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# Antonio Blanco Leaves For Home

Antonio Blanco Rosales was born in La Saba, Honduras in 1955. He grew up there on a farm with a dairy-beef operation. This farm is owned by their family. They raise a dual purpose animal which is a Brown Swiss-Brahman cross. Antonio's father is a congressman of Honduras. Blanco, as a lot of us called him, has two sisters and one brother.

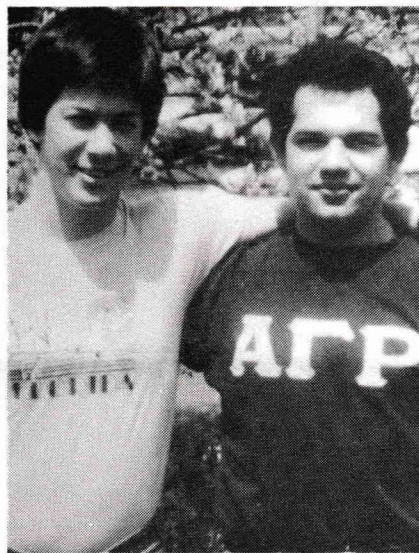
Antonio went to college for five years at the University of Honduras with excellent scholarship achievements. He studied agriculture in the two fields of Animal Science and Soils and Crops Science at the University of Honduras. After graduation, Blanco worked for the government in the field of ag mechanization for two years. Part of that time, he was an ag representative to Switzerland.

Antonio had heard of the possibility of furthering his education in the U.S. He decided to take the tests and he hoped for the best. Blanco succeeded with his tests and accepted the opportunity for the government to support his education in the U.S. Antonio was looking for a small school that offered a Masters program in Agricultural Mechanization. There weren't many schools that offered this degree. Platteville was chosen to fulfill Antonio's requirements.

Upon arriving in the United States, Antonio went to Indianapolis for seven months orientation to familiarize him with the English language. This was a difficult task for him and would be for anyone in a similar situation. He was put into an American atmosphere and learned English by speaking it. He arrived in Platteville by bus in January of 1981. One of the most familiar faces when Blanco got to Platteville was Bob Cotter who had ridden on the bus with Antonio from Madison. Antonio wanted to find out some information about the college at Platteville. Bob wanted to help, as is usual for Bob, and plans were made to get Antonio settled in.

The dorms were full and Alpha Gamma Rho had a vacant bed. Bob offered the bed to Antonio until he could find something different. The chapter offered it to him on a permanent basis. He eventually became one of our brothers.

Blanco felt that school at UW-Platteville wasn't as difficult as it was in the Honduras. In his country, you would check out textbooks at the library on a short term basis



**Brother Scheeny and Brother Blanco before his departure.**

just for reference. He felt the professors at the University of Honduras pushed students more for achievement than he observed in the U.S. He stressed that we have so many opportunities in this country that we take for granted. Antonio felt it helped him to have his brothers in his classes as they helped each other.

After arriving home, Antonio is planning on working for the government in some field of agriculture. He is grateful for the support he has received from his country and would like to repay his country with hard work and dedication. He also plans on getting married and farming on his own in the future.

Alpha Gamma Rho has held a special relationship with Antonio. He is very thankful for the friendships he saw grow during his stay in Platteville. He had to conform to many of our lifestyles. He often had to take a ribbing like the rest of us and sometimes even a well-intended kidney punch. It was difficult for Antonio to express in words about the wonderful experiences he has had and we had trouble saying goodbye to him. Antonio has been more than special and we sure will miss him.

## 10th Anniversary - Great Success!

On March 27, 1982, the brothers of Beta Gamma celebrated their tenth anniversary of our national fraternity at Platteville. There were about 405 people for the meal and a few dropped in later. Russell Mawby did a great job as speaker. He congratulated us on the 10 years and wanted us to strive to be even better. The Ron Suda Award was given to Paul Wegmann. Dr. Campbell was surprised with a twenty-five year testimonial for his great contributions for Alpha Gamma Rho. His brothers showed their gratitude for his work in the fraternity by their lengthy applause. All in all, it seemed that an excellent time was had by everyone but the night seemed to go by too fast.

