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PSI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ♦ SPRING 2012

This Year Marked by Many Record-Breaking Events

DKE Mansion to Receive Upgrades to Meet Our Brothers' Needs

The House Corporation board members were opining that this is a year of breaking and setting records at the University of Alabama. Let me elaborate.

First: At Homecoming this year, the Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was presented with the DKE Lion Trophy for a record ninth time.

Second: The Chapter will have the opportunity to defend its title this summer at home because the University of Alabama has been chosen as the site for the 2012 DKE International Convention (July 25-28). This is the first time that the convention has been hosted in Tuscaloosa.

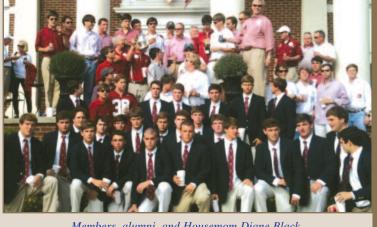
Third: This fall, there will be more actives who will earn incentive scholarships by living in the house while holding a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. We initiated 39 pledges this fall, which may be a record, but I'll defer to our historian archivist for verification.

Fourth: The DKE house kitchen was awarded a perfect 100 by the Tuscaloosa Health Department, which is surely a first (a round of clicks for the

Fifth: And Alabama went down to New Orleans to crush LSU in the Dome to win its 14th national championship.

That's quite a string by anyone's measure, and I'm sure I'm leaving off a number of others that I just can't think of right now.

And on another note, after its first five years of wear, the new house is getting a bit of a facelift. The locker room on the first floor that had been



Members, alumni, and Housemom Diane Black celebrate in front of the Mansion as they pass champagne poured into the Lion Trophy during Psi Day Tea.

unused for the last couple of years is being converted into a quiet room where actives can study without (much) disruption. The Wi-Fi network in the house was very slow and had many dead zones, so that is also being upgraded. Hopefully, these improvements will help improve our academics. This summer will see the house undergo a number of other maintenance activities, including repairing and finishing the flooring in a number of rooms. (I understand we have placed a large order for red paint.)



Black Chaffe '83 and Patrick Morris '12 share in the Lion Trophy celebration at Psi Day Tea.

Please let the House Corporation know your thoughts about this edition of the Sighs of Psi. I believe there are a number of interesting articles and hope you will enjoy these "musings." Give some thought to coming to Tuscaloosa for the National Convention or at least on Saturday, July 28, for the banquet. If you can't make it then, football season is not far behind, and we'll see you at the Mansion on the Hill then.

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Delta Kappa Epsilon

Seniors Patrick Morris '12, Jake Gray '12, Tom Gray '12, and Jonathan Brayman '12 share in the excitement of winning the top DKE national award.



Seniors in New Orleans late last year.



Patrick Morris '12 with his brother William '09 during UA's 2011 national championship game in New Orleans.



Freshmen Riley Olson '15, Clayton Coleman '15, Jack Hale '15, Forrest Thomas '15, and Sophomore Jeffery Wienecker '14 at Christmas Cocktail.

PSI MEMBERS ACTIVE IN PHILANTHROPIES AND RECRUITMENT

Alumni Support Invaluable to Chapter Operations

In addition to the activities typical for Psi Chapter throughout late fall and early spring, we were involved in two special philanthropic events recently. In early April, we hosted an Easter egg hunt with the Chi Omegas, raising money for the Boys and Girls Club of America.

We also sponsored a golf tournament with Alpha Chi Omega Sorority for tornado relief of Alberta Elementary School. The school, as well as many of the areas where the students live, was hit by the tornado. They are still in the process of rebuilding and piecing back together everything that was lost or damaged. Funds from the April 20 event at the Links Golf Course in Tuscaloosa will go to new technology and school supplies for the school, the teachers, and the students.

