

BETA OMEGA CRESCENT

ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY

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NOBLE RULER REPORT

The Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is full of potential. Currently our chapter is 25 members strong, 10 of whom joined this fall. With five brothers planning on graduating within the next year, recruitment is of top concern. Other issues on our agenda include housing, campus involvement and philanthropy.

First on the list is recruitment. Fall's recruitment went well and was a great time. First was our barbecue with the Sigma Alpha girls. This is one of the many events we have planned with them. The following nights we participated in card night and bowling. Besides the fact that everyone went to bed on average at 4 a.m., the week went very well. Looking on to future recruitment we have several men interested in rushing next semester. Also we will have members attending events such as FFA contests, Salute to Ag Basketball Game, State FFA and National FFA Convention.

Second on the list is housing. We are still renting the same house at 1124 E. Elm Street right beside campus. Alumni are always welcome to stop in and hang out. We are at capacity right now, which was a much needed turnaround from last semester. Already we have guys on the waiting list to move in. With the help of our alumni, we are in search of a permanent house to buy. Due to zoning laws and regulations, finding a suitable house for a fraternity is difficult. Besides that we are continuing to improve the current house. This includes a few new pieces of furniture and additional lighting. Don't worry: Red velvet is still holding strong in the front room. We strive to continue to make our

house a great environment for all of those involved in our Fraternity.

Finally, philanthropy is very important, and we strive to improve. So far this year we have been involved in Adopt-A-Highway Foundation, Canned Food Drives, and Relay for Life. Bradley Nichols (Grizz) voluntarily dressed up as a cheerleader and proudly represented our Fraternity in the MSU Relay for Life fundraiser last spring. A future activity will involve the Child Advocacy Center. We would like to thank the alumni for making this connection. As many know the Advo-

cacy Center teamed up with the first annual Alpha Gamma Rho Golf Tournament.

There is no limit to what our chapter can do. With actively involved members and alumni, the Beta Omega chapter will continue to be active on campus and in the community. We will continue to head in the right direction, keeping our goals and values in mind. I appreciate the officer team and members that are all willing to sacrifice their time and effort to make Alpha Gamma Rho the top fraternity on campus.

Special Thanks: If anyone doesn't know Mary has official put Alpha Gamma Rho in stone on Missouri State Campus. We would like to encourage anyone who has not seen it to check it out. Thank you, Mary, for everything you do! We will always be your boys.

Fraternally,
Daniel Wisner
Noble Ruler



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ALUMNI PRESIDENT REPORT

Brothers,

The Southwest Missouri Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma Rho has had a busy year. On May 8, we held an alumni barbecue at the Darr Agricultural Center on the Missouri State University Campus. There were approximately 50 people who came out to get involved and show their support to the alumni association and the chapter. Larry Warren, AGR's past Grand President, gave a presentation on the Fraternity's plans for the future, and Dr. Anson Elliott, MSU Agriculture Department Head, talked about the new Journagen Ranch acquisition. A big thank you goes to Vince Blankenship, Glenn Cope and David Cope (Theta chapter) for the tasty food that was served.

The charity golf tournament on Sept. 11 was also a success. The golf tournament raised proceeds for the Chapter Housing Fund and the Child Advocacy Center. Nineteen teams came out to support the cause. We raised a total of nearly \$2,000, with half of the money going to the Child Advocacy Center. Congratulations to all of the winners, and thank you to the planning committee: brothers Kevin Lockard, Chad Lathrop and Andy Collins.

The Pink Rose Formal was scheduled for Jan. 29, 2011. The chapter has always done a wonderful job of planning the night. This year we tried to incorporate a Founder's Day with the Pink Rose Formal. It was a great time once again. Thank you to those who attended.

We are constantly working on updating our alumni contact list. If you have recently moved or know of another brother who has been lost, please contact a member of the alumni board so we can share our exciting news with them.

The chapter has a busy school year as well. This fall, the chapter has initiated 10 new members. Congratulations to the new members and the VNRs of Recruitment for a job well done. One thing we are constantly working on is the communication between the chapter and the alumni. As most of you know, throughout the past years, we did not have much of an alumni base because we were so young. Now we have grown to be a

valuable asset to the chapter. I encourage all brothers to stop by to see the house or just to say hi. You can also attend a chapter meeting every Wednesday night at 9:00 p.m. in Karls Hall.

