



# Sighs of Psi



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PSI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ♦ FALL 2006

## UNDERTAKER'S BALL SERVES AS FITTING SALUTE TO OUR MANSION ON THE HILL

This year has truly been an exciting and landmark year for Psi Chapter at the University of Alabama—a year that has brought great success and change for the brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

I am proud to report that the active Chapter continues to excel on the UA campus in all areas of University and Greek life during this transition period. Scholastically, Psi Chapter consistently records a top five all-fraternity ranking for G.P.A. ΔKE houses the current SGA president, **Justice Smyth '07**, current JASONS president, **Chad Lavendar '07**, and the current Cardinal Key Honor Society president, **Dan Ventress '08**, just to name a few. It is comforting to know that the undergraduates are upholding the strong values and traditions of our great Chapter.

Psi witnessed a Chapter first this year, with the joint effort of alumni *and* undergraduates in this year's Undertaker's Ball. The event served as a final farewell to our beloved Chapter House and was the largest assembly and celebration of Psi Dekes in our Chapter's history. Nearly 1,000 brothers and guests gathered to pay tribute to our Mansion on the Hill. Thank you to all of the brothers who worked to make this such a grand and memorable farewell event, especially **John McNeil '79** and **Mike Lapeyrouse '77**.

*Deke brothers gathered for one final salute to the Mansion on the Hill April 27-29. Activities for the weekend included a golf tournament, Psi Day Banquet, and Undertaker's Ball.*

Following the Undertaker's Ball, the University proceeded with demolition efforts of our Mansion on the Hill to prepare the property for the stadium expansion. The House Corporation Board continues to work with the University in solidifying plans for the new Deke facility, and we are excited to have retained such a premier location for the new Chapter House. Thank you to all of the brothers and friends who have supported Psi Chapter during this period of change. In the coming months you will receive more information detailing the progress and the ways in which you can become more involved with the project.



In the bonds,  
**David Fitts '82**  
House Corporation President  
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## Active Chapter Dominates on UA Campus

Psi Chapter prides itself on many fundamentals necessary for a strapping fraternity to continue growing. We encourage unity, scholarship, community service, and leadership. We at Psi ΔKE believe these qualities are indispensable to the preservation and continued composition of our Chapter, and we include them throughout all phases of fraternity membership.

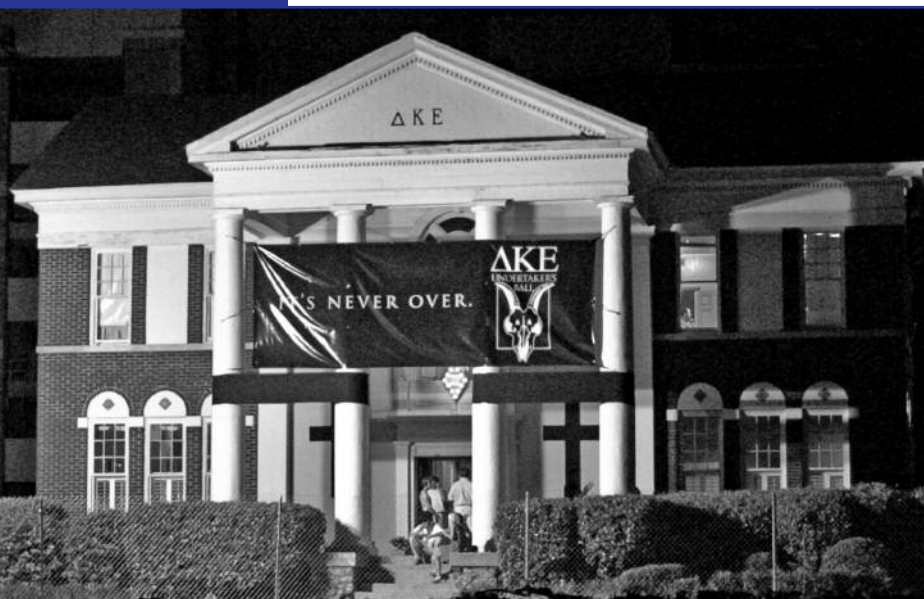
### SCHOLARSHIP

Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has increased its scholarship efforts tremendously in the past year, meeting Chapter-wide goals to maximize the Chapter's status at the University of Alabama. Our revised study hall program for new members resulted in a top five G.P.A. ranking among all 28 fraternities for our new member class. The active Chapter G.P.A. placed above the all-independent male and all-fraternity averages.

