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PSI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ♦ FALL 2010



At Convention this summer, Psi won several awards.



Psi alumni address the crowd at Convention.

PSI CHAPTER REPRESENTED WELL AT CONVENTION WITH SEVERAL TOP HONORS

Alumni Step Up and Help with Projects for House Corporation

This summer I did something I haven't done in about 30 years—I attended a DKE International Convention. It was an interesting experience looking at it from the “other” side—that of being an alumnus. **Chris B. White '11** and **Patrick D. Morris '12** represented the Chapter well at all the events. I can say without a doubt that, at the national level, Psi Chapter is the one to emulate. I can't tell you the number of times that we “Psi guys” were asked by alumni and undergraduates from other schools to share the way we do things so they could implement changes in their chapters.

The Chapter took many honors at the Convention, including second in the overall Lion Trophy competition. We must have been within a point or so of the winner, Beta Chapter at Chapel Hill, because we placed in every category except scholarship (we're already working on that this year). On top of that, **James C. Fowler '11** was named Undergraduate of the Year.

With regard to the House Corporation Board, **Larry R. Howell '92** has stepped down after years of dedicated service. Apparently, Indian Hills Country Club heard what a good

job he did helping rebuild the DKE house, and he's been tapped to assist them with their construction. When you run into Larry in the future, make sure to thank him for all he's done for the Chapter. I can assure you that now he's stepped down, I'm finding out just how much he did—and it's a lot.

The board recently activated a number of committees, and **T. Semmes Favrot '82** was selected to serve the board as the Chapter's alumni historian/archivist. Inside this issue, you'll find a letter from him about his plans. As you can see, our past—at least the documentation thereof—is in good hands with Semmes.

I hope to see all of you at Homecoming for our Psi Day Tea. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at black_chaffe@hotmail.com.

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Psi Chapter Award Highlights

Psi Chapter was honored with the following awards at the 166th DKE Convention in Ann Arbor, Michigan:

LION TROPHY:
First Runner-up

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Second Place

ALUMNI RELATIONS:
Third Place Tie with Delta Chi-Cornell

CHAPTER IMPROVEMENT:
Third Place Tie with Alpha Phi-Toronto



OVERWHELMING SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR MOULTON COOK

House Corporation Approves Plan to Aid Future Long-Term Employees

In the last issue of the *Sighs of Psi*, we reported on the health issues and resulting retirement from the DKE house of a dedicated friend and brother, Moulton “Moe” Cook. In that article, we identified a number of actions that were underway to help Moe and to thank him for his decades of service to DKE.

A group of us formed a committee to manage Moe’s finances and to assist him with his daily affairs. We are working to ensure he receives all of the benefits he is entitled to and have secured a power of attorney to assist us. We opened a bank account to hold donations that requires dual signatures to withdraw funds. I am available to discuss the funds disbursements with anyone who so desires. We want to be as open and transparent in this effort as we can be.

Moe is living alone in an apartment in Tuscaloosa. DKE actives and newboys look in on him, take him meals, and provide rides to and from the house when he is feeling well enough to visit.

He is grateful and appreciative to remain connected to the fraternity. He also enjoys receiving phone calls and visits from DKEs and other friends. If you are so inclined, please call him at (205) 657-9056 to say hello. He relishes the contact with each of you.

Moe is on a waiting list to secure a subsidized apartment in downtown Tuscaloosa. When he is approved for one (we expect this to happen shortly), he can expect to cut his monthly rent and utilities by half or better. We took Moe to visit the apartment building to make sure he liked it. He did and is otherwise looking forward to moving.



Even with efforts to reduce his expenses and to ensure he receives benefits, Moe’s expenses substantially outweigh his income every month. We need to supplement his income each month by approximately \$500 to cover his essentials: rent, utilities, and food.

To date, we have raised approximately \$8,000. The House Corporation has now approved a plan to recognize long-term employees. Under that plan, Moe can expect to receive approximately \$20,000 to be paid toward his essential living expenses over the next four years.

