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From one AGR to Another



Dr. Scott Schaake
#993

Scott Schaake, Ph.D. has been the livestock judging coach at Kansas State for several years and has had great success leading Kansas State to five national championships during his tenure as coach. He has made an impact in the lives of roughly 180 livestock judges and countless students making sure the values of Kansas State University and the Department of Animal Sciences are held to their

highest standard. While he might be not as well known by the entire university as head football coach Bill Snyder, Dr. Schaake is definitely honored and respected by the Kansas State College of Agriculture and college of agricultures in colleges and universities around the nation. Dr. Schaake was raised on a cow-calf ranch/row crop operation near Lawrence, Kansas. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences and industry. He earned his master's degree at Clemson University and Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky, specializing in the area of meat science. Besides coaching, he is heavily involved in the instruction of several animal science courses and extension appointment. Dr. Schaake has judged livestock shows in 41 states, Canada, South America and Mexico. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Kandi, and two sons, Shane and Shilo. Shane is currently an AGR.

However, like all great things there is a time when greatness graciously steps asides and makes way for another star to shine. Next fall there will a new head livestock judging coach leading Kansas State, and it just so happens that it is another Alpha Zeta alumni and past K-State judger under Dr. Schaake. Chris Mullinix was a 1992

initiate to Alpha Zeta and a 1996 graduate of Kansas State with a major in animal sciences and industry. For the past 16 years, he has been an associate professor in the agriculture department at Butler Community College where he also had the responsibility of coaching their nationally recognized livestock judging team. During his time at Butler, he has been

fortunate to coach 30 national contest winning teams



Chris Mullinix #1216, his wife Elissa and son Mason



The 1995 KSU Livestock Team Coached by Dr. Schaake, with Mullinix as a member



Mullinix teaching members of the Butler Community College Livestock Judging Team

including seven championships at the North American in Louisville, KY. He has also received outstanding teaching and student engagement awards from Butler, the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development and the Kansas Board of Regents.

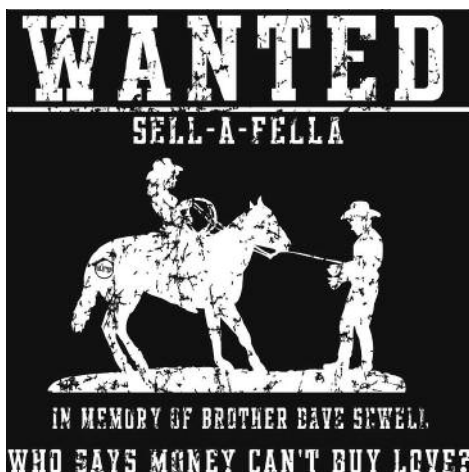
About the chance to come back to Kansas State, Mullinix stated, "I am unbelievably excited to make the move back to Manhattan to a place my wife and I both call home! Kansas State University has a history of excellence in the livestock judging program second to none in the country. I am humbled to be the next coach to carry on that tradition. Today, I attribute this opportunity to the education and experiences I was afforded during my time at K-State. Two experiences stand out above the rest of my participation on the KSU livestock judging team and Alpha Gamma Rho. As the transition in coaching occurs in the department, I'm excited to follow my former coach, Dr. Scott Schaake, who I believe is the greatest collegiate coach of all time. I'm proud to call him my friend, my mentor and my AGR brother."



More than \$5,000 Raised

The men of the Alpha Zeta Chapter once again put on the annual philanthropy Sell-A-Fella to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research in honor of Dave Sewell #1431 who passed away in 2009. The annual event is a date auction where freshman and sophomore members provide dates to the highest bidders. Sell-A-Fella is a philanthropy that is unique to the Alpha Zeta chapter at K-State, and began in 2007. Originally, the philanthropy supported another cause, but after Sewell died of cystic fibrosis in Aug. 2009, we changed the cause of the philanthropy to cystic fibrosis research. Dr. Sewell was initiated into the Alpha Zeta chapter

in 2001 and served as the Vice Noble Ruler of Activities. Sewell graduated from K-State in 2004 with a bachelor of science in park management and conservation. He returned to K-State in 2006 to pursue a degree in secondary education.



In 2012, the fraternity raised \$4,500 from the event, which was attended by about 100 people. This year we were able to raise more than \$5,000 with 115 people in attendance. "We are very proud of our members' involvement, and proud of the fact that all of the guys show up to this event and that we raise funds for this cause," stated Jess Page, VNR of Activities.

