, Mendon, IL 62351.

Steve Chamberlain (243) and **Gregg Raupp** (249) crash at 2881 Bible Camp Rd., McFarland, WI 53558.

Roger Dahl (126) moved a few rooms over to 557 E. Park Ave., Apt. 103, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

Brian Donnelly (240) is now living at 1835 W. Pershing St., Apt. 204, Appleton, WI 54914.

Bill Frank (213) has moved to 212 Mound, Belmont, WI 53510.

Bill Helwig (247) moved down the road to 1332 Field Ct., Apt. 1, Mount Horeb, WI 53572.

Jeff Jarvis (157) now lives at 814 Tomahawk Dr., Ottawa, IL 61350.

Ron Keil (226) has moved north to 728 Plum St., Apt. 4, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

Ed King (110) is presently residing at 236 E. Huron, Berlin, WI 54923.

Jim Limmex (269) has made home at Rt. 1, Box 251, Greenwood, WI 54437.

Roy Luedtke (161) moved northwest to 736 Groat Plains Ct., Grand Forks, ND 58201.

Dave Martin (248) is getting used to city life at 6706 Park Lane, Apt. 3, Westmont, IL 60559.

John Massey (225) is now living at 222 Greenwood St., Apt. 11, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Tom McKittrick (238) lives and plays at 5148 Anton Dr., Apt. 305, Madison, WI 53719.

Steve Mergen (71) has changed from Rt. 1 to Rt. 2, Box 5, Dorchester, WI 54425.

Mark Mueller (116) has moved to Rt. 4, Box 2215, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

Tim Mueller (217) crossed the border to 732 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, IL 62702.

Chris Myrhe (276) still calls Edgerton home, but moved to Rt. 2, Box 344, Edgerton, WI 53534.

Jeff Parks (268) works at a bank and lives at 614½ W. Elk St., Freeport, IL 61032.

Dale Pertzborn (149) is located at 427 Hillside Lane, Stockton, IL 61085.

Vern Pierce (254) works in Milwaukee and lives at 329 Beechwood Dr., Janesville, WI 53545.

Darcy Powell (25) is now residing at 1145 Goss Ave., Menasha, WI 54952.

Gary Ruegsegger (147) has the Seahawks to root for in Washington at 527 N.E. Kamiaken, Apt. B, Pullman, WA 99163.

John Scott (282) moved west to Box 625, 141 Lake Ave., Albany, MN 56307.

Don Von Rueden (58) has moved to 1841 Remington Ct., Freeport, IL 61032.

Paul Wegmann (221) is farming at Rt. 1, Bloomington, WI 53804.

Ken Whitmore (94) moved to town at 105 W. Rockwell, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

Rho-Mate Sherry Cushman lives at 1108 Meridian Hgts. Dr., Apt. 10, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Rho-Mate Cindy Ihm has relocated to 114 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville, WI 53533.

Ag Alumni Banquet

October 20 was the date of the College of Agriculture's annual alumni banquet. Brother Terry McMahon, president of the ag alumni board, reported that approximately 160 alumni and guests were in attendance at this year's banquet. After a welcome by Chancellor William Chmurny, the ag alumni recognized Dr. Charles DeNure for his years of service to the students in the College of Agriculture at UW-P. A short slide show illustrating some of Brother DeNure's activities while at Platteville was shown and a plaque was presented to Dr. DeNure in appreciation of his many years of service.

Dr. Wayne Gillis, Dean of Agriculture, spoke about some of the plans for the future of the College of Ag. The guest speaker for the annual banquet was Art Nesbitt, president of NASCO. Mr. Nesbitt's subject was "In Search of Leaders", and it was a very interesting topic. Closing out the evening's events were the presentation of ag alumni scholarships to students in the College of Ag and the election of new board members. Brother Ken Von Rueden completed his three year term on the board of directors this year and is to be commended for his work on the board. Ken served as treasurer during his term on the ag alumni board.

Prior to the banquet, the ag alumni board sponsored a brat cook-out for all ag alumni. This event was held at Russell Lab and followed the Homecoming parade.