This is a good start toward reaching our goal of \$50,000 to help ensure Moe’s future, but we still need your help. If you have not already done so, please consider a making a donation and help us by reaching out to other alumni to get them to help complete our fundraising efforts. We have given ourselves until Homecoming to raise the remaining \$22,000.

On behalf of the House Corporation, Moe, and the fraternity we each love so much and to which Moe has devoted most of his life, thank you for your time, help, and affection for Moe. Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

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National Headquarters Praises Psi on Job Well Done

I know you are all looking forward to another great year of football and DKE brotherhood! I was lucky enough to be invited to spend a Saturday at Psi last fall for a game. It was great to experience a game at the stadium that sits across the street from the *real* Tuscaloosa attraction, the DKE house. Everything I read says the Crimson Tide is going to be mighty tough again, and I see you caught a big break in the schedule by not having to play the Vanderbilt Commodores, my alma mater, this year!

Psi DKEs have been very supportive of the International Headquarters as we work our way through this transition year, and I’m happy to report that we’re making great progress toward financial stability. We’re not all the way there yet, and we still have some challenges, but things are a lot better than they were a year ago. That’s obviously our first priority, but close behind that is to expand and improve on the services we provide to our chapters, so this is a major focus for us. Our third priority is to improve our communications between DKE Headquarters and our chapters and alumni. One example of that is the *DKE Quarterly*, published online, and if you haven’t seen that yet, please go to www.dke.org and click on the link.

At the recent DKE Convention, we were pleased to have two strong delegates in attendance from Psi, **Chris White '11** and **Patrick Morris '12**,

and two alumni as well, **Black Chaffe IV '83** and **John McNeil '79**. Black led one of the educational sessions for the undergraduates, and we appreciate his assistance. Also at the Convention, the Fraternity’s highest award to an undergraduate, the DKE Leadership Award, went to **James Fowler '11**. James deserves this award, and we congratulate him for it.

Congratulations most of all on the sustained success of the Psi Chapter. Yours is truly a model chapter—year after year—of attracting great young men to DKE, fantastic DKE heritage and spirit, and a very strong alumni presence. DKE is genuinely proud to have such a strong chapter at Alabama. You are a credit to your school and to Delta Kappa Epsilon. Go DKE!

ITB,
Doug Lanpher, Gamma '77
 Executive Director

P.S. DKE Headquarters at “The Shant” in Ann Arbor is now the proud owner of a piece of DKE history... a few planks from the floor of the Chapter room at the old Psi DKE house. Thanks to **Alex Fleming '10** for thinking of us and providing these for the Fraternity’s archive collection.

Top-Notch Recruiting Team Ushers in Largest Pledge Class of the New DKE Mansion

Scholarship a Top Priority at Psi Chapter This Year

Around the University of Alabama and especially at the DKE house, the best days of the fall are game days. With the incredible view of the stadium and the Walk of Champions, the front lawn of the DKE house is second to none.

As the school year gets underway, the Psi Chapter is proud to have a pledge class of 40 men from all over the Southeast. This being the largest pledge class to come live in the new DKE house, The Man made a commitment to not let the core foundations that the Chapter is built upon to slip away. This “newboy” knowledge is what binds each and every one of us together and adds true meaning to the famed phrase “It’s Never Over.”

To reflect the importance of grades to the new pledge class, Jereme has rewarded pledges with a day off from plegeship for each “A” they make on tests. Although this is only one of three principles DKE was founded upon, the Chapter feels the early stress on grades will further our scholastic achievement.

The Psi Chapter was awarded runner-up of the Lion’s Trophy Award this summer, second to Beta Chapter at North Carolina. Coming up short of first place makes Psi Chapter realize the need for improvement even more.

While in Ann Arbor for the annual Lion’s Trophy banquet, **Chris White ’11** realized how truly fortunate Psi Chapter is to have such strong alumni support and tradition, unmatched by any DKE chapter in the nation. “All the other chapters wanted to know exactly how we ran our house. Even though we didn’t win, we were the spotlight.”

