

Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Newsletter

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Special Interest Articles:

- **Xi-Eta Chapter** Alumni to be part of the renaming of Missouri Western from a “college” to a “university” on August 28th (page 1,4)
- Members of the **Xi-Eta Chapter** at Missouri Western earn a plethora of local, campus, and International awards for the trophy case (page 1,2)
- Several “**friends of the fraternity**” update the alumni on their whereabouts and life’s conquests, and everyone’s still getting married this year! (page 3)
- Play the TKE House Match-Up game and reminisce of former unofficial houses (page 3)
- Check out the **CALENDAR of Events** on the back page and make plans to attend things this fall! (page 4)

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TKE to Help Change to “University” Status

The original landscaping on the side of the hill of Missouri Western’s campus – the part facing Interstate 29 – wasn’t out of place, poorly done, or tacky to people driving by. There wasn’t anything necessarily wrong with a grassy hill leading up to the campus.



But that’s just what it was: A grassy hill leading up to campus. Nothing stood out as an indicator that this was a college campus or that the front entrance was located on the

Xi-Eta Chapter Nabs 6 International Awards

Come on, guys, you’re making the rest of us look bad! Old and new school alumni alike are reeling and awestruck as the Xi-Eta Chapter at Missouri Western has – again – managed to accomplish in 2004-2005 what past generations of TKE’s only dreamed of: 4 time repeat winners of Western’s “Fraternity of the Year” award and winner of six awards of recognition by Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity. Unbelievable! This year, the men managed to completely dwarf all other

other side, facing Mitchell Ave. There was nothing, that is, until 1977, when Tekes decided that that would have to change. Members of the Chapter proceeded to cart stones by the truckload to the side of the hill, constructing a landmark for the college they loved – a big “MWSC” on the side of the hill. And, it has stood that way to this day, with a few minor alterations, until this Aug. 28. As you may or may not have heard, Missouri’s Coordinating Board for Higher Education has recently made plans to renamed the state college a “University”. In March, college President James Scanlon said, “Western



has been functioning as a university in every way but name, and it will now be appropriately recognized for the institution that it is.” TKE will again help to place that name on the hill on Sunday, Aug. 28, changing the “C” to a “U”. (continued on page 4)

fraternal competition on campus and, with their packet, their accomplishments, and their community involvement – take home a fourth straight title as the reigning Fraternity of the Year. Even more impressive was the Chapter’s ability to finally get the recognition they have deserved on campus for the last few years. Having been on probation each of the last two years might have taken them out of Student Government Association awards contention, but this year was a different story: the men also took home the coveted “Most Active

Organization” award to add to their trophy case cache! Riding the wave of accomplishment, Xi-Eta once again made the decision to brave the best TKE Chapters in the US and Canada and apply for international awards. Though they’d only received “honorable mention” places in the past, Packet Coordinator John Fabsits thought that this year’s harvest might produce better fruit. “The Chapter has got to the point where we’ve figured out how to do the right things and ask for recognition,” Fabsits said. “It seems like every member was



TKE House Match-Up: “Unofficial” TKE Houses Through the Years



Can You Match the “Name” of the TKE House with It’s Picture?

Main Street
 (“House on the Hill”)



Dave’s House

The Boom Boom Room

Joe and Cuda’s Place



Stroke’s Place

The Original TKE House
 (Old School)



11th & Edmund

The Brothel

Missouri Western TKE Brings Home More Intl. Hardware

simply involved in EVERYTHING on campus, and there wasn’t a weekend that went by when we weren’t out doing something in town or for charity.” Fabsits and the Officer Corps’ hunches paid off. In the month of July, Xi-Eta was

recognized by Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity with the following awards of Excellence for Achievement:

- **Community Service & Outreach**
- **Average Chapter Size**
- **Recruitment Results**

➤ **Extracurricular Involvement & Achievement**

- **Initiation Rates**
- **Alumni Involvement & Relations**

Congratulations to the men of the Chapter once again for their continued success in 2005!



Members of the Chapter present a \$1132 check to the Food Bank for this year’s Teke in a Box efforts.



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

TKE Friend of the Fraternity, MWSU graduate **Shelby Coxon**, has recently become the Director of Student Activities at *Baker University* in Baldwin City, Kansas, a private university of a little over 1,000



students. She is also serving as the active faculty advisor for the Panhellenic Council due to her previous experience at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Missouri Western.

In fact, her home Chapter of Zeta-Mu ASA has already named an award after her to commemorate members who make strong contributions to the chapter. Shelby currently lives in Lawrence. You can reach her at alphazm08@hotmail.com.

TKE Friend of the Fraternity, MWSU graduate **Sarah Johnson**, currently lives and works for the *Museum of Science in Boston*, Mass., where she has been employed for 2 1/2 years after getting her master's degree out in Utah. She is engaged to be married on September 10th while vacationing in Hawaii. Contact Sarah at email sjohnson@mos.org.

TKE Friend of the Fraternity, MWSU graduate **Dixie Sullenger**, currently lives and works for *Missouri State University (formerly SMSU)*, as the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life at the college. She is currently dating a "special guy" and is very happy with her current position at the college. Drop Dixie a line just to say what's up at dls232t@smsu.edu.



Many of you probably remember this bangin' Kicker truck Chris customized and drove in the MWSC parade.

