

# Kansas City Alumni Chapter



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## It's a Great Time to be A Tiger!

Greetings Kansas City Tigers! The warm weather is right around the corner...I'm sure of it. Coming off that exciting Cotton Bowl victory, I hope each of you are enjoying a healthy and prosperous start to 2008! This is our first installment of the new *e-Tiger Tales* newsletter. We encourage you send this on to your fellow Tiger alums and friends to keep our growing community up-to-date on all the happenings around the area.

There is a lot of excitement coming out of Columbia these days – enrollment is at an all-time high, the investment in research facilities has put Mizzou on the map and the university continues to attract the finest students. As a Chapter, we have lot to be proud of as well. I'm pleased to report that 2007 was a record year:

- **Largest number of new members in Chapter history**
- **The Black & Gold Tiger Ball and Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction both had record-breaking years**
- **More than \$45,000 in scholarships given to local students**
- **Achieved Chapter "Capstone" status once again, by meeting all requirements of the Mizzou Alumni Association**
- **Donated more than \$20,000 to the Tiger Scholarship Fund, Chancellor's Fund for Excellence and the Chancellor's Scholarship Fund**
- **The list goes on and on!**

It truly is a great time to be a Tiger! Thank you for your continued support of the Kansas City Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association, and here's to more excellence in 2008! If you haven't already joined the Mizzou Alumni Association, I urge you to consider it. The benefits are many, including helping the local chapter with events, programming, and scholarship opportunities. I hope to see you all at Tiger Ball on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>!

Cheers,  
Rob Binney  
President, MAA, KC Chapter

## Are You On the List?

Don't miss out on any of the great Kansas City Mizzou Alumni Chapter events and activities. [Click here](#) to add your email to KC Chapter's local social list.

## Move over Beatles, it's Time for the Mizzou Invasion

Mark your calendars and join us for a magical mystery night at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Black & Gold Tiger Ball. The Mizzou Invasion will hit the Hyatt Regency Crown Center on April 18, 2008 with dinner, and live and silent auctions. Then, relive the era of Beatlemania with tunes from local tribute band, "Liverpool". All auction proceeds benefit MU student scholarships, so join us for this event, guaranteed to be the cure for a hard day's night.

# 2008 TIGER BALL

## Tigers Trump Jayhawks On and Off the Field

When the dust settled after *Armageddon at Arrowhead*, the football Tigers weren't the only winners. The Mizzou and Kansas student alumni chapters challenged fans to a food drive, benefiting Harvesters Community Food Network.

As Kansas City's only food bank, Harvesters is a clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of food and related household products. Each week, Harvesters feeds nearly 60,000 people. In 2006 alone, Harvesters distributed 24 million pounds of food and household goods to a 13-county area surrounding Kansas City. With its efficient distribution model, Harvesters can take a \$1 donation and use it to provide five meals.

The goal for the Border Showdown was to provide 80,000 meals. In total, the challenge raised \$12,116 that will provide 61,402 meals. At the game \$1,792.04 along with 648 pounds of food was collected. All total, **Mizzou alumni and supporters contributed an impressive \$8,812.75 to this effort that will feed 44,064 hungry Kansas Citizens.** Congratulations and thank you for your generous support!



## Paws for Tradition Homecoming Blood Drive Wrap up!

Thank you to all who participated in the Kansas City Chapter Homecoming Blood Drive! With a 75% increase over last year's donations, 35 units were collected from the Kansas City area. Our donations helped to push the total to over 3,800 units. All donations made

here in the Kansas City area through the Community Blood Center, stay in the area to help over 75 hospitals. Thank you again for helping us save lives.

## Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction Sets a New Record!

The 2007 Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction was a roaring success! Thanks to everyone who joined us at John Knox Pavilion to celebrate this Kansas City tradition with an evening of Tiger family fun.

“We are thrilled about the success of this year’s picnic,” remarked event co-chair Larry Finkemeier. “This event has been going on for more than 35 years. The increasing support from the local alumni community has helped us make it a bigger and better every year.”

This year’s picnic and auction fundraiser set a new record – over \$31,000 – that will benefit the Kansas City Chapter and its many philanthropic endeavors, including local scholarships, University and alumni programs, and the Alumni Scholars program.

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction – Friday, August 22 at the John Knox Pavilion in Lee’s Summit.



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