The Chapter is also in the process of developing an alumni directory and sponsoring a career fair. More details to come on these two efforts. Academically, the Chapter scored 10th out of the 28 fraternities in the Interfraternity Council. Many of our members continue to be involved in and serve as leaders of a number of campus organizations. We also had two tapped for Jasons in early April.

The recruitment process is underway for the spring semester thanks to the hard work of our recruitment chairmen. We have several events scheduled where we'll meet with potential new members, many of whom our alumni recommended. If you would like to recommend a prospective member, please e-mail dkerush@gmail.com and include their name, hometown, and phone number or fill out a recommendation on our website.

We were once again glad to host all alumni, family, and friends who came down for the annual A-Day football game on April 14. Everyone enjoyed the food and live entertainment as we geared up for another successful season of Bama football.

We really appreciate all the support we receive from the House Corporation, University, and alumni, and are excited about the renovations being done at the Mansion this summer. Feel free to stop by the house anytime you're in town to meet the brothers and see the Lion Trophy that we proudly display.

Senior Spotlight: Burne Terry '12



Durne Terry '12 is a senior from Hoover, Alabama, majoring in accounting and the son of Burne Terry Jr. '85. After interning at Sellars, Richardson, Holman & West, LLP in Birmingham from January through March of 2012, Burne will be graduating in May with a 3.9 GPA. Due to his competence and hard work during his internship, Burne has accepted a job with the company upon graduation from the University of Alabama accounting master's program in the 2012-2013 school year.



Affectionately nicknamed "Buck" by his friends, Burne enjoys Alabama football and long days of poolside tanning. During his four years at the DKE house, Burne was the house manager and served on the judicial board. Known for his corny jokes and upbeat personality, Burne will be sorely missed by all members of Delta Kappa Epsilon after he graduates.

Sighs of Psi

Thankful for Our DKE Angels.

ne of the greatest traits that jumps out about Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon and its history is commitment. The reports I read highlight the commitment of our members toward community service, high academic achievement, and, particularly, leadership through various philanthropies.

Over time many DKE programs have become the standard for other groups. It is a fact that our fraternity is one of the most outstanding, if not THE most outstanding, fraternities on the University of Alabama campus.

As I am out and about doing "housemom" things, I am humbled by how many people associated with our university tell me what a good reputation DKE has, and they comment on the positive things the fraternity is doing. The comment that always brings a smile to my face is when I hear people say that we have the best house staff and the best cooks of all the Greeks. This comes not from a few, but from many folks—and often!

It is a family thing. Julia Leatherwood is "the grandmother" and has been with the fraternity since 1985. Carolyn Belle is "the mom," here since 1999. Lenner "Boogie" Samuel is "the grandson" who has been here for three years, and Diane Lewis, "a friend of the family" for 30 years, has been here four years.

They personify commitment by what they do every day. They are always thinking of the members, loving them, and trying to make them comfortable. I have never seen anything like it.

By the way, Carolyn's house was totally blown away on April 27, 2011, as she and her husband hid in a closet. The closet was the ONLY thing left standing when it was all over! The next day, many actives went to Carolyn's house to check on her, but Carolyn was already back at the fraternity house working.

When the guys came back to school in mid-August, every single one of them living in the house, as well as others, came into the kitchen and hugged the ladies and bumped fists with Boogie.

There is no doubt that the relationship with these four people helps make Psi Chapter what it is today by supporting and encouraging one another every step of the way. Their loyalty and passion for the guys, past and present, is amazing. And, their fried chicken is pretty darn good, too.



Sincerely, Diane Cooley Black Mother of the Brothers Psi Chapter



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A few of the brothers with our amazing house staff.

WELCOME, 2012 INITIATES

Glenn Adams Mobile, Ala.

Adam Block Key Biscayne, Fla.

> Haas Byrd Daphne, Ala.

Mason Coates Tallahassee, Fla.

Clayton Coleman Mobile, Ala.

Walker Cox Birmingham, Ala. David Crawford Mobile, Ala.

