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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Friends,

Greetings. We are pleased to deliver this summer edition of the DEKE Quarterly. I hope you enjoy it.

This Quarterly covers the 178th Convention. Having returned from Charlotte a few weeks ago, the event is still very much on my mind, and I like to share some highlights.

The Convention is also an opportunity for an in-person meeting for the Board of Directors. We rarely get together more than once a year and so this is always much anticipated. At this meeting I was able to present outgoing Board Member Dan Johnson, Sigma Alpha-Virginia Tech '77 with a proclamation marking his seven years of service. And in the wake of Dan's exit, we welcomed new board member Mike Delisi Rho-Lafayette '03.

To start the Convention Banquet I was pleased to deliver the opening 'Welcome.' Later in the evening, during the awards, I presented Sami Muslmani, Omega Omega-Arizona '23 with the Charles O. Blaisdell DKE Leadership Award on the behalf of the DKE Club of New York.

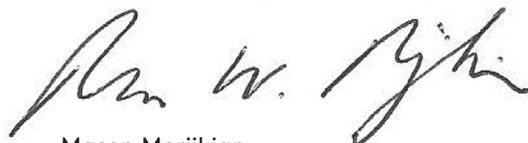
The planned formalities of convention are and were wonderful. For me it is often the unscripted, unexpected moments that are so priceless. During dinner I was seated at the table with our banquet keynote speaker James Blue and was delighted to meet him and discuss some common friends and interests. That conversation resulted in a humorous text exchange with my pledge class brother who knows James through shared advisory board involvement at Kenyon College.

Prior to dinner I was able to catch up with Val Napolitano for a moment outside of our banquet room. He has attended several DKE Conventions to present the award named after his son, Nick. I'm sure most of you know the tragic story and legacy of the award. The opportunity to shake Val's hand and express my tremendous respect and gratitude was a huge highlight for me.

As it turned out, this year's recipient of the Napolitano Award was Andrew Kotler, a fellow Lambda man who was instrumental in the revival of the Lambda Chapter. Shortly after Andrew pledged, Kenyon's administration forced the chapter into an induced coma that lasted almost the entire duration of Andrew's college career. It would have been easy to walk away. That is an unwavering commitment is something that I want to remember! It was great to meet Andrew, congratulate him on his well-deserved leadership award and we made plans to catch up later this summer at the DKE Club in NYC.

I wish you, your family, and friends an enjoyable summer.

In the Bonds,



Mason Morjikian
Chairman of the Board
Lambda-Kenyon '88



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HQ REPORT

Greetings Fellow Dekes,

One of the key factors in DKE's progress over the past few years is the increasing professionalism of our staff. We've had great luck in recruiting and retaining a core group of talented young professionals who are dedicated to the cause of fraternity life in general and to DKE in particular. This has made all the difference in helping DKE make substantial progress toward our goals.

Describing their roles may help our readers get an insight into DKE HQ. Our business units consist of Chapter Services/Health and Safety; Administration, and Alumni Services/Marketing, and we have Director-level positions to lead those units.

Craig Dick is entering his seventh year on staff after graduating from Phi Alpha-University of British Columbia in 2016. He's our Director of Alumni Services and Marketing. Craig also does work in development for the Deke Foundation. In the Alumni Services role, his responsibilities include recruiting alumni advisors, providing resources to advisors and alumni associations, and planning local Deke events. Craig also handles our social media and merchandising efforts. He is based in Ottawa, Ontario, and is a dual citizen, having been born in Connecticut to Canadian parents.

Trey Robb is about to enter his fifth year as a Deke employee. Trey's responsibilities cover oversight of chapters and the services we offer to chapters, the development of curriculum and training resources for our health and safety initiatives, and chapter conduct. He also provides thematic content recommendations for events such as this summer's convention. Trey has a Masters in higher education. Prior to coming on board with DKE, he worked as a student life administrator at Texas Tech and the University of Tennessee. Through this experience, he brings a new perspective to our staff, and has helped us transform the way we handle conduct matters and how we deliver chapter services. Trey is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Turner Spears oversees the Administrative and Housing business unit. He has put systems in place to make our operation more efficient and easier to do business with. Any chapter officer or alumnus with a question about billing, event registrations, etc., will likely end up talking to Turner. And as DKE gets more involved in the acquisition and management of chapter housing, he's very involved with



Doug Lanpher,
Executive Director

negotiating with landlords, obtaining leases, getting the members moved in and out, etc. He's a Deke from our Lambda Tau chapter at UT-Knoxville, and lives in Virginia Beach VA, with his wife and two daughters.