For those of you that were unable to attend the ag alumni events this year, please make plans to do so in the future. The College of Agriculture needs your support. A strong ag college can only strengthen the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity!

48th National AGR Convention A Big Sky Treat

Bob Campbell - Alumni Delegate
to the Convention

The "Big Sky Country" of western Montana really is big. It is among the space and grandeur of the mountains, forests and plains of the wonderful west that we realize how little and insignificant we really are. And yet, when several hundred of us come together, as we did at Huntley Lodge, we also realize that, little as we are, we have a role to play.

I wish to express my gratitude to both the alumni chapter and the active chapter for allowing me to play the role of alumni representative to the 48th National AGR Convention. The last convention I had attended was at Utah State University in 1972. My role then was advisor to Beta Gamma Chapter. We had been installed as a National Chapter for less than four months at the time of the 42nd Convention.

There were some notable changes in the 12 years spanning the 42nd and 48th conventions. The fraternity has experienced solid growth in terms of its financial soundness and administrative effectiveness. Few fraternities have the singleness of purpose that has allowed Alpha Gamma Rho to pull together the contributions of so many noted alumni. Such efforts, as illustrated by the Chapter House Loan Fund, the Sickie and Sheaf Endowment Fund and the Educational Foundation, promise opportunities for generations of Alpha Gamma Rho members.

The convention format has changed somewhat over the years. A broad array of workshops offered a good opportunity for an exchange of

ideas. Typically, some were better than others. Session leaders should be reminded that these are workshops and not lectures.

While the pluses far outnumber the minuses, it was disappointing to observe the extent to which the fraternity business was orchestrated through the committee structure. It takes away much of the excitement and learning potential of a convention when delegates are merely asked to approve recommendations for action already determined in committee. The delegate has to wonder what his function really is.

The 49th National Convention will be held in 1986 in Kansas City, Missouri. It is likely that by that time, Alpha Gamma Rho will be located in its new National Headquarters in that city. Theta Chapter, University of Missouri-Columbia, will be the host chapter. Beta Gamma Chapter should have a sizable delegation in attendance.

On behalf of my wife and daughter who attended the convention with me, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to both the Alumni corporation and the active chapter for the opportunity provided us. The trip across northern Montana, through Glacier National Park and on to Big Sky by way of Missoula was terrific. Bus tours on Saturday and Tuesday and the trip home through southern Montana and Custer National Monument added even more to the pleasure and excitement that was the 1984 convention. It was a tremendous experience and has rekindled my fire for Alpha Gamma Rho in general and Beta Gamma Chapter and its alumni corporation in particular.

Beta Gamma Brings Home the Hardware

From the active chapter's viewpoint also, the 48th National Convention was excellent. We took home two awards, one for excellence in scholarship among medium-sized chapters and the other an honorable mention for the Chapter History.

Our undergraduate delegates to the convention were Kevin McArtor and Ron Martin, and the alternate was Kevin Knuth.

Scholastic Success Continues!

Yes, we did it again! The brothers of Beta Gamma once again did a terrific job this past spring semester academically. The overall gradepoint average for the chapter was 3.10. Twenty-six men either increased their gradepoints or remained above the magic 3.25 and were able to eat steak at the bi-annual steak supper.

High active GPA's were earned by Brothers Jeff Laufenberg and Kent Weigel, both earning 4.0's. High pledge GPA's went to Brothers Greg Rickert and Herb Yanke, with 3.38 GPA's. Gary Smith had the most improved GPA with an increase of 1.00.

We were once again very pleased with our academic performance and hope to be able to maintain our success.

Pledges No Longer

Eleven men recently completed the fall pledging program. The members of the Alpha Theta pledge class are:

Vince Bush, Tech, Ag., Morrison, IL
Dan Chipman, Ag. Mech., Eldorado, WI.

Mike Daniels, Ag. Bus., Burlington, WI.

Paul Glaeser, An. Sci., Valdres, WI
Greg Lohr, Tech. Ag., Prairie du Sac, WI

Andy Schleicher, Ag. Bus., Sheboygan, WI.

