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SPRING 2017

Brothers Lend A Hand



From right to left: Brothers Jackson Wingert, Luke Sankey, Hayden Guetterman, Jacob Berglund, Lance Coe, Hayden Heigele

March 6th is a day that will forever be ingrained in the minds of our fellow Kansans affected by the wildfires in Southwest Kansas. This wildfire burned around 700,000 acres across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Ranchers and farmers lost grass, fence, crops, and cattle and in some cases, even their lives. As I was driving back to Ottawa, Kansas for spring break, Brother Jacob Berglund called me, and we started discussing the wildfire and how that affected our friends in agriculture. We came up with an idea of trying to organize a trip to help give back to our community and show that members of Alpha Zeta had compassion and the urge to help. The first idea that we had was to get a group of men together to build fence and help clean up. However as time when on that idea morphed into idea of donating supplies that ranchers need to help things get back to normal. Through talking with Mark Gardiner with Gardiner Angus Ranch we learned that what they really needed were t-posts, barb wire, and hedge post. Later that night in chapter we moved that the members of Alpha Gamma Rho prorate \$1500 to buy 2 pallets of t-post, and a roll of bard wire, and that the

house as a whole, would donate another \$1500 to buy 24 protein tubs. Jacob Berglund mentioned that his family had around 200 hedge post that we could donate as well, and Woodard Mercantile also donated a pallet of protein tubs for us to take down to Ashland on April 2nd. At 6am on Sunday April 2, Brothers Jacob Berglund, Lance Coe, Hayden Heigele, Hayden Guetterman, Luke Sankey, and Jackson Wingert headed south with 3 trucks and trailers loaded with supplies for the fire relief. When we arrived in Ashland it was almost surreal to see that damage that the fire had done. There was homesteads that were burnt to the ground and all we could see for miles was land that was scared from fire. We pulled into the Ashland Co-Op and unloaded. We talked to the locals about their struggles and tried to learn about other opportunities that we could help in the future. All in all, the trip was not only a good time to connect with our brothers. Everything from seeing the renewed hope in the fire victims to trying to figure out how to deal with a double blow out on a trailer, this trip was not only a community service trip, but a trip to build relationships with Brothers.



From The Desk of Noble Ruler



Greetings Brothers,

Alpha Zeta Chapter here at Kansas State University has been enjoying a successful spring semester. The entire executive council, including House Mom Dianna and J.D. Hagedorn made the trip to Nashville, Tennessee from February 3rd-5th for the National Alpha Gamma Rho Leadership Conference. This annual event provides beneficial networking with other chapters from across the U.S. The following weekend, February 10, we hosted

our annual Spring philanthropy, Sell-A-Fella. We are excited to announce that this labor auction raised over \$9,100 that will support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of our lost Brother Dave Sewell. To round out a busy February the Alpha Zeta Chapter put together another great Agricultural Symposium with the theme of Consolidation, Trade, and the Changing Landscape of Global Food and Agriculture. The following day we had the pleasure of hosting many alumni for our annual Pink Rose banquet where Brothers Randall Stoecker and Steve Slusher, DVM were inducted into the Alpha Zeta Chapter Hall of Fame. We enjoyed a great keynote presented by Bill New,

followed by the distribution of over \$30,000 in scholarships to those in the undergraduate chapter. This, of course, is all made possible by the generous contributions of our fantastic alumni association. As the semester is flying by, we have enjoyed a destination date party to Oklahoma City, organized a Kansas Wildfire Relief support project, and hosted our moms at Alpha Zeta Mom's Day. In just a few short weeks, you will be able to find our undergraduate brothers across the nation participating in internships or returning to assist in the family operations.

Along with all the hustle of fraternity activities and class work the chapter has been heavily involved in the recruitment of 23 new men into the fraternity. And as we begin to round out those efforts, I can say that the Fall 2017 Class is shaping into a great one.

