

Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Newsletter

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- Coleman finds success abroad working for the U.S. Army as a Logistics Operation Director in Germany (*page 1,2*)
- Zach Ramsay touches on his volunteer work with TKE Chapters, the International Fraternity, and his job progress in St. Joseph (*page 3*)
- Brian Bentrop lands a job that's right up his alley, working as Regional Sales Manager for Shinn Fu Company (*page 2*)
- Alumni Updates for the issue include Jacob Ross, Aaron Hopkins, Larry Ball, and John Stedman (*page 3*)

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Spring RCB For Alumni & Undergrads

TKE Red Carnation Ball, held once again this year at Alhonna Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, brought together Xi-Eta TKE's from many generations to celebrate the joys of brotherhood and recognition.

From April 16-18, nine alumni, 14 undergraduate brothers, and all of their



dates took advantage of 80+ degree temperatures to have fun both outdoors and indoors down at the Lake. Beginning Friday, TKE's sailed on the Lake, hit the pool and hot tub, grilled out on the patio, and shopped on the strip at Osage Beach.

Saturday was off and running for a large group of brothers, heading to the go-kart tracks and arcades back at the strip. A few large groups split off to hit the unique miniature golf courses of the Lake, while others chose to go back and take Fraters Jake Elliott and Tony Gitto up on cruising the Lake in Elliott's speedboat

which he had brought over from his folks' place. Wade Speelman rented a pontoon, which others brothers and ladies chose to cruise the pond in, too.



RCB formal that evening saw a very glamorous, first-ever ALUMNI awards presentation section to accompany the undergraduate awards segment. (*continued on page 3*)

G.I. Coleman Shows Off his Private Parts

"In no other profession are the penalties for employing untrained personnel so appalling or so irrevocable as in the military." So says Scott Coleman. So was the fraternity chapter during his Presidency.

Geoffrey Scott Coleman was 27 when he joined a new colony of a new fraternity at Missouri Western. He had already seen combat in the Persian Gulf War before returning as a non-traditional student to the college. Scott

was well known for being an organizer, delegated, effective meeting leader, and active face of TKE on the campus, holding the offices of Grammateus and Prytanis during his time.



After graduation, Scott took a job with the U.S. Army Medical Material Center of

Europe, working as the Logistics Plans and Operations Officer. Soon afterward, Scott met his current wife Aimee, and the two were happily married on Aug. 17, 2002, who he had a beautiful daughter named Caitlin (currently two).

Scott's duties as the Logistics Plans and Operations Officer include coordinating support to over 1,600 Army, Navy, Air Force, and Department of State activities. He manages over 10,000 items and coordinates ordering, processing, and





Frater Geoffrey Scott Coleman, his wife Aimee, and their beautiful daughter Caitlin walking beside the Eiffel Tower on an excursion to Paris.



Frater Brian Bentrop currently lives in Liberty, Mo., and works as a Regional Sales Manager for Shinn Fu Company.

Brian says that he loves his new position and would like to get together with his brothers on weekend. He will be attending some alumni events this summer.

Coleman and Family in Germany (continued from page 1)

shipping of all of these items to his customers, which include remote embassies in Iraq and Afghanistan. Scott's position directly and daily impacts the quality of health care and operations supports that all soldiers, airmen, sailors, and civilians receive outside the continental United States.

Scott, Aimee, and Caitlin live in Rammelsbach, Germany, a small town in the Rheinland-Pfalz region of southwest Germany close to the French border. They frequently make excursions



across the border to shop for cheese, wine, cheese, and seafood, and for getaways.

Scott's favorite memories of his undergraduate career were the little things, such as Greek Week, Teke Week, RCB, spring formals, Legends party nights, and playing golf with David P., Matt G., and Guy J.

However, he claims his best undergraduate time during the first Northwest/Mo. West Football Run, which he was primarily responsible for scheduling. Scott remembers waking up from intoxicated sleep the night before (with a certain brother named Ripples) as a real accomplishment.

"Stripes" tells us all that "Knowing is not enough; you must apply. Willing is not enough; you must do." Applying and doing he is, having just enrolled online April 29th at the University of Phoenix to get his MBA.

