

Noble Ruler's Report

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As I finish my tenure as Noble Ruler and as an undergraduate at UNH, I hope I have achieved one thing: that I leave Alpha Gamma Rho a better place. While we have had or problems over the years, I would like to say

that things have gotten better and will continue to with the new group of officers coming in. We recently bought a computer and converted one of the rooms into an office, and with the help of Quickbooks are finances are in the best shape they've ever been in. Even though this Crescent went out late, Alumni Relations has also improved through more efficient communications with the national headquarters.

The one area that still makes us struggle though is recruitment. Now I'm not going to preach to you that it is everyone's job to recruit even after you leave, because you all

have heard it before. When I leave next semester I want to continue to help AGR as much as is

possible to me. As I thought about all the things I could do one thing stuck out in my mind; I should simply talk about AGR and be proud that I am a part of it for the rest of my life. The current recruitment problem is something the brothers living in the house need to fix, but one thing we see is that incoming freshman have never heard of Alpha Gamma Rho. While it may be easier, because of age, for the brothers living in the house to talk to and recruit these men, our (or at least mine when I graduate!) main objective should be to make sure people know we are AGR's! If we promote AGR and it's ideals to people before they go to college then we have already given our current undergraduates advantage. They no longer have to beat the "typical fraternity" stereotype. So be proud of what you are and remember, no brother is inactive.

Chris Wrocklage
1114

Alumnus wins top honors at Farm Bureau

Benjamin Cargill, manager of the Concord Crop Center, was named recipient of the Young Farmer Spirit Award, given to young persons who contribute to the health of agriculture and Farm Bureau but who may not be full time farmers.

While holding down his full time position with the fertilizer and farm supply business, he also produces vegetables and hay during

his off hours. He plans to add some beef animals, sheep, and eventually build a full time farm enterprise. He has been very active in farm organizations and also serves frequently as a judge at sheep shows.

- Weekly Market Bulletin

Founder's Day Set for April 19th

Greetings everyone and happy holidays. We would like to take this little space here to invite all of our alumni to Founder's Day in the spring. We have set it for April 19th this year. We ask you to mark your calendars now, because many people have complained as of late that we do not give enough notice for upcoming events. In the last Crescent the date for Founder's Day was

given many times, twice on the front page. Yet many complained that not enough notice was given. The invitations that are sent out are sent as a reminder and a way to RSVP, not as the sole form of notice. Founder's Day always falls on the closest Saturday to the 21st of April. Thanks, and see you here!

Adviser Report



The longer I am an Advisor the more I believe in the old adage that “the more things change the more things stay the same”. While that may not hold true in the short run it certainly seems to

in the long term. Haven Hayes told me as I was just starting out, as an Advisor back in the late 80 is that “being an Advisor is like watching the wheel being reinvented over and over again. It certainly has been one of those semesters! A major problem with the human race is that we don’t learn from the mistakes of those who have come before us, unless we have witnessed them firsthand.

I can try to steer the Chapter away from repeating mistakes, but ultimately if I don’t let the Brothers learn for themselves it only builds resentment. The Brothers always think that “times have changed and that things are different now”. Until they have gone through the process they don’t understand that human nature hasn’t changed in thousands of years and that our needs and wants are still the same.

What does change is how we sell, package and deliver our product. AGR is a product, it’s a product that when used according to the instructions will make better men. Our challenge is to figure out how to market a product “that lasts a

lifetime” when everyone is used to planned obsolescence. We are having a difficult time trying to figure out how to package and sell AGR right now.

A key element of this is to make sure that we have a quality product. The Brothers have recognized that there is work to be done. There has been a lack of emphasis on the importance of exceeding the all men’s average G.P.A., while I have stressed its importance the Brothers needed to find it out (again) for themselves. It is my expectation that the Chapter will reach that goal this semester. There are other areas as well that the Brothers are working on. I believe that they will prevail as our Brothers have always done in the past.

The element of ensuring quality which alumni control is the physical structure. The Chapter House is in good shape. With the replacement of all the windows now complete and new vinyl siding the exterior has never looked better. The interior is in good shape and the only repairs that are needed are due to normal wear resulting from age and some termite damage. The alumni deserve a pat on the back for the financial support shown on a continuing basis.

In closing I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you and your loved ones enjoy a happy holiday season and a joyous new year.

Faternally,
Shawn N. Jasper
827

Lost Alumni

Have you talked to any of these alumni, please write or call us with anyone’s new address!

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| Travis Allen | Demetrios Papas |
| Andrew Benjamin | Kendall Peterson |
| Michael Bussow | Christopher |
| Michael Callahan | Polichronopoulos |
| C.W. Chase | Arthur Pomerleau |
| John Cleary | Allan Quigley |
| William Cleary | Edward Quinn |
| Clifton Cloud | Derek Remington |
| Colin Colby | Jason Reynolds |
| James Corey | Rob Riendeau |
| Jeffrey Dorer | Rusell Rigoli |
| Kevin Cote | Eric Ritchings |
| Michael Druckman | Kevin Roy |
| Peter Dumais | Charles Russell |
| Christopher Eagan | Wilder Simpson |
| Mark Finch | Porter Smalley |
| Clifton Flint | Ronald Swetland |
| Brennan Foster | David Thibeault |
| Richard Fowler | Richard Valentine |
| Gordon Frampton | Timothy Walsh |
| Clark Granger | William Ward |
| John Grigas | Peter Weis |
| David Harris | Michael Welch |
| Brian Hays | James Whittemore |
| Leander Huckins | Gene Wilbur |
| Kevin Kent | Robert Williams |
| Wilfrid Labelle | Paul Young |
| Alfred Laber | Thomas Young |
| Paul Leary | |
| Henry McCrillis | |
| James McMullen | |
| Edward Meehan | |
| Thomas Morrell | |
| William Nixon | |
| Dennis O’Connell | |
| Michael Owens | |
| John Palmer | |