### LEADERSHIP

Each year to complement our success in the classroom, the ΔKE Chapter provides leadership on campus. We are privileged to house the current SGA president, **Justice Smyth '07**, and SGA Senators **Jeffrey Adams '08** and **Taylor Atchison '08**. **Chad Lavender '07** is

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April 30, 2006

Hon. David K. Easlick  
Executive Director  
Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity  
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Report to Exec. Director and Board of DKE: 2006 Undertaker's Ball

Hon. & Dear Brother Easlick & Brothers:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our brotherhood by attending and reporting upon the 2006 Undertaker's Ball conducted this past weekend by our Psi Chapter at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. I enjoyed the undertaking, and what follows is my report.

### Findings

I believe from my observation that the reports of the success of this Chapter are not, and cannot be, overstated. (See the "Specifics" section of this report, infra.) I believe this success is founded upon two primary factors:

1. Love. There appears to exist among the members of Psi a truly fraternal love one for the other, and all for their Chapter, which is the ideal to which all our chapters should aspire. I repeatedly observed the alumni greeting one another with a fondness one might find at a family reunion (or funeral in this case). The brothers and their wives truly enjoy each other's company and the memories of their long, strong associations. I was regaled on any number of occasions with heartfelt assertions of the supremacy of Psi and Deke over all other fraternities at the University.
2. Control. There is no question that, at Alabama, the alumni are in control. They are fulfilling a strong mentoring roll with the active Chapter, and it appears the actives are responding with the kind of affection one might expect in a father/son relationship. The Chapter is truly blessed to have alumni who are motivated to be and remain in constant contact with the Chapter, giving unselfishly of their time, talent and treasure to ensure the continued success of the Chapter. A weekend of observation is not sufficient for me to report on all the players, but Brothers **John McNeil '79**, **Mike Lapeyrouse '77**, and **John McMurphy '71** come immediately to mind. I am convinced that, although Psi undoubtedly has many active alumni working on behalf of the chapter, *even a few such individuals could make a huge difference for any of our chapters.*

### Specifics

...I arrived at the Pre-Ball Reception and was immediately greeted by John McNeil and his wife...Brother McNeil took time to give me a tour of the house, a grand old lady whose time is ending, brimming with tradition from every wall, nook and cranny.

...The next day dawned clear and boded well for an auspicious event. We gathered once again in the tents adjacent to the house for a Bloody Mary Wake at 9:30 a.m. The overwhelming majority of the 850-1,000 in attendance were attired in formal funeral dress....

The procession then formed at the rear of the house. Excelsior Dixieland Band from Mobile, Alabama, a horse drawn hearse with casket filled with black roses, and the assembled clergy and pallbearers led the procession down the road through the sorority houses—known locally as "The Canyon"—and around to Bryant Denny Stadium. From my vantage point among the mourners, it was difficult to assess the magnitude of the assembly, but I can accurately advise you that it filled a two-lane street, curb to curb, for over two blocks.

We entered the stadium to the loudspeaker system blaring the Phi Marching Song as well as other Deke songs. I suspect that nowhere else in the realm of Deke does there exist such cooperation between university administration and the fraternity. I also suspect that there is truly something unique about Deke in this relationship, and that no other group on the Alabama campus would have been afforded such honors....

We then returned to the tents once more, hearing "Rev." McMurphy's stirring eulogy combined with (tastefully, of course) a rousing prospect for the future, with heartfelt memories of the past, and just the right amount of slightly risqué repartee to captivate the crowd.