I encourage everyone to attend the Alpha Zeta summer meeting on July 14th & 15th in Garden City, Kansas. And beyond that on September 29, Alpha Zeta will be celebrating its 90th year in Making Better Men here in Manhattan, Kansas following some KSU Football on that Saturday. As always, the chapter's members enjoy guests so do not ever hesitant to stop by for a visit or a meal!

Fraternally, Del Adcock Noble Ruler



Financial Summary

Alpha Zeta Alumni Association

September 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017 Ben Brent, Alumni Treasurer

THE MORTGAGE IS PAID OFF! The last payment was made on February 27, 2017.

Here's a short history of the remodeling project:

In the late 1990's it became obvious that a complete renovation of our house was necessary. In 2000, the alumni board retained Pennington & Co. from Lawrence to do a feasibility study and act as our fundraising consultant. Treanor Architects of Topeka were chosen to design the facility. We turned the house over to the contractor (Kansas Building Systems) at the end of the fall semester in 2004.

Verus Bank of Derby was our lender throughout the project. The board executed a construction line of credit on February 3, 2004, for \$1,100,000 at 6%. Fund raising was successfully under way, so of that line of credit, only \$867,308.95 was used. The certificate of occupancy was dated August 13, 2004. A mortgage for \$850,000 at 5.75% was signed on March 2, 2005. Monthly payments were \$7,059.62. On August 21, 2009, \$693,250.51 was refinanced at 5.75%, with monthly payments of \$5,661.10.

In order to facilitate mortgage retirement and assure future financial success of the fraternity, Ivy Partners --a firm with deep AGR (Cornell) background was retained as a "second phase"

fund raising consultant. The final mortgage refinancing was on August 30, 2012 for \$400,957.21 at 4.375% and monthly payments of \$4,121.93.

Shown below are the approximate total costs of the renovation project:

Construction Costs	1,164,350
Architect	101,481
Fund Raising	278,768
Interest	404,707
Alternate Housing	108,140
Total	2,057,446

Alumni Contributions 1,607,696

No project like this would be possible without strong alumni support. Thank you and congratulations to all who participated! Without that support, mortgage payoff would have been delayed at least 10 years, and interest would have exceeded construction cost. We can be proud of our chapter and our facility.



Sell-A-Fella

Sell-A-Fella was once again a huge success in 2017, raising a record amount of \$9,400.00 for our philanthropic efforts benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The successful event was on a beautiful night on February 10, with very good attendance from women from all sororities on campus and many others. The night was started off with some opening comments from Molly Bassete, a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority who is inflicted with cystic fibrosis. With this event being dedicated to past Brother David Sewell, Molly's insight and words helped us inspire the bidders to not only provide a record amount raised for Sell-A-Fella, but also to honor the memory of our past Brother. With the night being such a huge success, we also decided to continue or effort along side the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by helping with their Great Strides Walk on April 29th. Our efforts towards this cause continue to honor our past Brother Sewell as well as to promote the future of this unique event at K-state. We will hope to increase our ability to raise money to fight cystic fibrosis throughout future years. We look forward to hosting another great and record breaking Sell-A-Fella next spring!



Freshman, Lance Coe, being auctioned off during Sell-A-Fella to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation



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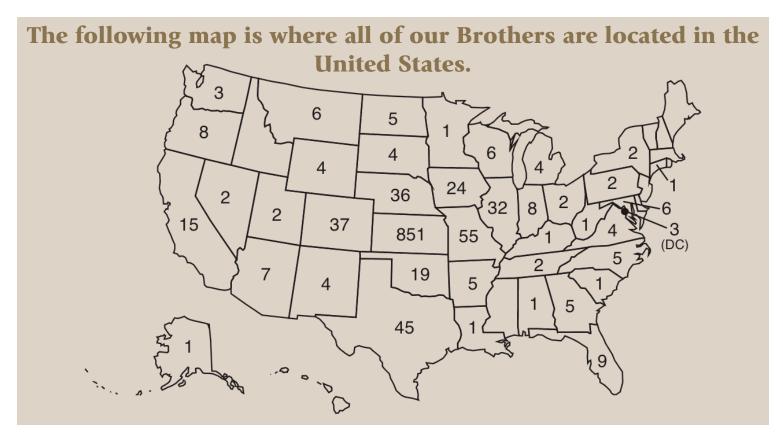
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Leadership Conference

