



# BETA GAMMA

## CHAPTER

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## Wards Honored As State Outstanding Young Farmers



Dave and Jean Ward of Fort Atkinson were named the Outstanding Young Farmers for 1983 by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation at their annual convention in Oconomowoc last December.

Brother Ward (85) graduated with a degree in Agricultural Economics in 1976, and his wife, the former Jean Karasek, was a Rho-Mate here at Beta Gamma and graduated from UW-Platteville in 1975.

Dave and Jean farm with his parents, William and Janice Ward, in a family farm corporation called Wardland, Inc. The farming operation ordinarily consists of a milking herd of 100 registered Holsteins, although they have cut back some this year because they are participating in the dairy diversion program. They also feed out about 60 head of Holstein steers when the market is favorable, according to Brother Ward.

The rolling herd average is presently about 17,000 pounds of milk and 648 pounds of butterfat.

Wardland, Inc. has 480 total acres, of which 390 acres are tillable. The farm is located on the rolling hills of south-

east Wisconsin, five miles west of Fort Atkinson. The crops raised include corn for silage, high moisture ear corn, and shelled corn; alfalfa for haylage and baled hay; and oats.

Brother Ward is very active in the Farm Bureau on the state and local levels. He is currently serving as president of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau. Dave was on the state Farm Bureau board of directors as the Young Farmers chairman in 1983. He also won the state farm group's discussion meet competition in 1979.

Dave is also active in the Republican Party and the FFA Alumni.

Jean Ward also works off the farm as a systems operator for the Norland Corporation, a manufacturing firm. She is currently serving on the family living committee for Farm Progress Days, which is being hosted by Jefferson County this year.

Following graduation from UW-Platteville, Brother Ward worked for Tri-State Breeders as a technician for about half a year. The family farm corporation was formed in July, 1976.

Dave Ward pledged in the spring of 1972 as a member of the Eta pledge

class. He held the office of Reporter while an active member of the Beta Gamma chapter.

When asked about the primary factors involved in the Wards being selected for the Outstanding Young Farmers honor, Dave mentioned two: the activities they are involved in with Farm Bureau, and the financial position of their farming operation.

Concerning their financial situation, Dave says that "by buying into an existing farm, we're paying as we go along," rather than starting from scratch and having a large debt load. He states that it has been much easier to become well-established in farming by being able to form the farm corporation with his parents.

Brother Ward also mentioned that he has benefitted from the many friendships he has gained through Alpha Gamma Rho, and says "that's what made me pledge" - the people involved in the Beta Gamma chapter. Dave and Jean met each other through the fraternity.

We congratulate Dave and Jean Ward on their accomplishments and wish them continued success in the future.



### Upcoming Events

Alumni Board Meeting . . . June 2  
Summer Retreat. . . . . July 20-22  
Alumni Board Meeting . . July 22  
Homecoming . . . . . October 20

## Alpha Eta Pledge Class Contacts Alumni

**Allen Klug (95)** is a 1975 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Tech. Ag. major and an Ag. Economics minor. Allen was Noble Ruler of Beta Gamma Chapter in 1974-75. Allen is currently living between Madison and Sun Prairie with his wife, Janet, and a 5 year old daughter. Allen and Janet are expecting another child around the end of June.

Allen is currently employed as a salesman for FMC which is an agricultural chemical company. He is the salesman for the southwest 17-county area of Wisconsin, selling the rootworm chemical Furadan. Allen is on the road most of the time and travels between 800 and 1000 miles a week. He is the salesman for about 200 chemical dealers and enjoys to get out and talk with every one of them. There is more to Allen's job than just selling Furadan. He talks with farmers at special dinners or meetings put on by Furadan dealers. Allen has a great deal of pride in the job he has done with FMC.

Respectfully submitted  
by Mark D. Keller

**John White (28)** graduated from UW-Platteville in 1976 with a double major in Technical Agriculture and Art. He student-taught in Dubuque the last semester of his senior year. Upon graduation he taught art in a Cedar Rapids school. In 1979, he moved to Dubuque and started his own flower shop called White Florists. Since that time he has doubled the volume he handles and hopes to add another flower shop in the future. John and his wife, Melissa, have a 2 year old son, Nathaniel. John is also very active in the Dubuque community.

