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Kansas DU—Celebrating 95 Years at KU

As we prepare to honor and celebrate 95 years (1920-2015) of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at the University of Kansas, we pause to look back at some Kansas DU history and the shaping of our Chapter through the years. Each member carries both individual and collective experiences and stories and together they shape who we were and who we have become by virtue of our membership in an organization steeped in tradition and shared values.

Today, Delta Upsilon at KU continues a rich legacy built on generations of young men who joined together under the DU banner of gold and blue, differentiated from other college fraternities by the unique qualities of a non-secret society—one in which family and friends are actually *invited* to our initiation—and where we value each member on merit and not social status.

that still endure. A common bond of living and learning under one roof, not unlike other collegiate membership organizations, but special to us because Delta Upsilon was built from the beginning to be different. While our undergraduate experience runs just a matter of a few years, our membership in DU reflects the old saying, “Once a DU...Always a DU.”

It may be asked, “Is the collegiate fraternity still relevant?” Only if one thinks that *leadership* is still important, that *example* is still needed, and that *values* play a role in civilized society. If the world were to pay heed to the founding principles of Delta Upsilon, wouldn't we be better off?

- The promotion of friendship
- The development of character
- The diffusion of liberal culture
- The advancement of justice

Is Kansas Delta Upsilon the ultimate fraternal organization, always hitting on all cylinders? No. Clearly we have had bumps along the way. It has been and continues to be a living laboratory of men from different backgrounds, different life experiences, and different views who come together to learn to live within some structure. It is clear that our organization, when running true to its ideals, helps to build better men, who ultimately become better husbands, fathers, civic leaders, etc. Men who learn that leadership is important and that many working together can achieve more than those working alone. Through the years we have churned out

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*Oh, sing me a song of Brotherhood
So glorious and so true
Of friendships won and never lost
Beneath the gold and blue
The others have their standards
And all of them are fine
But for a loyal fellowship
I'll take DU for mine*

Those words echo sentiments of DU undergraduates and alumni alike. We cherish the memories of our undergraduate Fraternity years and the friendships made



1920—Founding; Kanza Club won charter from Delta Upsilon Fraternity



1929—Newly constructed Chapter House was followed by a national depression



Goldwin Goldsmith—Founding dean of the KU School of Architecture who designed our current and longtime Chapter House



2011—International Sweepstakes Award

Lloyd Houston, Williams
1904—a Lawrence businessman who counseled and guided our Chapter for five decades

1939-1945—World War II when the Chapter House was requisitioned by the Navy

1950s—3 Internationals Sweepstakes Awards

1978—Devastating fire nearly destroyed our stately home

1987—Internationals Sweepstakes Award



Loyal Alumni, We Thank You

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual campaign. Alumni who have contributed so far in 2014 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 above)

- Dr. Charles R. Pohl '67
- Michael E. Ryan, M.D. '68
- Charles R. Cook '75
- Martin J. Keenan '82
- John M. Cohlma '86
- Jacob D. Wassenberg '97
- Garrett M. Frankamp '12

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

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- George W. Francis '50
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- Robert E. Raymer '52
- Dr. John L. Reese '57
- Marshall L. Crowther '59
- Jerry M. Nossaman '60
- Mark A. Praeger, M.D. '65
- Charles R. Cram '69
- Mark L. Miller '70
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- Barton L. Duckworth '77
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- Geoffrey A. Johnson '87
- Grant O. Kaufman '92
- Kurtis S. Rhoden '92
- Brett T. Koehn '11

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- Eric A. Voth, M.D. '77
- Blake C. Wells '89

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- George C. Hollinger '39
- John E. Meyer '50
- K. Michael Berkley '61

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(\$150 to \$499)

- Earl H. Clark, M.D. '42
- Byron E. Springer '54
- Patrick D. Bolen '58
- Paul J. Trouslot '60
- Michael M. Thomas '62
- Ronald L. Mastin '63
- Charles E. Heath '64
- Brian L. Biles '66

Add your name to this list in honor of Kansas Chapter's 95th year at KU! Visit <http://kansasdu.kintera.org/donatenow>.

You Can Make a Gift of Stock

Contributions to the DU Educational Foundation in any form are deeply appreciated and used to further the educational goals of Kansas Chapter. Some alumni have found it most convenient to make their gift through a transfer of stock. If you would like to contribute to the foundation in this way, please follow the instructions on our website at kansasdu.com/giving-back/support-kansas-du.

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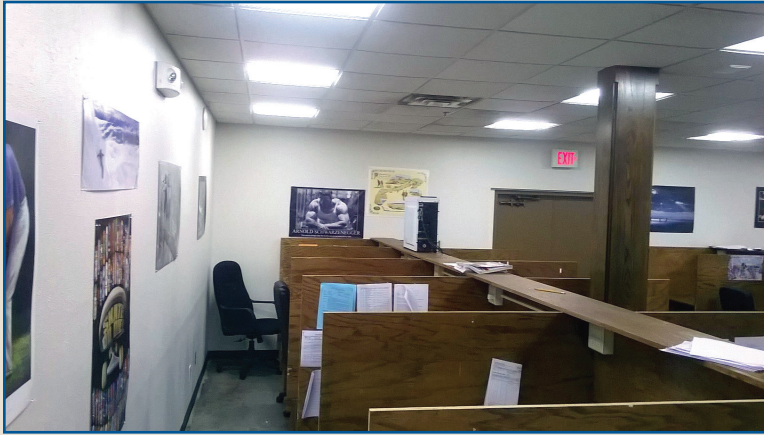
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scholars, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and educators: men who went on to do exceptional things, and others who simply moved to the next chapter of their lives with little thought to their fraternity experience. Not every experience at Kansas DU was positive and we must recognize that our organization has been flawed from time to time or failed to live up to the principles espoused. Yet, it is good to pause and reflect on 95 years and resolve to keep going, to honor those who went before us, and to carry the DU motto into the future at the University of Kansas: Dikaia Upotheke—Justice, Our Foundation.



