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Special Interest Articles:

- **Xi-Eta Chapter** Alumni and Undergraduates will crash St. Joe on the weekend of October 21st & 22nd for this year's Homecoming (*page 1*)
- Frater **Larry Tatum** chimes in on what life and his college major has given him since initiation in 1971 (*page 1,4*)
- Highlights and Pictures from the TKE role in the new Missouri Western "University" status ceremonies on Aug. 28 at the college (*page 2*)
- Updates from new school include **Scott Caddell**, **Brian Weese**, and **John Fabsits**, with old school focused on **Dennis Atkins** and **Ben Weeks** (*page 3*)
- Alumni Golf Tournament rocks at Fairview in September (*page 3*)

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New TKE Spot to Host Homecoming Downtown

Homecoming 2005 = Late October Football and figuring out some way to put "University" into the theme. Homecoming 2005 for TKE Alumni = Yet another excuse to head back to campus and go out in downtown St. Joseph.



The Missouri Western Griffons will host the 2-5 (0-4 MIAA) Southwest Baptist Bearcats on

Saturday, October 22, at Spratt Stadium (2:00 p.m. game time), but this is just the tip of the iceberg for the great weekend lineup of events.

The men of the undergraduate chapter of TKE will host alumni on the evening of Friday, October 21, at their newest fraternity hot-spot, the warehouse down on 506 Edmond Street. Alumni also have the option of working on the Missouri Western alumni float that evening, going to the athletic awards banquet at Ramada Inn, or just hitting the local bar scene down on Felix Street for a good ol' bar-hop.

Staying up all night was always memorable but never easy, but that's one of the big perks about being an alumni member – you're not responsible for the float being there, just yourself. Huddle up and ride through the parade with the undergraduates in a car or hop on the alumni float for the college and help find "The Griff Who Stole Christmas" on Saturday morning.



The Griffons new mascot, Max the Griffon, will be looking for Bearcat meat on Oct. 22nd.

Frater Larry Tatum Strikes Gold in Oklahoma

Look in some of those old yearbook photos on the TKE website or digging back through the annals of Missouri Western history, and you'll see early chartering pictures of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity as it first emerged on campus. Men such as Mark Pankau, Lawrence Ball, Ron Nold, Bob Donaldson, John Burgess, and Louis Killacky will jump out at you, dressed to the 9's with their award-winning smiles and feathered hair.

Like myself, however, you might be hard pressed to call out and identify EVERYONE

in those old TKE photos. Heck, if you would look hard enough, you might even see a brother or two you "remember," but you don't really remember. I'll bet you the balance of the Alumni Association account that only a handful of you could locate brother Larry Tatum in those 1971 pictures.

Larry was in the first pledge class for the undergraduate CHAPTER of Xi-Eta back in that day, an honor which he shared with such members as Bob Donaldson and Mark Mallon. He went to school at Western for a short while before deciding his educational

seed was better sown at Kansas City's Avila College, which he transferred to in 1976.

Here's one of the photos Larry can be found in:



Upon graduating from Avila with a degree in accounting, Larry continuing to work in the industry for some time before taking off and founding his own



Pictures from the August 18, 2005, “University” Recognition



Thank you to all of the brothers of TKE who donated to this monumental effort to Missouri Western and tribute to TKE

Mike Conard
Chris Uliana
Jake Shanks
Dan Danford
Zach Ramsay
Scott Coleman
Guy Johnson
Jake Elliott
Jake Shanks
Dennis Atkins
Taylor Crouse
John Fabsits
Brian Weese



And to the brothers who spoke:

- Xi-Eta Andrew Ferguson
- #1 Scroll John Burgess
- 2-time Prytanis Dennis Atkins

New Fall Semester Brings New Tekes to the Chapter, Altar

Fall Semester is back in session, with the Missouri Western campus landscape coming alive with first-time students, eager-faced, bright-eyed, optimistic, full of expectation and hope, energetic, bubbly, and naïve freshmen; and they're looking for a cool place to party.

The men of the campus greatest social men's only organization are once again in the swing of doing what Tekes do best – giving back to the campus community one member at a time. Members are again active in Student Government, campus activities,

professional clubs, and classes. They're also busy recruiting new men who will make up the next generation of TKE at Missouri Western and see you at Homecoming October 22nd. To date, the Xi-Eta Chapter has nabbed 9 new members and is looking for more with every new bid!



Members invoke a sacred Xi-Eta Recruitment Event again this year – Cow Tongue Football.



Alumni Updates – What the Old and New School Are Doing Now

Frater Scott “Yoda” Caddell (*initiated fall '00, scroll #264*) is now comfortable relocated with his wife of two years – Bridget – and is working for the ABC Laboratories in Columbia, Mo., after



Scott Caddell was one of the smartest guys ever to be a TKE at Missouri Western and is famous for his Asian stand-up comedy bit during the campus hypnotist one year

graduating from MU last year with an undergraduate degree in biochemistry. He is continuing to study for his GRE while researching graduate school options for the future, and may make a career shift in the future to return to college and further advance his education. Scott spends much of

his free time enjoying the company of his wife and his church, and is a voracious reader of many different authors and the Bible. Contact Frater Scott Caddell at wdjcd@hotmail.com or mail him at 205 W. 2nd St., Fulton, MO 65251.

