



# The DUCK CALL

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## ALUMNI BOARD SETS FUTURE PRIORITIES

**T**he chapter had another outstanding year, so we couldn't be more proud of our undergraduate brothers. Please see the grade card on the back page to track our progress. Thank you to all those who continue giving to our annual campaign year after year. Your support is truly valued and allows us to carry out important services for our entire membership.

As always, the board of directors works hard to do what's in the best interest of our chapter. We recently established three key areas of focus. They are:

- **Housing:** The current housing facility is not competitive and must be replaced. Planning to address this need is well underway and we hope to have something more specific to communicate by the end of the year.
- **Programming:** The undergraduates have been consistently recognized for programming excellence over the past decade. Nevertheless, new university accreditation standards will require an even greater emphasis on quality programming and oversight going forward.

- **Alumni Engagement:** Alumni consistently express a desire for planned events. We are going to start with an initial event at Homecoming. If successful, we will try and build on that (see Upcoming Events on back page). In addition, we must find a way to get more alumni involved in the oversight of chapter operations, including those who will actively mentor our undergraduates.

The board has established committees around these three themes. If you want to learn more or get involved you can contact **Ted Murray '71** at ted.murray@colliers.com (housing); **Chuck Hatley '80** at chuck496@aol.com and **Steve Mermelstein '92** at steve.mermelstein@mcgladrey.com (programming); and **Jeff Kreutz '99** at jeffkreutz@yahoo.com and **Cam Duff '07** at cameron.duff@colliers.com (alumni engagement). Look for further details and examples of progress in upcoming newsletters.



Fraternally,  
**E. Bruce McKinney '74**  
President  
Missouri Alumni of Delta Upsilon Inc.

## Delta Upsilon Excels on Campus



*The Farmer Academic Scholarship is presented to the new associate member with the highest fall semester GPA. Recipient Chris Huetsch '16 earned a 4.0. Chris was also awarded the Omicron Delta Kappa Top 14 award this spring. It recognizes 14 freshmen who have exhibited leadership values and have impacted the Mizzou community during the short time they have been on campus.*



*Jared Meyer '15 and Chuck Hatley '80 welcome the Farmer family to the parent orientation gathering.*

**W**e are proud to share some highlights from the spring semester with you.

### LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMING

Delta Upsilon International Fraternity (DUIF) hosted the Winter

Educational Conference in Indianapolis in early January. **Jared Meyer '15** attended the President's Academy, while **Chuck Hatley '80** and **Steve Mermelstein '92** attended the Alumni Advisor's Conference. Later in January, Chuck and Steve organized a leadership retreat for  
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The new undergraduate officer/alumni advisor retreat was held in January at the Lake of the Ozarks. Peter Birk '14, Chris Huetsch '16, Zach Frew '15, Luke Reed '16, Stephen Higgins '15 with Steve Mermelstein '92 (fore).



Officer installation ceremony of President Jared Meyer '15, VP New Member Education Zach Frew '15, VP Member Education Trevor DeHart '15, VP Public Relations Zach Tallin '15, and VP Risk Management Drew Power '15.

## Delta Upsilon Excels on Campus

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the entire undergraduate executive board at the Lake of the Ozarks. **J.C. Emerson '62** and **David Rogenmoser '11** and the undergraduate officers followed up by attending DUIF's Regional Leadership Conference the weekend of March 1-3 in Kansas City. More than 50 brothers from other chapters around the Midwest were in attendance. The president of DUIF, **Bernard Franklin, Kansas State '75**, was the keynote speaker at the Saturday evening alumni reception and dinner.

### PARENT ORIENTATION/FARMER ACADEMIC AWARD

An orientation was held on January 26 for our 15 new associate members and their parents. The meeting allowed parents to meet the undergraduates, other parents, and alumni, and provided them the opportunity to learn about the operations of the fraternity. During the meeting, **Chris Huetsch '16** was awarded the ninth annual Farmer Academic Scholarship. The award was established in memory of **Randal J. Farmer '79** who passed away in 2003. The award is presented to the new associate member with the highest fall semester GPA. Chapter Advisor **Chuck Hatley '80** was on hand to present the award. Randal's parents, Shirley and Jay Farmer, and their granddaughters were also in attendance and assisted with the presentation.

### OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY/ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET

In early February, the outgoing and incoming executive teams were honored at a formal dinner at the chapter house. Later that month, aca-

demical awards for the first semester were presented to **Chris Heutsch '16** (Top Associate Member; 4.0 GPA); **Sam Hillebrand '15** (Top Active Member; 4.0 GPA) and **Kyle Swerczek '15** (Most Improved; 3.25 GPA).

