



# FORMER'S NEWSLETTER

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AMC Songfest 2017



AMC Ski Trip 2018

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# WELCOME

*Thank you for taking the time to read this year's edition of the Formers' Newsletter. This past year was a great success, and Candidate Class XXXIII added immense value to our group, and a lot of younger actives are stepping up to lead already. This Newsletter will shed a lot of insight into that and the accomplishments we achieved as a group this past year, and what we are looking forward to these next couple of semesters. We know you guys are all over the world, and hope this blast from the past will remind you of how special of a group Aggie Men's Club truly is. We hope to build upon the solid foundation that the men before us laid, and we are thankful for your leadership. Please stay connected by updating your contact information by visiting [aggiemensclub.com](http://aggiemensclub.com) or emailing [aggiemensclubpr@gmail.com](mailto:aggiemensclubpr@gmail.com).*

# Advisor's Report



**Dr. Ben Welch**

Men,

I write to you while reflecting on the incredible past year the men in The Aggie Men's Club had the privilege of walking through together. As always, I witnessed amazing things not only happening to the men in this group throughout the year, but also amazing things happening because of the men in this group. The impact of the men in this group not only spans our entire campus, but continues to reach world wide as well.

We started the year strong by welcoming Candidate Class XXXIII, a group of young men who readily

accepted the challenge of Candidacy and worked together as a Candidate Class to overcome the many ups and downs of Candidacy. Similar to the many Candidate Classes I have had the pleasure of working with over the years, I saw Candidate Class XXXIII band together, relying on one another, while trusting in the process, but most importantly I saw a Candidate Class trust God as they faithfully chose to lean not on their own understanding, instead choosing to submit to Him. We have already seen members of Candidate Class XXXIII begin to step into leadership roles within the group, as some members of Candidate Class XXXIII will be serving on the EC or in Ex-Officio positions this upcoming year. I am proud of their desire to lead and I know their impact will be vast based on their passion to so readily become more deeply involved with our beloved group.

Throughout the year, our men rallied around each other once again in times of need. When Former, Preston Pownell's wife Katie, was faced with undergoing brain surgery to remove a tumor, our Actives and Formers were there to clothe Preston and Katie, along with Preston's brother and AMC President at the time, Trevor Pownell, with prayer. Our group put forth our strongest support, as Harrison Hancock made a valiant run for Student Body President.



Finally, when I reached out to our Formers at Christmas, regarding the ever growing financial difficulties faced by individual Actives to cover their dues in addition to the group's struggles to sustain our operating expenses, I was overwhelmed by the response I received and the generosity of each of you. This organization truly would not be able to be what it is and what it will continue to be without your support. I extend a special thank you to each of you have given to our group whether it be financially this year or through your steadfast prayers.

In closing, I am so proud of where this group has been, where it is currently, and where it is going. We have leaders not only within our group, but across campus serving as Maroon Coats and as executives for organizations like The Big Event, Abbott Family Leadership Conference, Gilbert Leadership Conference, etc. I am blessed by the friendship, love, and support this group continues to offer me, and pray daily for each of the men in this group, whether they be Candidates, Actives, or Formers. My life is richer because AMC is a part of it.

In Him,  
Ben

# President's Report



**Elton McIntosh**

Howdy Formers,

It is my honor of serving as the President of the Aggie Men's Club this year. Before I update you on the exciting state of AMC, I wanted to thank you for your support, investment, and friendship. It is remarkable to grasp the quality of men that have passed through this group since its founding, and every ounce of effort spent on continuing that connection and building this community goes a long way.

With that established, I want to share with you a few updates and points of emphasis as we preview Fall 2018. As always, candidacy is a cornerstone of the group and are thrilled to have recently welcomed Candidate Class XXXIV; but I am also excited to update you a little bit on our renewed commitment to service, philanthropy, and Former's relations.

