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Kansas State Chapter



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Upcoming Events

- Recruitment Weekend __ February 21-22
- Association Meeting _____ February 28
- Recruitment Weekend _____ March 7-8
- Association Meeting _____ March 29
- Recruitment Weekend _____ April 4-5
- K-State Open House _____ April 18
- Founder's Day _____ April 25
- Association Meeting _____ April 25
- K-State Football Spring Game __ May 2
- K-State Commencement _____ May 16

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: DR. MICHAEL E. DIKEMAN

By Drew Goering (*07)

Dr. Michael E. Dikeman was a member of the 1963 pledge class. He was a member of a nine member fall pledge class. While looking at where to live, he found that FarmHouse was very impressive. He was intrigued with the men that already lived there, and also of the great physical condition of the house. FarmHouse's alcohol policy was a brightspot as well. While living in FarmHouse he grew as a man. He was also involved in the house as the Conclave Scrapbook coordinator and was Rush Chairman, now knoww as the Recruiting Coordinator. One unique thing about Dr. Dikeman was that he was able to live one quarter at the FarmHouse Chapter at Michigan State University as a graduate student.

Not only was Dikeman involved in the fraternity, he was also involved at Kansas State. The main reason for attending college was of course for education. He majored in Animal Husbandry. Outside of his school work and chapter activities, he was also a member of the Meats Judging Team, and the Livestock Judging Team. Along with judging you could

find Dikeman as a member of the Block & Bridle club, and Collegiate FFA.

Dr. Dikeman had a strong sense of leadership as he was the president of the Collegiate FFA, and held an office in Ag Student Council, and as Student Senator.

One of his favorite FarmHouse memories was riding in a caravan of five cars that went to Conclave at Michigan State University. Another

great memory was attending the Final Four Basketball games in Kansas City with John Schrader when K-state played UCLA.

After receiving his M.S. degree from Michigan State and his Ph.D. from K-State, he joined the faculty of Animal Sciences & Industry at K-State in 1970. He can still be found at 226 Weber Hall on faculty for KSU.

Dr. Dikeman served two terms on the Association Board, and is currently serving his third term as Advisor for the chapter.

He is a great asset to have and we value the wisdom that he brings back to our chapter. His advice for FarmHouse alumni is to "continue to support FarmHouse in any way possible."



Dr. Michael E. Dikeman
Photo courtesy of Animal Sciences & Industry department of Kansas State University

**2009 KANSAS STATE
FARMHOUSE OFFICERS**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Tim Hadachek; **Vice President** – Andrew Harris; **Treasurer** – Eric Brunkow; **Business Manager** – Benjamin Spare; **Recruitment Chairmen** – Bret Hanson, Trevor Smothers; **New Member Educator** – JP Stambaugh; **Secretary** – Keith Kerschen; **Alumni Relations Chairman** – Andrew Gilmore; **Scholarship Chairman** – Craig Johnson; **Social Chairman** – Paul Carnahan; **Community Service/Philanthropy Chairman** – Jeremy Pelton; **Risk Management Chairman** – Heath Vincent; **Advisors** – Rich Lewelyn ('81), Michael Dikeman ('63), Chris Barker ('01)

OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS

Homecoming/Greek Week Chairman – Kramer Farney; **Sergeant at Arms** – Brett Keller; **Chapter Awards Chairmen** – Alan Winter, Drew Ladd; **Intramural Chairman** – Jason Wright **Standards Board** – Thomas White, Mark Little, Kevin Bohling, Josh Hildebrand

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Assistant Treasurer – Matt Kiehl; **Assistant Business Manager** – Derek Stockebrand; **Assistant New Member Educator** – Kirk Tjaden; **Assistant Alumni Relations Chairman** – Phillip Harner; **Assistant Social Chairman** – Scott Haner; **Assistant Community Service/Philanthropy Chairman** – Kevin Bohling; **Newsletter Chairmen** – Jason Wright; **Song Leader** – Kramer Farney, Nathan Linin; **Historian** – Matt Ebert; **Chaplain** – Andy Patton; **Escort Chairman** – Josh Hildebrand; **Technology Chairmen** – Jesse Bailey, Tyler Rayl; **Parliamentarian** – Matt Ebert



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By 2008 President Matt Ebert ('06)

The word 'change' sure has been in the media a lot this past semester, and it wasn't that different within the chapter. We first discussed the potential for change this summer at Conclave in Lubbock, Tex. During this biennial meeting, the delegates approved amendments to the International bylaws to change the membership status definitions and names. At the fall retreat with the Association Board recommendations, were able to improve our new member education program.

