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### A MESSAGE FROM THE NOBLE RULER

Greetings Alumni:

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to a close. I think that the older I become, the faster the time goes. (That's great if graduation comes quicker!)

The first thing I would like to do is thank all of our graduating seniors for the hard work and dedication they have given AGR. Their contribution over the past years has been greatly appreciated. We will really miss all you guys and Rho-Mates! Good luck on your future endeavors!

I would also like to thank and congratulate the Alumni for an excellent Founder's Weekend. Many of the Alumni have written us and said they had an excellent time also. The actives and I are looking forward to the 1993 Founder's Day.

National AGR Convention is also rapidly approaching. It will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, August 9-13. This will definitely be both a controversial and lively convention. If anyone wishes to attend, please contact me at the AGR house.

Summer Retreat hasn't been scheduled yet, however, we will be sending out an announcement in the next few weeks as soon as we formalize our plans. We hope to hold it during the middle of July. Please watch your mail and plan to attend.

I want to thank everyone for all their help during my first semester as Noble Ruler. I really appreciate all the assistance I received and am looking forward to the next semester. Take care and enjoy the summer!

Fraternally, Christopher Laue



### A MESSAGE FROM THE **VNR-RECRUITMENT**

Greetings fellow brothers! The brothers at Beta Gamma are gearing up for a successful summer rush program. Steve Wright has accepted the position of summer recruitment chairman. The program includes attending high schools and giving a program promoting UWP and AGR. We also are starting to set up individual summer visits with the incoming males. I am also going to be sending out informational letters throughout the summer regarding our chapter and Agfest.

The senior weekend which was held April 24 & 25 was also very successful. Hopefully the weekend brought us three new quality members.

Please feel free to call the house if you have any recommendations on potential members. Have an enjoyable summer!

Fraternally.

Paul Krueger, VNR-Recruitment



Wingers of the 1992 Alumni Awards are: (I to r) Jim Wendler, Ron Suda Memorial Award; Mike Gabor, Outstanding Active; and Paul Steffes, Key Committeeman. Congratulations gentlemen on a job well done!

# **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

Randy Benedict (403) from Bristol, WI graduated on May 9 with a degree in Agribusiness. He plans to continue working on the family dairy farm. Brother Benedict pledged in the spring of 1990 as a member of the Alpha Tau pledge class. A few highlights while at Beta Gamma were serving as *Crescent* editor for 1991 and being chosen outstanding active in the spring of 1992. In the spring of 1991 Randy was chosen to be a



CERES Sweetheart. Randy has enjoyed his stay at Beta Gamma and is very proud to be a member of this organization.

Mike Gabor, from Darlington, WI graduated on May 9 with a degree in Civil Engineering and an emphasis in Environmental/Water Resources engineering. Brother Gabor pledged in the spring of 1989 as a member of the Alpha Rho pledge class. While at Beta Gamma Mike served as Noble Ruler during 1991. He was involved with Greek Council and was Ways and Means Chairman during 1990 and spring 1992. Currently he is employed with the Sail Conservation Service of the Council with the Sail Conservation Service in Service and Conservation Service in Service in



ployed with the Soil Conservation Service for the summer of 1992.

Alpha Gamma Rho has succeeded in helping another student through college, and I would like to thank all who made it possible. My past four years have been very enjoyable and educational, for that I will never forget. The help and opportunities that Alpha Gamma Rho has provided me proves what a great organization we all belong to. I have seen some wonderful changes in the fraternity in the four short years that I have been



here and I believe that things are on the right track to continue. I will be graduating with an Agribusiness major and currently do not have any job offers, but there are some positive opportunities possible. For the time being I will be returning to the home farm near Prairie du Sac. I will also be getting married to Gina Palzkill from Mineral Point on December 19. I hope to see many good friends when I return to Homecomings and Founder's Day banquets in the years to come.

Fraternally yours,

#### Joe Keller

Paul Steffes (382) from Mt. Calvary, WI graduated on May 9 with a B.S. in Agribusiness and minor in Animal Nutrition. He served as last year's Alumni Relations officer and also held the positions of *Crescent* Editor and Chaplin in the Beta Gamma Chapter. Paul has also been involved in NAMA, Ag Council, Alpha Zeta, and SUFAC. Paul pledged in the fall of 1988 and is a member of the Alpha Pi pledge class. Paul has accepted a position of



Farm Consultant for Larson Feed Inc. in Thorpe, WI. Paul will

be involved in sales and service at Larson Feed which is a handler of Purina Mills products.