These three, with 16 years of experience among them, have provided consistency and professionalism to our staff. They frequently attend industry trade shows, where they meet with other fraternity staffers in their positions, as well as with companies that provide services to the fraternity industry. In this way they keep up on trends and best practices impacting Greek Life.

We also have Dustin Stewart on staff, entering his second year with DKE. In his role as Associate Director for Chapter Resources, he coordinates the educational

programming we offer to our chapters. Our two Chapter Consultants are Tim Treffery and Taft Peck, both of whom started this summer after graduating from their universities; Tim from Zeta Theta-Washington State and Taft from Delta-South Carolina. Both have begun meeting their assigned chapters. They are supervised by Morgan McElroy, Phi Epsilon '21, who served in that role last year in addition to taking on several other miscellaneous projects.

Deke employees work long hours including nights and weekends. All must be able to handle themselves professionally as representatives of DKE. We instill a strong culture of customer service at DKE, meaning a zeal for solving problems and providing answers quickly, correctly and pleasantly. They must all be dedicated to the betterment of DKE and to the young men who comprise our chapters.

Any business manager knows that his success rests largely on the quality of the staff he's able to build, and I'm proud of the team we've assembled at DKE. Please reach out to any of us with any questions or suggestions, and put our customer-service pledge to the test!

All of us are looking forward to another great school year in 2022-23!

In the Bonds,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Lanpher". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Doug Lanpher, Gamma '77
Executive Director, Delta Kappa Epsilon

DEKE NEWS



Giving thumbs up to the new Randy Morrison memorial scholarship are Fred Streb, Rho Lambda '72, and Roy Overbeck, right. In back row, from left: Neilson Brown, Beta '67, Turner Spears, Lambda Tau '16, and Jim Gray, Beta '70.

Oklahoma Dekes Establish Morrison Scholarship

Rho Lambda Literary Association, the alumni group for Oklahoma University Dekes, established a new scholarship in June in memory of Randy S. Morrison, Rho Lambda '67. The association kicked off the award by presenting a plaque to Roy Overbeck in Durham, N.C. just ahead of DKE's 178th Convention in Charlotte.

Brother Morrison gave his life while fighting for the U.S. Navy in Vietnam in 1970 so that others could live. Overbeck was Morrison's platoon commander and one of the wounded Marines who Morrison aided on the battlefield in Quang Nam province. Overbeck was on hand to comfort Morrison as he died a few days after rescuing Overbeck.

Morrison entered OU in 1962 and was active on cam-

pus. He joined Delta Kappa Epsilon, managed the student-run radio station, and participated in the arts. After earning his B.S. in Drama and Fine Arts in 1967, Morrison joined the Navy. He was trained

as a hospital corpsman and served as part of the Marine's 1st Division.

The need-based scholarship in his name will present up to \$1,250 each academic year to full-time OU students enrolled in the Helmerich School of Drama at Oklahoma University. The program is expected to be fully funded in time for the anticipated 2025 return of DKE Rho Lambda chapter to the OU campus.

Wesleyan Settles Suit with Gamma Phi House Corp

The Kent Literary Club, the alumni association and house corporation for DKE's Gamma Phi chapter, withdrew its lawsuit against Wesleyan University after seven years. KLC president Gary Breitbord, Gamma Phi '79, said that in late March KLC agreed to "a significant financial settlement" in ex-

change for ending the suit.

The association sued Wesleyan in 2015 after it required all on-campus residential fraternities to convert to co-ed, arguing that Wesleyan breached its housing contract with DKE and engaged in deceptive practices while

ignoring KLC's offer to convert the DKE chapter house at 276 High Street house into a co-ed residence without forcing the fraternity to drop its single-sex status.