Candidacy kicked off last Friday 9/14. We are incredibly excited about this new group of men and look forward to building meaningful relationships with them this semester. Your prayers over the semester as well as those individuals that weren't selected would be much appreciated. Our selections chair, Garrett Notzon, has been working very diligently with his selections committee to prepare for a candidacy process that is difficult, but ultimately purposeful at every turn and building up future leaders and men of God.

In terms of service, our chair Craig Kemper has been doing a terrific job preparing opportunities for our membership to impact the community, partnering with organizations like Special Olympics, Kingdom Ranch, Anderson Food Pantry, and Still Creek Ranch. One exciting development is that we introduced a service-selections event where we performed manual labor alongside potential new members in an effort to further our mission of service.

Philanthropy is truly an emphasis this year. You can read more details on our chairman Brett Fair's report, but we cannot wait for the opportunity to partner with Kairos—an amazing school in the heart of Ciudad Viejo, Guatemala that is building future Christian leaders to impact the future of that country. Please stay tuned for ways that you can participate and contribute to this unique philanthropic effort.



Our relationships with formers is a priority. We are eager to hear from you, and we are working to think creatively about how to strengthen the linkage between Formers and the active membership.

As a quick anecdote, I had the privilege of living with former Scott Peterson '04 and his family in the Woodlands this past summer. I am beyond grateful for the hospitality of Scott and the Peterson family, and I thought that was such a striking example of the power of this community extending past just a few years in college. I encourage you, if you have any interest in getting re-connected or even taking a lead in reaching fellow formers—please reach out to Towner and consider attending the Former's Tailgate on November 10th.

Thank you for the ways that you invested in the special community both in the past and presently. It truly is a tremendous group of men and I feel very privileged to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Elton McIntosh '19

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President 2018-2019

## Chaplain's Report



**Tyler Foglesong**

Howdy Formers,

My name is Tyler Foglesong and I am incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to serve as the chaplain of AMC for the 2018-2019 school year. The Lord is continually building a community within the Aggie Men's Club that has sharpened and challenged every individual. As formers, your submission to the Lord and His will built the foundation for what remains today. For this, I want to extend nothing but the fullest gratitude.

We are so excited to pursue the Lord, and we are full of faith about how He will move in AMC and in College Station.



He has provided vision and inspiration through Hebrews 10:24-25: “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Through this we have realized that building Christ-centered community is not easy, but it is a worthwhile, life-giving pursuit to which we are committed. Our bible study this semester will settle in 2 Timothy, where we will focus upon how Christ should shape our daily lives. Morgun Brown has tirelessly prepared to lead this weekly time of fellowship and study, and I can attest that there is no one better suited for the job - Morgun reflects Christ’s love in all that he does. Another way that we will attempt to spur one another towards good deeds is through accountability groups, which will be a wonderful chance for us to meet with a small number of individuals consistently in order to be vulnerable and speak life into one another. Similarly, at deacon’s board, we will pray faithfully for the group that we all love. An exciting new development is the inception of a biweekly worship night, which will be led by Marshall Hearne, our incredibly talented singer/songwriter. We have faith that as we submit these plans to the Lord, He will perform a powerful work within us. We haven’t officially locked down a speaker for Fall Retreat yet, but we have someone in mind - someone for whom you all have a great deal of respect.

Again, we are very thankful for what the Lord has done, and continues to do, and we are thankful for the integral role, whether directly or indirectly, that formers have played in our lives. That being said, we believe there is still so much more room for the Lord to move. We truly covet your prayers. Humbly, we ask that you would invest in the group by interceding on our behalf. Pray for a revival in our personal relationships with the Lord. Pray for consistent attendance at bible study, and that our community would be purposeful and fulfilling. Pray that we would serve in AMC and outside. Most importantly, pray that every person in AMC who doesn’t know the Lord would come to a full acceptance of the life and love offered by Jesus Christ.

Thank y’all for all that you do.

