



# THETA CRESCENT

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## MOMENTUM IS BUILDING

### The AGR Classic Is **BACK**

**B**rothers, the AGR Classic is back and thriving! After a brief hiatus, our annual cattle show roared back in 2024 and continued its success in 2025, marking a powerful return to our long-standing tradition of agricultural leadership. For more than two decades, AGR proudly hosted a premier cattle show, and this revitalized event builds upon that strong foundation.

While we valued our partnership with Mizzou Block and Bridle in presenting the Steers and Stripes show, the AGR Classic, in collaboration with the Missouri Club Calf Association, has ushered in an exciting new era. The impressive turnout in recent years underscores the strength of this alliance, allowing us to directly support our chapter's recruitment and outreach efforts.

We owe much of the AGR Classic's success to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, especially our alumni-owned businesses. Their support strengthens our ties within the agricultural community and directly fuels the event's impact. As we prepare for the future, we encourage more alumni businesses to consider joining this important effort and becoming a part of the Classic's future.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the 2026 AGR Classic and Battle of the Breeds, February 20-22 in Chillicothe, Missouri. Building on the momentum of the past two years, we're planning an even more impactful event, including an exhibitor appreciation gathering.



*Thank you to the brothers who helped organize, implement, and execute the 2025 AGR Classic.*

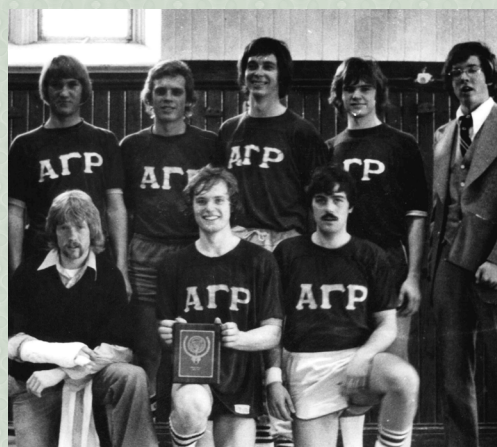
The AGR Classic represents a vibrant continuation of our legacy in hosting a leading cattle show. By embracing this strong new partnership, we are poised to elevate this tradition, support our chapter, and celebrate Missouri agriculture. We look forward to welcoming you back next February!

Fraternally,  
**Justin Eddy '21**  
2025 AGR Classic Director



*Former Mizzou football captain and current Missouri State Senator Kurtis Gregory of Blackburn, Missouri, was initiated as an AGR member at the 2025 Founder's Day.*

## 1975 AGR Basketball Champions ♦ A Season Summary



*The 1974-75 University of Missouri fraternity league basketball champions. Back row, from left: Jim Fisher '73 (stats), Jim Grozinger, Locke Weaver '74, Greg Frazier '74, Dan Condrón '72, and Mark Kerby '74 (stats). Front row: Ken McClure '72, Robert Condrón '73, and Jim Scanlon '70.*

**T**he Ag Rho team was comprised of seven players, four from Tina-Avalon High School (McClure, R. Condrón, Grozinger, and D. Condrón) and one each from Breckenridge High School (Scanlon), Schulyer County High School (Weaver), and Ursa Illinois High School (Frazier).

The Ag Rhos breezed through the divisional play with a 4-0 record. **Ken McClure '72** and **Jim Scanlon '70** were the player-coaches and starters, along with **Robert Condrón '73**, **Rocke Weaver '74**, and **Greg Frazier '74**. The team played a fast break offense and 1-2-1-1 full-court press defense, and then a man-to-man defense in the front court. Both offense and defense were modeled after the UCLA basketball program.

In the eight-team playoffs, AGR defeated Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the championship. AGR was basically an underdog throughout the

playoffs. In the semi-final game, Ken McClure was undercut late in the game on a fast break and suffered a fractured left hand. In the championship game before a packed crowd in Rothwell Gymnasium, Dan Condrón became a starter, and AGR maintained a lead through the entire game until SAE staged a late rally and tied the game with 10 seconds remaining. AGR broke the press, and Robert Condrón swished a 35-foot shot at the buzzer to give AGR the championship.

The team had a very balanced offensive attack, tenacious full-court press defense, and excellent team chemistry, with everyone contributing to both offense and defense. The fast-break offense was unstoppable by opponents, and the full-court defense created numerous turnovers in each game. In 1975, there was no three-point shot available. The games had 20-minute halves, with the clock stopping only for fouls and free throws. A large celebration was enjoyed at the house following the game.





*Brothers and their dates  
on our semi-formal trip at  
Seven Springs Winery.*



Over the past year, Theta Chapter has been exceptionally active, demonstrating a sense of commitment and unity.