Phil Schleicher, Ag. Ed., Beaver Dam, WI.

John Schmidt, Ag. Bus., Arlington, WI.

Dave Schoppe, An. Sci., Whitewater, WI.

Reed Trefz, An. Sci., Davenport, IA.
Bob Weiglein, An. Sci., Mayville, WI.



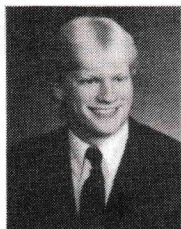
Beta Gamma's delegation to the convention (l. to r.) Kevin Knuth, Ron Martin, Dan Zauche, Dr. Campbell, Dennis McDougall, Stuart Stangler, Kevin McArtor, Terry McMahon, Dave Martin.



Goodbye Actives, Hello Alumni



Jerome Hendrickson, from Blanchardville, WI pledged with the Alpha Epsilon class. An Agribusiness major, Brother Hendrickson has been on the football team and involved with the Lettermen's Club, Ag Business-Ag Econ. Club, and intramurals.

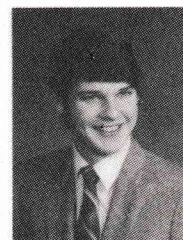


Matthew Scurek, who has majored in Soil and Crop Science, is from East Troy, WI. Matt is a member of the Alpha Epsilon pledge class and has been on the Crops Team, Ag Council and the Agronomy Club.

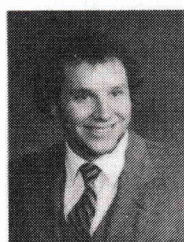


Jeffry Laufenberg is graduating this December with a degree in Agribusiness. Jeff is a member of the Alpha Beta pledge class and has served the chapter as 1st Vice Noble Ruler and Secretary. Brother Laufenberg is from Iron Ridge, WI.

Wendell Weisensel is graduating with an Animal Science major and a Chemistry minor. A member of the Alpha Beta pledge class, he has served as Alumni Secretary. Wendell is from Beaver Dam, WI and has been involved with Alpha Zeta, Ag Council, Collegiate 4-H, Block and Bridle, and Pre-Vet Club.



Richard Nelson is also graduating in Agribusiness. Rich is from Deerfield, WI and pledged with the Psi pledge class. He's served as Social Chairman and has been involved in Block and Bridle, Dairy Club, Ag. Bus.-Ag. Econ. Club and Little Louie.



Homecoming 1984 "Where's The Beef"

We had the perfect theme for Homecoming to have an agricultural fraternity win the overall competition. Unfortunately, a rule interpretation kept us from taking first place, but we had a good effort from everyone.

Our spirit was exemplified through a number of brothers serving on various committees. Rho-Mates Denise Fitzsimmons and Molly Lovgren were on the Homecoming Court, and Brother Charles DeNure (255) was Grand Marshal of the parade.

We placed high in many events, taking first in the games and out-

pulling everyone else to become Tug-of-War champions. We also placed second in Yell Like Hell and the float. (We'd like to thank Schaefer's for letting us build our float in their shed.)

Once again, everyone gathered at the Legion downtown on Friday night and after another of Annie's good meals on Sunday, the alumni upset the active chapter in the annual football game, 14-8. The UW-P football team didn't fare as well, losing to River Falls, 38-21.

We were glad to see a good number of alumni return for another enjoyable and successful Homecoming celebration.



Noble Ruler's Report

Greetings from Beta Gamma! I hope this Crescent finds you all in good health and spirit. Homecoming, once again proved to be a success (except for the football game) with cooperation from the actives, alumni, Rho-mates and pledges. Throughout Homecoming week, I felt the actives did a fine job of displaying the type of brotherhood and spirit that exists at Beta Gamma.

The chapter has recently purchased a computer system for Beta Gamma. At the last alumni board meeting, it was approved that the alumni association would pay 50% of the costs up to \$6,000. I feel a computer will be a fine addition to the fraternity. Such a system will help assist the chapter in rush, finance, alumni relations, and pledging, not to mention the access that the actives will have to work on computer-related assignments and other personal uses. With continued support from the the continued support from the alumni association, we are able to maintain and build our good reputation on campus. Thank you alumni!

