

## Message from the President

Fellow Mizzou Alumni,

The cold winter months may make some feel like hibernating, but not our faithful Tiger alumni! In this edition of Tiger Tales you will read about social and athletic events that have reunited our alumni. Our updated KC Tigers website has been upgraded to serve as a useful tool to learn more about the Association, how to get involved and upcoming events. We will also focus on an outstanding couple of Mizzou graduates that have established a non-profit business to assist the young women of Uganda. This is another example of Kansas City alumni that make a difference around the world!

Our Tiger alumni have also participated in philanthropic events that make a difference here in our community. For the third consecutive year we have raised more money and donations than our rivals at the University of Kansas, for the Harvesters Food Drive in November. This spring we will join other Big 12 alumni for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

As the winter draws to a close, get ready to spring into action with more Mizzou events! The Tiger baseball team will take on the Kansas Jayhawks at Kauffman Stadium on April 21. Later that week, join us for the 11th annual Tiger Ball on April 23 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Kansas City. The committee for the annual Friends of Mizzou Picnic will also begin meeting this week for the August event.

If you would like to get involved in events hosted or sponsored by the Kansas City Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association, please contact me or any of the Board members for more information. We appreciate your involvement!

For Mizzou,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Newham'.

Bill Newham  
President

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## Happy Birthday Mizzou!



Local alumni honored the 1839 founding of the University of Missouri at a February 13 game watch against the Baylor Bears. The Granfalloon Bar & Grill on Ward Parkway served as host to Mizzou's 171st birthday with a hard fought game against Big 12 opponent Baylor. Birthday cake and appetizers were provided by the Chapter.

**Thank you to all of the alumni and fans that joined together to cheer on the Tigers!**

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## Welcome Young Alumni and New Tigers to Kansas City!



The Kansas City Chapter hosted happy hour on Friday, January 22 for young alumni and alumni new to the Kansas City area. More than 100 alumni gathered at Lew's Bar and Grill on Wornall to reconnect with Mizzou friends, meet other KC residents, or simply enjoy a winter night out in the Waldo area.

Thanks so much to those who came out to enjoy Tiger fun with us!

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## See What's New at KCTigers.com

If you haven't visited [KCTigers.com](http://KCTigers.com) lately, you're missing out on some great, new enhancements to the Web site. In addition to updating the look and content, we've added some new functionality to help you stay on top of all things Mizzou in Kansas City.

### • Upcoming Events

The [Upcoming Events](#) section of the homepage is now linked to [upcoming.yahoo.com](http://upcoming.yahoo.com). If you're already a user of Upcoming to track Kansas City events, you'll now see all Chapter events and event details on your event page. If not, just check [Kctigers.com](http://Kctigers.com) and all of the information will be available from the homepage with the click of a mouse.

### • What's New

Not on [Facebook](#)? No problem! Visit the [What's New](#) page and you can view the Chapter's Facebook wall and get the latest updates, announcements and see photos posted from Chapter events. If you are on [Facebook](#) or a member of the [Twittersphere](#), you can become a fan or follower of Mizzou Alumni in KC just by visiting the [What's New](#) page. It's a great way to stay in touch with local alumni!

### • How to Join MAA

Did you know that just because you receive Chapter emails and Mizzou magazine, doesn't mean you're a member of MAA? Now you can join MAA or renew your annual membership from [Kctigers.com](http://Kctigers.com)? Visit the [How to Join](#) section for step-by-step instructions so you can get involved and enjoy all the benefits of membership in the Mizzou Alumni Association. [Click here to join the Mizzou Alumni Association and be sure to use the code CKC so that our chapter gets credit.](#)

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## 2010 Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction Planning Begins



Come one, come all to the 2010 Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction Committee! John Campbell and Rob Harris will be chairing this year's event and are looking to build on a solid committee with some fresh ideas to make this year's event even bigger and better.

Although we are still more than six months away from the picnic, there is a lot to accomplish and the time goes quickly. We



welcome anyone and everyone who is interested in joining us, so please forward this to your KC Tiger family and friends. All proceeds benefit the chapter scholarship funds, so your time and talent will benefit a great cause! If you would like to participate contact us at [picnic@kctigers.com](mailto:picnic@kctigers.com) to let us know and

we'll alert you to future meetings.

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## Local Mizzou Graduates Empower Young Women of Uganda through Handcrafted Product Design

Sseko Designs is a not-just-for-profit enterprise that recognizes the power of business and responsible consumerism to support sustainable economic development, which in turn affects a country's educational, justice and health care systems. The goal of Sseko Designs is two-fold: provide university tuition for these promising young women through a sustainable monthly income, while also contributing to the overall economic development of Uganda.

