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THE TRADITION OF SUCCESS CONTINUES!

Missouri Chapter Named Sweepstakes Finalist for Tenth Time in Eleven Years

For the 10th time in the last 11 years, Missouri Chapter was recognized as a Sweepstakes Finalist at the Delta Upsilon International Leadership Institute, held August 4-7 in Orlando, Florida.

There are 82 active DU chapters in North America, with more than 3,500 undergraduates. Only seven chapters are selected as Sweepstakes Finalists each year. Qualifications include chapter performance in scholarship, leadership, service, and brotherhood. Ten undergraduates and two advisors from Missouri were a part of the nearly 400 members in attendance. During the weekend, they participated in leadership, service, and educational sessions as well as attended the annual convention proceedings.



Drake Krueger '14, Erik Johanson '13, Bryan Livingston '13, Alex Heese '14, Lee Gorski '13, Dylan Bannecke '13, Shawn Ketchem '13, Michael Francis '13, Nate Arnold '13, Taylor Williams '14, and J.C. Emerson '62 at the Delta Upsilon International Leadership Institute where the chapter was recognized as a Sweepstakes Finalist.

This recognition builds on the chapter's string of success. In three of the last six years, the chapter was the overall Sweepstakes Award winner. At the local level, the chapter has received the top overall designation from Mizzou Greek Life two of the last five years.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPANSION AND FOUNDING OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO MISSOURI CHAPTER

Missouri Chapter alumni leadership has typically consisted of a handful of individuals attempting to manage all the affairs of the chapter. We have come to the conclusion that in order to continue and expand our success, we must have more alumni engaged in the process. Over the past several months, significant steps were taken to make this concept a reality.

Three new members, **Terry Brady '62**, **Ted Murray '71**, and **Steve Mermelstein '92**, were added to the Board of Directors. These men bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization. The role of the board will be more strategic than before and will focus on identifying, recruiting, and training outstanding alumni.

An initial priority was to establish a stronger local alumni presence. A Columbia Advisory Board was established to satisfy this need. **Chuck Hatley '80** was recruited to embody the role of chapter ad-



visory. **J.C. Emerson '62** assists Chuck with day-to-day chapter operations and coordinates special events. In addition, **Robert Weagley '74**, **John Ott '82**, and **Tom Richards '91** provide support to Chuck and J.C. as needed.

These two boards are establishing goals and priorities for the future. As these goals are developed, we will share our vision for Missouri Chapter and seek to engage more alumni. If you have questions, suggestions, or desire to offer your time or talent to Missouri Chapter, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Fraternally,
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Missouri Experience Served As Building Block of Successful Business Career for Kevin Avondet '78

Kevin Avondet '78 is aware of the solid foundation he garnered at the University and the role Delta Upsilon played in providing it to him. "Being a member of Delta Upsilon provided me stability within the University. As pledges we moved directly into the chapter house and you experienced an immediate bond with the other members and the structure. You had a pledge father and a pledge trainer that ensured discipline in your studies and stability within your activities. **Neal Morrison '76** and **Tom Pilcher '75** served as recruitment chairmen that year and did a great job continuing to be good friends, even after I pledged."

Kevin's decision to join DU was based on friendships he already developed with brothers in the chapter. "I visited other fraternities, but I had friends who introduced me to the men at DU. I got to know them over the summer and the previous year, then decided after meeting the men and liking their positive attitude that DU would be the fraternity I'd join."

Kevin served as vice president of the chapter, a role that would allow him to expand his leadership abilities and become more involved in the chapter and get to know the brothers better. "I think it's important for undergraduate members to stretch themselves and get to know as many brothers as possible. The relationships you gain as an undergraduate will be important the rest of your life. Some of my good friends are on the board of curators with the University and they are men I met through Fraternity events."

Kevin also encourages brothers early in their careers to push themselves to build upon these DU connections. "Know that you came from a good University and you have brothers who are supportive of you and want to see you succeed. You should never hesitate to reach out to another alumnus for help, even if you don't know them personally. It's important you stay close to the chapter and give back in whatever way you can."



Kevin Avondet '78 and his wife, Susanne, and their sons: Andrew, William, and James.



Kevin and his sons, William and Andrew.

Kevin's favorite memories include pledgeship activities, competing in intramurals, Campustowne Races, Homecoming, fraternity/sorority mixers, and dances after home football games. "I feel it's important to stay involved with anything that's been helpful to me and continues to help me. I think the Fraternity could also be beneficial to my children one day. I'd like my sons to have the same benefits available to them that I had."

