

THETA CRESCENT

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Fall 2023

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Mizzou vs. K-State Alumni Game

On Sept. 16, Alpha Gamma Rho alumni and undergraduates from the Missouri and Kansas State Chapters gathered in Columbia to watch the Mizzou vs. K State football game. MU undergraduates prepared their usual gameday tailgate and cookout for the event. Theta Chapter also rekindled an old tradition by purchasing a seating block in Memorial Stadium. The event was successful, with a combined turnout of over 100 members.

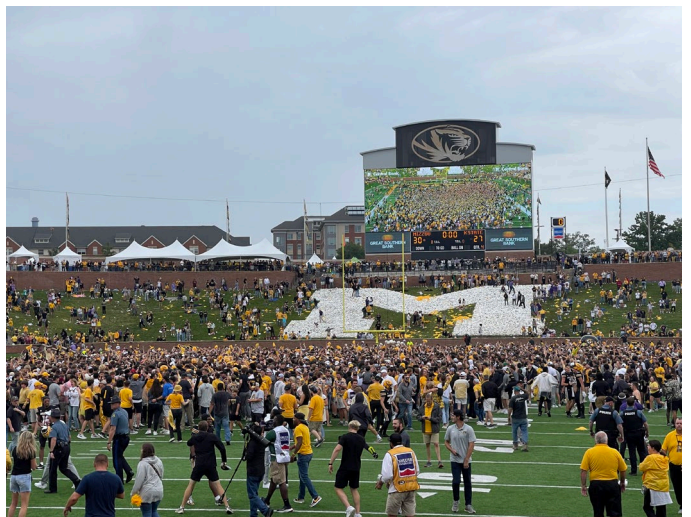
The tailgate started at 7 a.m. in Lot L and continued throughout the game. Group seating was bought in section 101 on the southeastern part of the stadium. Alumni from many decades showed up to see the rivalry game and celebrate Mizzou Ag Day.

It was a tightly contested game from start to finish. The Missouri Tigers were projected to lose 60% of the time to the Kansas State Wildcats. Despite this, Mizzou upset the #15 Wildcats, ending the game 30-27 with an SEC record-breaking 61-yard field goal.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who turned out for the alumni game. It would not have been possible without the support and attendance of our alumni and the members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. We have learned how to operate this event for future opportunities and will conduct it differently moving forward.



Above: Lynn Fahrmeier #1024, Mike Henderson #1051, and Doug Thomas #992 attended the AGR tailgate before kickoff. **Below:** Students storm Faurot Field after Harrison Mevis kicks a game-winning 61-yard field goal with no time remaining. **Left:** Scenes from the tailgate.





Homecoming 2023 First and Finest

The tradition remains

Theta chapter had the honor of participating in homecoming this year alongside the women of Alpha Delta Pi and the men of Phi Psi. This year's theme was "First and Finest" to recognize the University of Missouri as the birthplace of the homecoming tradition. Our pairing had the subtheme of Magic Tree House.

Our members achieved a blood drive participation of over 100% by having friends, family, and AGR alumni donate on our behalf.

Three of our members were a part of the Homecoming Steering Committee this year: Tyler Schuster from Boonville, Mo.; Luke Miles from Marshall, Mp.; and Mitchell Canterbury from Wellsville, Mo.

Overall, our pairing placed third in homecoming. This is great for us because we did not place overall last year. This achievement garners respect among the Greek community on campus. It puts us back on our former standing of being a top-three Homecoming house again.

Top: The Magic Tree House themed campus decorations on display.

Right: Our Magic Tree House inspired float just before the Homecoming Parade.



Alumni Spotlights

Chase Monte #1951

Born and raised in Mexico, MO, Brother Chase Monte #1951 has always connected strongly to his hometown.

After graduating from high school, Chase pursued his higher education at the University of Missouri, where he had the privilege of joining the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity in the fall of 2017.

He developed a deep passion for agriculture throughout his time at the university. He decided to pursue a degree in the field. Chase successfully graduated in 2021 with a degree in agriculture, equipping him with the knowledge and skills needed to make a meaningful impact in the industry.

Chase has been employed at Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners John Deere since graduation, where he continues to expand his knowledge in heavy equipment. Currently, he manages Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners' construction rental fleet, which consists of 50+ pieces of machinery. This position has allowed him to develop his organizational and leadership skills further while overseeing equipment operations and maintenance.

Chase is dedicated to making a lasting impact in both the agriculture and the construction industries. Finally, Chase is excited to continue his professional journey, embracing new challenges and opportunities that come my way.