The company, created by Ben and Liz Bohannon, exists in large part because of the vision, hope, and challenge that some of their peers had for a different way to look at our relationship to Africa, and to economic development. Sseko is a tiny part of creating a sustainable future for a small group of Ugandan woman. What is yet to be determined is what these girls will do with the future that is now afforded them.

The Ugandan school system is designed with a nine month gap between secondary school and university. These nine months are intended to allow time for students to earn money for tuition before continuing on to university. However, in an impoverished and male dominated society, many of these young women struggle to find fair work during this time. Sseko Designs hires recent secondary school graduates for this nine month period to live and work together, while earning money that will go directly towards their university education.

### What can you look forward to purchasing from Sseko designs?

Handcrafted sandals with interchangeable ribbons for a wrap around your ankle tie! Various options are offered as well as coordinating footwear for bridal parties. Ben and Liz Bohannon call Kansas City home and within two years following graduation from Mizzou started Sseko. Neither Ben nor Liz were business students but both agree their education helped them to start an international manufacturing and retail company.

For more information, ways to purchase sandals, ways to help, and for contact information [click here](#). Get ready to find an inspirational story of love, hope, and international support!

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## MU-KU baseball at Kauffman Stadium

**The Border War is rounding the bases again in Kansas City.**

This year's annual MU-KU baseball game is scheduled for **April 21 at Kauffman Stadium** – the home of the Kansas City Royals. **First pitch is set for 6:30 pm and the turnstile gates will open at 5:00 pm**

The non-conference game is in addition to the three-game regular Big 12 series between the rivals on May 7-9 at Lawrence, Kansas.

This will be the fourth meeting for the two teams at The K, but only the third game played. The first scheduled MU-KU game at Kauffman Stadium was rained out in 2007.

The Jayhawks holds a 2-0 advantage in the series at The K after last year's 7-3 victory over the Tigers. Ticket information and complete details for the 2010 match up will be available soon at [mutigers.com](http://mutigers.com) or [royals.com/tickets](http://royals.com/tickets).

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## 11th Annual Tiger Ball slated for April 23

Tiger Ball is an annual gala and auction held in Kansas City that benefits the Mizzou Alumni Association - Kansas City Chapter's Alumni Scholars Program and the Tiger Scholarship Fund.

The Alumni Scholars Program awards more than \$50,000 annually in scholarships to MU students from the greater Kansas City area. The Tiger Scholarship Fund provides funding for the University's athletic department to continue recruiting athletes with academic prowess. In 2008, Mizzou boasted the highest graduation rate and GPA of all schools in the Big 12.

"Since its inception in 2000, Tiger Ball has raised more than \$430,000 for Mizzou student scholarships. Last year alone, the ball raised over \$40,000 in scholarship funds, says Emily Crafton, co-director of the 2010 event.

**This year's event will be held on Friday, April 23 at the Hyatt hotel in downtown Kansas City.** "We are excited to announce our three honorary co-chairs- Melinda Petet, Chase Coffman and Martin Rucker," Crafton states. Petet is the Director of Tiffany & Co. on the Country Club Plaza. She has been a generous supporter of Tiger Ball and Mizzou events in her role at Tiffany & Co. while Coffman and Rucker were both standout tight ends on Mizzou's championship football teams. Coffman, a native of Peculiar, MO, now plays for the Cincinnati Bengals, while Rucker, a native of St. Joseph, MO, suits up for the Philadelphia Eagles.

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## Mizzou Beats KU in Harvester's Food Drive

To all the Mizzou Alumni, Tiger Club Members, and Mizzou Football Fans who contributed on-line, at events, and at the Border Showdown football game, thank you! Because of your generous contributions to Harvesters, Mizzou for the third straight year has contributed more to Harvesters than KU. This year's total to Harvesters was \$16,622 or 83,110 meals. Mizzou fans contributed \$8,872.

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## Tiger Fans Lace Up Your Sneakers for the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society has put out an invitation for each of the Big 12 schools to put together a team for this year's Relay for Life fundraiser. The relay will be held at the Blue Valley District Athletic Complex (13260 Switzer, Overland Park, KS) the evening of Friday, June 18 and concludes Saturday, June 19 around 6:30am. We need approximately 14 more walkers for our team. Let's be the first Big 12 school to complete our team! Please encourage people you know from the other Big 12 schools to get involved with their team.

### **Don't feel like being on the team? There are other ways to help:**

- Make a donation to the team or a team member; this can be done on-line or in person.
- Purchase a luminary for \$5 each in memory of someone or as a celebration of a survivor. We will be decorating our luminaries, so people know they were purchased by Mizzou Tigers. Luminaries can be purchased on-line or from a team member.

- Come out the night of the event to "Celebrate More Birthdays" check out the Campsites and on-site fundraisers, and enjoy the entertainment.

**If you would like to join the team or have questions, please contact Barbara Barry at [mizzoubarry@yahoo.com](mailto:mizzoubarry@yahoo.com)**

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