Some may ask: "what hasn't changed?" The answer to that is simply, our values. Faith, ambition, reverence, morality, honesty, obedience, unity, service, and excellence will always remain at the center of our fraternity. These are the ideals that our fraternity was founded on, not how we classify members. It was just sixteen weeks ago that twenty young men joined our brotherhood at Kansas State Chapter. Throughout their twelve-week New Member Education program, they learned about our four aspects, nine values, and the history of our fraternity.

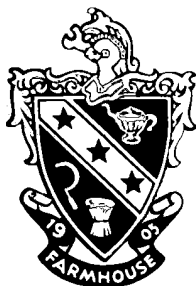
As chapter president, I've had the opportunity to work with many different individuals. Two I would like to recognize for their service to the chapter would be one of our advisors, John Bloomfield ('98) and Association Board president Wade Wilbur ('99). John has served the chapter for the past three years. As advisor he has attended executive committee meetings, chapter meetings, and other committee meetings. The chapter will be welcoming Chris Barker ('01) for a three

year term as advisor. Wade has served on the Association Board for the past three years and as Association Board president the past two years. He



has supported the chapter in various projects and initiatives, including landscaping the yard last fall. The chapter thanks them both for their service to the chapter.

At the Alumni Banquet this fall, I stated that the success of the chapter has a direct correlation to the amount of support and involvement of the alumni. If you are readying this article, you are taking the first step to getting involved; you are staying informed about chapter activities and events. Did you know that you can register as an alumnus on the web site and sign up to participate in events like the upcoming Founder's Day in the spring? The newsletter and website are just two of the tools the chapter hopes to use to engage alumni in staying informed about chapter events. Let us know what you think about the newsletter and web site, as we are always looking for ways to improve. Most importantly, we would like to thank you for your support.



**FOUNDER'S DAY
APRIL 25TH**

**FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
APRIL 25TH
STARTING AT 10:00 AM**

The chapter will be sending out an e-Newsletter once a month, so please send your e-mail address, along with your name, to Andrew Gilmore at agilmore@ksu.edu if you haven't received any e-mails in the past year.

HOUSEMOTHER'S REPORT

By Housemother Barbara Oplinger

Moments with Mom....

Our Thanksgiving Dinner and everything came out of the kitchen perfect... yuummmmm! It was very nice to see family and the many good friends come for good food and fellowship at FarmHouse. What a lot we have to be thankful for here.

With the New Members now Active, yet another group of FarmHouse Men begin showing what they are made of and where they might be going in life. This is quite a time of their lives to be watching, from my perspective.

What excellent parents they have and the mentors before them are incredible. How can they not succeed in life with all these advantages? Well, as we all know, it still depends on making wise choices every day.

Those choices come out of core values and spiritual beliefs allowed to manifest into lifestyles. As these young men struggle and explore, they are finding revelations that will take them on new paths of exciting times. Very few here at FarmHouse take that opportunity lightly. They truly want the best of what God has

for them. When they approach life like that, they will be exceedingly surprised and pleased with their future. I know many of you are just as blessed by them as I am.



ALUMNI BANQUET

By Paul Carnahan ('08)

On October 25, 2008, the men of the Kansas Chapter of FarmHouse held the annual alumni banquet for the chapter. The event was held at the Kansas State Alumni Center in Manhattan, Kansas. There were 45 alumni in attendance along with some of their families. The housemother and cook of FarmHouse, Barbara Oplinger and Marjorie Crane respectively, and a majority of the men

currently living in the house were also in attendance. The banquet included a meal that was catered by Ramblers. There were also reports given by the chapter president Matt Ebert, previously mentioned Barbara Oplinger, Association president Wade Wilbur, and Foundation Council president Rick Munson. There was a skit performed by the pledge class of 2009 that gave viewers an idea about