## Beta Gamma Summer Retreat Waupun, Wis. July 9 - 11

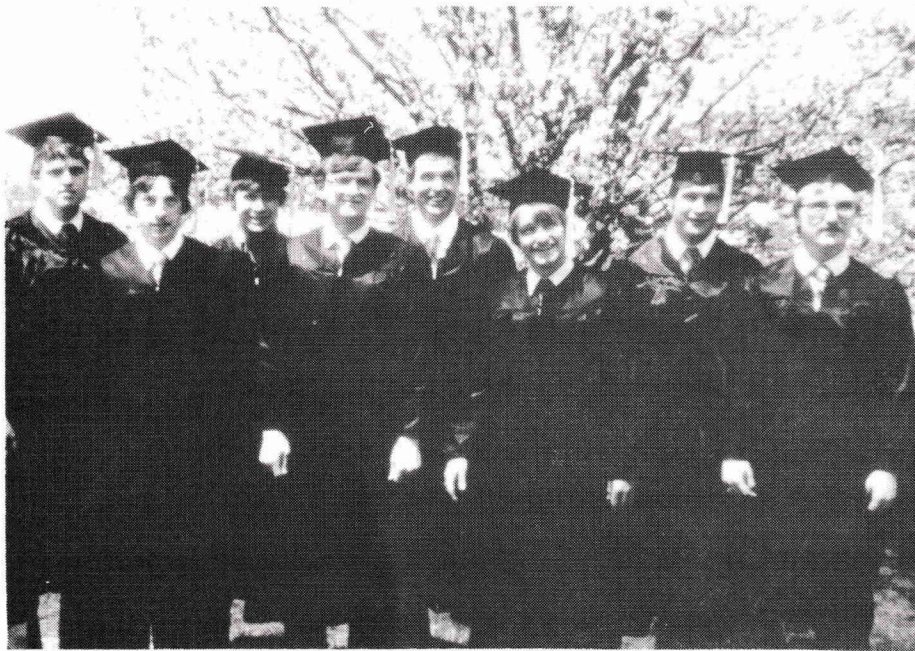
### New Alumni Board

On March 27, 1982, new officers were elected for the alumni board, as well as two additional board members. They are as follows:

President ..... Jeff Key  
Vice President ..... Chuck Rasmussen  
Secretary ..... Dale Pertzborn  
Treasurer ..... Rick Kuhle  
Directors . . . Bill Von Rueden, Jim Kruger,  
Dave Bohnhoff, Don Von Rueden



# May Graduates



Left to right: Ken, Terry, Brad, Ron, Paul, Dave, Leo, and Keith.

**Ken Gibson** is from Kewanee, Ill. and is a member of the Chi pledge class. He has served as secretary and rush chairman. Ken majored in Ag Education and was active in Student Senate and Dairy Club. Gibby is working for Stauffer Chemicals in central Illinois.

**Dave Jelle** hails from Belleville, Wis. and is a member of the Upsilon pledge class. He served as usher and Rho-mate coordinator. He was a member of Ag Business-Ag Econ Club. Dave received an Ag Business degree and will be working for AMPI in southern Wisconsin.

**Ron Kiel** come from Lancaster, Wis. and is a member of the Phi pledge class. Ron has served as treasurer and pledge trainer. He majored in Agriculture Mechanization. Ron was active on homecoming committee and Ag Mech Club. He is currently seeking a job in the Ag-Mech-Ag-Business field.

**Leo Lembitz** is from LaGrange, Ill. and pledged AGR at Western Illinois University. Leo has served as alumni secretary at Beta Gamma. He is an agri-business major and is also looking for a job.

**Terry McMahon** comes from Lancaster, Wis. and is a member of the Upsilon pledge class. Terry has served as Reporter, Alumni Secretary and Noble Ruler. Terry is presently working at Lancaster PCA as a marketing specialist.

**Keith Mulder** is a Waupun, Wis. native and is from the Chi pledge class. Keith has served as treasurer in our chapter. He was active in Alpha Zeta and Ag Business Club. Keith is an agri-business major and is presently a fieldman at Alto Cheese Company.

**Brad Paulson** is from Orfordville, Wis. and is from the Upsilon pledge class. He has served as chaplain. Brad was active in

Alpha Zeta and Agri-Business Club. Brad majored in Technical Agriculture and is currently interning with Cenex at Hillsboro, Wis.

**Paul Wegmann's** home is Bloomington Wis. and was a member of the Phi pledge class. Paul has been active in Dairy Club, dairy judging team, livestock judging team, and Alpha Zeta. He graduated with a Technical Agriculture degree and is currently working at Lancaster PCA as a loan officer.

