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# AGR Alumni E-NEWS

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## Next Weekend: Reunion Tailgate Time

The first of three tailgate events this football season kicks off next weekend at the AGR House!

Please join us at Noon, Saturday, Sept. 10, before the **Gators v. Kentucky** game, to celebrate AGR memories as well as the chapter's future. We will have great food, music and fun for the whole family!

The AGR Chapter House Association will also hold its annual meeting at the House this same day, 11 a.m. to Noon. All the more reason to come on by!

Mark your calendars for these additional tailgate dates: Sept. 17, **Gators v. North Texas**, and Nov. 12, **Gators v. South Carolina**.



## New Policies for Gator Football Fans

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium announced it has adopted a similar policy to the NFL regarding the size and type of bags allowed in the stadium. Each bag must be a clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bag that does not exceed 12"x 6"x 12". Also a new policy, personal seat backs will not be permitted inside the stadium. Seat cushions that are no larger than 16", do not have pockets, and do not have a back are permitted.

[Read more about this announcement.](#)

# BAG POLICY

## APPROVED BAGS



## PROHIBITED BAGS



FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**  
**FLORIDAGATORS.COM**



## Fall Football Parking Still Available!

There is still time to reserve your NO-BLOCK GAME DAY PARKING for all home football games this fall. Secure a convenient AGR spot with your name on it for \$300!

[CLICK](#) for more on how to reserve your space!

## Brothers Making the News

Ben Butler, a fourth-generation dairy farmer, is the 2016 Southeast Milk, Inc. Outstanding Young Dairy Leader. He is also an ex officio member of the board this year.

Jamie Fussell began a new job in August as an attorney with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Bud Riviere was recently [inducted](#) into the Florida FFA Hall of Fame. A '69 graduate and former ag teacher, Bud completed 45 years in vocational technical education.

Justin Sharpless, instructor in Agricultural Studies at Warner University in Lake Whales, Fla., was spotted on the cover of the August issue of *In the Field*, Polk County's Agriculture magazine.

Gavin Rollins was deployed to Africa in March of this year, taking a leave of absence as Clay County Commissioner. [Read more](#) about his story.



Gavin Rollins

## ***8th Annual Mason Smoak Foundation 5K and Family Fun Festival***

Online Race Registration is now available for the Mason G. Smoak Foundation 5K. The race will take place Oct. 22, 2016, in Devane Circle Park, Lake Placid, Fla., followed by games and activities for kids and the entire family to enjoy.

Proceeds benefit the faith-based organization supporting education, environmental stewardship and opportunities for leadership development in a manner reflective of brother Mason's integrity and character. For more information, visit [www.masongsmoakfoundation.org](http://www.masongsmoakfoundation.org).

## ***Your Loyalty Makes a Difference***



**Alpha Gamma Rho**  
The University of Florida

Paying your annual dues to the Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter House Association supports the collegiate chapter, so AGR can exist into perpetuity, creating better men in agriculture. That is our privilege and responsibility as alumni.

Please make your \$100 annual dues payment, make a donation to the House Association or a tax deductible donation to the Education Foundation electronically via credit or debit card:  
<http://agruf.org/alumni/>

Or by mail, please make checks payable to "AGR House Association," and mail to: 161 E Rose Ave, Orange City, FL 32763. Thanks for your continued support!

## *In Loving Memory*

### **Gary Lee**

Brother Gary Doyle Lee, 69, passed away on July 7. He was a stand-out brother as an Agriculture Resource Teacher in Highlands County, where he directed the county FFA Program for a number of years.

"Mr. FFA" in his community, he also did a great deal for the state FFA Program. Brother Lee was the FFA State Alumni chapter founder and a 2012 inductee into the Florida FFA Hall of Fame. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Florida FFA Alumni Association, 915 Meadowood Drive, Lakeland, FL 33809.

Read more about brother Lee from students who knew him in [Highlands Today](#).

## *Brothers in Public Service*

Congratulations to these brothers who recently won their primary elections in Florida!



- [Chuck Clemons](#) for Florida State Representative Dist. 21.
- [Brad Drake](#) for re-election for Florida State Representative Dist. 5.
- [Greg Steube](#) for Florida State Senate Dist. 23.

And congratulations to brother [Bill Braswell](#) on his recent victory. He will take his Polk County Commission seat in November.

