



# THE SUNFLOWER

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## ALUMNI BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS



*Grant Kaufman '92 presents Tom Rinehart '57 with the Dick Wintermote Lifetime Service Award for his generous financial support, leadership, and service to the Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.*



*DU alumni military veterans were honored at the alumni banquet.*



*Friends of Tom Rinehart '57 gather for the dedication of the Thomas H. Rinehart Educational Wing.*

## Kansas DU Embraces Technology to Connect with You

In an effort to better connect with loyal and interested alumni, the undergraduate and alumni boards have recently enhanced technology capabilities to improve communications.

Now you can enjoy the following features from DU's new and improved website, [www.kansasdu.com](http://www.kansasdu.com):

- Stay up-to-date on undergraduate and alumni news
- Update your contact and profile information directly
- Search our password protected online database for your long-lost brothers (password: Houston)
- Submit career and life updates, including pictures
- Make online contributions to the Kansas DU Educational Foundation safely and securely
- Receive invitations and communication about Chapter activities via e-mail
- Connect with brothers and participate in conversations via Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter



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## KANSAS CHAPTER STARTS OUT STRONG

*Housemother Judy Carpenter Shares DU History with New Members*

We are into another excellent year. While there is abundant playfulness in this crowd, there is also much evidence of serious studying and ambition. From what some of the more senior alumni have told me about Kansas DU as they knew it, today's guys are continuing in the essence of that tradition.

I did a couple of things with the new members that may interest you. The first involved Lawrence history: we started by discussing the origin of the Border Wars as shown in the picture of Quantrill's Irregulars being chased by Union Army Jayhawkers, which **Pat Bolen '58** gave the Chapter a few years ago. Then we went to the cemeteries on the east side of Lawrence to visit the graves of Quantrill's 200+ victims and the graves of James Naismith and Phog Allen.

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# Chapter Officers

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*Kansas Chapter executive board at the national conference in Phoenix, Arizona.*

## Kansas DU: Excellence across the Board

The Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon is preparing for yet another outstanding year on The Hill. Coming off a wildly successful spring semester, we kept the ball rolling throughout the summer with maximum participation at the annual Leadership Institute in Phoenix. The Chapter finished in the top spot for Overall Chapter Excellence, and we were once again a finalist for the Sweepstakes Award. Next year's Leadership Institute will be held in Kansas City, so we are striving to bring the trophy home on our own turf.

On campus, our Chapter is known for its leadership and involvement in student organizations. **Seth Miller '14** serves as the president of the Interfraternity Council, and he is aided by **Trevor McGowan '15**, who is the director of recruitment. Also, five juniors were accepted into the lucrative Finance Scholars Program for students interested in a competitive career in the financial services industry. On the academic side, the Chapter maintained an average GPA of 3.11, putting us at third on The Hill. Scholarship Chairman **Cole Kretchmar '16** is taking aim at first place this fall by instituting

an academic program that has us all striving for that prestigious honor.

In an effort to further strengthen our relationship with the community, Kansas DU has partnered with Kennedy Elementary School in Lawrence to assist with its school carnival, field day, and various events throughout the year. Further, **Jake Ablah '15** is setting the bar high for this year's Greg Wilkerson Football Classic with the goal of involving each sorority in an effort to raise more than \$5,000.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire alumni chapter. The outstanding accomplishments of Kansas Delta Upsilon are a testament to your legacy, support, and ongoing concern for our well-being. Alumni are always welcome at the house, so feel free to stop by the next time you are in Lawrence. Hope to see all of you soon, and

Dikaia Upotheke.



Faternally,

**Patrick Smith '15**

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Mitch Altendorfer '17**

Wichita, Kan.

**Brax Ball '15**

Topeka, Kan.

**Griffin Bins '17**

Olathe, Kan.

**Joe Blake '17\***

Leawood, Kan.

(Brother **Jack Blake '15**)

**Jake Block '17**

Leawood, Kan.

**Adam Budd '16**

Eureka, Mo.

**Gage Crooks '17**

Gardner, Kan.

**Will Ehrman '17**

Lincoln, Neb.

**Connor Faust '17\***

Overland Park, Kan.

(Brother **Nick Faust '14**)

**Cole Franken '17**

Leawood, Kan.