### INITIATION/SENIOR RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Second semester initiation was held on Sunday, April 14. Fifteen new members were welcomed into membership. They join another 27 new members who were initiated in November. After the initiation ceremony, the chapter held its fourth annual senior recognition luncheon. Graduating seniors joined the executive board and several alumni for a luncheon, renewal of initiation vows, and were welcomed into the alumni association.

### GREEK WEEK

Delta Upsilon participated with Gamma Phi Beta in this year's Greek Week competition. Teams participate in seven different areas for the purpose of raising money for local charities. Activities include a blood drive, fling, games, public relations, service, special events, and beneficiaries. This year's event raised nearly \$130,000 for 13 local charities. Over 1,500 units of blood and 25,000 pounds of food were donated.

Fraternally,  
**Jared Meyer '15**  
Chapter President



## 2013-14 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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## CONGRATULATIONS, SPRING 2013 INITIATION CLASS

**Nick Brocksmith**

*Fenton, Mo. (Vianney)*

**Frank Brotto**

*Burr Ridge, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)*

**Matt Estes**

*Godfrey, Ill. (Alton)*

**James Factor**

*Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)*

**Ben Fields**

*O'Fallon, Mo. (St. Dominic)*

**Anthony Gaertner**

*Mobile, Ala. (Perquimans County)*

**Tyler Hagner**

*Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)*

**Kyle Hirsch**

*St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)*

**Holden Houston**

*Springfield, Ill. (Rochester)*

**Brodie Kern**

*Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)*

**Scott Nettesheim**

*Fenton, Mo. (Rockwood Summit/Ole Miss)*

**Matt Slavik**

*Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)*

**Dan Thaler**

*Bethesda, Md. (Walter Johnson)*

**Tommy Williams**

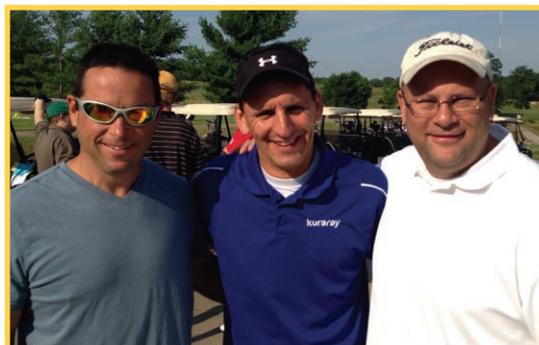
*Overland Park, Kan. (Aquinas/Northern Iowa)*

**Kyle Younger**

*Fenton, Mo. (Rockwood Summit/Ole Miss)*

## KC Alumni Golf Tournament Raises Money for Scholarship Fund

More than 50 Delta Upsilon alumni participated in a golf tournament at Winterstone Golf Course in Independence, Missouri, on Saturday, July 13. Later that evening, many of the golfers and their spouses enjoyed dinner on the patio of The Jacobson in downtown Kansas City. **Steve Mermelstein '92** and **Pat Phelan '94**, who is a part owner of the restaurant, organized the event. More than \$600 was raised and donated to a scholarship fund in the name of **Cole Patrick '16**, who was killed in an automobile accident last December.



*Curtis Pemberton '92, Paul Orrick '90, and Mike Wilcox '92 after hitting the links.*



*Steve Mermelstein '92, Mike Wilcox '92, and Pat Phelan '94 enjoying the dinner afterward.*

## Fire Changed Delta Upsilon's Location and Renewed Bonds of Brotherhood

**D**ick McBride '57 pledged Delta Upsilon in the fall of 1953 because of the connection he felt with the guys in the chapter. "It was a nice bunch of friendly, mature guys; they made me feel comfortable and I felt like I would fit in."

That winter, the Christmas spirit was in full swing at the house with decorations all throughout. It is believed that a decoration above the fireplace in the basement caught fire and quickly spread from there. Dick remembers the house looked gutted, and all their belongings were lost to smoke damage. His brother, **Bob McBride '64**, remembers, "He called our parents and said the fraternity house had burned, and his stuff was ruined by smoke damage. I remember Mom and Dad bundling up and driving to Columbia to take him clothes to get by."

Over Christmas break, the Alumni Association arranged for the members to move into Stephen's College lodge (206 College Ave.). Dick says going through that experience brought the chapter closer together. The chapter even found light out of the situation. "We bought a used fire engine that we parked at the house and drove around campus. We became known as the fire house kids."