Frater Chris "Bam-Bam" Williams (initiated fall '98, scroll #238) is engaged to be married to the love of his life, Stacy, on Sept. 10, at Twin Spires Cathedral in St. Joseph. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Frater "Bam" currently works as a stereo installation specialist in Cameron, Mo., for *Vision Audio* and has aspirations of starting his own business sometime in the near future. E-mail Chris at bam_238@hotmail.com or call him at (816) 248-2745.

Frater Dan Danford (scroll #109), has recently written an article that is featured that was featured issue of the leading industry publication, *Financial Planning Magazine*. Danford is currently a fee-only investment advisor for his customers in the St. Joseph area, and has been in the business for over 15 years. He also continues to serve on the board of numerous civic and professional organizations and present at local, regional and national workshops and conferences. Recently, Frater Dan has also been contacted regularly for commentary in various business articles and sections of magazines and newspapers as a client-Focused expert in the investment field.

Contact Frater Danford by emailing him at ddanford@familyinvestmentcenter.com or (816) 233-4100.



Dan Danford, MBA, CRFP®

Frater Danford is active on several boards in the St. Joe community, including the Alumni Assoc. at Missouri Western. He still lives in town with his wife and operates business in town.

Frater Frank "Blutowski" Nuber Jr. (initiated spring '98, scroll #209) is currently living and working in his hometown of Troy, Mo., at the industrial foundry for Toyota. "Bluto" is married and has a 4-year old son. You can contact

Frank by e-mail at nuberfam@centurytel.net.

Frater Josh "Turbo" Wilson (initiated '99, scroll #234) has recently been engaged to his longtime girlfriend Aimee Pike, friend of the fraternity and former Phi Mu Sorority President. The two will be married sometime next year. Josh currently lives in Platte City, Mo., and works as a Senior Research Associate in the Environmental Research group for the Bayer Corporation. Contact Josh at turbotke@kc.rr.com.



Josh Wilson & Amy Pike

Frater Josh "Taz" Ferrel (initiated '01, scroll #271) is going to be married this fall.

TKE Friend of the Fraternity, **Jamie (Gersham) Davis** currently lives in St. Joseph, Mo., with her husband Jeremiah, where they have purchased a house are looking to have their first child. Jamie graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 2003 with a B.S. in both biology and psychology, and is currently working as an analytical chemist for an agricultural company in St. Joseph. Contact Jamie by emailing her at jamie.k.davis@gmail.com.

Frater **Scott "Stripes" Coleman** (initiated fall '97, scroll #199) has recently moved back to the United States in his Army career, residing in Harker Heights, Texas, with his wife, daughter, and NEW child

(#2, for those of you scoring on the home version). He wants to say hey to all of his brother's and has done an excellent job of keeping in touch. Scott is also a lifetime member of the TKE Western Missouri Alumni Association. Contact him at geoffrey.s.coleman@us.army.mil.

Everyone's getting married currently, so for the remainder of this section, here are some small photographs from various weddings held this summer:



Lots of fraternity alumni have been attending the various wedding ceremonies of several younger brothers this summer. Free beer and friends usually helps (our wives like stealing each other's ideas, too!)



Zach and Erin Ramsay cut the wedding cake at their reception.



Frater Taylor "Peakaboo" Crouse was glowing with pride as he and his bride, Kari Bryson, has a wonderful wedding and reception.

Frater Jay Muller was married on Saturday, June 18th, to Melanie VanBelkum in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in St. Joseph.



Will and Natasha Vernon's K.C. wedding was in May and was well attended by many TKEs.



**Tau Kappa Epsilon**

Western Missouri
Alumni Association
Upcoming Events
Fall Semester 2005

August 28, 2005 – Missouri
Western State “University”
christening at the college – 4 pm

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 –
TKE 3rd Annual “Open
Invitational” Golf Tournament at
Fairview Golf Course (*check your
mailboxes for more info*)

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005 –
MWSU vs. Southwest Baptist
HOMECOMING GAME and
AlumniBarhop/Tailgate (*dates
and times for events tba*)

*A special thanks goes out to those
members who paid 2004-2005 TKE
Western Missouri Alumni
Association dues this year.*

Joseph Alderton
Scott Coleman
Mike Conard
Matt Grocock
Guy Johnson
James Kerner
Jeremy McClure
David Paige
Zach Ramsay
Steve Robison

*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
past issues of the newsletter,
and pay your alumni dues (or
donate) at:**

<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/tke>

TKE to Put the “U” in Western’s New University Status

Although this time the change won't come through sweat, toil, and backbreaking work, TKE alumni have been working for the last few months to raise the necessary money to supplement the campus change. The total landscaping project will cost a little over \$900, and alumni wanting to still be part of the Western legacy have given back to help the association with this project, which the original Chapter members started back when their alma mater



TKE brothers proudly display this year's various awards.

was originally named “Missouri Western State College” in '77. Then Prytanis, Frater Dennis Atkins, is scheduled to speak as part of the day's ceremonies, as well as other distinguished alumni in the St. Joseph community

and currently employed with Western as staff or professors.

The afternoon's events will begin at 4 p.m. with the dedication of the front entrance of the college. The “U” will then be christened with TKE's role in the day. Lastly, the new University will hold an evening reception at Spratt Stadium to celebrate.

Make plans now to attend and be part of this second dose of TKE history on Sunday, August 28!

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: August, Sept., Oct., and Nov.**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

September

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

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

November

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