



FORMERS' NEWSLETTER

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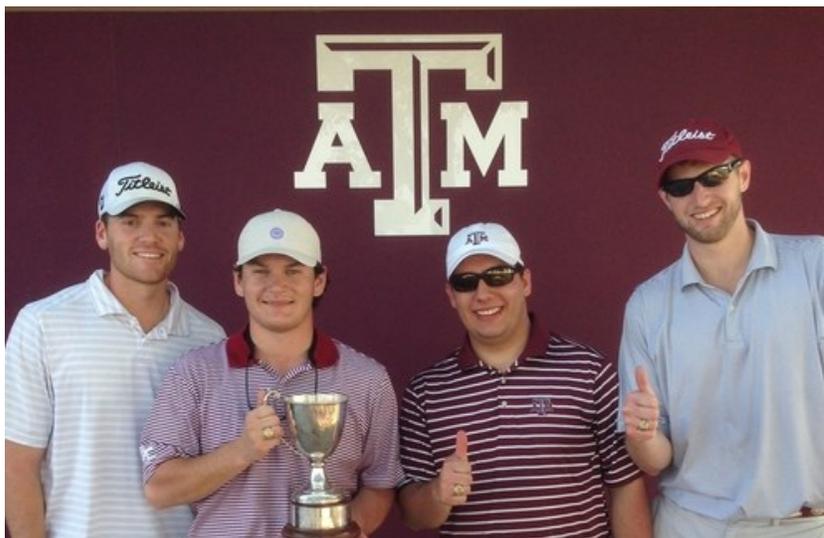
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**Formers' Tailgate:
November 7!**

**Check out our new
website:**

Aggiemensclub.com



2015 Formers' Golf Tournament Winners

L: Michael Apple, Drew Paton, Grant Gresham, Trey Woodward

Howdy!

It has been another great year in the Aggie Men's Club and we are excited to keep you updated on what has happened since you last heard from us. We welcomed Candidate Class XXX "Dirty Thirty" into the group, raised over \$20,000 (up \$5,000 from last year) through G.L.O.W., recreated our website and increased its visibility, traveled to Antigua, Guatemala to serve the local people by building a home and proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ, and accomplished so much more. We hope you enjoy this year's highlights as you see how AMC continues to strive for the excellence it was founded upon. We greatly appreciate your continued support with this organization. Please stay connected by updating your contact information by visiting aggiemensclub.com or emailing aggiemensclubpr@gmail.com.



Dr. Ben Welch
Advisor



Patrick Miller '15
President
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Letter from Dr. Welch

Men,

Twenty years ago in the fall of 1995 I was approached about serving as the advisor for Aggie Men's Club. I can still remember where I was seated in the business school and how honored I felt to be a part of such an auspicious group of Christian men on the A&M campus.

AMC has seen the birth of our three children and our daughter becoming an AMC sweetheart. We are eternally grateful for this group of men in our lives. The number one question I am asked by formers is, "How has the group changed?" I prefer to focus on what has remained the same, which is the incredible bonds of brotherhood. This group is a brotherhood like no other. We continue to share in each other's joys and sorrows. We still hold onto the scripture that says, "As iron sharpens iron so man sharpens man." Indeed our men sharpen one another and hold each other accountable. We continue to hold our candidates accountable by interviews, which gives us an opportunity to

truly know the men in our group as opposed to them just being a "member." I have saved every text, card, and written note by the men of this group as a constant reminder to strive to be a "man after God's own heart."

I continue to love my time at A&M. In January, I will begin my 29th year with the University. God has truly blessed me in the area of Executive Development within the business school and I continue to have the privilege of leading those initiatives. This allows me to travel internationally and I have been able to travel to locations such as Singapore, England, Dubai, Oman, Scotland, Brazil, Russia, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, and Belgium. While I have met many incredible executives, none of them take the place of the men in AMC.

Please know I look forward to many more years of service with AMC and never take for granted the privilege of serving you.

Love,
Ben

Letter from the President

Howdy Formers,

I have had the distinct honor of serving as President of AMC this past year, and I am proud to say that the men in this group have continued the tradition of impacting others within the organization, all around Texas A&M, and beyond. We started the fall semester by bringing in an incredible group of men as part of candidate class XXX. I am proud of the way this group of men continued to push the status quo, and find ways to honor our Lord through serving others.

This year we have been able to continue our relationships with involved Formers. A new scholarship for business students in AMC has been set up by some former members, chaired by Trey Able, in honor of Clay Aderholt through a golf tournament that was held in 2014. It is apparent that Clay's life and legacy are still having an impact on the members of AMC today. We also had the privilege of having one of our original founders, Sean Royall '86, come and speak to us at a meeting, and through his words I was encouraged to hear that the group has continued to the original vision and purpose set by

the founding members. This group is blessed to have incredible formers; it was great to see another example of how you all continue to give back to this group, and we hope to strengthen these relationships for years to come.

