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## BETA DKE ALUMNI BOARD

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*An overwhelming thank you to board member and 'retiring' president, Chris Rice '94, for his invaluable service during a vital time for DKE at UNC.*



# The Lion's Roar

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## ALUMNI REPORT

### Alumni Group, Chapter and House are in Great Condition The Board is Focused on New Initiatives, Like Safety and Academics

*By William Ziglar '86, Alumni Board President*

I am delighted to report that Beta DKE is in excellent shape with a terrific group of actives, active and supportive alumni, and excellent staff. Likewise, the house is in great shape.

Leadership is strong. **Russell Hardin** (Bro Beta for 2011-12) leaves the house well-positioned for newly elected **Stephen Stephano**. Last fall, we secured the best pledge class on campus—initiating 18 new active brothers on February 15th. Congratulations to all the actives with special snaps for Rush Chairs **Jefferson Ellington**, **Peter Pritchard**, **John Mikels**, **Ford Springer** and **TJ Deal**.

***"For over 150 years, DKE has been blessed with capable and devoted alumni. These brothers have been vital not only to our house's survival, but its position on campus."***

The House is involved in meaningful philanthropy, including Habitat for Humanity and the 8th Annual SI Sitterson Memorial Golf Tournament. In addition, we raised \$1,500 to support Chatham County Public Schools and the FFA. Currently, we have set a \$25,000 goal for the Brothers Project with Habitat for Humanity. Led by DKE, this initiative combines the resources of seven fraternities to put a roof over the head of a deserving family.

The DKE social experience is in good order, which allows leadership to focus on other areas. Working closely with the actives, board initiatives include safety, academic progress, and refining the pledge process. The overall goal is to enhance the DKE experience while maintaining our leadership position on campus.

On the safety front, **Trey Adams '06** keeps in close communication with Meg and active leadership. Trey is an excellent role model for the actives and we are fortunate to have a

recent a DKE graduate on the board with his experience and judgment.

Thanks to a lot of hard work and the leadership of **Scott Smith '80**, a recent addition to our board and the university-appointed Academic House Advisor, there has been renewed focus on the books. Scott is working closely with the actives to create, implement, and execute a customized academic plan designed to increase the academic success at DKE. Working with active leadership, Scott has provided inspired academic advice and counseling and has established an infrastructure for underperforming brothers, including required study halls twice a week. These initiatives are changing the broader academic picture by increasing the academic expectations of everyone. The active academic house leadership, led by **Sutton Alford '15** and **RJ Barrett '14**, has done an outstanding job of encouraging academic excellence, promoting acceptance and participation. We thank all those involved for helping to achieve our goal of making "Gentleman and SCHOLAR" a reality and the ongoing culture at Beta DKE!

A committee led by **Greer Vanderberry '95** and composed of alums and actives are working on an improved pledge calendar that will outline safe and meaningful "experiences" focused on uniting the pledge class, character, and DKE history. Please share any appropriate pledge memories with Greer at [jgv88@yahoo.com](mailto:jgv88@yahoo.com) or a board member. Our goal is take the best from all eras.

The DKE Board would also like to sincerely thank all alumni who have contributed time and money to The Caldwell Fund and the annual fund this year. And now for the ask... donations and class giving are required for us to continue to support the chapter's progress and continued improvements. Your contributions to the house help preserve important ties to a

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## CHAPTER OFFICERS

The following are the active chapter leaders for the 2012-2013 school year. We'd like to extend our appreciation for their leadership and service.

*President*

**Stephen Stephano Jr.**  
Raleigh, N.C.

*Vice President*

**Rolland "RJ" Barrett**  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

*Treasurer*

**Alex Fleming**  
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*Social Chair*

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*Social Chair*

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Winston-Salem, N.C.