From the Desk of Noble Ruler, Will Longinaker



Will Longinaker
#1684

As I sit writing this for the summer Crescent, I can't help but think I've made some mistake, missed summer, and am writing this for the winter Crescent. The weather has been chilly and rainy, and I know many farmers have been delayed getting their corn in the ground, and are worrying about the cold hurting their wheat. Alas, we live in Kansas! Despite the irregular weather patterns, things are going quite well in the Alpha Zeta house.

Our undergraduate brothers have enjoyed recent success, both within AGR and outside of our fraternity. Reagan Kays was selected as a National Undergraduate Director (only 4 in the country) this spring. We now have 5 student senators, numerous College of Agriculture Ambassadors, and several departmental club

officers that are members of Alpha Zeta. Our philanthropy, Sell-A-Fella, raised \$5,000 this spring (a new record) to benefit Great Strides, a group affiliated with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We also continue to have great success with our regular community service project, Adopt-A-Highway, and are always looking for other ways we can help the community we call our college home. We are enjoying the upgrades the alumni have made to the house including the new security system, which is fitting our needs very well.

As we close the semester, and look to the future, we hope to continue our success. We have a great start with the fact that we have already reached our recruiting goal for the fall, and have enough high-quality men that have accepted bids to fill the house. I hope everyone will plan to attend our Founders' Day on November 2nd where AGR's Grand President, Arlen Wonderlich, plans to join us for the Iowa State football game. I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it!

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Leadership School in Nashville

All nine of our executive officers left Manhattan for a weekend to spend time with other AGRs and Sigma Alphas from around the country to learn to be better leaders in their own chapters. This year's conference theme was "My Team, Our Dream." Playbooks and game plans were a large part of this year's convention. Our members worked together to set up goals for the chapter and plans of attack for their own respective offices.



Executive Council Members before the Closing Ceremony

There were also various activities where team members along with alumni worked together to figure out individual strengths of each member. Members attended workshops that pushed them outside of their comfort zone and to think

deeper about the meaning of being a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. There were also industry presentations explaining our vital role within agriculture and helping to advocate for the industry we live in. The state of the fraternity address was given and stated that our fraternity was very strong and looks to expand in the near future. Several campuses have shown interest in adding an AGR chapter and are in the final



Nathan Laudan Addressing Attendees at Leadership School

stages. There was also slight discussion of policy changes that will be up for discussion at the National Convention next year. Overall the conference was largely successful and beneficial to our members.

Alpha Zeta Campaign Makes History!

With less than \$50,000 to go before breaking the historic \$1 million mark, Campaign Chair Bob Broeckelman '67 issued a challenge to all campaign volunteers and current donors. "If seven brothers will step forward to increase their gift, I'll add \$5,000 to mine," said Bob. Bob and his wife Bunny have already contributed \$25,000 to name the chapter's Reception/Mail Room. As of May 21, 2013, exactly ten brothers and one family pushed us over six digits. They include: Ron Dunbar '70, Loren Kruse '66, Terry Nelson '77, Don Sauerwein '68, Rod Schoen '71, Jay Selanders '77, Mike Smith '78, Randy Stoecker '66, Doug Weyer '67, David White '06, and the Ivan Strickler Family Steve '71, Tom '72, Doug

'79. To date, nearly 190 AZ brothers have stepped forward to zero out our renovation debt, complete necessary chapter house improvements and build our scholarship program.

"Leaders don't sit on the sidelines expecting others to create action," said Bob. "They get into the trenches and provide an example to others in the field. AGR has a tremendous legacy on campus, in the state and across the country for our leadership ability and industry expertise. Please join me today to preserve and enhance our 85 year history by participating in the "Our Future Starts Today" campaign. We won't be done until we cross the goal line at \$1.2 million. Will your name be on the donor roster?"

Recruiting While on Top: Harder or Easier?



Jerrod Westfahl
#1240

You are probably wondering, "How could it possibly be harder to recruit while the Alpha Zeta chapter is on an upswing like it is?" Well, it is. We have more recruits with top quality measureables like leadership inclination, interest in agriculture and group living, and grades. Deciding which candidates are NOT extended an offer to join the twenty four open fall spaces in the chapter house is a serious

challenge. Recruiting for Alpha Zeta members this year has not been a matter of scrambling to finish out the class with a few warm bodies to make the chapter cash flow more comfortably as it occasionally has been over the decades. I'm

pleased to report that Nathan Laudan, VNR Recruitment has been leading the effort to select the group of men that have the best chance to be good for each other and for the chapter at large. Wrestling with the decision making has been a tremendous opportunity for him and his team to show growth and maturity. They are performing a very tough job with a level of professionalism we can all be proud of and support. Please be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for quality men for 2014 and beyond, and I hope to see you at our July 19-20 summer gathering.

