



Sighs of Psi



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

HOUSE CORPORATION PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY TO START NEW DRUG-FREE PROGRAM FOR DKE

Dean of Students Commends DKEs for Setting Example

The Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has long been known for producing leaders during and after college. This year's actives are no exception to the great tradition of leadership that symbolizes the men of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The Chapter is proud to be the home of two Jasons, three first year council members, two members of the IFC Judicial Board, an SGA senator, and the SGA vice president of external affairs. Most recently, a DKE was elected SGA president for the second time in four years.

The entire DKE membership has recently stepped up their campus leadership to a higher level than usual. The active Chapter and the House Corporation have been working with the University over the past few years to implement a drug testing program to augment the drug-free policy that DKE has had in place for years. This program, fully implemented this year, is being held as the model to which other fraternities, both at the University of Alabama and nationally, are aspiring.

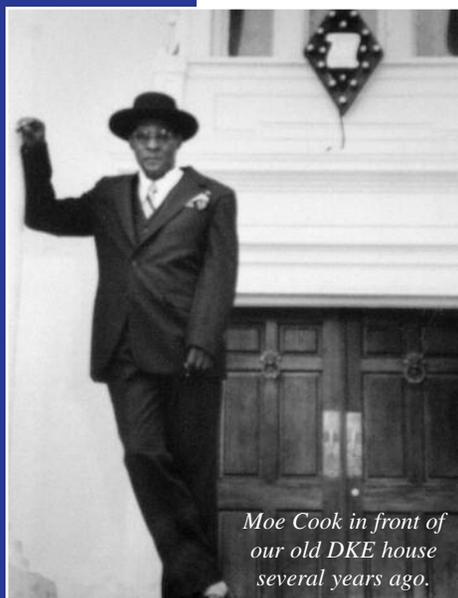
The program is simple. Young men who activate their DKE membership, through pledging or by returning to active status, must submit a hair sample for a drug screening. An analysis will be conducted by Psychemedics Corporation, the world leader in hair testing for drugs, using state-of-the-art technology. In addition, random drug testing will be conducted on 25% of the Chapter throughout each school year. This means that some members may be tested more than once during the overall testing period. Our goal is to have the Psi Chapter of DKE known as the best fraternity on campus and free from illegal drugs.

Most of us have seen young lives ruined by drugs. Today, drugs are more available, more potent, and more addictive.

Even gateway drugs (habit-forming substances that may lead to more dangerous drugs) have been altered and their strength increased. The drug testing program is part of the DKE leadership solution that will help protect our

"I have witnessed many times young men completely turning around their lives in a positive direction because of the impact DKE has had on them. I am looking forward to the future as DKE continues to raise the bar on our campus." ~Dr. Tim Hebson, Dean of Students, DKE Daculty Advisor

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Moe Cook in front of our old DKE house several years ago.

Farewell to Moulton Cook, DKE Legend

Our good friend Moulton Cook will officially retire from the DKE house at the end of this academic year. As with anyone who has given most of his life to an organization like Moe has, we are sad to hear of his departure but hopeful that the years ahead will be full ones—where he can take time for himself instead of focusing on the Capstone's best and brightest youngsters, as he has for most of his life.

Our fraternity is a charitable organization. It depends, in large part, on voluntary contributions from alumni, both for its survival, and to take care of its staff. It does not have a retirement plan available to its employees. While

we should all be proud that our House Corporation is considering options to try and change that, Moe is faced with a number of immediate health and financial challenges and needs help now, which explains my purpose in writing to you.

For those of you I do not know, I was initiated into DKE at the University of Alabama in February 1996. I remember a lot of things about that night. What I remember most was the affectionate smile and firm handshake of my good friend, Moe, assuring me that the many months I had invested had been worth it.

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PSI CHAPTER TEAMS UP WITH KAPPA FOR PHILANTHROPIES

Spring Recruitment Events Promise to Attract New DKEs

Another year has almost come to a close. At the end of the fall 2009 semester, football hopes around the fraternity house had never been higher. The spring semester started with a feeling that many have felt in past years with the winning of the national championship in the Rose Bowl.

Our Chapter, along with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, ended the month of January with a philanthropy event that raised \$2,000 benefiting The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Our staff helped put on the Burgers for Boobs event by grilling hamburgers and preparing the house. **Chris White '11** helped put the event together and said, "Giving back to society always makes you feel good, especially when you benefit a great organization."

DKE teamed up with Kappa again for an even larger event in April, which benefited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Both the Interfraternity and the Panhellenic Councils supported the event, which was a huge success.

