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Intramural champions!

Chapter Comes Roaring Back; Now Faces New Challenge

This was going to be one of the most positive, upbeat articles I have had the opportunity to write in quite some time. Then in March, something called coronavirus turned everyone's world upside down. So this will indeed be a bittersweet message, keeping in mind that the most important thing is the health and safety of our members and their families, our volunteers, and you. We also know that many are facing unimagined financial stress and worry. Our thoughts and prayers are indeed with each of you.

With that being said, let's start with the good news. As we reported previously, our members moved back into the chapter house this fall after three years of challenges and hard work. Recruitment finished strong and we hit a total membership level of 90. These were quality young men, with GPA and ACT scores in excess of the university averages of 3.5 and 26, respectively.

Shortly after our last newsletter was distributed, our members were initiated and the chapter was officially reinstated at a ceremony held at Stotler Lounge (Memorial Union) on November 2. More than 100 guests attended the event, including alumni, parents, friends, and university officials.

Notably in attendance were University of Missouri Chancellor Alex Cartwright, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Bill Stackman, Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life Brittany Butler, and Dean of Journalism **David Kurpius, Indiana '86**. Several members of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity (DUIF) and headquarters staff were also on hand. The Ritual team was headed by DUIF Chairman **Robert Lannin, Nebraska '81**, and included a number of local and alumni board volunteers. If you have not already had a chance to read it, you should check out the article that appeared in the latest *DU Quarterly*, Volume 138; Number 1. They did a terrific job of documenting our journey.

Since that time, the chapter has been on a tear. Instead of me attempting to describe everything that has occurred, just read the letter and look at the pictures submitted from undergraduate President **Jack Bell '22**. Jack not only describes what the chapter has achieved, but he also conveys his sincere commitment to the values of the fraternity and the passion exhibited by the members. If that doesn't make you proud, nothing will.

As you can imagine, the last several weeks have been trying. Like most other Greek organizations and university residence halls,

our members have returned home and the facility is locked. Only our house director remains. We are currently finalizing financial refunds/credits for our members and working with our bank and other contractors to arrive at a cash flow plan to help us see our way through this crisis.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As I mentioned last time, we have received all but \$300,000 of the \$3 million pledged during our capital campaign. Picking up this additional amount would provide a significant and needed financial boost. So while we are not actively soliciting at this time, we are asking that you fulfill the commitments you previously made by December 31. At that time, we will officially close the campaign and use the total dollars received from each donor to prepare the permanent plaque and room naming rights. We will then schedule an event at the chapter house to celebrate the contributions from all of our generous donors. We are hopeful that the progress you have witnessed over the past several years will inspire you to complete your pledge if you have not already done so.

Fraternally,
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Building Better Mizzou Men

Jeff Kreutz '99 Calls Upon Brothers to Deliver for Deserving DU Undergraduates

There has been a lot of hard work put in by many brothers the past few years to recharter Delta Upsilon at Mizzou, but when it comes down to it, they all had one unified purpose: **Building Better Mizzou Men**. Jeff Kreutz '99 has been an instrumental leader in that process. Not only was Jeff one of the top donors to the capital campaign, but he has also served as the chairman of the Advisory Board for the past two years.

"As hard as the closing was, I've tried to see the bright side of things in that we were given a clean slate to work with and the ability to rebuild with the knowledge and insight of what needed improving. I feel that this new group of brothers is on the right track and positioned for much success in the coming years," Jeff said. "The culture of the chapter changes every year with each new group of incoming members. There is a constant emphasis to try and make sure their values align with the type of fraternity experience we are trying to provide."

In Jeff's role as Advisory Board chairman, he supports eight alumni board members who are paired with eight undergraduate executive board members and serves as a liaison between the Advisory Board and Housing Corporation.

He has overseen Missouri Chapter's quick rise back to prominence on campus and assures all alumni that they have a lot to be proud regarding the status of the brotherhood.

Jeff salutes the brothers who made commitments to the capital campaign and encourages those who haven't fulfilled their original pledges to do so. It's also not too late to join Missouri Chapter's list of loyal donors. Remember, every dollar counts in the mission of **Building Better Mizzou Men**.

Part of Jeff's position as the Advisory Board chairman involves attending DUIF programming events such as Leadership Institute, Regional Leadership Academy, and Building Better Men retreats with Missouri Chapter's undergraduate members. Jeff has worked with brothers from other DU chapters in the Midwest at each of those events, which has given him several ideas to strengthen our brotherhood. He also gained valuable insight from his son's Greek life experience with another fraternity at Mizzou.

Whether it be fulfilling your campaign pledge, joining the Advisory Board, or being a guest speaker at a chapter meeting, Jeff asks that

brothers jump on board with **Building Better Mizzou Men**.