Ford Curren Birmingham, Ala.

Mark Dowdall Dallas, Texas

Will Fitzpatrick Metairie, La.

> **Jack Hale** *Mobile, Ala.*

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John Morrissette Birmingham, Ala.

Robert Mullen Mobile, Ala.

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Patrick Parnell Mobile, Ala.

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William Roe Mobile, Ala.

Bill Rosato Malvern, Penn.

Drew Smyth Destin, Fla.

Forrest Thomas Aspen, Colo.

John Tubbs Oxford, Ala.

Brent Weldon Mathews, Ala.

Zach Wessinger

Mobile, Ala.

Brian Whitney

Mableton, Ga.

Max Woener
Elberta, Ala.

Austin Wofford Decatur, Ala.

Recruitment Recommendations

DKE has already begun its recruitment process for the 2012 pledge class. Please plan ahead for our next recruitment and e-mail your recommendations to dkerush@gmail.com. The sooner the recruitment chairmen can begin to contact potential new members, the easier the recruitment process will go. We appreciate your input!

DKE Confederate Roll of Honor

1847

James Isaac Bonner (C) Louis Jarrel DuPre (C)

1848

Robert Thomas Merriwether George Washington Fergus Price (C)

1849

Walter Cook (KIA) Philips Fitzpatrick John Moore Charles Augustus Pegues (C) Peyton Wesley Reynolds (C)

1850

William Lovelace Foster William Thomas King (KIA)

1851

Thomas Hall Lewis (KIA) John McGhee Joseph Patterson Wier (KIA) Joseph Millard Williams

1852

Girard Cook James Jefferson Goode William Henry Clay Price

1853

Philip Burt McLemore William Charles Nichols George Cross Player

1854

Alfred Scott James William Wiley Lang Goronwy Owen Henry Buchanan Whitfield

1855

Newton Johnson Beckett (KIA)

James Jarvis Cooke (KIA) Nathaniel Friend Reuben Reid Gaines John Archibald Jones Thomas James Scott (KIA) Walter Tate

1856

Hillery Abner Herbert
Paul Cornelius Lee
George Washington Owen
William Green Perry
William Weeden
Ashley Clinton Wood
John Wesley Young

1857

Robert James Boykin Richard Franklin Hawthorn Bush Jones Burwell Burkin Lewis Matthew Thompson Sanders George Dallas Shortridge

1858

Philip Augustus Fitts Walter Jones Thomas Fishburne Lee Edward Burt Perrin Samuel Robert Shields Nicholas Stallworth John Frederick Tate John David Weeden

1859

James Edward Webb

1854 George Crawford Johnson, "Commissioner, Rebel District Court"

"C" denotes a Psi charter member. "(KIA)" denotes killed in action.

Alumni Update



MYSTIC CIRCLE

Louis R. Hollinger '44 entered Mystic Circle on April 19, 2011. A native and resident of Mobile, Ala., he spent his free time turkey hunting and fishing. Before retirement, he worked as a plant manager for Stone Container/Mobile Paperboard. He is survived by his wife, Millie, three children, and their families.

William S. Hays '64 entered Mystic Circle on his 69th birthday, August 11, 2011, in Tucson, Ariz. Bill proudly followed a long DKE family tradition, and the fraternity was a rich part of his life. In 1999 he was awarded the coveted William H. (Continued on page 6)

PSI GOES TO WAR

With the election of Abraham Lincoln as President in November 1860, long-simmering sectional animosities reached a boiling point. Thus, on January 11, 1861, Alabama passed its Ordinance of Secession, joining South Carolina and Mississippi, who had seceded days earlier, and cast its lot with the nascent Southern Confederacy. Calls for volunteer soldiers to defend the state in the face of the looming political and military crisis were enthusiastically heeded by the public. The men of the Psi Chapter went "above and beyond the call" in answering the patriotic call to duty. With the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War upon us, we think this an appropriate time to honor the courage and sacrifice of these Southern heroes. Their service and stories have largely been forgotten by the Psi Chapter. Following is a brief overview of their collective service record. Future articles in the *Sighs of Psi* will focus on individual soldiers, units and battles in which these men fought and sometimes died.

