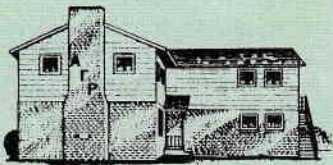


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## Advisor Report



Webster's dictionary defines Brotherhood as: *An association of men united in a common interest or creed. The quality of being a brother.* These words echoed in my mind as I accepted the role as advisor to Beta Gamma. The past four months have been memorable for me and I am so pleased to be associated with such a group of mature, devoted, and professional young men. I have been experiencing first-hand what the brotherhood truly means and it is so refreshing to see 42 young men working together for the benefit of the whole chapter. As alumni you should be very proud of the actives because they are carrying on the values and goals that you established. I am thankful to the actives for initiating me into this great organization. I also appreciated the warm reception I received at the Alumni meeting and banquet that was held in late March in Wisconsin Dells. It is evident that the brotherhood is an experience that continues for a lifetime.

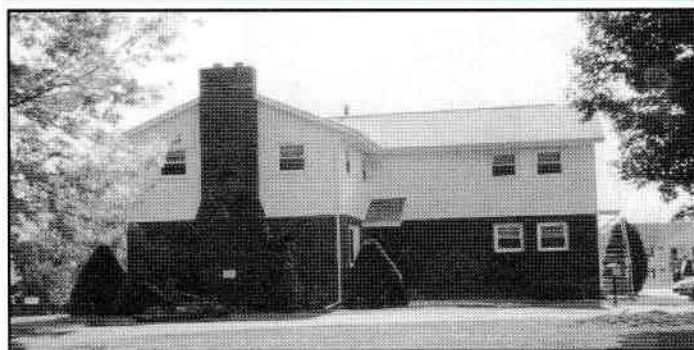
Recently Dr. Fred Oomens and I attended the AGR Leadership conference in Milwaukee. What an eye opening experience this was as Dr. Fred and I sat in on some interesting discussions. It is great to know that our chapter is doing things right and is moving in the right direction. The chapter had great success recruiting last fall and six pledges have already been initiated during this spring semester. Beta Gamma will continue to strive to seek out the best young men in agriculture to join the ranks of AGR.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the "semi-retired" Dr. Fred for his help, patience and guidance as we undertake a smooth active advisor transition. His dedication, sacrifice and devotion to Beta Gamma is and always will be greatly appreciated. Dr. Oomens put his heart and soul into placing the chapter on the right path for growth and success during his tenure as advisor. He will continue to be a very valuable asset to the chapter for many years to come. He knows that I will be calling on him occasionally for advice and guidance. My goal is to continue the professional nature and respect established on campus for Gamma Beta that has been developed during Dr. Oomens role as

advisor. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. I am sure that some will arise. I am also looking forward to working with the Alumni Board under the leadership of Brother Mike North, the entire alumni body and current and future actives.

I feel that the advisor to the chapter needs to be a member of the faculty in the School of Agriculture. The advisor must be easily accessible by all the actives and alumni. This is one of the reasons I accepted the advisor role. I truly saw the need for this relationship. In addition, I have been at UW-Platteville for ten years and have seen many AGR's go through the School of Agriculture. I have always been impressed with their professionalism and direction. I would like you to feel at ease and comfortable that the chapter has been left in capable advisor hands and will continue to be a place where young men can mature and be called "Brother".

**Congratulations to Brian Paul for receiving both the Key Active and the Key Committee Man awards at the annual Alumni Banquet held on Saturday evening in the Wisconsin Dells. Good luck in the future Brian!!**



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## Foundation for the Future

The Alumni Board is very pleased with the way the Foundation for the Future has started off this year. We strive for you to keep up the good work, and look forward to seeing your donations in the future. Thank you for a terrific beginning to this year!



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## Noble Ruler's Report...



Greetings from 845 West Madison Street! So far this semester has been flying by and I do not believe it will slow down before it is over. As most of you can probably remember, there are not many idle moments.

