



Sighs of Psi



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

Psi Chapter Success Attributed to Loyal Alumni and Strong ΔKE Traditions

“Without the foundation of success that you, our alumni, helped to build, Psi Chapter would not be nearly as successful, or competitive, as it is today.”

Psi Chapter began its tenure on The University of Alabama campus more than 150 years ago. It has since become a fixture at the University and within the Greek system. This legacy of success continues to provide a foundation on which our active Chapter can develop and excel. Our undergraduates have demonstrated a great commitment to ΔKE ideals and traditions and suggest a very positive future for our Chapter.

The House Corporation recognizes the strength of the active Chapter and hopes that our efforts will ensure a physical structure of the same quality. As many of you may have heard, the University is looking to expand the stadium and, as a result, has acquired much of the land on Old Row. In light of the expansion, Delta Kappa Epsilon must relocate. After working with the University for more than one year, ΔKE has acquired the Old Gorgas house and a portion of Beta’s current property for the site of our relocation. This is the last lot on Old Row, and we are quite pleased to retain such a prime location for the new Chapter House.

The House Corporation has made a commitment to keep the Chapter House on the cutting edge, considering both location and amenities. We continue to assess the needs of

the house to ensure we are meeting the present and future needs of Psi Chapter.

In a salute to our Chapter and home, there will be a three-day alumni/actives celebration April 28-30. Our biennial Undertakers’ Ball will be April 29, complete with all of the celebration’s fanfare. I encourage you to come and reconnect with other alumni, as well as to take this opportunity to meet the outstanding young men who are carrying on the Psi Chapter tradition.

We hope you will continue to support the House Corporation’s efforts. Without the foundation of success that you, our alumni, helped to build, Psi Chapter would not be nearly as successful, or competitive, as it is today. I thank you for your support in ensuring that Delta Kappa

Epsilon remains one of the premier fraternities on the Alabama campus.



In the bonds,
David Fitts '82
House Corporation President
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PLEDGE CLASS OF 1970 HOLDS 35TH REUNION



The entire pledge class of 1970 was present at their 35th reunion, which was held during Homecoming weekend, October 28-19, 2005.

The pledge class of 1970 held its 35th reunion on Homecoming weekend, October 28-29. The entire pledge class was in attendance for this two-day event. Even long-lost pledge brother **Billy Odom '74**, who had been hard to track down since graduation (due to continuous travel), came down for the event from Chicago, Illinois, with his wife.

A cocktail hour and banquet were held Friday evening at the North River Yacht Club. One of the many highlights of the night came from old 8 mm videotapes taken by **Jimmy Wetter '74** of various ΔKE functions, including footage of brothers repelling down Denny Stadium. Many of the group made their way back to the Chapter House following the banquet for the Friday night band party.

The pledge class was in attendance for the Homecoming lunch and party prior to the game. During the pre-game events, **Crawford Inge '74**, thought to be the longest-ever initiate on record, finally received his ΔKE pin in a formal presentation where he met W.G. Following the festivities, the pledge class went to the football game where Alabama continued their undefeated streak.

Saturday night festivities were held at the Indian Hills Country Club. After the open bar and dinner, members of the class exchanged tall tales and fun memories. It was unanimously decided to have another reunion in five years, after everyone’s great weekend.

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER REPORT

Major Changes Taking Place Around Chapter House, Undergraduates Continue to Thrive on UA Campus

The dogwood tree in the front yard has been uprooted, and in its place sits a 16-ton crane. Workers assembled massive girders to be lifted into the Bryant-Denny Stadium expansion. Stadium Drive is closed off and part of our yard is fenced off. In spite of all these changes, one major positive sign can be seen from the ΔKE Chapter House. Over the holidays, Gorgas Hall, the former home of the UAPD, was razed and the lot is being cleared for the groundbreaking of what will be the new ΔKE house.

RECRUITMENT

We recently pledged the largest group of men to come through the ΔKE house in recent years, with 35 new brothers participating in Picture Night (in early September). After a long and arduous October, the new class was initiated November 10. Now, with more than 100 members and being the largest fraternity on campus, we are proud to be both leaders and trendsetters at the Capstone.