My travel plans compelled my departure, and I took my leave, confident that never before, and probably never again, would I be part of such a unique and delightful—and thoroughly Deke—event.

Again, my thanks for your confidence in selecting me for this assignment.

In the bonds of our rotherhood, I remain your obedient servant,  
**Linscott R. Hanson, Omicron '59**



# 2006 UNDERTAKER'S BALL



*Brother Earl McMurphy '71 led the Undertaker's procession from the Chapter House to Bryant-Denny Stadium before returning to the house and tent for libations.*



*Brothers Garth Lovvorn '69 and Jimmy Lyons '70 helped to lead the procession of Undertaker's Ball attendees.*



*Brothers Bill Miller '76 and John McNeil '79 served as pallbearers for the Undertaker's ceremony. A picture of the Chapter House rested inside the casket.*



*The funeral procession for the event was several blocks long, as close to 1,000 brothers and guests made their way from the Chapter House to the stadium.*



*Following the traditional procession, brothers and guests enjoyed refreshments and entertainment inside the Undertaker's tent.*

# Pride in Alabama and Delta Kappa Epsilon Motivates Psi Alumnus — Jim Hayes '71

From the moment you begin speaking with **James P. Hayes Jr. '71**, his pride in the state of Alabama, University of Alabama, and Delta Kappa Epsilon is an apparent sentiment.

Growing up in southern Alabama, Jim was exposed to the strong reputation of UA and ΔKE at an early age. His father, **Pat '43**, and uncles, **Brooks Hayes '40** and **Albert Haas '41**, were Dekes at Alabama. Jim remembers, "Living in Alabama, it was a badge of honor to be a Deke. The standards for academics, intramurals, and leadership were very high. It was just a great place to be with a great group of folks."

While at UA, Jim earned a bachelor's and master's degree in industrial engineering and

was a member of the School of Engineering's honor society. Following graduation, Jim moved to New Orleans where he worked for an oil company for 12 years. He then returned to Alabama and became a member of the Don Siegelman administration, serving as a member of the governor's cabinet for three years. Jim is now president of the Economic Development Partnership of

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America, a company specializing in the economic development of Alabama.

Jim values his work with the EDPA because it supports the advancement of Alabama communities through public and private funding and is often able to support projects that the state does not have the resources to fund. "I enjoy my work because it is for the state of Alabama, and I work with people I have a great deal of respect for."

Jim encourages young alumni to remember that "the relationships you develop at the University of Alabama and in Delta Kappa Epsilon will carry you in life. Remember that you can always develop friendships further, and very few people succeed without the benefit of friends."

In addition to his professional commitments, Jim serves on a number of civic foundations and committees. He is co-chairman of the campaign for the University of Alabama, a \$500 million effort that will provide funding for many University entities (with a majority of the funds going toward scholarships). He volunteers with the Crippled Children's Foundation and the Lakeshore Foundation. Jim also served as chairman of the President's Cabinet for the University.

Jim lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife, Ann, and their dog, Lizzie. When not working or serving as a steward to the state of Alabama, University of Alabama, and ΔKE, Jim is an avid reader and is currently reading books about the Middle East. You can contact him at [jhayes@edpa.com](mailto:jhayes@edpa.com).

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vice president for the Interfraternity Council and president of JASONS (the University's men-only honor society). Chad was joined by brothers Justice Smyth and **Beau Fleming '06** as new inductees for JASONS this past year. We also have brothers involved in the Cardinal Key Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Society, Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society, and Crimson Tide football team. Psi Chapter is proud of its accomplishments inside the classroom as well as out.

Abused and Battered Children, two events that were highly anticipated by both the brothers and children alike.

In addition to our own philanthropic projects, we sponsored and participated in a number of campus events. Psi was a sponsor for Delta Zeta's Hoops for Hearing (a basketball tournament to benefit deaf children in the Tuscaloosa community) and participated in Kappa Delta's Run for Rise (a fundraising event for mentally challenged children). Brothers also participated in Relay for Life, a cancer prevention fundraiser hosted by the University Recreation Center. Community service is an ongoing practice in the structure of our brotherhood, and we are already planning on renewed participation in every one of these events next year.

