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Noble Ruler Report

Theta Brothers,

The days of summer have come and gone, and the men of Theta Chapter are well underway with what I'm sure will be another fun and exciting semester. Theta Chapter had a successful spring, initiating six new members and achieving a chapter GPA of 3.094. During Greek Week we were paired with the women of Sigma Sigma Sigma and the men of Sigma Nu, and we finished in the top five for several categories. Our annual philanthropy "Bringin' in the Heat," an indoor volleyball tournament, raised over $6,000 for the Shelter of Columbia, a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. Theta Chapter saw great success this summer at the Alpha Gamma Rho National Convention, bringing home awards in several categories and being named runner up for the Maynard Coe.

Fall is here and with it is a promising new member class of 27 individuals bringing our total membership to over 100 brothers. CAFNR week preparations are in full swing, and our members are busy as ever as we begin homecoming planning, hoping to once again bring home a first place finish. This year we are paired with the women of Kappa Delta and the men of Zeta Beta Tau, both of which are already proving to be driven, hardworking organizations. The brothers at Theta Chapter are looking forward to football games, tailgates, socials and the numerous other events that are still to come in this busy semester. However with all of these festivities the men of Theta Chapter are constantly striving to "Make better men, and through them a broader and better Agriculture." I welcome all of you to stop by the house and see firsthand the great things that are going on at 602 S. College.

Fraternally,
Logan Chrislaw #1591
Noble Ruler

2010 Awards

Current members and alumni with Theta's awards at the 2010 National Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Our Chapter captured several honors and awards at the 2010 Convention. We are honored to be one of only 10 AGR Gold Star Chapters. This honor is given to chapters who achieve all of the requirements for six of the seven caterogies. Theta Chapter qualified in all seven, receiving awards in five of those areas.

We received Highest Honors for Promise and Values; High Honors for Alumni Relations, Chapter Website, and Best Single Issue of the Crescent; and Honorable Mention for Membership Development. In addition, our Housemom, Marty Napier was recognized for Best Chapter Management Program, and the Building Association received Honorable Mention as the Best Alumni Corporation.

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Convention Highlights

Theta Well Represented at Convention

Theta Brothers from Deleware to Florida and across Missouri answered the call to "Meet Me in St. Louis" when the 61st National Convention of Alpha Gamma Rho convened August 12-14, 2010.

Brother Ken Morrison ('73) served as the Convention Chairman, and he received some great support from several Theta brothers currently residing in the greater St. Louis area. David Minnick ('75) helped with sponsorships and organized and presided over the Vesper Service. Lowell Newsom ('66) organized a great outing (via a chauffeured limousine) to St. Charles, Mo, for all of the housemoms attending the convention. He also planned a special session for housemoms and advisers. Steve Barr ('69) served on the Steering Committee, sponsored dinner on Friday evening at the St. Louis Zoo, and his company, Osborn & Barr, designed the convention Logo. Powell Carman ('81) hosted the Steering Committee/ National Boards dinner on Tuesday at the Missouri Athletic Club. John Koenigsfeld ('08) was an undergraduate member of the Steering Committee. A big thanks goes to everyone on the Steering Committee for a job well done.

Wherever you looked throughout the Convention, Theta brothers were there making things happen. Finishing out his term as Grand President, Brother Larry Warren ('65) greeted us on Thursday with his State of the Fraternity Address and presided over the business sessions and other events throughout the Convention. Steve Ellis ('71) was a volunteer worker for Home Office seeing that all aspects of the Convention ran smoothly and on time. Charlie Napier ('62) was the technology guru that kept the attendees informed and entertained. Zane Akins ('59) chaired the Nominations Committee. Phil Witte ('64) was a bus tour guide on our trips to Grant's Farm and the Zoo and Boyd Atteberry ('67) was also a tour guide at Grant's Farm. Joe Eddy ('96) did a breakout session titled "Earn It, Don't Burn It." Tyler Kelly ('93) published the AGR News overnight three times, often receiving the content very late in the evening, but completing the publication so that it was on each delegate's chair by 8:30 a.m. the following morning. Kyle Allen ('05) was the Convention auctioneer raising thousands of dollars for the AGR Education Foundation.

Theta Noble Ruler, Logan Chrislaw ('07) led the initiation ceremonies for three distinguished service initiates that included Bill Jackson (pin # 1681) who chose to be initiated as a Theta. Our newest Theta is co-owner of Brunswick River Terminal Inc., part owner of Mendon Feed and Grain, and General Manager of Agri Services of Brunswick LLC.