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone associated with Beta Gamma for making my year as Noble Ruler a learning and enjoyable experience.



Fraternally yours,
Paul Manke

AGREP Program: Two Perspectives

My stay consisted of working at different farms or agricultural related businesses in various areas of Pennsylvania for alumni of the Gamma Chapter of Penn State University. Many challenges and new learning experiences came my way during the working and traveling done during the eleven weeks. Hosts treated me like one of the family, which gave me a great amount of social development with new people.

The various types of farming operations I worked at were dairy, hogs, sheep, mushrooms, and fruit and vegetables, which took me to all areas of the state. As for related agricultural business, one week was spent working at a feed mill facility. Most visits to hosts averaged one week at a time and then I moved on to the next agricultural operation.

Work experience is not the only purpose of the AGREP Program. During my stay at hosts, I traveled to places like the New York International Market, Atlantic City Casinos, Philadelphia Historical Park, and Gettysburg Battlefield. Several of my hosts took me to neighbors and friends to view other dairies or farming operations in that area. Benefits from the AGREP Program were many for me and I encourage the alumni of our chapter to help support such a beneficial program that is available to students of any AGR chapter to come as a representative to Beta Gamma.

by Stuart Stangler



Pam Hermanson

This summer I spent my time as an AGREP in Wisconsin. I was the guest of Beta Gamma in Platteville, Wisconsin. I'm a senior at Penn State University, and a member of Gamma Chapter.

While I was in Wisconsin, I worked on a hog farm, a beef farm, a dairy farm, and in a cheese factory. I also rode with two Master Mix dealers and spent some time at the State Fair.

I was welcomed at each place by my host family and was made to feel at home with them. I worked with each family and also went to many agricultural and social functions. I also got to see much of the southern part of the state.

I was rewarded not only by the money I earned, but also by the experience and knowledge I gained from each place. The AGREP Program gives an Alpha Gamma Rho brother the chance to see and work in agriculture in another state and to meet and make many friends.

My special thanks to all of my host families: Dan Adams, Edwin Stauffacher, Ron Kiel, Steve Chamberlain, Roy Bohnhoff, Kerry Henning, and Gary Klug. Without these people there could not have been an AGREP Program. A special thanks to Dave Badula for setting up the program for me.

Thanks to all,
Christopher R. Vough

Our New Sweetheart

Pam Hermanson has been selected by the brothers of Beta Gamma as our Sweetheart for 1984-85. Pam is a freshman majoring in Agribusiness with a Communications emphasis. She hails from Blanchardville, WI, where her parents, David and Ursula Hermanson, operate a dairy farm. Pam has an older brother and a younger sister.

In high school Pam was involved in FFA, cheerleading, forensics and band, and also 4-H for nine years. She graduated from Pecatonica High School in 1982, and went on to Madison Area Technical College for two years, where she earned an associate degree in visual communications.

Pam decided to come to UW-P this fall because, "I wanted to further my education, and because they have good college of ag. here at Platteville." She is a member of the Delta Gamma, Phi Sorority and the Rangereettes.

When told about being chosen sweetheart, Pam says she was excited and surprised, and she is enjoying being involved with our fraternity.

Be A Part of AGREP!

As you may already know, we have had two successful years of AGREP. These two articles do a pretty good job of explaining what AGREP is all about. The success of the AGREP program depends on good hosts. I would appreciate, if over the next few months you would consider becoming a part of AGREP. by being one of the hosts for the 1985 program. If you feel being involved in AGREP might work for you, please let me know.

Fraternally,
Dave Badula

Alumni Secretary's Report

Another busy semester is coming to a close, one that has seen much activity around the chapter house. We have a new Dean of the College of Agriculture, Brother Wayne A. Gillis, who was profiled in the Fall Sickle & Sheaf. I'm sure we all recognize and appreciate the support we've received from Brother Charles DeNure during his years as dean and professor. Both these men have been our guests for special suppers this semester, as has new basketball coach Bo Ryan, who promises to bring excitement to Williams Fieldhouse.