This semester has really been a learning period for many of us. As you know, we initiated Dr. Michael Mee as our new advisor in December. He has stated many times how honored he is to be a part of our organization and he is very enthusiastic about his new challenges. Along with our new advisor, our executive board is also, for the most part, very new and inexperienced. Together we are learning a lot quickly. Dr. Oomens and the upperclassmen have been very helpful by providing experienced insight. Even though we are new to our roles, we learned at leadership convention that things at Beta Gamma are going very well. We also picked up a few great ideas for improvement.

Speaking of improvement, we would like to thank the alumni for their efforts regarding the landscaping project at the house. We are looking forward to helping with this project. Also, we would like to thank Beta Omicron and Beta Pi initiate classes for their gift to the chapter. It is a lot of fun having a foosball table in the house!

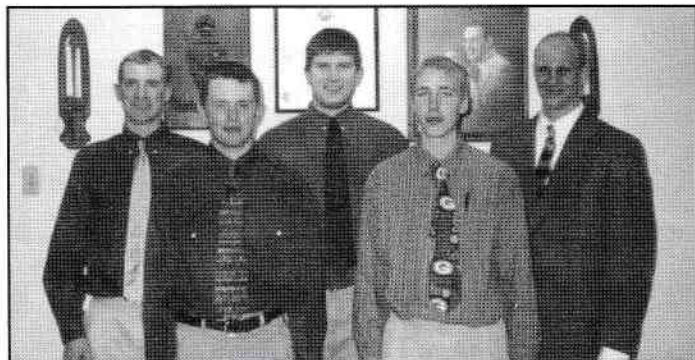
Recruitment this semester has been good. We have initiated six new Brothers and we now have 42 actives. There are currently 19 Brothers living in the house, and it is projected that there will be 23 next fall even though seven will graduate this spring.

All the actives are doing an excellent job representing Alpha Gamma Rho on campus. Most organizations within the School of Ag have at least one AGR in a leadership role and we also hold a seat on the IFC exec board. We are all very proud of our influence on campus.

We are all doing our best to finish this semester strong by staying involved and implementing things to make our chapter better.

Fraternally,  
Joseph M. Porior  
Noble Ruler

## New Brothers Of Alpha Gamma Rho



Beta Rho Pledge Class

My name is James M. Krueger II (#551) and I am a junior double majoring in Agri Business and Business Administration. I grew up on a dairy operation outside the small town of Hillsboro, WI where I developed my roots in agriculture.

I joined AGR for the purpose of expanding my horizons in the field of agriculture along with the friends, opportunities, and leadership that AGR has to offer. Some of the reasons I joined are due to this fraternity's good reputation on campus, its professional outlook, the no-hazing policy, and the ability to be treated as an equal the day I joined.

I look forward to all that AGR has to offer to the community, the campus, and myself. I hope to become very active in the chapter during my last years in college and to contribute with the trust, responsibility, and leadership that I have to give. My experience here so far this semester has been nothing less than great and I look forward to everything yet to come.

My name is Matt Lee. I am a sophomore at UWP. My stud number is 552. I am the son of Rodney and Nancy Lee of Darien, WI. I am the eldest of eight children. I high school, I excelled at athletics, leadership, FFA, and 4-H. I am an agricultural education major. I joined AGR because I new the people involved with it and they interested me. I also wanted to improve on my leadership skills while becoming a better man.

My name is Luke Tierney (#553). I grew up on a farm in the small town of DeForest, WI. When I was younger, I had a hand in raising tobacco, corn, soybeans, hay, hogs, chickens, and cattle. When I became a little older, my younger brother and I milked 50 cows every day before school. My father was tired of agriculture by the time I was in high school. He could remember in the seventies and the eighties that you could make a pretty good living from production agriculture, and he didn't feel the same way about the nineties. After my first job this past summer in landscaping and excavation work, I decided that production agriculture wasn't for me.

