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Reflections from 1025 Emery Road

I read where the earth has over 10,000 species of birds. But there is one species pretty much everyone knows better than any other. And that is a species known as the Dodo bird, which vanished from the planet almost 400 years ago. The reasons for its demise are varied, but pretty much all the experts who study these things agree on one thing: no one appreciated that the species was teetering on the brink until it was too late.

Since then, that bird serves as a metaphor for ideas, concepts and institutions that are likewise at risk of disappearing.

And lest you suspect you've opened the wrong piece of mail, permit me to identify another institution that is in jeopardy: the college fraternity.

At some campuses, the fraternity has been banned altogether. DU was founded at Williams College many years ago. Williams banned fraternities over 50 years ago. Search Google news with fraternities and you will see an abundance of stories from around the country. All negative.

And our own beloved Chapter has come into the crosshairs of KU. Currently it functions on disciplinary probation through next May, due to self-inflicted wounds by our own brothers.

The associate executive director of DU International is **Karl Grindel**, *Central Missouri State University '01*. Karl was instrumental in investigating the issues at the house last semester. He then appeared before the hearing panel last May on the KU campus, testifying in support of the Chapter, along with me, **Jeff Wilcox '92**, and junior **Sam Leunig '19**.

"Fraternities in general are seeing a shift in college environments," Karl told me. "Several landmark campus decisions in the past year have impacted relationships and services being provided by universities. Decisions such as those made at Penn State University following the death of a fraternity member and at Kansas State University to eliminate its Fraternity and Sorority Life Office will have an

impact across the country. Fraternities are being asked to evaluate how they provide value to the campus, benefit students, and provide a safe environment for members and guests. Delta Upsilon is a leader in the industry as it continues to focus on assessment and the development of programming to ensure the success of its members and chapters.

"For the Kansas Chapter, this backdrop of fraternities nationally is relevant because the Chapter's recent challenges make it even more important for the undergraduate members and alumni to be partners with KU in rebuilding the Chapter. The campus will want to see that the Chapter is a benefit to its members and does not detract from the college experience or put someone in an unsafe environment."

Since that hearing back in May, many of us have been working to put the pieces back together for a successful year. We have made progress. I would cite three positive developments as we start the year.

First, we hired a new housemother, Kandyce Horn. A longtime sorority house director at Washburn, KU and UCLA, Kandy is a native of northeast Kansas. As an Alpha Phi alumna and dedicated housing volunteer, she truly believes in the Greek experience. Mom K's favorite part of the job is seeing the collegiate members flourish and grow as they become more independent throughout their college careers thanks to the support of their families, both biological and fraternal. She knows KU, the administration, and has enormous credibility on The Hill, which is very much in demand.

Second, we hired **Matt Kuykendall**, *K-State '16*, who graduated in spring 2015. He grew up in tiny Weskan, Kansas, and lived in the KSU DU house for four years and held leadership positions there. He now works for KU with Student Mobilization, which helps grow leadership on campus, with focus on the Greek communities. He attends all the Chapter meetings and is giving the executive committee practical tools for direction and governance.

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Third, we have a good group of juniors and sophomores who are determined to change the narrative and be a more accurate representation of the DU legacy. Jeff and I have been working closely with them, along with DU International and Kandyce, to ensure they have the tools to build a positive, constructive culture.

Yet challenges remain.

The future will depend on the best and the brightest of our college students understanding that the house must be alcohol and drug free and devoid of hazing. But it's more than just that. At the University of Kansas, student members of the community are expected to uphold and abide by certain standards of conduct that form the basis of the *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*. These standards are embodied by a set of core values that include respect, community, integrity, and responsibility.

And then you have the unique principles represented by DU, a Chapter founded on the promotion of friendship, the exertion of moral influence, the diffusion of liberal culture, and the advancement of equity in college affairs. All that, plus a nonsecret fraternity.