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PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS

In recent years, Delta Kappa Epsilon has been getting more involved in community service projects in Tuscaloosa. We sponsored two parties in conjunction with Hannah Home, a shelter for women and children. For Halloween, we hosted a carnival in the band room, with toys and prizes for the children, and for Christmas, one brother dressed as Santa Claus and delivered presents to the children in the living room.

LEADERSHIP

Many campus leaders are emerging from the ΔKE house. Twelve freshmen are serving on various SGA committees. **Dan Ventress '08** and **Harris Oppenheimer '07** serve as SGA senators. **Justice Smyth '07** serves as vice president of Student Affairs and plans to make a bid for SGA president this spring.

SOCIAL

It has been an excellent social year at the Mansion on the Hill. We had two large recruitment weekends with both Friday night band parties and Saturday crawfish boils. Fall, of course, brought the football season, and with seven home games (including big match-ups against Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, and LSU) the house was filled to the brim almost every weekend. There were also several swaps, most notably Agent Orange with the Tri Deltas, the KD Chicken-Drop swap, and the Halloween Swap with the Kappas. We plan on ending the school year, and our tenure in the current Chapter House, with the farewell Undertakers' Ball this April.

With this being the last semester in our landmark establishment, we are making the most of our remaining time. The current residents feel very privileged to be the last group of men to live in the hardwood rooms inhabited by many of our fathers and, in several cases, grandfathers.

ΔKE PROVIDED FRIENDSHIP, SENSE OF FAMILY FOR RANDY CLARK

Often times the transition from high school to college is challenging; the new environment, people, and routines can be overwhelming. **C. Randall Clark '61** came to Tuscaloosa from Birmingham, Alabama, in 1957, expecting the move to be somewhat difficult. He recalled, “Sometimes you can get swallowed up at big colleges right out of high school.” Randy learned of Delta Kappa Epsilon through some of his high school friends and, after attending several recruitment events, found that the Fraternity was a good fit.

Randy's decision to join Delta Kappa Epsilon not only provided him with the opportunity to meet many other students, but helped scale down the size of the University. Randy formed many strong friendships with his pledge brothers and enjoyed meeting men from different backgrounds. He viewed the Fraternity as an extended family of sorts, and the Chapter House as a home on campus.

Although Randy does not make it back to the UA campus as often as he would like, he still maintains strong friendships with some of his Deke brothers. They enjoy attending thoroughbred horse races when they visit Randy in Kentucky and other non-structured events, when the Clarks visit friends in the Gulf area of Alabama.

Randy was a business major at Alabama and following graduation became the fourth generation in his family to work in coal mining and transportation. He serves as president of Transkentucky Transportation Railroad Inc., which moves trainloads of Kentucky coal to the Ohio River where it is shipped to electric utilities and other customers. His tenure with TTI began in 1984 as vice president of marketing, until he was promoted to president in 1997. Randy doesn't plan on retiring in the near future because he still enjoys the day-to-day challenges of his position.



Randy offers this advice to young alumni: “I would urge any young person to be selective in their career choices. You can spend a lifetime building a positive reputation for yourself, but it takes far less time to discredit your name.”

Randy and his wife, Jan, live in a lake house in Lancaster, Kentucky. They have two grown children, Rob and Betsy, who both graduated from The University of Alabama. Rob works as an administrator for St. Jude Children's Hospital and resides with his family in Memphis, Tennessee. Betsy works in real estate and lives with her family in Louisville, Kentucky. The Clarks enjoy traveling, playing with their four grandchildren, and try to spend as much time appreciating “lake life” as possible. Reach Randy via e-mail at clarkonthelake@alltel.net or during lake season on his dock at Lullwater Landing, the Clarks' home on Herrington Lake.

ΔKE Ideals Guide Sam Adams, *Both Personally and Professionally*

When **Samuel Adams '79** came to The University of Alabama in 1975, he was interested in what the fraternity experience had to offer. Delta Kappa Epsilon quickly caught his attention. Sam feels “the people in the Fraternity represented the best group of men on campus.” He appreciates every aspect of his Deke experience from bonding with his pledge brothers to participating in intramural sports. He is especially fond of the mystic order of the Fraternity and the secrecy of ΔKE traditions and rituals.

