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# The Lion's Roar Beta of DRE at UNC December 2005

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The following board members have agreed to step down: Fred Ball '71, Sion A. Boney '47, Walker Harris '90, and Tim McCoy Jr. '91. As of right now,

Chris Rice '94

ricech@nc.rr.com and Chip Hagan '70 -

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have agreed to join the board.

# Incoming President's

By Chris Harris '95, Incoming Alumni President

#### **Honored and Humbled to Serve**

It's an exciting time for all our brothers — past and present — as we continue the good work that so many have taken on before us. **Jim Gray '70** has provided inspired leadership

throughout his tenure as president of the DKE Alumni Board, and I thank him for all he has done, as well as all he will continue to do. I will look to Jim, and many others, for assistance while we take a great leap forward into the future of our brotherhood.

As I take over the reins as president, I cannot help but be reminded of all those who came before me and how they brought us to this point. Surry Roberts '62, Donnie Cobb '64, Mike Hoyt '66, Tom Roberts '66, Tee Baur '68, Jim Gray '70, Rick Hopkins '91 and Robert Poitras '94 have all served in this capacity (as well as many others), and we should all thank them for their service to the DKE House at Carolina. Without their leadership over the past two decades, we would



**Tee Baur '68** with our new DKE Distinguished Professor, Dr. David Reeve at our Alumni Weekend.

not have the financial, physical plant and leadership stability we enjoy today.

Financially, we are on a solid footing with our renovation loan nearing a zero balance, our annual fund dollars on an upward trend and a House full of current dues-paying members.

From a physical plant perspective, thanks to **Berny Gray '72**, we now have a report outlining all our ongoing maintenance needs that we will begin to implement in the near future, and we will begin an effort in the coming year to raise the funds necessary for our House to continue to serve as the envy of all other fraternities on campus.

On the leadership front, I continue to be amazed at all that Meg Miller — our resident cook, housemother, guardian and friend — does for the undergraduate chapter. She is a tremendous asset, and we wouldn't be where we are without her looking over our young men.

Additionally, the other members on the board have been very engaged and deserve our thanks for their continued service to our fraternity. So it is definitely a great time to be a DKE, and we should rejoice in that fact.

Lastly, during our annual Alumni Weekend on November 5, 2005, we were so pleased to announce the inaugural DKE Distinguished Professor, Dr. David Reeve, with many university dignitaries in attendance including **Nelson Schwab** '67, current Chairman of the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees.

Dr. Reeve reminded us of our motto, "friends from the heart forever," what it means to all of us and how we implement it in our daily lives. Our motto may be just words to our undergraduate members, for they have not yet experienced the full value of what DKE friendship truly represents, but they will learn. I am constantly reminded of this fact as I meet many of our alumni for the first time, and the years melt away such that we connect as though we have known each other since birth. I hope each of our alumni will keep this motto in mind and strive to live it every day.

I am honored and humbled to serve our great fraternity as president of the DKE Alumni Board, and I hope you will all join with me to continue to make DKE what it has always been: the first and best fraternity on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

# From the Outgoing resident

### DKE in Excellent Shape, But We Must Continue to Work Hard

**Dear Brothers:** 

As I turn over the DKE Board gavel to **Chris Harris '95**, I believe Beta of DKE is in great shape. Alumni are engaged and incredibly supportive with their donations, the House looks good, the undergraduate brothers are fine young men who respect the House and DKE heritage, and the university is more supportive of fraternities than it has been in a very long time.

But we cannot let up. For us and other IFC fraternities to survive and thrive, we must work hard to make ourselves both relevant and attractive to incoming classes of freshmen. I'm encouraged that the number of total IFC rushees is up for the third year in a row. DKE got a great share of them this fall —18 pledges were initiated in mid-November.

We owe a great deal to these new brothers and those who will follow in the years ahead. Let's stay loyal to the legacy of Beta of DKE. And please give, give and give some more of our time and money. Beta of DKE will remain Number One.

Most Sincerely,

Jim Gray '70 ■

#### **Scenes from Alumni Weekend**



Left: At the start of the board meeting, outgoing president Jim Gray '70 read a resolution and unveiled a plaque renaming the living room the Baur-Gray Room. Pictured are Tee Baur '68 and Berny Gray '72 beside the plaque.



Above: **Jim Gray '70** at the podium, starting the speaking portion of the day.



Above: Bernadette Gray-Little, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, makes her remarks at the podium.

Below: Pictured (left to right) are: the director of Greek Affairs, Jay Anhorn; Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Peggy Jablonski; **Tee Baur '68; Jim Gray '70**; Dr. David Reeve; Dean Bernadette Gray-Little; and Chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees, **Nelson Schwab '67**.



Below: 1995 Pledge class brothers (left to right) **Steve Ryan '95, Chris Harris** 

'95, Jack Sullivan '95, Wells Brabham '95, James "Jimbo" Huckabee '95, Richard Worrell '95 and Tom Lyon '95.

Right: **Tee Baur '68** addresses the crowd.





Left: Dr. David Reeve, DKE Distinguished Professor, makes his remarks.