### ALUMNI SUPPORT

Being involved with the alumni is one of the most gratifying parts of ΔKE membership. Our strong alumni relations have enabled us to initiate, enjoy, and maintain relationships with men whom we have so much in common. This relationship is the true definition of brotherhood, and the current Psi Chapter intends on not only maintaining this bond, but improving it for the future.

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### PHILANTHROPY

Psi Chapter had another successful year serving the University and Tuscaloosa community. In previous years, Psi has focused on one or two large service projects, but this year we chose to spread our efforts over a broader array of events. We hosted the Halloween and Christmas parties for the Hannah Home for



## Psi Chapter Benefits from Brother's Involvement as an Undergraduate and an Alumnus — William Ezell III '69

When Billy Ezell '69 came to the University of Alabama in 1965, he had already been exposed to the benefits of joining a fraternity. Several relatives, **John Carrington '61** and **Arthur Gonzales Jr. '64**, and friends were already members of Delta Kappa Epsilon. With their encouragement, as well as the strong reputation of ΔKE on the UA campus, it was a nearly automatic decision for him to pledge.

Billy remembers his entire undergraduate experience fondly, more specifically the social opportunities the Fraternity provided. Undertaker's Ball was one of his favorite events and when the party wasn't held for several years, he worked with **David Cooper '68** to reinvigorate the Undertaker's tradition.

Following graduation with a bachelor's degree in commerce and business administration, Billy spent two years working at Cooper/T. Smith (formerly Cooper Stevedoring Company). He then went on to own numerous successful Waffle Houses.

Based on his experiences, Billy offers this advice to young alumni: "Find something that you enjoy doing and the financial rewards will follow. Be a leader, not a follower."

Billy would consider himself "semi-retired" and divides his time between Orange Beach and Steelwood, Alabama. He spends his free time fishing, hunting, golfing, gambling, and playing gin rummy. Billy has three children: Elissa Watkins, Clay, and Jeffrey, all graduates of the University of Georgia. You can e-mail him at [easy@gulfnet.com](mailto:easy@gulfnet.com).



*Billy Ezell '69 appreciated the social benefits of his ΔKE membership, especially the Undertaker's Ball. He actively participated as an undergraduate (pictured left) and as an alumnus (pictured right).*



## ALUMNI UPDATE

### 1950s

**Mark "Bocky" Lyons III '55**, Gulf Breeze, Fla., and his wife, Sue, have two children, **W. Brooks '83** and N. Tift. Mark is the owner of Lyons Properties but considers himself to be semi-retired. You can contact him at [bockylions@aol.com](mailto:bockylions@aol.com).

**R. Bruce Worley '59** is executive vice president and partner of JBL Properties LTD, a residential development company in Gretna, La. Bruce lives in New Orleans, La., with his wife, Linda. The Worleys have three children: Robert Jr., N. Knight, and Virginia, and seven grandchildren. E-mail Bruce at [bwstlwrkn@bellsouth.net](mailto:bwstlwrkn@bellsouth.net).

### 1960s

**William Henderson '61** lives in Dothan, Ala., with his wife, Sarah. Bill was senior

vice president of medical marketing for Ansell International before retiring. The Hendersons have two children, Sarah Anne and William. E-mail Bill at [hen1901@aol.com](mailto:hen1901@aol.com).

**Richmond McClintock '66** and his wife, Nancy, live in Dothan, Ala. They have three daughters: Elizabeth, Sarah, and Jennifer, all of whom were Alpha Gamma Deltas at the University of Alabama. Richmond is a retired physician and can be contacted at [rcharlesmc@peoplepc.com](mailto:rcharlesmc@peoplepc.com).