When I came to college, I was going to be a history teacher. But, between the fall and spring semesters, I decided to change my major to Agricultural Education. By doing this, I was then eligible to join AGR. I wasn't really interested in joining AGR until Scott Laufenberg, a guy I used to milk with, told me that joining would help me academically. The other reason I joined AGR was that I thought all the brothers were good guys. I am still a freshman, and hope that I can carry on the traditions of AGR that I have heard so much about.

Hello, I am Bryan Moret and my stud number is 554. I am a Freshman and a Beta Rho initiate class member. My parents are Greg and Kim Moret. I grew up on a 160 acre, 50 cow dairy farm in the Prairie du Chien area. I am an Ag-Business with management emphasis major. I joined AGR because it impressed me as a professional organization that held a great amount of the leadership positions in the school of Ag. AGR also impressed me as a good place to live and broaden my social and professional development.

My name is Adam Cory Bergman (stud #556), and I'm a proud new member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. My friends call me Goose, but that's all right. I live in Mukwonago, WI, which is about 35 minutes southwest of Milwaukee. My dad's name is David Bergman and my Mom's name is Gretchen Getz. I was originally born in Chicago, but we moved to Mukwonago in the fall of 1989. I don't personally live on a farm, but it's in my blood, coming from my mom's side of the family. My uncle has about 150 Holsteins on their farm in Northwest Illinois. They milk in a pit parlor, after they changed from their old stanchion barn. Currently I am working on a 400 dairy cow farm by Oconomowoc, and they have a double eight parallel parlor. So I guess you could say, I've milked on a variety of farms. Moreover, I am a freshman here at UW-Platteville and studying animal science with an emphasis in dairy. And finally, why I decided to join AGR. I didn't really know right away if I wanted to or not. I really didn't know what to expect from it all. However, what pushed me over the edge to join AGR was ADSA. I knew a lot of members were in the Pioneer Dairy Club and were planning on going. When we finally got to Champaign, it looked like a big family reunion. Students from different chapters across the Midwest knew each other from the years before, and I found that to be amazing. The brotherhood between the AGR members completely amazed me, considering they only saw each other once in a great while. And this is why I decided to join AGR, to be a part of something really special and to meet new people from across the country.

My name is Nathan Strutz. My stud number us 555. My parents are Leon and Marlene Strutz. I come from Two Rivers, Wisconsin, which is in Manitowoc County. My family owns a 400 cow dairy herd. I have worked there all my life. Currently, I am Assistant Herdsman. I also feed occasionally and help out with field work. I am a first semester junior. My major is Agri-Business with a minor in Animal Science.

I joined AGR because I wanted to become more active in the school's activities. I knew that in order to get the most out of my experience at college, I should join a fraternity. I knew AGR was considered a very professional fraternity and one that impressed me very much. I was impressed by the way the members conducted themselves. They were always professional and courteous to me when I asked about the fraternity. The house was very impressive. It was the best fraternity house I have been in. It was very spacious and clean. I have not been disappointed by joining AGR.

## Recruitment Report



This semester has gone really well. The semester started out with a great bang initiating four on our first Monday of the semester. These four were Matt Lee, Luke Tierney, James Kruger, and Brian Moret. I think that these four are real go-getters taking the initiative to join right away in the semester. A few

weeks later Adam Bergman joined, and the week after that we concluded with Nathan Strutz. All six of these men have great qualities that are helping Alpha Gamma Rho presently and will hopefully continue throughout the rest of their time at UW-P and beyond.

I also had the pleasure, along with Dan Ambort, of going to AGR National Headquarters in Kansas City for

the annual recruitment school. This was a great time where we learned how to fine-tune our skills, and got to talk to many other chapters. We had the chance to swap AGR stories, and we're able to see what other things other chapters do for recruitment.