HOUSE CORPORATION KEEPS CLOSE WATCH ON CHAPTER FINANCIAL PICTURE

This year has been a tough one at the DKE house, as we have lost a number of members who have gone inactive or have not returned to school. Additionally, we have a record number of delinquent accounts—due in part to the economy. Many of the operating costs are relatively fixed, which increases the expense per member when we have fewer members and more delinquent accounts. Unfortunately, the House Corporation is unable to allocate money that was donated for capital improvements to operating expenses.

Because of this, the House Corporation finds itself in the unpleasant position of holding a hard line with respect to inactive members participating in DKE activities and receivables due to the Chapter. Members whose account is delinquent (more than 90 days old) will be contacted and attempts made to establish terms for repayment over time. If contact cannot be

made or good faith is not taken to repay the Chapter, appropriate action will be taken to cease providing services to them. This will include turning delinquent accounts over to a collection agency, which will ultimately result in claims made in court for repayment if the agency has no success in collecting.

On another front, a new fund has been set up for employees that have been working for the DKE house for a long time—20 years or more. We will make sure they are rewarded for their years of service and dedication to the Chapter and taking care of the boys. This will go into effect January 1, 2011, and will supplement their retirements. The first beneficiary of this program will be Moulton “Moe” Cook.

In the Bonds,
Angus Cooper III ’97
Treasurer

WELCOME, FALL PLEDGE CLASS

Robert Alexander
Mobile, Ala.

John Matthews
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Daniel Beebe
Fairhope, Ala.

Ryan McGinty
Mobile, Ala.

Wes Bulgarella
Birmingham, Ala.

Jake Morrow
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Brooks Chapman
Houston, Texas

Gaines Murfee
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Stephen Clark
Pine Hurst, N.C.

Britt Owen*
Dothan, Ala.

William Cox
Atlanta, Ga.

Lee Pittman*
Fairhope, Ala.

Stimpson Crosby*
Mobile, Ala.

Ben Railey
Fairhope, Ala.

Evans Delchamps*
Mobile, Ala.

Michael Ravenfeld
Malvern, Penn.

Brennan Dzwonkowski*
Mobile, Ala.

Hunter Roach
Dallas, Texas

Lee English
Mobile, Ala.

Nick Russel*
Chattanooga, Tenn.

John Edge
Atlanta, Ga.

Whit Simmons*
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Bragg Foshee*
Mobile, Ala.

TJ Smith
Birmingham, Ala.

Stephen Gann*
Birmingham, Ala.

Patrick Terry*
Birmingham, Ala.

Patrick Garstecki*
Mobile, Ala.

Pete Trice
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Forrest Hieronymus*
Mobile, Ala.

Davis Vaughn
Montgomery, Ala.

John Hutchinson
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Paul Wallace
Florence, Ala.

Michael Knowles
Montgomery, Ala.

Copeland Webster
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Brandon Lee
Mobile, Ala.

Jeffrey Weinacker*
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Will Lester
Atlanta, Ga.

Ben Wiggins*
Dallas, Texas

Billy Massey
Mountain Brook, Ala.

Geoff Young
New Haven, Conn.

*Legacy

DKE BROTHERS ADMITTED TO ORDER OF OMEGA

Will Newman '11 and **Taylor Dzwonkowski '11** were recently admitted to The Order of Omega Greek honor society. We congratulate them for this outstanding feat.

The purpose of Omega is:

- To recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment;
- To bring together outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs.
- To bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness;
- To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.

DKE Executive Director Douglas M. Lanpher congratulated the pair saying, "This is a noteworthy achievement, as it honors you for your high standards of excellence and leadership. By being so honored, you bring credit to our Fraternity. This is further evidence that DKE has continued to produce leaders since its beginning in 1844. You embody the words of our founders who said 'the candidate most favored is he who combines in the most equal proportion the gentleman, the scholar, and the jolly good fellow.'"