The Psi Chapter was chartered on June 20, 1847, and grew and thrived from then until a growing anti-fraternity sentiment culminated in the imposition of a total ban on fraternities by the University of Alabama administration in October 1856. This ban lasted until 1885, when Psi was reactivated. During its initial nine-year existence, 83 men were members of the Chapter. To illustrate the fragility of health and life in that bygone era, no less than 16 of these young men were already dead by the time the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter. Of the surviving 67 men, at least 54 (an astounding 80%) served militarily in the cause of Southern independence. There were eight of the original 12 founding fathers of the Chapter still alive at the onset of the war. Five of them served. Please see the "Roll of Honor" accompanying this article for a list of the names of all the Psi alumni who served in the Southern armies.

Of the 54 men who served, at least seven were killed and two disabled in battle, at places with such hallowed names as Shiloh, Manassas, Wilderness, Perryville and Seven Pines, and at lesser-known but equally mournful places, such as Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, Salem Church, Virginia, LaFayette, Georgia and Boonsborough, Maryland.

In addition to battlefield casualties, at least four other Psi brothers died while in Confederate service, probably due to disease and/or the rigors of camp life. These gentlemen all died, coincidentally, in the summer of 1862.

George Crawford Johnson 1854, from Selma, applied in September 1865 for a Presidential pardon for his Confederate service, having served as "Commissioner, Rebel District Court." Thus, while not serving in the Confederate army, Brother Johnson apparently served the Confederate cause in a civil capacity, and his service deserves notice as well.

Some additional statistics of interest: Psi Chapter contributed four Colonels, two Lieutenant Colonels, three Majors, nine Captains, two Chaplains, one Quartermaster, and an amazing 14 surgeons to the Rebel armies. Thus, over a quarter of all Psi members who served were doctors. All seven members of the class of 1855 served (three of whom were killed in action), as did all eight members of the class of 1858.

Not a single Psi DKE served on the Union side in the war.

Since the Chapter had been inactive for over four years when the war started, it cannot be accurately said that the fraternity enlisted *en masse* in the Confederate army as such. Nevertheless, the extremely high enlistment rate for former Psi members, and the lack of even a single member who "went North," clearly shows that the Chapter had been composed of men whose Southern identity and patriotism ran very deep indeed.

If any of you are related to any of these Psi Confederate heroes and can tell us more about them, please contact me at sfavrot@cox.net.

To be continued...

In the Bonds,

Semmes Favrot '82, Alumni Historian (With assistance from David Fitts '82) Big Sky, Montana, March 2012

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www.uadke.org

Sighs of Psi

MUSINGS FROM THE HUNGRY FISHERMAN

It was 1975, and in the state of Alabama, Brother Gerald Ford, Omicron/Michigan, ran the country, George Wallace ran the state, Paul "Bear" Bryant ran the Crimson Tide, and the "Wooly Goat" ran the DKE house.

Summer was coming to a close, and I was among the new class of DKE pledges, sporting pins of "azure, ore, and gules," as we made our entrance onto the college scene. Those of us who drove had old gas guzzlers, but one of us arrived in a brand new robin egg blue Toronado. Adorned in a powder blue leisure suit, my new pledge brother somehow didn't quite fit in with the rest of us in our khakis and Izods. Changes were in order: first the wardrobe, by the comforting guidance of the upperclassmen and an extensive and expensive trip to the Locker Room, and then second, the attitude. Anyone walking by the house would witness wizened upperclassmen lounging on the windowsills and relaxing to the tunes of either Hall & Oates' "Abandoned Luncheonette" or Jerry Jeff Walkers' "Viva Terlingua."