This February, members of the Alpha Zeta Executive Council travelled to Nashville for the annual Alpha Gamma Rho Leadership Conference. We left Thursday for the two-day conference and returned Sunday. We were accompanied by Housemom and Alpha Zeta alumnus JD Hagedorn. The conference was run by two national representatives, one being former Alpha Zeta alumni Nathan Laudan. The conference began Friday afternoon where 27 different chapters from across the country congregated for opening session. However, our group arrived a day early to tour JD's office, based in Nashville. The company that he works for, Iron Solutions, let us listen in on their early Friday meeting and then gave us a presentation on the different facets of the company. After the brief and informational excursion, we made our way back to opening session.

The conference began with an opening session and followed up with different break-out sessions tailored to different executive council positions. Our group split up and later convened at dinner where we listened to a variety of speakers. The day ended with lessons on risk management, alumni engagement, and

finances. VNR Membership Development Lane Forge's take away of the first day was a good one as he said, "I learned a lot from the multitude of sessions and enjoyed networking with fellow AGRs from across the country." Members had to be up early on the second day as the Saturday morning festivities began with breakfast and group discussions about agricultural problems. This was followed by more break-out sessions before lunch where we heard a former Georgia AGR and current congressman talk about his journey. Finally, the conference ended with sessions where chapters discussed current problems they faced and how to fix them. However, the Alpha Zeta group had a little bit of fun on their last night as they attended the Grand Ole Opry before returning home the following day. Noble Ruler Del Adcock said of the trip, "I enjoy connecting with members of other chapters from across the country to learn what they do well and how we can improve what we are doing at Alpha Zeta."

By Rogan Tokach



More than one way to give back

When you first think of giving back to AGR I would bet you think of giving some sort of monetary donation. Yes, that may be one way to give back to AGR, but it's certainly not the only way to give back. The giving back I want to talk about has to do with time. Giving your time back to AGR through the Professionals Program is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with the house and its members. It offers you the chance to be a mentor to an assigned undergrad and to help advise him through his

college career. This pairing is based on career objectives of the undergrad and where you are at in your career. The main goal of the Professionals Program is to give the undergrad a chance to connect with someone in their field of study. With all this being said if you are interested in joining the Professionals Program or you would like more information about it feel free to contact Coleman Nordhus at: colemanjdn@ksu.edu or 316.633.3917.

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:_____ Send To: **VNR Recruitment** _____ Email: _____ Nathan Welch Name of parent(s)/guardian: natewelch@k-state.edu High school attended:____ Academic status (incoming freshman, JUCO transfer, etc.):_____ Does the prospect have an AGR relative? List name, relationship, chapter: 1919 Platt St. Reference submitted by: _____ Email: _____ Phone ___ Manhattan, KS 66502

Pink Rose 2017

Just as it comes around each year and is an anticipated event by the men of Alpha Gamma Rho, the Pink Rose Formal was held on Saturday, February 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn, located in Manhattan, KS. This year, Pink Rose was coordinated by Coleman Nordhus, Alumni Relations and his assistant Morgan Scilacci.

The event was started off in the early evening with a social hour, which allowed alumni and undergraduates the opportunity to network and share stories as well as wisdom. As many alumni would agree, being an undergraduate can have its ups and downs, and it is nice to have men who have gone through that faze of life already and can provide insight and give advice.

Dinner was served after the social hour, provided by Hilton Garden Inn. Proceeding dinner, the keynote address was given by Bill New, AGR Alumni Graduate of 1965, who now works for 1st State Bank & Trust as well as still running Angus Cattle on his farm. New covered a range of topics but specifically touched on how his faith, paired with Alpha Gamma Rho, has gotten him to where he stands today.

Scholarships were administered by J.D. Hagedorn and the Scholarship Chair, Rogan Tokach, and they totaled about \$40,000. There were 24 different recipients of these scholarships. We are very blessed to have Alumni that care about the future of the house and its members.