In addition to the business and breakout sessions, Convention attendees enjoyed tours of the Gateway Arch, Chesterfield Village (Monsanto) Research Center, Cahokia Mounds, Grant's Farm, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Busch Stadium Redbird Club and the Zoo at Forest Park.

2010 Convention Attendees: Zane Akins, Kyle Allen, Boyd Atteberry, Steve Barr, Dalton Brown ('09), David Buckman ('79), Jacob Buehler ('09), Christopher Carmen ('83), Powell and Kelly Carman, Logan Chrislaw ('07), Steve Chaney ('73), Phillip Durbin ('08), Joe Eddy, Steve Ellis, Brett Everett ('91), Brandon Fischer, ('07), Kelsey Flynn ('10), John Harvey ('56), Jared Henderson ('08), Bill Jackson, Tyler Kelly, Thad and Shelly Koenigsfeld ('98), Alan and Belinda Masters ('80), Christopher Masters ('07), Collin Masters (2010 recruit), Ryan and Elizabeth Milhollin ('98), David and Nancy Minnick, Ken and Helena Morrison, Charlie and Minta Napier, Marty Napier (Housemom), Lowell Newsom and Joni DeWeese, Brandon Salmons, ('07), Josh and Molly Terhune ('98), Doug and Pat Thomas ('79) Larry and Sue Warren, Shannon Weber ('07), Phil and Eileen Witte.

Convention Highlights

Theta Honors Larry Warren

Left: David Minnick presents picture to Larry Warren on behalf of Theta Alumni. Right: Larry and Sue Warren with their new director's chairs.

Brother Larry Warren, #730, initiate class of 1965 recently retired from six years of service on the National Board, two of them as Grand President. Theta Alumni presented Larry with a picture of an F-4, the aircraft that he piloted during his tour of duty for the Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. During his time with the Air Force he flew 147 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and eight air medals. He retired at the rank of Major General. The alumni and undergraduates presented Larry and Sue, his wife of 42 years, with personalized director's chairs for their new career, as joint owners of a video production company, Sharp Focus Video LLC.

Welcome Brother Bill Jackson

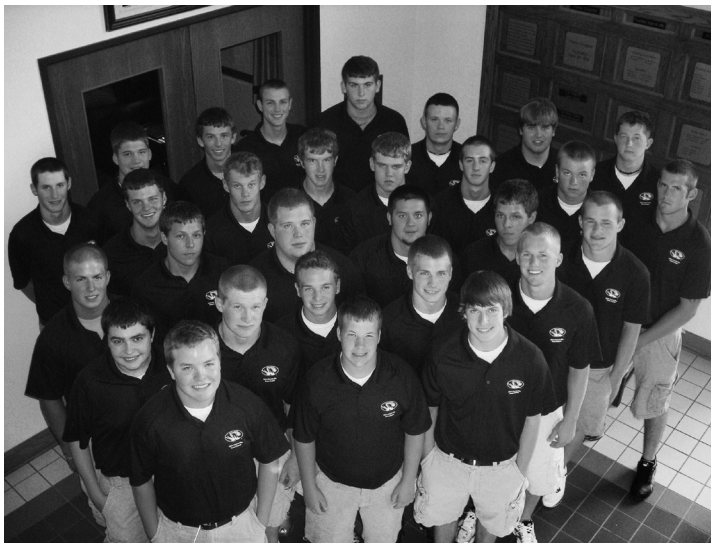
Brothers Steve Ellis, Lowell Newsom and Larry Warren welcome Bill Jackson (second from right).

At the 61st National Convention in August, Theta Chapter welcomed William P. "Bill" Jackson as a Distinguished Service Initiate. Brother Jackson is the General Manager of AgriServices of Brunswick LLC in Brunswick, Mo., a 50-50 joint venture (1998) between MFA Inc. (Columbia, Mo.) and Brunswick River Terminal Inc. (Brunswick, Mo.) with Mendon Feed & Grain Inc. (Mendon, Mo.) included as a part of BRT. In the formation of the joint venture, the physical facilities of Brunswick MFA AgriServices, Brunswick River Terminal and Mendon Feed & Grain were merged under one management team to form AGRIServices of Brunswick. Bill is a co-owner of Brunswick River Terminal Inc. and a part owner of the Mendon Feed & Grain Inc.

He received his bachelor's degree and a master's from Purdue and began his Ag career as a sales representative for Monsanto. He is Vice-Chairman of the Missouri Ag and Small Business Development Authority, a board member of The Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow Foundation, member of the Missouri Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture and a board member of the Chariton County (MO) Community Foundation. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Marshall, Mo.