The chapter is also looking for prominent leaders in agriculture to speak at the monthly formal meetings. If you know of anyone the undergraduates would enjoy hearing speak, please give the contact information to the chapter so we may broaden our horizons and learn from other leaders in the community.

It is our practice to request EACH of our alumni to make ANNUAL voluntary dues payments to the Southwest Missouri Alumni Corporation of Alpha Gamma Rho. In the past this request has been made at the annual Pink Rose Formal in January and in each issue of the Beta Omega Crescent. These payments constitute the dominant source of income to cover the alumni corporation's non-real estate operating expenses and to BUILD EQUITY. We will not be able to acquire much needed permanent housing for our undergraduate members until the alumni corporation's equity position is substantially increased.

If each alumnus makes annual dues payments of at least \$100, in a few short years we will be able to achieve

the goal of owning our own fraternity house—the goal of every Beta Omega member since the beginning of the chapter. When you consider all that you have gained—and continue to gain—as a result of becoming an Alpha Gamma Rho brother, this is a very small request.

I hope you will promptly complete and return the form on page three along with your check. Please consider paying more than the suggested \$100 dues payment, thereby helping us to achieve our goal sooner.

Remember that **Brotherhood in AGR is for four years and a lifetime!**

Faternally,
Bryan Deimeke
Alumni President



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Beta Omega chapter this year is on a rebound and in reconstruction of our membership development. This year we are making it mandatory for *every* member to read the Golden Crescent, and we will have presentations each week of every chapter. We are also making it a requirement that each member completes a biweekly test that covers the chapters reviewed over the last two weeks. This will give us time to talk about the rich history of the Fraternity.

Another new development in Beta Omega is the acquisition of an official house mother: Mary Sunderman. She has been a very close house mother since the charter of the Chapter. She has given so much to the chapter by being there for all of the brothers, and she is one of the better people who I have personally come in contact with. She has recently given a brick, which is basically a recognition wall for people or groups who have made an impact at Missouri State.

This was a great honor for us and for Mary. The brick reads: Alpha Gamma Rho RULE THE WORLD.

While this semester is the first of hopefully many to come with the new construction of membership development, we still are a very strong group of brothers and are becoming closer each and every day. We continue to look for good brothers/recruits for the fraternity, and I believe we have our best class since I have been here. We have a group of 10 new brothers that bring a good spirit to the chapter and will be future leaders we can depend on. This is just one step of many for Beta Omega, but we are very optimistic about the future and happy with where we are right now.

Fraternally,
Clint Elmore
VNR Membership Development

AGR HOUSE

There are currently 10 undergraduate members living in the house: Nober Ruler Dan Wisner, VNR Management Operations Kyle Cushard, Lance Eley, Nick Rapp, Landon Eggerman, Bradley Schofield, Bradley Nichols, Clint Elmore, Steven Hoaglin and Logan Yearsley. With combined efforts of our landlord and our brothers we have made several much needed improvements to the house. One of the things we are talking about is code activated locks for the

doors to prevent any more theft. There are a few people graduating this December that will be moving out and several new initiates moving in. We are hoping to keep 10 guys in the house from now on to keep everyone's rent minimal.

Fraternally,
Kyle Cushard
VNR Management Operations

PAYMENT FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail address: _____
Phone: _____

VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES PAYMENT:

\$100 Other Amount: _____

Make Voluntary Dues check payable to Southwest Missouri Alumni Corporation of Alpha Gamma Rho

BETA OMEGA FUND CONTRIBUTION:

Amount: _____

Make Beta Omega Fund contribution check payable to AGR Educational Foundation

PLEASE MAIL TO: CHAD LATHROP
733 W. DOWNING, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807

ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Beta Omega Chapter has begun to develop quite the extensive and rich foundation for having and participating in activities that exemplify our members' great qualities. Over the past year, we've held our annual events White Trash Bash and Ball Blast. White Trash Bash was an enormous success with over 400 attendees and a live performance from the John D. Hale Band. In its 10th year, Ball Blast was also a successful event with a professional disc jockey from a radio station in the Springfield area.

On the athletic side of things, we have participated in coed softball last spring and this fall. We even made the playoffs both seasons thanks to our consistent lineup coming out each week and a

large amount of support from our fellow brothers. This fall was the most successful trip to the playoffs, falling only one game short of making it to the championship game.

The Beta Omega chapter tries to involve possible new recruits regularly by providing a welcoming environment at the house and having a monthly barbecue.