"Being a DU member was pivotal to my growth as a young adult and gave me an opportunity to not only make a lot of friends, but to also get involved and develop through those experiences," Jeff said. "Twenty-plus years later, I can still easily say that becoming a DU was one of the best things I ever did."

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You can connect with Jeff at jeffkreutz@yahoo.com.

One final appeal is that we are always looking for alumni volunteers to join us on the Advisory Board or to come and speak to the chapter. Contact Jeff if you are interested.

DU DREAMS BECOME A REALITY

Members Participate in a Year of Firsts

As I reflect upon the past eight months of the growth and success of the chapter, my mind races through the memories that began long before last August. Growing up and hearing the stories of how much DU meant to my dad during his time at Mizzou, I knew this Fraternity was worth the hard work. The opportunity to build our own chapter and create our own memories has truly come to life these past few months. From winning the Greek intramural basketball and volleyball leagues to participating in our first Homecoming in four years, it was a remarkable year full of firsts that led to a brotherhood that not only cares about each other, but also has an impact on the campus and community around it.

The greatest strides we made this past year were those when members devoted to a similar purpose and goal. This spring, the chapter participated in MizzouTHON, which is a student-led philanthropy that allows organizations to sponsor pediatric patients who are treated at the MU Women's and Children's Hospital. This year our chapter was fortunate to sponsor 8-year-old Dylan and his family. We surprised him during a Christmas parade with an early present and then "initiated" him in February to further welcome him into our brotherhood.

We also had members serve in the community this year: five brothers went on mission trips to Jamaica and served in local organizations like Loaves & Fishes, a local food pantry. Brothers have spent Tuesday afternoons serving the homeless in Columbia, and we are looking forward to the future impact we can have. We were honored to recently receive the 2019-20 Chancellor's Excellence Award for commitment to service.

Although our first philanthropy planned for the spring was canceled due to the pandemic, we are hoping to restart the historic DU CampusTowne Races next spring and are extremely excited with the potential that has. Last, this year marked great memories shared with each other. We had a great time participating in a multitude of campus events and hope to build even deeper memories with one another in the fall and beyond.

Fraternally,
Jack Bell '22
Chapter President



Eight-year-old Dylan, our MizzoTHON sponsor patient, at initiation.



Brothers welcome Dylan to DU.



Brothers on mission trip in Jamaica.



Our Homecoming float.



Homecoming house decks.



Homecoming dance.



DUs at the Stumo Conferences in Oklahoma City.



Giving back at joint service event with ADPi.

Welcome to the Brotherhood

Trevor Jones
Kirkwood, Mo.
Christian Brothers College

Ryan Kelsen
Naperville, Ill.
Neuqua Valley High School

Josh Kliethermes
Jefferson City, Mo.
Helias Catholic High School

Cole Mitchell
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Lee's Summit West

Nate Rauschenbach
St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis University High

Tyson Siebenman
Eureka, Mo.
St. John Vianney High School

John Thurlo
Kansas City, Mo.
Rockhurst High School

Thomas Wons
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Blue Springs South

Chapter Officers

President
Jack Bell '22

VP Recruitment
Patterson Fallis '22

VP Membership Education
Quinn Lowery '22

VP External Relations
Nate Martin '22

VP Academics
Frank Licavoli '22

VP Administration
Nate Henks '23

VP Finance
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VP Loss Prevention
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David Novak '74 is the retired co-founder and chairman and CEO of YUM Brands (Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, and KFC). Since retirement, David and his wife, Wendy, created the Lift a Life Foundation. Through their foundation they established The Novak Leadership Institute at Mizzou. The institute features an innovative approach to leadership education uniquely rooted in the principles of strategic communication and advertising. The Novak Leadership Institute hosted the 2019 Novak Leadership Speaker Series in October at Jesse Auditorium. David had a chance to talk to the chapter before his presentation for a conversation about trust as essential to the success of any leader and organization. Subsequently the chapter made a contribution to the foundation. Email: lifalifefoundation@gmail.com

Matthew Schelp '92 was confirmed by U.S. Senate to District Court Judgeship in February for the Eastern District of Missouri. In addition to private practice, Matthew had served in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps and as an assistant U.S. attorney. Email: matthew.schelp@huschblackwell.com

Gregory Mathison '99 is the assistant superintendent for Parkway School District. He was named 2019 Missouri High School Principal of the Year. Greg and his wife, Linda, reside in Eureka, Mo., with their two children, Alexis and Mikaela. Email: mathman80@prodigy.net

What's Your Story?

Do you have any life updates we can share in future issues of the *Duck Call*? Email them to alehr@penningtonco.com.

Know a Future Delta Upsilon?

Want to help Missouri Chapter's recruitment of quality young men in 2020? Send the names and contact information of high school seniors/transfer students who are potential recruits to **Patterson Fallis '22** at (816) 363-9771 or missouridu.recruitment@gmail.com.



Congratulations, seniors!