Today, Kevin is partner in a real estate development company that develops community shopping centers anchored by Target Stores in the southwest. He is also a venture partner in oil and gas ventures in Texas, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania. Kevin resides in Forth Worth, Texas, with his wife, Susanne, and their three children: James, William, and Andrew. In his free time, Kevin enjoys participating in philanthropy work and spending time with his sons hunting, skiing, and playing sports. Kevin stays in touch with several Missouri brothers. Kevin, along with **Carl Hof '78**, **Mike Favazza '78**, **Rex McCall '78**, **Hank Pieper '78**, **Gary Gebhardt '78**, **Rick Jones '78**, **Duke Snider '78**, and **Steve Shumake '78** get together for a football road trip. To contact Kevin, e-mail him at kavondet@dbilt.com.

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THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

SPRING 2011 DONORS

Through the generosity of 66 loyal brothers, \$6,871 was contributed to our spring 2011 fundraising appeal. Ongoing support from our members maintains our important alumni relations campaign, keeping our fraternal bonds strong and our undergraduate members positioned for continued success. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the support they

receive from their alumni. Contributors to the fall 2010 and spring 2011 Missouri Chapter annual campaigns are listed below by their cumulative giving totals since spring 2006. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Missouri Chapter of Delta Upsilon, P.O. Box 872, Columbia, MO 65203.

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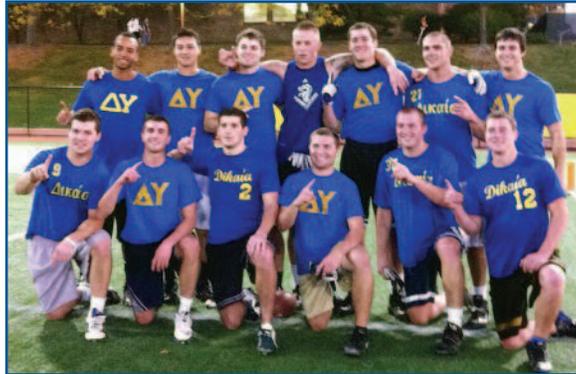
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Twenty-Six New Member Class Provides Future Leaders for Missouri Chapter

Brothers Capture "A" Division Flag Football Championship

The fall semester was off to a strong start as we welcomed 26 new members from our summer recruitment program. This talented, well-rounded group of young men boasts a 26 average ACT score and an impressive 3.5 average G.P.A. They will certainly be an excellent addition to our brotherhood. This year's recruitment was led by Vice Presidents of Member Recruitment **Nate Arnold '13** and **Bryan Livingston '13**, **Matt Hinck '14**, **Erik Johanson '13**, **Nick Tittone '14**, and I provided additional support to recruit Missouri Chapter's new members. We furthered our success by capturing the "A" division flag football championship over Beta Theta Pi.



DU's flag football team captured the "A" division intramural championship.

New Parent Orientation Allows the Whole Family to Learn About Delta Upsilon

Our annual new parent orientation meeting was held on Saturday, August 21, at Memorial Union. The meeting allows parents to meet undergraduates, other parents, and alumni, as well provides an opportunity to learn about Delta Upsilon. With more than 80% of parents in attendance, it was evident the dedication our men show is supported by their families as well.

Delta Upsilon and Delta Delta Delta Earn First Place in Merchandise at MU's 100th Homecoming

For MU's 100th Homecoming, more than 30,000 alumni, fans, and friends attended campus decorations and 35,000 were in attendance for the parade to celebrate this exciting event. We were

paired with Delta Delta Delta and were recognized for achievement in a number of categories: first place in merchandise, second place in service and in Decorate the District, and third place in royalty and the blood drive (which collected a record 5,264 units of blood throughout the four-day event).

Academic and Alcohol Responsibility Workshops Instill Strong Foundation in Missouri Men

On October 2, Dr. Carolyn Magnuson organized an academic workshop for

new associate members. This seminar included a presentation tied to Delta Upsilon's four founding principles and was well received by undergraduate brothers. On October 24, more than 120 members attended an alcohol responsibility presentation by Kim Dude, director of the Wellness Resource Center at the University of Missouri. These workshops are just two of the ways Missouri strives to lay a solid foundation for our undergraduate members.

Many thanks to our alumni who paved the road before us. Missouri would be nothing without you. If you find yourself in the Columbia area, please stop by the chapter house and meet the undergraduate brothers who make up our great chapter today.



Fraternally,
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..... Congratulations, New Associate Members

Tyler Benjamin
Columbia, Mo.
Rock Bridge H.S.

Conner Capps
Springfield, Mo.
Kickapoo H.S.

