

THETA CRESCENT

ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY

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NOBLE RULER REPORT

When the new Theta Executive Team met for the first time at the beginning of the semester, we realized that this would be a great opportunity to really improve our chapter by looking at our strengths and weaknesses. My first semester here the chapter roster was barely above 80; now our chapter roster is above 100. With this increased size come many more exciting opportunities, but this also requires us to adjust some of our programs. We realized if we don't continue to challenge ourselves, we can never grow and progress as a chapter.

Academics always have been (and will ever be) a main focal point for our members. Last semester we had the second highest number of undergraduates achieve a 3.25 GPA since 2001. We also discussed ways we could strengthen the development of our brothers while providing them with even more oppor-

tunities for networking, leadership, brotherhood and service.

Lastly we want to continue to focus on recruiting men that strive for excellence in scholarship, leadership and service while also having an interest and ties to the agricultural industry. As the new Noble Ruler, I am excited about the future of the Fraternity and the many accomplishments that our brothers are achieving on this campus and around this nation. My main goal for the next year is to always represent the ideals that Alpha Gamma Rho exemplifies and to strive to lead the men of this chapter to be the premier fraternity on this campus.

Fraternally,
Jared Henderson #1626
Noble Ruler

17TH ANNUAL AGR CLASSIC

Oh, the weather outside was frightful, and the roads were not delightful, but as long as we have a Classic, let it snow, let it snow, let us show! Indeed, the show did proceed on schedule. More than 17 inches of snow, hazardous road conditions and a last minute change in venue were only some of the challenges faced



by the Classic committee and the exhibitors at the 17th Annual AGR Classic held Feb. 5-6 at the Midway Exhibition Center west of Columbia. A total of 197 young exhibitors brought 120 heifers and 137 steers from Missouri and Iowa, among other states, to compete in the first points of 2011.

Thanks to the hard work of the Classic tri-directors Tony Ryan, Michael Gilum and Chase Heath, the show was well organized, and they were prepared for making so many last minute changes. Nearly every Theta brother that wasn't working on Founder's Day could be found setting up stalls, shov-

eling snow, weighing in cattle, shoveling snow, registering exhibitors, shoveling snow... well, you get the picture.

Kirk Sterwalt was the judge. A special thank you goes out to alumnus Kyle Allen ('06), our ring announcer for the past five years.

REUNIONS

The Theta Crescent Editor would like to offer space in future Crescents to groups and/or classes wanting to plan and communicate reunions. Our Crescent usually has a nine week lead time. The men who were initiated in 1971 are planning a get together at Lake

of the Ozarks Aug. 5-7, 2011. They encourage others who were in school with them to participate too.

Contact Steve Ellis (agr821@gmail.com or 573-253-9177) or Dan Prosser (dan@prosserfinancial.com or 636-537-5353) for more information.

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THOMPSON, GERKE LEAD AT MISSOURI FARM BUREAU

Missouri Farm Bureau (MFB) has a long and distinguished history of providing statewide policy leadership in our broader and better agriculture, and that means AGRs are leading the way.

At MFB's 96th annual meeting, Harry Thompson ('72) was elected to the Board of Directors, and Jason Gerke ('92) was announced as the new Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) chair and Advisory Board Member.

Harry and his wife, Jana, farm near Lohman, Mo. Harry isn't a newcomer to statewide leadership in Missouri agriculture, either. He also serves on the Board of Directors of MFA, Inc., and their son Ben Thompson ('00) works for MFA, Inc. and serves on Theta's Building Association Board.

Jason and his wife, Colleen, of near Platte City, Mo. operate JOWLER CREEK WINERY. Jason also works at OSBORN & BARR, which was founded by

Steve Barr ('69), and Jason serves as Editor of AGR's SICKLE & SHEAF Magazine.

"And that's not the end of my story..." MFB's immediate past President is Charlie Kruse ('86) of Dexter, Mo. The current Chief Administrative Officer at MFB is Dan Cassidy ('06). They each succeeded legendary AGRs (the late) C.R. (Dick) Johnston ('48) and Lowell Mohler ('58), respectively. Additionally, Dr. Larry Case ('86) was recognized with MFB's Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award. Many of you know Dr. Case as Advisor to the National FFA. Barbara Wilson, wife of Bruce Wilson ('80), continues her service on MFB's Board. Glen Cope of Aurora, Mo., who is a Beta Omega chapter initiate and brother of David Cope ('98), was named to the American Farm Bureau YF&R committee.

