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Brother Matthias Experiments While Farming

Brother Dan Matthias, a member of the Gamme Pledge Class is now farming in Cato, WI. After experimenting with using whey is his dairy farm for 3 years, Dan says, "Whey is good feed". The reason he started his "Experiment" is he lives close to a large cheese factory, Branch Cheese. The first time he saw whey being used was while he was in the Peace Corp. in South America.

As the P.I.K. Program starts affecting the dairy industry with higher feed costs and there is talk of cutting 50 cents here and 50 cents there from the milk price. Some young dairymen must look for ways to cut feed costs without jeopardizing production. Brother Matthias feels "that the use of fresh whey as the liquid portion of the dairy diet is a good method to do just that". The feed book quotes whey as having around 90% T.D.N. and 13% Crude Protein on a dry matter basis. As fed the whey is 7% dry matter and on 93% moisture. The whey contains a high level of calcium and phosphorus in a 1 to 1 ratio. Because of this, Brother Matthias buys no mineral supplements other than a trace mineralized salt which he mixes directly in with the whey.

When fed without water whey provides roughly 40% of a high producing dairy cow's Total Digestible Nutrient feed needs. Dan feels whey does not really affect the quantity of milk, however, it does substantially increase the butterfat test for some reason.

Transportation has been a problem. Whey should be fed fresh daily so your own tank truck is needed, though cheese factories have told him they would haul it free. Since Brother Matthias is dealing with cows, he picks up the whey himself, "just to be sure".

Although Dan has not lost a cow in three years to related problems, he has noted problems with cows getting bloaty from it periodically. When this happens, Dan just cuts off the whey and gives the cows water until their bellies go down. In addition, Brother Matthias has not had a single case of milk fever or cystic ovaries in the herd for the past three years.

The whey from the Branch Cheese Co.



**Dan is proud of his work with the
Branch Cheese Co. of Branch, WI.**

is from milk that has been pasteurized and has no salt added. It is a high quality by-product.

On Lakeshore Farm Management records, Dan has about a \$3.10 feed cost per 100 pounds of milk produced. This compares to a \$6.00 feed cost per 100 pounds milk produced that other member herds of similar size have.

After graduation in 1973 Brother Matthias joined the Peace Corp. Dan was in the area of Santa Domingo des los Colorados. While he was in the Peace Corp., his position was a cattle extentionist. Unfortunately after Dan returned from the Corp., he had a bad accident after which he was sued and had to declare bankruptcy. Since that time, however, Dan has turned things around and is doing fine.

Beta Gamma Has New Advisor

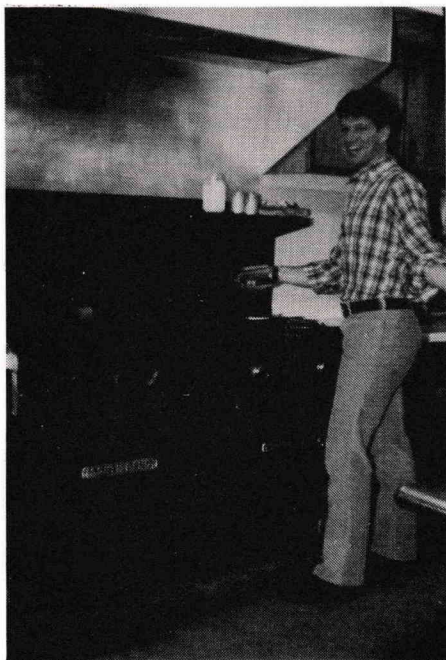
The chapter has recently elected Terry McMahon as our new Financial Advisor. Terry is originally from a farm in the Lancaster area. While Brother McMahon was an active, he held the offices of Reporter, Alumni Secretary, and Noble Ruler. Terry graduated in the spring of 1982. Terry is presently a member of the Alumni Board. Terry is presently employed as a Marketing Specialist for the Lancaster Production Credit Association. We are proud to have Brother McMahon as our Advisor. We are very confident that he will do a fine job.

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Upcoming Events

Graduation May 8
House Long Range Planning . June ?
Summer Retreat July 14-16
Summer House Cleaning. Aug. ?
Alumni Banquet March 17, 1984

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of The House Manager



Thanks for the New Stove!

The house has been starting to show it's age. The upstairs bathroom started to rain on room one, after great investigation, it was found that somehow the second stool had broken a seal. Then as the temperature cooled off we decided to cut down drafts by installing storm windows and glass doors on the fireplace. Our greatest addition to the house is Annie's new stove. Annie likes her anniversary gift even if all we did was wash and paint her old stove.

