

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parents Weekend

September 23

Alumni Weekend

October 7

Monthly Social Hours

Second Thursday of every month

Brothers from Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill are invited.

Contact **Trey Adams** at tadams@lundygroup.com to be added to the email list.

RECOMMEND A DKE

Congratulations to our new rush chairmen:

Joe Janeczko
Will Minton
Gordon Corey
Walker Comer
Trevor Gillogly
Teddy Gray
Kirkland Caison

If you know of a young man that embodies the values of DKE, send your recommendation to Head Rush Chair **Joe Janeczko** at joe.janeczko@gmail.com.

ON THE WEB

We're missing email addresses for more than 200 alumni! If you haven't been receiving our monthly eLetter, update your email address today to stay informed of the latest Beta Chapter news and event details, including information from DKE Excellence: The Four Corners Campaign.

You can update your email address at www.dkeunc.com or by sending it to alumninews@affinityconnection.com (mention DKE UNC).



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FEATURED PROFILE

Buckalew Family Honors Son With Memorial Gift to Caldwell Fund

Multi-Generational DKEs Both Grew from Boys to Men Under Caldwell's Guidance

Jeffrey Buckalew '88's parents are doing everything they can to keep their son's memory alive, and that includes honoring him with a sizable gift in his name to DKE's Caldwell Fund as part of DKE Excellence: The Four Corners Campaign. Both Jeff and his father, **Dr. Vardaman Buckalew '54**, experienced life in the DKE house. Uniquely, they both did so under Eddie Caldwell's guidance.

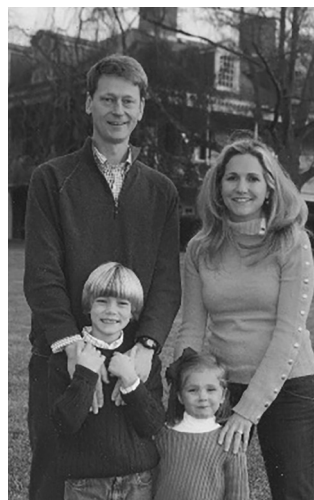
"He had been there for some years when I was there and he was still a frequent visitor to the house 34 years later when Jeff was a brother," said Dr. Buckalew.

Tragically and sadly, Jeff, his wife Corinne, and their two children passed away in a plane crash in 2011.

"We thought by having our gift support the Caldwell Fund we would honor the memory of both Jeff and Eddie Caldwell at the same time," said Dr. Buckalew. "Eddie Caldwell was an unforgettable character, a friend to all the brothers, and completely dedicated to his job."

Dr. Buckalew credits Eddie with giving both him and his son Jeff a "stabilizing influence" in the DKE house, guiding them as they grew from boys into men. Eddie was the adult figure who kept things on an even keel in a house full of late teen boys.

Jeff felt the same way, according to Dr.



Jeff Buckalew '88 with his wife Corinne and their two children, who all perished in a 2011 small plane crash. Jeff's family, including his father and fellow Beta DKE Dr. Vardaman Buckalew '54, made a sizable gift to DKE's Caldwell Fund in their son's memory.

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Buckalew. After the crash when the family was removing Jeff's belongings from his home, they found a photo of Jeff and Eddie on the bureau.

"That photograph says it all—Eddie Caldwell was Jeff's special friend," said Dr. Buckalew. "On behalf of my family and Jeff's, it is a privilege to honor our friend with a gift to the Fund that bears his name."

Memorial Gift Pays Tribute to a Meaningful Experience

Campaign Co-chair **Andy Spencer '80** believes that gifts such as this convey the integrity of DKE's brothers.

"Gifts from a multi-generational DKE family speak volumes about the DKE house's continuity, ongoing quality, and our history," said Andy. "There is no more meaningful and important gift that a person or family can make than one that pays tribute to and memorializes a member of that family."

Dr. Buckalew has fond memories from his time at the DKE house—sitting in rocking chairs on the front porch, sharing a conversation and a

libation, and watching the coeds go by. He was thrilled when his son chose to join DKE, but says that it was Jeff's choice.

When Dr. Buckalew and his wife, Sherry, visited Jeff at the house for

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Parents' Weekend, Eddie Caldwell was one of the first people they saw.

"He came from behind the bar and we embraced," he recalls. "We called each other friend as though three decades had never intervened."

DKE Contributed to Lifelong Success

It was through some of his connections and relationships at UNC that Jeff went on to become a successful Wall Street investment banker. This is one of the reasons that the Buckalews felt it was important to honor Jeff in this way.

"He loved DKE and formed many lifetime friendships," said Dr. Buckalew. "I think the fine young men with whom he was associated at DKE were an inspiration to him,

and in a real sense contributed to his success."

