

DUKE UNIVERSITY \* NEWS LETTER

Gamma Rho Chapter

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Dear Brothers:

Here is at least some sort of newsletter -- the result of the cards sent to you which you were asked to fill out and return.

On the weekend of July 6, 7, 8, Anne Milliken held a pseudo Beta reunion at her home in Robesonia, Penna. Gamma Rho was represented by Bill Graham, Ken Towe, Tom Lowe, Pete Denker, Dick Strawther, Dick Watson, and Tony Weir. Other Duke students closely associated with most of us were Bobbi Herb, Nancy Swain, and Ron Mogul. Anne had better than a dozen house guests, plus a great many others who stayed at the party most of the night anyway. It was quite a party.

Following are various comments from many of the brothers. We're sorry that some of you were away, or had moved, and therefore did not receive the cards in time to send some news.

The last report concerning Fred Samuels was that he left for Warm Springs, Ga., on August 2. We certainly hope that he'll be back at Duke before long. Best of Luck, Fred.

Our District Chief, Chalmers Davidson:

"I got in today from the N. C. Writer's Conference at Chapel Hill where I was supposed to explain to those assembled how to write biographies (most of them probably knew more than I). As I'm teaching here in Summer School, I didn't get a chance to run over to Duke but had to get back. I haven't seen any of the Gamma Rho boys this summer so have no news. I am planning to go to the Convention in Michigan with Phil Baker. Carl Cooper, President of the Davidson Chapter will probably go with us. I understand Gamma Rho did all right in scholarship. Good Luck."

Bob Leak:

"This summer I went to Emory University Geology Field Camp at Ringgold, Ga. for four weeks, one of which I was in the hospital following an auto accident in Chattanooga, Tenn., on July 4. I wasn't hurt bad and have since fully recovered and have gotten a new '56 Ford. I enter the University of Tennessee in September, working toward a masters in Geology. I have an assistantship and will assist with Geology labs, etc. The rest of this summer has been spent in preparation for my wedding on August 25 to Martha who will teach school next year in Knoxville. Hope anybody who can come to the wedding will be there. Good luck next year."

John Price:

"I have been working this summer at Taylor Instrument Company here in Rochester assembling steel panels. --good pay, but long hours. I bought a new Ford Victoria for my service travel. I still report September 28 at Lackland for flight training. I am still pinned and Pat will be here the first of August for ten days. I'm going to Leak's wedding the 25th of August. May be at Duke when school starts."

Fred Watkins:

"Cathy and I leave for Lackland on August 11 -- a week in Rowland, a day in Charlotte, and a week in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and arrive by the 30th of August. I have been working this summer at Sears in Durham." (Fred has had a permanent change of address. He now lives at 312 N. Jefferson Ave., Clearwater, Fla.)

Bill Graham:

"I'm working for Du Pont in Philly. It is interesting, but it sure isn't college. Talked to Blake on the phone in D. C. a while ago. He is headed for Quantico. I'm living at 111 S. 37th Street, Philadelphia. Phone Baring 2-7593. I'm a weekend commuter, to wherever there is a party."

Kit Weir:

"I'm working in advertising research in Princeton, New Jersey. I'm working full time, and am trying to learn the business thoroughly as a member of a sales team. Have made several trips to Arlington to see Gibby, and I plan to make many more. Hope to see everyone Homecoming Weekend in Durham. Best of Luck."

Bob Walton:

"So far this summer I have enrolled at Harvard Summer School at the last minute. I saw Dick Burton up here too. I climbed Mt. Washington in 30 degree, 67 mph winds. I caught a cold but had a great time -- had to spend night on mountain ridge because of the dark. I met a Beta from Yale with a Porsche. Quite a change from the Model A."

Carl Miller:

"I'm pinned and a thousand miles from my girl. I'm having a terrible time -- no parties, no nothing."

Bill McLain's father:

"I thought I would let you know that Bill is, at present, in Geneva, Switzerland, attending summer school at the University of Geneva with Pete Fischer and Bob Stuart. He will be in Europe for a total of ten weeks -- the first week of which was spent in London, then seven or eight weeks in Geneva and about a week in Paris before returning home early in September. Bill writes the most interesting letters and apparently he is enjoying himself to the utmost. He is studying French at the University and apparently is getting the opportunity to practice it at every turn. When he returns we plan to spend a few days at our lake cottage near Orlando."