**Will Furman '17**

Westwood, Kan.

**Tyler Irwin '17**

Hinsdale, Ill.

**Andrew Johnson '17\***

Overland Park, Kan.

(Father **Geoff Johnson '87**,  
Cousin **Trent Nelson '09**)

**Ben Johnston '17**

Olathe, Kan.

**Daniel Krouse '17**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Cooper Lauck '17**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Joe Lemark '17**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Joey Luber '17**

Prairie Village, Kan.

**Will McDonald '17**

Shawnee, Kan.

**Ian Mutschelknaus '17**

Topeka, Kan.

**Taylor Norris '17**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Sam Owsley '16**

Denver, Colo.

**Corey Perkins '17\***

Fairway, Kan.

(Brother **Tyler Perkins '10**)

**Tim Richards '17\***

Kansas City, Mo.

(Cousin **Scott Freeman '15**)

**Devin Vickers '17**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Yianni Vrentas '17**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Tom Ward '17**

Hinsdale, Ill.

**Chase Welch '16**

Overland Park, Kan.

**Kyle Winston '17**

Prairie Village, Kan.

**Josh Winter '16**

Overland Park, Kan.

\*Legacy





## Loyal Alumni, We Thank You

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign. Alumni who have contributed to the spring 2013 appeal 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](http://www.kansasdu.com).

### Leadership Club (\$5,000 and above)

#### 1834 Club

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Charles R. Harrison '69

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(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Thomas H. Rinehart '57

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(\$500 to \$999)

Lee R. Bittenbender, M.D. '68

Patrick D. Bolen '58

T. Teal Dakan '78

J. Kenneth Higdon '48

Jeffrey T. Joyce '73

Grant J. Milleret '75

### Blue & Gold Club (\$150 to \$499)

Earl H. Clark, M.D. '42

Britt A. Buckley, M.D. '76

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Thomas J. Futo '71

Roger M. Morrison '65

K. Michael Berkley '61

Troy W. Farha '85

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Robert E. Myers '68

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(\$25 to \$149)

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Rick D. Utermohlen, C.L.U. '67

Warren A. Wandling '59

Michael R. Wesley, M.D. '75

## ALUMNUS USES DU EXPERIENCE IN ARTICLES FOR THE KANSAS CITY STAR

**Matt Keenan '81** found a chance to be himself with the brothers of the Kansas Chapter. Since graduating from KU and leaving the DU house, Matt still cherishes his time living in the fraternity with his brothers and remembering these experiences. When asked what impact DU had him, he replied that "DU was my identity. My best friends stayed in that house with me. They always had my back, and I always had theirs. That is still true today."

Matt has become an attorney and freelance writer—writing humor columns for the *Kansas City Star*. He draws inspiration from his time as a Kansas Chapter member in his articles. Matt mentioned the DU house in his article "In the world of fashion, the son also rises." He humorously used the term "brotherize" to refer to all of the times that his DU brothers would borrow each other's clothes but conveniently forget to return them until graduation weekend up to three years later. He has been writing these articles roughly every other week for years; some of which can be found on his website, [matthewkeen.com](http://matthewkeen.com). On June 9, 2012, Matt was awarded third place in the Heart of America Journalism Awards.



In addition to writing for the *Kansas City Star*, he has published two books, *Call Me Dad, Not Dude* and *Call Me Dad, Not Dude. The Sequel*, that are available at bookstores and Amazon. Matt takes pride in his parenting skills and appeared on KCTV 5 in January to discuss new age parenting.

One thing Matt would pass on to undergraduates is to never take for granted the experiences, friendships, and lessons learned, as they can impact your future in ways you may never expect.

## Alumni Update

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**David H. Hax '43** entered Chapter Eternal December 2009. He was a resident of Shawnee Mission, Kan. He served in the United States Navy for two years.

**A. Eugene Voigt '48** entered Chapter Eternal August 1, 2012. He was a resident of Brandon, Fla.

**Chauncey L. Veatch '49** entered Chapter Eternal February 28, 2011, in Tracy, Calif., at the age of 85. "I know he was proud of being a DU at KU. In the later years I would read the newsletter to him," said his daughter, Deborah Veatch Latasa.

