



President's Letter

Greetings fellow Tigers! It's hard to believe that we're about to turn the corner on another new year. I hope this issue of Tiger Tales finds you and yours enjoying a happy and healthy holiday season.

Kansas City has certainly been buzzing with Tiger pride the past few weeks. Your KC chapter was recently profiled in Mizzou magazine, showcasing the achievements and pride of this model group. The excitement of the annual Mizzou-Kansas matchup contributed more than 141,000 meals to the Harvesters Community Food Bank on behalf of the University of Missouri (Mizzou was named the winner of the food drive challenge again this year). Capturing the Big 12 North title and bringing the championship game back to Arrowhead was an exciting way to cap off the season, and now we're Alamo Bowl bound!

Here's the other exciting news you'll find in this issue of Tiger Tales:

- Chapter Past-President, Don Flora, was recently named an inaugural inductee into the Mizzou Department of Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering Hall of Fame
- The football Tigers are Bowl bound and Tiger Tales gives you all the info you need for your travel plans
- Take a road trip to Columbia with your fellow Kansas City alums to watch the basketball Tigers take on the Iowa State Cyclones
- Applications are now available for Mizzou Alumni Association scholarships
- Upcoming events you won't want to miss – football and basketball watch parties, and more!

Again, here's wishing you a happy and safe holiday season. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the executive team members in the directory below. This is your Chapter and we value your feedback!

Go Tigers!
Pat Shelley
MAA-KC President

Flora Honored by the College of Engineering

2008 marks the 50th anniversary of the Mizzou Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering (formerly Industrial Engineering). As part of this celebration, the department will be instituting a Hall of Fame to honor alumni and others who were pioneers in the department or have made a significant impact on the industry as part of their careers. Tiger Tales is pleased to announce that KC Chapter Past-President, Don Flora has been named an inaugural inductee into this prominent group of alumni and industry professionals.

Flora has a long and distinguished resume that includes leadership roles in the University of

Missouri Health Services Management Alumni Association, Marching Mizzou Alumni Association, numerous College of Engineering advisory committees, the Jefferson Club, the Mizzou Alumni Association, the University of Missouri Alliance of Alumni Associations and Extension Services, the Kansas City Tiger Club, and he was a founding member of the Mizzou Flagship Council. In addition to his volunteer activities, Flora founded his own firm, Flora & Associates, in 1982 and has made a fulfilling career of providing consulting services that assist hospitals and nursing

homes through state regulatory systems.

“I am truly humbled by this honor,” said Flora. “I believe my community and alumni activities are a direct result of my Mizzou IE Education. I may have learned about community and engineering principles and health care and sharing at some other university in some other state. I will never know. But I do know that I learned those things at Mizzou, at the College of Engineering, in the Industrial Engineering Department. And they have served me in good stead ever since.”



Congratulations, Don, on this well-deserved honor.

Tigers Are Texas Bound

The Tigers are headed to San Antonio for the Valero Alamo Bowl. The University of Missouri Tigers (9-4) will face the Northwestern University Wildcats (9-3) at 7:00 pm CST on Monday, Dec. 29.

[Click here](#) to check out the official bowl events. The Mizzou Alumni Association will host the Official Alamo Bowl Tiger Tailgate prior to the game. [Click here](#) for details.



Road Trip to Columbia with the Kansas City Tigers!

Take a trip to Columbia with your fellow Kansas City Tiger fans to watch the basketball Tigers take on Iowa State on Saturday, January 17. You'll have transportation to and from the game in a luxury motor coach. Tickets are available for purchase or you may use your own game ticket.

Package includes:

- \$30 roundtrip charter motor coach fare (beer, soft drinks and water will be provided)
- You may use your own ticket or order through www.mutigers.com or 1-800-CAT-PAWS.

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please contact Stuart Woody at sw Woody@kc.rr.com or 816.305.3676.

Attention Parents! MAA Scholarship Application Now Available

Each year, the Kansas City Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association awards over \$50,000 in scholarships to local high school seniors who will be attending Mizzou. If your son or daughter is eligible, fill out an application today!

For more information, or to download the form, visit www.mizzou.com/freshman.htm. Applications must be submitted by February 2, 2009!

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Local Events!

Tuesday, December 23rd - Missouri vs. Illinois Basketball Watch Party**4 pm Happy Hour - 6:30 pm Game time**

Join your fellow Tiger fans at Lew's Grill & Bar located at 7539 Wornall Rd to watch the basketball Tigers take on the Illinois Fighting Illini. Come early for the happy hour "tailgate" starting at 4 p.m. and the game time is at 6:30 p.m. Food & drink specials. Enjoy the famous Black & Gold Martini and the Mini "Mike Anderson" Slider Burgers while you watch the game on one of Lew's 18 HD Plasma TV's in Stereo Surround Sound. Free Spinach Dip Appetizer with Missouri Alumni membership card (limit one per table). For additional info go to <http://www.lewsgrillandbar.com/> or call 816.444.8080

Monday, Dec 29th - Alamo Bowl Watch Party**4 p.m. "Happy Hour" Tailgate - 7 p.m. Game Time**

Join us at Lew's Grill & Bar located at 7539 Wornall Rd for the Missouri Tigers vs. Northwestern Wildcats Alamo Bowl Game. Come early for the happy hour "tailgate" starting at 4pm and the game time is at 7pm. Food & Drink specials. Enjoy the famous Black & Gold Martini and the "Pinkle" Pork Tenderloin Sandwich while you watch the game on one of Lew's 18 HD Plasma TV's in Stereo Surround Sound. Free Spinach Dip Appetizer with Missouri Alumni membership card (Limit one per table). For additional info go to <http://www.lewsgrillandbar.com/> or call 816.444.8080.

April 17, 2009 – 10th Annual Black & Gold Tiger Ball at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center**MU to Anchor Research Park in Blue Springs**

Regional efforts to develop Kansas City as a life sciences hub took another step forward last week, when Blue Springs officials announced plans to develop a research park to be anchored by the University of Missouri.

Missouri Innovation Park at Blue Springs will encompass about 275 acres surrounding the Adams Pointe Golf Course. Initial construction could begin in 2010 and will take several decades to develop. It is projected the project could yield \$1 billion in total capital investment and 2,500 to 5,000 jobs within 20 to 25 years.

Mizzou Alumni Association President-elect and Blue Springs native Jacqueline Clark remarked, "I am so thrilled to see the Mizzou Innovation Center come to our region, and specifically, eastern Jackson County. The potential for the Center clearly is limitless."

The research park will focus on linking the animal-health and alternative-energy sectors of the Kansas City-area life sciences initiative with MU and other research-based organizations. Read more in the [Kansas City Business Journal](#) or [News Release](#).

Your Kansas City Chapter Leaders

Involvement from Kansas City area alumni is what makes this organization a model for other alumni chapters around the country. If you have any questions, or if you'd like to get involved with a committee, please contact any of the leaders at the email addresses above.

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