Brian Bentrop Says Everybody is Shinn Fu Fighting

"Goo juice."
"Bentropicana." "The Men of Nairobi." "Out like a fat kid in dodgeball." "F* & #*." "F* & #*." "Wouldn't trust the guy as far as I could throw him." "F* & #* Homecoming – I hate Homecoming floats!"

Who do the above phrases have in common? Well, I guess the headline of this story gives it away, but have you been wondering what this guy has been up to since his fraternity days and Missouri Western career?

Frater Bentrop graduated

from Missouri Western last winter ('03) and moved on to some small, odd jobs around Liberty, Mo. However, just recently, Brian has landed an awesome position with Shinn Fu as a Regional Sales Manager, working with the professional side of the company and traveling as the boss of his sales reps in the Midwest. His customer base includes companies such as Snap On, Mac Tools, H&P Technologies.

Bentrop says that his responsibilities include the monitoring and encouragement of his traveling salesman. He

is directly involved with Shinn Fu's Omega line of products, the newly acquired Hein-Warner line, and the Black Hawk Porto Power program. These are heavy, factory and machine equipment items and require consistency and involvement with his customers and their needs.

Bentrop is currently living in Liberty, but says that he is willing to come to St. Joseph to kick it with his brothers if you contact him. He will be attending some of this summer's alumni events. Contact him at (816) 807-0224 or bentropicana@hotmail.com.

Caddell To Be Married on June 5th, Update on Degree Work

Frater Scott Caddell, better known as "Yoda" to many of his brothers and reknown for his minivan karaoke and his stellar Japanese performance in front of 200+ students at a MWSC hypnotist event, will be marrying his long-time fiancé,

Bridgett Taylor, on June 5th, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in downtown St. Joseph. Scott and Bridgett have been members of the congregation for a few years. Currently, Yoda is attending the University of Missouri and

pursuing his undergraduate degree in bio-chemistry on his way to a doctorate in genetics. He and Bridgett, who is continuing to finish her degree in English at MU, will be living in Fulton, Mo., and commuting to the university.





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

Frater Jacob Ross (*initiated fall '97*), having returned from service overseas with the United States Marine Corps, is now residing in San Diego, California, working as an Animal Control Specialist and spending his off days surfing and chillin' by the beach. You can get in touch with Frater Squiggy by calling his home phone at (562) 437-8982 or by e-mailing him on the listserv or at bombshelter78@yahoo.com.

Frater Larry Ball (*initiated '71, graduated '73*), is currently living in the St. Joseph, Mo., area and works for Dynamic Fastener, a company which services builders and contractors in the Kansas City area. He works based out of Raytown, Mo., lives in St. Joe and is a family man with a son as old

as many of the undergraduates of the Xi-Eta Chapter. Frater Ball still stays in active touch with many of his old fraternity brothers. You can contact Larry by calling him at (816) 232-6925.

Frater John Stedman (*initiated fall '99*), having lived in Maryville, Mo., for the last several years, has recently moved to Carpinteria, California, where he is working at a transition job with a hotel. John is looking to get a position with the City of Santa Barbara sheriff's department, and has made efforts to return to Iraq with the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife, Michelle, live just minutes from the beach in Carpinteria, which is located close to Santa Barbara. Contact John by e-mailing

him at stedman777@hotmail.com or calling him at (805) 566-0714.

Frater Aaron Hopkins (*initiated fall '99*) is currently living in Florida and working in the construction field. He is happily working as a project engineer in the urban utilities field with Astaldi Construction Corp. and travels widely around Florida in his 5th wheel motor home and truck, calling his semi-



permanent home Tampa. Contact Aaron by phoning him at (727) 744-0084 or by e-mailing him at ahoplins78@msn.com.

Ramsay Working as Local, International Volunteer with TKE

"Leadership is Action; Not Position." Once the fraternity's go-to utility man with the Xi-Eta Chapter, Zach Ramsay (*aka, Ziggy*) often tells the undergraduate fraters of TKE that it's what they do, not what office they're in, that makes a difference in the respect they get with their brothers.