Keith Kerschen ('08) was awarded the Mom Russell Scholarship by Rick Munson ('73), Foundation Council President, at the Alumni Banquet.

life in FarmHouse. The final part of the banquet was a presentation of scholarships to current men of FarmHouse. Andy Gigsstad and Andrew Harris received the William S. & Catherine May scholarship from FarmHouse international. An-

drew Harris was also awarded the Kansas FarmHouse scholarship. Matt Tippin, Daniel Snell, and Keith Kerschen were presented with the Francis Russell scholarship, and the last scholarship awarded was the New Member scholarship, which was given to Nathan Linin. Altogether, the banquet was a celebration of old and new that everyone seemed to enjoy. We thank all of the alumni that attended. It is so important to keep strong interaction between the active chapter and the alumni. We feel like this is a great way to do this.

RECRUITMENT

By JP Stambaugh ('07)

With winter almost here and spring just around the corner recruitment season is about to be back in full swing. Currently our recruitment process is driven by three "Experience Weekends" hosted by the chapter early in the spring semester. These weekends allow high school and college students from across the Midwest to interact with the

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CHAPTER HOUSE WEATHERS THE STORM

By Matt Ebert ('06)

On Wednesday June 11, a tornado tore through the Manhattan community and the Kansas State University campus. There have been no reported fatalities in the Manhattan area.

The Kansas State chapter house of FarmHouse Fraternity suffered minor damages. A few windows were broken, some shingles torn off and minor water damage in the basement. There was a significant amount of debris in the yard from the surrounding area. A number of trees around the chapter house had been downed or damaged.

Active members and alumni of the chapter assembled this morning at the chapter house to begin clean-up efforts. Wade Wilbur ('99), Association President, and Andrew Harris ('07), Summer Facilities Manager, lead the clean-up efforts at the chapter house.

A number of buildings on campus suffered significant damage. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, neighbors of FarmHouse, suffered significant roof damage.

Matt Ebert ('06), chapter president, would like to thank all

those members, alumni, and friends who have already begun clean-up and repair efforts.



ACTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kellen Begnoche ('07) - Inter-Fraternity Council Director of Community & Internal Relations, Order of Omega

Kevin Bohling ('08) - Catalyst, Kappa Kappa Psi Band Honorary

Billy Brown ('07) - World Champion Horse Judging Team Member, Ag Ambassador, 2nd Platinum Team: North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge

Eric Brunkow ('08) - Engineering Ambassador, KSU SWAT Robotics Team Leader/Organizer, Legacy Scholar, Civic Leadership Scholar

Mark Brunson ('07) - Pre-Vet Club, Navigators Leadership Team, Boys & Girls Club, Flint Hills Breadbasket, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Kansas State Scholar, SMART Grant

Paul Carnahan ('08) - Phi Eta Sigma

Matt Ebert ('06) - Blue Key Senior Honorary, ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholar, Order of Omega Scholarship

Sam Fahrenholtz ('07) - Goldwater Honorable Mention, Princeton's Summer NVF

Gabe Gienger ('06) - Freshman Connection Bible Study Leader

Andy Gigstad ('07) - Inter-Fraternity Council President, Student Alumni Board, Order of Omega

Drew Goering ('07) - Big Brothers Big Sisters, Walleyball Champion, Kansas FFA State Reporter

Bret Hanson ('08) - Quest Freshman Honorary, New Member Council Recruitment Chairman

Andrew Harris ('07) - Chimes, Order of Omega, Tau Beta Pi, Adopt-a-School

Dakota Holtgrieve ('08) - Ag Ambassador

John Huston ('06) - KSU Football Student Coach, KSU Triathlon Club, Powercat Pride

Craig Johnson ('08) - Putnam Scholar

Keith Kerschen ('08) - Wallyball Champion

Kyler Knobbe ('08) - Catalyst, New Member Council

Drew Ladd ('09) - New Member Council, Bakery Science Club

Nathan Linin ('09) - Phi Beta Lambda Treasurer

Justin McClarty ('06) - Intern at Koch Industries, College of Business Administration Student Senator, Intro. Leadership Concepts Teacher