As my term as Alumni Secretary comes to a close, I can see that we've made some progress, but much more can and hopefully will be done. The next A.S. and I will be working on putting out a new directory as soon as possible. Any suggestions you may have to improve communications between alumni and the active chapter would be greatly appreciated.

The job of Alumni Secretary has always been challenging, but it has also opened up opportunities for me to meet alumni and attend many events, including the 48th National Conventions and O.T.S., which I have enjoyed very much.

Alumni Banquet is set for March 23, 1985, with Country 4+2 the scheduled entertainment. I hope to see you there. Have a happy holiday season!

Fraternally,
Ron Martin



Nusbaum Joins Faculty

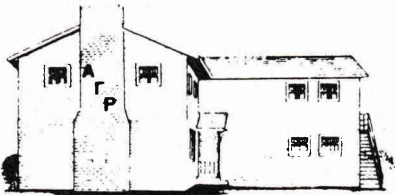
In addition to our new dean, Dr. Wayne Gillis, we have another new faculty member this fall in the College of Agriculture. Dr. Robert Nusbaum has taken a position as a professor in Animal Science.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1971, returning to the U.S., he went on to graduate school at Iowa State, where he received his Masters and Ph.D.

Dr. Nusbaum then took a job as an extension specialist in meats at Virginia Tech. Although he enjoyed his stay there, he had an opportunity in 1981 to expand the purebred Angus herd at his family's farm at DePere, WI. While working with bulls at the test station here at UW-P, he heard they were looking for someone with a background in beef and meats. He liked this part of the state and decided to apply.

Dr. Nusbaum says that he likes his new job and the university, and is particularly impressed with the close relationships among the students and faculty in the College of Ag. He still has a few cows at Lancaster and back home, and would like to find a place for them in this area.

Besides being charge of the beef herd at the college farm, Dr. Nusbaum serves as an advisor for the Block and Bridle Club and the Collegiate 4-H Club.



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AGR's Achieve in FFA

Brother Dave Stirmel (293) was awarded the American Farmer degree at the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, MO, Nov. 8-10. The degree is presented to only one in about 600 of nearly half a million FFA members nationwide.

Brother Stirmel is a senior majoring in Ag. Mechanization. He's a member of the Alpha Epsilon pledge class and is currently president of the Ag. Mech. Club. David is from Delavan, WI.

Dave Schaefer, a hometown AGR, is from Platteville and lives on a beef, hog and grain farm with his parents, Jim and Pat Schaefer. He has one sister, Tammy, and two brothers, Terry and Duane. Dave is presently attending UW-Platteville majoring in Agricultural Economics.

Dave has a special opportunity to serve as the State Treasurer for the Wisconsin Association of the Future Farmers of America. He was elected in June at the State Convention. Some of his duties include conducting Leadership Workshops for Chapter Officers with the other State Officers, making local Chapter visits and other special events hosted by the FFA throughout the year.

Pioneer Football Is AGR Showtime

Football games this year in Platteville have been extra entertaining for our chapter. As soon as you entered the stadium you heard and saw the cheerleaders, among them Brothers Randy Binversie (285), Steve Massey (279) and Todd Klahn (302). Brother Jeff Ahsinger (260) also made the squad but resigned to take a job in Florida. Once you are over the shock of being thoroughly impressed by their incredible stunts, at most for three seconds, your attention goes toward the game already in progress. Jerome Hendrickson (297) always supplied excitement on offense at the wingback position.

At halftime, the crowds were entertained by the Rangerettes, UW-P's pom-pom squad, with Rho-Mate Kris Gratz and our new sweetheart, Pam Hermanson. After watching them, you decide to go home. Even then, you can't escape our chapter's influence. By simply turning your car radio on, the voice of Ron Martin (300) can be heard calling the game on WKPL in Platteville. So as you can see, our chapter is indeed involved in the games, making it AGR Showtime. Best of all, most of them will return next year!

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