The active Chapter is happy to report that our freshman class earned the third highest G.P.A. among fraternities at the University of Alabama. With the culmination of last year's pledgship, we eagerly awaited the arrival of potential new

members to attend our spring recruitment parties. Recruitment Chairmen **Jake Gray '13** and **Patrick Morris '13** are looking forward to carrying forth the rich tradition our Chapter has come to expect with this year's pledge class. Our annual pig roast, held the last weekend in February, was a huge success with the performance of country music star Rhett Atkins. Capping our spring recruitment, we held a crawfish boil the last weekend in March.

A member of the 2007 pledge class, **James Fowler '11**, has recently announced his candidacy to become SGA president. James has been involved with SGA since coming to the University and recently held the vice president of external affairs office. When asked about his upcoming campaign, James said, "I am excited about running for SGA president this year and making DKE more involved with SGA." As an active Chapter, we appreciate James' consistent involvement in the SGA, and we look forward to supporting his candidacy.



We hosted our new philanthropy with KKG, "Kickoff for a Cure," at the house Thursday before A-Day. The event raised over \$6,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The active Chapter hopes all of you will make the trip to Tuscaloosa this year to check out the Mansion on the Hill. As always, we are "friends from the heart forever," and Roll Tide!

Farewell to Moulton Cook *(Continued from front page)*

Recently, Moe phoned me and asked if I thought DKE would consider a loan to help him. I and others sought, and received, the House Corporation's permission to take steps to ensure that Moe will not face the coming years and their accompanying uncertainties alone. The House Corporation also gave permission to solicit voluntary contributions from alumni to fund this effort.

As part of this effort, I have enjoyed visiting with Moe and hearing him reflect fondly on his life and many years at the DKE house. I learned that he was born in Forkland, Alabama, on June 1, 1943, to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cook. I also learned that the Cooks and another Black Belt family with whom any Psi DKEs are familiar, the DeShields, had worked the cotton fields in and around Greene and Hale counties for generations. It was only natural, I suppose, that when Louis "Pop" DeShields needed additional help at the DKE house around 1960, that his first thoughts ran to his old friend, Moe.

Over the next four decades, Moe's life took him to various places domestically and abroad, a tour in Vietnam included. More often than not, Moe could be found in his starched white coat and pressed plain-front pants doing what he loved

best, working at the DKE house, befriending and helping a new pledge class of boys on their way to becoming men.

Declining health recently forced Moe's hand, and now requires him to leave us to focus on himself, for once. The House Corporation has kindly pledged an initial amount to provide some immediate relief for Moe, but his future depends in large part on voluntary contributions from his friends—friends like you.

Some might say this is a heavy burden to place on alumni, particularly during some of the most difficult economic times in generations. I think we will see things differently. I think our fraternity is about more than bricks and mortar. I believe it is about our members, alumni, and staff, and the relationships we form. Moe has given most of his life to serving the DKE House and helping foster these kinds of relationships. When he is gone, we will lose someone special, very special. We cannot change the fact that Moe's life, or anyone else's, is fleeting. What we can do is make the effort now to ensure the time he has left is not filled with fear and anxiety and that he will not go without the basics he needs and deserves.

Please take a few minutes out of your busy

schedule and consider how you might want to thank Moe for his years of service. Should you feel compelled to make a financial contribution, know that it will be held in trust for Moe. Know that the money will be managed responsibly and used to help meet Moe's basic needs. Know that should a balance remain at the end of what we all hope are many good years to come for Moe, it will be used to assist the House Corporation with retirement options being considered for other DKE staff who meet certain criteria.

The House Corporation and I thank you for your consideration of this important opportunity to thank Moe. Please let me know if you have questions, comments, or just have some fond memories of Moe you want to share.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for making a donation, or you can mail a check to PO Box 1566, Mobile, AL 36633. Please make checks payable to "Moulton Cook Retirement Fund." Thank you, and best wishes to you and yours.

In the Bonds,
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Workers from Wintzell's Oyster House cooked and served a meal on the front lawn. Students from all over campus stopped by and supported our cause.



Wintzell's Oyster House was a gracious sponsor of our Kickoff for a Cure philanthropy benefiting JDRF.

NEW DRUG-FREE PROGRAM FOR DKE

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DKE Brothers at the University. We stand to set the example for others to follow.

