

# **BETA GAMMA**

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ALPHA GAMMA RHO UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE



NO. 75

## Spring 2000

## **Advisor Report**



There have been relatively few glitches in what is rapidly becoming another terrific year for Alpha Gamma Rho Beta Gamma.

Recruiting last fall was difficult for some unknown reason. However, spring initiations will indeed carry us into the

new millennium with the house at near full capacity, and will certainly keep the rice bag at bay.

Yes, membership numbers have gained over the year, quality has improved, and we currently enjoy having nearly 12% of the Male Agriculture Majors as members in our organization.

Chapter meeting attendance approaches 90%. At times we think we could get everyone here, but Ty Martin would have to make the trip from an internship at Disney World, and that would be a bit of a stretch.

Alumni relations continue to be as sound as they have ever been during my tenure. The chapter continues to meet deadlines for Cresent publication (4 years running), work on alumni addresses, and is planning to publish another directory this summer. Last one was dated Summer 1998.

The financial program which was developed several years ago is still in place. It has been at least 3 years since there has been any hint of a squabble over where the money goes, or how much is needed to be collected. We no longer are required to beg the alumni for funds to do leadership conferences or anything else. The result has been their gracious offer to provide an initiate rebate program this spring, remodel the 1st floor bathroom, put new carpet in the hall and on the stairs. They have plans for many other improvements.

The scholarship program continues to grow. The actives are indeed thankful to Dr. Loberger for the additional \$200 offered in his name for the first time last spring. Andy Schraufnagel was chosen as the first sophomore, who had been extremely active in AGR and campus leadership roles and maintained a 3.0 gpa. Andy's carrying a 3.8 gpa.

The UWP campus now has converted their greek leadership into an InterFraternity Council - complete with a new leader - and AGR has been extensively involved in that development and current leadership.

With regard to chapter management, we have revised and updated the constitution by-laws, started another scrapbook, attempted to get Ronny Rule to bring back the initiation forms he took with him when he left his VNR Planning office, provided excellent officer transition complete with handbooks, held another annual retreat at AV's cabin, sent all officers to leadership conference, plan to send 4 delegates to Savannah, GA for the National Convention, and this year we even boast of having the OUTSTANDING ADVISOR of the Alpha Gamma Rho world in our presence.

Indeed, I have risen to the height of my incompetency - however, I do not plan to stay there forever. There is a strong likelihood that I will resign from the University this summer. I have told Scott Laufenberg that I would be happy to serve at least one more year in the capacity of the active advisor while the search is made for a replacement. I am more than willing to teach the new guy how to plow snow - avoid parties scheduled in honor of your belated birthdays - update the mailing list - and keep over active actives out of jail in other states!

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## Lost Alumni...

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# Noble Ruler's Report...



Fellow Brothers, my name is Steven Weber and I was elected by the actives to lead Beta Gamma Chapter through this coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to let you in on how things have been going here at 845 W. Madison St.

Overall, things are going very well with the active chapter, we have seventeen brothers living in the house this spring, which is a good number, but we expect that number to increase next fall. This will be the most I have seen in the house since I joined in the Spring of 1998. We are looking to see up to twenty-four members living in the house next fall. New carpet is being installed in the stairs and hallways; this will be a big improvement over that which was preciously there. We also just purchased a brand new Maytag dryer, since the old one did not dry clothes anymore. VNR-Operations, Dale Linder, is really keeping the house in tiptop shape on a daily basis. We joke with him that he breaks things just so he has something to work on.

Recruitment has been outstanding for a spring semester, many new ideas have been tried this semester and they seem to work. We have initiated eight quality young men into Alpha Gamma Rho and I see great enthusiasm and potential leaders for the coming years. We still have not been able to access our grade reports from the University with PeopleSoft, the new computer system. We are assured we will have these by the end of the semester.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) has become the governing body over the fraternities on campus, and Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (Gamma) has been implemented on campus to increase awareness and look at alcohol policies within the Greek community. Both are working to increase Greek unity and keep Greeks moving to improve and enhance the campus life, here at Platteville. Also, Tom Bruss just finished his term as IFC Vice President. Eleven members attended the Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MO. This was a very educational and fun time for all who attended.