In early 2021, the Connecticut Supreme Court upheld a 2017 jury verdict of a lower

Cornell Dekes Reunite in Detroit

A cluster of Cornell Dekes who've reunited regularly over the years got together again this summer for a road trip to Detroit. "It was a fantastic 'Mecca' with a total of 11 Delta Chi Deke alums from class years '56 through '97 represented—more than 40 years of brotherhood assembled for stories and song, a fabulous old-throats rendition of Son of a D-K-E, all fine reflections of a common, lifelong bond among Dekes," says DKE Board Member John Yerger, Delta Chi '82.



Red-shirted at center is host George Nicholson '56, who welcomed his Delta Chi chapter brothers to his home; behind him, left to right, are Blair Jenness '97, Carl Oronsky '92, Mike Clifford '91, John Yerger '82, and Mike Furman '79



The DX Dekes found their way to the home of brother George Nicholson III, '56, and Nancy, his wife of 62 years. George, who

was chapter president, is also the son of a Deke.

In his back yard, host George regaled his visitors with stories about how he survived terrible driving of his DX brothers, skydiving, and consuming whale steaks at the DKE house in the 1950s—before telling about his happy years that followed, with his children, and eternal hope for Detroit sports teams. "Of course," Brother Yerger says, "we had to help those latter hopes along with a trip to a Tigers game, where we drank beers from baseball bat steins."

Tau Alpha Deke Digs into Chapter History

With his undergraduate degrees now tucked away, Mathieu Lavault might turn into a politician or a sociologist, but for now, observers might consider the recent McGill University graduate an anthropologist.

He spent the better part of the past 18 months digging into the lives of DKE men, unearthing nuggets of history of the Tau Alpha chapter.



Mathieu Lavault

When Mathieu was named chapter historian last year, he dove into the role fast, partly as preparation for hosting the chapter's first alumni reunion in decades – a wildly successful event held last October in Montreal. While locating 'lost' alumni from the 1960s, 70s and 80s, Mathieu also began recovering facts about Tau Alpha's history – and the work lifted his love for DKE to new heights.

"As pledges, we're all tasked with memorizing facts about our mother chapter at Yale and our 1844 founding," says Brother Lavault. "And while it's vital to know our fraternity's beginnings, I wanted to know more about our chapter's

story—which dates back over 120 years to 1900."

It occurred to Mathieu that his desire was likely common to many Dekes, that they would benefit from knowing their local chapters better—and that chapter historians could

provide the missing facts. He says chapter historians can help unveil how a chapter is unique and distinct, even from other Deke chapters. Along the way, he says the knowledge can strengthen

the desire to be a member and build a sense of ownership and belonging to a special group as well as an admiration of brothers who came before.

Grant Burnyeat, Phi Alpha '68. Grant, former member of the DKE Board and current DKE Archivist, has long encouraged every DKE chapter to elect a chapter historian. Now Mathieu now joins him in recommending it.

"When talking with Tau Alpha alumni from many class years, I sensed some of the character that drove the chapter in earlier days. I found I was part of a great chapter that years before was very much like our Dekes of today. And its members exhibited many of the same values and the same traditions."



court trial that favored DKE but overturned the damages when remanding the case to the state Superior court. That jury had found that Wesleyan University's administration broke promises to DKE, was unfair and deceptive, and interfered with DKE as a private business entity. In December 2021, the University reached out to KLC to invite settlement discussions.

Settling the lawsuit does not resolve the issue of DKE's lack of recognition from Wesleyan. Gamma Phi has operated as a non-residential fraternity since 2015. The chapter will have to restart its process to seek return to campus when our suspension ends this December.

DePauw Dekes Dine on Founders Day

On June 22, DKE Executive Director Doug Lanpher was thrilled to attend a dinner

where 11 Psi Phi Dekes plus their spouses gathered on the DePauw campus in Greencastle, Ind. The Dekes attending were DePauw alums from class years '64 thru '67 plus Eric Freeman, class of '84.

The group dined at the Fluttering Duck, named for a coffee shop that once sat where the Inn at DePauw now does. The visit conjured memories of an unconfirmed, possibly fictitious story that the brothers once held a faculty counselor out the 3rd floor window there, threatening to drop him the next time if gave us a bad report.

