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Alumnus Honored with Dick Wintermote Lifetime Achievement Award

Tom Rinehart '57 of Liberal, Kansas, enrolled in the School of Engineering at the University of Kansas. The late **Bill Landess '53** and **Milan Hart '56**, also from Liberal, played a large influence in Tom's decision to pledge Delta Upsilon in the fall of 1953.

While obtaining his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering, Tom was proud to be a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. During his pledge year, the Kansas Chapter was voted number one in the nation, and in his senior year, they won the Outstanding Chapter Award again.

At graduation, Tom was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and was also employed by Cities Service Oil Company. After serving his military obligation, Tom returned to Cities Service as an engineer in the oil production department. He remained with Cities Service until 1980, at which time he formed his own independent operation, Elkhorn Energy, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Their primary operation was natural gas processing with facilities throughout the United States. Tom is currently developing a wind farm project in southwest Kansas. Although he has not officially retired, Tom remains active in the overall operations of his companies.

Tom gives credit to learning from the relationships he developed in the house to a lot of the benefits he realized in his lifetime. "An individual gains a certain amount of confidence being associated with outstanding people. You also learn things like self-discipline and time-management necessary to being successful," Tom says.

Although he has many fond memories of his time in the house, Tom says it is the friendships he built and maintains today that mean the most to him. He enjoys football games at Memorial Stadium and basketball games at Allen Fieldhouse with brothers **John Reese '57**, **Jack Holt '57**, **Dick Shaw '57**, **Charlie Belt '57**, and **Bob Simpson '58**, among others.

Tom encourages any brothers who have lost touch with the Chapter to reach out. "I wish they would come back

because they are missing out. I know they enjoyed the life we had in the house, and I know it would still be fun for them now because there are a lot of guys who do come back."



With his career success and his passion for DU, Tom is honored with the Dick Wintermote Lifetime Achievement Award. He says he was surprised and humbled when he received the news and was only doing what he felt was right after all the fraternity gave to him as an undergraduate. "I believe the success that I have had professionally has been a result of my time in the Chapter. I feel like I owe it to them

to pay it forward. They provided me a nice home, good people, and made my college life very enjoyable."

"I have had the privilege of getting to know many of our Kansas DU alumni through the years and I can say with certainty there is nobody more loyal, or as generous, with their time and resources as Tom Rinehart," **John Esau '78** said. "He has served on the Kansas DU Educational Foundation, helped with the last two capital campaigns, and he brings his keen business sense to every meeting. Every time we've had an urgent need, Tom has stepped forward, humbly and earnestly. Tom is a self-made guy who gets the big picture whether it's his business interests, KU, or DU. Most importantly, once you meet and get to know Tom, you are his friend forever."

"Tom is the quintessential volunteer that has a passion for the mission of the organization, having benefited by the fraternity during his formative college years," **Lewis Gregory '75** said. "It is an honor to know Tom and he is most deserving of this award. Thanks, Tom, for all you do for Delta Upsilon."

Tom lives in Olathe, Kansas, and has two children, Lisa Hoffman and Tom II. In the summer, Tom lives in his home in British Columbia where he enjoys golfing and fly fishing on the Elk River.

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HOUSE CORPORATION MAKES IMPROVEMENTS AND SETS GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

We are one year removed from the renovation and everything has generally gone well. We have, however, made recent major repairs to the main boiler room and freezer units which were on their last legs. On the positive side, through the generous donations of our alumni we are getting much closer to eliminating our mortgage and establishing a permanent capital expenditure fund. We are also creating a long-term capex plan to identify key areas for annual improvement, something that has not been done in the recent past.

Our goal is to make an environment as safe as possible while creating an intriguing educational experience with minimal amount of distractions by having the leaders within the house act as examples using the great characteristics of a DU man.

We encourage alumni located nationwide to contact us and share news about your family, your business, and your enjoyable life experiences. Many young men in the Chapter have expressed interest in seeing the commitment our alumni have for brotherhood well into the future.

Our goal is to create a structure where all alumni events and contacts will be coordinated with the Foundation so that we're "friendraising" in addition to meeting the undergraduate needs and desires, whether that's for alumni dinners, the career networking program, or just general communications, like the *Sunflower* and website.

Our housemother, Judy Carpenter, has been busy keeping food service going during the snow and lining up a new condenser and evaporator for our walk-in freezer. She is also preparing the monthly alumni dinner, featuring guest **Tom Rinehart '57**; a spring etiquette workshop held April 2, in preparation for the scholarship dinner; and a cultural dinner on March 26, with a focus on Spanish food with help from DU undergraduates who have studied in Spain or are in Spanish culture classes.

Since the beginning of the semester, there have been three workshops or retreats. On January 26, the executive officers were joined by some of the alumni advisors for their executive committee retreat. The result was to set long-term and short-term goals for the semester. The

second workshop occurred February 2 when the new members, along with the president and scholarship chairman, met to develop academic and personal goals for the second semester. The third meeting was February 17, when the Chapter held their second semester retreat. The active members reviewed the Chapter goals and developed action plans for two of the goals to be implemented this semester. Particular attention was paid to improving the academic performance of the Chapter and to increase positive involvement by all members.

With all the support from our great alumni, we truly are grateful for the quality of living and structure we have been able to successfully provide for each class of DU men that step into our house. DU has a great reputation locally, as well as nationally, and we want to thank each person involved in helping us keep it that way. Thank you to the current leaders of DU and alumni for helping make such a great experience for so many.