My first semester of being Noble Ruler is half over. Time is moving fast, everyone seems to have many projects and papers to be done. We can not believe how fast springtime is coming. This means the end of the semester and time for summer. I wish everyone a good and safe spring and summer

Fraternally, Steven A. Weber Noble Ruler

# **New Brothers Of Alpha Gamma Rho**

My name is Joe Porior I am the son of Kathy and Carl Porior of Pound, WI. I am currently a sophomore at UW Platteville with a double major of Ag Business-AET and Animal Science. My family discontinued operation of a 100-cow, 300-acre dairy farm in the fall of 1990. I never lost interest in dairying and have worked for neighbors ever since. I decided to join AGR in order to get more involved in the school of agriculture. I want to meet

more people, take advantage of available opportunities, and further develop my leadership skills.

Hello, my name is Eric Staudinger,I recently joined AGR because I would like to become active and gain the experience and knowledge of being a member of AGR. I am a sophomore majoring in Ag-Business. I come from a five hundred cow dairy operation in Manitowoc County Wisconsin. I enjoy the Ag Industry and the changes it put people through.

My name is Jeff Christensen and I am the son of Don and Linda Christensen of Belmont, WI. I am currently a freshman at UW-Platteville with a major in Ag. Bussiness.My dad, brother and I currently own 500 acres in the Belmont area and also are renting another 500 for crop farming. We previously owned a 150-cow dairy farm in central Wisconsin. I decided to join AGR in order to meet more people and get more involved in school and agriculture. This organization may help with job opportunities in the future and I feel that this advantage will benefit me greatly.

My name is Bradley Gefvert and I am a sophomore majoring in agriculture education. I am from Delavan, Wisconsin, and went to high school at Delavan -Darien high school. My parents are divorced, I live with my mother in Delavan, and my father lives in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho because I wanted to become more active in agriculture through UWP. I also think that I have much to offer with becoming active, and with the leadership qualities that I possess.

My name is Jeremy Holthaus and I am a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. I am from Fennimore, Wisconsin and my parents are Lonnie and Rochelle Holthaus. I am majoring in animal science with an emphasis in dairy. My family has a small registered dairy herd in which we show and concentrate on showing and genetics. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to meet new people, improve my grades, and make me a better man.

My name is Benjamin Jon Leistico and I am the son of Steve and Lois Leistico. I was born and raised in Waterloo, Wisconsin. I am currently a sophomore at the UW-Platteville I am currently majoring in Agriculture Education. I was brought up in the life of agriculture with my dad being a Agriculture teacher. My main interest though in agriculture was raising hogs for county and state fairs and to hopefully teach someday. I joined AGR cause I thought it would help me in my pursuit in a career in agriculture and enhance my leadership qualities. I also want the chance to meet new people, and experience new opportunities that AGR has to offer.

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<u>Homepage on the Net!</u>

http://vms.www.uwplatt.edu/~agr/

or e-mail us at agr@uwplatt.edu

My name is Matthew John Krahn. My parents are Steven and Kathy Krahn. I am from a farming background, my dad owns and operates a 120 cow dairy farm and my mom is a housewife, working part-time during the day. I am the oldest of six kids, I have three brothers and two sisters. My uncle is a graduate of UW-Platteville, finished up at Madison and became a large animal veterinarian. My plans after college include possibly taking over the family farm or pursuing another job in the agriculture field. My major is Ag Business with a minor in Animal Science-Dairy. I joined AGR for the experience it could offer me in my college career. Being active in as many clubs and organizations as possible provides a more in depth involvement in your intended major. While AGR will benefit me as a student, I hope I will be able to improve AGR in all I can and leave it in a better condition than when I came. Also, membership in AGR allows you to associate with brothers of the same interest which makes your college career that much easier.

Hello, my name is Josh Costello. I am a freshman and I am majoring in Agricultural Education. My parents are Jerry and Sue Costello. I am from Maquoketa, Iowa. I grew up on a beef farm with 300 head of stock cows. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho to develop leadership skills and to make friendships that will last a life time.

# Say Hello to the New Alumni

This is Sean Timm, I was initiated in the fall of 1997. I have really enjoyed being a member of Beta Gamma Charter. I have lived in the house for three years and been roommates of Nick Homan, David Heimerdinger, and Tim Hoeft. Living these with these men has made my time as a member a very enjoyable experience along with the other brothers that have been in the house. Our advisor Dr. Oomens has also impacted my life in many ways. I have also been hired by Cummins Great Lakes as a road service technician working on generator sets. I look forward to starting my work in June and will be in a location that I will enjoy. I want to thank all of my brothers for the support that they gave me in my journey through UW-Platteville.