These activities provide a strong foundation for our chapter and help us to constantly stay involved campus-wide and continue to put our name out for everyone to see.

Fraternally,
Tim Pierce

FINANCE REPORT

The Chapter is in the best financial situation it has been in for awhile. The collections of alumni debt is ongoing and has been essentially cut in half. However, we would like your assistance in finding Steven William Caudle, Justin L Snow, Timothy E. Young, Jr. and Ryan Christopher Avants. These gentlemen cannot currently be found by the collection agency. I would appreciate your help. If you

have any information please feel free to call me at 573-855-9995.

In other news Ball Blast was a financial success and raised some money for the chapter. We look forward to the next semester and a few fundraisers.

Fraternally,
Logan Yearsley

ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Sept. 11, 2010 the Beta Omega chapter began a new tradition: We held our first annual golf tournament, with half the proceeds going to the Child Advocacy Center. It was a great day with around 40 attendees including alumni, friends and sponsors. The event

was held at Horton Smith Golf Course in Springfield, Mo. The Child Advocacy Center was very excited that we choose them, and we believe it is a start to a beautiful relationship between our chapter and the Child Advocacy Center.

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2010 BBQ FOR AGR ALUMNI

The third annual Southwest Missouri AGR Barbecue was held on May 8 at the Darr Agricultural Center in Springfield. Approximately 50 people attended including alumni brothers from several chapters, Missouri State undergraduate brothers and guests. The event was sponsored by the AGR's Southwest Missouri Alumni Corporation.

In addition to the barbecue dinner, the evening included a tour of the Darr Agricultural Center and time to socialize. There was also a program featuring **Dr. Anson Elliott** who presented an overview of the Journagan

Teaching and Research Ranch, which was recently donated to Missouri State University. **Past Grand President Larry Warren** provided an update of significant current events in our nationwide fraternity.

We hope you will join us at the next AGR alumni barbecue to be held in 2011. Additional information and invitations will be forthcoming in the spring.

Fraternally,
Rick Carpenter
Chapter Adviser

FALL RECRUITMENT

This year, recruitment has been in everyone's thoughts with graduation just around the corner once again. Our recruitment has been fruitful though, yielding 10 new initiates!

These fine young men have a wide array of majors that range from Wildlife Conservation and Agriculture Business, among others. These men are a great group of diverse scholars with much potential and promise for the Beta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho fra-

ternity here at Missouri State University.

The week prior to initiation, we held events that allowed members to introduce themselves and become acquainted with the potential initiates. These events involved such activities as bowling, barbecuing and a good, old fashioned card night.

Fraternally,
Landon Eggerman and Timothy Pierce

FALL 2010: NEW MEMBERS

AARON ALLAN
BENJAMIN BALLHORN
BRANT BROWER
SCOTT LEE
DAVID PARRACK

NOLAN RAPP
KYLE RICHNER
NATHAN RYAN
AUSTIN SMITH
BJORN WILKERSON

BETA OMEGA CHAPTER ONLINE



Connect. Communicate. Discuss. Find us on Facebook and strengthen your bond with your brothers and your chapter. Search for "Alpha Gamma Rho Beta Omega" and reconnect today!

LOST BROTHERS

Below are some of Beta Omega's lost brothers. If you have any information, please let us know so we can keep all brothers up to date. Please send information to: Beta Omega, 1124 E. Elm St., Springfield, MO 65806.

Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date	Roll #	Last/First Name	Init. Date
9	Cope, Glen	2003	41	Hill, Gregory	2003	47	Law, Timothy	2004
22	Rush, Jeffrey	2003	42	Osborne, Casey	2003	66	Baker, Dustin	2006
29	Abele, Tyler	2003	43	Allison, Marc	2003	73	North, Cory	2007
33	Carrick, Amos	2003	45	Buck, Jordan	2003	79	Snow, Justin	2007
			46	Swaters, David	2004			

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ALUMNI NEWS WANTED

The next issue of the Beta Omega Crescent should be full of news about alumni brothers. Please send us your updated contact information and the latest on your accomplishments (marriage, family, jobs, etc.) to: Beta Omega Chapter Alpha Gamma Rho, Attn: Alumni Relations, 1124 E. Elm St., Springfield, MO 65806.

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Please help us recruit the best of men. If you know someone who would make a good addition to our fraternity, please let us know so we can contact him and enhance our brotherhood.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone - home: _____ School: _____

Classification/Major: _____

Comments: _____

Your name and address: _____

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