New Member Recommendation

Our alumni are one of our best sources of new members. If you know of anyone attending school here in the future, please talk to them about us, fill out this form and send it to: Attn: VNR Recruitment 6 Strafford Ave. Durham, NH 03824.

Name: _____ Hometown / State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Address: _____

Major: _____ Year at UNH: _____

Other Comments: _____

Live-In Adviser

This semester has surely been a learning experience for the current actives on the topic of recruitment. Omega Chapter learned this semester that recruiting solely through parties brings in the wrong crowd of people. Some of you heard rumors about us having sixteen or seventeen potentials on deck for this past fall. This is true to a degree. We *did* have that many, but as expected, they were recruited through parties and only thought of our house as a social outlet rather than for the many assets we possess. So, we ditched them. Kicked them to the curb. No big loss. Unfortunately, this ruined our momentum and in conjunction with the University moving official rush dates to late October; we fell behind the eight-ball again. We did, however, manage to bring in a total class of five, well-rounded, motivated men, two of which were held over from last semes-

ter. Zero Degree was a success, I obtained a second little brother (both of my little brothers have been acquired since becoming the live-in adviser...that has to be a record or something), so all may set aside your fears, the David Milton family tree lives on. I'd also like to apologize to the alumni that would have liked to have attended Zero Degree this year and were not informed. There was a massive lack of communication and we failed to get the message out. For all of those that did attend, thank you, you made the day enjoyable and enlightening. But again, I digress.

For those of you who haven't seen the house lately, you might want to stop by. Now, that I think about it, you might drive right past it seeing we changed the color. The siding is up, the windows are in, and the house looks the best it ever has (well, at least since I've been here).

It truly is a vast improvement and I'd like to thank all the alumni that dug deep and contributed to the capital drive fund. It really paid off. You can trust the actives to keep everything in pristine condition.

And finally, for the local alumni that have been showing up on a whim every now and then, thank you. Alums like Ben Richards who resurfaced after years to show their support and aid the house are a rare commodity today. This is not to say that there aren't alums that have done this in the past, but I just wanted to let you all know how nice it is to see such an unbridled act of generosity.

Looking forward to 2003 and the adventures that will bring Omega Chapter. Excelsior, True Believers!

Kevin Cavanaugh - 1076

Officer Reports



Once again this semester we have seen an increase in our involvement in activities involving the campus and other Greek houses. As usual, our beach party was a huge success with the help of several alumni, including Geoff Carlton who was

kind enough to serve as MC for the bikini contest. If you missed this annual event, which is usually held within the first few weeks of the new school year, the festivities were well documented on film and available upon request next time you visit the house. We have also had fun events that have developed relationships with other fraternities and sororities. Our neighbors' FKS and AF, and most recently SN and KD have been guests in our house and we look forward to more events with fellow Greeks.

Next semester should be a great time for house activities. We intend to continue this trend and in addition, hold more brotherhood events every week. As always we appreciate alumni involvement, so if you are in the area or just want something to do, please feel free to contact the house for an update on what's going on and stop by to check things out.

Ken Walker
VNR - Activities

As VNR Membership Recruitment, I would like to welcome our three newest brothers. They are good men and have a great willingness and eagerness to assist in house activities. They are listed to the right.

I would also like to re-emphasize that we need the help and support from you, our alumni, to get new recruits. As in the past few years, recruitment has posed a huge challenge within our house and as our numbers dwindle, so does the reality of AGR at the University of New Hampshire. The end of the Fall semester 2002 will leave the Omega chapter with ONLY 16 active members, of which 12 are living in the house. Remember that it is everyone's responsibility to recruit new members, and all I ask is that if you know of any young men entering UNH in the next year to please call or mail us with their name, mailing address, and phone number, and if you interact with them, to tell them about our house, and to tell them to come over and meet the men of AGR.

Chris Dolan
1121
VNR - Recruitment

Fall Projects Complete

As the fall semester came to a close so did the siding and window project that had been going on. At the house we now have all new windows on the first floor and deck. We sided the back of the house with a gray vinyl siding. The upstairs also has a new carpet and the walls are painted. There is also a room now used as an office for the officers of the house. We have an entertainment center in the chapter room also. The fireplace also has been repaired so that we can now use it. The bar room top is also being redone this semester. If you haven't seen any of these improvements the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho invite you to come down and check it out.

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Do have anything you want published? Maybe just a memory you would like to share with the other brothers or personal happenings in your life, like a marriage or children? Well, fill out the form below and send it back and we'll get it published in the next crescent! We're always on the lookout for interesting stories and pictures, so feel free to contribute.

Name: _____ Year Initiated: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

_____ E-mail Address: _____

_____ Occupation: _____

Interesting Personal Info: _____

Memories of AGR: _____