Elaine Williams from Mineral Point, WI, graduated on May 9 with a B.S. degree in Animal Science and an emphasis in Dairy. Elaine pledged in the spring of 1989 with the Tau pledge class and served as Rho-Mate Secretary/Treasurer. Her campus activities included Pioneer Dairy Club Vice-President and Treasurer for two years, Ag Student Council, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. She will



be marrying Randy Carns on October 3, 1992 in Mineral Point, WI. The reception will be held at the Mineral Point Fairgrounds from 8-12 and everyone is invited! Randy and Elaine plan on purchasing and operating a dairy farm in southwest Wisconsin after the wedding. Elaine would like to thank Alpha Gamma Rho for all the new found friends, all the good times and all the doors that have been opened by this great fraternity!

Jeff Klaes (383) from Osage, IA will graduate in May. While in Alpha Gamma Rho he was Rho-Mate Coordinator and VNR-Recruitment. On campus he was an officer of Alpha Zeta, Ag Council, and Intramurals. Upon graduation he will be returning to lowa.



John Degner (395) will graduate this spring with an Animal Science major and a Biotechnology minor. I currently am employed with River Valley Distributing which is a division of Health More Inc. I am hoping to start graduate school in January in Animal Science. I plan to work in the field of Animal Breeding using genetics to improve growth rates or resistance to disease. I have enjoyed my three years in Alpha Gamma Rho



and am convinced that the chapter will continue to improve and grow in the future.

Fraternally,

#### John Degner

Hello brothers,

I'm Jim Hudson (385) and I am originally from Beloit, WI. I'm graduating with a degree in Criminal Justice. I pledged spring 1989 and am one of the last remaining "Six Pack" members. I am currently the "Old Man" in the house, which has no privileges other than going gray, but, better gray than gone! Alpha Gamma Rho has had a big impact on my life and I'm proud to be a member.



ARP has provided me with many close friends and memories.

In the time I have been here, I have watched us grow into the largest Greek organization on campus. Many changes have taken place in the past three and I feel they have made us stronger. We are the best on campus and getting better each semester.

Hello!

As a graduating senior from Pulaski with a double major in Agribusiness and Agrieconomics and a minor in Computer Science, I am proud to have been a part of Alpha Gamma Rho and the Rho-Mates while in college. I appreciate AGR for providing me the opportunity to improve my leadership, professional, personal, communication, social, and working skills.



Yes, as Mr. Myers has said, "there's always room for improvement, you just have to be willing to set yourself up for the challenge." I remember back when I set out a challenge for myself. My challenge was to achieve a minor in Computer Science. Some people laughed and others thought I was crazy. It was then that I realized I was not going to guit. It was hard to believe, but my challenge which was almost im-

possible at one time has been achieved today, because I did not quit.

I sure hope that in this time while I was in college, I had been able to influence my AGR friends to take on a good challenge. It's never too late, just set your heart to it and nothing's impossible.

Thanks for always being my friends.

Gratefully,

#### Linda Schulke

Jim Wendler (404) from Randolph, WI, graduated on May 9 with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Biotechnology. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine this fall and will pursue a DMV degree. Brother Wendler pledged in the spring of 1990 as a member of the Alpha Tau pledge class. While at Platteville, he was involved in the Pre-Vet club, Collegiate FFA, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Kappa Phi.



Steve Wright (394) from Lancaster, WI will participate in ceremonies on May 9, 1992 and officially graduate on August 1, 1992, completing a B.S. degree in Biology with an emphasis in Zoology. Steve is looking for opportunities in Wildlife Conservation and Biotechnology. Brother Wright plans to return for graduate school after a year or two in the working world. He is a member of the Alpha Sigma pledge class from the fall of 1989. His work in



AGR included Scholarship Chairperson and Homecoming '90 Chairperson. On campus, Steve was involved in Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Biology Club, Intramurals and was a Leo

D. Boebel Scholarship recipient.

## THANK YOU!

The Beta Gamma Rho-Mate Chapter would like to thank everyone who supported our raffle at the Alumni Banquet. The raffle was a huge success! The profits will be spent on graduation gifts throughout the year. We hosted an etiquette night last month before the pledge banquet, and we also helped set up and host Parents' Day. The new Rho-Mate initiates also hosted a car wash on May 8. Graduation was on May 9, and we would like to congratulate all the graduates of AGR and especially Linda Schulke and Elaine Williams, our Rho-Mate graduates, Good luck to all of them. Hope to see you at summer retreat!