The program could not have been implemented without the dedication and hard work of the Chapter and House Corporation, nor without the assistance and support of the University of Alabama. As Dr. Tim Hebson, Dean of Students and DKE Faculty Advisor, states, "I am excited to serve as faculty adviser for Delta Kappa Epsilon. It is inspiring to be part of a fraternity that is leading the way in changing the lives of young people. I have witnessed many times young men completely turning around their lives in a positive direction because of the impact DKE has had on them. I am looking forward to the future as DKE continues to raise the bar on our campus. I just wish more fraternities would be like DKE."

DKE is a band of brothers—a bond forged out of tradition, loyalty, and social and aca-

demical growth. Nowhere is that more apparent than at the Psi Chapter. Our goal must be to strengthen that bond by protecting each other and preparing our minds and bodies for an unforgiving world while safely enjoying the college experience. That bond will be strengthened as we undertake this project, which, again, sets DKE apart as leaders in college and in society.

The Chapter and House Corporation ask for your support and encouragement for these young men in this important project. We hope you'll stop by the Mansion on the Hill next time you're in town.

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Welcome, New Initiates

The following 33 brothers were initiated into the bonds of Delta Kappa Epsilon last fall. Congratulations to these men.

Stewart J. Alvis*
 Mountain Brook, Ala.

Corey J. Fountain
 Mobile, Ala.

Vincent "Snap" Nelson Jr.*
 Gulf Shores, Ala.

Christian R. Smith
 Decatur, Ala.

Charles Bowman Archer
 Mobile, Ala.

Joseph M. Gilmore
 Mobile, Ala.

Benjamin S. Pilgrim
 San Antonio, Texas

Peter Cooper Smith*
 Birmingham, Ala.

Hadley Bryars Bishop
 Monroeville, Ala.

James David Grisham Jr.*
 Mountain Brook, Ala.

Hunter J. Plott
 Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Chandler J. Snell
 Columbus, Ga.

John Dodge Carter
 Dallas, Texas

Albert Cottrell Haas*
 Birmingham, Ala.

Marcus M. Porter*
 Mobile, Ala.

Frederick T. Stimpson*
 Mobile, Ala.

Hugh M. "Trip" Casteix*
 Mobile, Ala.

Robert W. Hale*
 Mobile, Ala.

William Cameron Reehl
 Fairhope, Ala.

Nathan O. Venz
 Dallas, Texas

Jack P. Conger
 Dallas, Texas

Ryan McGuire
 New Orleans, La.

Robert A. Riis*
 Mobile, Ala.

Allen L. Yeilding*
 Mountain Brook, Ala.

Gilbert Levi Cook
 Decatur, Ala.

John Edward Meacham*
 Mobile, Ala.

William B. Riser*
 Mountain Brook, Ala.

*Legacy

John M. Delchamps Jr.*
 Mobile, Ala.

Harris V. Morrisette*
 Mobile, Ala.

Matthew B. Russel
 Look-Out Mtn., Ga.

Patrick R. Finkbohner
 Mobile, Ala.

Duncan E. Murphy
 Fairhope, Ala.

Ethan E. Sloan
 Orange Beach, Ala.

PSI DKEs HOST A-DAY ALUMNI/RECRUITMENT PARTY

A-Day was especially exciting this year after winning the 2009 ABCS Championship. The active Psi Chapter hosted an Alumni/Recruitment party for the 2010 A-Day weekend.

On Thursday, April 15, we held a charity cookout in the front yard of DKE house. The event was co-hosted by Kappa Kappa Gamma and sponsored by Wintzell's Oyster House, benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Later that evening, we had a concert at Rounder's Bar featuring *American Idol* star Bo Bice and also benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. These were new events for us, and we hope that we can make this an annual tradition. Between our two chapters, five active members live with type 1 diabetes. There are also many other families of our members who have to deal with this malady day in and day out.

On Friday evening, we had a band party at the DKE house. Before and after the game on Saturday, the DKE house was open for alumni to come and go and enjoy good food and music. It was great to have numerous alumni stop by the house and enjoy the festivities.

In the Bonds,

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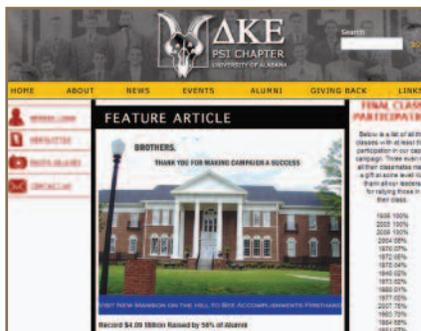
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VISIT OUR WEB SITE!

www.uadke.org

We encourage you to visit our Psi Chapter Web site that is for and about you, our alumni. Check the site frequently for updates and successes about the Chapter. We hope it will be an additional way to keep you connected to DKE. No matter how far away brothers may travel from Tuscaloosa, they can always stay in touch.