Did we miss anybody? If so, let us know by emailing cdscn6@mail.missouri.edu.

RECRUITMENT TEAM SETS GOALS FOR 2011

As we approach spring, Theta Chapter has begun our quest for new Brothers. Together with the executive board and the recruitment team we have established these goals for our fall 2011 new member class:

- Build a recruitment list with 200 names of present students and high school seniors coming to Mizzou
- Host four recruitment events in Columbia this spring
- Host/attend three recruitment events statewide
- Make a minimum of 30 home visits

We also made a goal to recruit a new member class of 30 quality men based upon the following criteria:

- Academics
- Activities
- Love of agriculture/farming background/interest
- Connection to AGR

As alumni, your help in reaching our recruitment goals would be much appreciated. Please provide us with names of any young men whom you would be proud to call a brother. There are several ways you can contact us.

#1: Send your information to Dane Diehl at 602 S. College Ave, Columbia, MO 65201.

#2: Log on to our website www.mizzouagr.com and fill out the recruit contact form.

#3: Complete and return the recruitment recommendation form on the back of this Crescent.

#4: Email or call members of the recruitment team. Their contact information is listed below.

Fraternally,
Dane Diehl
2011 VNR Recruitment

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RECONNECT WITH THETA CHAPTER

Theta Brothers,

After graduation, brothers begin a new chapter in their lives with jobs, families and other parts of daily life. AGR has given you good values, strong friendships and solid leadership qualities that will remain with you throughout your life. But realize that your connection with Theta chapter has not ended. The undergraduates have set a goal of increasing the level of alumni interaction with them, and we need your help in doing so. You might ask, "How can I be a part of Theta chapter after college?" To the right are some ways that we envision you interacting with the house and undergraduates in the future.

We would encourage you to check out our website at www.mizzouagr.com. You can see what great things are going on at Theta chapter. Our house could be stronger if our alumni base would step up and help us. Alumni are great assets, and we want to use your expertise and experiences in building better men for the future.

Feel free to contact us, our housemother or any of our undergraduate leaders at any time if you would be interested in becoming more involved. We are working to build our e-mail database so send us your e-mail address to stay connected.

Fraternally,

Ryan Milhollin and Alan Masters
Theta Chapter Advisers

#1 • RECRUITMENT To be the best house, we have to recruit the best men. While we are still getting quality individuals, we can always use some extra hands in recruitment. Involvement could range from sending names/contact information to our recruitment officer to physically going on recruiting trips. We would like to identify a regional network of alumni that would help with recruiting activities when needed.

#2 • STOPPING BY THETA HOUSE If you will be in the Columbia area in the future, just drop by the house at any time. If you come on Monday night, you can join the guys for dinner and chapter. They really appreciate when alumni come by, and they enjoy the interactions and advice.

#3: ALUMNI EVENTS The undergraduates are looking for new ways of having other alumni events and increasing the level of participation. We would appreciate any ideas from you on how to do so. Additionally, if there is some leadership amongst our alumni to develop and host an event, I think you would find a great deal of the undergraduates that would be in attendance to network and get to know you.

THETA'S 95TH FOUNDER'S DAY

On Feb. 5 we held our annual Founder's Day at the Chapter House. Alumni from Missouri, Florida, Oklahoma, Iowa and Illinois came back to 602 S. College to remember their college days and celebrate with the current undergraduates. The day began with the Building Association meeting. Alumni and collegiate brothers met at 10 a.m. for the annual business meeting. Mark Baker, BA President and Jared Henderson, Noble Ruler each reported of the State of the Fraternity. Joe Eddy, BA Treasure gave a financial report. Other issues were also discussed.

A luncheon of barbecued meats, scalloped potatoes, salad and desserts was followed by speakers, scholarships, awards and recognitions. Brother Steve Ellis ('71) introduced Chancellor Brady Deaton (Omicron '61) who addressed the impact of Greek students in the college setting and specifically the positive impact Theta Chapter has on the University of Missouri. Dean Thomas Payne ('01) spoke of his own experiences as an honorary initiate and a



brother of Alpha Gamma Rho at Mizzou.

The Newsom Frasier Scholarship was presented by Brother Lowell Newsom. This was followed by the 36 Payne/Longwell scholarships and the Chapter Awards. Citations were presented to Thomas Payne, a 10 year alumnus and Richard Gates, Ronald Terwilliger and John Degarmo were recognized as 50 year alumni.