Following the conclusion of a successful Homecoming, our members celebrated their hard work with a well-attended semi-formal trip to the Lake of the Ozarks. Nearly every brother participated in the weekend getaway, making it one of the most memorable social events of the semester. Brotherhood continued over winter break as several members took part in our annual ski trip, creating lasting memories while enjoying the great outdoors and strengthening our bond.

Academically, the chapter maintained a strong performance during the fall semester. We achieved an impressive 3.38 cumulative GPA, placing us fourth overall among IFC fraternities. This success is a testament to the academic dedication of our members.

As we returned break, the momentum did not slow. We kicked off the spring semester with one of our most well-attended Founder's Day celebrations in recent history. The engagement from both current members and alumni highlighted the deep-rooted pride we share in our chapter's legacy.



*Tyler Vogler '24 receives the Akins Noble Ruler  
Leadership Award from Jamie Triplett '89.*

# A YEAR OF GROWTH

CELEBRATING GOLD  
STATUS ACHIEVEMENT  
AND CHAPTER EVENTS

Soon after, we hosted the AGR Classic, an event that had recently been revived. Thanks to widespread participation from both competitors and volunteers, the event was a success. The level of organization and commitment displayed by our brothers was exemplary and demonstrated our chapter's capacity to execute meaningful events.

One of the most significant accomplishments of the year came with the chapter's recognition as a Gold Status chapter. This distinction reflects months of hard work and collaboration among our members. Achieving Gold Status was a primary goal, and the announcement filled us with pride and celebration. This milestone underscores our continued growth and excellence across all areas, such as academic, social, philanthropic, and leadership.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering a strong brotherhood, achieving academic excellence, and making a positive impact on our campus and community. The past year has shown what is possible when we work together with purpose and passion, and we are excited to continue building on this momentum.

Fraternally,  
**Hugh Baker '24**  
VNR Alumni Relations



*Brotherhood bonds can last a lifetime!  
Some Theta alumni recently gathered to relax and reminisce.*



*Congratulations to the Theta Chapter Memorial Golf Tournament champions.*





# Principles in Practice

## TROY WILSON '87 NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

According to **Troy Wilson '87**, his journey with Theta Chapter began with encouragement from some high school friends. "They were legacies in the fraternity and persuaded me to attend rush events," he recalled. "Upon visiting, I could see the brotherhood at work and wanted to be part of it." That sense of camaraderie continues to hold a special place in his life.



Reflecting on his time at the chapter house, Troy noted several favorite memories. "Building a large deck during spring finals week was a great deal of fun," he said. "Thanks for leading that project, **Tim Minson '86**! We likely should have been studying, but I think it all turned out okay." Another cherished memory was spending time with the chapter's cook. "Myrtle had seen it all at least twice and generally had a wise comment for every occasion," he said. "She didn't know how to fry an egg but made the best turkey and mashed potatoes I have ever eaten."

Troy earned a bachelor's degree in food science and nutrition. "Graduating high school in 1985, we faced a terrible economy, with agriculture among the worst-hit sectors," he explained. "The food science and nutrition program offered me a scholarship, and I liked the flexibility of taking both science and business classes."

His career took him through various roles in the food and agriculture industries, starting as a dairy applications technologist with Grindsted Products in 1990. In a small company, he gained experience in research, sales, marketing, and engineering. As the company expanded, he transitioned into leadership roles, including overseeing the global Grain Processing Enzyme business. "Timing is everything," he said. "New Renewable Fuel Standards led to a boom in ethanol production, which required the enzymes we supplied, resulting in significant business growth." After DuPont acquired the company, Troy took on leadership roles, including expanding business in Central and South America. He retired in April 2022 after a 32-year career and over 2.7 million air miles. "My passion was building teams and empowering people to lead. AGR's principles supported my career in both good and bad times."

Although Troy's career had limited his involvement as an alumnus, he reengaged when his son, **Grey '19**, joined. "The chapter was facing some issues and I thought I could help," he said. This led to the formation of the Theta Advisement Committee, designed to support the active chapter and the Board of Alumni without financial responsibilities. He also joined the finance committee to modernize the fraternity's fiscal structure. "Through visiting the house and talking with the BA and on-campus members, it was clear an update was needed to stay competitive with other student housing options."

Being named AGR's Alumnus of the Year is an honor Troy deeply appreciates. "I appreciate the opportunity to give back and support an organization that has done so much for me and my family."

Today, Troy and his wife, Robyn, live near Amana, Iowa. Their sons, Grey and **Matt '24**, both joined AGR at Mizzou. The family enjoys tailgating at Mizzou football games, kayaking, and traveling. They also take on woodworking projects and have restored a couple of old cars, with their current project being a 1967 International Scout.

