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McKittrick Serves as State FFA President

Many brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho have also been involved with the Future Farmers of America. Beta Gamma is proud to have as one of our brothers, Thomas McKittrick, who has spent the past year serving as Wisconsin's State FFA President.

Brother McKittrick is from a 400 acre dairy farm near Viola, Wisconsin. Tom is the youngest of three children and the son of Arland and Dorothy McKittrick. His parents manage a fifty cow herd of Registered Guernseys.

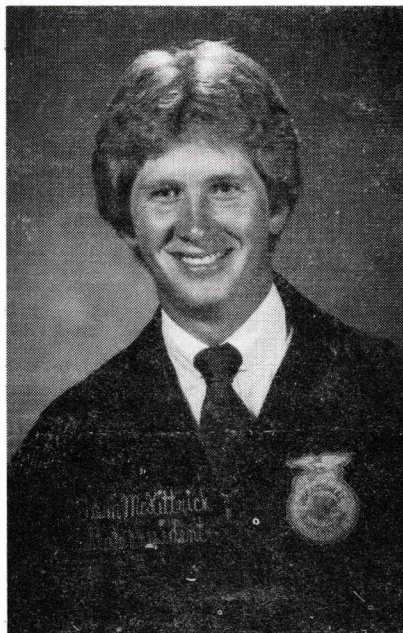
Brother McKittrick attended Kickapoo High School where he was very involved in school activities. He served as a class officer, participated in forensics, band, musicals, and class plays. Tom was also on the yearbook and newspaper staff and an honor student. His involvement in FFA in high school became a strong basis for his later duties as a state officer. He served as secretary and president and was also active on various committees and judging teams.

Tom's farming program while in high school consisted mainly of showing Guernsey cattle and also involved some judging. He was the recipient of numerous awards such as the Dekalb Award, Proficiency Awards and the State FFA Guernsey Award. He also received the President's State Leadership Award and the Tri-State Participation and Achievement Award.

After graduating in 1978, Tom enrolled at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. After his freshman year at River Falls, Brother McKittrick transferred to UW-Platteville, where he was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in the spring of 1980 as a member of the Psi pledge class. While attending Platteville during his sophomore year, Tom also served as the State FFA Secretary. His duties as secretary involved attending various workshops, conventions, and banquets.

Brother McKittrick was elected Wisconsin State FFA President in June of 1980 at the state convention in Green Lake. His position as president meant taking a year off from college in order to fulfill his duties.

Tom's year as State FFA President has meant extensive traveling. He has been on the road for almost 200 days out of the past year. Brother McKittrick has attended numerous leadership conferences and workshops this past year while serving as



Thomas D. McKittrick

president. He attended the State Presidents Conference in Washington, D.C. last July, where all the State Presidents had a chance to meet with former President Jimmy Carter. After the conference in Washington, it was back to Wisconsin for the state fair and then east again for a National Institute in Pennsylvania.

Some of Brother McKittrick's duties as State FFA President have been to attend various judging contest, safety meetings and the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Tom has spent much of this past spring attending numerous FFA banquets at high schools throughout the state. He has also spent some time working at the State FFA Office in Madison.

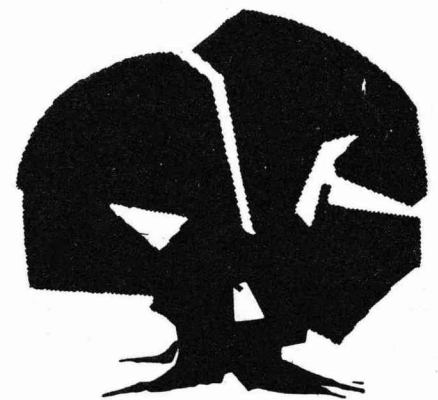
Many brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho have stated that one reason that they pledged the fraternity was the similarity that they noticed between Alpha Gamma Rho and FFA. When Tom was asked how he felt the two were related he replied, "Both organizations are deeply concerned with the future of agriculture and making sure that young people are going to be able to meet the challenges that they will face." He also added, "Both organizations have

that common bond of the interest in agriculture. Both are trying to build agricultural leaders. In other words, they are both organizations made up of people pursuing a career in agriculture working together as a whole to benefit each by developing better mental, moral, social and physical qualities along with leadership, citizenship, character, scholarship, and cooperation."