Sam served as the editor of the University yearbook as an undergraduate and graduated from Alabama with a degree in English. Following graduation, Sam attended law school and later served in the military—two years as a JAG officer and 12 years as a reserve officer. Sam served as a circuit judge in southern Alabama and is now the president of the Adams Life Insurance Company and manager of Adams Limited Properties LLC.



Sam Adams (left) climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in September 2005 to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina. He and the other members of his group raised more than \$5,000!

He advises young Dekes who are just entering the workforce to exercise the principles of ΔKE in their professional careers. He believes the slogan “in the bond” is applicable in the real world and thinks “it is important for people to work together.”

Through the years, Sam has stayed in contact with his Fraternity brothers. He truly appreciates the efforts of **Gary Garstecki '79** and **John McNeil '79**, as well as the other men on the House Corporation, for their work in preserving the ΔKE legacy at UA. Sam hopes to see more participation from alumni with the relocation of Psi Chapter in 2006.

Sam and his wife, Mary, have been happily married for more than 20 years. They have four beautiful children (three daughters and one son). The Adams family resides in Montgomery, Alabama, but makes

it back to Tuscaloosa for Crimson Tide football games. Sam serves as the chairman of deacons for the Trinity Presbyterian Church and on the Board of Wachovia Bank in Montgomery. When not working or serving the Montgomery community, Sam enjoys traveling. In September 2005, he and several colleagues climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet) to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims. You can contact Sam at alico500@aol.com.

ALUMNI SERVING PSI CHAPTER

ΔKE would like your help!

Yes, I am interested in assisting and/or serving the:

- Psi House Corporation
 Undergraduate Chapter

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____



For more information, please mail this form to:
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FINAL SALUTE TO THE MANSION ON THE HILL

As a fitting, final salute to the Mansion on the Hill, there will be an Alumni/actives celebration on the weekend of April 28-30. Friday's festivities will include a golf tournament during the day, followed by a Psi Day Banquet on Friday night. The celebration will continue on Saturday with our annual Undertakers' Ball, complete with a mule-drawn procession, superb music, and all of the appropriate fanfare necessary for the final party at our historic mansion.

Several classes are planning reunions for this weekend, when Dekes of all ages will join together for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Please put these dates on your calendar and book your rooms NOW. If you haven't been to the house recently, this is your last chance to rekindle fond memories and come together with old friends at the mansion. This will, without a doubt, be one of the largest assemblies and celebrations of Psi Dekes in history.



The mule-drawn procession through Sorority Row is one aspect that makes each Undertakers' Ball so memorable.

Welcome 2005 New Initiates

John Baumhauer
Mobile, Ala.

Simon Fox
Mobile, Ala.

Micheal Horner
Mobile, Ala.

William Morris
Birmingham, Ala.

Derick Cassels*
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
(Father **Bill Cassels '71**)

Mathew Franklin
Mobile, Ala.

Baldwin Justice
New Orleans, La.

Preston Nash
Mobile, Ala.

Will Cherry
Mobile, Ala.

Michael Gann*
Birmingham, Ala.
(Father **Keith Gann '72**)

Stephen Lane
New Orleans, La.

Morgan Nix
Mobile, Ala.

Richmond Collingsworth*
Midland, Texas
(Father **Mark Collingsworth '72**)

Drew Gearhart*
Monroeville, Ala.
(Father **Andy Gearhart '72**)

Ludger Lapeyrouse*
Mobile, Ala.
(Father **Mike Lapeyrouse '73**)

Grey O'Brien
Mobile, Ala.

Richard Crump
Mobile, Ala.

Wade Gordan*
Mobile, Ala.
(Father **Steve Gordon '75**)

Taylor Lett
Mobile, Ala.

James Sanders
Houston, Texas

Joe Damrich
Mobile, Ala.

Brian Hargett*
Birmingham, Ala.
(Father **Zeb Hargett '73**)

Baker McConnell*
Mobile, Ala.
(Father **Jim McConnell '59**)

Eric Sands
Mobile, Ala.

Charlie Dennis
Mobile, Ala.

Taylor Harvell
Mobile, Ala.

Whit McCullough
Birmingham, Ala.

Sage Smith*
Monroeville, Ala.
(Father **Sage Smith '72**)

Harris Diano
New Orleans, La.

