

UPCOMING EVENT

Alumni Weekend

Please join your fellow brothers at the DKE House on **November 9th**, when the Tar Heels take on Virginia, to celebrate Alumni Weekend. Kickoff is scheduled for 12:30. Festivities will begin around 10:30 with the presentation of this year's "1851 Distinguished Alumni Award" to **Rick Hopkins '91**, followed by food, drink and fellowship.

The 25 members of the Class of 1967 will gather over Alumni Weekend, November 8-10, celebrating the 50th anniversary of their Pledge Class. They are having a cocktail party at the house on Friday night and will lead the good cheer at the house on Saturday.

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ALUMNI REPORT

Positive Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Alums Have Been Key to Chapter's Longstanding Success

By William Ziglar '86, Alumni Board President

Greetings from Chapel Hill! My instinct is to run through the laundry list and report that the DKE house is awesome, the best pledge class ever, terrific active leadership, physical plant in pristine condition, making grades, alumni advisers engaged, superb chow (thank you Meg!) and university relations are better than in year's past... and some of that might even be true.

Instead, I will share a recent note sent to **Stephen Stephano '13**, Bro Beta, by an early '90s brother. This alum did not make it back over the ECU football weekend but wanted to share some buzz from his hometown:

"I just wanted to pass on to you that several people commented to me how good the DKE House looked this weekend and what gentlemen the brothers were. I understand that the guys in the house are doing a great job. Parents and potential rushes hear these comments and are impressed and talking about DKE... You all had a great rush... actions speak loudly and you are doing a great job. Thank you Stephen and please extend that to all brothers!"

Actions do speak loudly, and I hope that each of you is able to get back to 132 South Columbia Street for a game and see for yourself. Stephen is a great example for all the actives and his leadership coordinating actives and alums is making a difference. Some of these noteworthy collaborations include:

Academic Program - **Sutton Alford '15** and **Scott Smith '80** did a terrific job executing a disciplined academic plan as the chapter exceeded the trustee mandated 3.2 hurdle with the highest GPA average in recent chapter history; congratulations to all!

Pledgeship - Refocused pledge training program and calendar developed by a committee led by **RJ Barrett '14**, and **Greer Vanderberry '95**. We have seen immediate positive results!

Financial - The numbers always balance thanks to **Alex Fleming '14** and **Josh Davis '99**.

Alumni Affairs and Communications - **Matt Kidd '14** and **Rob Davenport '04** are taking a more disciplined and proactive approach.

Physical Plant - As always, you can eat off the floor. There have been small and big projects with a lot of hard work by the House Managers - the **Mikels** brothers, '14 and '16, **Meg Miller** (she does more than cook!) and **Trey Adams '06**.

With academic and pledge training in better shape, rush is an area of focus. **Brent Smith '86** and **Bill Smith '81** have volunteered to work with the Rush Chairs to recommend and implement improvements. Last spring and summer, many of you flagged promising incoming freshman and we pledged 21 strong including seven

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Alumni Advisors

Physical Plant/House/Operations
Robert "Trey" Adams

Website, Alumni and Parent Communications
Rob Davenport

Alumni
Brent Smith

Rush
Bill Smith

Member
Chris Rice

Pledge Training
Greer Vanderberry

Academic Advisor
Scott Smith

Member
Will Ziglar

CHAPTER OFFICERS

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

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Elywn Bridges
 Atlanta, Ga.

IFC - VP of Finance
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 Burlington, N.C.

IFC - Greek Judicial
Reid Hamilton
 Atlanta, Ga.

legacies. Please keep it up and identify rush prospects as you learn of acceptances for the Class of '18.

Over the last 160 plus years, key alums have been the difference. An important period was the late 1990s when the house needed work. At that critical juncture, **Rick Hopkins '91**, leadership as Board President positioned Beta DKE to launch the "Certain Devotion" capital campaign. Rick played a major role in this record-setting raise, earned our utmost respect and many of us became great

friends with him. I am delighted to report that another good reason to come back on November 9th is to congratulate Rick when we honor him with Beta DKE's highest honor, the 1851 Award. Please join us to raise a glass in Rick's honor followed by a tailgate, music and many brothers and friends on the front porch. Kick off is 12:30 p.m., so please gather at 10:30 a.m. in the house foyer for the award presentation.