Brother McKittrick's term as State FFA President will be ending soon as new officers are elected at the State FFA Convention this summer. Tom will be spending the rest of the summer working for the Richland County Extension Service. He will be returning to Platteville in the fall where he will complete his degree in Agricultural Education with a minor in Journalism.

The brothers of Beta Gamma are proud of the job that Brother McKittrick has done as a state officer. He has done a great job of representing both FFA and Alpha Gamma Rho. Congratulations Tom on a job well done!

Tom's office as State FFA President is one example of the quality of brothers that belong to Alpha Gamma Rho. Whatever his field or occupation, the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho are outstanding individuals!



A GOOD THING
GROWING

Brothers By Birth and In Alpha Gamma Rho!

A common tie binds thousands of men across the nation. This tie is the brotherhood that they share as members of Alpha Gamma Rho. Many of these brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho have an even closer tie with some of their brothers and that is because they are brothers by birth.

The Beta Gamma chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho has many families that have had at least two blood brothers initiated into the Fraternity. Several families have had three brothers become brothers in Alpha Gamma Rho and recently, one family had its fourth blood brother initiated into the Fraternity. Here is a short summary of these families that have had at least three brothers join the ranks of Alpha Gamma Rho.

GAYS - The Gay family of Waterloo, Wis., has seen three of its members initiated into our Fraternity. They are Bill, Ken and Steve.

Bill was the first of the three brothers to pledge Alpha Gamma Rho. He was initiated in 1966 at the Iota chapter. Bill is married and living in Waterloo. He is employed at the family farm near Waterloo.

Ken was the second brother to become a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. This was in April of 1972. Ken and his wife, Mary, presently reside in Sun Prairie, Wis., with their daughter, Elizabeth.

Steve was initiated into the Fraternity in December of 1977 as a member of Sigma pledge class. He recently graduated from UW-Platteville with a degree in Technical Agriculture and is now farming at home.

JARVIS'S - The Jarvis family of Wautoma, Wis., has also seen three family members initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho. They are Jim, Richard and Joel.

Jim was initiated into the Fraternity in April of 1972. He is a 1972 graduate with a degree in Ag. Education. Jim is currently employed in dairy farming. Jim and his wife, Bonnie, live near Wautoma, Wis.

Richard was also initiated in April of 1972. He graduated from UW-Platteville in 1973 with a degree in Ag. Business. Richard has been employed with PCA. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Wausau, Wis.

Joel was the third Jarvis brother to join the ranks of Alpha Gamma Rho. He was initiated into our Fraternity in November of 1972. Joel graduated in December of 1976 with a degree in Technical Ag. He owns his own dairy farm near Wautoma.

Jeff Jarvis, a cousin of the three Jarvis brothers, is also a member of Alpha Gamma Rho.

JERRETT'S - The Jerrett family of Lancaster, Wis., has three brothers that are also brothers in Alpha Gamma Rho. They are Lynn, Lee and Larry.

Lynn is the oldest of the three brothers and was initiated into our Fraternity in

April of 1972. He graduated from Platteville in 1973 with an Ag. Mechanization major and a Tech. Ag. minor. Since then, he has been teaching at the Fox Valley Technical Institute in Appleton. Lynn and his wife, Susan, have one daughter, Holly.

Lee was the second Jerrett brother to become a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. He was initiated in April of 1973. Lee graduated in 1976 with a degree in Technical Agriculture. He has been farming since graduation near Lancaster.

Larry is the third Jerrett brother to be initiated into the Fraternity. His initiation took place in December of 1975. Larry graduated in 1978 with a degree in Ag. Education with an Ag. Mechanization specialization. He has been employed with Badger Northland as a warranty specialist and resides in Appleton.

McMAHON'S - The McMahon family of Lancaster, Wis., is the first family from Beta Gamma to have four blood brothers join the Fraternity. They are John, Kevin, Terry and Mark.

John was initiated into the Fraternity in April of 1972. He graduated from Platteville in 1973 with a Tech. Ag. major and then spent two years in Ecuador as a Peace Corps Volunteer. He has since received his master's degree in International Agronomy from Purdue and is currently training with the Agency for International Development (AID). His position with AID is expected to place him in Senegal, Africa, beginning this summer. John is married to the former Janice Peake and they have one child, Minda.

Kevin was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in December of 1973. He graduated in 1977 with a degree in Technical Ag. Kevin is presently living in Waimea, Hawaii, where he is employed with Northrup King as the general manager of a

research farm located on Kauai.

