



## Welcome Summer!!

Greetings fellow Tigers! Despite the record gas prices, I hope that you're all enjoying the summer with your families and friends. Your KC Mizzou Alumni chapter has been busy gearing up for the 2008-2009 event year that we know will be bigger and better than ever. The past year has been nothing short of amazing, and the successes that we've achieved as a chapter would not be possible without your support. Here are just a few of the many accomplishments since our last edition of *Tiger Tales*:

- The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Black & Gold Tiger Ball shattered all previous records for attendance and fundraising (see related story below)
- The chapter once again received "Capstone" status by meeting all of the requirements set forth by the Mizzou Alumni Association
- Our scholarship committee will award \$53,000 in scholarships to 25 local students to attend Mizzou
- The chapter was recognized for its contributions to the "Border Showdown" food drive benefiting Harvester's Food Network – in a friendly challenge with the Kansas Alumni Association, Mizzou alumni and supporters contributed an impressive \$8,812.75 to the effort that helped feed 44,064 hungry Kansas Citizens

If you haven't already joined the Mizzou Alumni Association, I urge you to do so now. The benefits are many, including helping the local chapter with events, programming, and scholarship opportunities. Help spread the word about Mizzou to all your Tiger friends!

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve you as chapter president this year, and I appreciate the hard work and dedication of our outstanding board of directors. Again, I thank you for your support and Go Tigers!

For Mizzou,  
Rob Binney  
Outgoing President, MAA – KC Chapter



### **Tiger Ball: We Did It (With a Little Help from Our Friends!)**

April 18 was a magical mystery night for the Black & Gold Tiger Ball. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the ball once again broke all previous records for attendance and fundraising.

This year's creative black-tie event, themed the *Mizzou Invasion*, was held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Honorary co-chairs were:

- **Michael Braude** - retired President & CEO, Kansas City Board of Trade
- **Gary Forsee** – President, University of Missouri System
- **Rosemary Porter** – Dean, MU Sinclair School of Nursing

Nearly 500 guests dined and danced to local Beatles tribute band, "Liverpool", and opened their wallets, contributing more than \$62,000 in funds raised at the live and silent auctions. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Alumni Scholars Program and the Tiger Scholarship Fund.



### **Come See What's Cookin' at the 2008**

### **Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction**

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction. This long-standing Kansas City tradition will be held on Friday, August 22 at the John Knox Pavilion in Lees Summit.

The 2008 picnic will be one you won't want to miss. In addition to the exciting live and silent auctions, we'll have a delicious BBQ dinner catered by Kansas City's own Brancato's and entertainment from the Marching Mizzou Alumni Band! Back by popular demand will be a bigger Mizzou Kids Zone for future Tigers. And, for the adults we'll have a wine tasting provided by the Missouri Wine Council.

You will be receiving a registration mailing soon. Complete the form and mail it in, or register online at [www.kctigers.com/picnic](http://www.kctigers.com/picnic). Check the website often for a list of live and silent auction items as well as event updates. To join the Alumni Band, please contact Stuart Woody [swody@kc.rr.com](mailto:swody@kc.rr.com).

**Auction items are still needed.** If you'd like to donate an item or service, please [click here](#) for a downloadable donation form.

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### **Introducing your 2008-09 Chapter Leaders**

We are pleased to introduce to you your 2008-09 chapter leadership team that will be led by incoming President, **Pat Shelley**. Shelley is a native of Oak Grove, MO and a graduate of Mizzou's College of Engineering. His wife, Jane, is a Texas A&M alum and a proud Aggie. They have three grown daughters and six grandchildren who live in Lee's Summit.

Shelley first got involved with the chapter after seeing an announcement for the then-new Tiger Ball committee. His involvement and friendships within the group lead him to become chairman of the Tiger Ball in 2004 and to involvement in the Scholarship and Legislative committees, along with the chapter Executive Committee.

"I have been involved with a number of volunteer organizations over the years. The Mizzou Alumni Association has more dedicated, talented, energetic members than any group I have ever seen," says Shelley.

He notes that the chapter does a lot of great things for Mizzou, but has "barely scratched the surface" in terms of harnessing the talent and energy of the local members. His goal for the chapter this year is to formulate a process for tapping into that potential.

### **Also serving your chapter this year will be**

President-elect (Columns Program) –  
**Bill Newham** [wjnewham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjnewham@sbcglobal.net)

First Vice President (Membership) –  
**Larry Finkemeier** [larry@chiefhc.com](mailto:larry@chiefhc.com)

Second Vice President (Tiger Ball) –

**Bill Fialka** [wffialka@yahoo.com](mailto:wffialka@yahoo.com)

Third Vice President (Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction) –

**Blake Pryor** [bpryor@kc.rr.com](mailto:bpryor@kc.rr.com)

Fourth Vice President (Scholarships) –

**Kristen Marshall** [jk\\_marshall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jk_marshall@sbcglobal.net)

Secretary – **Sherri Ford** [sford3@kc.rr.com](mailto:sford3@kc.rr.com)

Treasurer – **C.W. Manford** [cwmanford@kc.rr.com](mailto:cwmanford@kc.rr.com)

Each member of the team is also a key part of our efforts for the year. If you have any questions, or if you'd like to get involved with a committee, you are encouraged to contact any of the leaders at the email addresses above.

**We would also like to welcome our new members to the KC Board of Directors:**

Kevin Brooks

Emily Haston

Kristie Bray

Jordan Deatherage

Greg Razer

John Campbell, Jr.

Cynthia Couch

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