Respectfully submitted  
by Dave Schaefer

**Dennis Schmidt (118)** from Bloomington, WI received his B.S. degree in Animal Science at Platteville in 1975. He has been married for eight years to his wife Beverly from Lancaster, WI. They have three children Craig 7, Cory 6, and Cassandra 4. After he graduated, Dennis worked two years for Tri-State Breeders. He did not like the job very well so he tried working for FS and a feed salesman. After seven months with FS, Dennis received a job offering through the Platteville Job Placement Office to work for Anchor Laboratories selling animal health products. Dennis pledged Alpha Gamma Rho his junior year of college in the Kappa pledge class. Dennis had one little brother who

was John Walters. Dennis presently lives in Prairie du Sac, WI. He enjoys golf, fishing and gardening on his free time and he plans to continue working for Anchor Laboratories.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Cody

**John Wegmann (155)** graduated from University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the spring of 1979 with an Agribusiness major. While in school, John had an internship with P.C.A. in River Falls. He pledged Alpha Gamma Rho as a freshman in the Xi class with eight other men. After graduation, John worked for P.C.A. in River Falls as a Loan Officer. John is currently single and working for Farm Credit Services in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he plans to stay for a while.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Key

**Darcy Powell (25)** graduated from Platteville in 1975 with a major in Animal Science and was in the Eta pledge class. He recently started a new job as a salesman selling Wellcome Animal Health Products in central and northern Wisconsin to veterinarians. Darcy has been married 7 years to a former Rho-mate from here, Jane Miller, and they have three children; Jessica, age 6, Jennifer, who is 4, and Carissa is one year old.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Byrnes

**Bill Frank (213)**, a brother of the Upsilon pledge class, is presently living in Fond du Lac. He resides there with his wife Ann. He is currently employed by the John Deere implement dealer in Ashford. He has been the parts manager there for just over a year now.

Respectfully submitted by Herb Yanke

**Larry Jerrett (150)** is presently living and farming at Rt. 3, Lancaster, WI. He is in a partnership in his dad's farm. A member of the Xi pledge class, Brother Jerrett graduated in 1978 with an Ag. Education major and an Ag. Mech. minor. After graduation, he worked for Badger Northland out of Appleton, WI. Larry worked on the east coast training new employees for a couple of years. He plans to get married on December 29, 1984.

Respectfully submitted  
by Greg Rickert

## Alumni Board of Directors

Terry McMahon ..... President  
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John Dorshorst ..... Secretary  
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Don Von Rueden ..... Director  
Dale Pertzborn ..... Director  
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Ken Gibson ..... Director

## Alumni Updates

**Rick Lenz (67)**, a 1973 graduate in Animal Science, is Director of Production and Research for Sire Power, Inc. at Tunkhannock, PA. Brother Lenz has held this position for 14 months, in which he supervises all phases of Sire Power's semen production, utilization and research.

Brother Lenz earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Reproductive Physiology at the University of Illinois. Before moving to Sire Power, Rick was with the UW-Madison Dairy Science Department as a postdoctoral fellow since January, 1981. At Madison, Rick taught several courses in reproductive physiology.

Brother Lenz is one of the founders of the Beta Gamma chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. His current address is 139 E. Tioga, Tunkhannock, PA.

**Gary Ruegsegger (147)**, a 1977 graduate of UW-Platteville, completed his Ph.D. in Dairy Science at UW-Madison this past January. He is currently pursuing an MBA degree at Washington State University. Brother Ruegsegger is now living at Box 2666 C.S., Pullman, WA.

**Terry and Sarah (Leedle) Pink** were married on February 25 and are residing at 2275 Mt. Pleasant Rd., San Jose, CA. Terry is with Altus Corp. as a Senior Design Engineer.