Terry was the third McMahon brother to pledge the Fraternity. He was initiated in November of 1978 as a member of the Upsilon pledge class. Terry is majoring in Agribusiness and expects to graduate in May of 1982.

Mark is the youngest of the McMahon brothers and the fourth one to be initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho. He is a member of the recently initiated Alpha Alpha pledge class of 1981. Mark is also majoring in Agribusiness and plans to go farming after graduation.

TOWNS'S - The Towns family of Janesville, Wis., also has three brothers in the Fraternity. They are Steven, John and Scott.

Steve was initiated in April of 1975. He pledged at Beta Gamma and later transferred to Madison where he received his bachelor's degree in Animal Science. Steve is employed in dairy farming with his father near Janesville, Wis. He is married to the former Debi Bilhorn. They have three children - Ben, Matt and Carrie.

John was the second brother in the Towns family to become a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. He was initiated in November of 1978. John is currently attending school at UW-Platteville. He expects to graduate in December of this year with a degree in Agribusiness.

Scott is the third Towns brother to pledge Alpha Gamma Rho. He was initiated into the Fraternity in December of 1980. Scott is presently attending school at Platteville where he is a Technical Ag. major. He is a member of the Omega pledge class.

VON RUEDEN'S - The Von Rueden family of Eagle, Wis., has three brothers that are also brothers in Alpha Gamma Rho. They are Don, Ken and Bill.

Don was initiated into the Fraternity in April of 1972. He is a 1971 graduate with an Ag. Tech. major. He also had a Phy. Ed. and Coaching minor. After graduation, Don worked with Ralston Purina for a short time before going farming. He later worked with Central Soya and is presently owner-manager of D & D Farm Supply, Inc., in Lena. Don and his wife, Donna, have one son, Ryan.

Ken was also initiated in April of 1972. He graduated in 1973 with a degree in Ag. Tech. Ken was employed a short time with Master Mix as a sales representative. He has since gone into retail management and is currently employed with Bob Rock & Son as a plant manager. Ken is married to the former Joyce Clark. They have one daughter, Sarah, who is four years old.

Bill is the third Von Rueden brother to become a brother in Alpha Gamma Rho. He was initiated in April of 1973. Bill graduated in 1975 with a degree in Ag. Education. He has been employed with Ralston Purina and is currently a district manager. Bill and his wife, Judy, have one child, Kelsey.



ATTENTION ALUMNI

DON'T GET LOST

Keep the chapter informed of
all address changes!

David Eddy - A 1980 graduate, Dave is employed with Regal-Beloit Corporation as a Division Controller. Dave was a member of the Rho pledge class and was an Agribusiness major while in school. He and his wife, Kathy, live in South Beloit, IL.

From the Desk of the Noble Ruler

Hi! How's everybody doing this summer. Things have wound down to a close here at the house. At the time you receive this crescent, brothers and Rho-mates will be on their way. They'll be on their way to full-time jobs, summer internships and jobs, or summer school. I wish them all the best in whatever endeavor they undertake.

Keep in touch with each other this summer, keep the brotherhood close. Make an effort to meet with each other. You'll be glad that you did.

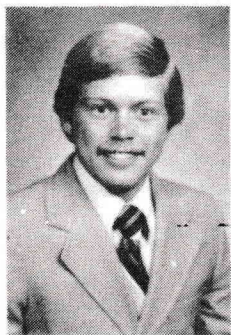
We at the house are still actively seeking a housemother. I, as well as many others, am concerned over the length of time it is taking to locate a new housemother. I still believe that we must take the time to find the right lady and all will be better because of that. Again I ask for everyone's help to find that special lady all the sooner.

I am very pleased to welcome our six new undergraduate brothers as well as our graduate members. I am equally as proud to announce the initiation of five new Rho-mates. Congratulations to both groups on a job well done. May the good work that got you into the fraternity help strengthen it in whatever areas possible.

I hope everyone is as excited about summer retreat as I am (don't let me down, Dave). I am going to do my darndest to make it back as I know many others will. The date is July 24-26 in Plymouth, WI, at our Alumni Board President's house, Mr Dave Bohnhoff.

That's all I have for now. I know it's brief, but where would the world be without briefs? Take care and have a good summer.