The giant step forward we took on keeping the house up better was a long term planning committee. The committee includes: Larry Jerrett, Ken Gibson, Mike Fisher, Chuck Johnson (House Manager), and Dr. Loberger (advisor). The committee will meet in June and discuss future plans and ideas for the house. Well, I have to check on house duties.

Faternally,
Chuck Johnson



From left to right: **FRONT ROW:** Vern Pierce (pledge trainer); Steve Chamberlien (pledge trainer). **Second row:** Ken Jenks, Rick Lipka, Larry Raupp, Bruce McNaughton, Dave Stirman, Lyle Poch. **Back row:** Marty Adams, Jerome Hendrickson, Bob Schwoerer, Doug Fitzsimmons, Matt Scurek, Kevin Knuth.

The New Initiates

Bob Schwoerer, is a Junior majoring in Ag. Economics. His home town is Howards Grove, WI.

Larry Raupp, is a Freshman majoring in Ag. Business. His home town is Whitewater, WI.

Jerome Hendrickson, is a Junior majoring in Ag. Business. His home town is Blanchardville, WI.

Doug Fitzsimmons, is a Sophomore majoring in Technical Agriculture. His home town is Mineral Point, WI.

Ken Jenks, is a Sophomore majoring in Agribusiness. His home town is Montfort, WI.

Kevin Knuth, is a Freshman majoring in Ag. Business. His home town is Reedsburg, WI.

Marty Adams, is a Junior majoring in Technical Agriculture. His home town is Lancaster, WI.

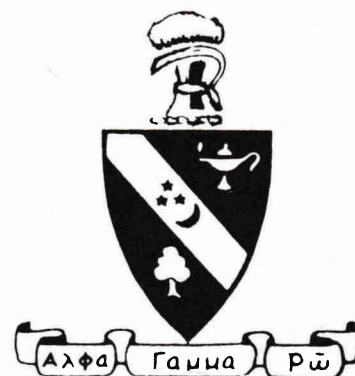
Dave Stirmal, is a Sophomore majoring in Ag. Mechanization. His home town is Delevan, WI.

Bruce McNaughton, is a Freshman majoring in Ag. Mechanization. His home town is Menomonie Falls, WI.

Lyle Poch, is a Sophomore majoring in Ag. Mech. His home town is Mt. Calvary, WI.

Matt Scurek, is a Sophomore majoring in Soils and Crops. His home town is Elkhorn, WI.

Rick Lipka, is a Freshman, majoring in Ag. Economics. His home town is Prairie du Sac, WI.



Comments from the Exalted Noble Ruler

As I thought about what to write in this report, I decided to look back on the past Noble Ruler reports to see what was going on, or important to the fraternity at their time.

The past Noble Ruler stressed fraternity pride, involvement and brotherhood. Well, I thought, those things are still very important today, after all, Alpha Gamma Rho could not survive without these things.

Also in the past reports, the Noble Rulers were very optimistic about their enthusiastic, new slate of officers. I guess I'll agree with them on that point too. This year's officers are enthusiastic and very capable of making good things happen for this chapter.

I'm sure many of you out there are familiar with the one philosophy that says that life is just a cycle of beginnings and endings. This is very true through our schooling. The classic example is that you begin grade school, the bottom of the ladder, you work all those years to finally become the top dog and your forced to start over at the bottom again with junior high. Although this philosophy might be true to us individually, it is not true to such things as, for example, this fraternity. The past Noble Ruler reports illustrate just that. It's nice to know that you can always come back to the house and the same ideals are continuing. Life as an AGR does not end after graduation.

With that I just want to say thanks to all the alumni, alumni rho-mates, past sweethearts, actives, and guests who made it back to the 1983 Alumni Banquet. If you missed this year, you missed a fun evening.

I was very happy to see the strong support for the start of our long range planning committee. The idea of long range planning was highly emphasized during this year's O.T.S. held at Michigan State University. Some big decisions will be made as to the direction of our housemother program and housing facilities. Possible additions the actives are looking into to go along with the recommendations of the long range planning are a house typewriter, a new bar and trophy case in the basement and a computer.

Before I end, I want to ask each of you out there for your support and help in our rushing efforts. The Beta Gamma chapter would appreciate your help in making the future of this chapter as bright as it is now. Best wishes for a terrific summer!