Fraternally,
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Kansas Chapter Sweeps Greek Awards Members Recognized for Leadership and Academics

The Kansas Chapter had a successful fall semester. The Chapter was recognized as excellent or distinguished for all seven categories of the Greek Awards criteria. We held the 31st annual Greg Wilkerson flag football tournament, in which sorority members competed against each other. Once again, the event was a great success. Our next event is the annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness philanthropy with the women of Pi Beta Phi.

This semester, we started off with intramural basketball. The Chapter is always a contender to win the basketball championship. The Kansas Chapter is also excited to report that we have two members on the IFC executive board for the second year in a row. **Seth Miller '14** was named the IFC president and **Trevor McGowan '15** was named IFC vice president of recruitment. **Evan Captain '13** was given an Outstanding Greek Senior Award.

Once again, we reached our academic goal for the fall semester with an average 3.25 GPA, which placed us among the top of the competing

chapters. The Chapter is also actively looking to send a member to the Global Service Initiative, a service project put on by International Headquarters.

Looking ahead, the Leadership Institute will be held in Phoenix this year. The Kansas Chapter looks to repeat as Chapter Excellence Plan Award winners and hopes to regain the title as a Sweepstakes Award winner for most outstanding chapter internationally. With the standards set before us, we look to maintain success both at the University of Kansas and internationally.

Finally, I would like to thank all the generous alumni for their support throughout the year; it is truly what keeps our Chapter on top. I also encourage any alumni to stop by the Chapter House whenever they are in the area.



Fraternally,
Garrett Marler '14
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Brothers participate in the initiation ceremony.



Active members and alumni come together for the annual scholarship dinner.



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Dan MacMillan '15

Historian

Kyle Seals '14

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KANSAS CHAPTER EMBARKS ON ALUMNI BULL SESSIONS

The undergraduates of Kansas DU, eager to benefit from the wisdom of their elders, are embarking on an alumni speakers program. Starting this spring, each month an alumnus will be invited to join the Chapter for dinner and a bull session-style chat about a topic of the alumnus' choice.

Realizing that they have so much more to learn about life that isn't taught in the classroom, the undergraduates are looking to tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience that our alumni can offer them. They have expressed interest in topics like: how to network, financial advice 101, interviewing skills, how to buy a house, career advice, and secrets to success. They would also enjoy hearing fun stories about your college days or other life experiences.

This alumni speakers program will help strengthen the bond between our alumni and undergraduates while providing valuable life lessons. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact **Grant Kaufman '92** at grantkaufman@gmail.com.

Generous Alumni, We Thank You

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign. Alumni who have contributed to the spring 2012 and fall 2012 appeals are listed by graduation year under the appropriate giving levels. (Note: this list does not reflect donations to the capital campaign.) A complete list of lifetime annual giving can be found on the

website at www.kansasdu.com. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon, P.O. Box 1611, Lawrence, KS 66044. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—it truly does make a difference!!

Leadership Club (*\$5,000 and up*)

1834 Club (*\$2,500 to \$4,999*)

Lester P. Jeter II '66

Cornerstone Club (*\$1,000 to \$2,499*)

Byron E. Springer '54*
Robert L. Randels '59
Samuel D. Evans Jr. '65*
Blake Biles '68
Paul A. Hanna '90

1025 Club (*\$500 to \$999*)

George N. Michale '54
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Blue & Gold Club (*\$150 to \$499*)

George C. Hollinger '39
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Lung Huang '99
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Jayhawk Club (*\$25 to \$149*)

Bill Wheat
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David R. Stanton '65

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Halley E. Kampschroeder '67
Dennis N. Morrison '67
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Rick D. Utermoehlen, C.L.U. '67
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Jeffrey A. Roth '76
John L. Wright '76
William M. Klein '77
Steven W. Smith '81
Jeffrey A. Wheat '86
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Scott Steele '04
Derek T. Emery '06
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Brett T. Koehn '11

*Donor to the Dick Wintermote memorial fund

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Donald J. Fincke '47 entered Chapter Eternal on January 1, 2012. He was born October 16, 1921, in Kansas City, Mo. Donald was a veteran of WWII and received the prestigious Purple Heart. He worked as vice president of Fincke Coal Company and was later employed as a sales representative for R.S. Elliot & Arms Company. Donald and his wife, Helen, were married on July 2, 1955. He is survived by Helen, their son, Kent, and their daughter, Cynthia Overman.

ALUMNI NEWS

Scott Schroff '91 has served in the Air Force for 21 years and is currently stationed in Germany. He reports, "Life has been good. My wife, Britta, and two boys, Tavin and Blake, are doing well and we're all thinking about life after the Air Force." Scott says hello to all the brothers and wishes that he could attend the alumni banquet but will be there in spirit. E-mail: scottschroff@hotmail.com

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Spring 2013 Kansas Chapter Distinguished Alumni Banquet
Honoring All Retired and Active Duty Military Brothers*

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

Adams Alumni Center on the KU Campus

Chapter House Tours at 3:30 p.m.

Dedication of the Thomas H. Rinehart Educational Wing at 4:30 p.m.

Cocktail Reception at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

(Pay your age up to \$40 per person with cash bar; military service members are free of charge.)

*If you have served in any branch of the U.S. military and are active duty, reserve, retired, or honorably discharged, please make an effort to attend this recognition in your honor. Kansas DU alumni and undergraduates are grateful for your service to our country and we want to recognize you! If you served or know a deceased brother who served, please provide the following information:

Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Branch of Military Service: _____ Duration of Service: _____

Summary of Your Service Record: _____

Do you plan to attend this event: YES NO

Please return the above information and R.S.V.P. with your name and graduation year, along with payment to Kansas DU Alumni, P.O. Box 1611, Lawrence, KS 66044 or register online at www.kansasdu.com.

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