Faternally,
John Towns



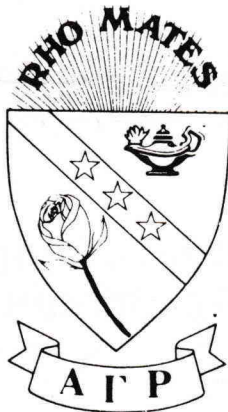
House Update

A brief summary of house repairs and replacements shows us replacing the kitchen cabinets (sometime this summer). We are also looking for a new freezer to replace one that is slowly falling apart. Other possibilities for house improvements are to locate a taller flagpole and place railroad ties along our east boundary. Any suggestions or ideas to improve the house's appearance are welcome.

NEW RHO-MATES!



(L. to R.) Beth, Kris, Julie, Deb, and Jodi.



Five new Rho mates were recently initiated into Beta Gamma. They are Julie Berg, Beth Clark, Deb Fisher, Jodi Martz, and Kris Nelson. The rest of the Rho-mates include Cindy Ihm, Sue Haag, Sue Langkamp, and Suzanne Muhlenbeck. New Rho-mate coordinators were also elected. They are John Massey and Terry McMahon.

Note: All alumni Rho-mates and sweethearts who would like to remain on the Crescent mailing list are asked to contact the Alumni Secretary at the house. Please provide up-to-date addresses.

Graduating Rho-Mates

Erna Anderson - Erna is from Whitewater and majored in Soils and Crops while at Platteville. Her plans include getting married to Brother Steve Keil and living near Lancaster.

Kim Cox - Kim is from Apple River, IL. She was an agribusiness major and will be getting married on June 6th to Brother Larry Voigts. They will reside near Belmont, WI.

Mary Elvekrog - "Mary, Mary" is from Stoughton, WI. She graduated with an Agribusiness degree and will be working for Federal Land Bank as a loan officer.

Deb Green - Deb is from Footville, WI. She was a radio and broadcasting major and hopes to find work in the broadcasting field.

Liz Gunka - An Agribusiness major from Milwaukee, Liz has accepted a position with Ciba Geigy as a sales representative.

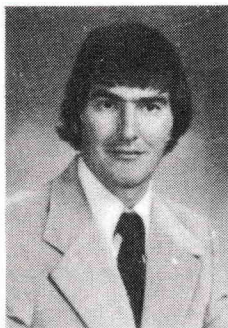
Tressa Knutson - Tressa is from Gleason, WI. She graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. Tressa is a former Alpha Gamma Rho Sweetheart.

Karen Voss - Karen is a Technical Ag. major from Columbus, WI. Her plans are to return to Columbus and farm with her parents.

Jean Wendt - A technical communications major from Waukesha. Jean also has a Technical Ag. minor. She will be spending the summer at home before seeking work in Ag. Communications.

AGR is Tomorrows Agriculture

Graduating Brothers of 1981



David J. Badula

David Badula is from Argyle, WI and a member of the Rho pledge class. He served as past usher. Dave majored in Technical Ag. and plans to go farming near Argyle. **Dale Barclay** is from Mindoro, WI and is also a member of the Rho pledge class. Dale has not accepted a position at this time, but would like to work in field testing or the research and development of farm machinery.

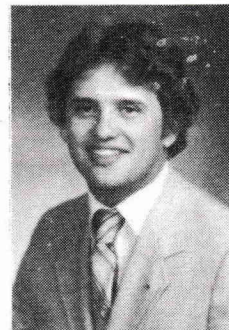
Daniel Dishno hails from Waunakee, WI and is a member of the Upsilon pledge class. He served as a past reporter and was also involved in Ag Council, Dairy Club, and the Ag Business - Ag Economics Club. Dan will be working with Surge as a sales representative.

Steven Gay comes from Waterloo, WI and is a member of the Sigma pledge class. He is a past commissary manager. Steve majored in Technical Ag. with an Animal Science minor. His plans are to take over the family's 250 sow farrow-to-finish hog farm.

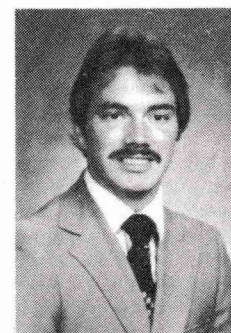
Tim Mueller is from Kenosha, WI. He is a member of the Upsilon pledge class and has earned a degree in Ag Mechanization with an Ag Business minor. Tim is a past house manager, way and means chairman, Ag. Council representative and was involved with the Ag Mechanization Club and Sno-Din committee. Tim has plans to obtain an area service manager position in the Ag Mechanization field.