Martin Hayden
New Orleans, La.

Taylor Mitchell
New Orleans, La.

Adam Thompson
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Micheal Dixon*
Signal Mountain, Tenn.
(Father **Tom Dixon '71**)

Jack Morgan
Covington, La.

Ben Thurber
Houston, Texas

**Indicates legacy
Relative is in parentheses*



ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Joseph A. McConnell '45 passed away on April 20, 2005. Prior to his death, Joseph resided in Natchez, Miss. He will be greatly missed.

ALUMNI NEWS

1930s

Charles 'Buddy' Moses '39 and his wife, Lillian, live in Mt. Brook, Ala., where Buddy works as an attorney and CPA. Their three children live in the Birmingham area, as well as their 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. You can contact Buddy via e-mail at buddy@airmobile.com.

1940s

J. Neal Walker '46 and his wife, Lucy, live in Miami Shores, Fla. Neal graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1954, but has since retired from the profession. He and his wife have two grown children, Phil Neal and Mildred.

1950s

Frank H. Bromberg Jr. '54 and his wife, Lella, reside in Birmingham, Ala. Frank served as chairman of the board for Bromberg and Company Inc. The Brombergs have four children: Frank III, C. Clayton, Frederick, and Lella.

1960s

Mark L. Taliaferro '65 and his wife, Elaine, have two children, Elizabeth and Sarah. Mark is a retired partner in the Barr & Forman law firm. The Taliaferros reside in Harpersville, Ala., during the winter months (October through April) and Spook, British Columbia, for the rest of the year. You can contact Mark at mtaliafe1242@aol.com.

W. Garth Lovvorn '69 retired from Regions Bank in Athens, Ala., as president and CEO after 34 years of service. Garth joined Bank Independent in 2005 as senior lending officer. He also manages family farms in

Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. He and his wife, Linda, have two grown sons, Garth Jr. and Jeb.

1970s

Edwin W. McConnell '72 and his wife, Mitzi, live in Mobile, Ala., where Eddie serves as president of the McConnell Automotive Corporation. Eddie and Mitzi have two grown daughters, Melissa and Kimberlee. You may contact Eddie at eddiemccconnell@aol.com.

Allen L. Yeilding '78 is a physician at the Carraway Cancer Center in Birmingham, Ala. He is a member of the President's Cabinet and is on the Board of Visitors for the Honors College at The University of Alabama. Allen and his wife, Cindy, have four children.

1980s

Marlin D. Moore III '83 and his wife, Sharon, reside in Tuscaloosa, Ala., with their daughter, McLean. Lin serves as chairman of Pritchett-Moore Inc., an insurance agency.

1990s

Philip K. Lichtman '98 is an attorney with Mills Paskert Divers P.A. in Tampa, Fla. You may e-mail him at lichtman31@hotmail.com.

2000s

Robert J. Eubank '01 and his wife, Kelly, recently welcomed Bastian Lee into their family. The Eubanks reside in Schweinfurt, Germany, where Robert is stationed with the First Division of the United States Army.

Charles 'Bennett' Long '01 graduated from Cumberland School of Law in May 2005. Bennett was inducted into the Alabama State Bar in October 2005 and is working for his family's business, Orange Beach Marina & Bluewater Yacht Sales. He and his wife, Janie, reside in Mobile, Ala., and may be reached at cblong@orangebeachmarina.com.

James B. Eubank '03 attends The University of Alabama School of Law, where he is in his second year as a law student.

Your brothers want to hear about you!
Submit alumni news, stories, and photos to:
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P.O. Box 1789, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403



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*The biennial Undertakers' Ball
will take place April 29.*

*This is a great opportunity for alumni
and undergraduates to come together
to celebrate one of Deke's oldest traditions.*

PSI CHAPTER E-MAIL DATABASE

Brothers from every era have requested an e-mail database for use in contacting fellow brothers for reunions and special events. A group site has been created at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/psi_dke and allows members to post updates and remain connected with fellow alumni. If you are interested in sending messages to members of this group, send e-mails to psi_dke@yahoogroups.com and the moderator will forward your messages.

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.*

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Parent(s) _____

High school attended _____

Does prospect have a ΔKE relative? _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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

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WEB SITES

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2006 CRIMSON TIDE HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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