Respectfully,

Tyler Foglesong ‘19

# AMC Mission Trip



The Aggie Men's Club mission trip to Guatemala in 2018 was an unbelievable success. Through the mission organization "Mission Discovery", we were able to build four small houses for four different families over the week of spring break. Our team was composed of 36 members of AMC, and eight other Mission Discovery volunteers. God accomplished amazing things throughout the week. It was a joy seeing members of our team work tirelessly on the houses, while also taking time to invest in the relationships with the families for whom we were building the houses. Many of the guys on the trip were able to invest time and energy into playing with kids of these families as well as working on the houses. In addition to building houses, we were given the opportunity to deliver food to impoverished families every morning. We would go to the grocery store, pick up cleaning supplies and food, and deliver these items to houses in need. Each time we entered a house we were able to present the gifts and then pray for the families. Interactions like these impacted us just as much as the families we were serving.

A typical day looked like this: wake up, eat breakfast, go serve the community, rest, eat dinner, have a Worship/Bible Study time and then have downtime before bed. Being on a consistent schedule in a supportive community made this trip memorable for the whole team. One of my favorite parts of the trip was seeing the joy that was present all around me. Each person on the team seemed to constantly have a smile on their face. This happiness was transferred to the families we were helping and created an atmosphere of joy, love, and optimism. In addition, at the end of the week, we were able to dedicate the houses to the families. This included praying for each family and the time that they will have in the house. This trip was a blessing to both our team and the families in Guatemala. It was amazing seeing God work through times of service, worship and fellowship. I will forever remember the memories and lessons learned from this trip. Thank you so much.



Blessings,  
Craig Kemper  
External Missions Chair 2017-2018

# G.L.O.W. Invitation



Howdy,



**Brett Fair**

First off I want to say thank you for all that you have done in support of AMC and the G.L.O.W. 5k in the past. It has been such an honor for the young men of AMC to carry on the mission the Glow 5k has held since the debut in 2004. Each year we work harder to increase our standing in the community and to raise as much money we can to support our philanthropy. As many of you remember, AMC has donated their portion of the

proceeds to Building a Future, a non-profit organization that runs an orphanage in Honduras. We are proud to announce that there have been some changes made in order to keep the Glow 5k going strong for its 15th year. The first being a change in the philanthropy we are financially supporting. With much prayer and consideration, the men of AMC have made the choice to send our proceeds to the Kairos school of Guatemala. After spending the 2018 spring break mission trip serving the Kairos school, we were moved by their mission and developed unique relationships with the children, faculty, and community. For further information, here is a link to the mission and purpose of Kairos: <http://www.holdthechildren.org/schools/kairos-christian-school-0>.

So, what does this have to do with you? First, this event and the money it raises would not be possible without you and the example you have set for us as men and leaders at Texas A&M. Second, because we are partnering with a new philanthropy, we need your support now more than ever. In the fall we will be hosting a fundraiser in order to get the initial funds needed for the spring. This fundraiser is crucial to the success of this year's race and the future of Kairos.

AMC's elected G.L.O.W. committee and I have great plans to revive the fundraiser from years past and are excited to unveil it to you. More details about the event will be given to you later, but we would like to invite you to participate on November 16 as we prepare for another great year of G.L.O.W. If you are unable to attend the event, but would still like to contribute to the success of G.L.O.W. 5K, we would like to invite you to make a monetary donation or even participate on the night of the race. Any amount of assistance is appreciated and makes a huge difference for the kids of Kairos. If you feel so inclined, please email me at [brettfair80@gmail.com](mailto:brettfair80@gmail.com)



Thank you so much for your consideration. We are excited to catch up with you at Formers' Tailgate and hope to see as many of you as possible at both the fall fundraiser and the race in February. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

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## Looking Forward

Howdy Formers,

My name is Towner Webster and I have the honor of serving as the Public Relations Chairman for this upcoming year. We, as an EC, are very excited for the year to come and hope to give you a glimpse into the current AMC that you knew so well; we hope that you are proud of the ways we have changed. You have already heard from a few of the most impactful men in the group and this year I will do my best to give you more opportunities to meet and/or hear from the rest of them.