Following the luncheon and program, John Paul Witte and Scott Christopher Read were initiated into Theta Chapter. The day ended with brothers adjourning to other venues to continue their celebration of Founder's Day.

UNLIMITED BANQUET AND AUCTION

On Saturday, Feb. 5, the 2010-11 Ag Alumni Association Board of Directors hosted the 18th annual Unlimited Banquet and Auction at the Holiday Inn and Expo Center in Columbia. The money raised at this event helps to support student scholarships, activities and educational enhancements within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (CAFNR).



Past auctions have raised nearly \$400,000 to benefit students through scholarships and other student activities, to aid in CAFNR recruitment efforts, to enhance the educational facilities, and to support opportunities for students to gain real world experiences.

Theta chapter is proud to have several alumni serve on the Board. They are Matt Horstmeier ('90), Thad Koenigsfeld ('98), J. D. Manning ('97), and Dr. Randall Spragg ('75). Horstmeier and Tony Robertson ('89) served as members of the 2011 Unlimited Planning Committee.

Many other AGR's supported the event with their attendance, table sponsorships, donations, and purchases. We apologize in advance for those we missed, but the following AGR alumni we spotted throughout the evening: Representative Caleb Jones ('10), Curator nonimee Donald Cupps ('75) Chancellor Brady Deaton (Omicron, '60), Dean Thomas Payne ('01), Vice-provost James Spain ('03), Dr. Robert "Bud" Hertzog ('49), Ed Turner (59), Ralph Gates ('65), Steve Barr ('69), Steve Ellis ('71), Harry Thompson ('72), Tim Lackey ('72), Jim Fisher ('73), Matthew Renkoski ('74), Greg Buckman ('74), David Minnick ('75), Doug Thomas ('79),), Fred Weiker ('80), Alan Masters ('80), Terry Langley ('80), Steve Barnes ('80), Bruce Wil-

son ('80), Powell Carmen ('81), Jon Borgman ('82), Chris Carmen ('84), Loyd Wilson ('84), Charlie Kruse ('86), Tony Robertson ('89), Matt Horstmeier ('90), Matt Pieter ('96), Leslie Jett ('96), Mark Lehenbauer ('96), J. D. Manning ('97), Jeff Buckman ('98), Thad Koenigsfeld ('98), Josh Bondy ('99), Mark Baker ('00), Kurt Korte ('01), Michael Sharpe ('02), Caleb Colbert

('03), Dr. Mike Monson ('04) and Bill Jackson ('10).

In addition 16 undergraduates were in attendance, three of which were scholarship recipients.

Unlimited Scholarship Recipients

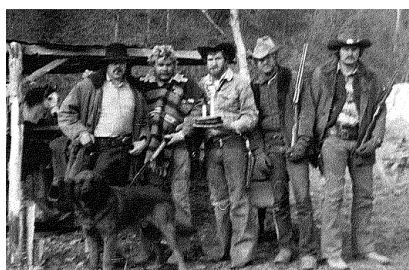
Three Thetas were among the 25 collegiate CAFNR students to received \$1750 alumni scholarships for 2011. They are Bradley Meineka, Nicholas Mueller, and Brandon Thiel.

Brad ('07) is the son of Larry and Linda Meineka of Concordia, Mo. Bradley was a 2009 Tri-director of CAFNR Week, Co-Chair of the Student Development Board, and Vice President of Alpha Zeta Honorary. He is a senior majoring in Ag Systems Management.

Nick ('09) is the son of Bruce Mueller and Rita Mueller. He is a volunteer at the Women's Shelter. He is a sophomore from Republic, Mo. majoring in Agribusiness Management. At AGR, Nick is chairman of the "Mom Marty" Committee.

Brandon ('08) is the son of Bryan Thiel and Michelle Smith of Marshall, Mo. He is Vice President of the CAFNR Student Council, and a director of the MU Homecoming Centennial. At AGR, Brandon is the website coordinator. He is a junior majoring in Plant Science.

THE "WILD BUNCH"



How many of these guys can you recognize, and name? About what year (or decade) was this photo taken? Answers will be provided in an after action follow up report.