**Tim and Becky (Brotzman) Beran** were wed on January 7 and are now living at 1106 Blackridge Rd., Janesville, WI.

**Wayne Zentner** is now working for Select Sires-East Central Breeders and lives at 612 Mulberry Dr. E., West Bend, WI.

**Dave Martin** is now working for International Harvester in Hinsdale, IL as a design engineer. His address is 728 W. 65th St., Apt. 6, Westmont, IL.



## Alumni Meeting

Some important topics were discussed during the annual alumni meeting of the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, Beta Gamma Chapter on March 31, 1984. The treasurer's report of the Platteville Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma Rho, Inc., indicates that our chapter is in a solid financial position. However, it must be realized that the cost of house maintenance is increasing each year. One major project that will be completed in the near future is the resurfacing of the parking lot at the chapter house. This project is tentatively planned for the summer of 1985 and will cost several thousand dollars. Other projects that will be undertaken of a lesser expense are the replacement of drapes in bedrooms of the chapter house. This is a project that will take place over several semesters as two or three rooms will be completed each year. The alumni board has also approved the purchase of a couple of chairs for the chapter room. Carpeting will be need to be replaced in the stairways in order to improve the house's appearance, as it is getting very worn in places. No other major expenses are anticipated at this time, however, we are seeing steadily increasing maintenance costs as the house ages. Overall, the house is holding up well. A problem with a weak support post in the basement has been corrected. This problem could have been much more serious if it hadn't been located when it was.

Other business conducted at the meeting was the election of new board members. Ken Gibson, Richard Kuhle, and John Dorshorst were elected to three year terms on the board of directors. Outgoing board members were Bill Von Rueden, Jeff Key and Chuck Rasmussen. Our thanks to them for their work as board members. Dr. Robert Campbell was elected at Beta Gamma's alumni delegate to the National Convention in August. Gary Klug was chosen as the alternate delegate. Also, Ron Keil has been appointed treasurer of the alumni board as Richard Kuhle has resigned the position. Brother Kuhle has served the board the past three years and has done an excellent job. Thanks Rick! Ron will be taking over the duties of treasurer on July 1st and will be able to count on Brother Kuhle to assist him in getting started. Any questions on the state of the Fraternity can be directed to any of the board members. If you were unable to attend this year's annual meeting, please make plans to attend in the future. This meeting lasted only ninety minutes and some very important business was discussed. Your participation in these meetings is vital to the future of our Fraternity.

## Summer Retreat

This year's summer retreat will be a little bit different than in past years. It will be held at the AGR house in Platteville. A number of alumni have expressed interest in having the retreat held at Platteville and it was decided at the annual alumni meeting in March to give this idea a try.

The dates of the summer retreat will be July 20, 21 and 22. The traditional hog roast and softball game with the second base watering hole will be held on Saturday, the 21st. There will be plenty of things to do around the city of Platteville with tennis courts and swimming pools available. For those of you who remember the good times at the "M" or "Silver Bridge" (who doesn't), we might be able to plan some activities at these places.

Brothers Larry Jerrett and Terry McMahon have "volunteered" to serve as chairmen of this year's retreat. They are looking for some new ideas to make this retreat the best one ever! If you have any suggestions for the co-chairmen, please let them know. Their addresses and phone numbers are: Larry-Rt. 3, Lancaster, WI 53813, (608) 723-2395; Terry, 811 East Maple St., Lancaster, WI 53813, (608) 723-4720.

Don't forget to reserve July 20-22 for Beta Gamma's summer retreat! If

you haven't been able to return to Platteville for Homecoming or the annual alumni banquet, then this should give you a good reason to return to your college home to renew old friendships and make new ones with the brothers and Rho-Mates of Alpha Gamma Rho! See you this summer!

## In Memory

We are deeply saddened to forward this news of the loss of two of our brothers.

Brother Timothy Thompson (130), age 31, of Kent, IL passed away on April 1, 1984. Tim for one reason or another thought it time to end his life on that day. Tim was a member of the Kappa pledge class.

Brother David Neuenschwander (278), age 23, died of complications from pneumonia and a heart condition on April 23, 1984. A native of Monroe, WI, "Newey" was a member of the Alpha Gamma pledge class and graduated from UW-Platteville in May, 1983.