Later, we would notice the unimposing, but kind, photographer who had been hanging around to capture the excitement of those same pledges as we began our descent into the "realm of the mystic." It was a Wednesday and, as usual, the mouth-watering smells of Margaret's fried chicken and one-eye gravy wafted from the kitchen, while throughout the manse, Pop, the Duchess, and Tootsie attended to other matters. Mrs. Frances Keene's "white bomb" was parked behind the party room and signified our beloved housemother was onsite and ensured the maintenance of decorum and that all was right. Pop announced that it was picture time, and we all gathered for the last photo of us as pledges.

Fall was unfolding and history would be made. After Bama's embarrassing opening loss to Missouri, the team would win 11 straight. Immediately behind the 50,000-capacity Bryant-Denny Stadium, my epicenter of the universe, the "Mansion on the Hill" had its own legends and heroes. These larger-than-life phenomena were often seen across the campus, albeit generally after hours. One never knew when a quiet evening's dining at the "Greastal" would be interrupted by a visit from Spiderman, who seemed to want to redecorate the walls, or perhaps a brother and his date would

catch a fleeting glance of the Sons of Mercury, who, gazelle-like, were always one step ahead of the UPs, vanishing like the wind only to reappear when least expected.

But let us not overlook the unsung hero, the everyman, nurtured by the mystic powers of the Mansion who would also offer their contributions to 20th century culture. For instance, with the penning of I Was a Teenage Radial, A.K.A., Bigfoot, my new brother, Ladd, joined the ranks of southern literary geniuses akin to Faulkner, Lee, and Capote. Brothers Troll and R.C. would launch the world's first indoor landscaping service, specializing in the Persian Trim (as displayed in the KKG sorority's living room) and ensuring that Mr. Poe would forever mow the lawn, our ownership of power mowers being subsequently banned. Shifty would found the worldfamous watering hole known as "Toddy's Pub," and Chumley would take indoor speed skating and fashion to new levels.

Pertinent capstone events included the strange goings-on at the approach of the autumnal equinox: midnight activity at the long gone trestle bore, the hoarding of rare Crimean wood, arrival on "the Hill" of an unadorned dancer replete with canoe and the frequent gatherings of us, the newboys, our bags agape for candies and other delicious treats.

The year 1976 burst upon us faster than a fine would go on a house bill. I saw rise to the "Late Night Lawn Club" and gained privilege and social grooming through the "Bent Fork Club." I was regaled by the music of The Gate Band, Locust Fork, and Chevy Six who played almost every night nearby, and I finally realized that pre-med, although a noble endeavor, was not for me. There was not to be a gathering of undertakers that year, instead came the bi-annual DKE "Suppressed Desires" party. Most notable was Don Knotts as Deputy Barney Fife who came to impersonate Dudley (or perhaps I have it backwards, I'm not really sure).

When that first year came to a close, it brought more examinations and heartaches. Some graduated into the "real world" but I, fortunately, would remain immersed in the "realm of the mystic" for the next five years. My wandering since have been many, but one thing I learned that first year holds true to this day-It's Never Over!

Sgt. Charles "Robert" McNeil Honored at LSU Game

n all three of his deployments, Sgt. Charles "Robert" McNeil '04 carried the University of Alabama flag into battle. At the regular season LSU game, he presented a flag to Dr. Robert Witt for his unwavering support of him and all of the men and women who have volunteered to serve our country.

The flag is inscribed with the words "Rolling in the tide wherever we fight." Robert is stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and is planning to enroll in the University of Alabama Distance Learning Program.



Robert McNeil '04 (left) proudly displays a

University of Alabama flag while deployed.

Battalion, 6th Marines, in support of Iraqi Freedom in Fallujah, Iraq in 2007. Then in 2009, he deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit to the coast of Somalia and the Indian Ocean. His latest deployment was in 2010 with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Marjah, Afghanistan.