Finally, I would like the Alumni's help with any names they have of men that might be attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. We are always looking for the best possible men, and with your support I think that we can contact many incoming freshmen. These men could be sons, nephews, or anyone that you think would make a great AGR. We would like to have a very large fall class and this help from you would definitely help. If you have any names or information about these people please call the house at 608-348-3875 or 348-6470, you could also e-mail me at gefvertb@hotmail.com, or write to 845 W. Madison St., Platteville, WI 53818.

## Say Hello to the New Alumni



Hello, my name is Andrew Schraufnagel. My parents are Andrew and Bonnie Schraufnagel. I was born and raised on a dairy farm near Brownsville, WI. Since I was a young-un driving the tractor in front of the stone trailer, I had always dreamed of becoming a part of the operation. I strongly believe that agriculture is a great way of life but that it is and should be run like a good business. Throughout high school I stayed involved in agriculture but never dreamed of going to college. It took some serious thought and persuasion, but it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Against the wishes of my high school Ag instructor, I decided to go to UW-Platteville to get the best education available. I haven't regretted a minute of it. I am graduating in May with a degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Dairy. I joined AGR in the fall of '97. My stud number 504, and I am in the Beta Kappa class. AGR has meant more to me than even I can imagine. Through leadership conferences, retreats, and numerous other activities and events I have learned the value of friendship, honesty, and integrity. Someone was always there to lend a hand or help out in any way they could. My experiences at UWP and at AGR have given me great knowledge and lifelong memories. Nothing can replace what AGR has given me and I know I would not be where I am today without it. Thank you.



Hi, my name is Tom Bruss and my stud number us 508. My initiate class was in the spring of 1998, the class of Beta Lambda. I am from Mequon, WI and grew up on a small dairy farm. It consisted of about 50 Holstein cows and very little cash crops. My parents are Dennis and Wendy Bruss and I am grateful for all that they have given me. I am finally getting out of here, and it only took me four years. My major is Animal Science with a Dairy emphasis. I joined AGR to gain more leadership ability and to get more involved. In joining I have obtained these goals and then some. I just want to thank all the brothers that I have had experiences with and had a chance to get to know. Remember this is the time of your life and take advantage an opportunity when it is open to you, because it may never come again. Thank you, and I will remember all of you.





Hello, my name is Brian Paul (more commonly known as Bp), proud member 509 from Beta Gamma. I joined Alpha Gamma Rho in the spring semester of my freshman year, which would have been February 1998. Through my years in Alpha Gamma Rho, I have experienced numerous opportunities and events. The most memorable events of everything I have endured with AGR is due solely to my brothers. I have the best times with the friends I have from being in AGR. I would like to thank everyone for being my best friends. Through the years we have had the best times, including banquets, retreats, parties, trips (Nashville, ISU), and just hanging out. We could always find some way to have fun. The friends that I have made through AGR have always been there for me when I had a bad day, or just needed help accomplishing a task. To the younger members, I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. You may not realize now how valuable and memorable your time with AGR is and will be. I would also like to thank the alumni for helping all of us through our problems, especially Mike North, Chris Atten, and Scott Laufenberg. I would also like to thank, Ernie, Preston, Dale, Liner, Schrauf, and PA for always giving me a hard time about graduating (which I will do on time) and especially Darin for be my recruiting sidekick (and we did a hell of a job). If there are any Farmhouse members reading this, don't you wish your club could be this good.

Fraternally, Bp



Hello. My name is Mike Liner. I became a part of Beta Gamma in the fall of 1998 (stud #519). I grew up with my parents and two older brothers on a 50-cow dairy farm near Fond Du Lac, WI. I chose to come to Platteville to pursue a major in Animal Science with an emphasis in Dairy. Coming to college in 1997, I did not consider joining a fraternity, but that changed when I saw what AGR had to offer. Looking back it was the best decision I have ever made. By becoming a member I feel that I have gotten the most out of college as possible. AGR has not only been my college home, but it has opened many doors for me. I have made friendships that will go with me forever. I would like to give special thanks Schrauf, Ernie, P.A., Strauss, and Bp for giving me the opportunity to fit in for the first time in my life. These experiences are priceless. To the younger men, have fun and cherish every moment. The last four years have gone by very fast and now it is time to move on. After college I will be working with my family on their dairy farm and also working for Norm's Ag Service in Fond Du Lac. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in AGR who have helped me get here today. In closing I will leave you with a quote... "The choices you make in life echo in eternity!"