For those who have fond memories of Tim's and Newey's time with us at Beta Gamma, may we always keep them close to our hearts. May we also join together in our prayers of strength for the surviving families.



## The Alpha Eta Pledge Class

The Beta Gamma chapter is proud to announce the recent initiation of seven fine new men into our brotherhood. Above: Front row: Dennis McDougall, Asst. Pledge Trainer and Kevin McArtor, Pledge Trainer. Back row: Alpha Eta Class, their home towns and majors: Ray Key, East Troy, WI, Ag. Bus.; Herb Yanke, Prairie du Sac, WI, Tech. Ag.; Greg Rickert, Eldorado, WI, Tech. Ag.; Dave Schaefer, Platteville, Ag. Econ.; Mark Keller, Mt. Horeb, WI, Ag. Econ.; Bill Cody, Sauk City, WI, Ag. Econ.; Jeff Byrnes, Waukon, IA, Tech. Ag. The Alpha Eta class went to Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville for their skip-out on February 26-27, and they ran the Butter Run in 29:09.



# Ridin' High

## BIG SKY, MONTANA

### AGR'S 48TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### AUGUST 12-16, 1984

Brothers, make plans now to attend AGR's 48th National Convention in Big Sky, Montana during the week of August 12-16! This convention promises to be one of the best ever with many exciting activities planned. If you have never had the opportunity to attend a National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho, then this is the year to see what you have been missing. In addition to the business sessions of the Fraternity, you will also have the opportunity to attend pre and post convention tours at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Visit ghost towns, Custer Battlefield State Park; hike, swim, golf or just relax at Big Sky Resort.

Brother Robert Campbell has been selected as Beta Gamma's alumni delegate to the convention. There will also be several undergraduate brothers in addition to other alumni that plan on attending. Most of you have probably received information on the convention, so take the time to register and plan your summer vacation for August 12-16 in Big Sky, Montana! Ridin' High with the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho!



**Brothers Terry McMahon, Dave Bohnhoff, and Steve Gay at AGR's 46th National Convention. Will you be at the 48th this summer?**

## New Dean of Agriculture Chosen

This fall there will be a new face seen in the dean's office. Dr. Wayne A. Gillis is the new Dean of the College of Agriculture, starting July 1.

Dr. Gillis comes to us from Ontario, Canada. There he is the Acting Director of the Animal Production Division of Agriculture Canada (Agriculture Canada is like our U.S.D.A.). He has held this position since 1982 and has been associated with Agriculture Canada since 1973.

Dr. Gillis started his education at Cornell University where he graduated in 1966 with a B.S. in Animal Science. At Cornell he joined the Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. Brother Gillis received his M.S. in Meat Science in 1968 from Oklahoma State University. He then returned to Cornell where he later received his Ph.D. in Meat Science. He also taught at Cornell for a year. He then moved to Guelph, Ontario to teach at the University of Guelph.

During his tenure with Agriculture Canada he has conducted extensive research in ultrasonic methods for measuring fat thickness and body composition in hogs and turkey broilers, respectively. He has also done substantial work on redesigning and implementing progeny testing and herd performance testing programs as well as studies dealing with meat quality.

We look forward to welcoming Brother Gillis to UW-Platteville this Fall. He will not only be an asset to the College, but also to the University and the Beta Gamma Chapter.

## Building Fund Drive

For those of you in attendance at the recently held alumni banquet at UW-Platteville, you are aware that a plaque was presented which contains the names of the brothers and Rhomates that have contributed \$100 or more to Beta Gamma's Building Fund Drive program. To date, there are seventy names on the plaque with plenty of room for future contributors. This plaque is displayed in the Beta Gamma chapter room and it will be updated each spring with the names of new contributors.

The building fund drive was started in the spring of 1979 and its purpose is to help ensure that Beta Gamma will continue to prosper in the years ahead. Contributions may be used for chapter house maintenance and remodeling or expansion costs. Contributions may be used to reduce the present debt owed by the alumni association. Over \$25,000 has already been received with this

money being applied to the debt on the house. Additional pledges have been made to the building fund that will be received in the future.