Faternally yours,
Tim Beran



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Brother **Mark Keesey** was wed to **Julie Halverson** on April 8, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Janesville, Wisconsin. The reception followed at Theodore's in Janesville.

Brother **Tom McKittrick** and **Miss Christe Peterson** are to be married on June 4, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Janesville, WI. The reception is to be announced in the future.

Brother **Patrick Crombie** and **Miss Darlene Hayes** will tie the knot on June 11, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Columbus, WI. The reception is to follow at 4:00 p.m. at Angel Park in Sun Prairie. All are welcome.

Brother **Tim Mueller** and **Miss Sally Brigham** plan to be wed on June 18, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Marlboro, Massachusetts. The reception will follow immediately at the Driftwood Club in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Brother **Dale Wiederholt** and **Miss Karen Neihoff** plan to take their wedding vows on July 2, 1983. The mass will be at 1:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church in Randolph, WI. The first reception will be on July 2 from 4:00 to ? at the Labor Temple on East Burnett St., Beaver Dam, WI. A second reception will be held on July 3 from 6:30 till ?? at Sunset Lanes, on Highway 151 in Dickeyville, WI.

Jody Huff (Rho-Mate) and **Steve Ryan** are to be wed on June 25, 1983 at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Clement's Church in Lancaster, WI. The reception and dance will immediately follow at Boulder Lounge in Arthur, WI.

Julie Berg (Rho-Mate) and **Rob MacSwian** are to be wed on July 29, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. in the Blanchardville Lutheran Church in Blanchardville, WI. The reception will be in the church basement with a dance to follow at the William Tell in New Glarus from 8:30 to 12:30. The Greg Anderson Orchestra will supply the music. All are welcome.

Brother **Mike Fisher** and **Miss Lori Carpenter** will be wed on July 29, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Plattville, WI. The reception and dance will immediately follow the wedding at Sunset Lanes in Dickeyville, WI. All are welcome.

Brother **John Towns** and **Miss Lisa Schultz** plan to tie the knot August 6, 1983 at 3:30 p.m. in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb, WI. The reception will be held in the church and the dance will follow at Tyrol Ski Basin. All are welcome.

Sue Langkamp (Rho-Mate) and **Jim Warner** will be married on October 1, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Glen Haven, WI. The reception and dance will follow at 4:30 at Sunset Lanes in Dickeyville, WI. All are welcome.

Brother **Brian Donnelly** and **Miss Lisa Miller** plan to tie the knot on October 22, 1983. The wedding will be held in Cambridge, WI at about 5:00 p.m. with the reception to follow at the Stoughton V.F.W. Everyone is welcome.

Barb Butzine (Rho-Mate) and **Phil Hanson** will be wed on October 22, 1983 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ebenzer Moravian Church in Watertown, WI. The reception and dance at Turner Hall in Watertown starting at 8:00 and all are invited.

Brother **Kerry Henning** and **Barb Hutter** (Rho-Mate) plan to be wed on November 26, 1983. The ceremony will take place at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Rural Kiel, WI at 2:00 p.m. The reception will take place at 6:30 at Michael's Supper Club in Brillion, WI.

Brother **Tim Beran** and **Becky Brotzman** are to be wed on January 7, 1984 in Milton, WI. The reception and dance will follow at the UAW Hall in Janesville, WI.

Brother **Terry Pink** and **Miss Sarah Leedle** will be hitched on February 25, 1984 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Geneva, WI. More information will be available later.

Pledge Class Contacts Alumni

Brother Tom Friar (51) is currently the Assistant Vice President and Farm Loan Officer at the Lancaster State Bank, Lancaster, WI. Upon graduation as an Ag. Ed. Major in the Spring of '73, Tom taught Vocational Agriculture at the school districts in Whitehall, WI, and later at Lancaster, WI until 1979. It was at this time that he, through contacts with fellow AGR's joined the staff at Lancaster State Bank, his current source of employment. Tom was married on August 12, 1972 to the former Judy Adams, and together they are presently the parents of a daughter, Jessica, 1½, and are expecting another child soon. Tom feels that AGR has helped him not only for job contacts, but also for the friends he has made and still sees quite frequently.