Robert has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat, Distinguishing Device and Gold Star in lieu of Second Award, Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star in lieu of Second Award, and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

Robert attended the University of Alabama in 2004. In 2005, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and finished basic training Brother McNeil joins the ranks of many Psi DKEs who have nobly served at Parris Island, South Carolina. He deployed to Iraq with the 2nd our country since our Chapter's founding.

168TH DKE CONVENTION

July 25-28, 2012 Tuscaloosa

Psi Chapter will have the honor of hosting the 2012 DKE Convention. Meet with Chapter leaders and alumni who are making DKE successful all over North America. You will surely meet and forge new bonds of friendships with DKEs of other chapters.

Schedule and Registration: www.dke.org/page.php?pageid=90

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Homecoming & Psi Day Tea

October 27 Mississippi State game More details to come!



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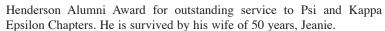
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Alumni Update

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Tracy James Priest '69 entered Mystic Circle on November 19, 2011, in Mobile, Alabama. He worked as an insurance adjustor but was known to many as a successful entrepreneur. He founded Southern Woodcraft and Storyville restaurant in Tuscaloosa, Bon Temps clothing line, and World Winds retail stores. He enjoyed good food, music, theater, and his large family of friends.



Many of Tracy's friends gathered at Noja's on December 8 for a memorial celebration of his life. **Richard Dorman '68** made the arrangements for Noja's. Most of those in attendance were friends from the Mobile-Baldwin County area, but some

attended the event from great distances. **Ellis "Eli" Fluet '69** flew in from California, and **Garth Lovvorn '69** drove down from Athens, Alabama. There were numerous "Tracy stories" told, and everyone had a great time remembering special moments they had with Tracy, raising their toasts to his memory.

Psi DKEs in attendance were Richard Dorman '68, Greg Leatherbury '69, Percy Fountain '67, Jim Hutto '68, Richard Miller '69, Ed Sledge '69, Richard Sullivan '70, Tom Galloway '70, Warren Herlong '70, Chuck McNeil '71, Jim Johnston '71, Richard Brinson '67, Jimmy Lyons '70, Ray Miller '69, and David Miller '71. Many other friends of Tracy attended, as well.

Michael E. Dazet '92 entered Mystic Circle on September 27, 2011. He lived in New Orleans, La., at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Lydia, and their three children.

ALUMNI NEWS

John R. Miller Jr. '42 and his wife, Virginia, reside in Brewton, Ala. They have four children: Nancy Melton, Earl, J. Richard, and Joan Simpson. John is chairman of the board for T.R. Miller Millco. Inc. E-mail: mswain@migllc.us

R. Bruce Worley '59 is the executive vice president for JBL Properties Ltd., in Gretna, La. He and his wife, Linda, reside in New Orleans, La. They have three children: Rob, a Sigma Chi of the University of Kentucky; N. Knight, a Delta Kappa Epsilon of the University of Virginia; and Virginia, a Kappa Delta. E-mail: bwstlwrkn@bellsouth.net

Samuel Adams '79 was elected as chairman of the board for the Alabama Council of Economic Education, Birmingham, Ala. Through the organization, high school students throughout Alabama play the stock market game; teachers receive the latest tools to instruct; and economic summits with the state's leaders are planned. Sam resides in Montgomery, Ala., with his wife, Mary They have four children: Mary Elizabeth, Alice, Sarah Ross, and Sam. E-mail: alico500@aol.com

David A. Gray '80 reports that he is very proud of his son, Jereme '11, and the rest of the Psi Chapter for their leadership demonstrated during the support efforts after the April tornado in Tuscaloosa. "They truly set an example for all," David said. He works at TAM International as the vice president of global business development. He and his wife, Janice, reside in Hilton Head, S.C. E-mail: dagger@prodigy.net