It is hoped that more brothers will decide to contribute to this fund drive in the years to come. The intent of the building fund drive is to allow all brothers the opportunity to support their Fraternity as they leave their college home. By doing this, the future of Beta Gamma will continue to remain strong. We certainly realize that everyone is not in a position to support the Fraternity with financial contributions, but for those of you who are, it is definitely a worthwhile cause that will be well-appreciated.

I hope I have been able to give each of you an explanation on where the building fund drive is currently and also what our future plans may be to use these contributions in the most effective manner. If you have any questions about the building fund drive, please contact me or any of the board members. On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to sincerely thank each of you that has contributed to the Fraternity, financially or otherwise.

Fraternally,  
Terry A. McMahon  
President, AGR Alumni Board

## 1984 Chapter Officers

Paul Manke ..... Noble Ruler  
Jeff Laufenberg.. 1st Vice Noble Ruler  
Kevin McArtor.. 2nd Vice Noble Ruler  
Ron Martin ..... Alumni Secretary  
Stuart Stangler ..... Secretary  
John Jarvis ..... Treasurer  
Bob Klahn ..... House Manager  
Randy Binversie Commissary Manager  
Steve Massey ..... Chaplain  
Kevin Knuth ..... Usher  
Gary Smith..... Reporter

## Lost Alumni

The following brothers are lost according to our records. If you know their current addresses, please inform the chapter. The brothers and their last known addresses are:

David P. Gundlach  
1342 S. Finley Road  
Lombard, IL 60148

Dennis Valsted  
555 Gold St., Apt. 1A  
Green Lake, WI 54941



# Goodbye Actives, Hello Alumni

Marty Adams is graduating with a degree in Technical Agriculture. A member of the Alpha Epsilon pledge class, Brother Adams has been involved in the Dairy Club. Marty's hometown in Lancaster, WI.

Thomas Bull, from Mt. Carroll, IL is graduating with a degree in Agricultural Education. Brother Bull, a member of the Alpha Beta pledge class, has served the chapter as usher. Tom has been active in the Ag. Ed. Society, Ag. Council, and as a Gamma Phi Beta Gammy Guy.

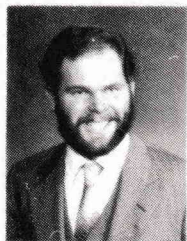
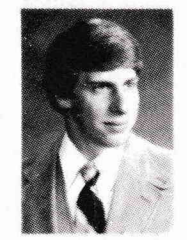
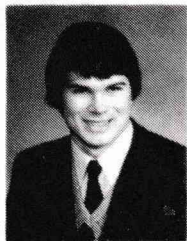
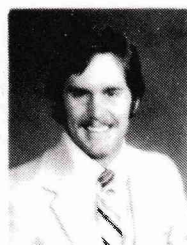
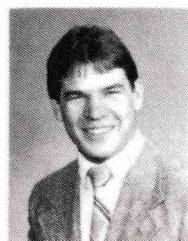
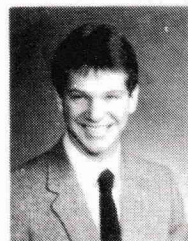
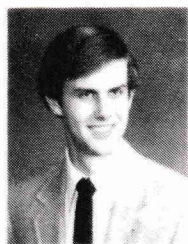
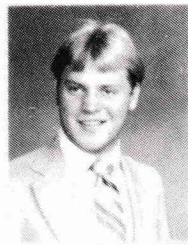
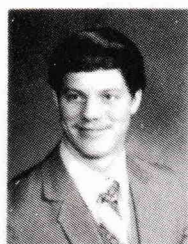
James Dederer, of the Omega pledge class, is from Chilton, WI. Brother Dederer, whose major is Technical Agriculture, has served as Rho-Mate Coordinator. Jim has been active in the Dairy Club as president and chairman of their club sale.