Although the lodge was the furthest fraternity house from campus, it had a lot more space and a large ballroom. "Since we had the ballroom, we hosted plays and productions that were quite nice. The lodge allowed us to do more together."

Seven years apart, Dick was pleased when his younger brother decided to join Delta Upsilon. "It was neat that he thought enough of my experience and what I had done that he would be interested in DU, as well."

Bob says it was members like **Terry Brady '62**, who was the recruitment chairman, who helped make his decision to join Delta Upsilon. "I fell in love with the idea that there were guys from other cities who had so much more knowledge and awareness of the world."

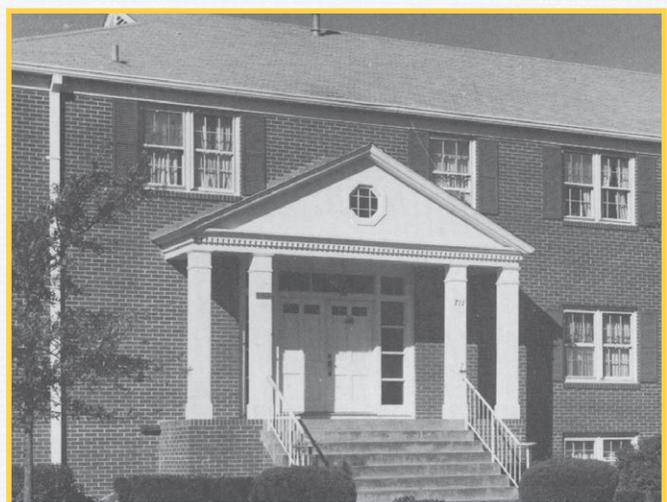
Bob was in the first pledge class to move into the new house on Tiger Avenue. "Moving back to the heart of Greek town helped make DU more of a force in the Greek system. The new house was fabulous. I remember as a pledge there was still construction that had to be done, so we had to put in the floor tiles."

Both Dick and Bob have moved away from Columbia but say they appreciate the friendships they made and the experience they had. "It's always interesting to meet another DU and hear about their experience and how they enjoyed being in DU on their campus," Dick said.

Dick lives in Naples, Florida, with his wife, Lana, and has two children. You can e-mail him at [cimmiemcb@aol.com](mailto:cimmiemcb@aol.com). Bob lives in West Bloomfield, Michigan, with his wife, Lynette, and has two sons. E-mail him at [bobdcx@aol.com](mailto:bobdcx@aol.com).



*The residence occupied by DU from 1954-60. It was built in 1919 by the Knights of Columbus and was later a dormitory at Stephens College. The building has also served as home for Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Since 1966 it has been the home of Beta Sigma Psi.*



*Today's DU home, pictured here in the early 1970s, was first occupied in 1961.*

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Thomas A. Yancey Ph.D. '48** and wife, Catherine, do volunteer work for the Tolono Library, AARP Tax Aide, and manage money in the store at the Windsor of Savoy, Ill., where they live. Thomas would love to hear from any brothers. E-mail: tyancey1922@gmail.com

**Richard E. Kahler '52** has been married to his wife, Beverly, for 61 years. They live in Rapid City, Iowa. They have one great grandson, with another on the way. E-mail: dbkahler@knology.net

**Andrew D. Cosby '59** and his wife, Sheila, live in Hot Springs Village, Ark., where he enjoys retirement. Andy enjoys the nine championship golf courses, 11 lakes, and a bridge club that hosts 10,000 tables each year. He plays bridge about six times a week. E-mail: adcosby@suddenlink.net

**Col. John A. Seitz III, U.S. Army Ret. '59** serves on the board of directors for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), YMCA, AVSA, Rotary Club, and as a trustee for St. John's Military School. He is the director of military affairs at Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce. E-mail: john.seitz@cgifederal.com

**Dr. Keith Mitchell '61** has retired from his pharmacy career, after 50 rewarding years. Keith has received a 50-year pin from the Masonic Lodge, and has been a member of the country club and chamber of commerce for just as long. He and his wife, Robbin, live in Kennett, Mo. They have four children: Brian, Blake, Kerri, and Meegan. E-mail: keithmitchell56@yahoo.com

**David B. Moody '65** looks forward to a trip to France in the fall. David and his wife, Cherie, live in Kirkwood, Mo. They have two sons, Mark and Greg. E-mail: cmmdbm@msn.com

**E. William Groth '67** and **John Ehrlich '67** have tailgated at all the football games since 1981. "Brothers are welcome to stop by. We are located in lot D on the hill. Hope to see some brothers." William and his wife, Linda, live in St. Louis.