Fraternally,

*Jerrod Westfahl, #1240
President of Alpha Zeta Alumni Association*



NASCAR - Annual Trip to Vegas

In 1999, a small group of AGRs set out for Las Vegas on a trip that I'm sure none of them thought it would eventually become a year after year occurrence. The founding group included Matthew Urbanek (#1253), Grant Harris (#1283), Mike Guetterman (#1272), Brent Wiedeman (#1217) and Richard Bates, who is not an AGR but has gone every year. The founding group has such a great time on the initial trip that they decided to make it an annual trip. Over the years the number of AGRs has continued to grow. While some brothers go every year, others only go every other year, which is fine too! This trip has become very special to a lot of people because as everyone knows, life gets very hectic and it is very easy to lose track of the brothers you were close to back in the college days. This annual event has been a great way to stay connected and get together each year. "As with many AGR get-togethers, there have been so many fun experiences and laughable moments that will last a lifetime. Although some of these stories should never be put to print, it is to my knowledge that no AGR has ever been arrested in Vegas over the last 14 years. Injuries perhaps, but no arrests." stated Wiedeman. "It should also be known that this group had 100 percent participation in the chapters fund raising campaign, by raising almost \$100,000. If any brother believes that their life has been impacted and changed by the experiences they



Around the Table, starting on the left and going clockwise: Brent Wiedeman (#1217), Daren Gigot (#1177), Michal Braun (#1255), Richard Bates (AGR at Heart), Doug Regehr (#1262), Aaron Mckee (#1195), Trent LeDoux (#1282), Todd Schwarz (#1126), Grant Harris (#1283), Jerrod Westfahl (#1240), Todd Johnson (#1162), Tracy Mader (#1176), and taking the picture Matthew Urbanek (#1253).

have had as an AGR; then they should donate to this campaign. The group looks forward to another trip next year." This year's group included two Noble Rulers, two VNR Membership Developments, two Ast. Membership Developments, two VNR Recruitments, two VNR Management Operations, one VNR Finance, two VNR Plannings and two KSU Ambassadors.

Academics Continue to Climb

As another semester comes to a close, Alpha Zeta continues to strive for academic excellence. This was proven last fall when we achieved a 3.13 house GPA. By accomplishing this mark, we were ranked sixth out of 25 fraternities and remained far above the university average of 2.9. This astounding GPA was due in part to 11 Brothers achieving 4.0's as well as the fact that our new member class beat Farmhouse's new class. In other news, we have acquired a new scanner to assist in our academic learning. This was made possible by our moms' club who graciously provided the money to purchase a high quality scanner. Perhaps the most exciting part of the semester is the development of a new scholarship program. This new program will be made possible as a result of continuing capital campaign

donations. Recipients of these scholarships will be older members who not only excel in academics, but also show exceptional dedication to AGR, Kansas State University, and other campus, state and national organizations. Currently, the majority of scholarships awarded are given to new members. More details about this program will come once it is officially presented to the alumni board at the summer meeting. The scholarship committee is confident that these new awards will be vital to help continue Alpha Zeta's high level of scholastic achievement.

*Fraternally,
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2013 Pink Rose

During the first weekend in March, Alpha Zeta alumni and their dates from all around the country gathered in Manhattan for the annual Pink Rose Formal. The event this year was coordinated jointly by Roger Johnson, Alpha Zeta Alumni Board, Jess Page, VNR of Activities and Ben Brown, VNR of Alumni Relations.

The weekend started off with an exclusive tour of the partially built feed mill on K-State's Campus. Keith Behnke #634 graciously hosted and facilitated the event. The feed mill will be completed later this summer with a grand opening and open house scheduled for October 11. Once completed, the feed mill will give Kansas State the latest technology in feed milling and one of the top facilities in the world for our students. A big thank you goes out to Keith Behnke for allowing us to get an inside view of the amazing facility.

Friday night, capital campaign donors gathered together at the Blue Hills Room to celebrate the continuing success of the campaign. Bob Broeckelman presented the latest update summary and stated his appreciation to everyone in attendance for donating. It was also mentioned that all nine of the executive council undergraduate members donated \$500 dollars to the campaign along with a \$10,000 donation from the entire undergraduate chapter for house landscaping. Broeckelman stated, it shows a lot that the undergraduate chapter is as passionate about the future of Alpha Zeta as we are. Special presentations were given to Nelson Gaulle and Ben Brent, who were inducted into Alpha Zeta's Hall of Fame several years ago but never recognized.