William Helwig is graduating with an Agribusiness major. Bill's hometown is Mt. Horeb, WI. Brother Helwig, a member of the Omega pledge class, has been Reporter and Rho-Mate Coordinator. Bill has been involved with Ag. Council and IGCC.

Charles Johnson, whose major is Agricultural Mechanization, is from Sycamore, IL. Brother Johnson, a member of the Alpha Alpha pledge class, has served the chapter as House Manager. Chuck has also been active in the Ag. Mech. Club.

Jim Limmex is graduating with a degree in Agricultural Education. Brother Limmex, a member of the Alpha Beta pledge class, has served as Commissary Manager. Jim has been involved in the Ag. Ed. Society and intramural sports.

Mark McMahon, from Lancaster, WI is graduating with an Agri-business major. Brother McMahon a member of the Alpha Alpha pledge class, has been active with the Soils Team, Dairy Club and Ag. Council.



Jeff Parks, a member of the Alpha Beta pledge class, is from Milledgeville, IL. An agri-business major, Brother Parks has been involved in track, the Letterman's Club, Student Senate, Alpha Zeta, and the Agri-business-Ag. Economics Club.

Larry Prem, from Loganville, WI, is graduating with a degree in Agricultural Mechanization. Brother Prem, a member of the Alpha Alpha pledge class, has been involved in the Ag. Mech. Club.

Robert Schwoerer is from Howards Grove, WI. Brother Schwoerer is graduating in Agricultural Economics and has served as Judicial Chairman. A member of the Alpha Epsilon pledge class, Bob has been in the Agri-business-Ag. Econ. Club, intramurals, and a Resident Assistant.

John Scott, of the Alpha Delta pledge class, is from Richland Center, WI. Brother Scott is graduating with an Animal Science major. John has served as Ways and Means Chairman and has been involved in the Dairy Club.

Bruce Tonkin is graduating with a degree in Technical Agriculture. One of four Omega pledge brothers graduating this spring, Brother Tonkin has served the chapter as First Vice Noble Ruler and Secretary. Bruce is from Livingston, WI and has been on the Meats Team and in Little Louie.

Daniel Zauche, a member of the Omega pledge class, is from Peosta, IA. Brother Zauche is graduating with a major in Technical Agriculture. Dan has served as Rho-Mate Coordinator and has been Agronomy Club president and also on the Crops and Meat Evaluation Teams.





## CUPID'S CORNER



**Brother Kent Schoeny and Miss Julie Kapfenstein** will be wed on June 2, 1984 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Shannon, IL. A reception will follow at the church and a dance will be held at Quinn's in Mt. Carroll, IL. All are welcome.

**Brother Charlie Brandt and Miss Donna Meyer** will be married on June 9, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Reedsburg, WI. The reception and dance will follow at the Reedsburg Country Club. All are welcome.

**Brother Paul Wegmann and Miss Jane Uppena** are to be wed on June 16, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cassville, WI. The reception will follow the ceremony and will be held at the Sand Bar in Cassville.

**David Lepley and Miss Elaine Johnson (Rho-Mate)** will take their marriage vows on June 23, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. at the Platteville United Methodist Church. The reception will follow in the church Fellowship Hall.

**Brother Dave Jelle and Miss Laura Bowyer** are to be married on October 6, 1984. The ceremony will take place at the Zion United Church of Christ in Dyer, IN. Further details were not available at this time.

**Brother Larry Prem and Miss Debra Wilson** are engaged to be married on June 22, 1985.

**Brother Jeff Ahsinger and our Sweetheart Lynn French** are engaged to be married in May, 1985.

## Alumni On the Move

**Tim Eberle** has moved upstairs to Apt. 201 at 310 Kent Lane, Madison, WI.

**Bill Frank** is now living at 364 North Seymour, Apt. 104, Fond du Lac, WI.

**Chuck Miller** has changed his address to 617 W. Division St., Dodgeville, WI.

**John Thompson** has moved to 108 N. Main St., Apt. 3, Edgerton, WI.

**Gordon Sabranek** has relocated to Rt. 5, Richland Center, WI.

**Mark Fassler** is now living at 23280 Hickory Hills Rd., Sterling, IL.

**Roy Luedtke** has moved to P.O. Box 557, Algona, IA.



**Summertime is wedding time. It looks like we know who wears the pants (and the apron) in this family: Steve and Erna Keil.**