So if right now you are asking, "What can I do?" I suggest three things:

1. We need more alumni leaders to get involved. We need leaders to assist in interacting with the Chapter and giving more oversight. We will be investing more time in cultivating the involvement of potential advisors in the Lawrence/KC/Manhattan areas. Jeff and I will remain on the point, but we can always use the help of others. Contact me at mattkeen51@gmail.com.
2. We are on the hunt for high school seniors who are smart, dedicated and hardworking. We have a great recruitment chairman, **Jack Walton '20**, a Blue Valley West graduate who has his act together. If you know someone who has at least a 3.2 GPA with an ACT of 28 or higher, please send us an e-mail at rush@kansasdu.com and we will get him in the queue.
3. Support the DU Foundation, of course. Contact **Grant Kaufman '92** at grantkaufman@gmail.com.

Our brother **Lou Holtz, Kent State '58**, said these words, which seem spot-on in these crazy times: "Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it. It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it."



We welcome your guidance, insight, and contributions, however measured.

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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 our rebuilding throughout the past year. *Alumni who contributed thus far in 2017 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.

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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Alumni News

Lynn Miller '59 became a serious painter and writer after retiring from a faculty position at Temple University. "I've had what feels like a new career, even if it doesn't pay the rent," Lynn said. He's had exhibitions at a number of local and regional galleries and published a work of fiction, as well as two non-fiction books. He's now at work co-authoring a history of French influence in Philadelphia. "I've been a Philadelphian for nearly 50 years, which accounts for why all my recent writing has something to do with this city," he said. See www.lynn-miller.net and www.aabc.com for details. E-mail: lynnm3@comcast.net

Larry Burke '61 is returning to Lawrence after 49 years in Dodge City, Kan., to be closer to his two daughters and seven grandchildren. He was recognized last November at the KU-ISU football game for his military service as a rifle company commander and staff officer with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam during 1966-67. This was part of KU's Salute to Service program. "Very gratifying to receive a standing ovation from 30,000 people. It is wonderful of KU to have this program recognizing veterans," Larry said. Larry and his wife, Sonja, have three children: Kelly, Kisa, and Beau. E-mail: burkelarry@sbcglobal.net

David Bouda '68 is a talented physician born and raised in Omaha, Neb. He attended KU on a football scholarship and graduated from Kansas University Medical School. He is board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology and quality assurance utilization

review, and he is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He has practiced oncology for 33 years and co-founded Your Weight Loss for Life in 2010. During his career, David has also been a senior vice president for a health insurer, a chief medical officer for an integrated hospital system, and a chief medical officer for two national oncology consulting firms. He was the creator of the integrated medicine program and the lifestyle enhancement center while at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. David is a retired USAF medical officer and a former assistant medical director for Ortho Biotech, a Johnson and Johnson company. He has recently completed a 31-month engagement to create a cancer program and facility for Midwest Cancer Care at a Kansas City hospital. He was the medical director of oncology services. He has published a book, *Facing Cancer Together-The Five Steps*. David and his wife, JoAnn, have two children, William and Tamara. E-mail: dbouda12@cox.net

Steve Tippin '72 was awarded the prestigious Humanitarian Aid Sol Habla Bowl for his lifetime of work in rural Mexico by the Medical Society. Steve, who was encouraged to visit Mexico by mentor **Larry Scott '70**, was shocked by the poor hygienic conditions he encountered. He experienced serious health issues himself during a visit to Mexico in 1972 but was nursed back to health by locals. Steve returned to rural Mexico dozens of times in the ensuing years, and his work in educating the people of the region had a profound

impact on community health. In 2001, he created the T-20 Foundation, which funded a new community health center. The legend over the center's entry—Sigan Adelante - Sigan Sin Migo—honors Steven's heartfelt wish that his work continue even as he retires: Go ahead - go without me. Steve and his wife, Nancy, live in Fort Collins, Colo., and have two children, Brooke and Ashley. E-mail: stevetippin@comcast.net

Paul Miller '76 retired from Hallmark Cards after 37 years. For the last 29 years, he has lived in Colorado. He keeps busy with church work, hiking, and reading history. Paul welcomes all brothers to his home in Castle Rock, where he lives with his spouse, Mickey. They have three children: Paul, Emily, and Kurt. E-mail: pmiller5172@yahoo.com



On April 21, a 1970s reunion was held at Merchants Pub in Lawrence; pictured, from left, are David Rayl '78, Reed Dillon '79, Bill Shea '79, Bob Holt '83, Steve Ballou '76, John Esau '78, Mark Jabara '77 (back), Nick Michale '77 (yellow shirt), Jeff Roth '76 (back), Doug Stark '78, Kent Ferguson '83, Eric Voth '77 (back), Clayton O'Connor '80 (middle), Mike Lytle '79, Grant Kaufman '92, and Marc Sherrell '77.