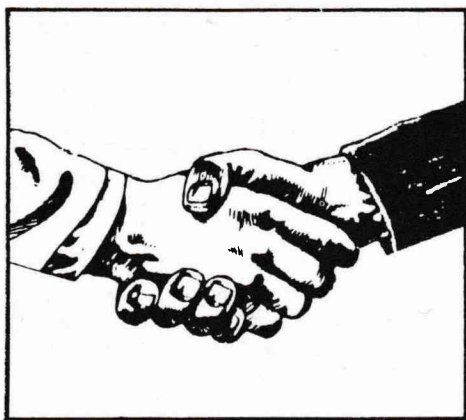
Respectfully submitted
by Jerome Hendrickson

Brother Jim Jarvis (14) lives in Wautoma, WI. He majored in Ag. Ed. and graduated in 1972 from U.W.-Platteville. While he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, he held the office of Alumni Secretary, and Chaplain. He also was a past president of the Alumni. Jim got married in 1972 and doesn't have any children. Jim now runs a farm with 32 milking cows and 300 acres which 170 of them are tillable. Some of Jim's hobbies include reading, hunting, wood working, and he also likes to sell firewood.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Schwoerer

Brother Dave Voss (84) is presently living in Horicon, Wis. He is married and has a daughter. He graduated from U.W.-Platteville in 1971. Dave was an Animal Science major at Platteville. Dave, after graduation, purchased a carnival. He takes this carnival from county fair to county fair during the summer. He enjoys hunting and trapping during the winter. Dave enjoys having his own business and likes the area that he lives in.

Respectfully submitted by Lyle Poch



Brother Ken Hayes (54) has been married for 9 years and living in Oconee. Mr. & Mrs. Hayes have no children at this time. Mr. Hayes graduated from U.W.-Platteville in 1971 and moved down into Illinois. His current occupation is a semi driver for a local grain elevator, it is a job he has held for several years and enjoys very much. Brother Hayes has not been back to Platteville since graduating, but was happy to hear from the chapter.

Respectfully submitted by Marty Adams

Brother Duane Sanner (31) has been married for 10 years and has 2 children, a boy and a girl. Of these 10 years, he worked for 8 years in Green Bay and as of January of this year he was transferred to Monroe, where he is employed as a Quality Control Fieldman at AMPI Incorporated. He is still very active in the Church and is involved with the Jaycees in Monroe.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Fitzsimmons

Brother Mark Highland (10) is presently farming with his father, which he has been doing since graduation. He farms 500 acres with a dairy cow enterprise, along with growing corn as a cash crop. His address is R.R. 2, Rock City, Ill 61070.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Jenks

Brother Mark Wienkes (40) lives in Sparta, WI and works at the Soil Conservation Service. He was married in October of 1980 to his wife Janet. They have one son, Eric, 6 mo. Brother Wienkes was noted for his outstanding performance for work in promotion of no-till corn. His wife Janet works at Union National Bank at Sparta.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Scurek

Brother John Elvekrog (32) is presently the owner and manager of John's Feed & Supply in Stoughton. John was married in September of 1976. They have no children at present. Brother Elvekrog graduated in 1973 and majored in Agri-Business. Since graduation, he was employed at Ralston Purina in the credit department. He then went into sales training in Rochester, Minn. In 1976, he was in sales in the Southeastern district of Minnesota. Now he is owner and manager of John's Feed & Supply.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Knuth



The Recently Initiated Rho-Mates

The Front row from left to right.

Betty Oyen is a Freshman majoring in Ag. Business. Her home town is Lodi, WI.

Jamie Ploessl is a Junior majoring in Ag. Business. Her home town is Cassville, WI.

Denice Fitzsimmons is a Sophomore majoring in Ag. Business. Her home town is Mineral Point, WI.

The back row from left to right.

Molly Lovgren is a sophomore majoring in Ag. Business. Her home town is Ohio, Ill.

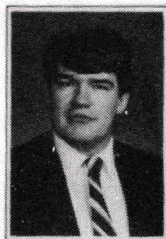
Nancy Sutter is a Freshman majoring in Animal Science. Her home town is Mount Horeb, WI.

Virginia Werling is a Sophomore majoring in Animal Science. Her home town is Fort Atkinson, WI.

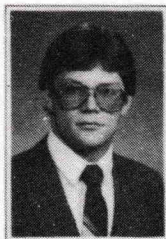
Mary Duerst is a Sophomore majoring in Ag. Business. Her home town is Verona, WI.

Soon to be Among the Ranks of Alumni

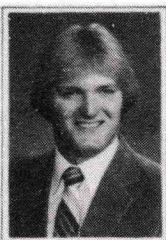
Bob Cotter is from Pulaski, WI. Brother Cotter was a member of the Pi pledge class. Bob has also served the chapter as a past Commissary Manager. Bob also belongs to Ag. Bus.-Ag. Econ Club. Brother Cotter will graduate with a degree in Ag. Business.