**Mike Fischer** is still living in Madison, but his address is now 485 High Point Road, Apt. C, Madison, WI.

**Tim Mueller** has relocated to 233 S. Oak St., Appleton, WI.

**Bob Janes** has moved to 864 Suellen Lane, Portage, WI.

**George Schwab** has changed his address to P.O. Box 11, Black River Falls, WI.

**James Salesman** is now living at 3628 15 Ave. Ct., Moline, IL.

**Gary Herzberg** is now located at 5 Candletree Dr., Apt. 7, Springfield, IL.

**Eugene Mulligan** is presently residing at 312 Mary St., Beaver Dam, WI.

**Steven Chamberlain** is now living at 2409 Chalet Garden Rd., Apt. 7, Madison, WI.

**Dale Wiederholt** has moved to 1016 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Arlington, TX.

**Dan Rux** is now working at Hanekamp Funeral Home, 385 Waukegan Rd., North Brook, IL.

**Mark Keesey** is now living at 539 S. Wasson La., Apt. 206, River Falls, WI.

**John Towns** has relocated to 1716 Jackson St., Stoughton, WI.

**Bob Cotter** is now farming and his address is P.O. Box 352, Ripon, WI.

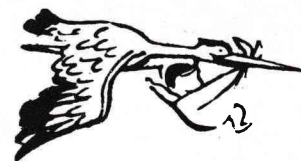
**Scott Towns** has moved to Rt. 1, Box 482, Mt. Morris, IL.

**Gregg Raupp** is now living at 4291 S. 5½ St., Terre Haute, IN.

### ATTENTION ALUMNI

#### DON'T GET LOST

*Keep the chapter informed of  
all address changes!*



## The Stork Reports

Dan and Marcia McGowan are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Angela Marie. She was born December 20, 1983 and weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz.

Thomas and Debra Ferguson are pleased to announce the birth of their second child. Her name is Sandy and she was born December 31, 1983 at 1:01 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz., and was 21½ inches long. Sandy joins her sister Sarah.

Mark and Janet Wienkes are blessed with a new baby boy, Lee Raymond, born February 13, 1984. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20½ inches long.



**Sweetheart Lynn French and Brother Gary Smith** having a good time at our Halloween Party.



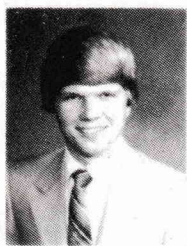
## Alumni Secretary's Report

This is the first crescent I have been responsible for during my tenure as Alumni Secretary. I hope you enjoy it. As you know, much of the content of the Crescent is usually submitted by the alumni, so I need your cooperation in producing a quality publication. This includes news, changes of address, photographs and so on. If there's any news happening in your life, just send a note so we can keep everyone informed.

This semester has been a busy one. The Alumni Banquet was held on March 31, with a very good turnout of alumni. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. Other details about the alumni meetings are included elsewhere in this Crescent.

An Alumni Relations committee has been set up as part of the chapter's long range plan. One of our goals is to increase alumni involvement in the activities of the active chapter. We hope to expand our efforts in this area in the future. Any comments or suggestions you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Have a good summer, and I hope to see you at the Summer Retreat!



Fraternally yours,  
Ron Martin

## From the Desk of The Noble Ruler

The semester is coming to a close which find the actives busy with both academics and the fraternity. Our Long Range Plan has been formed and is currently working through the planned stages. The program, initiated by "National" is being used by other AGR chapters. The purpose of the plan is to identify the chapter's strengths and weaknesses and to take steps to correct our weaknesses. Now that the spring pledge program is completed, we have seven additions to Beta Gamma, bringing our membership to fifty-four brothers. At the Chicago AGR Career Days we won two awards. We received "Excellence" for the Chapter Scholarship Award and "High Honors" for

our Chapter History. Our Annual Parent's Day held on Sunday, April 15 went really well. We had a turnout of more than two hundred people which really took our house to its capacity. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer. See you at Summer Retreat.