What alumni newsletter wouldn't be complete without a quarterly update from **Frater Brian “Dutch Boy” Weese** (*initiated fall '96, scroll #198*)? Brian has made some major moves in his life since getting married early in the summer of 2005, and will be taking a new job with the Federal Reserve in K.C. starting October 17. His new official title (are you ready for this?) is “Coordinating Distribution Support Analyst,” a position which “supports the testing, installation, and maintenance of the check imaging system for the entire Federal Reserve.” It also comes with an officially sanctioned government “Geek Squad” t-shirt

as a complimentary perk of the job (j/k, Brian). Brian's job sounds pretty important and like it requires a lot of clearance to have, so it is probably goes without saying that the resume job description as “Past Prytanis of TKE fraternity chapter” is what pushed him over the top of the other candidates. Contact Brian at his new e-mail address of bweese@kc.rr.com for future correspondence. Congrats, Weese!!!



Photos of Brian “Greenspan” Weese and his gorgeous wife Jamie at their recent wedding in Overland Park. Jamie and Weese will continue to live in Overland Park with his new analyst job.

Frater Scott “Stripes” Coleman (*initiated fall '97, scroll #199*) is now back overseas fighting again for our country in the Middle East. His wife and two daughters are current living in Texas. Thank you for defending our country, Scott, and continuing to be an integral part of the logistics and operations just behind the front lines. You can mail a letter to Scott at HHC STB SUS BDE 4th ID, APO AE 09378.

Frater Dennis Atkins (*initiated '75, scroll #107*) will be running his annual 26 mile a day marathons for the MERIL organization of Northwest Missouri during the month of October,

culminating in St. Joseph, Mo., at the Missouri Western campus on Saturday, October 15, at the MERIL “Celebration Day.” Contact Dennis to congratulate him or send MERIL a contribution at his e-mail address of DATKINS@amfam.com.



Frater Dennis Atkins gave a rousing speech at the Missouri Western “University” letter dedication on August 28 on the hill. Dennis is turning 50 years old this year, will run his 50,000th mile, and will run his 5th marathon on Oct. 15th!

Frater Ben Weeks (*scroll #158*) is currently a manager at Pepsi Company distribution of St. Joseph, Mo., married, and living in Savannah with his wife Annette.

Frater John “Lefty” Fabsits (*initiated '00, scroll #255*) having recently entered the alumni world of being a TKE member, has taken a job with the Boy Scouts of America down in Columbia, Mo., where he will be performing group visitations and managing a region. John will also stay active with local TKE Chapters in the area as an Advisor. Contact John at flattirejf@hotmail.com.

Frater Taylor “Peakaboo” Crouse (*initiated fall '98, scroll #235*) has started law school at UMKC for the next two years.

2005 Alumni Golf Tournament Hits Fairview for the 3rd Year

This year's alumni Golf Tournament, held Sunday, September 18th, in St. Joseph at the Fairview Municipal Golf Course, once again provided a good time, nice getaway, and plenty of God's good barley malt again this year, as alumni converged to see how good their game has progressed since the previous year (and in some cases, not so much).



Jeremy “Stroke” McClure and Stephen “Mulligan” Robison again took first place honors in this September's golf tournament.

Taking first prize for top tourney, best ball standings again this years were the S & S

combo of Jeremy “Stroke” McClure and Stephen “Mulligan” Robison. With names like Stroke and Mulligan, it's no wonder to see why they seem to have won several years in a



David Paige spans a long drive down the 18th fairway at Fairview in style, finishing the day strong and with a little flair.

row. Steve and Jeremy pulled into the 18th Green this year with an excellent 5 under for the day, some of the best golf either of them has ever shot at Fairview.

Second this year went to the surprise combination of veteran experience (Ken Wheeler) and youthful energy (Josh), who

were shooting 2 under coming into the clubhouse on the front nine, but just couldn't pull ahead on the back. The duo managed to shoot some fabulous holes on the day, however, and Ken took the longest drive ball honor of the day on hole 15.



Alumni members take a break during the turn at the clubhouse between holes and tell a few stories about what they've been up to.

Guy Johnson and David Paige came in a stellar third place for this year's golf tournament. A great time was had by all and left us to think about what next year's golfing would bring.



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Upcoming Schedule

Homecoming 2005

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005 –
MWSU vs. Southwest Baptist
HOME COMING GAME

* **Friday night** – meet at 8pm
downtown at 506 Edmond Street

* **Saturday morning** – meet at
the float line-up on 36th Street
(between Faraon and Frederick
Streets) at 8:30 AM

* **Saturday noon** – Go to the
tailgate at the college from 12
noon – 1:30 pm

* **Saturday 2:00 PM** – Griffons
vs. Bearcats at Spratt Stadium

* **Saturday after-game** – Go to
Uncle D's at Messanie & 36th St.