The Pink Rose Formal was held on Saturday with 143 members and guests present, the largest to date. The night started off with a social for undergraduates and alumni to mingle and share stories of their time in AGR. Brother Ben Brown emceed the event while members of both the undergraduate chapter and the alumni board assisted throughout the night. Noble Ruler,

Will Longinaker, and Alumni Board President, Jerrod Westfahl, welcomed the group and thanked them for their continued commitment. Brother Bob Broeckelman, was the

recognized speaker for this year's event. He talked about what AGR has meant in his life and how the future of our chapter is strong. He also talked about the tradition that has been produced through Alpha Zeta and the continuing

success of the chapter. Certificates were presented to the reunion classes of 1963 for 50 years, 1988 for 25 years and 2003 for 10 years.

The highlight of the night came when brothers Dale Rodman and Ron Hirst were inducted into Alpha Zeta's Hall of Fame. Both men were greeted with a standing ovation as their names were announced. "It is an outstanding achievement to be inducted into our Hall of Fame and it was incredible that we were able to pull this off without either of them knowing," stated Brown.

Undergraduate members were awarded scholarships for their excellence in academics, leadership and service to the fraternity. Twenty-five brothers received scholarship provided by donations from our alumni. "Alpha Zeta's scholarship program continues to grow and provides a large amount of scholarship dollars to undergraduate members. This year close to \$35,000 dollars were awarded in scholarships. It is a blessing to have so much support from our alumni," stated Nathan Stinson, VNR of Scholarship.

This year's Pink Rose was definitely one to remember. The ending result was excellent! It was great to meet and connect with Alpha Zeta alumni who have made it possible for under-graduate members to have an amazing experience. AGR provides an amazing national fraternity and the members of Alpha Zeta are fulfilling the experience. Without our alumni we would not be

the success we are today. The goal is to encourage all alumni to consider joining us next March for another great evening with the Alpha Zeta membership. We might outgrow the Blue Hills Room, but if we do don't worry there are bigger places around.



Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients



Hall of Fame Inductees Ron Hirst and Dale Rodman with Alumni Board President Jerrod Westfahl



Aston Yoder Receiving a Scholarship from donors Roger and Jill Johnson



Bob Broeckelman giving the Key Note Address at this year's Pink Rose



Alumni Spotlight



Thad Combs

Thad Combs was initiated into Alpha Zeta in 1992 and graduated from Kansas State in 1994 with a degree in Animal Sciences and Industry. He grew up on beef cattle farm in Pomona, KS. Throughout grade school and high school he was actively involved in 4-H and FFA. His family raised and showed registered Duroc, Hampshire, Chester White, Yorkshire and crossbred swine. They also showed Limousin and crossbreed steers. Since graduation he

has worked as a Field Representative for Limousin World, the official publication of the North American Limousin Foundation. His primary job responsibilities include assisting Limousin breeders with their advertising and marketing needs, buying and selling cattle on order, taking photographs of livestock, and writing a bimonthly editorial for the publication. He added that, "If I had advice for younger members I would encourage them to maintain their network of connections they develop in college and through Alpha Gamma Rho and set their priorities for the big picture of life rather than being owned by a career or job. The main thing I have learned despite people telling me for years that one event, one project, or one job does not define you, but your integrity, your heart, and your desire to help others will be the legacy you leave."

John Donley is a 1997 initiate of Alpha Gamma Rho and a 2001 graduate of Kansas State with a degree in Animal Sciences and Industry. He was raised on a family ranch in Ellsworth County and actively participated in basketball, FFA, livestock and horse judging while at Ellsworth High School. Today John is currently a managing partner in Devine & Donley, LLC. Devine & Donley is a law firm that conducts legal work for numerous agricultural and business clients as well as providing contract lobbying services for numerous entities. Prior to starting his law firm he worked for the Kansas Beef Council and the Kansas Livestock Association. John and his wife, Vicky, have four children: Thaddeus, Cruz, Owen and Eula.