Brian Donnelly is from Edgerton, WI. Brian was a member of the Psi pledge class. Brother Donnelly was a past Noble Ruler and Scholastics chairman for the chapter. Brian's other activities on the campus include Ag. Business Club. Brian's major is Ag. Business.



Bradley G. Lenschow is from Burlington, Ill. Brother Lenschow was a member of the Omega pledge class. Brad has served the chapter as a past Treasurer and Little Louie chairman. Some of Brother Lenschow's other activities include: Ag. Business-Ag. Econ. Club, Alpha Zeta, Intramurals, Letterman's Club, baseball team, and the Meat and Livestock Judging team.

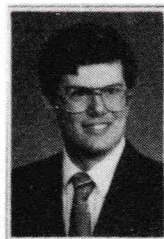
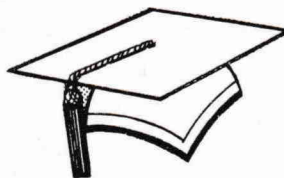


David Martin is from Argyle, WI. Dave was a member of the Omega pledge class. Brother Martin is an Ag. Engineering major. Dave is involved with ASAE as President, Alpha Zeta, and Ag. Council.



Little Louie

This year the Little Louie Showmanship Contest was held on April 23 with Brother Brad Lenschow as chairman. It turned out to be a big success with 40 people participating. Brother Tom Bull was in charge of beef showmen. Brother Scott Towns was chairman for the dairy showmen. Brother Jim Gross was chairman for the swine division. The show started at 9:30 a.m. and was finished by 12:30 p.m. The judges for the day were Homer Graber and Arnold Rauson. The day also had other activities including a cow chip throw, hay bale toss, calf lead and a Tug-of-War. All the people who participated had an enjoyable time.



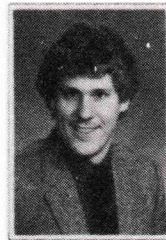
Lyle Jeske is from Sobieshi, WI. Lyle was a member of the Sigma pledge class. Brother Jeske is a Tech. Ag. major. Lyle has previously served the chapter as the Chaplain.



Dave Neuenschwander is from the town of Monroe, WI. Dave is an Ag. Business major. Brother Neuenschwander was a member of the Alpha Gamma pledge class. Dave is very involved on campus, he is in Alpha Zeta, Ag. Communications Club (president), Ag. Council and Ag. Bus.-Ag. Econ. Club.



Dan Rux is from Kewaunee, Ill. Dan was a member of the Alpha Beta pledge class. Brother Rux has a Tech. Ag. major with an Animal Science minor. Dan has served the chapter as a past Chaplain and a Rho-Mate Coordinator. Some of his other activities include being a Zeta Tau Omega beau and active in Pioneer Players.



Randall W. Wileman is from Edgerton, WI. Randy was a member of the Chi pledge class. Brother Wileman is an Ag. Mech. major. Randall has previously served the chapter as athletic and Little Louie chairman. Randy has been active in other campus organizations including Student Senate, Ag. Mech. club, Ag. Council, and the Glenview Advisory Committee.



A Look at the New Officers



Front Row (left to right): Paul Manke, Jim Limmex, Tim Beran, Mike Kirschbaum, Jeff Laufenberg. Back Row: Tom Bull, Wendell Weisensel, Vern Pierce, Jim Hurlburt, Bruce Tonkin, Chuck Johnson.

Chapter Officers

Noble Ruler..... Tim Beran
 1st Vice Noble Ruler..... Bruce Tonkin
 2nd Vice Noble Ruler..... Vern Pierce
 Alumni Secretary Wendell Weisensel
 Treasurer James Hurlburt
 Secretary Jeff Laufenberg
 House Manager..... James Limmex
 Commissary Manager..... Chuck Johnson
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 Usher Tom Bull
 Reporter Mike Kirschbaum

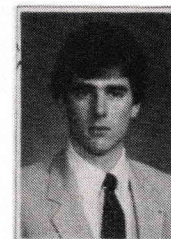
Alumni Board Officers

President Dale Pertzborn
 Vice President Chuck Rasmussen
 Secretary Gary Herzberg
 Treasurer Rick Kuhle
 Other Members..... Jeff Key
 Terry McMahon
 Bill VonRueden
 Don VonRueden