## Cottingham To Be Deputy Ag Chief

John E. Cottingham, agricultural economist at UW-Platteville, was appointed State Deputy Secretary of Agriculture by the State Board of Agriculture. Dr. Cottingham has been a faculty member for 18 years and also has served as Beta Gamma advisor. He succeeds Joseph Tuss who held the post for more than three years before his resignation in May. Cottingham will work with the general management of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Dr. Cottingham looks forward to the challenge in his new job and agriculture in these tough days.



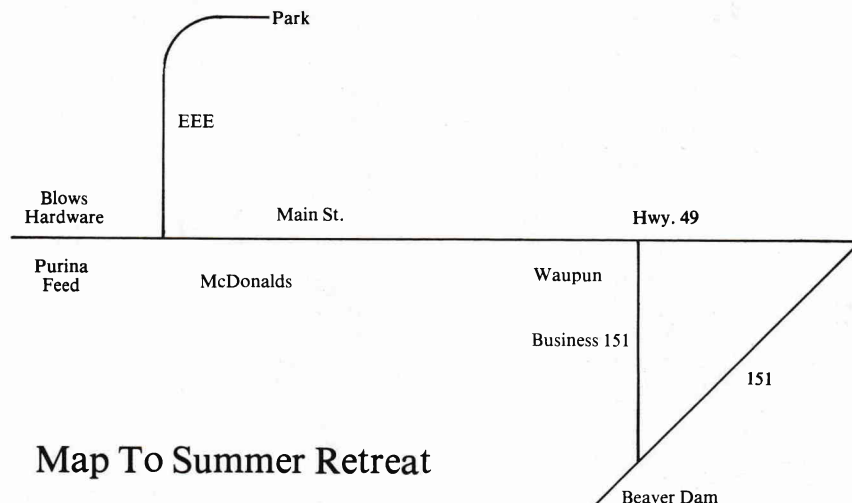
Doc Campbell was honored as a 25 year old AGR at the 10th Anniversary Celebration.



# SUMMER RETREAT - 1982

The big weekend is July 9-11 in Waupun, Wis. Final plans are now being made. Saturday we are having a pig roast, potato salad and cole slaw catered in. There will be plenty of beer and pop available. Those of you with big tents and campers may bring them because there are electrical hookups on these campsites. I stress big tents because a tent is considered a campsite and a campsite is \$13.00 a night. If you want, you can bring some of your own food for Friday and Saturday. There are plenty of grills in the park. There are also grocery stores so you can buy food too. There are shower houses in the park and a nice pool also. Don't forget your baseball gloves and pray for good weather.

Fraternally,  
Keith Mulder



Map To Summer Retreat

## From the Desk of the Noble Ruler

Hello there -- I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. This past winter I thought of all the things I wanted to do this summer. Now that summer is here, it seems I don't have any time to spend relaxing, fishing, or all the other things I was going to do this summer. Well, I hope everyone finds some free time to relax and enjoy the nice weather.

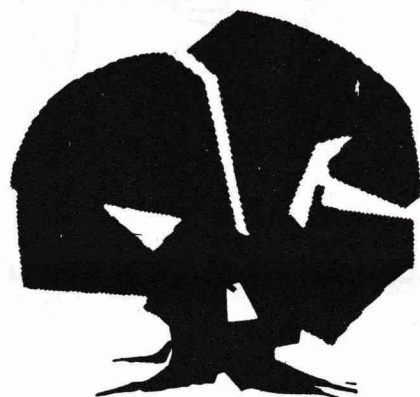
There are about a dozen brothers living at the AGR House this summer. Some are enjoying summer school, while others are working around the area. Anyone that is in the area, feel free to stop in and say hello.

I would like to take this time to congratulate all of the May graduates. I hope they are all adjusting to the real world after four hard years of school. Their leadership and friendship will be missed by all.

I hope everyone enjoyed the alumni banquet. It sure was great to see everyone there. Again, a thanks for everyone who helped with the banquet.

Summer retreat is in Waupun this summer. It's the weekend of July 9-11. I'm sure it will be a great time. Let's all hope for great weather for that weekend. I hope to see you all there.