"A brother won't listen to you or participate in the event you coordinated if you're a hypocrite," Ramsay said. "You've got to be a servant

leader to get things done in a fraternity and in your life." After graduation, Ziggy fulfilled his collegiate dream of working for the International fraternity's headquarters as a Regional Consultant, traveling in the Northeast and visiting chapters up there. He spent a year for the OGC before coming back to live with his fiancé in St. Joseph and assume a job on the home front as a Schwan's Man. With Tau Kappa Epsilon, Zach is currently the President of the

Western Missouri Alumni Association and sits on the Xi-Eta Board of Advisors. Additionally, he is volunteer serving the headquarters still as a "Province Advisor" in Western Missouri (Northwest Missouri, Rockhurst College, Missouri Western, and Missouri Valley) and a member of the TKE Rush & Recruitment Committee for the nation. Ramsay is a Life Loyal Teke and encourages all his fraters to realize that TKE is a fraternity for a lifetime.



Ziggy spends time counseling and showing the undergraduate fraters of Xi-Eta how to party like a TKE during this February's Regional Leadership Conference in St. Louis. Ramsay was a breakout session facilitator during the conference.

Spring RCB Showcases Undergrads, Alums with Awards (continued from page 1)



Undergraduate fraters Brandon Tiller and John Fabsits handled the Xi-Eta Chapter side of the awards ceremony.

Winning awards in this

year's WMAA Alumni Association were:

* **Alumni of the Year: New School** – Zach Ramsay

* **Alumni of the Year: Old School** – Ron Nold

* **Jackass Award (Alumni Still Acting Most Like an Undergrad)** – Guy Johnson, David Paige, Stephen Robison

* **Most Successful Use of a College Degree** – Dan

Danford, Stephen Robison, Scott Coleman

Congrats to this year's winners and thanks to the undergraduate chapter for having such an awesome RCB for us to attend this year!



Look for our event mailings in your mailbox with updated information on the summer alumni barhop, horseshoes BBQ, and more summer alumni get-togethers for



Tau Kappa Epsilon
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Officer Corps 2004

Congratulations to the new officer corps of the Xi-Eta chapter, elected at the end of the fall 2003!

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Xi-Eta Fraternity of the Year – THREEPEAT!

The Lakers. The Bulls. The Bruins. The Yankees. The Packers. All famous three-peat champions in their respective sports.

And now, add to that list the Missouri Western Tekes.

Yes, that's right, the Xi-Eta Chapter at Missouri Western has just taken its 3rd consecutive "Fraternity of the Year" award within the Greek community (*this year, off probation, they will be*



recognized by the Student Government Association, too!). In addition to that prestigious award, TKE also took home the following additional awards:

Excellence in Scholarship
Excellence in Recruitment
Greek Advisor of the Year – Greg Gallup
SGA Most Spirited Organization
Dean Hoff Outstanding Senior Individual – John Fabsits
Dean Hoff Outstanding Freshman Individual – Jesse Holcomb
Congratulations to the undergraduate chapter of Western TKE from your alumni!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The WMAA will be having a Horseshoes Day/BBQ in the month of June and another Bar Hop in the month of July. Additionally, the TKE Golf Tournament will be taking place at Fairview Golf Course in St. Joe this September. Check your mailbox for updates!

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: May, June, July, and August

May

Dale Flowers – 20th
Bruce Windsor – 2nd
Franklin Taft – 7th
Brad King – 4th
Jay Muller – 30th
Marvin Fankhauser – 5th
Thomas Holmquist – 31st
Paul Roe – 23rd
Steven Snider – 16th
Donald Weimann – 5th
David Crumley – 18th
Rusty Fitzsimmons – 23rd
Edward Garvin – 29th
Brent Hendrix – 25th
Roger Pankau – 5th

June

Alvin Goehring – 26th
Donald Jones – 26th
Wes Ward – 10th
Ronnie Abernethy – 14th
Dennis Hughes – 13th
Phillip Schweisberger – 20th
W. Chaney – 30th
David Summers – 15th
Philip Dattilo – 5th
Steven Williamson – 6th
Thomas Pettigrew – 30th
Patrick Gilmore – 30th
Steven Carrel – 27th
Harry Novak – 15th
Steven Patrick – 29th
Rodney Powell – 5th
Keith Donaldson – 14th
David Repulski – 24th

July

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

August

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