Keith Heikes

Keith Heikes was a 1976 initiate to Alpha Zeta and a 1979 graduate of Kansas State with a degree in Dairy Science. Heikes grew up on a diversified farm near Riley, KS and was active in 4-H and FFA. During his high school years he also had a small dairy herd, which he later sold to pay for his college education. Today he is the Senior Vice President of Product Development and

Marketing at Genex Cooperative in Shawano, Wisconsin. This involves managing US marketing and sales as well as the dairy

and beef genetic development programs. Before this he managed the international business section, developing a sales and distribution network around the world. Other recognitions include serving on the National Association of Animal Breeders Board as Vice-Chairman, member of the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding Board, appointed to the USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service Emerging Markets Program Advisory Council and a past board member of the World Dairy Expo. Keith wanted everyone to know that he has lived away from Kansas for 23 years and has not been as connected to his AGR brothers as he would have liked but he is always amazed at the number of AGRs that he has ran into through work who are involved in leadership positions throughout American agriculture. The lessons learned and networks developed through AGR truly last a lifetime.



Dalton Henry

Dalton Henry is a 2007 graduate of Kansas State University. While in AGR he served one year as VNR Planning, organized their community service projects, kept records and ran the judicial board. During his Kansas State career he was an Ag Ambassador, Student Senator, founding member of Collegiate Farm Bureau, and Student Body President. He worked jobs that included the agronomy farm, the College of Agriculture Academic Programs office and the KSRN radio

network. Today he is the director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. He covers both state and federal policy issues for wheat farmers. In addition, he also manages the membership functions of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. One of the most exciting parts of his job has been building and moving into the new Kansas Wheat building north of campus. He said, "It's great to be back on campus and in the middle of some pretty cool advancements in the wheat industry."

Luther Kissick graduated Kansas State in 1941 majoring in Agricultural Chemistry. He spent 23 years in diversified training and experience in the field of administration, management and liaison activities as a US Air Force Officer. He served in the US, China, Europe, Far East and Indochina in positions of extensive responsibility as an executive and intelligence officer for the United States. In 1943 he had numerous important assignments as an Air Combat Intelligence Officer planning missions and developing fighter tactics which resulted in an assigned Squadron to become the leading unit of World War II in total air victories. In 1954 was chief of the intelligence branch of the Air Weather Service in Washington D.C., supervising intelligence operations on a worldwide basis. He later briefed the White House staff and had civilian experience as a commodity specialist, advising



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and servicing commodity customers. After retirement, he published several hundred publications, reports and documents pertaining to plans, operations, intelligence and defense matters.

Lauren Libby was a 1970 initiate and graduated Kansas State in 1973 with a major in Agricultural Economics. His home town is in Smith Center, Kansas. Him and his wife June have one son named Grant. He is now the 4th generation Libby to own the family farm. He served as president of the Kansas FFA Association the year after he graduated from high school, and as the Chief Operating Officer of Navigators, an interdenominational, international Christian organization. Currently, Lauren serves as the international president/CEO of TWR International. TWR is an international broadcaster and digital content provider. They distribute content through high power AM/FM, shortwave and digital platforms. They touch 160 countries in over 230 languages every day. Their total potential audience is 3.8 billion people. They are Christian-based and deliver programming on practical issues such as farming, family nutrition, micro enterprise development, and HIV prevention among children in Africa. Being a member of AGR has been a positive influence in Lauren's life both personally and professionally. He said his time in the chapter

has brought many enduring friendships and great relationships. He sincerely hopes that AGR will continue to develop young leaders who are "value based" and have the courage to lead in an increasingly complex culture and world



Stephen (Bernie) Owen

Stephen Owen was initiated in to AGR in 1958 and graduated Kansas State in 1961 with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He and his wife, Maxine of 51 years, currently live in Arlington, TX. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Bernie was raised on a farm near Kinsley, KS where in 1958 he served as the Kansas FFA sentinel. After graduation he served two years with the US Army in Alaska before returning to work for the USDA in Seneca, KS. He then spent the next 32 years with the

Soil Conservation Services in 17 different positions spanning seven different states. In 1997 he retired from the USDA and has since worked for H&R Block. Other noticeable accomplishments include receiving a master's degree from Syracuse University in 1982 and started a strategic planning business which he ran out of his home.

Stockman of the Year

On February 28, 2013 brother Dell Allen, (#534), was honored as the 2013, Kansas Stockman of the Year. The award is presented annually by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council at Kansas State. Allen is the former vice president of technical services and food safety with Cargill Meat Solutions. He began his career with Cargill in 1988 and retired in 2004. He was responsible for the company's food safety and quality standards for 20 plants with more than 25,000 employees. Allen worked to implement many technologies that improved product safety and quality, and he reached out to consumer advocacy groups to help showcase the high-quality products from farm-to-fork.