## *Homecoming Discount for Ag and Gardening Day*



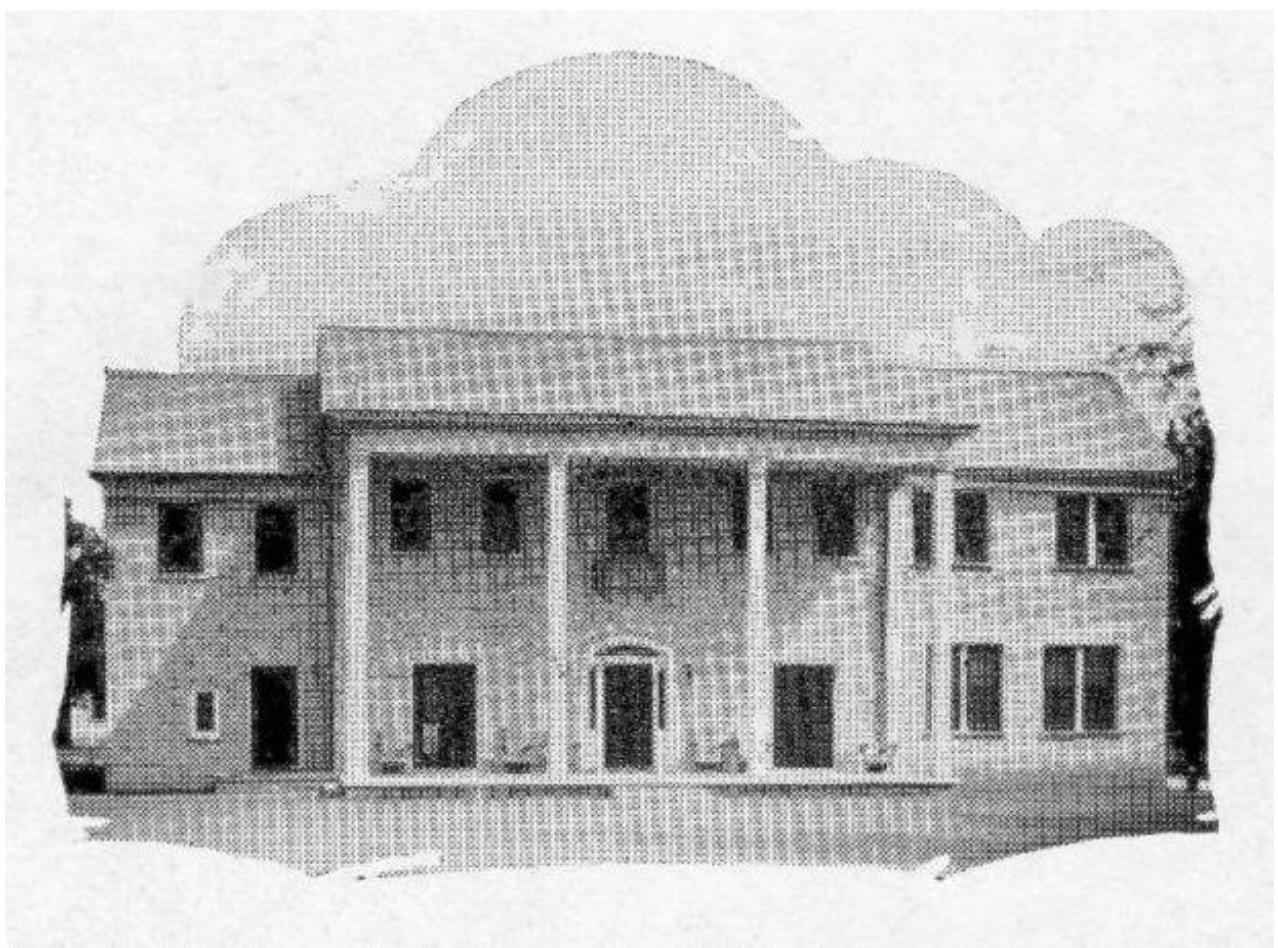
IFAS and UF Athletics are co-hosting an Ag and Gardening Day Oct. 15 (Missouri game). Discounted football tickets for folks in the agriculture industry are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with limited seating available in the upper south end zone for \$35 and the upper north end zone for \$20.

In addition to discounted tickets, various family activities will be in place on campus near the Stadium that Saturday before kickoff.

For questions about ordering tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please e-mail [premium@gators.ufl.edu](mailto:premium@gators.ufl.edu). To reserve your seats, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2016AgDayTickets>. Promo code: AgDay2016

## *Flashback: The Old AGR House*





Historic AGR photos can be sent to [Ray Hodge](#).

## *Share the News!*

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## *Submit News!*

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