*Social Chair*

**Ford Springer**  
Raleigh, N.C.

*Academic Chair*

**Sutton Alford**  
Jacksonville, N.C.

*Alumni Chair*

**Matt Kidd Jr.**  
Raleigh, N.C.

*Philanthropy Chair*

**Felipe Villahoz**  
Atlanta, Ga.

*Vice Philanthropy Chair*

**Will Charles Cozart III**  
Raleigh, N.C.

*Fire Marshall*

**Will Lee Borden Jr.**  
Goldsboro, N.C.

*House Manager*

**John Mikels**  
Raleigh, N.C.

*Secretary*

**Elywn Bridges**  
Atlanta, Ga.

*IFC - VP of Finance*

**Jefferson Ellington**  
Burlington, N.C.

*IFC - Greek Judicial*

**Reid Hamilton**  
Atlanta, Ga.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

### Beta Chapter Raised More Than \$20,000 in This Year's Tournament

The 8th Annual Si Sitterson Golf Tournament hosted by the Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was held at the Occoneechee Golf Club in Hillsborough, N.C.. With more than 70 players consisting of active Dekes, alumni, and parents, the tournament was a great success and received strong support through sponsorship and donations. All proceeds benefited Habitat of Humanity of Orange County and the "Brothers Project," also led by DKE, which strives to provide housing for families in need around the community. This year the Beta Chapter was able to raise \$20,000.



## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

### Your Ongoing Support Provides Important Opportunities to Stay Connected

Thank you to the 98 alumni brothers who have already contributed to the 2012-2013 annual campaign. Our total donations this year have already totaled more than \$16,290.

Please remember how important your support is, no matter what your giving level is. The annual fund supports ongoing opportunities to reconnect at events, make needed improvements to the house, and provide communications like publication of *The Lion's Roar*.

Make your gift today by visiting [www.dkeunc.com](http://www.dkeunc.com), calling 800-975-6699, or mailing a check payable to "Beta of DKE, Inc." to the return address on this newsletter.

**Phi Delta Theta \$16,730**

**Phi Gamma Delta \$15,324**

**DKE \$16,292**

0 \$5K \$10K \$15K \$20K

Current 2012-13 annual giving results for UNC alumni associations. Data compiled by our alumni relations firm, Affinity Connection.

Your annual donation is critical to our position on campus to keep our house and active chapter competitive with other fraternities!

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Bill Schmidt '66 Named 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner *Former Chapter President Helped with the House Rebuilding Project*

By Matt Kidd, Undergrad Alumni Relations Chair

Every year, the Alumni Board of Directors of Beta DKE chooses an alumnus worthy of the 1851 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award goes to an alumnus who has, over an extended period of time, shown extraordinary interest, love, and dedication to the DKE house.

**William "Bill" Schmidt '66** was chosen by the Alumni Board of Directors as such a man previously described. The love, time, and dedication that Bill has given to the DKE house at UNC can only be matched by the few who have also won the award. Bill said that he was "surprised and very excited to receive the award... to be mentioned among such predecessors who I knew very well."

Bill's Deke memories began in 1962 on a Sunday night during rush when he met **Surry Roberts '62**. Surry told Bill about "all the great

things about being a Deke." Obviously, something Surry told Bill stuck because Bill would go on to do "all the great things about being a Deke." Bill would soon be the president of the DKE Beta Chapter from 1965-1966.

Many of the great memories and traditions Bill and Surry talked about are still among the great Deke traditions carried out here today. The great, big parties of the DKE basement (minus the jukebox), having "Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts" play on parents weekend and any other chance possible, and living in the DKE house with all his best friends are traditions that have stayed strong since Bill's departure from UNC.

The DKE house standing today was, in part, built due to the dedication and commitment Bill has shown to the Beta Chapter. **Mike Hoyt '66**, one of Bill's closest friends

throughout his life, called him and asked him to be the Alumni President in 1985. Bill graciously accepted and, while president from 1985-1987, started the restoration campaign to rebuild the house. Bill's pledge class, Class of 1966, was one of the most generous classes in fundraising when rebuilding the house, which included **Mike Hoyt**, who also received the 1851 Award in 2008.

Bill is now one of the few alumni who have received the 1851 Distinguished Alumni Award and one of the few who know what it means to give back the time and love that was once shown to them. Bill will be remembered not only because his name is written on the 1851 Award plaque in the chapter room of the DKE house but, more importantly, because of the outstanding dedication and time he gave to the DKE house at UNC.