- Read through past newsletters
- Look at pictures of our new house
- Update your contact information
- Download an alumni directory
- See information about upcoming events...and more!



When logging on for the first time, click on "New Member Login" to submit a request to the Web master. You will then be sent a username and password.



PLEASE HONOR YOUR PLEDGES

Once again, thank you to all who pledged to our *Building for the Next 150 Years* Capital Campaign. Many of you have completed your pledges and, as a result, we have a very impressive house on the Alabama campus. Thank you!

To those who have outstanding pledges, the payment of your pledge is extremely important. Only through these will we be able to complete the project. You will be receiving your pledge due reminders a couple months prior to your pledge payment date. At any time, you may pay off your pledge in advance. With our continued support, DKE will remain the premier Chapter on campus.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

1940s

John C. Golightly Jr. '46 is a diabetes day controller for Summit Medical Supply in Birmingham. He and his wife, Virginia, have two children, Anne and Dave. E-mail: john.golightly29@gmail.com

1960s

Thomas E. Blankenship Jr. '64 and his wife, Flossie, live in Mobile. Tommy is the vice president of Blankenships' Universal Supply Inc. E-mail: blankenshipsuniversalsupply@gmail.com

1970s

James P. Luttrell Jr. '77 reports that he is now a vice president of investments for Wells Fargo Advisors. He and his wife, Susan, live in Destin, Fla. The couple has four children: Leigh, Lauren, Lindsay, and Padgett. E-mail: stkbrokr@cox.net

1980s

David A. Gray '80 is a vice president of Weir Oil and Gas. He and his wife, Janice, live on Hilton Head Island, S.C. They have one son, **Jereme '11**.

W. Mitch Rue Jr. '85 serves on the board of trustees for Blue Ridge School, the Kentucky/South Indiana Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and is vice president of the board of directors for the Maplewood Foundation. Mitch is the owner and partner of Blutera Tech in Louisville, Ky. He and his wife, Jennifer, live there with their children, William and Jackson. E-mail: wmrjr13089@aol.com

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

1990s

L. Guy Cook III '90 works for Superior Energy Services Inc. as their executive vice president. He lives in New Orleans, La. E-mail: guy.cook@superiorenergy.com

Graham L. Edwards '90, a former Jason, lives in Albany, Ga. He is the owner of Albany Honda. Graham and his wife, Missy, have two sons, Bo and Graham Jr.

P. Keith Lichtman '98 lives in Atlanta, Ga. He is the resident managing partner of the law firm of Mills Paskert Divers' Atlanta office, where he specializes in commercial, construction, and surety litigation. E-mail: klichtman@mpdlegal.com

2000s

James G. Bender Jr. '00 is the vice president of Bender Real Estate Group. He lives in Mobile with his wife, Catherine, and their children, Garth III and Kate.

Mark D. Fillers '00 recently started working for BBVA Compass as their vice president and commercial banking manager. He and his wife, Erin, have two sons, David and William. The family lives in Mobile.

R. Alex Arendall III '01, a former Jason, works for Regions Bank in Mobile as assistant vice president. Alex and his wife, Merrill, have two children, Nancy and Robert IV. E-mail: alexarendall@hotmail.com

Steve C. Clikas III '02 recently became the assistant vice president at Grandbridge Real Estate Capital. He lives in Birmingham. E-mail: sclikas3@yahoo.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:

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

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

JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS!



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166th DKE CONVENTION

The National DKE Convention will be held July 28-August 1 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Please plan to come and support the Chapter as they make a run at winning the Lions Trophy—again.

GAME DAYS AT THE DKE HOUSE

The house will be open for every home football game this fall. We really enjoy the company of alumni on game days, and we consider this fellowship one of the things that makes DKE such a great organization.

9/04	San Jose State
9/11	Penn State
10/02	Florida
10/16	Mississippi
11/13	Mississippi State
11/20	Georgia State
11/26	Auburn

PSI DAY TEA & HOMECOMING

The weekend of October 16, 2011, will be the annual Psi Day Tea and Homecoming. Look for details to be announced in the early fall.

WEB SITES

DKE INTERNATIONAL

www.dke.org

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RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Parent(s) _____

High school attended _____

Does prospect have a DKE relative? _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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

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