

Lawn Mowers on Parade in Columbia

COLUMBIA- MU's Agricultural Systems Management Club hosted their annual lawn mower clinic Friday.

Each year the Agricultural Systems Management (ASM) Club takes in lawn mowers from local residents for tune-ups. An oil change, spark plug and air filter replacement, blade sharpening and a lawn mower cleaning are all included in the tune-up. Event organizer **Hunter Nash** said the clinic serves two purposes for ASM students.

"This is a small way we can use what we learn in internal combustion class and classes like that," **Nash** said. "We get to put a hands-on thing together and make some money for our club."

The club holds the two clinics each spring. The first clinic is in March and the second in April. ASM went to the current format when they took in more than 200 lawn mowers one spring. **Nash** said the new format is easier on everyone involved.

"Things got pretty overwhelming for us as we tried to get everything done," **Nash** said. "It was just too much work and we were not able to get the lawn mowers back to their owners quickly."

This April ASM has more than 150 lawn mowers to work on. **Nash** said while it will be a busy weekend, the students enjoy helping out.

"It gives us a chance to do more than raise money," **Nash** said. "It's a fundraiser but we get to help out the community at the same time."