Fraternally yours,  
Paul Manke

## Rho-Mates Keep Busy

As Rho-Mate Coordinators, we have had a very memorable year. It has had its good and bad times, but overall it has been a warm, heart-filled year, with a lot of fun for both of us.

The spring semester brought with it an idea of the Rho-Mates buying a piano for the house. The piano was purchased with money the girls had made from their fund-raisers. A quilt was donated by Mom Reinhold, to the Rho-Mates, which was raffled at the Alumni Banquet to pay off the Rho-Mates loan from the chapter. The spring semester also brought with it the pledging of six new Rho-Mates. Throughout the

pledge period they did many of the fun things we all remember, like the egg run (they didn't break the record), interviews at the Silver Bridge and the "M", then their initiation at the end of maturity week.

As we see our term as Rho-Mate Coordinators coming to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU girls, for all the love-filled memories.

Jim Dederling and Dan Zauche  
Rho-Mate Coordinators

## Scholastics

The brothers at Beta Gamma did a very good job scholastically last fall. The overall grade point for the chapter was a 3.003. Twenty-six men either increased their gradepoints or remained the same from the previous semester and were able to eat steak at our bi-annual steak supper.

Dan Zauche earned a 3.81 to capture the highest active gradepoint. Bruce Tonkin has the most improved grade-point with an increase of 1.04. Kent Weigel earned a 3.71 to lead the Alpha Zeta pledge class. These brothers each received \$50.00 scholarships for their efforts.

We are very pleased with the grade-point that we were able to achieve, but hopefully we can improve on it and have even more brothers eat steak next fall.



## Meet the New Rho-Mates

The Xi Rho-Mate pledge class, their hometowns and majors: Front row: Kris Gratz, Darlington, WI, Ag. Bus.; Kelly Weiskircher, Shullsburg, WI, Animal Science; Barb Wegmann, Bloomington, WI, Bus. Admin.; Becky Oechsle, Stitzer, WI, Animal Science; Christie Curwen, Benton, WI, Intl. Studies; Cari Christensen, Oregon, WI, Ag. Econ. Back Row: Rho-Mate Coordinators Jim Dederling and Dan Zauche.

## Judging Teams Do Well

In 1983, UW-Platteville Crops and Soils teams were both national champions. This is only the second time in history that a school has won both in the same year. We at Beta Gamma are proud to have a part in the continuing excellence of our agricultural judging teams.

Last November, the Crops team placed first in the national contest in Chicago. Brother Matt Scurek and Rho-Mate Gini Werling were on that team.

This spring the Meat Evaluation team placed 13th out of 18 teams at the Ak-Sar-Ben meats contest, held in Omaha, NE on March 16-17. Brothers Bruce Tonkin and Dan Zauche were on the team. Bruce was high team member and Dan was second.

The Soils team placed second in the national contest in California on April 13-14. The University of Maryland won the competition. No active members were on this year's team at nationals.



## Little Louie

The Brothers of Beta Gamma were very successful in the Little Louie Showmanship Contest held April 14. Brother Wendell Weisensel served as a co-chairman for the event, with Brothers Dan Zauche, and Rich Nelson chairing the dairy and beef, respectively. There were 37 exhibitors.

Brother Randy Binversie won first place in the dairy division with Brother Mark Keller placing second. In the sheep division, Brothers Taylor Weisensel and Stuart Stangler and Rho-Mate Kelly Weiskircher took the top three places, respectively. Congratulations!

## Alumni Job File

We are currently trying to put together a file that will contain job information of alumni, such as company name, position with that company and address. This information will help those graduating seniors find someone who is currently working with a particular company and can then find out pertinent information about jobs along with other general information about the company. We would appreciate it very much if you would take a few minutes to send us the following information and a business card if possible.

Name and Address  
Company Name and Address  
Position  
Other Remarks

THANK YOU!



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