The Order of Omega was founded at the University of Miami in 1959 by a group of outstanding fraternity men, who felt that individuals in the Greek community should be recognized for their service to the fraternity system and the University. There are now over 500 chapters in the U.S. and Canada with approximately, 10 new chapters being chartered each year. Alabama's was chartered in 1977.

Alumni Historian Seeks Your Input, Artifacts, and Memories

I recently had the honor of being elected by the DKE House Corporation board as Historian/archivist. To the best of my knowledge, this position has not been filled in recent years. I'm not aware of any organized, ongoing efforts to preserve and promote the rich history, tradition, and heritage of Psi Chapter, which, as we all know, dates back to 1847. There was a successful effort led by **John R. McNeil '79** to gather some old photos and other memorabilia at the time of construction of the new DKE house, now on display at the house.

For many years, I have felt more needed to be done in this regard, and I have now been asked to "put my money where my mouth is" and assume responsibility for this task. This will be a long-term project to gather and organize as many records, documents, memorabilia, artifacts, etc. as possible to benefit the entire Psi community and future generations.

Along with the Chapter's own records, I want to research and obtain relevant University records, DKE National records, personal histories, and memorabilia from our alumni, and relevant information from any and all other sources. Eventually, I hope we can utilize all this information to publish a written history of the Chapter.

I am presently at "ground zero" on this effort, so any and all ideas, suggestions, input, and assistance are welcome. I hope to enlist the active Chapter this fall to obtain any local records, particularly from the University.

Those of you with Psi alumni in your family from past generations can help by identifying any relevant records or artifacts remaining in your family, considering donating them, or making copies of records available to the Chapter. Anything from old DKE pins, scrolls, and composites to other old photos, letters, etc. would be welcome.

All alumni should consider writing down their memories of life at the Mansion on the Hill. Use the form below or jot them down on a piece of paper and send them in.

I am excited about this new position (not the least reason for which is that it gives me an excuse to tell my wife I need to spend more time in Tuscaloosa around football games so I can do "research."). I look forward to hearing from many of you.

In the bonds,
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Memories of Being a DKE

Name: _____ Grad Yr: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Favorite DKE memory: _____

Send form to: T. Semmes Favrot '82
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Former Housemother Passes Away

Ms. Gwen Burt, our beloved past housemother from 1998 to 2008, passed away September 26.

Ms. Burt dedicated many years of service to the Psi Chapter, and she was often considered our mother away from home. Her presence in the DKE house

created a warm family feeling, and she will be greatly missed. Ms. Burt's legacy will live on in the Psi Chapter for years to come.

At her memorial service, she requested that all alumni and actives would be honorary pall bearers.



ALUMNI UPDATE

MYSTIC CIRCLE

J. Wallace Tutt '79 passed on to Mystic Circle June 12, 2010, due to heart-related issues in the Bahamas. He is best known for transforming the Miami mansion of the late Italian designer Gianni Versace into a South Beach icon. He also designed homes for Cher. Wallace moved to a private retreat in the Bahamas in 2002, where he transformed an old home into a nine-room luxury boutique hotel called Rock House hotel.

Weldon W. Poole III '96 entered Mystic Circle April 19, 2010. He was a native and lifelong resident of Covington, La. He was a member of the National Building Material Dealers Association, Wood Unlimited, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Louisiana Retailers Association, and a member and board member of the La. Building Material Dealers Association. He was also a member of the La. Forestry Association., Southern Forest Heritage Museum, Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association, and a board member of the St. Tammany Parish Forestry Association.