Following the scholarship ceremony, came the induction of two outstanding alumni into the Alpha Zeta's Hall of Fame. These two alumni were Randy Stoecker and Steve Slusher. Both have been extremely involved alumni, and are outstanding examples to young alumni and undergraduates. Jason Grady is another alumnus that has been very involved in the Alpha Zeta Chapter, with the Professionals Program, as well as his work and family. For his commitment, he was awarded the 2017 Grand President's Award.

Overall, Pink Rose turned out to be a success with the number of scholarships given, the amount in turnout of alumni, and all the wisdom shared and gained by undergraduates and alumni alike. Being a member of Alpha Gamma Rho is truly a lifelong endeavor, and it is through events like these especially that showcase the connectedness and cohesion of the Alpha Zeta chapter.



Keynote Speaker Bill New presenting his talk



Jason Grady being recognized for receiving the Grand Presidents Award



Brother Jace Bowen receiving the Ron Hirst Judging Scholarship



Brothers Morgan Scilacci, Hayden Heigele, Dean Adcock and Rogan Tokach receiving the Dale Rodman Scholarship



Ag Symposium

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at Kansas State was excited to host its third annual Spring Agriculture Symposium on February 24, 2017. Located on Kansas State's campus, the Town Hall of the Staley School of Leadership Studies building provided an ideal location to host students, faculty, and members of the community for a discussion on Consolidation, Trade, and the Changing Landscape of Global Agriculture. Senior Craig Griswold, #1719, and alumni Garrett Lister, #1617, were co-chairs for the event and worked hard to ensure a topic that was of great importance to the agricultural industry and of great interest to undergraduates. Multiple choices of topics were presented to the undergraduate chapter and it was ultimately their decision of this year's topic.

"Given the recent news of mergers, acquisitions and trade negotiations, the men of Alpha Gamma Rho feel this is a particularly relevant time to discuss these trends in our industry," said Lister when asked about the importance of this topic.

Following last year's premise, the event was organized with each speaker given an opportunity to present their thoughts, followed by a question and answer panel to close the symposium. Renée McReynolds Laird, Founder and President of Tallgrass International Ltd., was the Master of Ceremonies. She introduced each of the speakers, moderated the panel, and provided some of her own insight into commodities. This year's first speaker was Roger McEowen, Kansas Farm Bureau's Professor of Agricultural Law and Taxation at Washburn University School of Law. Mr. McEowen presented multiple case studies highlighting some of the critical considerations for agriculturalists, especially when entering into contracts. Shane Masters followed Mr. McEowen, relying heavily on his own unique personal experiences to

provide some insight into how global markets and consumer desires can create opportunities for agriculturalists. Mr. Masters is originally from Australia and currently works for AGR Partners in Investment Origination and Development. John Niemann, President, Cargill Protein Ingredients and International, followed Mr. Masters, and discussed the global trends that agriculture will have to face. As an executive officer of an international company, Mr. Niemann has first hand understanding of the challenges that agriculturalists are facing currently, the challenges they will face, and how best to proceed with those challenges. One challenge being the use of a predominantly immigrant workforce. Bob Young was the final speaker. Mr. Young is the Chief Economist and Deputy Executive Director, American Farm Bureau Federation, in Washington D.C.. Mr. Young has analyzed economic trends, and presented some insight into how agriculture has gotten into its current state, and how it will need to proceed forward.

These speakers each brought a unique perspective to share with the crowd. Throughout the symposium, the crowd was challenged to think beyond their typical mindset and then allowed to ask the panel relevant questions. The panel answered questions for forty-five minutes, but the interest in the crowd could have continued the discussion for a much longer time. When asked about the symposium, Emilie Herbst, a K-State grad student in agricultural economics replied "It was interesting to hear the different perspectives from people in the industry about where they think the future of agriculture is headed and how best to move forward."

The Alpha Zeta Chapter is proud to have hosted an event that helps to better agriculture, and looks forward to hosting it again next year.