CHANGES AT CHAPTER HOUSE KEEP DU ON TOP



The Parent's Club provided a much-needed renovation of the basement study area, ripping out old carpeting, painting the walls, and putting in new lighting. Over winter break they will replace the old wooden desks with cubicles.

Basement Remodel Complete

As the school year kicked off, the men of Delta Upsilon moved back into the house complete with numerous changes. The Parent's Club generously contributed \$10,000 to give the basement a much-needed renovation. They ripped out the old carpeting, painted the walls, and put in new lighting. These changes help solidify our place as one of the nicest houses on campus, with the nicest in-house spot to study.

The Parent's Club plans to remove the old and falling-apart desks over winter break in order to have new cubicles installed, making it an even better place to study. If these changes weren't enough, the House Corporation finished the remodel with a nice new bathroom in the basement. This space is getting used tremendously and the guys couldn't be happier to get it.

Members Earn 3.0 GPA

The Chapter continues to put school first with an average grade point of 3.0. We continue to build on this and strive to be back on top of The Hill.

Football Tailgates Planned

We encourage alumni to attend the home football games this year. Chapter members purchased a tailgate spot on the lawn, east of the football field. We will tailgate there every home game with a tent and encourage all to come and enjoy. We hope it will be a spot where alumni can come to see current and former DUs and families.

Fraternally,

Spencer Green '16

Chapter President

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WE NEED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

As we look to recruit men of the highest caliber to Delta Upsilon, we need your assistance. Please send names of high-achieving, KU-bound high school seniors to:

Will Ehrman '17
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willehrman@gmail.com

Gage Crooks '17
(913) 787-3432
gage_8@msn.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Nick Ambrosio '18
Leawood, Kan.

Dilan Austwick '17
Lake Forest, Ill.

Jonathan Bush '18
Leawood, Kan.

Charlie Deay '18
Prairie Village, Kan.

Joel Edwards '18
Overland Park, Kan.

Alec Faust '18*
Overland Park, Kan.
(Brother **Connor Faust '17**)

Alex Franken '18*
Leawood, Kan.
(Brother **Cole Franken '17**)

Alex Freeman '18
Chanhassen, Minn.

Phil Froeschl '18
Mission Hills, Kan.

PJ Gustafson '17
Overland Park, Kan.

Robby Haake '18
Leawood, Kan.

Jake Hensley '18
Leawood, Kan.

Mason Kerley '18
Leawood, Kan.

Seth Kuhlmann '18
Overland Park, Kan.

Tommy Larson '18*
Leawood, Kan.
(Brother **Teddy Larson '16**)

Brock Matthiesen '18
Champlin, Minn.

Kennedy McGrath '18*
Boulder Creek, Ariz.
(Father **Jay McGrath '92** and
Cousin **Cole Kretchmar '16**)

Daniel Meitzner '18*
Wichita, Kan.
(Brother **Thomas Meitzner '16**)

Spencer Peterson '18*
Long Beach, Calif.
(Brother **Mitchell Peterson '13**)

Trew Poole '18
St. Paul, Minn.

Jonathon Prendes '18
Olathe, Kan.

Hunter Redmond '18
Mission Hills, Kan.

Michael Ricci '18
Leawood, Kan.

Wesley Riedmiller '18
Wichita, Kan.

Colton Ropson '18
Overland Park, Kan.

Keaton Serrano '18
Mission Hills, Kan.

Logan Sommer '18
Overland Park, Kan.

Colton Southwell '18
Overland Park, Kan.

Alex Starr '18
Overland Park, Kan.

Braydon Wells '18*
Hutchinson, Kan.
(Father **Mark Wells '80**)

Bennet Wendlandt '18
Prairie Village, Kan.

Sterling Williams '18
Overland Park, Kan.

*Legacy; relative in parentheses



DELTA UPSILON ALUMNI BANQUET

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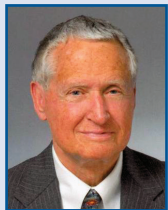
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CHAPTER ETERNAL



Don Slawson '55 entered Chapter Eternal on July 7, 2014. He graduated with a degree in political science and in 1957 founded Slawson Companies, an independent oil exploration company, which now employs more

than 950 people in five states. The company grew to include drilling rigs and crude oil marketing among other oilfield services. Don was also a developer and his involvement in Wichita's NewMarket Square shopping center and the Tallgrass community left a lasting mark on the city's landscape.

"I would think that there would be very few people in the last 40 years who have done more for the community and the state," said Russ Meyer, Cessna Aircraft chairman emeritus.

Don served on a number of boards through the years, including companies such as Cessna and Intrust Bank and public entities such as the Wichita Airport Advisory Board and the Kansas Board of Regents, where he also was chairman. Of all the things Don and his wife supported, the Slawson Family Tiger Trek at the Sedgwick County Zoo was their favorite.

Don is survived by his wife and college sweetheart, Judy; sons: Craig, Steve, and Todd; and five grandchildren.

Nostalgia, Laughs, and Good Eats at Homecoming 2014

More than 100 alumni, parents, and friends stopped by the Chapter House on a gorgeous day for Homecoming.



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