Throughout the years our group has made great strides to better connect with Formers. It is my goal to keep Formers in the loop of all things AMC, and better connect graduating actives with Formers in their new cities. Additionally, I hope to relay any opportunities that you as Formers may have to our active membership. If any Former wishes to get more involved with the active membership, please do not hesitate to contact me personally. We ask that you check out [aggiemensclub.com/formers](http://aggiemensclub.com/formers) to stay up to date and fill out a formers' profile. Whether it's coming back for a Formers' event, getting involved with us financially, or reaching out to actives with opportunities, we greatly appreciate your influence on the men in this group. We want to thank you for the impact you made on our past and hope to make you an integral part of our future. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, and thank you for all that you do for AMC and Texas A&M.



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# Campus Update



**Reese Svetgoff**

“Your expectations will never be greater than mine. I promise you that.” These words, spoken by our newest member of Aggieland, Jimbo Fisher, ended the 2017-2018 school year with a sense of accomplishment of the past and a sense of excitement for the future. This last year saw a great many changes and additions to our school. So, let’s dive into the news of the year and see what we have to look forward to.

After plenty of construction near our most notable structure, Kyle Field, the on-campus hotel has finally been finished. Named after an esteemed Former Student, Doug Pitcock '49, the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center is just one of the many new additions to updating the architecture of our campus and giving former students an excuse to return home to Kyle Field. Across campus, another new structure has been finished: The Zachry Engineering Education Complex. This building now takes first place as the largest academic building at Texas A&M. As a result of its completion, there have been some unforeseen side effects. This building has turned our senior engineers bitter and has made our freshman engineers spoiled. Additionally, I have not encountered an engineer who has failed to forcibly bring up their new classrooms in conversation (Elton McIntosh). Apparently, it’s a nice facility. Despite these setbacks, this project will have undoubted benefits to the students of Texas A&M and further its reputation as a school that puts students first.

The men of AMC, as usual, continue the tradition of taking leadership roles in other organizations and activities both on and off-campus. On-campus, these groups include: The Big Event, Maroon Coats, Muster, Abbott Family Leadership Conference, Gilbert Leadership Conference, Fish Camp, Fish Aides, and Revelation Outdoors. Off-campus, the men of AMC continue to be spiritual leaders in mentoring the younger generation of our community, serving the Church and leading small groups. Additionally, this past year saw an active run for Student Body Presidential for the second year in a row. Though the outcome was not what we hoped for, I can promise you that we led the charge in creating the first clean Student Body President campaign in over 7 years. This campaign showed the rest of our school the upstanding character of both our candidate and the Aggie Men’s Club.

These are just a few of the updates that have occurred throughout our time here. If the past year is any indication of what is to come, we say with excitement that AMC is taking good care of our beloved school.

We are confident that no one has greater expectations for A&M than us. I can promise you that.

Reese Svetgoff '19

# Formers' Tailgate



*This year our Annual Formers' Tailgate will be hosted on November 10, 2018 at Spence Park (right next to Kyle Field) when Texas A&M looks to BTHO Ole' Miss.*

*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 candidates, and eat some great food!*

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



Some of our members climbing Mt. Pacaya in Guatemala

# Candidate Class

## XXXIV

*Austin Anderson*

*Brock Gransbury*

*Bryson Wells*

*Carter Flournoy*

*Cody Henson*

*Cole McCraw*

*Colin Lantz*

*Danny Phillips*

*David Lee*

*Felix Read*

*Hudson Neuhoff*

*Jack Tucker*

*Jackson Anuszkiewicz*

*Jake Griffin*

*Julian McCall*

*Kade Ball*

*Kallan Walters*

*Keller Cox*

*Logan Moose*

*Luke Thorton*

*Matthew Emery*

*Paul Rush*

*Ryan Waters*

*Sam Harrison*

*Theo Fandrick*

*Trae Weber*

*Tyler Helbing*

*Will Lang*

*Will Reichert*

*Will Walton*

*Worsham Bryant*

*Zach Brantley*