Hello Brothers! I am Darin Strauss, and I am #522 initiated into Beta Gamma. I became a brother of Beta Gamma on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999, and became part of the greatest National Fraternity. With my fellow brothers in my initiation class, I learned what Alpha Gamma Rho was all about and how AGR makes better men. There has been many great times while I have been here. The banquets, retreats, homecomings, the parties, but what makes these events so great are the brothers that shared them with me. Brotherhood is the first thing that you notice when you become a member of Beta Gamma. After my first day in AGR I felt like I knew all

the brothers for a lifetime and I could count on any of my brothers for anything. My greatest memory of AGR is the friendships and the bonds that I have made with my brothers. I have never regretted becoming an AGR and will always cherish my membership for life. The only thing that I do regret is not becoming a member sooner in my college career. Upon graduating I am planning to go back to the family dairy in Sheboygan Falls, WI and work with my dad and brother, and have a successful career in the dairy industry. I would like to thank all my brothers in AGR and I wish all the graduating seniors good luck in life. Most importantly I really would like to thank Brian Paul (B.p.), Andy Schraufnagel, Mike Liner, Tom Bruss, and Preston Vincent for all the great times. To the younger members, take advantage of your time in AGR and cherish every moment you have to keep Alpha Gamma Rho the greatest fraternity there is.

Fraternally,  
Darin Strauss



Hi, my name is Dale Linder. I am a member of the Beta Nu class (#524) from the spring of 1999. I am originally from Steuben, WI, a town with a post office and two bars, which is near Prairie du Chien. I actually don't live there, I grew up on a small beef farm with my parents, Charles and Phyllis, and two sisters. I am graduating in May with a degree in Agribusiness with an emphasis in Engineering Technologies. I have had a good experience in AGR, it got me more involved in the school of ag and I met a lot more people than I would have if I had sat in the dorms. One of the most important events were the spring retreats at AV's cabin, and who can forget the road trip to Nashville with BP and "Don". I am going to miss it here.



Well I'd like to start by saying what a short strange trip it has been while in AGR. I joined in the fall of 1999 pledge class Beta Xi upon arriving to UWP. I'm originally from Factoryville, Pennsylvania where my parents Mary Edna and Rinell reside today. (I still don't know how I ended up in Platteville??) I'd like to thank them for everything they have done for me, you're the best Mom and Dad. I came to Platteville knowing a little about AGR and what they had to offer, but when meeting the brothers for the first time they overwhelmed me with professionalism that no other fraternity can offer. Now I'm graduating with a major in Agribusiness with a minor in Animal Science, Dairy emphasis. With this I have landed my dream job of working for Accelerated Genetics as a Membership Sales Representative in southeast Wisconsin. There are many memories that AGR has given me throughout my two short years, and those memories will last a lifetime. The most important event through AGR that has shaped my life would have to be the brothers that I have met during my time. Going to parties with B.P., Pile, Ernie, and hanging out at the bars with everyone that is 21 or thinks they are. The brotherhood that was shared during this time is priceless. I'd like to wish all the brothers in our graduating class luck in the future, and thanks for all the lasting memories. For all the brothers that still active, stay involved and enjoy every minute AGR has to offer as well as college. I like to end by saying good luck to all and if you can't drink beer with an AGR go to hell!!