Ag Rep. Program is Very Beneficial

As a representative of Beta Gamma Chapter, I participated in Alpha Gamma Rho's National Agriculture Exchange Program. Myself and 16 other brothers across the U.S. participated in this program. I was fortunate enough to be placed in the very beautiful country of western New York. The person who arranged my summer and who was my supervisor was Mr. David Phillips from Angola, NY. Dave is an alumni from Zeta Chapter at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. My six hosts for the summer were also Zeta alumni. I spent 12 weeks in the state, making 6 different 2 week stops. The work experience varied widely, ranging from 3 different dairy farms, a small vegetable farm and greenhouse operation, a diversified fruit farm next to Lake Ontario, and work in dairy research at Cornell University. In all, the summer was a great learning experience. I enjoyed the challenge of meeting, living with and working for these AGR brothers.

Dave Badula is currently trying to establish an AGREP program in the state of Wisconsin through Beta Gamma Alumni. I would like to encourage any alumni from Beta Gamma Chapter to participate as a host for this program. If you would like more information on the AGREP program, please contact myself at the AGR house in Platteville.



Fraternally,
 Steven Chamberlain



The Stork Reports

LeAnn (Croft) and Dave Jewell are proud to announce the birth of the first son, Lee David on Monday, February 14, 1983, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. & Mrs. Dudzinshi (Ann Kinney) are happy to announce the birth of Sara in December of 1982.

Charles and Jan Miller are the proud parents of their first child, Nicole at 6 months of age.

James and Lois Smith are the parents of a fine child of 2 months, Ashley.

Ken and Sayle Wilcox are proud to announce the birth of their son Mark Elliot, born on December 30, 1982.

Shelly (Jones) and Donald Miess are overjoyed to announce the birth of a son, Darin Richard on February 19, 1983 at 12:08 p.m., weighing 8 lbs, 11 oz. and measuring 22 inches long.

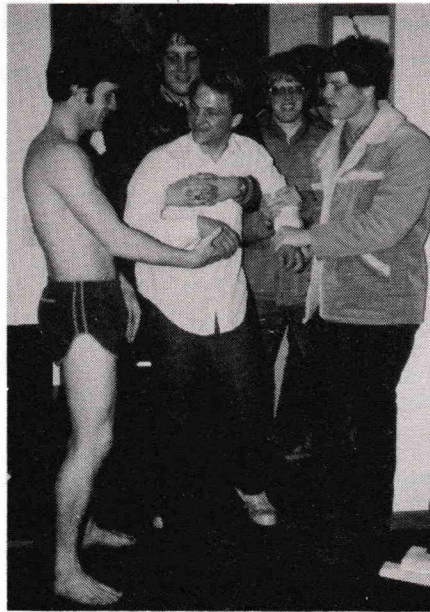
Sally (Hines) and Dave Schroeder are excited in announcing the birth of a son, Dustin David, born on March 27, 1983 at 12:24 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs., 11 oz. and 19.5 inches long.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

DON'T GET LOST

*Keep the chapter informed of
all address changes!*

Present



Paul Manke getting kidnapped to be taken to Lambda on a skip-out.

The new "serving counter" better look nicer than the project used to pay for it.



Past



A.G.R.'s are a good time at the 1970 Zeta Tau Banquet.

Scholastic News

This last fall the house has shown outstanding scholastic achievement. The actives has a grade point of 2.87 on a scale where 4.00 is equal to an "A". The pledges finished the semester with a 2.50. In terms of the steak and bean supper, 18 actives improved and ate steak while 20 members dropped and thus had to eat beans.

I know Air Bands are a popular activity, but with your paddle?



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AGR Rush Recommendation

In the spaces provided below, please list the names of prospective rushees in your community or area that might attend UW-P. It would be helpful to tell them about your experiences in AGR. Let them know you are enthusiastic about the fraternity. Remind them that we are a social/professional fraternity stressing agriculture, scholarship, leadership and a well-rounded program of campus and community activities, intramural sports, etc. Your efforts on this background information will help strengthen our rush program.

Name of prospect _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Home address _____

Parents Name _____ AGR Relatives _____

High School _____ High School grades _____

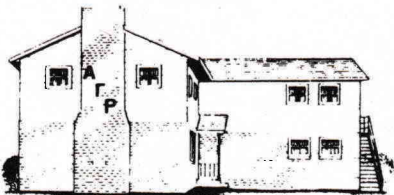
High School activities _____

Curriculum _____ Have you discussed pledging with him _____

Recommended by _____ Date _____

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