Recruitment Report & New Members Initiated

On Aug. 25, 2010 Theta Chapter initiated 27 new members into the brotherhood. Thanks to the efforts of our recruitment team, the undergraduates, and our alumni brothers, an outstanding group of young men have joined us at 602 S. College. Below is a complete list of the new members, their hometown and majors. When you are in Columbia, we hope you will stop by, meet our new brothers and make them feel welcome. They are:



Casey Alden
Gallatin, Ag Business

Ben Buesing
Nevada, Ag Business

Russ Chambers
Columbia, Fisheries & Wildlife

Dirk Diehl
Butler, Ag Systems Management (ASM)

Jacob Dinsmore
Meadville, Ag Systems Management (ASM)

Matt Eisenbeth
Silex, Animal Science

Andy Fleming
Silex, General Agriculture

Alex Fodge
Paris, Ag Systems Management (ASM)

Tyler Garrett
Worth, Engineering

Kyle Gilbert
Bolckow, Biology, PreMed

Andy Greenly
Knox City, Ag Systems Management (ASM)

Tanner Greer
Nevada, Bioscience, PreMed

Dominic Habjan
Nevada, Ag Business

Chris Hudson
Middletown, Animal Science

Britt Kagay
Amity, Ag Business

Collin Masters
Columbia, Ag Business

Andy Moffitt
St. Charles, Ag Systems Management (ASM)

Paul Pierson
Norborne, Chemical Engineering

John Roling
Salisbury, Biochemistry

Josh Roling
Salisbury, Biochemistry

Michael Schiefer
Troy, Animal Science

Clint Scotten
Nevada, Bioscience

Ryan Shoffner
Eldridge, Animal Science

Austin Smith
East Pararie, Ag Education

Travis Tvrdy
Cameron, Animal Science

Brett Verner
Odessa, Ag Business

John Wehde
Moscow Mills, Civil Engineering

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2010 Senior Updates

Tony Amos, Ag Systems Management (ASM), is employed by Sydenstricker John Deere and living in Kirksville, Mo.

Alan Brandt, Ag Business, is employed by Edward Jones and living in St. Louis, Mo.

Ed Cope, Ag Systems Management (ASM), has taken a job with Pioneer and lives in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Kyle Eckler, Ag Education Leadership, is employed by Dow and currently living in Madison, Wisc.

Lee Gard, Mechanical Engineering, is working for Harold Butzer Inc. in Jefferson City and living in Columbia, Mo.

Taylor Hibler, Ag Business, is living in Cameron, Mo. and working for Cameron Coop as a Pioneer Representative.

Bradley Hoene, Ag Systems Management (ASM), is living in Eureka, Mo. and working for Renaissance Financial. He and Samantha are planning an April wedding.

Bryant Kagay, Mechanical Engineering, is living in Columbia, Mo. and pursuing an MBA. He and Rachel will be married on Jan. 8, 2011.

Matt Kahrs, Ag Economics, is employed by Farm Risk Management Specialist and living in Columbia, Mo. He and Brittany were married on July 24 in Sedalia, Mo.

Michael Manson, Ag Economics, is employed by Lewis Hybrids as a District Sales Manager and living in Columbia, Mo.

Tanner Michael, Ag Business, is employed by MHC and living in Columbia, Mo.

Robert Parks, Mechanical Engineering, will complete his engineering degree in December.

Alex Reigelsburger, Finance, Ag Business, is living in Kansas City, Mo. and working for Farmer's Insurance Co.

Joe Scott, Animal Science, is living in Columbia, Mo. and pursuing a master's degree in Animal Science.

Chase Sommer, Ag Business, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is learning to fly helicopters.

Jared Thomas, Ag Education, is living in Chillicothe, Mo. and working for Channel Bio.

Jacob Woolston, Ag Business Management, is pursuing a law degree at Southern Methodist University in Texas.

Neal Martin and **Spencer Thompson** both took early graduation and have begun their first year of Vet School.

Alex Berry, Ag Systems Management (ASM), graduated after three years and returned to the family farm in Pattonsburg, Mo.

Alex Benoit, Ag Systems Management (ASM), graduated after three years and returned to the family farm in Centralia, Mo.

Upcoming Events

Oct.9, 2010
Dad's Weekend

Oct. 22-23, 2010
Homecoming Weekend
Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: House Decorations
Saturday, 9 a.m.: Homecoming Parade
Saturday, TBA: Homecoming game vs. Oklahoma

Nov. 20, 2010
Thanksgiving Break begins

Dec. 18, 2010
Graduation
Winter Break begins

Jan. 18, 2011
Classes resume

Feb. 4-6, 2011
AGR Classic Cattle Show

Feb. 5, 2011
Founder's Day

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