Reach out to Troy at [troywilson1967@gmail.com](mailto:troywilson1967@gmail.com)  
to hear more his AGR experience!

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Laurence L. Pressly '52** worked 16 years as an area dairy specialist for the Missouri Extension Service, then worked in agribusiness for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce before becoming general manager of the American Royal Livestock, Horse and Rodeo. "I met a lot of good AGR exhibitors and breeders during that time." Laurence resides in Lee's Summit, Mo., and has been doing limited real estate for the past 10 years. Email: [laurencelp@kc.rr.com](mailto:laurencelp@kc.rr.com)

**T. Rodney Harrington '55** farmed for 42 years, and still lives on a farm in Dearborn, Mo. At age 90, he still drives and has a good life. Email: [tryrod@aol.com](mailto:tryrod@aol.com)

**Larry W. Birk '61** shares that he met Governor Mike Huckabee, who is the U.S. ambassador to Israel, and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio when he served as a Florida senator. Larry attended the Military Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He resides in Naples, Fla.

**Boyd Atteberry '67** volunteers at the Henry Shaw House at the Missouri Botanical Garden. He resides in Chesterfield, Mo. Email: [boyd@atteberry.org](mailto:boyd@atteberry.org)

**David M. Minnick '75** shares that he was sorry to miss Founder's Day in 2024. "Hopefully next year!" He resides in Wildwood, Mo. Email: [dminnickmo@yahoo.com](mailto:dminnickmo@yahoo.com)

**Randall M. Spragg '75** is still working full time in Rogersville, Mo., now mainly in beef cattle practice. Email: [spraggrandall@gmail.com](mailto:spraggrandall@gmail.com)

**Fred C. Weiker '80** maintains the family-registered Angus operation, holds many local leadership roles, and travels internationally both for pleasure and with the Missouri Department of Agriculture. He resides in Fayette, Mo. Email: [fweiker@att.net](mailto:fweiker@att.net)

**Bradley M. Peters '99** shares that his oldest son, **Cole '24**, was initiated in fall 2024 and currently lives in the house. Bradley lives in Saint Thomas, Mo., and has worked at Nationwide Insurance for 22 years. Email: [brad.peters1979@gmail.com](mailto:brad.peters1979@gmail.com)

**Brian D. Martin '04** has been a licensed CCA for both Missouri and Illinois for 10 years. "I lobby for Farm Bureau, NCGA, and the NRA both at the state level and in Washington, D.C." He lives in Centralia, Mo. Email: [martinrowcrops@gmail.com](mailto:martinrowcrops@gmail.com)

**Rob E. Schroll '08** coaches and provides leadership development support to the most senior leaders at Google in APAC and worldwide. "Brothers could benefit from something similar prior to graduation." He resides in Putney, Vt. Email: [rschroll@gbla.com](mailto:rschroll@gbla.com)





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### Upcoming Events

Regional Summer Trip  
**July 26**  
Hannibal, Missouri

Mizzou Homecoming  
**September 26-27**  
Columbia, Missouri

AGR Alumni Tailgate  
Mizzou vs. Texas A&M  
**November 8**  
Columbia, Missouri

AGR Classic  
**February 20-22, 2026**  
Chillicothe, Missouri

Founder's Day and CAFNR Unlimited  
**March 7, 2026**  
Columbia, Missouri

AGR Trout Fishing Trip  
**March 19-21, 2026**  
Bennett Springs

National AGR Convention  
**August 6-8, 2026**  
Louisville, Kentucky

For the latest AGR Mizzou updates,  
visit [agrtheta.org](http://agrtheta.org).

## HELP US GROW OUR BROTHERHOOD

### SUBMIT YOUR RECRUITMENT REFERRALS

To contact us about recruitment, please reach out to one of our VNR recruitment chairmen:

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We would love to hear some possible names you think will be a good fit for our brotherhood and a way to get in contact with these young men.  
Thank you for helping us grow our chapter!

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

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**Noah Graham '23**

VNR Recruitment  
**Owen Reynolds '24**  
**Owen Triplett '23**

VNR Activities  
**Nate Robertson '24**

VNR Membership  
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**Grant Nuzbach '23**

VNR House Management  
**John Gamm '23**

VNR Finance  
**Ryan Noble '24**

VNR Risk Management  
**Clay Hanson '23**

VNR Planning  
**Brendan Weaver '23**

VNR Alumni Relations  
**Hugh Baker '24**

VNR Scholarship  
**Porter Gum '23**  
**Garrett Mantle '23**