From left to right: Bob Young, John Niemann, Renée McReynolds, Roger McEowen, & Shane Masters

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2017 Graduating Seniors

Jacob Berglund, Louisburg, KS Agriculture Technology Management Selling Becks Seed as well as running cattle

Chase Boots, Great Bend, KS Animal Science and Industry Accepted position at Innovative Livestock Services

Braxton Butler, Madison, KS Animal Science and Industry Starting vet school this fall

Landon Cook, Hope, KS Food Science Accepted position at Hibervine Vineyard

Ethan Fowler, McPherson, KS Agriculture Economics Accepted position with Cargill **Luke Garrison**, Topeka, KS Chemical Engineering Business Analyst for Black & Veatch

Craig Griswold, Unionville, MO Biology and Agriculture Engineering Accepted position with Kansas Livestock Association

Hayden Guetterman, Bucyrus, KS Agronomy Returning to the family farming operation

Matt Hadden, Taylorville, IL Animal Science and Industry Accepted position at ADM

Caden Lynch, Lawrence, KS Animal Science and Industry Returning to the family farming operation Accepted position with Suther Feeds

Bryan Otott, Washington, KS Agriculture Economics Returning to family custom ag services

Wyatt Pracht, Westphalia, KS Agriculture Economics Accepted position with Peace Corps

Luke Sankey, Andale, KS Agriculture Economics Accepted position with Cargill

Jackson Wingert, Ottawa, KS Agriculture Economics Accepted a position with Cargill

Lost Brothers

Unfortunately we have lost touch with these brothers. If you have their address and phone number would you please send it to us at 1919 Platt, Manhattan, KS 66502. Attn.: Alumni Relations.

We would really appreciate your help in getting back in touch with these brothers!

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Upcoming Events

The following is a list of upcoming events on the Alpha Zeta Chapter's calendar. We just wanted to get these events out ahead of time for greater attendance. So, mark your calendars and we hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events.

July 15th Garden City

- Tour of feedlot and ethanol plant
- Tour of dairy
- Farm visit of KSU research about the aquafer
- Evening cookout/trap shoot
- Contact Will Longinaker for more information
 - o wlonginaker@gmail.com
 - o 712-242-8555

September 29th Founder's Day

- 90th Founder's Day
- Will be held at The Bluemont Hotel
- Tour of new Purebred Beef Unit at KSU
 - Friday Afternoon
- Home football game against Baylor
 - September 30th

February 23rd Pink Rose

• Agriculture Symposium

February 24th

- 90th Pink Rose
 - Venue TBD

2017 Wildcat Football Schedule

Central Arkansas Sept. 2nd Sept. 9th Charlotte Sept. 16th Vanderbilt Sept. 30th **Baylor** Oct. 7th **Texas** Oct. 14th TCU Oct. 21st Oklahoma Oct. 28th KU Nov. 4th Texas Tech Nov. 11th West Virginia Oklahoma State Nov. 18th Nov. 25th **Iowa State**

Home games are in bold

For more details or to RSVP for Founder's Day or Pink Rose contact Coleman Nordhus at colemanjdn@ksu.edu or 316-633-3917



RSVP for the 90th Founder's Day			
Name:			
Address:			
City: S	State: Zip:		
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Getting Involved as a Young Alumnus

Alpha Gamma Rho at Kansas State and as a national organization have had an impact on my life in innumerable ways, a sentiment that I'm sure many of you feel. I think much of that is because I spent a significant amount of my time as an undergraduate brother serving in one capacity or another in the chapter. So, when Jerrod Westfahl called and asked if I would be interested in serving on the alumni board, it seemed like a natural fit. I am hoping my perspective as someone who was living in the chapter house just a few years ago will help the alumni board better serve the needs of the undergraduates and alumni. I want to encourage the rest of my fellow young

alumni to become re-involved, you don't have to serve in any official capacity, but stop by the house the next time you're in Manhattan and have dinner. I would also like to invite everyone to join us for the summer alumni board meeting and industry tours in Garden City on the weekend of the 15th of July. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Fraternally, Will Longinaker, #1684 712-242-8555 WLonginaker@gmail.com



Letter from Mom Dianna



The old saying "the days go by slow, the years go by fast" is how I feel as we close the chapter on another school year at AGR. It has been a busy but great second semester.