He was a professor at Kansas State University's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry for 22 years. From 1967 to 1979 he coached the meat judging team, winning two national championships. His research efforts at Kansas State were primarily in beef carcass composition and beef quality. In 1977, he jointly led research with Kansas State's Department of Electrical Engineering to develop a prototype computerized beef grading instrument.



From Left to Right: Dell Allen #534 receiving his award from Jim Riemann #579

Allen is recognized as a leader in developing many food safety protocols used in today's meat industry. He also taught and mentored many professionals who currently work at our nation's leading meat pack companies. In 2003, he was awarded the Scientific Achievement Award from the American Meat Institute Foundation. The foundation stated, "Since his days on the faculty of Kansas State University, Dr. Allen has been known as an outstanding teacher. In the early 1990s, he led the adoption of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) long before it was a federal mandate.

His leadership in food safety research and technology has made a real and measurable difference in reducing microbial pathogens in the meat industry."

Over his distinguished career, Allen has been recognized with the E. Floyd Forbes Award from the National Meats Association; the R.C. Pollack award by the American Meat Science Association; the Howard Baughman Food Safety Award from the FSIS-USDA; and was named to the Meat Industry Hall of Fame in its initial class of 2009. He now lives in Derby, Kansas with his wife, Joyce.



Neely Wins Ultrasound Contest



Clem Neely #1540

Clem Neely, a 2013 graduate of Kansas State University was the winner of this year's BCF Technology ultrasound contest. For winning the contest, he received his very own ultrasound to be used in the startup of his own practice. BCF is a Scottish company with 30 years of experience in manufacturing imaging equipment worldwide, specifically for the veterinary and animal industry. This contest is part of BCF's University Partnership Program. Providing ultrasound education for students and veterinarians is a top priority for BCF. This year Neely was selected as a finalist alongside Sarah Diederich a University of Wisconsin-Madison Vet student, where Neely then proceeded to tally more votes than Diederich in the

online voting contest to win the ultrasound. In his report and video Neely talked about the record high cattle prices, increased input costs and decreased number of cows in the nation's beef herd since the early 1950's. He added that producers are looking for ways to manage their herds in ways that add value to their operations more every year. Producers have utilized ultrasound to assist in management decisions since the late 1980's in predicting carcass quality and reproduction parameters like early pregnancy and twin detection. Ultrasounds have also been used for the diagnosis of the sex of the fetus. French research evaluating pregnancies, which ranged from 55 to 69 days of gestation, suggests that if ultrasounding is performed after 60 days of gestation that the accuracy significantly increases. The video and report can both be found on BCF's website. Clem is from Chanute, KS and is a 2006 initiate of Alpha Gamma Rho-Alpha Zeta.

Housemother Letter



Carolyn Sadler
House Mother

Wow, I can't believe the year has come to an end. It has been another great year at the Alpha Gamma Rho house, with house improvements including: new dining room table and chairs, fresh painting and remodeled bathrooms. I would personally like to thank Eric Noel, (#1663), who made necessary updates to the house. There was a large difference in the look of our dining room.

Once again this year, we beat last year's amount raised in our annual Sell-A-Fella, which is an annual donation to Cystic Fibrosis in honor of Brother David Sewell. I am proud to say that our chapter advertised the event extremely well and was able to contribute more than \$5,000 for the cause. Directly following Sell-A-Fella was AGR's Moms' Weekend and the annual Pink Rose formal. This year's Pink Rose was highly enjoyed by all attendees and the largest number of attendance we have ever

had. There were so many handsome young men and their dates; it made me proud to be involved. We also had a tremendous turn out from our alumni who continue to come back year after year. I would like to thank Roger Johnson, (#607), and Ben Brown (#1701) for their outstanding cooperation in planning this year's event. Alumni not in attendance definitely missed out on great food and outstanding entertainment. The planning is already in the process for next year, so mark your calendars for the first weekend in March.

This is now my sixth year as the AGR mom and I still love every moment of it. I'm very proud to be their mom and brag on them from time to time. I enjoy letting others know that we have the best house on K-State's campus. The years seem to go faster and faster and I hope to see everyone for Founders' Day on November 2nd.

If you ever need to get in touch with me or just want to talk please feel free to call my cell phone at 785-410-6041 or work at 785-537-4226.

