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ALUMNI COMMIT TO CHAPTER SUCCESS

This summer, Kansas DU alumni leaders gathered to discuss the status of the Chapter, its needs, and what we all could do to make it better. The outcome of the meeting was outstanding—more than 20 attended to assess progress and determine strategies for the coming year. This was the largest and most committed group of alumni volunteers that we've had in years. We cannot express how thankful we are for the support.

One of the changes we are most excited about is the addition of our new housemother, Molly Mulloy. This is the first time in over 30 years that DU will facilitate a live-in housemother in the newly restored living quarters in the northwest corner of the house. She is fully supportive of the Chapter and our goals, and is thrilled to contribute some of her own.

The alumni advisory board has begun working with the active Chapter officers and the feedback has been exceptional. The alumni team has objectives that include bringing back old DU traditions, implementing the best practices for managing the Chapter, and most importantly, returning the Chapter to glory. Please turn to page 3 to learn more about each advisory board

member. The undergraduates are soaking in all of the information the advisors have to give—they're always hungry to learn more. Their hard work and dedication showed when they signed a strong and diverse pledge class of 30 new members, who are already an excellent addition to the Chapter and will do great things.

While this has been a trying time for Kansas DU, we truly appreciate each and every one of you for contributing to the annual campaign. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and serve as a testament of support that keeps DU strong. In the coming months, I hope you will visit the Chapter or drop an old brother an e-mail or note. We are strong because of our DU bonds. Reach out and you will see it to be true.

Fraternally,

Mike Kroeger '93

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Undergraduates Working Hard for a Successful Semester

We are excited that the fall semester is underway, and are glad to share what we accomplished in the spring. Last semester, most of our efforts were put toward completing our reorganization plan that was provided to us from Delta Upsilon International Fraternity. This plan included multiple community service opportunities for the brothers to become more involved in the community and give back. For example, each Tuesday, we would participate in Jubilee Café, which provides breakfast to in-need Lawrence community members in a restaurant-style setting.

Out of 45 Greek organizations, we were ranked 20th in academics with a 3.14 GPA. We are very proud of this number, but hope to be in the top five for the fall semester. For intramurals, our DU basketball team finished second in the fraternity league on campus. Finally, we are proud to announce that we signed 30 new associate members this fall. All of these men hold such high potential and we know that all will be a great asset to our Chapter.

This fall semester will be a very important one! We are working to organize two philanthropic

events that at least raise \$1,000 each. We are also confident in successfully finishing our reorganization plan, which will make us a stronger Chapter—now and in the future.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.



Fraternally,
Braydon Wells '18

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LOYAL ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign and Kansas DU during this trying time. Alumni who have contributed thus far in 2016 are listed by graduation year under their lifetime giving levels. A complete list of lifetime annual giving can be found on the website at www.kansasdu.com.

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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!

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Edmond Q. Haggart '67

DU'S NEWEST HOUSEMOTHER *Kansas Chapter Enthusiastic to Have Mom Molly*

Our new house mom, Molly Mulloy, has a long list of noteworthy milestones over the years, including raising three sons and a daughter, working in the KU Office of University Governance for 18 years, and recently serving as the temporary housemother to Sigma Nu. But some might say those are less interesting than what happened when she was in eighth grade. She managed to find a private audience with an iconic personality: Elvis Presley.



Meeting Elvis Presley

Mom Molly met Elvis at his concert in Wichita at age 13 in 1956. Elvis was just becoming a major presence in the music industry. "Heartbreak Hotel" had been released in March and peaked at No. 1. Over a period of two weeks in May, he put on 15 shows in 13 days, with Wichita on the calendar. She and her friend went to the hotel where Elvis was staying. The two said they were there to take Elvis to dinner—they didn't think it would happen, but it did. They were allowed backstage at the show without tickets. Later, Elvis sent Molly blue suede shoes and an original autographed painting. "Then, after about two weeks, my friends and I decided we liked Pat Boone better so I threw all my Elvis stuff away," Molly says.

And you are upset about your mom tossing your baseball card collection. Now with four children and four grandchildren, Molly's

schedule resembles Elvis' some 60 years ago. All of this begs one question: why take this job?