The philanthropy, Sell-A-Fella, benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, was held in February. It was a beautiful and warm evening drawing a large crowd. The chapter raised \$9,100.00 during the 2 hour event.

In February I had the pleasure of traveling with the executive council to Nashville, TN for a leadership conference. There were approximately 20 AGR chapters from several states in attendance. What a great way to share ideas with other chapters. I spent time with House Directors/Advisors exchanging ideas and listening to the struggles that many chapters face. Our chapter is so blessed to have awesome Chapter Advisors and THE MOST SUPPORTIVE ALUMNI hands down. These folks were in awe of the dollars donated by alumni to provide scholarships to our chapter members. A BIG thank you to our advisors, Josh Roe,

Peter Tomlinson, Roger Johnson, and Garrett Lister for taking time on Sunday evenings to join our executive council for our weekly meetings.

I also made the trip with my sons and their dates to Oklahoma City for the annual "Date Party". I had never been to Bricktown so that was a new experience. Oh to be young again - I can't keep up the pace with the youngsters. Next up on the AGR social scene is TOGA on April 29. I told the guys I would be joining them but NOT to expect me to show up in a toga.

I am impressed with the number of internships that the boys have lined up for the summer. You can read a book but nothing beats hands on experience. I will be sad to see them leave for the summer and equally as happy to see them in the fall.

This school year concludes my second year as Housemom for AGR. What a wonderful two years I have had. I am blessed with caring and respectful sons, great families, dedicated Advisors and amazing Alumni. Alumni, please come visit and join us for a meal when you are in town.

Have a great and safe summer.

MOM



Obituary—David H. Mackintosh

David H. Mackintosh, 58, passed away November 21, 2016 at his home, Larned.

He was born August 16, 1958 in Salina, Kansas, Son of Donald H. and Barbara A. Bayles Mackintosh. A longtime area resident, he was a farmer/stockman.

He was a graduate of Hyannis High School, Hyannis, NE, where he was active in FFA, band, football team and the wrestling team which led to his lifelong interest in following wrestling. He received his Bachelors Degree from Kansas State University, where he was a member of the AGR Fraternity and the meats and livestock judging teams. He could be found at home watching

bull riding and wrestling, but also enjoyed visiting with people and meeting new people. Dave never knew a stranger.

Survivors include; his parents, Elkhorn, Nebraska, two sisters, Connie (Vern) Klaumann, Omaha, Nebraska and Becky (Richard) Meyer, Hanover, Kansas, a brother-in-law, Doug Kotas, Milligan, Nebraska, four nephews, Derek Meyer, Brandon Meyer, Joshua Meyer and T.J. Kotas and two nieces, Jennifer Hunter and Samantha Peck.

He was preceded in death by a sister Janet Kotas and a great nephew, Chase Hunter.

November 23, 2016 by Matt Althouse

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Kendal Frazier

Over the last twenty-five years Alpha Gamma Rho has reshaped, repurposed, and nearly perfected the art of "making better men," men whom acquire the skills necessary to hit the ground running and prosper in life after college, a short four-year window filled with many new opportunities and challenges alike. K-State's Alpha Zeta Chapter is certainly no exception to AGR's lofty mission. In the past ten

years alone, AZ continued to surprise and elevate expectations, most recently in 2016 with the receiving of multiple outstanding honors and awards at the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

One such man who walked the halls of the Alpha Zeta Chapter house, a prime success story for the current AZ generation to observe, is Mr. Kendal Frazier of Centennial, Colorado. As a 1973 graduate of Kansas State University, Mr. Frazier received his Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Economics. He also spent his college career as a member of AGR, joining the Chapter in 1970. Upon the conclusion of his formal schooling, the tools placed in his bag, so to speak, jump started his long and successful career as an avid proponent and supporter of the beef cattle industry.