Sincerely, Carolyn Sadler

Update on "Petey"- Alpha Zeta's Mascot

In our search for the origins for Petey, the house mascot, we have received great response from the alumni. Thank you to everyone who contacted us and we are pleased to report that Petey has been traced back to the mid 70's. We have

heard some great stories about him and his beginnings with Alpha Zeta. If you can provide more specific information on the creator of Petey, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Will Longinaker #1684, WWDL@ksu.edu

Dates to Remember

- Summer Fun Fest
July 19-20
Independence, KS

- Founders Day
November 2nd Iowa State Football Game
Featuring AGR Grand President Arlen Wonderlich
- More Detail will follow but consider saving the date and attending



A House Full of Leaders

Once again leadership continues to excel within the walls of the Alpha Gamma Rho Alpha Zeta Chapter House. There are very few fraternity chapters at Kansas State that can say they have the same level of campus leadership and involvement as our chapter does. Not only are our members involved in the College of Agriculture but we also have members involved in other

colleges and university activities as a whole. The chapter's level of involvement is at a high peak, and the members plan to strive for higher peaks in the future.

Alpha Gamma Rho has a great history of representing the College of Agriculture students at the university, level by serving as Agriculture Student Senators in the Kansas State University Student Governing Association (SGA). This past March, five brothers were elected out of the seven positions available to serve their fellow students. New senators include: Nathan Laudan, Paola, Reagan Kays, Weir, Garrett Kays, Weir, Logan Britton, Bartlett, and Ben Brown, Appleton City, MO. Brother Brown was also selected to serve as the Senate Operations Chair for the 2013-2014 term. All of these senators look forward to improving the quality and environment of education at Kansas State.

Agriculture Ambassadors is a premier organization within the College of Agriculture that is responsible for recruiting new students and representing the college. It is a very prestigious organization that requires the passage of a training class and interview process to join. Twelve AGRs were active members in the program this past year: Logan Britton, Bartlett, Ben Brown, Appleton City, Jeff Cather, Anthony, Kurtis Clawson, Satanta, Nick Herrmann, Holcomb, Reagan



Brothers in College of Ag Ambassadors
From Left to Right: Evan Woodbury, Garrett Kays, Reagan Kays, Ben Brown, Logan Britton, Jon Meyer, and Kurtis Clawson

Kays, Weir, Garrett Kays, Weir, Nathan Laudan, Paola, Garrett Lister, Marysville, Jon Meyer, Parsons, Andrew Strasburg, Fredonia, and Evan Woodbury, Quenemo. These members do countless visits and events each year allowing us not only to recruit the best students to K-State, but also to AGR.

Other campus organizations where AGR involvements

are found include the following: Clay Kniebel, White City, treasurer of the Geology Club; Chris Mushrush, Strong City, Treasurer of Block and Bridle; Jared Bourek, West Point, NE, Secretary of Collegiate Cattlemen; Chase Miniham, Blaine, Treasurer of Collegiate Cattlemen; Ryan Diederich, Greenleaf,

Collegiate Cattlemen Ag Council Representative; Tanner Brunner, Ramona, livestock chairman for Rodeo Club; Skylar January, Lyons, President of Sky Diving Club; Nathan Stinson, Allen, President of Agriculture Economics Club; Sam Knauss, Paola, financial advisor for Wheat State Agronomy Club; Miles Pearson, Scott City, Food Science Club Ag Council Representative; Chris Berg, Lawrence, Feed Science Ag Council Representative, Reagan Kays, Weir, President of Blue Key and Kurtis Clawson, Satanta,

Vice President of Administration for College of Agriculture Ambassadors.

All of these positions emphasis Alpha Gamma Rho's fifth value to "Foster lifelong personal development through innovative educational leadership, and social opportunities." The Alpha Zeta Chapter is making sure that our members have the highest quality of education in the classroom, out of the classroom and in leadership positions. Our members will continue to lead the College of Agriculture and Kansas State University.



Sky Diving Club President- Skylar January



Congratulations to the 2013 AGR Graduates

Reiss Bruning, Bruning, NE
Animal Sciences and Industry
Returning home to a cow/calf feedlot Operation

Samuel Burdick, Coffeyville, KS
Agricultural Education
Teaching agricultural education

Dilion Cook, Hope, KS
Feed Science and Industry
Working for Land O' Lakes Purina

Curtis Dolezal, Wilson, KS
Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management
Internship in Columbus, KS

Hunter Hudson, Chanute, KS
Working for Midwest Fertilizer as a seed salesman

Kyle Jacobs, Alva, OK
Agricultural Education
Teaching agricultural education

Skylar January, Lyons, KS
Agronomy
Crop Consulting in Hastings, NE
Then to return to Lyons, KS to farm

John Jones, Rio, WI
Agronomy
Research Agronomist Associate- WinField Solutions

Luke Knight, Lyons, KS
Animal Sciences and Industry
Two years at Ward Feeders in Larned, KS