Andrew Mense ('06) - Alpha Mu Treasurer, Grain Science Club Flour Sales Chairman

Steven Mense ('09) - BAAP (Business Club)

Casey Mushrush ('07) - Ag Ambassadors - Social Chair

Michael Page ('06) - Undergraduate Cancer Research Award Recipient, Scholars in Rural Health, Early Acceptance to KU Med

Andy Patton ('07) - Cancer Research Award

Jeremy Pelton ('09) - Catalyst, New Member Council

Colin Smothers ('06) - Tau Beta Pi

Nathan Spare ('05) - Tau Beta Pi

Craig Stockebrand ('05) - Alpha Epsilon

Matt Tippin ('06) - Early Acceptance to UMKC School of Dentistry, KSU Pre-Dentistry Treasurer, Navigators Student Leadership Team

Heath Vincent ('07) - Chimes, Inter-Fraternity Council Director of Judicial Affairs, Alumni Relations

Alan Winter ('08) - Silver Key Honorary

RECRUITMENT (CONT)

current members and gain an understanding of FarmHouse Fraternity. We also encourage interested men to visit the chapter house at any convenience. It is from the men that attend these weekends and visit the house that chapter members select new members for the fall semester.

This past year Kansas State FarmHouse recruited 20 outstanding young men from across the Midwest to pledge FarmHouse Fraternity. As recruitment chairmen it is very comforting to be able to recruit new members on the values of our fraternity and know that these values are important to the current members. Kansas State FarmHouse has worked hard to maintain a reputation of excellence. The success of FarmHouse can be largely credited to the support of our alumni.

Please understand the continuation of quality FarmHouse members is a task shared by all FarmHouse men and we would greatly appreciate your input on recruitment and your assistance in recruiting new FarmHouse men. In this newsletter you can find a recruitment card that can be filled out and returned to the chapter to be added to the database of potential new members for the fall. Alumni can also submit names of potential new members on the web site. The web site also includes a complete recruitment sections with information about upcoming events and activities. Check out the web site at www.ksfh.net.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Name: _____ Pledge class: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Occupation: _____

College major: _____ Graduation year: _____

E-mail: _____ Website (if Applicable): _____

News of interest:

Send to: FarmHouse Fraternity, Attn: Alumni Relations Chairman, 1830 College Heights Road,
Manhattan, KS 66502 e-mail farmhouse@ksu.edu

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FARMHOUSE RECRUITMENT

Name: _____ Age: _____ Home Phone: _____

Permanent address: _____

Campus address: _____ Phone: _____

High school/community college: _____ GPA: _____ ACT: _____

Major: _____ Submitted by: _____

School activities, hobbies and interests _____ Your phone: _____

Other information:

Send to: FarmHouse Fraternity, Attn: Recruitment Chairmen, 1830 College Heights Road, Manhattan, KS
66502, or call: (785) 320-7920 ext. 18.

Front Row: Jacob Wagner (L-R), Kurt Olson, Andy Patton, David Krehbiel, Bret Hanson, Nathan Limin, Gabe Gienger, Drew Goering; Second Row: Luke Finley, Sam Fahrenholtz, Matt Kiehl, Isaac Honer, Trevor Smothers, Tyler Ediger, Billy Brown, Steven Mense, Paul Carnahan; Third Row: Andrew Harris, Thomas White, Drew Ladd, Kirk Tjaden, Mark Brunson, Phillip Harner, John Mosbarger, Jeremy Pelton, Craig Johnson, Derek Tjaden, AJ Eilert; Fourth Row: Jesse Bailey, JP Stambaugh, Scott Haner, Tim Hadachek, Kramer Farney, Andy Gistad, Matt Morford, Colin Smothers, Derek Stockebrand, Jason Wright; Fifth Row: Alan Winter, Jon Pike, Jon Ireland, Eric Brunkow, Heath Vincent, Kole Farney, Dakota Holtgrève, Josh Hildebrand, Kyle Knobbe; Back Row: Keith Kerschen, Brett Keller, Joel Ireland, Michael Page, Ben Spare, Craig Stockebrand, Matt Ebert, Matt Tippin, Alex Wiltz, Josh McIlvain, Jared Kohls



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