## ALUMNI REPORT

### Both the Alumni Group and the House are in Great Condition... *Continued from page 1*

place where so many of us have forged indelible memories. Investing in an institution that helps develop young men into great leaders, businessmen, professionals and solid family men has got to be one of the best investments you can make! Undoubtedly, DKE made each of your Chapel Hill diplomas and experiences worth more than they would have been otherwise. Please consider a contribution to the 2012-2013 annual fund. Donations can be

made online at [www.dkeunc.com](http://www.dkeunc.com) or by calling 800-975-6699.

When we reflect our progress over the last few years, all DKEs owe a debt of gratitude to board member and "retiring" president **Chris Rice '94**. Most of us are aware of his term's significance. Chris' leadership and commitment came at a critical juncture for our most resilient institution. For over 150 years, DKE has been blessed with capable and

devoted alumni. These brothers have been vital not only to our house's survival, but its position on campus. Thank you Chris for being the latest addition to that long line of great DKEs.

I would also like to welcome all those named Smith to our board. Please feel free to reach out to any board member or me at [wrzig@aol.com](mailto:wrzig@aol.com). I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill.

## CHAPTER RECOGNITION

The Board would like to recognize the strong performances of the following brothers, who were the recipients of the chapter's academic awards this fall:

- Highest Spring Semester GPA: **Everett Young '13**, Athens, Ga.
- Highest Fraternity GPA: **Reid Hamilton '14**, Atlanta, Ga.

Further, our actives are involved with the following campus organizations:

- Varsity lacrosse team (**Jordan Smith '14**, **Duncan Hutchins '14**, **Greg McBride '13**, **Pat Foster '14** and **Jimmy Bitter '15**)
- Honor Court members (**Everett Young '13** and **Reid Hamilton '14**)
- IFC Treasurer (**Jefferson Ellington '15**)
- IFC Head of the Greek Judicial

Board (**Reid Hamilton '14**)

- Seven brothers in the Kenan-Flagler Business School
- Sector Head on the UNC Portfolio Management Team (**Stephen Stephano '14**)
- Order of Omega Greek Honor Society Inductees (**Stephen Stephano '14**, **Reid Hamilton '14**, and **Everett Young '13**)



## WEB UPDATE

### Check Out Our Improved Website at [www.dkeunc.com](http://www.dkeunc.com)

Our chapter has been working hard to improve your online experience. We hope you enjoy our revamped website! Our goal is to create a website that we can use to engage graduate brothers and active members. Our site includes a photo gallery, message boards, a directory, and an event calendar. You can also make your annual fund gift online.

Please visit the site at [www.dkeunc.com](http://www.dkeunc.com). It's a great way to keep up with the latest DKE news!

The screenshot shows the website header with the Delta Kappa Epsilon logo and the text "Delta Kappa Epsilon University of North Carolina". Navigation links include Home, Directory, Photos, Alumni Corner, News, Events, Donations, Officers, and More. A "Buy Blueprints Today!" button is in the top right. Below the header is a large photo of a classical building. To the left of the photo is a login form with fields for Email and Password, a "Remember Me" checkbox, and a "Reset Password" link. Below the login form is a "Log In" button with a Facebook icon. To the right of the photo is an "Events" section with two items: "Blueprints Order Form" (Date: October 18, 2012 to March 22, 2013) and "Eighth Annual Si Sitterson Memorial Golf Tournament" (Date: April 05, 2013 12:30 PM). Below the events is a "Habitat for Humanity of Orange County" section with a small description and a "Log In" button. On the far right, there are sections for "Alumni Updates" (No new updates have been posted), "Search" (with a "Submit" button), and "Group Photos" (with a small photo of a group of people).

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



We love great pictures from our chapter archives, like this one from the 1974 *Yakety Yak*. Pictures throughout the decades help to capture the hundreds of unique experiences our brothers have shared since our chapter was founded.

Help us to preserve our old memories and continue making new ones. Please submit a photo (or a few) from your era when you make your gift. You can also email your submissions to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

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