*A special thanks goes out to those
members who paid 2005-2006 TKE
Western Missouri Alumni
Association dues this year.*

Scott Coleman
Mike Conard
Guy Johnson
Jeremy McClure
David Paige
Zach Ramsay
Steve Robison
Larry Tatum
Josh Wilson

*Your donations help keep the
TKE alumni newsletter going and
make a real difference in keeping
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pictures of alumni events, read
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Frater Larry Tatum and Life in Oklahoma on the Range

CPA firm in Kansas City.

Larry then made the decision to sell the firm in 1990 and move to Oklahoma to begin life fresh and in a new industry. Soon afterwards, he took his available capital and started a small oil production company, which he is still involved with until this day.

Frater Tatum says he does not remember if the undergraduate Chapter was chartered at the time of his initiation but says, "I

Bartlesville is in the Northeast corner of Oklahoma, where nothing grows but oil.



remember that we had several visits from national TKE representatives, who helped with organization and probably with rituals." At the time, he reflects, Louis Killacky held

office at the President of the Chapter at the time.

You can contact Frater Larry Tatum at his home address or by e-mail if you wish to establish contact – he is also on the alumni listserv. Larry's address is:

2100 Northstar Court
Bartlesville, OK 74006

and his e-mail address is larrytatum@aol.com. Welcome back to the brotherhood, Larry; it's good to have you get back in contact with us!!!

NOTES & NEWS BULLETINS

TKE Fraternity is currently looking for alumni volunteers in the Missouri and Kansas areas who are interested in giving back to the undergraduate fraternity experience! Contact HQ if interested.

Check out the Alumni and Pictures Pages on the Missouri Western TKE Website to find information and photos capturing alumni still enjoying life!



The WMAA Purpose Statements



MISSION OF TKE WESTERN MISSOURI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The mission of the WMAA is to provide an atmosphere for Western Missouri TKE alumni, specifically located within the vicinity of St. Joseph, Mo., to continue their contacts with Fraters of various generations and chapters through social, networking, and professional development activities. Our membership shall consist of men of strong moral character who believe in serving the Fraternity for Life and supporting the essential elements of our Fraternal Bond – Love, Charity, & Esteem.

VISION OF TKE WESTERN MISSOURI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The WMAA has three underlying purposes supporting its mission: 1.) Maintain an accurate database of alumni contact information for promoting WMAA activities, networking initiatives, and conducting fundraising drives as needed for the WMAA and/or as requested by the regional Board of Advisors. 2.) Conduct regular social and professional development activities for alumni to maintain their fraternal contacts. 3.) Support a professional mentoring program to guide senior undergraduate members and alumni who have recently entered the workforce, and provide guidance to all alumni seeking a competitive advantage in the workforce.

Alumni Birthdays: Oct., Nov., Dec., and January

October

Ed Crowley – 22nd
John Burgess – 17th
Patrick Linder – 28th
Rodney Sander – 21st
Michael Bunse – 10th
Edmund Kozera – 3rd
Joseph Alderton – 26th
John Ward – 14th
John Sutton – 5th
Jeffrey Beyer – 15th
Michael Bone – 27th
Perry Oliver – 24th
Craig Ross – 5th
Josh Wilson – 14th
Ezra Prescher – 14th
Wade Speelman – 14th
Dan Dickerson – 14th

November

David Jackson – 26th
Gregory Lux – 2nd
David Unzicker – 21st
Richard Holman – 22nd
Charles Miller – 28th
Kenneth Price – 31st
Richard Gilmore – 6th
Doug Kean – 15th
Scott White – 3rd
Brian Hirsch – 2nd
James Black – 11th
Brian Weese – 5th
Stephen Robison – 17th
Russell Mortenson – 4th
Sam Mejia – 23rd
Richard Heurion – 13th
Bruce Jacobson – 25th
Dennis Atkins – 4th
Stephen Hatley – 2nd
Richard Rochambeau – 15th
Curtis Knapp – 5th
Roy Cline – 18th

December

Bryan Auxier – 1st
David Bass – 3rd
Philip Lindensmith – 4th
Steven Krofft – 6th
Dennis Kampen – 10th
Ronnie Nold – 10th
Gary Burton – 10th
Raymond Gideon – 12th
George Morey – 12th
Ben Weeks – 14th
Steve Nichols – 15th
Benjamin Hansen – 16th
David Eaton – 17th
James Rector – 17th
Scott Adams – 18th
Guy Johnson – 20th
Justin Sizemore – 22nd
Noel Berger – 25th
Harry Cook – 26th
Jeffrey Peve – 26th
Christopher Schultz – 29th

January

Michael Adkins – 1st
Ross Blinde – 1st
Charles Gerber – 1st
Matthew Growcock – 2nd
John Gray – 4th
John Norton – 6th
Michael Moore – 8th
Bernard McKenzie – 13th
Ronald Hosp – 15th
James Kerner – 15th
David Hickel – 21st
Craig Anderson – 24th
David Paige – 28th
John Bermond – 29th
Michael Daily – 31st
Rodney Sifers – 31st