Kevin Morgan, Louisburg, KS
Agricultural Economics
Grain Merchandiser for Bartlett Grain Company

Trent Newell, Oskaloosa, KS
Agronomy
Working for WinField Solutions

Kaleb Rockers, Garnett, KS
Agricultural Economics
Full-time Employment with EGT in Great Falls, MT

Nathan Smith, Macksville, KS
Animal Sciences and Industry
Returning to the family farming operation

Taylor Swanson, Mason City, IL
Agricultural Economics
Returning to the family farming operation

Sons and Moms Participate in Community Service Projects



Reiss Bruning and his Mother

The Alpha Zeta Chapter held their Moms' Day on February 9th in conjunction with the Kansas State versus Iowa State basketball game. While the Wildcats were sitting in first place in the Big 12 late in their season, most of the mothers came to see their sons during the event that only happens every other year when Dads' Day is held on the off-years. Thirty-

eight mothers and guests attended the event that featured good food, great company and awesome bonding. The main activities for the day included two community service events that help state-wide charities.

The Kansas Honor Flight and Operation Military Kids were the two charities of choice. The Kansas Honor Flight is a program that provides the opportunity for World War II veterans to have a chance to travel free of charge to Washington, D. C. to see their memorial. Our involvement in the project was to write letters to the association for them to be handed out on the flight in the same way they received mail during their time in the service.

Operation Military Kids is a program that provides handmade blankets and pillows to children who have parents in the service overseas. Moms and sons decorated roughly 60 cloth blocks to be made into blankets or pillows. Everyone had a great time supporting both causes and potential new members who were visiting the house even



Micheal Porter and His Mother

joined in. Our chapter even received recognition by Dr. Bosco, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Life at Kansas State, when he learned about our help with the Kansas Honor Flight. He sent us a nice letter that stated, "the Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter always makes me so very proud."

The moms' club also moved to give the chapter house a new scanner, pool table, toned piano, freezer and lighted sign for the front of the house. We always appreciate

our moms' club and everything they do for us.

Written By:
Ben Brown



Alpha Zeta Chapter held their Moms' Day



AGR SUMMER FUN WEEKEND

INDEPENDENCE, KS. ★ JULY 19TH AND 20TH

FRIDAY JULY 19

- 11:30** Lunch at Uncle Jacks, 104 N. Penn Ave., Independence
- 1:30** Tour of John Deere Coffeyville Works, 2624 N. U.S. Hwy. 169, Coffeyville
(Transmission manufacturer for 20, 30 and R series JD tractors)
- 4:15** Tour of Reichenberger's Pumpkin Patch and Reichenberger Farms
(Courtesy of Marty Reichenberger Family, a K-State 150th designated farm, 3 miles north of Wal-Mart on Peter Pan Rd., 2570 W. 5000th St., Independence)
- 7:00** Dinner and socializing at Brother's Railroad Inn, 113 S. Penn Ave.

SATURDAY JULY 20

- 9:30** AGR Board and Committee Meeting, Independence Historical Museum
(Across the street from Apple Tree Inn, held in the Genealogy Room
Spouses and families may enjoy the Riverside Park. Aquatic Center and Zoo,
Historic Home Tour and Independence Historical Museum.)
- 12:30** Lunch (location to be decided)
- 2:30** Little House on the Prairie Museum Tour, 13 miles SW of Independence

For accommodations: Until July 4th there are rooms blocked under Alpha Gamma Rho at the Apple Tree Inn, 620-331-5500. Alternate motel: Microtel Inn and Suites, 620-331-0088

Please RSVP by July 12, 2013 to
Ron Hirst, ron.hirst@yahoo.com 620-921-0128 or 620-662-9447

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Alumni are an integral part of Chapter recruitment. With your help, AGR can recruit high-quality members that will continue the tradition of success that is held by the Chapter. Any information you can provide us is extremely helpful. During the spring, we may be contacting some of you to aid us in the recruitment process; look for further information at a later date.

Prospect's name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of parent(s)/guardian: _____

High school attended: _____

Academic status (incoming freshman, JUCO transfer, etc.): _____

Does the prospect have an AGR relative? List name, relationship, chapter: _____

Reference submitted by: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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WANTED: ALUMNI NEWS

Name: _____ Year Initiated: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Address _____ Major: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Children (names, ages, etc.) _____

Suggestions to improve Alumni Relations:

Please tell us any information about what is going on in your life:

Please take time to fill out the questionnaire. By filling this out you will be helping to improve our alumni relations.



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