New members enjoy a nice dinner at Free State Brewery and night on the town in Lawrence with Mom Kandyce during our first week. Mom Kandyce has many years of experience and was previously the housemother for a sorority at UCLA and also Delta Gamma at the University of Kansas. She has been a huge help and a great addition to the DU family this year, and all of the members are looking forward to making new and long-lasting memories with her throughout her time with us.

Delta Upsilon Begins Year with 20 New Members

Chapter Hosts Hurricane Relief Philanthropy

While the Chapter remains on reorganization for the 2017 academic year, I am thrilled to promote our new executive leadership and DU International-based new member process for this year. As always, recruitment is one of the most important aspects of the Chapter; we have 20 new members for this fall and are looking to add eight to 12 more in the spring. This year, the executive team and new members decided to move in a week before school started. This served as a head start at receiving volunteer hours, planning out the semester, accommodating the new members to campus, preparing the house for the rest of the members, and getting to know each other through cookouts and competitions.

AIMING FOR INCREASED GPA

Academically, as a Chapter we are pushing to achieve a 3.25 GPA. This will be done through study hours, grade checks (led by scholarship chairmen), (Continued on page 4)

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and increased reminders of KU's vast academic calendar.

CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Kansas Chapter raised over \$1,000 with our annual Not in the Face dodgeball tournament with DG. This was our second large-scale philanthropy aside from Dogs with DU, Puppies with Pi Phi, which debuted last fall. The money raised went to Audio-Reader, an organization that helps accommodate people with reading disabilities by making literature audible for them to listen to.

The Kansas Chapter looks forward to the events we have planned for this semester, including a hurricane relief philanthropy and activities with Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta sororities. We also have numerous SAPEC speakers scheduled and a brotherhood retreat around the time of the new members' initiation. We are also planning on bringing back the Greg Wilkerson Memorial Football Tournament for the spring semester.

We are looking forward to a very positive and exciting year ahead. Please check out our Instagram, @deltaupsilonku, for updates and reminders. We hope you all get the chance to visit us this fall and spring for many exciting events.



Fraternally,
Jackson Riley '19
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Actives and new members in the Keith D. & Joan Bunnell Library at the DU house take advantage of the nightly study hours run by the scholarship chairmen. During these study sessions, new members and actives alike are welcome to study with their peers for their many challenging classes. Developing proactive study habits and performing well academically is one of the main focuses of individual members and the Chapter as a whole this year.

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Debate, Basketball

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Olathe, Kan.
Football, Baseball

Jimmy Lambrechts

Overland Park, Kan.
Football, Entrepreneurship Club

Kohlsen Burton

Olathe, Kan.
Wrestling

Bryan Fritsch

Houston, Texas
Volunteering/
Community Service

Bailey Obersteadt

Overland Park, Kan.
Golf, Baseball, Basketball
(freshman year at Nebraska Wesleyan)

Matthew Carey

Overland Park, Kan.
Soccer (freshman year at Old Dominion)

Jon Gibson

Kansas City, Mo.
Rugby, Football, Track

Will Romey

Leawood, Kan.
Baseball, Basketball, Swimming

Koby Cordova

Huntington, N.Y.
Basketball, Track, Football,
National Honor Society

Thomas Guske

Lake Geneva, Wis.
Bowling, DECA, Boy Scouts, Economics Club

Chad Creason

Overland Park, Kan.
Soccer, FBLA

Tommy Haake

Leawood, Kan.
Football, Track

Josh Rylko

West Dundee, Ill.
Baseball

Benjamin Devine

Eden Prairie, Minn.
Golf, Basketball

Harrison Hallowell

Omaha, Neb.
Baseball

Tate Walton

Overland Park, Kan.
Wrestling

Jackson Ehlert

Omaha, Neb.
Golf, DECA

Justin Jones

Wichita, Kan.
Student Council, VP of
National Honors Society

Jack Zurn

Eden Prairie, Minn.
Golf, Hockey, Young Republicans Club