George Whyte:

"I am spending the summer working in a sales training program for the Pet Milk Company. Besides that, there is not much to tell. I am working at that golf game quite a bit, but that is the extent of my athletic endeavors."

Pete Denker:

"Social life has been slow here on Long Island. I'm trying to save what dollars I can from my job of selling pots and pans to amorous young girls. I expect Fatback for a visit. Saw Squid in New York."

John Moore:

"I'm a sports director in a New Hampshire resort -- the Crawford House Club. Combo lifeguard, tennis court roller, mountain guide, and assistant social host. Been dating a Ft. Lauderdale girl 30 nights a month. May go there after leaving here September 1 or 2."

Woody Furman:

"All I can say is no news is good news, I guess. Riz and I have had a couple of live 'em up nights in Toledo. That's about it."

Tom Short:

"I'm driving a large lumber truck for Celina Lumber and Supply. This supplemented by contract blasting constituted my summer employment. Managed to work in many good times here on the lake with name bands, swimming, water skiing, crow hunting, etc. Subversive activities have been at a minimum. At the present, I'm planning a trip to the East where I will complete my plans as a member of Hercules Powder Company's training program. After leaving Wilmington, Delaware, I want to visit several friends and brothers in the East, before returning home and then to Duke."

Dave Buss:

"I'm attending summer school at University of Cincinnati, taking economics. Am playing much golf. Movies and booze at night. Convention bound in late August. Regards from Moo Moo to the chapter."

Bob Weaver:

"I am now on NROTC cruise. We were at Corpus Christi and now at Little Creek, Va. I worked in Jacksonville for Sinclair Oil Company before the cruise."

Tony Weir:

"I've spent the summer working for Gallup and Robinson, Inc., an advertising research agency in Princeton, New Jersey. As far as social life is concerned, the past few months have been terribly slow, but I expect that to change shortly. I'm leaving for Orlando on the 29th to visit Mary, and will return to Duke with her."

Dick Burton:

"As far as I'm concerned, all I have been doing is going to Harvard Summer School and playing golf. Here's an interesting note: I got unpinned the first week I was home!! Great to be free! School ends the 22nd of this month... yea!"

Dick Risley:

"I am working for Harry Moffitt (National PGA President) at Heatherdowns Country Club here in Toledo. Have been dating numerous girls and have attended many house parties. I'm planning to go to National Beta Convention."

Charlie Wills:

"I've been working this summer as a cabana boy at a beach club and recently as a magazine salesman. I haven't had much time to throw parties but I spend my spare time at Fire Island since my folks moved out to Bayshore on August 1. I plan to take a trip to Montreal, Canada, for a week with two friends before school."

Leroy King:

"I'm really keeping busy this summer as I am working six days a week at our Western Baptist Hospital. On Sundays I try to rest up for the next six days or head for our beautiful Kentucky Lake. Earlier this summer I spent a day with George Whyte and his folks in St. Louis. George, John Cole, John Hobbs, and I keep the St. Louis Cardinals well supplied with ardent rooters."

Hank Rouse:

"I am spending a quiet summer and am working for City Construction Company of Utica."

Dick Watson:

"I've been working at Standard Pressed Steel in Jenkintown, Penna. I've been to Ocean City on occasion and a trip to my last year's roommate's at Harvey's Lake. I plan to go to Stone Harbor, New Jersey the first week in September. On the weekends and nights Dad and I painted our house. Few dates but a lot of fun just hacking around."

Gary Tabor:

"I am spending my summer working at Camp Becket, Two State YMCA. Mostly executive work with a cabin group of six. Spending my spare time listening to the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood where one evening I met John Moore, who had driven 250 miles just for the concert. Also seeing quite a few jazz concerts in a nearby town. (Brubeck, Ellington, Vaughn, Mad Jazz Quartet, and Gerry Mulligan.) Hugh is coming down from Toronto for Labor Day and then off to NYC and back to Toronto. Great fun!"

Bill Dowling:

"I have been working this summer as the Head Lifeguard at a swimming pool near Hinsdale. Manage to date almost every night. I got up to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, (resort lake) for some sailing and a few blasts. Made enough money to buy a '53 Ford which you will see next year."