Brian J. Donnelly



## A GOOD THING GROWING

### Wacholz Accepts Position at River Falls

Duane Wacholtz, better known as Dewey, has recently accepted a position as associate professor in the Department of Animal and Food Science at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. Dewey has been the commissary advisor for the Beta Gamma Chapter for nine years while he was a professor at the University of Wisconsin - Platteville for 12 years. He has taught Animal Agriculture, Meats, Dairy Products Analysis, and worked with the UW-P's livestock judging team. He has worked state-wide with the UW-Extension program. Dewey is known throughout the midwest as a good livestock judge.

We wish Brother Wacholz the best of luck at River Falls and thank him for his support throughout the years. When asked about his decision to leave, Dewey replies that he's like the bull that looks over the fence and sees the greener grass. Duane and Judy Wacholz have a son, Lance, and a daughter, Erika. They plan to move to River Falls in August.

## News From Alumni Treasurer

Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying the spring weather and looking forward to a fine summer. As alumni treasurer, I wanted to let you know of some good and bad news.

First the good news. The Building Fund Drive is becoming a huge success. Through the first three months of 1982, 40 people have contributed more than \$10,000, including \$1,050 contributed by the Rho-Mates at the 10th year banquet. A special thanks is extended to everyone who has sacrificed their financial resources thus far, especially the Rho-Mates, who have gone far beyond the call of duty with their gift. This should inspire everyone to reach deeper into their pockets and contribute to the building fund drive, if not done so already.

Now the bad news. After checking with the IRS once again, I find that the payment to the building fund should not be a deductible item on your tax return. Sorry, but since the money is not for a charitable cause or a scholarship award, and it will eventually reduce the principal on the house mortgage, it is not considered a legal deduction by the IRS.

That's all for now. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about the alumni financial status. See you at the Summer Retreat.

Sincerely,  
Rick Kuhle  
Alumni Treasurer





Noble Ruler Brian Donnelly presented Dean Linden with Shingle.

## Dean Linden Initiated Into AGR

On March 8, 1982, the brothers of Beta Gamma initiated a man who has been very supportive of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Throughout the years of Alpha Gamma Rho on the Platteville Campus, Lloyd J. Linden, Dean of Students, has looked to Beta Gamma for an example on campus. He has given us high recommendations to rushees and parents. Dean Linden has taken time out of his busy schedule to speak at many of our chapter events, including: All Ag Fest, Parents Day and guest suppers. We appreciate his confidence in Alpha Gamma Rho and welcome him into our Brotherhood.

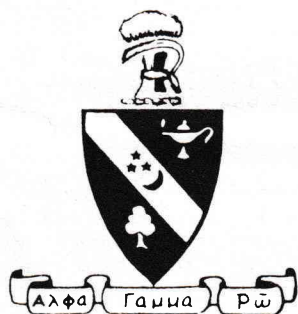
## Little Louie

April 24th was a beautiful day for the Little Louie activities in Platteville. Wendel Weisensel was the chairman this year with some of his brothers helping him out.

The winners include: Skyler Martin - Beef, Bob Cleland - Dairy, Jim Gross Sheep and Overall, and Trudy Jeidy - Swine.

Special events for this year included greased pig contests and cow chip throwing contest. The winners were: Jeff Ahsinger and Mike Gross - Greased Pig Contest and Cow Chip Throw winner is Skyler Martin.