Cannot wait to see you in Chapel Hill!

DKE 2013 PLEDGE CLASS

Beta DKE Welcomes 21 Members of Fall 2013 Pledge Class

Paul Timmons*
 (Richmond, VA)

Harrison Cozart
 (Raleigh, NC)

Chas Egan (Atlanta, GA)

Fletcher Cox*
 (Atlanta, GA)

Gus Corwin
 (Richmond, VA)

Richard Hunt*
 (Wilson, NC)

Charlie Rogers*
 (Charlotte, NC)

Mauricio Arnal
 (Charlotte, NC)

Hays Meyer
 (Atlanta, GA)

Michael Palin
 (Charlotte, NC)

Sean Sullivan
 (Alexandria, VA)

Weldon Walker*
 (Durham, NC)

Chris Schrum
 (Raleigh, NC)

Sam Bradford
 (Lynchburg, VA)

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 (Charlotte, NC)

Blake Bozmyski
 (Winston-Salem, NC)

Phillip Howerton
 (Charlotte, NC)

Andrew Schaberg
 (St. Louis, MO)

Doug Huffines
 (New York City, NY)

Kyle Murphy*
 (Atlanta, GA)

Benjamin Haynes
 (Nashville, TN)

*Denotes Legacy



HOUSE UPDATE

Active Brothers Welcome New Pledges, Raise GPA

By Stephen Stephano, Bro Beta

The DKE house currently has 61 active brothers after graduating a senior class of 18. This fall we recruited 21 young men who are currently going through the pledge process, including 11 men from out of state and seven legacies. It is our belief that our size of around 80 allows us to most effectively operate and thrive.

The house hosted its parents' weekend September 27 and 28. Each pledge class hosted their families together at restaurants around Chapel Hill for a pledge class dinner and then met up with the rest of the fraternity back at DKE for dancing and socializing.

The next day, brothers and parents enjoyed a tailgate prior to kickoff and music and barbecue following the game.

This past spring, we raised our chapter cumulative GPA to a 3.150 from a 2.907 and had a spring semester GPA of 3.212. This was thanks to the leadership of **Scott Smith**, Vice President **RJ Barrett '14**, Academic Chair **Sutton Alford '15**, and previous president **Russell Hardin '13**. All of the actives really worked hard to get their grades up and represent the fraternity proudly. With our current academic plan we are on track for future improvement.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Recognized for Rebuilding the DKE House

1851 Award Recipient Rick Hopkins '91 Was a Key Fundraiser in 2001 House Renovation

By Matt Kidd '14, Alumni Relations Chair

The 1851 Distinguished Alumni Award is given every year to an alumnus who has shown extraordinary interest and love for the Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The Alumni Board of Directors of Beta DKE selects a particular man whom they believe has given back the same amount of time and effort that the DKE House once gave to him. For his outstanding efforts in the rebuilding of the DKE house, which was completed in 2001, **Rick Hopkins '91** is this year's recipient of the 1851 Award.

Frederick "Rick" Hopkins, moved from Texas to North Carolina when he was 16 years old and attended high school at Woodberry Forest. After high school, Rick's fast feet earned him a spot on the track team at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he ran the 400 meters for a few years. Track was his sport, but the DKE house was his passion and where he spent the majority of his time. Rick was one of 21 pledge brothers in the Class of '91 and recalls on living in the DKE house as if it were yesterday: "We spent many nights in the awesome DKE

basement... and when you live in the best house on campus with 20 of your best friends, it's hard not to have a good time!" Whether they were hanging out on the second floor landing or going Sutton's every other day senior year, Rick and his pledge brothers were always having a good time at the DKE house.

The DKE house as we see it today is undoubtedly due to the work and dedication of Rick Hopkins. Working alongside **Tee Bauer '66** and a past 1851 Award recipient, Rick and Tee raised an exceptional amount of money to rebuild the walls of the DKE house to what it used to be. Rick and Tee raised an unheard of amount of money, roughly \$2.5 million, for the reconstruction process that was finished in 2001. Living and working in Charlotte, Rick made a conscious effort to drive over two hours to Chapel Hill once a week to meet with architects, builders, and oversee the building process.