This "Wild Bunch" held a couple or three campouts around the end of their collegiate days and even after. They seemed to choose their gatherings in the dead of winter. Seems they've since gained some measure of "horse sense," and they are planning a reunion **Sept. 16-18, 2011**. If you were a participant or would like to participate, contact Mike McCartney at 660-277-3226.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2010 FFA AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS:

Dane Diehl
Brent Dye
Kyle Harvey
Chase Heath
Michael Gillum

DICKINSON SCHOLAR

Jared Main

JOHN BROWN SCHOLARS

Dalton Brown
Sam Cope
Jason Reichert

AGRICULTURE FUTURES OF AMERICA (AFA):

Adam Francis
Jared Henderson
Britt Kagay
Michael Schieffer
Tyler Schwader
Austin Smith

NEWSOM/FRAZIER SCHOLARSHIP

Brandon Thiel

OTHER RECOGNITIONS

Britt Kagay was selected to the Alumni Association Student Board

Brandon Thiel for selected a Director for the 2011 Centennial Homecoming Steering Committee.

CAFNR AMBASSADORS:

Zach Brannon
Jacob Buehler
Jared Henderson

Jason Twenter – President of the Ag Education Society.

CHAPTER AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED GRADES

Drew Adams

OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Hudson
Britt Kagay

HIGHEST GRADES

Shannon Weber

OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE

Jacob Buehler

HIGHEST BIG/LITTLE BROTHER GRADES

Tony Ryan, Christopher Hudson

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Dalton Brown

MOST ATHLETIC

Dane Diehl

MOST ACTIVE MEMBER

Jared Main

JERRY LITTON OUTSTANDING

NEW MEMBER

Clint Scotten

CAMPUS LEADER

Sam Cope

PAYNE LONGWELL SCHOLARS

GOLD (3.75-4.0)

Jacob L. Buehler
Logan Matthew Grace
Jon M. Kirchhoff
Jacob Abbet Kirtley
Jared D. Main
Spencer A. Riley
Tyler J. Schwader
Shannon Weber

SILVER (3.50-3.74)

Dillon Anderson
Christopher Dalton Brown
Benjamin L. Buesing
Adam Distler
Ryan A. Distler
Lance Steven Dobson
Brandon Jeffery Fischer
William P. Gilbert
Zach Lauf
Jared Henderson
Christopher T. Hudson
Bradley Wayne Meineka
Anthony William Ryan
Jason P. Twenter

BRONZE (3.25-3.49)

Samuel C. Cope
Jacob Nelson Dinsmore
Matthew J. Eisenbath
Alexander N. Fodge
Dominic Joseph Habjan
Van Joseph Kaimann
Ivan Greenwood
Miles N. Morris
Dale E. Ryan
Michael Tyler Schieffer
Stephen S. Schlesselman
Jacob Taylor Sevits
Logan Smith
Brandon Thiel

ANNUAL POPP/McBEE TRAPSHOOT

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT PRAIRIE GROVE SHOOTING SPORTS FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
THERE WILL BE 5-STAND AND SPORTING CLAYS AND A RAFFLE FOR A 12-GUAGE BENELLI NOVA. LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MIZZOUAGR.COM

SAVE THE DATE-SUMMER EVENT ON JUNE 23, 2011

A group once known as the North Missouri AGRs are taking their party and moving it south this summer. The AGR picnics that began in Larry Warren's ('65) airplane hangar before moving to the Litton Agricultural Center and the University of Missouri Forage Center in Linnus are now heading south to Brunswick, Mo.

Bill Jackson (2010) has invited us to tour the Brunswick AgriService facility just west of Brunswick, Mo. at 2 p.m. After the tour, we will move to the Coast Guard Inn, located about one mile south of Brunswick near the Grand River. It will accommodate about 30 folks inside, and Larry says, "We can spill over into the parking lot or other outside area if we have more – and I hope we do."

The event is for any and all AGRs, families and recruits who want to come, regardless of age, chapter or state geography. Larry and his committee have one request: Because it is to be a family event, and a recruitment opportunity for Missouri chapters, they ask that it be alcohol free.

The committee plans to get some pork chops and perhaps other meat products from that world-famous Salisbury meat processor that Stanton Thompson ('67) put us onto a few years back. If you have any other specialties, bring them along. A donation will be taken at the door to help cover the cost of food. If you want to help or just want more information contact Larry Warren at lrwarren@greenhills.net. If you need directions contact Bill Jackson at Bill@AgriServices.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 12

Mom's Brunch

10 a.m. at the Chapter House

This event is also used as a recruitment event, so send the names of potential brothers, and we will invite them and their moms to attend the brunch and learn more about Alpha Gamma Rho at Mizzou.