## AGR is Tomorrows Agriculture



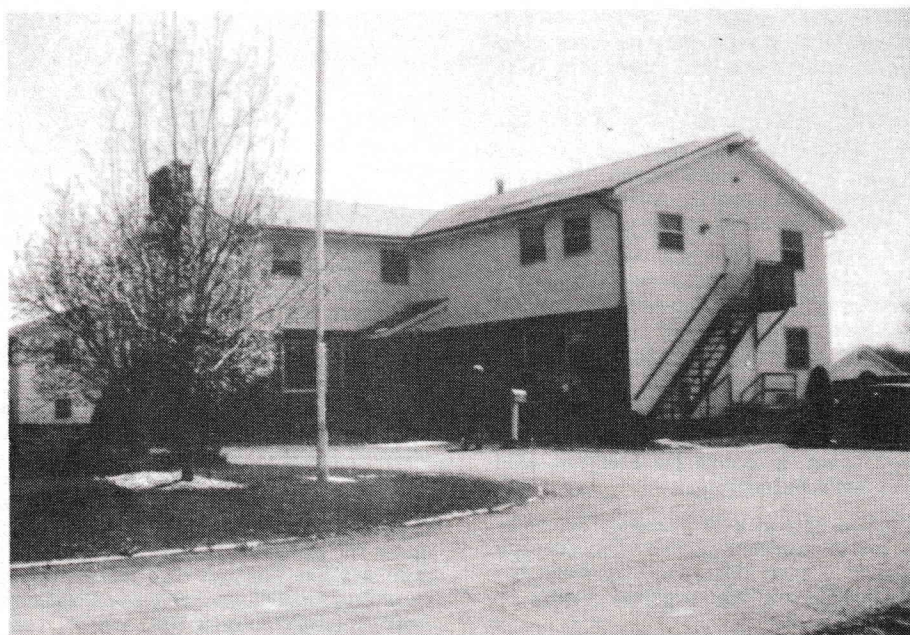
## Important Dates and Events

**July 9-11** ..... Summer Retreat at Waupun. Hosted by Keith Mulder. See article for map and more details.

**October 30** .... Homecoming at UW-Platteville. Also the Alumni Ag Banquet. Make plans for both events. We'd like to see you there.

## Rushing

Rushing seems to be an area of the fraternity work which can always be improved upon. When the national officer was here, he stressed so much more could be done. We plan on trying to visit all incoming freshmen this summer. Tom McKittrick plans on getting a list of incoming freshmen out in the near future for actives to visit this summer. We encourage alumni to help us in the rushing program by contacting us when you know of eligible young fellows that might be interested in pledging.



A 60 foot flag pole was recently put up at the house - our pride and joy!



**Down**

**The Hatch**

with

**CUPID'S  
CORNER**



Brother **Ken Gibson** and Miss **Jodi Brinkmeyer** plan to take their wedding vows in Pearl City, Illinois on June 19, 1982. The wedding will be at St. John's Lutheran Church at seven o'clock and the reception will take place immediately following at the Plum Tree Ski Lodge, Lanark, Illinois.

Also on June 19, 1982, Brother **Joe Jarvis** and Miss **Laurie Wickert** will be married at Mount Morris at the Holden Lutheran Church. The reception will follow at Joe's farm.

Brother **Allen Williams** and Miss **Karen Burgess** invite you to their marriage at Oconomowoc, Wis. The wedding will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Alliance Bible Church on June 26. The reception will follow at the Church Reception Hall.

Brother **Dave Bohnhoff** and Miss **Rhonda Johanning** have made plans to wed on July 2, 1982, at Plymouth, Wis. The wedding will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church at three o'clock. The dinner will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 and the dance will be from 9:00 to 1:00 at Laack's Hall, Johnsonville.

Last and not least for the summer, Brother **Leo Lembitz** plans to marry Miss **Trish Gandyra**. They will be married on August 14, 1982 at St. Michael Catholic Church in North Creek, Wis. The reception will be from 2:00 to 6:00 at the Arcadia Country Club following the ceremony.

Looking forward to next fall, Brother **Scott Laufenberg** has made his wedding plans with **Julie Schmitz**. The wedding will take place at St. Bernard's Church in Watertown, Wis. The date is October 30, 1982.

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## Alumni Secretary Report

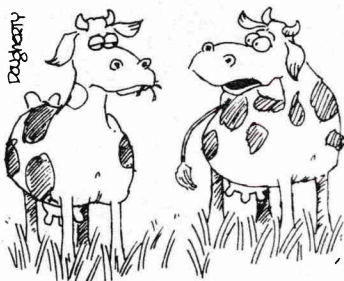
Another school year has passed and a lot of us still don't know what happened to all the time. We graduated 12 seniors into alumni status and our pledge classes still seem to outnumber our graduates. It's easy to see that we at Beta Gamma have a good thing growing.

Many activities have been planned this summer for Beta Gamma. The summer retreat is planned and shaping up to be one of the best. The facilities at Fond du Lac Co. Park are outstanding. We hope the weather cooperates better than it has the past month. We also have quite a few weddings scheduled for the near future. I am already convinced that there isn't going to be enough time for everything this summer. We'll just have to do our best to make all the events we can. It will be good to get together as I miss you guys and gals already.

I urge all alumni to keep in contact with us at the house. We welcome notes about changes of address as well as baby announcements. If any of you are in the Platteville area, don't hesitate to stop by and check on the boys at the house.

Hope to see you all this summer.