"The rebuilding of the [DKE] house was a balancing act...we wanted a house that was rock solid, but also met the needs of students," Rick says. "We wanted to keep

the basement, especially the dance floor, but we ran into new building codes that had to be accounted for." New codes meant new problems that had to constantly be solved during building. However, the main focus of the house was the staircase. "In the old house, the staircase was the central focus of the house and we wanted to bring that back...it's the first thing you see as you walk through the front door and it's the thing that everyone remembers," Rick says.

And Rick could not be more right...the staircase was an essential component to both the old and new houses and it is what Dekes remember about the house. What Dekes will also remember is the dedication and hard work Rick Hopkins put into rebuilding the DKE house. His name is now engraved on the 1851 Distinguished Alumni Award plaque in the chapter room: a room that he worked so actively to rebuild. We thank Rick for all that he's done for he is a major reason the DKE house is still the best on campus.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Anne and **Berny Gray, '72**, for hosting their annual Atlanta summer rush and alumni event. With four pledges from Atlanta, the results speak for themselves. The Grays, **Bill Espy '69**, **Bill Whitaker '67**, **Danny Davis '71**, **Craig Perry '71** and **Joel Murphy '80**, were, by all reports, in good form.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere thanks to Meg Miller. Led by her efforts this past summer, we replaced the HVAC, painted interior walls, replaced wallpaper, grouted bathrooms and ordered new desks to help the active study. Meg is truly a driving force behind keeping the DKE House in top form. Please thank her for her devotion to the DKE House the next time you stop by.

PARENTS WEEKEND

Thank You DKE Parents!

The active brothers welcomed their parents into town for the football game against East Carolina University on September 28. While the game did not turn out in favor of the Heels, a good time was had by all who attended the festivities! Thanks to all DKE parents who came out and made the weekend a really enjoyable one!

The Friday night parent cocktail (a special thanks to **Bill Smith** for keeping wives and dates dancing and monitoring the event to the end) and Saturday pledge parent meeting (thanks to active leadership, **Trey Adams '06**, **Scott Smith '80** and **Bill Smith '81** for not hitting snooze and making to the house by 11 a.m.) tailgate and post game band party were all 11s on a scale of 1-10!



Bill Smith '81, Joel Murphy '80, Scott Smith '80 and Ward Williams '81

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Maintain Alumni Communications and Refurbish the Eddie Caldwell Bar!

We would first like to extend a huge thank you to the 48 alumni brothers who have already contributed to the 2013-2014 annual fund; our total donations since September 1 are already over \$10,000!

While we're off to a great start, if you have not contributed yet this year, we need your help! No matter what your giving level, your support is vital to keeping our alumni communications, like this issue of *The*

Lion's Roar, alive. It's your support that allows us to reconnect at events and make much needed improvements to the house. This year, those improvements include the refurbishing of the Eddie Caldwell Bar.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A Little Bit of Your Time Goes Along Way for DKE!

The ability to continuously connect with alumni is integral to not only keeping everyone involved with the goings on with the DKE House but also ensures that we can continue soliciting donations to preserve the status of the DKE House. Our database of alumni contact information is out of date. In order to update all of this information, the Alumni Board is making an appeal for volunteers to reach out to fellow Alumni to update this database. It would be as simple as reaching out to the surrounding classes of your respective pledge/graduating classes and providing that updated information to us. If you are willing to assist, please email **Rob Davenport** at rdavenport@mrec.com.

PHILANTHROPY NEWS

Habitat for Humanity and Annual Spaghetti Dinner

By Felipe Villahoz, Philanthropy Chair

The House is involved in meaningful philanthropy, including Habitat for Humanity and our 8th Annual Si Sitterson Memorial Golf Tournament. We recently organized the dedication of our most recent Habitat House in honor of David Shannon and his family, who passed away last fall. Led by DKE, this Brothers Project initiative combines the resources of seven fraternities to put a roof over the head of a deserving family. We raised roughly \$18,000 through the golf tournament and generous donations all of which allowed us to build this Habitat House.

In addition, the house hosted the 13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner to support Chatham

County Public Schools. **Will Cozart '14** did

a great job organizing the event and worked well with our pledge class to ensure the event went off without a hitch. The event has become a favorite around campus with its great food prepared by Meg, entertainment, music and dancing. Plans have been set in place to hold a car wash this spring to benefit the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

Read more about DKE's work with Habitat for Humanity online at www.dkeunc.com.



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