Larry Voigts is from Belmont, WI. He is a member of the Sigma pledge class. He earned a degree in Technical Agriculture and plans to go farming near Belmont. Larry will be getting married on June 6th to Rho-mate Kim Cox. Congratulations!

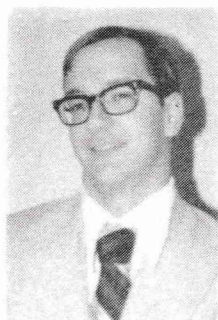
Ronald Voigts is also from Belmont, WI. He is another member of the Sigma pledge class and will be receiving a degree in Agri-business. Ron is looking for a position in agribusiness and is also considering to further his education.



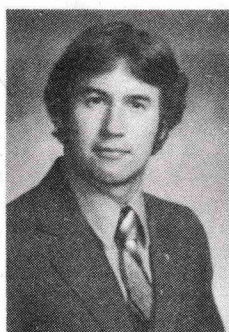
Steven A. Gay



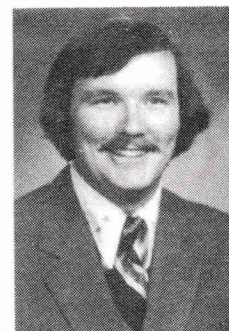
Tim J. Mueller



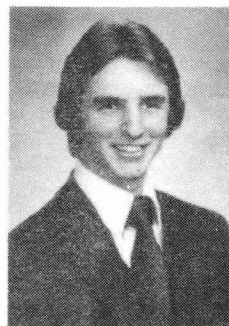
Dale Barclay



Daniel C. Dishno



Larry Voigts



Ronald Voigts

GREEK WEEK

This year's Greek Week events were held April 12 - 15. The brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho were actively involved in the week's festivities. We participated in the games and pulled our hearts out to take first place in the Tug-O-War. We also placed second in the Pyramid Build and the Relay Race. The brothers weren't afraid of a little egg on our faces as we took third place in the egg toss.

Other activities we were involved in were an All Greek Party and a campus cleanup. Our artistic ability wasn't quite good enough to place in window painting, but we sure had fun trying! Although we were lacking in total points, we showed the true Alpha Gamma Rho spirit and managed to end the week in third place overall.

**AGR
means
ALUMNI**

Little Louie

The past couple of years the Little Louie Showmanship Contest has been held at the Pioneer Prairie Farms. This year, the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho helped sponsor the event and had several brothers coordinating the event. The event was held on April 4th.

Brother Randy Wileman was the chairman of the event and Brothers Steve Gay and Steve Chamberlain helped direct the beef and hog divisions of the contest. The overall contest winner was Brother Brad Lenschow and Brother Bruce Tonkin won the swine division.

The Little Louie Showmanship Contest is open to all students on the Platteville campus who are interested in showing livestock. This year's contest was a big success and the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho have plans of sponsoring the event again next year.

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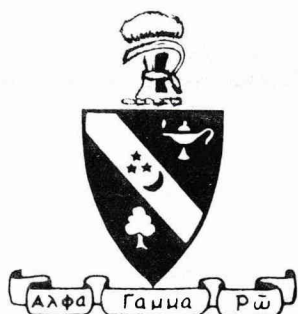
**CUPID'S
CORNER**



Cupid's arrows have struck again and another brother has announced his engagement.

*Brother Tom Hamm has announced his engagement to Debra Huehne of Platteville, WI. They are presently planning on an October 3rd wedding.

A reminder to all AGR's and Rho -mates: Brother Larry Voigts and Rho-mate Kimberly Cox will take their wedding vows at 1:00 p.m. on JUNE 6th at the United Methodist Church in Apple River, IL. The reception will follow at the Park House. All AGR's and Rho-mates are welcome to attend.



Important Dates and Events

July 11....."WILBUR DAY" at the Brewer game in Milwaukee. See article for details!

July 24 - 26.....SUMMER RETREAT at Dave Bohnhoff's place, Plymouth, WI! See map for direction and details!!

July 29.....FARM PROGRESS DAYS. This is the middle day of the three day event. Plan to meet with the men of ALPHA GAMMA RHO at the UW-Platteville Booth at noon! Location is the Richard Van Eppren Farm, Kaukauna, WI. Farm is 4 to 5 miles north of Appleton, off of Hwy. 41. Come on brothers, let's get together and see the sights at the 1981 FARM PROGRESS DAYS!!!