Fraternally,  
Scott Towns



"WHEN THE PRICE OF MILK GOES DOWN  
AND BEEF GOES UP...I PANIC!"

*Alpha Gamma Rho  
Building  
Better Men!*



## The Stork Reports

Steve and Kathy Burgess joyfully announce the birth of Lucas Steven on March 8, 1982. He weighed 8 lbs., 13½ oz. and measured 21½ inches.

Thomas and Debra Ferguson have informed us of the birth of their daughter, Sarah Christine, on December 17, 1981. Sarah also had a good start at 8 lbs., 7 oz. and 21 inches long.

Duane and Janet Sherven think the world of their new son, Daniel Duane. He was born February 13, 1982. Daniel weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Larry and Kim Voights are happy to announce the birth of their twin sons, Adam Michael and Matthew Joseph. They were born on April 2, 1982 and weighed 5 lbs., 9¼ oz. and 4 lbs., 15 oz. respectively.

If we have missed any other children, please let us know.

## Attention Alumni Don't Get Lost!

Keep Chapter informed  
of all address changes!

## New Actives

Beta Gamma has recently initiated four new actives into the brotherhood of Beta Gamma.

**John Jarvis** is from Wautoma, Wis. and is majoring in Technical Agriculture. He has several relatives that are members of Alpha Gamma Rho.

**Steve Massey** is from Hollandale, Wis. and is majoring in Ag Engineering.

**Chris Myhre** is undecided in his agricultural major. He is a freshman from Edgerton, Wis.

**David Neunschwander** is a junior majoring in Agri-business. His hometown is Monroe, Wis. Dave is a transfer from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.



# New Rho-Mates

Once again summer is here and most of the active Rho-mates of the Beta Gamma Chapter have left Platteville. Our spring semester proved very successful with the initiation of our 5 new Rho-mates -- Barb Butzine, Sherry Cushman, Barb Hutter, Elaine Johnson, and Sue Stelpflug.

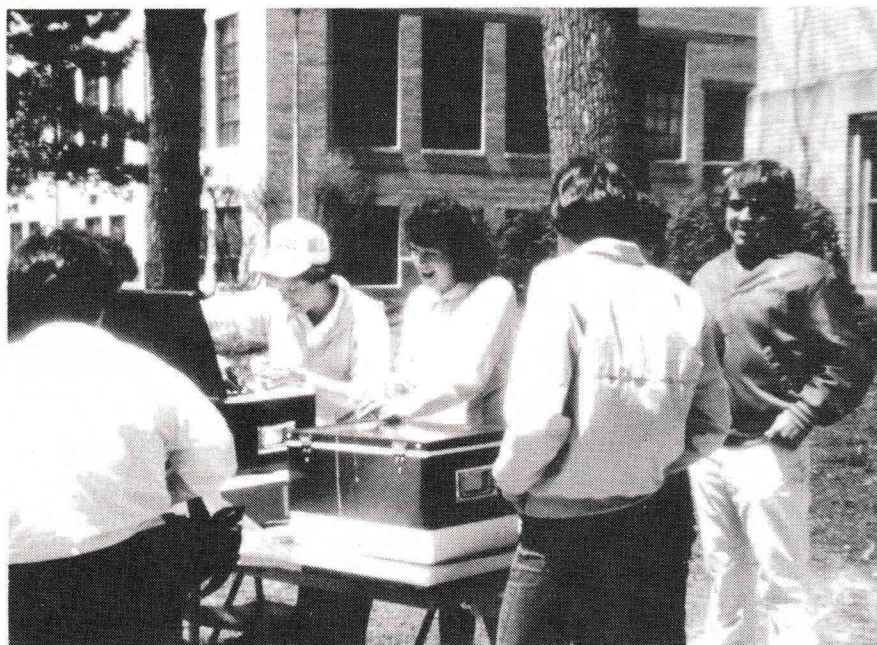
Our new officers for next year are: President - Cindy Johnson, Vice President - Elaine Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer - Sherry Cushman, Social Ways & Means Chairman - Suzanne Muhlenbeck, Housemother Coordinator - Julie Berg, and Rho-mate Coordinators - Bill Helwig and Dan Rux.

Our planned agenda kept us very busy this spring. At the 10th anniversary banquet we presented a \$1,050.00 check to the house debt fund and I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this fund. Our bake-off was a tasty event for the Rho-mate judges involved and the Mini-Olympics brought out some of the great abilities possessed by the AGR actives. Our last activity was an ice-cream sale in front of Ullrich Hall.