Fraternally,  
Preston Vincent (PA) (#526)

## Spotlight on Alumni

Brother Allen Klug (095) and Rho Mate Janet Tonn Klug will be married 25 years on June 12, 2001. They live in Sun Prairie, WI and have two girls, Kelly and Kelsey. Kelly will be 22 and is attending the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. Kelsey will be 17 and is attending Sun Prairie High School. Janet and Kelsey are active in Community Theater in Sun Prairie. Janet and Kelly also show purebred Arabian horses at class "A" shows in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Christine Ferchoff (Rhodate from Alpha Alpha Class) is a graduate from UWP in May 1996. While a Biology major in school, Christine graduated from Illinois College of Optometry in May 2000. She currently works for Eyewear Unlimited in downtown Watertown as a Doctor of Optometry, and currently resides in Jefferson, WI.

David Fischer (450) has moved from Madison to DeForest, WI. He has accepted a new position in the UW-Extension as the Dane County Crops and Soils Agent. He is also engaged to Erin Beaver and will be getting married in August.

Bruce McNaughton (287) is currently a Major in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed in Colorado Springs where he is in charge of the Air Force Academy Flying Team. He started with the U.S. Air Force in 1988 in San Antonio, TX. From there, he went to Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training in Sacramento, CA. He then went to Kokomo, IN to refuel aircraft. Following that mission, we was sent to Desert Shield/Storm and was qualified in special ops aerial refueling. In 1992, Bruce was selected to attend Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Lubbock, TX. About two months after he finished his training, Bruce was diagnosed with hairy cell leukemia, an indolent disease, but life-threatening nonetheless. He was moved to Fairfield, CA for treatment, where he stayed for fifteen months for chemotherapy treatment and recovering back to flight status. Following that, he returned as a copilot at Grand Forks, ND. Bruce was stationed there for almost four years flying the tanker and deploying to places as far away as Bahrain and England. In 1997, besides being a refueling pilot for the U.S. Air Force, he also drove a truck harvesting sugar beets. In 1998, he relapsed with his leukemia. They tried a new kind of chemotherapy, and currently Bruce is in remission.

Bruce and his family moved to Colorado Springs in December of 1999. Bruce and his wife, Deb, spent much of the previous year remodeling their house. They have four children. Jacob, who is 21, live in Grand Forks, ND, and is a customer representative at Amazon.com. Kerri is 17, and is a senior in high school and hopes to attend college at the University of North Dakota. Richard, 13, is

an eighth grader in public school after being home schooled for six years. Mick, 11, is in his last year of home schooling and looks forward to playing football next fall.

If you have any address changes or would like to be in the "Spotlight on Alumni," please email is at [agr@uwplatt.edu](mailto:agr@uwplatt.edu) or send in the back of the Crescent. Also, if you have any pictures you would like to send us of any event, we would be more than willing to put them in the Crescent. Thank You!

## Alumni: Annual Meeting Report

The annual meeting of the Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Association was held on Saturday, March 24, 2001, at the Antiqua Bay Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The minutes from last year's meeting were read and approved. Scott Laufenberg Alumni Board President, went over the financial report. Dr. Fred Oomens gave a report on the active chapter and said that he would retire from being the advisor for the active chapter following the current semester. He then introduced Dr. Michael Mee as the advisor for the chapter. Scott Laufenberg followed with the alumni report.

Following the alumni report, Gregg Raupp gave a report on the Landscaping project. After that, Scott Laufenberg gave a report on the Foundation for the Future. According to Scott, the foundation seems to be as well or better that it was at this time last year.

Under business, the chairman for the 2002/30<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Banquet was moved to the Advisory Committee. Following that, Scott Laufenberg announced his resignation from the Board of Directors. This left a two-year term to be filled, besides the two three-year terms opened up by expired terms of Tom Bull and Gregg Raupp. The three new board members were elected. They are Chris Atten and Dan Dishno for three-year terms, and Stuart Strangler for a two-year term.

### Weddings: *Best wishes and Love and Happiness to:*

Nick Homan (482) and Jennifer Haas. Their wedding was October 14, 2000

Calvin Deetz (496) and Jennifer Hartman. Their wedding was on March 3, 2001.