Whether it was being with the kids at Still Creek Ranch, going to Guatemala to build a home for a struggling family in an impoverished community, cleaning up the College Station and Austin communities, finding new ways to further the group and reach out across campus, or spending time with one another through bible study and interviews, this group continues to humble me and make me a better man. We understand that we are all beneficiaries of the hard work and example set by those who came before us, and I want to genuinely thank you for your continual impact on the Aggie Men's Club.

Patrick Miller '15
President 2014-2015

Chaplains Report

It has been an incredible opportunity for me to serve as the Chaplain of Aggie Men's Club this year. I am honored to be a part of this unique group of men which has been cultivated throughout the years by formers like you. Over the past couple years, the men in this group have blessed me beyond what I can convey with words, but I hope to provide a brief glimpse of how the Lord has touched the lives of our active membership over the course of the last year.

Each fall and spring, we as a group embark on a retreat to escape the routine of life in College Station and worship together as brothers. This year we were blessed to have Travis Endsley, a former AMC member and local pastor at Declaration Church in Bryan, TX, speak at both our fall and spring retreats. Due to his living in the area, he was able to continue to pour into guys during the rest of the year.

On a weekly basis, we would hold an early morning prayer meeting (which we aptly called, the "Deacon's Board") where we would pray individually for men in AMC and the direction of the group as a whole. There was also a weekly AMC Bible Study held in both semesters. Aaron Frederick led the fall semester Bible study where we looked at the

different uses of the word "Therefore" in the Bible, and our President Patrick Miller led in the spring with a study of the book of Romans. AMC Bible study continues to hold our members to a high standard, fostering spiritual growth as we learn more about our King and hold each other accountable.

At our bi-weekly meetings, we studied what it looks like to be a godly man by studying topics such as reading God's Word, making war against sin, working hard, the Gospel, mentorship, prayer, singleness, treating women with respect, and evangelism. We also started something new this year and every day read through a chapter of the Bible together. We ended up finishing 18 books of the Bible and over 200 total chapters read. It was a testament to us in the group of the importance of reading God's Word and how we can practically make it a priority in our daily routine.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support of Aggie Men's Club. We are grateful to each of you for the legacy that you have left in this group and hope to continue to stay in touch as the Lord uses AMC for years to come. Blessings to you and your family!

Tyler Moffett '15
Chaplain 2014-2015



Tyler Moffett '15
Chaplain
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TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL

2015 Schedule

Sept. 5 - Arizona State - Houston, TX	Oct. 31 - S. Carolina - College Station, TX
Sept. 12 - Ball State - College, Station, TX	Nov. 7 - Auburn - College Station, TX
Sept. 19 - Nevada - College Station, TX	Nov. 14 - W. Carolina - College Station, TX
Sept. 26 - Arkansas - Arlington, TX	Nov. 21 - Vanderbilt - Nashville, TN
Oct. 3 - Miss. St. - College Station, TX	Nov. 28 - LSU - Baton Rouge, LA
Oct. 17 - Alabama - College Station, TX	
Oct. 24 - Ole Miss - Oxford, MS	

■ Home game
■ Former's Tailgate

AMC Mission Trip

It is an absolute honor to be writing to you about something that I hold so dear, and would consider it to be one of the most incredible parts of AMC. Due to continued travel restrictions, we were unable to travel to Honduras to work with Building a Future, AMC's philanthropy. This year's planning for the trip took many different turns as we were trying to find where the Lord would have us serve. We ended up finding a state-side organization called Mission Discovery, based out of Westmoreland, Tennessee.

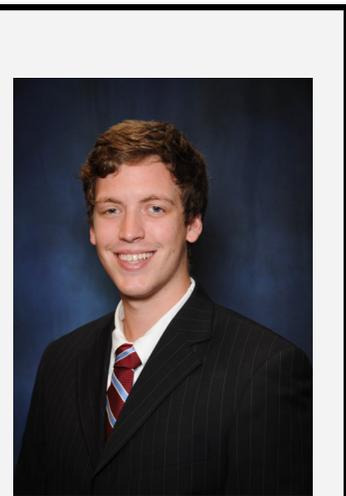
On March 15 a team of guys from AMC flew down to work in Antigua, Guatemala. While in Guatemala we got to work with a local organization called the Jeremiah Project, based off of the verse Jeremiah 29:11. The Jeremiah Project is an afterschool program that feeds the children and gives them a place where they can be loved on and supported by others. There is absolutely no way that I can convey the amount of work we got to do that week, or much less begin to explain how the Lord directly moved through our guys and through the people that we got to work with.

We got to spend every morning

working in a village right outside of Antigua called El Hato. We had the opportunity to build a house for a family who had lost their father two years ago due to heart disease. The mother, who has no education, cannot read or write, and only has an income of \$2/week, was left with her two young children. In the afternoons we would go back into Antigua and simply play with the children at the Jeremiah Project. We had a time of Bible study, craft, worship, and games, all which were used to love on them; showing them the love of Christ.