### 1970s

**William Cassels '75**, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is executive vice president for DCH Regional Medical Center. Bill and his wife, Rebecca, have three children: **Derek '09**, Elizabeth, and Anna. Contact Bill at [bcassels@dchsystem.com](mailto:bcassels@dchsystem.com).

**Anderson Locklin III '77** is the president of Johnson-Locklin and Associates, a financial services company in Birmingham, Ala. He

and his wife, Ruth, have three sons: **Jay '08**, Matt, and Thomas. The Locklins live in Indian Springs, Ala. You can reach Andy at [andy.locklin@johnson-locklin.com](mailto:andy.locklin@johnson-locklin.com).

**James P. Luttrell Jr. '77** lives in Destin, Fla., with his wife, Susan. Jim is vice president of investments and a senior retirement planning consultant with A. G. Edwards and Sons Inc. The Luttrells have four children: Leigh, Lauren, Lindsay, and Padgett. E-mail Jim at [james.luttrell@agedwards.com](mailto:james.luttrell@agedwards.com).

### 1980s

**Trent Boozer '82** and his wife, Suzanne, have three children: Ford, Leslie, and Alex, and live in Birmingham, Ala. Trent is president of Latitude 3 Media Group LLC, a trade magazine publisher. Contact him at [tboozer@latitude3.com](mailto:tboozer@latitude3.com).

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HOME FOOTBALL  
SCHEDULE

- Sept. 2 Hawaii
- Sept. 9 Vanderbilt
- Sept. 16 Louisiana-Monroe
- Oct. 7 Duke
- Oct. 14 Ole Miss
- Oct. 28 Florida International  
(Homecoming)
- Nov. 4 Mississippi State
- Nov. 18 Auburn

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**Angus Cooper III '97** is executive vice president of Cooper/T. Smith and lives with his wife, Gretchen, in Mobile, Ala. The Coopers have two sons, Angus IV and Harris. You can e-mail Angus at [angus.cooperiii@coopertsmith.com](mailto:angus.cooperiii@coopertsmith.com).

**Shelby Daniels '98** is a commercial insurance broker at Molton, Allen and Williams LLC and owner of Artesana Fine Wines. He and his wife, Josephine, live in Pensacola, Fla., and can be reached at [elbs@bellsouth.net](mailto:elbs@bellsouth.net).

**Michael Crocker Jr. '00** is vice president and COO for Brabner and Hollon Inc. in Mobile, Ala. Michael and his wife, Lynes, were blessed with their first child, Michael III, on November 7, 2005. You can contact Michael at [Denison@brabnerhollon.com](mailto:Denison@brabnerhollon.com).

**Peter Quackenbush Jr. '00** and his wife, Lori, reside in Atlanta, Ga. Peter is a stockbroker and financial advisor for Morgan Stanley. You can e-mail him at [psquackenbush@yahoo.com](mailto:psquackenbush@yahoo.com).

**Steve Clikas III '02** is a commercial real estate banker for AmSouth Bank in Birmingham, Ala. E-mail him at [sclikas3@yahoo.com](mailto:sclikas3@yahoo.com).

**ATTENTION:** This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

## Alumni Parties Fuel Recruitment Momentum

A recruitment party hosted by alumnus **Harris Morrissette '81** at his home on May 17 got this year's recruitment effort off to a great start. Thirteen men were recruited during this event. Thank you to Harris and all alumni who participated. **Trent Boozer '82** sponsored an event at his home at the end of June for the Birmingham area recruits, and this was a huge help in our effort there. Thanks to Trent and everyone in Birmingham who made this event a success.

As of press time for this newsletter, we have 29 pledges. It is not too late to submit names of prospective new member candidates who will attend the University in the fall. Recruitment will continue until September. Please send any information regarding potential candidates to **Gary Garstecki '79** at [gary.garstecki@morgankeegan.com](mailto:gary.garstecki@morgankeegan.com) or mail in the recruitment recommendation form below and Gary will be sure that the Recruitment Committee contacts the prospective member.

## RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Please submit prospect recommendations to:  
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