### Engagements: *Congratulations to:*

Tom Schuh (491) and Carrie Anderson. Wedding Date: April 28, 2001

David Fischer (450) and Erin Beaver. Wedding Date: August, 2001

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## State of the Active Chapter

by: Dr. Oomens



It has truly been another terrific year at Alpha Gamma Rho Beta Gamma. Recruiting last fall was one of the best seasons we have had in many years. We initiated 13 candidates. This spring, another 6 initiations will indeed carry us into the new millennium with the house at near capacity. We currently have 18 In House and 19 Out of House. That brings current membership to a total of 43. Our goal was to get the last initiate Stud Number up to 557, which would mean that I participated in 100 initiations during the 8 years served as Advisor. We were 1 short.

Yes, membership numbers have gained over the year, quality has improved, and we currently enjoy having over 12% of the Male Agriculture Majors as majors in our organization. Our chief competition, Farm House is no longer an issue. They opened their membership to all majors in the University, and have 3 persons in Agriculture; 1 on military leave, 1 location unknown, and one wondering what he's doing there.

We recently attended the annual Leadership Conference in Milwaukee. The Advisor sessions were spent listening to the Land Grants wringing their hands, woe is me, enrollment is dropping, 60% of COA is female, we MUST begin recruiting from other majors — Mike and I told them, "Welcome to our world - we've been facing these challenges for the past 15 years."

Chapter meeting attendance has continued to be excellent. Participation has been great. Alumni relations continue to be as sound as they have ever been during my tenure. The chapter continues to meet deadlines for Crescent publication (4+ years running), working on alumni addresses, and is planning to publish another directory this summer. Last one was dated Summer 1998. You might recognize this statement - I said that last year - still haven't published a directory, but definitely will have it done prior to June 7. That is the date which will find my wife and I on our way to Alaska for a couple of months. I plan to get my commitments accomplished prior to this trip in case I decide to stay up there forever. It seems that I might have to take a page out of Dr. Campbell's book and leave the country if I really want to retire.

The financial program which was developed several years ago is still in place. The challenge now is to teach

someone else how to make it work. This process has been started. David Heimerdinger is now the VNR-Finance, has the program, and is learning to run it. I am certain that he will do a fine job. What remains to be accomplished is for me to impart this knowledge to Dr. Mee in order that he might provide orderly transition when a Finance officer graduates in December and the new man is left "hanging out to dry".

The scholarship program continues to grow. The actives continue to be thankful to Dr. Loberger for the additional \$200 offered in his name for the last spring. David Heimerdinger was chosen as the 2000 recipient, who has been extremely active in AGR and campus leadership roles and maintained a 3.3 gpa.

With regard to chapter management, once again we provide excellent officer transition complete with handbooks, held another annual retreat at AV's cabin, sent all officers to leadership conference, and sent 4 delegates to Savannah, GA for the National Convention. You may want to note that next year the National Convention will be held in Minneapolis providing an opportunity for many of you to attend such an event.

Last year at this time I stated 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 extremely ecstatic to report that Dr. Michael Mee has agreed to accept the responsibilities of this opportunity. I am indeed working with Mike to provide somewhat of a smooth transition. He informs me however that he does not own a snow plow, already knows how to avoid parties scheduled in honor of belated birthdays - is a bit weary of keeping the mailing list updated - and intends to recruit only those candidates who fully intend to behave themselves when away from home.

I have served this organization since the end of October, 1993. This period of service has not been as lengthy as a few others, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Loberger, and Gary Klug to name a few. We found Gary's picture on 8 composites and I personally know that Gary attended several National Conventions, many leadership conferences and has served many years on your board of directors.

I am hereby reporting to you that I seriously consider the state of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho to be in superior condition at this point in time. I am convinced that Dr. Michael Mee will continue to build upon the foundation that he has inherited. It is my hope that you will continue to provide Dr. Mee the support I have enjoyed in the recent past. Thank you for this opportunity to work with this organization.

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