**Terry L. Moore, M.D. '68** was elected as a Master of American College of Rheumatology, the highest honor in Rheumatology in the United State. He and his wife, Carol, live in St. Louis. E-mail: labsfour@msn.com

**Ted Murray '71** and **Larry Fuller '71** recently flew to Budapest, Hungary, to attend the wedding of Melinda Janos. She was married by the archbishop of Hungary. Melinda is the daughter of Janos Muller, who lived in the Missouri DU house in 1970. Janos served as an assistant professor of economics during his time in Columbia and provided special insights into Soviet-type economies. Janos is currently chief advisor of the Hungarian Banking Association.



*Ted Murray '71, Janos Muller, Larry Fuller '71*

**Donald J. Slifer '71** has lived a good part of his life since college in the South. "I was thrilled when Mizzou joined the SEC. Last fall's Tiger victory over the hated UT Volunteers in Knoxville was fantastic!

**Michael E. Stock '76** relocated to Little Rock, Ark., in 2002 to be chief financial officer of QualChoice Holdings Inc. He became president and CEO in 2008. The company sells life, health, dental, and vision insurance products. He serves on the board of directors for QualChoice Holdings, Easter Seals of Arkansas, Little Rock Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Arkansas Life and Health Guaranty Association. His four children are all married, and he has three grandchildren. His hobbies include golfing, fishing, and cycling. E-mail: michael.stock.2571@comcast.net

**Cash Register '85** retired from AT&T in 2012 after 27 years. He is now the vice president of operations for Augustine Services Inc. He and his wife, Jill, live in Overland Park, Kan., and have two children, Connor and Sydney. E-mail: walt.register@gmail.com

**William G. Carson '93** enjoys spending time with his children, Julia and Nick. After 19 years with Northwestern Mutual, Butch was recruited by Mass Mutual, where he now works in Overland Park, Kan. E-mail: william.carson@yahoo.com

**Jonathan G. Holland '99** lives in Parkville, Mo., with his wife, Janelle. Five of his groomsmen were DU brothers. He is an account executive with Groupon and coaches Park Hill South High School's rugby team in his spare time. E-mail: hollandkc@msn.com

**Pat Edwards '02** will be moving on to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri. He will serve as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Narcotics Division. Pat and his wife, Amy, have a 2-year-old daughter, Brynn, and are expecting the arrival of a son in September. E-mail: pce42280@gamil.com.

**Matthew J. Pepper '09** was elected to the Park Hill School District Board of Education in Kansas City, Mo. He is an assistant property manager at USFP Property Management. E-mail: mattpepper1@hotmail.com

## MISSOURI CHAPTER ALUMNI BOARD

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*Kansas City, Mo.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Homecoming  
Mizzou vs. South Carolina  
House Deck  
Time: TBD

We plan to have a reception on the house deck before the game. Please RSVP to the following individuals so we can communicate specific details to you as they become finalized.

**Jeff Kreutz '99** at  
jeffkreutz@yahoo.com or  
**Cam Duff '07** at  
cameron.duff@colliers.com

**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 [jwilliams@penningtonco.com](mailto:jwilliams@penningtonco.com). Thank you.*

## Long-Term Performance Record

### Delta Upsilon International Fraternity Awards

Sweepstakes winner (top chapter of 80)  
three of the last six years  
Sweepstakes finalist (top seven of 80  
chapters) 10 of the last 12 years

### University of Missouri Greek Life Awards

Excellence Cup winner (top chapter of 32)  
two of the last six years  
Two-time winner of Columbia Cup (Service)  
and President's Cup (Leadership).  
Winner of Director's Cup (Programming)

### Other Accomplishments

Average five-year GPA in excess of 3.0  
Consistent top-five finishes in Homecoming,  
Greek Week, and Intramurals  
Numerous individual member honors.



## Mizzou vs. Florida Basketball Watch Party

We had a great turnout at the Jacobson Restaurant in Kansas City on February 19 to watch the Tigers take on the Gators in a new battle of SEC basketball rivals. Nearly 25 brothers came to show their support for the Tigers and mingle with recent friends. The social gathering must have worked because the Tigers won in the last few minutes of the game. Thanks to Brother **Pat Phelan '94** for hosting!



*DUs held a watch party for the MU vs. Florida game.*