Becoming a Housemother

"Last year, I was a substitute housemother at Sigma Nu because my friend was going through cancer treatment. She moved to her daughter's house and asked me if I would just fill in for her for a few months. My first reaction was I'd rather put pencils in my eyeballs than move into a fraternity house full of 18-year-old teenagers. But I thought I'd do it for her—I had a ball, it was really fun, and the men were on their best behavior. I discovered that being a house mom absolutely ties in with my work and life experiences. I know my role and have some ideas to positively contribute to the house. I totally support the chapter's goals as it rebuilds this year and I hope this year's collegiate DU experience will be the best ever," Molly says. Some changes will be simple. "I like tradition and so I want to be escorted into dinner every night like what happens at pretty much every other KU fraternity."

Other things may need more time. "I like to have some order, some structure. I want members to know I'm there for them and can provide everything from bandages and cough syrup to etiquette lessons, but also advice if they want it. I will enjoy meeting the DUs this semester and working behind the scenes to help the house run smoothly."

If you need to reach Mom Molly, she can be found in the newly restored living quarters in the northwest corner of the house or you can contact her at mmulloy@ku.edu.



MEET THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

Jerry Kenefake '92 graduated from KU with a degree in history. Since graduating, he has started several businesses over the past 20 years. He currently has a manufacturing company that produces picture frames and framed mirrors and is always looking for the next business to grow. One of his favorite memories as an undergraduate was his junior year yell-in. As an alumnus, he always looks forward to the spring event. He joined the advisory board so undergraduates can have the same experience he did. "Creating an environment that allows the undergraduates to succeed academically and socially is critically important," Jerry says. "We can demonstrate the ways that they can grow personally and benefit the fraternity by embracing all that the house can offer." Jerry has been married 15 years and has three children. In his free time, he enjoys coaching football and baseball. He lives in Leawood, Kan., and you can contact him at jerry@mypromostore.com.

Jeff Wilcox '92 has a degree in aerospace engineering and is now the general manager of the Kansas-Missouri market unit at Coca-Cola Refreshments. He leads a team of 750 people who are responsible for the sales and supply chain management of Coca-Cola products. As an undergraduate, he enjoyed the friendships and the social events. Jeff is thankful to be reconnected to the chapter, as he's able to settle back into old friendships and meet new DU alumni. Last December, he was approached by **Phil Frerker '93** regarding the culture change alumni wanted to cultivate. In his role, he enjoys helping men lead and learn. "Advising the undergraduate leadership is a natural fit and gives me an opportunity to share what I have learned about leading teams during my experiences in the Navy and at Coca-Cola," Jeff says. Jeff and his wife have been married for 22 years, and he enjoys attending his children's sporting events. He lives in Leawood, Kan. E-mail: jewilcox@coca-cola.com

John Mullies '92 has a degree in business administration and medical technology. He works at Cerner Corporation as a platform data strategist



and is in his 20th year at the company. One of his favorite undergraduate memories was participating in Rock Chalk Revue his sophomore year—he still thinks the show should have won. When John was approached about joining the alumni advisory board, he was thrilled. His favorite part about being on the advisory board is giving back what he can from his many business experiences. "I have many years of career decisions, corporate knowledge, growing teams from scratch, global business experience, and coaching that I can share with undergraduates and the alumni," John says. In order to get DU back to prominence on campus and nationally, he believes it's going to take plenty of hard work and dedication from the alumni volunteers. He lives in Olathe, Kan., with his wife, Carrie, and their daughter, Daphne. E-mail: jmullies@cerner.com

J.P. Gerritz '95 received a degree in foreign language. He now works at Centurylink where he manages a team that monitors bandwidth utilization. His most fond memory as an undergraduate was winning Rock Chalk Revue, and as an alumnus, he's loved attending every Final Four that KU has made with pledge brothers. Due to J.P.'s quality time at DU, he wants to ensure that the undergraduates are able to have similar experiences. "I want young men to build great friendships like I was able to," J.P. says. He believes it's important to mentor the undergraduates, support recruitment efforts, and encourage strong academic growth. J.P. is also a board member of the Sean D. Biggs Memorial Foundation, which raises money for cancer prevention and provides a study abroad scholarship to KU engineering students. He and his wife have been married for 16 years and have two daughters. He is a resident of Leawood, Kan. E-mail: ringo1973@hotmail.com