By Spence Davenport '07

# **Dekes Back on Top at UNC High Expectations Yielding Results**

DKE started off this new academic year with high expectations. With the tireless efforts of the former and current rush chairs during the spring, summer and fall, the House was able to pull together and build a new pledge class of 18 men. The teamwork during each event and the overall execution of rush was very impressive. We hope to continue building upon these successes and expectations throughout the rest of this year.

Recently we enjoyed an outstanding Alumni Weekend, during which we dedicated our new benches, and welcomed and honored our DKE Distinguished Professor, David Reeve. The attendance and support shown by the alumni, undergraduate brothers and parents set the tone for a great weekend, which included a victory over Boston College.

With the momentum the House now has, the next semester should be very exciting. The current undergraduates are much more dedicated to philanthropy and maintaining good relations with the university. The brothers and the board are beginning to plan an annual charity golf tournament that should start this spring. We will also host a Professor Night to allow us to showcase the DKE House and get to know the UNC faculty better.

The House has a very experienced cabinet, a dynamic group of undergraduate brothers and a very supportive alumni board. We should all be very proud of the current state of the DKE House. I am proud to say the Dekes are back on top in Chapel Hill.

We look forward to seeing you at the Blue/White football scrimmage this spring.

# Beta Chapter Officers

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### Philanthropy Report

By Spence Davenport '07, Bro Beta

# Reorganizing Our Efforts to Focus on the Major Events

As former philanthropy chair, I can say we have made some tremendous strides this past year. We decided to reorganize and cut back on the number of events we hold so we can concentrate on a few big ones.

The past two DKE spaghetti dinners raised over \$1,500 each. They benefited the American Association of Suicidology and the victims of Hurricane Katrina, respectively.

Last spring, we hosted the DKE/XO Home Run for Habitat 5K. The annual event had more than 170 runners and raised \$4,000 for Habitat for Humanity. We plan to improve this event and continue our excellence in philanthropy under our new philanthropy chair, **Pete Isaac**.

#### **Bro Betas: Past & Present**



The last five bro betas: Robbie Kane '03, Rob Davenport '04, Alston Mann '05, Charlie Adams '06 and Spence Davenport '07.

## 2005 Pledge

#### **Forbes Belk**

Nashville, Tenn.

#### **Kurt Brinner**

Knoxville, Tenn.

#### **Hardwick Caldwell**

Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

#### **Quinn Cogdell**

Fayetteville, N.C.

#### **Dennis Drury**

Jenkintown, Pa.

#### Paul Glenn

Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### **Graham Jones**

High Point, N.C.

#### **Nat Kluttz**

Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### **Harrison Parker**

Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### **Ty Peebles**

Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### **David Pulliam**

Atlanta, Ga.

#### **Brad Sanders**

Fayetteville, N.C.

#### **Pierce Sandwith**

Nashville, Tenn.

#### Brinson Taylor

Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### **James Tsahakis**

Charlotte, N.C.

#### **Evan Willingham**

Raleigh, N.C.

#### **Peyton Wynne**

High Point, N.C.



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#### Franklin B. Frazer '48

(14 Hillwood Rd., Spring Hill Station, Mobile, AL 36608-2311) Keep up the good work!

#### William Jabine '48

(700 Americana Dr., Apt. 58, Annapolis, MD 21403-3154) I am just continuing to wish the best for the brothers at the DKE House.

#### N. Perkinson Hayes '57

(2109 Lafayette Ave., Greensboro, NC 27408) I have great memories of wonderful guys.

#### Arthur C. George '78

(1815 Thornton Ridge Rd., Towson, MD 21204-1841) Kathryn and I are busy with family, exercise, work and a few extracurriculars, and having fun. Our daughter just finished her second year in Charlottesville, our son began at Chapel Hill this fall and our other son is a sophomore in high school this fall. We're in the phone book in Baltimore, for when anyone visits. Our best to everyone!

#### James M. Wells '96

(446 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, DC 20003; jay\_wells@uncbusiness.net) My wife Robin and I are happy to announce the arrival of our son Jack, on April 9, 2005. All is well with us in Washington, D.C.

#### Brian K. Kelsey '00

(Martin Tate Morrow & Marston, 6410 Poplar Ave., Suite 1000, Memphis, TN 38119; bkelsey@martintate.com) For those of you who couldn't make it to St. Louis, you missed a great time. Dean sends his best to Meg and to the Dekes. So did J. Ryan Hubbard '00. ■

#### In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Michael S. Bissell '64 (12/14/04

Delta Kappa Epsilon mourns his passing and extends sincere condolences to his families and friends.

### Major Enhancements to Alumni Web Site Unveiled! Revamped Site Offers New Look, Added Features

For many of our alumni members, making frequent trips back to UNC is not always possible. That's why we urge you to utilize our newly improved alumni Web site at **www. dkeunc.com**. The Web site serves as a place for brothers to come together and share memories, photos and updates about themselves! The site also provides chapter news, event details and so much more.

Some of the new features include blogging, an organized photo album and an event calendar.

If you haven't logged onto the new site yet, register today to take part in this DKE e-community! ■



We had a great turnout at Alumni Weekend. Pics and recap inside.

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