



The DUCK CALL

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The 91 active members were excited to move into the chapter house in August.



In maintaining philanthropy as a top priority, Missouri Chapter volunteers at Columbia's food bank.

Delta Upsilon Returns to Chapter House

Join Us for Missouri Chapter's Chartering Ceremony on November 2

After three years of challenges and hard work, a significant milestone was reached on August 11 when our members moved back into the chapter house. Due to the tireless efforts of the housing corporation, particularly **Ted Murray '71**, the house looked spectacular and the atmosphere was electric in welcoming everyone home.

The final step in our return to campus was recently achieved when Delta Upsilon International Fraternity (DUIF) approved our rechartering proposal. The chartering ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m. in Columbia. We hope to see many alumni in attendance!

Building on our momentum, the chapter participated in one of the largest formal recruitment events in years from August 14-17. Missouri Chapter was one of the most successful chapters, adding 24 new associate members to our roster and bringing our total membership to 91. We gained quality young men with GPA and ACT scores in excess of the university averages of 3.5 and 26, respectively. Of our 91 total members, 71 will live in the chapter house.

The journey to moving into the chapter house has been a long one. Thanks to the efforts of DUIF staff, the house corporation, the chapter advisory board, and our loyal alumni, we are now close to the finish line. Thank you to everyone involved for your steadfast support. We couldn't have done it without you!

Capital Campaign Update

As of today, we have received roughly \$2.74 million against our pledged total of \$3.04 million, around 90% of our needed funds. Picking up the remaining \$300,000 would provide a significant and needed financial boost for the chapter. We will be ramping up our communication to those of you with outstanding pledges, and we ask you to fulfill them by December 31, 2020.



After taking back the chapter house on June 1, we were excited to return our letters to the front of 711 Tiger Ave.



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. An event will be hosted at the chapter house to celebrate the contributions from all of our generous donors. We are hopeful the progress made over the past

few years will inspire you to complete your pledge if you have not already done so.

Fraternally,
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Greek Life Policy Changes Now Active

What Missouri Chapter Can Expect This Fall

Over the past two years, University of Missouri officials have evaluated the Greek system to institute new policies providing for a safer, more regulated fraternity and sorority experience. With the conclusion of this effort, new recommendations for Greek life operations will go into effect this fall.

Inter-Greek Council Programming

The fraternity and sorority community at Mizou is divided into four governing councils: IFC, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council. Providing for a more inclusive and connected community, all four Greek

governing councils will plan no fewer than two programs beyond the traditional January Greek leader retreat.

Combating Hazing

The university updated the "Rights of Those Who Report" and encourages all newly elected executive officers to review the outline and to feel empowered to report incidents of hazing to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL). Individuals responsible for hazing will be treated individually, rather than the chapter as whole, per national fraternity/sorority headquarters policies and the Mizou Collected Rules and Regulations.

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Alumni Update

William H. Bradley '54 is the retired president of Company Adjustment Service Inc. He golfs twice a week and has been with the St. Louis Metro Seniors for nearly 20 years. William and his wife, Barbara, live in Granite City, Ill., and have one daughter, Marilyn. Email: wbrad81@charter.net

Terry J. Brady '61 was named general counsel to the attorney general of Missouri. Terry can be reached at (573) 298-1378 or terry.brady@ago.mo.gov.

C. Thomas Ryther '61 was selected to the Bayless High School of St. Louis Athletic Hall of Fame as his pitching records have stood for over 60 years. At Delta Upsilon, Tom coached the softball team when they won the fraternity championship. He hopes the new brothers living at the chapter house will respect the fraternity and image in the future and learn from mistakes of the past.

Morton D. Potashnick '62 enjoys golfing and keeps up with business and government matters in Cuba and Central America. He retired in 2012 as president of Potashnick Pipeline Construction Services. Morty lives in Sikeston, Mo., and is a licensed 500-ton boat captain. Email: mdpotashnick@gmail.com

James B. Ferguson III '64 is a retired naval commander living in Waynesboro, Va., with his wife, Suzanne. After retiring from the Navy in 1999, Jim took a marketing and business development job with Northrop Grumman Corp., as an executive consultant for Navy ship programs in the integrated systems division.

William R. Leistriz '65 is the retired president of Bull Valley Trading Co., and a 2017 Hall of Honor inductee at Lutheran High School in St. Louis. Bill lives in Anacortes, Wash., with his wife, Jere. They have three children, Ty, Dru, and Del.

Bruce Tarantola '81 reports that a group of alumni have begun an annual walkout event. The latest walkout was held September 27-29 in Memphis. Email: batman175@ymail.com

Pat Phelan '94 made the Ingram's list of top 100 fastest growing companies. He is the founder and CEO of Leap Hospitality, a company that makes furniture for popular venues such as AMC Theatres, First Watch, and Q39. Email: pphelan@leaphospitality.com

Mike Swigunski '11 recently completed his book, *Global Career: How to Work Anywhere and Travel Forever*. It is a number one bestseller on Amazon and was featured on Forbes.com. He is based in Medellin, Colombia, and spends about four months of the year traveling. Email: mikeswigunski@gmail.com

Jack Montgomery '16 was married on January 19 to Madison Vasta, a fellow Mizzou graduate from 2016. They live in Kansas City where Jack is a commercial banking representative with Commerce Bank and Maddie is a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital. Email: jmm12604@yahoo.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 alehr@penningtonco.com. Thank you.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

KC DU Alumni Reception
Thursday, October 31
Hosted by the DUIF Board of
Directors at Mission Hills Country
Club. RSVP to king@deltatau.org.

Alumni Tailgate
Saturday, November 16
Chapter House

Chartering Ceremony
Saturday, November 2

Keep an eye out for more details and information regarding these events. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Greek Life Policy Changes

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Providing a Better New Member Process

Creating additional resources for new member educators is also a chief goal this fall. Training will include building positive brother/sisterhoods, creating meaningful connections in the new member process, and hazing prevention. New member educators will be asked to submit written lesson plans for the chapter's individual education plan, though ritual and fraternity traditions do not need to be included.

As part of the new member process, the OFSL recommends new members be provided information on the OFSL, and Greek life in general, through an orientation program led by the four Greek governing councils. This program would aid in providing an impartial view of the Greek community and university traditions.

Revised Recruitment Practices

As outlined by the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisory Report: "Approved by IFC in two separate, nearly unanimous votes, formal recruitment was held in August, the week before classes began. The OFSL will host a smaller formal recruitment event early in the summer in conjunction with a Summer Welcome (freshmen orientation) event for those chapters interested in participating."

Rather than allowing a chapter to recruit throughout the year, these revised policies layout specific periods for recruitment and ways to combat alcohol consumption at Bid Day events.

To read the full list of policy recommendations that will be implemented



Missouri Chapter brothers gain new leadership skills at the Regional Leadership Academy.



#NHPW19 Tim Piazza lost his life as a result of severe hazing activities. In an effort to promote stronger brotherhood, Delta Upsilon at University of Missouri created a "Live Like Tim" board with photos of Tim and his family and placed it in their foyer. DU members then added photos of their loved ones to the board to serve as a constant reminder to love our brothers, who are our family. #WeAreDU #BuildingBetterMen

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