As a young boy, Frazier learned the day-in-the-life of a cattle producer and farmer in the south-central plains of Kansas where his family owned and operated a diversified cattle and grain operation. After college, he went to work for WIBW radio and television network in Topeka, Kansas as their farm broadcaster, followed by taking a position as the communications director for the Kansas Livestock Association. It was not until 1985, twelve years after graduation, that Mr. Frazier joined the National Cattlemen's Beef Association staff, (which is formerly the National Cattlemen's Association, and he was the Vice President of Communications for the by-gone name.)

Through the years, Frazier assumed various roles and leadership capacities in the NCBA, leaving a marked impact both on the organization and the people. Recently, in May of 2016, he was named the Chief Executive Officer of NCBA, after holding the "interim" CEO position for about a year. With over 30 years of experience under his belt, Mr. Frazier's transition was as seamless as it can be, and the depth and breadth of his resume and continued involvement in the cattle industry is impressive to say the least. Although new obstacles constantly bombard agriculture, giving into pressure was the last move he intended to make.

In an interview with Chuck Jolley, writer at Cattle Networks, Frazier gave his audience a taste of his frustration and unwavering commitment to fighting the ever-growing assault on cattlemen's private property rights and water rights. In addition, he addressed the importance of the industry working with and adjusting to the constantly evolving consumer-oriented market, both domestic and foreign. With a tone of excitement and determination, Frazier ended by stating that he looks forward to his service in the NCBA and the cattle industry.

It is without doubt or uncertainty that Mr. Frazier has

imparted a meaningful lesson to those willing to observe it. For those currently rising in both NCBA, and especially AGR, simply having a positive attitude, working vigorously but honestly towards one's goals, and taking advantage of given opportunities will get a person further in life than one can hope or dream. The landscape is always changing, whether it is liked or not, good or bad. Regardless, people must adapt and learn to stay ahead, or otherwise risk being trampled. For the men of K-State's Alpha Zeta Chapter, the future sure looks bright.



Commander Tim Oswalt

Let it be made crystal clear to all that there are few better services or contributions that can be made to one's country than service in the armed forces. Many take it for granted, yet without it we would not be here. United States service men and women, like all other people, regardless of their line of work, perform an irreplaceable, important job, and that is the likes of past Alpha Zeta member and AGR

Brother, Commander Tim Oswalt, of Washington D.C.

As a K-State graduate of 1993, Mr. Oswalt earned his bachelor's degree in Finance, and he was extremely involved while on campus. In addition to being in Alpha Gamma Rho, he also actively participated in the K-State Crew Team, the Student Governing Association, and the Student Alumni Board. After finishing school, Oswalt joined the United States Navy in 1995, becoming a Naval Aviator. Over the course of his very successful career in this position, he logged a staggering 3,200 flight hours, performed 374 carrier landings, and endured 141 combat missions. This is a man of commitment, dedication, and endurance!

During the past year, Tim was given the opportunity of a lifetime to serve as the Naval Attaché to Pakistan at the U.S. Embassy, which is located in Islamabad, (a very interesting name if such commentary may be appropriate.) He is extremely proud of what he does in the Navy, stating that it is a demanding but rewarding lifestyle. In a brief interview via phone, Oswalt stated that he attributes much of his success to the basic life principles he gained while living at the Alpha Zeta Chapter house in Manhattan.

"The values of brotherhood that you learn in the AGR house will carry you throughout your life," Oswalt explained. "Simply said, your AGR brothers have become your family as you go through college, and this is what you should take with you to the next level. The values of AGR are great stepping stones for success, brotherhood and service to your community are welcome attributes in any industry."

Through his actions, "Oz" exemplifies what it means to be an "AGR," and we humbly and gratefully honor him for his dedication and service to this country. Over the summer, Oswalt plans to return to MHK to end the "dry spell," now quickly approaching and surpassing the twenty-year mark since he last saw and walked the halls of KSU-AGR. He hopes to see and visit with any current members that may be in the area.



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