**John F. Elliott '50** entered Chapter Eternal June 24, 2013. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and after his tour of duty he enrolled at the University of Kansas. He continued his education at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music and graduated in 1950 with a degree in composition. He created and taught his own method of jazz and other music theory.

**Ronald E. Holmes '55** entered Chapter Eternal October 22, 2012. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a first lieutenant for several years and worked for most of his career as an educator. Painting, fishing, motorcycling, bicycling, and field training hunting dogs were a few of his passions in life.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Alumni Banquet

### May 3, 2014

Join us to celebrate the 20-year reunion of the class of 1994, our Rock Chalk Revue alumni participants, and the selection of Phil Frerker '93 as a Distinguished Alumnus.

For more information on the class of 1994 reunion please contact:  
Ed Austin '94 at [ed.g.austin@intel.com](mailto:ed.g.austin@intel.com),  
Robb Berke '94 at [robberke@aol.com](mailto:robberke@aol.com), or  
Lance Spence '94 at [LSpence@cigcorp.com](mailto:LSpence@cigcorp.com).

## KANSAS CHAPTER STARTS OUT STRONG

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This year, at the end of the new members' first week, they touched on Kansas DU history by spending a little time looking through the bound DU Quarterlies in the library. Then we discussed the articles they found about Chapter events from earlier decades. Going forward, this activity might be especially enriched by the presence of alumni participants who could explain some of the differences between then and now. There is a lot of history in this institution and building; I notice that the undergraduates enjoy telling their families about it.

The Chapter House is in good shape because the alumni have so generously provided for it, in ways that are consistent with the norms of this era. As you know, given the age of the facility, the predictably hard use by athletic, still-growing young men, and the changing regulatory environment, there is a continuing need to not only maintain systems, but to upgrade or replace their components. On behalf of the undergraduates and their parents, I want to express deep appreciation for all of the work that has been, and continues to be, done.

## Foundation Board of Directors

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**Attention:** This newsletter is intended for Kansas DU alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Kansas, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

## Alumni Update

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**F. Lee Baird '58** entered Chapter Eternal January 29, 2012. He was a resident of California.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**George N. Michale '54** enjoys meeting for lunch with DU brothers from time to time. "DU has been important through the years; I'm proud of my DU ties." He lives in Overland Park, Kan., with his wife, Carrie, and has four children. E-mail: [georgemichale@everestkc.net](mailto:georgemichale@everestkc.net)

**David C. Skaggs Jr. '59** was presented in 2012 with the USS Constitution Museum Foundation Samuel Eliot Morison Award for his distinguished contributions to the naval history of the War of 1812 on the Great Lakes. The Ohio Academy of History named him 2013 Outstanding Historian. He is the author and editor of 15 books, mostly dealing with the War of 1812 in the Midwest. He lives in Brutus, Mich., with his wife, Margo. E-mail: [dskaggs@bgsu.edu](mailto:dskaggs@bgsu.edu)

**Robert I. Guenther '64** was awarded the 2013 Professionalism Award on June 21, 2013, by the

Kansas Bar Association. The award recognizes an individual who, by his conduct, honesty, integrity, and courtesy, best exemplifies, represents, and encourages other lawyers to follow the highest standards of the legal profession. He was also recognized as the Wichita Lawyer of the Year in the Estate Planning Area by *Super Lawyers*.

**Kenneth W. Wiley '70** works with the Pasadena Symphony recording on The Cleveland Show and Family Guy, as well as jazz performances and workshops at International Horn Society. His third and fourth solo recordings will be released this year. He lives in Tujunga, Calif. E-mail: [monkeyfuzz@krugparkmusic.com](mailto:monkeyfuzz@krugparkmusic.com)

**Kevin C. Cooper '91** retired as a narcotics detective from Lenexa Kansas Police Department and moved to sunny Mesa, Ariz., to spend more time with his family. E-mail: [coop4fam@gmail.com](mailto:coop4fam@gmail.com)

**Scott W. Yingling '03** was promoted to captain. He and his wife, Chelsey, have two daughters, Sadie and Dinah. "Dikaia Upotheke...Rangers Lead the Way!" E-mail: [scott.yingling1@us.army.mil](mailto:scott.yingling1@us.army.mil)