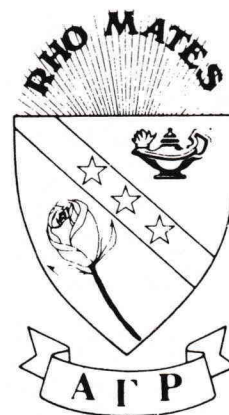
Congratulations to our May graduates. Hope to see all of you at summer retreat on July 9th.



Left to right: Sherry, Elaine, Sue, Barb H., and Barb B.



Rho-Mates were very busy this year. They are selling ice cream cones in this picture.



## Graduating Rho-Mates

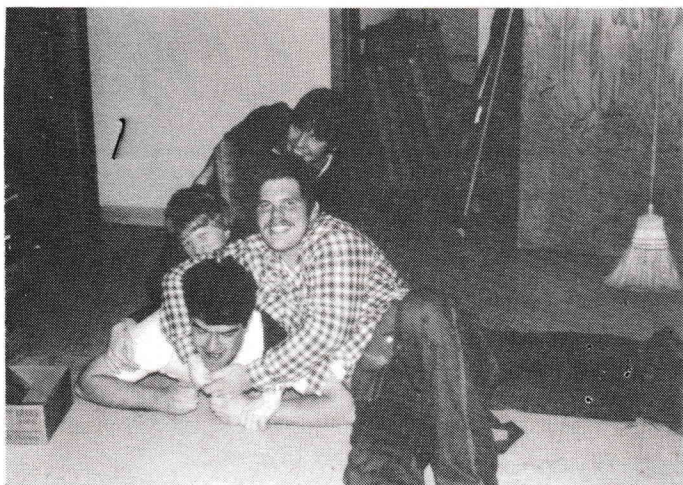
**Cindy Ihm** is from Hollandale, WI. She graduated with a degree in Physical Education. She was involved with field hockey and the Women's Recreation Association at UW-P. Cindy is looking for a job teaching Physical Education.

**Sue Langkamp** hails from Glen Haven, WI and has an Agri-Business degree. She was active in Ag-Business Ag-Econ Club, Lettermen's Club, and basketball at Platteville. Sue is working for Ciba Geigy in Iowa.

**Jody Martz** comes from Lanark, IL. She majored in Elementary Education and is presently looking for a teaching job.



# Beta Gamma - A Busy Place!



It is really hard to keep Bob Cotter down.



A couple of boys that can really pick them up and set them down.



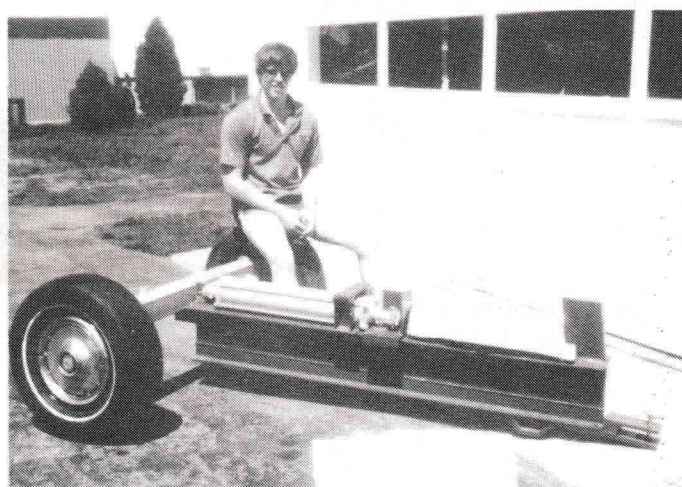
These guys have a lot to smile about.



A couple brothers couldn't wait for the meal - why not have a flower.



Don Zauche discusses the fraternity with National Officer Mark Mausey.



Eric Trapp displays his woodsplitter that he made in his Ag Mech class.



# A GREAT RELATIONSHIP



## ALUMNI TELL US ABOUT YOURSELVES

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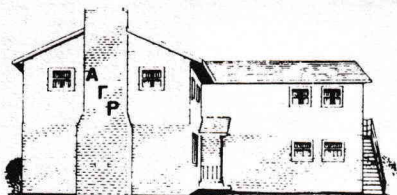
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