Taylor Lorenz*
St. Joseph, Mo.
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CHAPTER ETERNAL

Kenneth M. Dankel '56 entered Chapter Eternal on May 16 in Gainesville, Ga., at the age of 79. He had a 26-year career as a naval aviator and 15 years as a management and technical consultant to the Navy on airborne military electronic systems. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carolyn; brother, Raymond; children: Mark, Terry, and Margaret; and grandchildren, Kenneth and Sarah.

Wayne Black '59 entered Chapter Eternal at his home in Dewey Beach, Del., on November 9. In his 43 years of practicing law, Wayne represented many of the country's largest oil and gas companies and electric utilities before the FCC in a wide variety of telecommunications matters. He also represented the Telecommunications Committee of the American Petroleum Institute (API) and served as General Counsel of the Energy Telecommunications & Electrical Association (ENTELEC). Wayne was a competitive biker, swimmer, and runner, who competed in numerous triathlons locally and internationally, including the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon. Wayne is survived by his wife, Ilze; daughters, Christina and Andra; son, Brett; sisters, Frances and Dona Sue; grandsons, Patrick, Michael, and Brian; and many nieces and nephews. Several of Wayne's DU brothers and the chapter are planning a contribution to DUJF's Global Service Initiative in his memory.

ALUMNI NEWS

Col. A. Bruce Colbert '53 and his wife, Jean, usually return to MU to see at least one football game every year. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend a game for the 2011 season. They reside in Riverside, Calif. E-mail: arthur-colbert@sbcglobal.net

James I. Green '53 retired to Conroe, Texas, nearly 10 years ago to be near two of his children after three decades in Minnesota. He doesn't miss the Minnesota winters a bit! E-mail: jbgreen53@gmail.com

Col. John A. Seitz III, U.S. Army Ret. '59 and his wife, Julie, have four grown children and reside in Junction City, Kan. He was appointed to director of Military Affairs Council, Junction City, Geary County, Kansas. John also serves on the board for the Rotary Club, YMCA, and CASA. E-mail: john.seitz@cgifederal.com

Dr. Roger L. Anderson '63 has remained active in the hospital acquired infection field since retiring from the CDC in '98 by reviewing scientific articles for two infection control journals/organizations. In addition, scheduled exercise and outside activities such as hiking, geocaching, and sport shooting are important ways for him to prevent adverse health conditions. Roger expresses best regards to all DU MU brothers. E-mail: baranderson1@comcast.net

David B. Moody '65 and his wife, Cherie, live in Kirkwood, Mo. They visited their son and grandson at the US Embassy in Riga. David's hometown hobby continues with June's Brew batch #181, Latuajias Alus, inspired by their trip. E-mail: cmmbdme@msn.com

William C. Schoenhard Jr. '71 works as deputy under secretary for health for operations and management in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans, Health Administration. He and his wife, Kate, reside in Kirkwood, Mo. E-mail: william.schoenhard@va.gov.

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Missouri Brothers Gather at Eagle Knoll for Alumni Golf Tournament

The DU Alumni Golf Tournament took place the weekend of June 25 at Eagle Knoll Golf Course just south of Columbia. Ten teams participated in the event this year, with brothers from graduating classes '92 to '09 attending. **Steve Mermelstein '92** kicked off the tournament with an alumni update on the status of local chapter and discussed investigating the potential for new house construction. The winning team this year was **Ryan Murdock '08, Erik Bolton '08, Dru Linebach '08, and Mike Blassie '10** with a score of 11-under. After the tournament, brothers met at Harpo's for a reception. As always, a good time was had by all.



ATTENTION: *This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Missouri, this newsletter is intended for you. He will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to tarar@penningtonco.com. Thank you.*



Missouri Chapter alumni in the Kansas City area celebrated the 177th anniversary of Delta Upsilon at McCormick & Schmick's on November 2.

Kansas City Area Alumni Gather for Founder's Day Reception and Celebrate Delta Upsilon's 177th Anniversary

Several times a year, alumni reconnect with brothers from their own chapter, as well as alumni from other chapters. A reception was held Wednesday, November 2, at McCormick & Schmick's on the Plaza to celebrate Delta Upsilon's Founder's Day and recognize the Fraternity's 177th anniversary. More than 30 Kansas City-area DUs were in attendance. Missouri Chapter alumni in attendance: **Cameron Duff '07, Francis Duff '80, Sam Abadir '92, George Bukaty '75, Stephen Moore '09, Chris McKinney '01, Bruce McKinney '74, Keith Chrostowski '75, Steve Mermelstein '92, and Michael Hinck '08.**