October 17.....HOMECOMING at UW-Platteville. Also the annual AG ALUMNI BANQUET! Make plans to attend this fall's banquet. Show your support for the College of Ag!

March 27, 1982.....10th ANNIVERSARY celebration of BETA GAMMA-ALPHA GAMMA RHO!!! It's getting closer brothers! Reserve this date for Alpha Gamma Rho!

Alumni Secretary Report

As the 1980-1981 school year ended, we saw seven graduating brothers join the ranks of alumni. I urge them and all alumni of Alpha Gamma Rho to keep in touch with the Fraternity.

As Alumni Secretary, it is my duty to maintain and improve our alumni relations with the help of the undergraduate chapter. Alumni relations is a two-way street however. To build a better Alpha Gamma Rho means cooperation of all brothers - both alumni and undergraduates. Working together as brothers is the only way that Alpha Gamma Rho will continue to prosper.

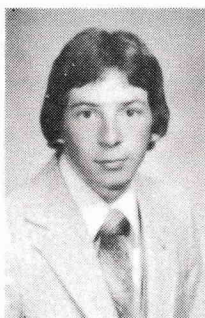
It is my hope that more alumni will get involved with the various activities that our chapter provides. I realize that it is often difficult to find time to return to your college home, but if you are able to attend activities such as alumni banquets, retreats, or homecoming, please do so.

I would like to ask all alumni to keep the chapter informed of up-to-date addresses, occupations, family additions and anything else you feel is important. Make use of the alumni information card that is a part of some of our crescents. Include such things as ideas for banquets, retreats, homecoming, and of course, possible rushees.

If you are able to, please get involved in the fund drive that Beta Gamma currently has going. A successful fund drive is needed to ensure Beta Gamma's prosperity. At the present time, almost \$11,000 has been paid in. A total of approximately \$24,000 has been pledged (this includes the \$11,000). Approximately seventy-five alumni have made pledges so far. Are you one of these seventy-five?

As I close, I once again urge all alumni to remain active in the Fraternity. Let's work together for the good of all. Hope to see everyone at the year's summer retreat! Fraternally,

Terry A. McMahon



The Stork Reports

Don and Donna Von Rueden have announced the birth of a son, Ryan Joseph, on March 4, 1981. The little fellow weighed in at five pounds.

Aaron Charles Moore, son of Ken and Lynne Moore, was born on March 17, 1981. The young man tipped the scales at seven pounds and thirteen ounces.

Steve and Marcia Fiedler have announced the birth of a daughter, Amy Marie, on April 21, 1981. The young lass weighed in at six pounds, twelve and one-half ounces.



Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho

In your last Crescent there was a pledge card for the National Headquarters Fund. This fund drive is sponsored by the Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho. Most of you have probably received information concerning the fund drive. If so, you should realize that the purpose of this drive includes much more than just building a national headquarters building.

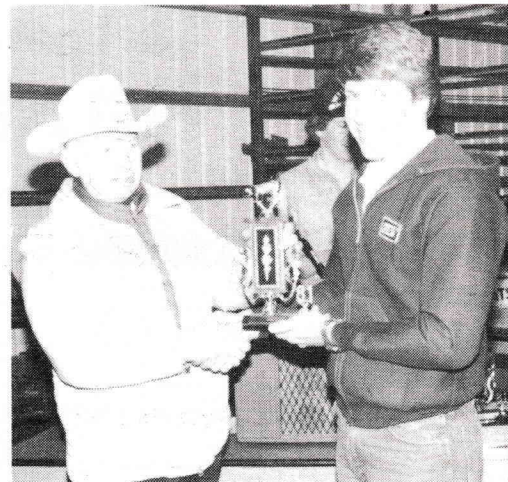
It will include the furnishing and maintenance of the headquarters and also give the Educational Foundation a better opportunity to meet the educational needs of the fraternity in such areas as scholarships, grants, seminars, institutes and fellowships.

The undergraduate chapter realizes that our alumni can give only so much support to the Beta Gamma chapter and to the National Headquarters Fund Drive. If you are able to assist in any way, please do! Alpha Gamma Rho can grow even stronger, but only with strong alumni support.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



"Brother Lenschow does it all and takes the prize for overall showmanship!"



"Way to go, Bruce! Number one in swine showmanship at Little Louie."



"I hope the facilities at retreat are better than this."



"Come on you two, you'll never win a prize standing like that!"



"After a long, hard butter run - It's Miller Time!"

A GREAT RELATIONSHIP



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