Bill Hayen #1147

Brother Bill Hayen #1147 grew up on a row-crop farm outside Chillicothe, Mo. He was initiated into Theta in 1989. While at Theta, Bill served as VNR Recruitment and Noble Ruler. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, he joined the building association, where he served for eight years. During that time, Bill helped form the committee to build a new chapter house at 602 South College.

When asked what impact Theta had on his development, Bill said there are numerous examples: "The bonds of friendship and brotherhood that were formed while in college were so important in shaping my future. We had a close group, and that continues strong to this day. We have celebrated weddings, births, football games, and funerals over the years. I have always cherished how close our AGR chapter brothers are, as evidenced when so many brothers and their families came to my dad's visitation and, most recently, the outpouring of care

and love showed when a large group of brothers and their wives attended the services for the wife of my pledge brother. That wasn't surprising, but solidified how important we are to each other and that we are certainly a family, not by blood, but by our deliberate choice."

Being a brother of AGR assisted Bill in securing his first two jobs out of college and continues today in relationships with brothers across the county. There are many memories and events that all brothers hold dear, and that is the case with brother Hayen. Bill said his favorite memory is when his dad, Harry, was initiated as an honorary member of Theta. He said, "My dad loved farming, loved coming to Columbia when I was in college, and valued his interaction with guys in my era. To be able to stand up and vouch for my dad and see him initiated was a true honor."

Bill continues, “As I have continued in my career and life, I realize and appreciate that we are a member of Alpha Gamma Rho for a lifetime, and I value that immensely.”

Currently, Bill is an Agricultural Solutions Advisor for BASF covering northwest Missouri. He is also continuing the family farm with his son. Bill has been married to his wife, Shelley, for 26 years and has three kids. Ben (24) is working in Kansas City, Brad (22) is working on the farm, and Abbey (19) is a sophomore at Mizzou majoring in Agricultural Business and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Speaking fondly of Theta’s history, Bill says, “We have such a rich history and strong chapter at Theta. It has done so much for each of us and has made us better men. It is our responsibility to be involved and support current and future undergraduates there so they can continue that tradition.”

Fall 2023 New Members

Isaac Robert Bird

Gallatin, MO

Major: Agribusiness Management

Lake Manning Reid

Columbia, MO

Major: Agribusiness Management

Braxton Eli Bishop

Anderson, MO

Major: Animal Sciences

Owen Chad Triplett

Rutledge, MO

Major: Agriculture

John Thomas Gamm

Bowling Green, MO

Major: Agribusiness Management

James Brendan Weaver

Marshall, MO

Major: Health Science

Noah Lee Graham

Patterson, MO

Major: Agricultural Systems Technology

Porter Street Gum

Raymore, MO

Major: Animal Sciences

Clay Alan Hanson

Graham, MO

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Daniel Edward Harvey

Eolia, MO

Major: Agribusiness Management

Jack Joseph Aiden Conor Keene

Columbia, MO

Major: Animal Sciences

Garrett Mathew Mantle

Bonnots Mill, MO

Major: Agribusiness Management

Grant Michael Nuzbach

Fenton, MO

Major: Agricultural Systems Technology



Undergraduate Spotlight

Tyler Schuster #2011

Tyler Schuster is a five-year Mechanical Engineering student from Boonville, Missouri, and a dedicated member of Theta Chapter. Tyler's college journey and his involvement with AGR have been remarkable, making a lasting impact on both our chapter and the Mizzou community.

During his time in college, Tyler has taken on key leadership roles within our fraternity, serving as VNR Scholarship and VNR Planning. During his freshman year, he served as a State FFA Officer. He also held leadership positions on St. Pat's Board and the Mizzou Engineering Student Council. This semester, Tyler served on the Homecoming Steering Committee, contributing to the planning and execution of one of Mizzou's most celebrated traditions.

Tyler has secured a job with Design Group, a manufacturing and consulting firm. He will start with them in January 2024 at their Kansas City office. His academic achievements, leadership skills, and AGR experience have prepared him for a successful career.

Tyler reflects on how AGR has positively impacted his college experience, stating, "It's definitely opened up my college experience both in the social aspect and caliber of people I've been able to make friends with and the connections I've made through them, throughout the Greek community, and throughout campus. If I hadn't joined AGR, I would've been stuck in my dorm room all freshman year and not nearly be as well versed in the Mizzou community or have the connections I do now."

In a message to all brothers, Tyler encourages staying in touch with your fellow brothers. Since Tyler is a five-year student, most of his initiation class has already graduated. Because of this, he highlights the value of reaching out and reconnecting, noting that it is a great way to maintain the lifelong bonds that AGR provides.