Tommy Beeler '08 graduated from KU with a degree in business management and went on to complete his law degree in 2011. He is employed at Cerner Corporation as a population health sales executive. His favorite memories as an undergraduate included The Hill championship, Rock Chalk Revue, and "ratio

Fridays." Tommy is new to his role, but is excited to be a resource to members by teaching them to make DU a better place than when they arrived. He believes the most important thing that alumni can do is be present. "The undergraduate Chapter should not feel alienated from the alumni," Tommy says. "They should feel supported by us—the worst thing an alumnus can do is leave the house and never look back." He is a resident of Prairie Village, Kan. E-mail: tbeeler5@gmail.com

Mark Robinson '08 graduated from KU with a degree in finance and now serves as vice president of Great Range Capital, a private equity firm in Kansas City. His best memory as an undergraduate was celebrating the 2008 NCAA Championship with brothers on Mass Street. Having been loosely involved with the Chapter in recent years, joining the alumni advisory board was an easy choice given the great experiences he had as a DU at KU. In his role, Mark is looking forward to building on the Chapter's new member recruitment efforts and strengthening the ongoing connection between alumni and undergraduate members. Outside of serving on the advisory board, he and his wife stay busy with their two children at home in Mission Hills, Kan. E-mail: mark.robinson@greatrangecapital.com



Brett Koehn '11 received a degree in accounting and works for Hallmark as an internal auditor. His most fond memory as a DU undergraduate was watching the 2008 NCAA Championship game in the green room with his brothers. He stays in close contact with his brothers, and he was a groomsman in two of his pledge brothers' weddings last year. Brett decided to join the board because he wants to pass along the great traditions and memories of the Kansas Chapter. He believes alumni can play a very important role in the recruitment process. "Whether it's simply referring a high school senior or offering to call a potential new member who's on the fence about DU or Greek life in general, a little help can go a long way," Brett says. He lives in Fairway, Kan. E-mail: brett.koehn@hallmark.com



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Alumni Update

Chapter Eternal

Alfred F. Gallup '38 passed on to Chapter Eternal on March 26 at the age of 100. He graduated from the KU School of Business in 1938 and joined the United States Army in 1941. In 1942, Al and his college sweetheart, Winifred Hill, married at Lackland Air Base, Texas. Together they raised two daughters. He loved singing in the Lawrence Civic Choir and the First Presbyterian Church choir, participating in Kiwanis and Delta Upsilon, golfing, traveling, and gardening.

Hubert M. Dye Jr. '54 passed on to Chapter Eternal on May 13, surrounded by family. He was a former DU president. Upon graduation, he served in the United States Air Force and later earned a master's in divinity from Harvard University and graduated from General Theological Seminary in New York in 1968. He served as a priest in the Episcopal Church for 10 years and then became a priest in the Orthodox Church, where he served a variety of parishes for more than 20 years.

E. Allen Kelley '54 passed on to Chapter Eternal on August 13 at the age of 83. He played men's basketball for the Jayhawks on the freshman squad in 1951 and the varsity squad from 1952-54. He was a member of the 1952 team that won the NCAA National Championship. At Kansas, Al made All-Big Seven in 1953 and 1954. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was selected to compete in the 1960 Olympics. Al worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company for four and a half decades and retired in 1999. He was elected to the Kansas Athletics Hall of Fame, the National Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., and the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Alumni News

Lee R. Bittenbender, M.D. '68 still practices dermatology and really enjoys it. He has no plans to retire anytime soon. Last summer he and his wife, Sandy, hiked the mountains in northern Italy and the Mustang area in Nepal. Lee and Sandy live in Lawrence, Kan. E-mail: leebittenbender@gmail.com



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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

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Tyler Amenden Overland Park, Kan.	Tyler Hensly Overland Park, Kan.	Tanner Madl Overland Park, Kan.
Griffin Brandmeyer Mission Hills, Kan.	Tanner Hughes Overland Park, Kan.	Johnny McCarthy Omaha, Neb.
Charlie Brock Overland Park, Kan.	Austin Hurt Overland Park, Kan.	Caleb Moore Prairie Village, Kan.
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