### WELCOME, **NEW MEMBERS!**

Hello, my name is Randy Simonson and I am a second year agricultural engineering major from Edgerton, WI. I was the president of the Alpha Psi pledge class and was voted outstanding pledge by the chapter. I don't come from a farm, but I have done agricultural work for my neighbors since I was 12 years old. I have also started to raise some of my own animals and plan to buy a farm when I graduate. I was very active in FFA when I was in high school and served as a reporter my senior year. I have earned the State FFA Degree and plan to apply for the National FFA Degree next year. I hope to be an asset to Alpha Gamma Rho and look forward to being active in the fraternity.

Hello, my name is Adam Heisner and I am from Mineral Point, WI. I graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1991. I am majoring in Agribusiness and I am planning on changing it to Ag. Engineering Technology with a minor in Animal Science. Throughout my high school career I was very involved in FFA, received numerous awards, and have gone on many trips including National Convention and Washington Focus. My hobbies include motorcycles, cars, ATV's, farming, and cards.

My name is Bryan Sellen. I am a freshman Ag. Education major. I am involved in Collegiate Wrestling, FFA, and now Alpha Gamma Rho. I was raised on a 300 acre dairy farm in northeastern Wisconsin. All my life, I have been taught how to work hard for little in return. I have also been taught to respect everyone who deserves it, and that I have to earn all the respect from others. I am now a very competitive individual in everything I do. While in high school, I was very active in the Lena FFA chapter, holding positions as Student Council Rep, Treasurer, and Chairman on many committees. Hopefully, I will show the same leadership here at UW-Platteville in Alpha Gamma Rho.

Hi, my name is Nate WienKauf and I just finished my first year at UW-Platteville. I graduated from Waterford High School in 1991. My major here at Platteville is Animal Science with a meat emphasis. I'm also active in the Block and Bridle club in which I am reporter. Intramurals has also been a high point at UW-Platteville.

While in high school, I was involved with many things. Being a part of FFA was a highlight. I was a farm manager for three years, which in that time we were very successful in our crops. I also became involved in many judging teams and other fund raisers while in high school. Other activities were football, basketball, tennis and track, in which I received many honors including an All-State mention in Basketball. I was in our school's Swing Choir and competed all over the state.

I was born and raised on a dairy farm and have enjoyed every minute of it. I've shown cows and hogs at county and state fairs. I guess in the future I want to work for a corporation that deals with either hogs or steer setup. It's something that I have always wanted to do, so hopefully things will work out.

### **CUPID'S CORNER**

Congratulations to Elaine Williams (Rho-Mate) who will marry Randy Carns on October 3, 1992. The reception will be held at the Mineral Point Fairgrounds from 8-12 and everyone is invited to come and have a good time!

Congratulations to Brother Rick "RT" Thompson who recent-

ly got engaged to Lisa Caya.

Congratulations to Brother Joe Buttel (337) and Kim Broecker who are engaged. Their wedding is to be held September 12, 1992, in Libertyville, IL.

### STORK REPORT

Congratulations to Kevin and Barb Klubertanz of DePere, WI who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kara Jean. Kara was born on March 29, 1992 and weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was  $19\frac{1}{2}$  in. long.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

Please remember to contact the house if you change your address or would like to submit anything for the next Crescent. We currently have three lost Alumni members. Please contact us if you know their addresses.

Rick Hommen

Jane Smith

Rose Luedtke

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#### ALPHA GAMMA RHO SUMMER RETREAT

JULY 17, 18, 19

#### YELLOWSTONE LAKE

#### **ARGYLE WISCONSIN**

Greetings Everyone! The plans have finally been set for summer retreat, which will be held at Yellowstone Lake, in Argyle, Wisconsin, July 17, 18, 19. We have reserved sections "D" and "G" for the retreat site. Fees are listed below for camping, which can be paid when you arrive. Although everyone will be on their own as far as food and 'beverages' we will be having a catered picnic supper on Saturday at 5:00pm. Please send your reservations before JULY 11th so that the arrangements can be made. The cost for the meal will be \$7.00 per person. If you have any questions, please call the AGR house. One other reminder-- because this is a State Park, we have to be back at our campsites by 11:00 pm, so plan to relocate the party at that time. Hope to see you on the 17th!!

P.S. Don't forget your camping supplies and lawn chairs!

#### CAMPING COSTS

\$3.50 parking fee per day

\$2.00 camping fee per person per day

	PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE AGR HOUSE BY JULY 10TH!! 845 WEST MADISON, PLATTEVILLE, WI 53818
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