Hello Brothers! My name is Wade Anding. I will depart from UWP for the last time this coming May. I will graduate with a degree in Animal Science and AgBusiness emphasis. I am not officially graduated as I have yet to work an internship in Nebraska this coming fall to earn my last six credits. I didn't pledge AGR until my Junior year because a lot of my 'friends' talked me out of joining. I have my friend Tom Schuh to thank for getting me to finally join last spring. The only regret I'll have in college is not pledging AGR earlier. I never got to hold a leadership position because of that.

What I'm always going to remember about AGR is how everyone was always there for me. B.P. and Ryan Gerlich have lent me money at a moments notice, I have borrowed clean clothes when I had none, and I have always had someone to study with. I really enjoyed the camaraderie and I know I will keep in contact with many of you. I seriously will miss you guys. Contact me at

wademanibula@yahoo.com.

In my short stay here, I hope I left a legacy for others to follow. After my departure I hope that the brothers of Beta Gamma will have learned from me to be enthusiastic about life and not take themselves too seriously. I hope that someone will learn to sing in the shower. Go AGR!!!

Hello fellow alumni brothers. My name is Troy Wallace and after five blessed years, I will be leaving my fellow active brothers. I became a member of AGR in the fall of 1995. I can say that Alpha Gamma Rho has helped me to mature and accept responsibility. I have made bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime. I have experienced many things as a member from the changing of our attitude towards alcohol and the disbandment of the rhomates. My fellow brothers have been there to help with the low points and celebrate the joyous ones. All good things must come to an end and so does my college career. I will be leaving here with a BS in animal science with emphisises in business and dairy science. Looking back, I can say that becoming a member of Alpha Gamma Rho was one of the best decisions I made while in college. And with me goes the last member of Beta Zeta pledge class. To all my fellow pledge class brothers... bottoms up...looking forward to seeing you all at future alumni functions.

# **Richard Loberger AGR Scholarship**



Andrew Schraufnagel was the first 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 Andy 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.



# **Alumni President Report**

## by Scott Laufenberg

2000 has started off GREAT with the Annual meeting and Alumni "Skip Out 2000", a good time was had by all. Gary Klug and Scott Laufenberg were reelected to the board.

Let me share with the success of Award Winning Beta Gamma in 1999.

- Outstanding Advisor Dr. Fred Oomens Beta Gamma
- Scholarship Award Meritorious (Top Level) Beta Gamma
- Green Chapter Award Beta Gamma
- Alumni Corp. Award Honarable Mention Beta Gamma

I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating the actives and Dr. Oomens on last years accomplishments.

House improvements for the year are nearly complete and slightly under budget.

- 1st Floor Bath is complete and looks great!!
- New carpet has been installed in the hallways.
- Resurfacing the Parking Lot was approved for the summer 2000. Detailed plans are under way.

I would like to Thank everyone who has supported the chapter through donations or other channels. Your support has allowed Beta Gamma to continue to grow and "Make Better Men".

Fraternally, Scott Laufenberg

**Resolution Passed at Annual Meeting** 

Resolved:

The Board of Directors and members of the Platteville Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma Rho, Inc., express appreciation to the members of The Alumni Advisory Council for their dedication, expertise and effort that led to,

- 1. Reorganization of the administration structure of the Alumni Association, resulting in
- 2. A revitalization of the Alumni Association with direct, measurable benefits to both the Active Chapter and the Alumni Association

The members of the Advisory Council, appointed by

immediate past Board president Michael Grulke, are brothers Dan Chipman, Ken Wilcox, Herb Yanke, Terry McMahon, Francis Friar, and Scott Laufenberg.

Be It Further Resolved That:

The Alumni Advisory Council be retained on an ad hoc basis to serve on occasions and in ways deemed appropriate by the Alumni Board and its president.

Passed Unanimously at the Meeting of the Platteville Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma Rho, Inc.,

April 1, 2000

## **Contribution Levels**

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

Category	Required contribution
Green and Gold Club	\$700.00
Supporting Member	\$25.00/year - Annual Dues
Contributing Member	\$ Contribution in addition
	to annual dues
Foundation Club	\$400.00 Contributors Initial
	Building Fund (Closed)

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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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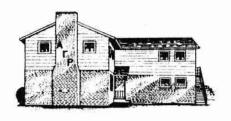
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We are always looking to update our Alumni files. We ask you to take a few minutes of your time to fill out the Alumni Profile and mail it to:

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Your involvement is appreciated by all of the Brothers at Beta Gamma.

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