Preserving DKE for Future Generations

The Buckalews are happy to support current and future brothers to ensure they have the same great fraternity experience that their son had. The DKE house was a special place for Jeff and his father, and they want it to be around for many more generations.

"We are impressed that the programs to be implemented by the campaign funds will add new, positive dimensions to the chapter's life," he said. "We are sure Jeff would have been one of its big supporters were he still with us."

Andy echoes this sentiment and says that the DKE house holds a special place in many brothers' hearts.

"The support of this campaign is built on relationships," said Andy "Their DKE experience contributed significantly to their college experience, their success in life, and their wonderful network of friends."

Gifts such as the one from the Buckalews to the Eddie Caldwell Fund will ensure that the DKE house will be well taken care of in the future, and that increases in rent paid by actives will be kept to a minimum.

Those interested in making a gift to The Four Corners Campaign in memory or in honor of someone can contact campaign Co-chairs Scott Smith '80 (scottsmith@unc.edu) or Andy Spencer '80 (acspencer121457@gmail.com, 404-863-1162). Visit www.dkeunc.com/fourcorners for more campaign information.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Represent Your Class for DKExcellence

Seeking Class Agent Volunteers for 44 Groups of Beta Alumni

We are seeking class agents for the DKExcellence: The Four Corners Campaign. As a class agent, you will be expected to make a gift and reach out to your class and longtime Beta brothers to encourage them to join you as active and generous participants in the success of the campaign.

There are still 44 classes that need representation. Is your class on the list? We are currently seeking class agents for the following years:

1946	1958	1975	1999
1948	1959	1977	2000
1949	1960	1978	2001
1950	1961	1987	2002
1951	1962	1988	2003
1952	1963	1990	2006
1953	1964	1992	2008
1954	1965	1993	2009
1955	1969	1994	2010
1956	1973	1996	2012
1957	1974	1998	2015

Class agents are a key component in moving our \$1,280,000 campaign forward. Your acceptance of your role as a class agent will help Beta reach the goal, and it will be fun, rewarding, and beneficial. While the role is important, the time commitment is very manageable.

Please contact Ellen Konkle if you are interested in learning more or serving as a class agent. You can reach her at 814-571-0576 or at ellen@affinityconnection.com.

FUNDRAISING 101

Annual Fund vs. DKExcellence: What's the Difference?

We have two separate yet equally important fundraising drives that you've likely recently received requests to support. **What's the difference?**

Annual Fund

The annual fund supports our yearly operations to keep Beta of DKE, Inc. thriving year after year. Your annual fund donation:

- Supports chances to relive the fraternity experience with your brothers as an adult, through annual events and reunions, reconnecting you to old friends and introducing you to new ones.
- Funds our alumni communications program,

keeping you informed of the latest news and information from the active chapter, the alumni association, and each other.

- Supports the annual operating budget for our housing corporation. This allows us to pay taxes, insurance, property management costs, etc.
- Ensures that our chapter exists at UNC and carries on the legacy of the Gentleman, the Scholar, and the Jolly Good Fellow.

DKExcellence: The Four Corners Campaign

This one-time major fundraising campaign has a goal of \$1,280,000 with four objectives, to raise:

- \$600,000 for increased funding for the Caldwell Fund, which is a renovation,

major repair, and replacement fund.

- \$280,000 for the creation of a fund to support the Academic Excellence Awards Program and scholarships established in 2012.
- \$200,000 for the creation of a fund to provide much-needed benefits to Meg Miller, Beta DKE's long-time house mother/manager.
- \$200,000 to carry out a necessary renovation to the dining room and kitchen of the DKE House.

We appreciate and depend on your support of both fundraising drives this year! Learn much more at www.dkeunc.com.

Generations of DKE Brothers Answering the Call

Across Decades, Brothers Share Hopes and Dreams for DKE's Future with 100% Class Campaign Participation

As DKE brothers step up to answer the call and generously support DKExcellence: The Four Corners Campaign, it has become evident that each class, and each brother, does so for their own unique reasons.

Craig Perry '71 and **Beech Watson '71** are responsible for rallying their class and gaining a 100% commitment—a goal which they recently achieved. In making calls and reaching out for the campaign, Craig and Beech say they enjoyed reconnecting with brothers they hadn't spoken to for a long time.

"We had exchanged emails, letters, and Christmas cards," said Beech, "but had not actually spoken. It was really good to do so."

Both Craig and Beech are humble in saying that any one of their brothers could have taken the lead and achieved the same great results. They credit all of the brothers of the Class of '71 with building and maintaining the special bond that has stood the test of time.

"Our class has always felt indebted to the DKE house and the alumni before us for our college experiences and memories," said Craig.