I personally fell in love with the country of Guatemala; they are a people of great hospitality and cheerful hearts. I know that without a doubt the rest of our team can say the same. It is my prayer that this will be the beginning of a deeper passion to go and serve as a group every year. I would ask that you join us in prayer for what the Lord will have us do next year and the years to come. Thank you for your continued support of the men in this group.

Mason Cheatham '16
External Ministries 2014-2015



Mason Cheatham '16

External Ministries

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G.L.O.W

Each year Aggie Men's Club works tirelessly alongside Maggies, a women's service organization, to put on our joint annual philanthropy event, G.L.O.W. (Giving to Light Others' Way) 5k. G.L.O.W. 5k is a nighttime race on-campus that brings out nearly 3,000 participants each year. The race occurs in February and is filled with live music, bright lights, and thousands of people wearing glow sticks. We use our ticket sales to donate directly to our two participating philanthropies, Building A Future and New Horizons. We generate support for our philanthropies through ticket admissions to the actual event, business donations, and the generous support of families and friends.

This year marked the 11th Anniversary of G.L.O.W. and we are happy to say

it was one of the best yet. With over 2,500 participants, G.L.O.W. was able to raise over \$40,000! We are so thankful to be able to provide this monetary support to our amazing philanthropy Building A Future! Building A Future provides homes, drug rehabilitation, orphanages, and an education to the people of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Though we have not been able to actually travel to Honduras in the past couple of years, there is no doubt in my mind that Jorge continues to further God's kingdom through his determined work and unending love for the people of Tegucigalpa. We want to say thank you for your continued support of AMC, we are well aware that none of this would be possible without your generous donations!

Brady Gunn '14
G.L.O.W Chair 2014-2015



Brady Gunn '14

G.L.O.W. Chair

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AMC Endowment and Website

As a group, we are constantly committed to finding new and better ways to serve our brothers. We see value in providing the members of AMC with the best possible experience and exposing them to the most resources we have to offer. With this vision in mind, our group decided to recreate and revamp our organization's website.

Our goal in this was two fold: better exposure to campus and better connection to formers. With our new website, we can better communicate and share information to those who are interested in joining the group and want to learn more, as well as give updates to those who desire to stay connected. Since the website has rolled out, our contact database of formers has grown and the number of applications to AMC has increased. You can visit our new website at aggiemensclub.com.

We see a lot of value in staying in contact with our former membership. Naturally, you are several steps further down the road and hold insight that we do not yet

Campus Update

Our beloved Aggieland is growing to say the least, and the changes that Texas A&M is undergoing are being facilitated by some of our very own active members.

Several of our maroon coats: Cameron Blizzard, Brian Skulski and Scott Bradshaw had the good fortune to welcome our brand new University President Mr. Michael K. Young at the unveiling of the "Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex," the largest Equestrian facility in the nation which will be used to host rodeos and other university events.

Sterling Brooker along with a majority of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will be living in the Commons this year while the quad dorms undergo construction over the next school year.

Our very own Mark Lutz has stepped into the role of director of The Big Event, succeeding Kevin Brooks, who lead the Big Event to a record breaking number of attendees of over 22,000 participants serving 2,500 homes in the BCS community.

I am sure you are aware that the Kyle Field construction is finally complete after two years. It is the largest stadium renova-

tion in college football history and will serve as the premiere college football stadium, housing over 102,000. It will be a great venue for the 12th man to yell for our very own Dreagan Patterson and the rest of the Fightin' Texas Aggies.

Good news for John Freeman and the rest of our engineers, the Zachry building is putting \$137 million down to triple it's size and create a better headquarters for the soon to be 25,000 engineering students on campus by the year 2025.

While these are just a few updates across campus that our actives members are involved in, there are many more changes happening to this great university. We are excited to see how these changes will shape the future of our school and will continue to follow our purpose of detecting out time and resources to the benefit of the students effected by these changes.

To be added to or updated in our database, please visit aggiemensclub.com/formers. You will be able to access our endowment fund here as well.

Mitch Maybury '16
Public Relations 2015-2016



Mitch Maybury '16

Public Relations

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Thomas Burrets '15

Songfest Chair

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Thomas Burrets '15
Songfest Chair 2013-2016

Formers' Tailgate

This year our Annual Formers' Tailgate will be hosted on **November 7, 2015** at FnA (500 Angus Street) when Texas A&M looks to BTHO Auburn for the 2nd straight year. Food will be served a few hours before game time and will be completely free to you and your guests.

Please join us and use this as an opportunity to reunion with old friends, meet our newest candidate class, and eat some great food!

Please RSVP by visiting our website: aggiemensclub.com/formers-tailgate. Be on the lookout for an email or keep updated on the website for more specific information.

AMC 2014 - 2015 Composite

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