ALUMNI NEWS

L. Michael Halter '73 is executive vice president of BBVA Compass. He resides in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Ginny. They have two children, Katie and Michael. E-mail: halterlm@aol.com

Charles P. Taylor '78, Coppell, Texas, is a corporate account manager at Motion Industries, Inc. He and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Richard and Ross. E-mail: philtaylor12@verizon.net

Robert D. Pierce Jr. '82 lives in Birmingham with his wife, Jacquelynn, and their three children: Sheldon, Harris, and Andrew. He is the president and CEO of Sourcepointe. E-mail: robert.pierce@sourcepointe.com

Gordon G. Armstrong III '86 is an attorney in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Simone, have three children: Gray, Will and Peyton. E-mail: gga3@arserv.com

Walter E. Roney III '87 lives in Mobile. He is a managing partner for Mobile Glass, the oldest glass company in Mobile. E-mail: pepper@mobileglassllc.com

Samuel A. Massingill Jr. '91 works in sales at Overseas Hardwoods Company in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Suzanne, have two children, Raleigh and Grace. E-mail: sammym@ohl.net

H. Winchester Thurber IV '96 joined a large global carrier after graduation and concentrated his efforts on customer service and sales. Since joining Strachan Shipping Agency, Horace has held positions in various aspects of the industry, including vessel husbandry, line management and sales. In 2001, he was relocated to the New York area to assume his position of vice president of sales.

Palmer G. Whiting '96 works for Merrill Lynch. He resides in Mobile, Ala., with his wife, Casey, and they have three children. E-mail: palmerwhiting@hotmail.com

J. Harlan Foster '98 is president of Crown Casino Corporation in Fairhope, Ala. He and his wife, Marti, live in Point Clear, Ala. They have three children: Johnny, Marykate, and Harrison. E-mail: hfoster@crowngrp.com

Daniel P. Paterson '00 works as a sports information director at the University of the South. He lives in Sewanee, Tenn. E-mail: mg1673@aol.com

Johnathon W. Thurber '02 began his career seven years ago in the Port of Houston as a marine agent, gaining experience in all facets of operations, including the handling of grain, steel, tanker, and container vessels. John was promoted three years ago to vice president of marketing. In 2006, he was given the additional responsibility of general manager northeast handling the ports of Halifax, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Norfolk. In 2008, he was promoted to senior vice president of the ship services division with responsibility of overall management of all the ports in North America.

John R. McNeil Jr. '05 and his wife, Handley, welcomed twin sons Conner and Edward on December 31, 2009. Their family lives in Mobile. John is a drilling services manager at Thompson Engineering. E-mail: jrncneil06@aol.com

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

We always enjoy knowing what our alumni are doing in their lives. So how about letting us hear from you so your brothers can catch up on your news? Take a moment to write us and bring us up to date. You don't need a special form; just jot down a few words about yourself and send it to: Delta Kappa Epsilon, House Corporation, P.O. Box 1789, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

Or submit your news on our Web site at www.uadke.org!



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HOMECOMING WEEKEND FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES FOR ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Psi Day Tea and Banquet
Return October 15

This year's Homecoming weekend will be one that you don't want to miss! On October 15, the Chapter will host our annual Psi Day Tea at the house. All alumni are encouraged to join us for this annual tradition.

Following the Psi Day Tea, the Psi Banquet will be held again after many years in hibernation. This will be an opportunity for the alumni to come engage in conversation and songs of brotherhood in our sacred halls of Psi.

We hope you and your families will then join us for game day Saturday, October 16 and all University festivities as The Tide takes on Ole Miss.

If you would like to ensure that you are included in the Dr. Psi e-mail list, please send your contact information to dke.doctor.psi@gmail.com.

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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.

LSU vs. Alabama Pre-Game Party in Baton Rouge

November 6, 2010
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Reginelli's Pizza - 124 W. Chimes St., across Chimes St. from the back of Pleasant Hall.
Cover charge: \$5 per adult (no charge for children)

Come one, come all—all Zeta Zeta and Psi alumni, guests, pledges, and undergraduate actives as well as any DKE in Baton Rouge for the big game. Please come enjoy great Brotherhood, good pizza and other food, large quantities of adult beverages (cash bar and beer on tap).

Children are welcome. This is a family pizza restaurant with booths for eating, large bar, plenty of flat screen TVs for other football games in progress and a capacity for 200 or so patrons. We will have the restaurant all to ourselves 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The only goat in the ointment will be a network decision to play the game in the early afternoon. Otherwise, there is plenty of time to visit and get back to your regular tailgate.



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