Cord Harper Advisor Report

The Fall semester showed some significant progress and growth for Theta Chapter. Recruitment finished the season strong and yielded 13 top-quality young men to join the ranks of the AGR Theta Brotherhood. The chapter hosted brothers from Kansas State for the home football game that resulted in a great Tiger victory! Moreover, the attendance at the event exceeded all expectations. The men of Theta joined ranks with Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity to compete in the Homecoming festivities. Their intense efforts led to a 3rd-place finish overall. All of these, and many more activities, were accomplished while maintaining high academic

standards with a current average GPA of nearly a 3.3.

As we transition into the spring semester, the chapter tackles some significant challenges head-on to address the condition of the physical plant of the house. Many repairs and upgrades have been affected, working closely with BA property manager Brother Aaron Atkins. Fire safety monitoring equipment and kitchen ventilation equipment repairs were made, along with many painting, flooring, and ceiling repairs. Additionally, the active chapter is confronting old traditions and ways of handling house business to enhance the good and discard the things that don't serve our order. We will continue to focus on building the brotherhood through robust recruitment efforts for the upcoming spring semester and next fall.

I encourage any Theta alum to save my number in their phone (573-489-3647) and reach out at any time. You are invited to visit the chapter house and see first-hand how Theta is moving forward and Building Better Men. *Theta Forward!*

Cord Harper, '89, #1150



Housemother's Letter

Hello to Everyone!

It is such a pleasure to be back at Theta, and it has been so nice to see old friends. I am honored to be of service and look forward to the future as we Build Better Men together.

Thank you to all the parents who have accomplished raising responsible young men who desire to learn and better themselves. They work so hard at so many things to become well-rounded. Alpha Gamma Rho is one of the building blocks of their future. They have the opportunity to gain a tremendous amount if they put in the work.

With homecoming behind us and many memories made (3rd place overall!), we move forward to the end of the fall semester and a well-deserved break. With elections for a new Executive Team

around the corner, I would like to thank the current Executive Team for all they have done to make progress with the organization and the great welcome they have shown me, along with all the guys and the impressive new members. What an honor to work with each and every one.

I told the young men that I have two rules: respect one another and love one another. Everything falls into place if those two rules are followed by all.

With respect,
Ms. Mac

Financial Report

Here at Theta Chapter, we still operate on a tight budget following an average-sized recruitment class. We continue to receive great alumni support with many donations amounting close to \$1,000. To improve the process of collecting dues from our brothers, I've altered the way I bill our brothers. I have found success in billing our members all up-front rather than monthly, which has helped very much in paying our share to the Building Association.

I'm proud to announce that we have achieved 2023 Gold Chapter recognition from Alpha Gamma Rho Home Office in Kansas City. With continued efforts from the entire chapter, I hope to remain on the right track to continue to meet those standards. I'm excited to see what the next VNR of Finance can do with his new Executive Team.

Fraternally,

Tyler Vogler #2074
VNR Finance



Fall 2023 Graduating Seniors

Brock Douglas Aylward
Memphis, MO
B.S. in Agribusiness Management

Alexander Robert Kleinsorge
Middletown, MO
B.S. in Plant Sciences

Tyler Scott Schuster
Boonville, MO
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Summer Internships

Samuel Duncan Betz
Mid Kansas Cooperative
Wichita, KS

Mitchel Dale Canterbury
TSS AG Products
Vandalia, MO

Garrett Mason Chinn
Northwestern Mutual
St. Louis, MO

Michael Glenn Dieckmann
Dekalb Asgrow
Marshall, MO

Justin David Eddy
American Quarter Horse Association
Amarillo, TX

Ethan Lee Fort
USDA – Agricultural Research Service
Columbia, MO

Preston James Hardin
National Beef Packing Company, LLC
Kansas City, MO

Luke Andrew Hopper
Missouri Soybeans
Columbia, MO
Alexander Robert Kleinsorge
Kleinsorge Custom Lime
Middletown, MO

Chase Tomas Meisner
AgriSompo North America
Lenexa, KS

William Eugene Mudd III
Burrus Seed
Chicago, IL

Tyler Scott Schuster
Barry-Wehmiller Design Group
St. Louis, MO

Samuel Mark Wheeler
Cargill
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Important Dates for 2024

AGR Classic – February 24, 2024 (Chillicothe, MO; donations appreciated)

CAFNR Unlimited – February 24, 2024

Founders' Day – March 9, 2024

Mom's Weekend – April TBD

2024 National Convention – August 1-3, 2024 (Sacramento, CA)

Thank you to the Miles family for our brand-new Christmas decorations!