Even after all these years, it's the shared experiences at DKE that remain the foundation for these relationships that mean so much.

"I remember going through pledge training and especially Hell Week with my pledge brothers," recalls Beech. "We still tell stories about that time and laugh and laugh and laugh."

Class of 2005 Follows in 1971's Footsteps with 100% Participation

Though his DKE experience was more than four decades after the Class of 1971's, **Alston Mann '05**, has impressively achieved the same 100% commitment from his own class. He says that even though brothers are



Meg Miller (center) with 2005 graduates Hunter Powell (left) and Lee Sigmon.

in different places in their lives with careers and families, he knew that everyone would step up.

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Alston's class was smaller than most, and he believes that helped contribute to their close bond.

"I had no doubt that we'd get 100% because we've always held each other accountable," said Alston.

Rallying Together for Our House Mother, Meg

For Alston's class, there was no doubt that they wanted to earmark funds for Meg Miller, Beta DKE's long-time house mother/manager.

"Meg was such an important part of our experience while at UNC," said Alston. "She felt the pain when we lost a member of our fraternity. She was as happy for us as our own parents when we graduated."

Alston went on to say that Meg has been a continuous presence at the house.

She has given so much, and the Class of 2005 is ready to step up and give her something back. He recommends to other classes that they focus on what was important to them.

"Focus on the piece that you connect with most," he said. "I knew every single person would step up for Meg because of what she meant to us, then and now."

Not surprisingly, many of Alston's favorite memories include Meg.

"Visiting Meg and the kitchen was an obligatory stop after a big event," he recalls. "We'd catch up with everyone to figure out what had occurred the night before, either making Meg laugh, or howl with disapproval. Those are legitimately some of my favorite memories."

Answer the Call for Your Class

Whichever class they are from, brothers share similar sentiments, hopes, and dreams, for the future of DKE.

"I hope this will put the DKE house on solid financial footing going forward," said Craig, "and that it encourages the current and future members to make the best memories possible of their college days."

Beech would like to see DKE remain one of the best fraternities at UNC. He looks forward to returning to campus and to a house that makes him proud.

Alston says that as he gets older, he realizes the importance of alumni staying involved. He hopes that his efforts today will benefit many generations to come.

Watch for much more information on DKExcellence: The Four Corners Campaign to arrive in your mailbox from your respective class agent. You can also learn more at www.dkeunc.com/fourcorners.



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UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

A Legacy Leader

Chapter President Tim Cooper '18 Keeps DKE in the Family

Beta's 2017 Chapter President Tim Cooper '18 has DKE in his blood. Literally. His father and two brothers are DKEs as well. He takes pride in his family legacy and in his role to lead the chapter, as well as the strong level of support that our alumni network shows.

"Alumni involvement and support is what keeps this place afloat and successful," he said. "We love interacting with DKEs of all ages because it increases the brotherhood that really makes this place special."

Why did you run for election as president of the chapter?

I am honored to lead such an awesome group of young men. This organization has done a lot for me and I just wanted to give



Chapter President Tim Cooper '18

back to it. I also wanted to be connected with the great alumni that make our success possible. It has been awesome getting to know these great men. On top of all of this, this experience will help me gain important leadership skills while also helping me tighten my friendships with my fraternity brothers.

In your opinion, what makes DKE stand apart from other fraternities on campus?

Alumni support. Other fraternities are shocked by our high level of alumni support. This is why we can enjoy a lot of the great things we can enjoy.

Read the full profile at www.dkeunc.com.

CHAPTER REPORT

Actives Preserve DKE's Status as a Top Fraternity at UNC

Chapter Ranks High in GPA and Sustainability, Raises Significant Funds for Philanthropy

Once again, the actives of Beta DKE are doing their part to preserve our status as one of the top fraternities on campus.

Currently, we are ranked fourth among fraternities in a campus-wide sustainability competition, the Greek Green Games. Participants can earn points by taking action to make a difference on campus and become more environmentally friendly over the course of the school year in six categories: Waste; Energy; Water; Social, Physical, and Mental Sustainability; Education; and Events.



DKE brothers took a trip to Battle Park to earn house points for the Greek Green Games.

DKE remains one of the top fraternities on campus in academics with a 3.3 GPA—higher than the campus average. Philanthropically, the chapter hosted a spaghetti dinner that raised \$800 to donate to the Frank and Calla Bell Scholarship Fund, a program that sends underprivileged kids to summer camp. The chapter also donated nearly \$8,000 to Habitat for Humanity last year with money raised through the annual golf tournament and other contributions. Brothers contributed to more than 10 Habitat for Humanity builds last fall and plan on participating in more this spring.