MARCH 19

Popp/McBee Memorial Trap Shoot

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Prairie Grove Gun Club

The monies from this event fund scholarships for incoming freshman. It's also part of a recruitment weekend. Send us a name so we can include a young man from your community. Learn more at www.mizzouagr.com.

MARCH 23 - APRIL 3

Spring Break

The Chapter House will be closed, but our recruitment team will be on the road making home visits. Send us the name of a recruit in your area, and someone will be happy to make a visit.

APRIL 16

Spring Football Game & Recruitment Weekend

Join us at the tailgate before the Black and Gold Game at the Zoo! If you know an outstanding high school senior coming to Mizzou, bring him and his dad and introduce them to AGR. For details, check out our website: www.mizzouagr.com.

MAY 13-15

Graduation Weekend

We have a number of brothers graduating this spring. We will keep you posted regarding any events scheduled for this weekend. Check our chapter website or look in an upcoming Crescent.

JUNE 23

Alumni Tour and Picnic

The fun begins at 2 p.m. at the AgriServices Terminal in Brunswick. See the related article in this Crescent or log on to our website www.mizzouagr.com to get all the details. If you want to help with this event, contact Larry Warren at lrwarren@greenhills.net.

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WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF SPACE

It's a good problem, as problems go: It's a space problem. Our chapter has been winning and collecting awards and recognitions that should rightly be displayed on the walls of our chapter house. The rate at which they continue to win and collect is approaching the limits of our wall spaces in the Alpha Gamma Rho House.

It hasn't yet reached the point suggesting we need to build new walls; it's more of a space allocation exercise. So we're asking you if, by chance, you still have any of your PERSONAL sized composites from your days at the house? Is there any chance you would consider donating your composite(s) to substitute for the 34 jumbo composites now on the walls of the halls?

We're particularly interested in composites prior to 1970, since we have so few, but we also ask for those after 1970, so as to create some significant wall space savings. What do you think?

Steve Ellis ('71) has started us off with four of his own, so you guys from fall of 1970 through spring 1974 are covered. We'll group them in four year increments to one frame and attach them permanently to the walls.

We realize this shouldn't be left to chance, lest we get 14 copies of the same year, needing only one. If you are willing, please e-mail Steve – agr821@gmail.com, with your gift intention. He will "get back to you" and give you shipping instructions. Thanks!

2010 HOMECOMING

Homecoming was very prosperous for both the Missouri Tigers football team and the men of Alpha Gamma Rho. In the planning of Homecoming, Dalton Brown and Brandon Thiel were both elected to the 2010 Steering Committee. Additionally, Brandon Thiel was elected to be a tri-director for Homecoming 2011, a very prestigious position as 2011 will be the 100th anniversary of Homecoming. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho were paired with the women of Kappa Delta and the men of Zeta Beta Tau. For the first time, Theta chapter



took first place in house decorations. Also, Theta chapter took first in float. The float consisted of an outstanding working fountain and elaborate re-creation of the board game "Mouse Trap." This pairing managed to take fourth place overall as well as make strong friendships and personal connections between each

fraternity and sorority. Coupled with the Homecoming win the year prior, this fourth place ranking puts Alpha Gamma Rho as one of the top competing fraternities for Homecoming on the University of Missouri campus.

THE BLIZZARD OF 2011

The blizzard of 2011 blanketed much of Missouri, shutting down traffic and closing the University of Missouri for a record three days – Feb. 1-3. Nearly every retail business in Columbia was closed on Wednesday, Feb. 2, including the mall, most restaurants and several grocery stores and gas stations.

It wasn't business as usual at 602 S. College – it was crazy! While some brothers shoveled the walks and dug out the parking lot for the adventurous with 4-wheel drive trucks, others helped Mom Marty who took over cooking for two days. Of course, there were snowball fights, a snow fort built in the front yard and cookies

and milk for the snowbound.

We survived and managed to successfully pull off the AGR Classic Cattle Show which was moved to Midway and Founder's Day which was moved to the Chapter House. Over 100 alumni, from Missouri, Florida, Iowa, Oklahoma and Illinois made it to Columbia on Saturday, Feb. 5 to attend one of the weekend events which included the Founder's Day activities, initiation, Classic, CAFNR Unlimited, a 50th birthday celebration and, for some, the Tigers basketball game.

All in all, February's whiteout may have slowed us down, but in no way did it stop Alpha Gamma Rho.

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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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