"We sojourned to Moore's Bar," says John Casey, "a favorite watering hole back in the 60s. There, they reminisced about Boulder runs, a DePauw tradition of jaunts around a massive granite boulder placed on campus in 1892. "The frat guys would run around the Boulder by East College sans clothes. Our chapter house was about a half mile from campus – a long way for us to run, if we were to avoid the campus police!" No Boulder run this

year, but Brother Casey made no promises about the next gathering of Psi Phi Dekes.

The brothers also reminisced about bridge games that started after dinner but sometimes play continuing until Helen, our cook, came in to make breakfast.

Besides the chance to share stories of life in the Deke House in the mid-1960s, the weekend provided time for a remembrance of 13 Psi Phi members who have passed on, as well as a golf outing on June 23.



Psi Phi Dekes from l to r: Harry Dandelles, Steve Jerrett, Eric Freeman, George Belhobek, John Casey, Mike Demaray, Bob Thoms, Rey Meadowcroft and Dave Jerrett. All, except Freeman are class of '64 thru '67, except Freeman, who was class of '84. Attendees not pictured: Dennis Krutz and Ken Riggs.

Chapter Consultant Crew Grows for 2022-23

DKE has recruited two new Chapter Consultants, growing the team to three full time traveling consultants for the upcoming academic year reports Dustin Stewart, Assistant Director of Chapter Services.

“This expansion allows us the opportunity to engage more closely with chapters and continue a number

of internal developments,” says Stewart, who also notes the team will be led by Morgan McElroy, Phi Epsilon ‘21. Brother McElroy succeeds Stewart as Assistant Director of Chapter Services after completing a year as Chapter Consultant.



Taft Peck



Tim Treffery

The new consultants are Tim Treffery, Zeta Theta ‘22 and Taft Peck, Delta ‘22. Brother Treffery, a founding father when Zeta Theta chapter was revived at Washington State, served two terms as VP of Health and Safety. He was also active in the Greek Community, serving on the Standards Board, the Greek Week Committee, and as IFC Recruiting Counselor. For the DKE chapter at South Carolina, Brother Peck served as President, Judicial Board Representative, Scholarship Chair, and VP of Health and Safety.

DKE Welcomes New Board Member



In June, DKE welcomed Mike DeLisi, Rho-Lafayette ‘03, to

its Board of Directors and thanked Dan Johnson, Sigma Alpha ‘77 for seven-plus years of great service. Brother DeLisi has been active in the Rho chapter house association since his graduation, including leadership of a capital campaign that completed a \$4 million renovation of the DKE house at Lafayette just ahead of the chapter’s 160th anniversary. Look for a profile on Mike in an upcoming Quarterly.



DKE Words to Live By

“I do not believe human beings have played games or sports from the beginning merely to summon or to please or to appease the gods ... I believe we have played games, and watched games, to imitate the gods, to become godlike in our worship of each other and, through those moments of transmutation, to know for an instant what the gods know.”

–A. Bartlett Giamatti, Phi-Yale ‘60, President of Yale University and Commissioner of Major League Baseball, in his 1989 book, *Take Time for Paradise: Americans and their Games.*

Tardy but Terrific: Psi Delta Toasts 50th

The Psi Delta Chapter at Wake Forest University was chartered in March of 1970. After several COVID related delays, 29 brothers and their spouses/guests gathered in Winston-Salem over the April 29-30 weekend to celebrate the 50th (and 52nd) anniversary of the chapter formation. The brothers in attendance represented classes through 1975.



Psi Delta brothers, front row, l to r: Don George, Tommy Smith, Mike Joseph, Jerry Francis, Roy Archbell, Chett Bason, Charlie Brewer, Scott Orman. Second row, l to r: David Toth, Hugh Sandlin, Stan Koontz, Steve Little, Jake Pence, Ron Verner, Marc Reinecke, Bob Poole, David Brantley; Third row, l to r: John Sandlin, Bill Senter, David Danser, Mike Jordan, Ben Allen; Back row, l to r: George Townsend, Steve Smith, Gary Andaas, Ron Crowder, Lee Boyd, Jim Lester, Clint Eisenhauer.



Gathered Dekes, l to r, all Gamma except for Denny Krutz, Psi Phi '65, Jeff Hamilton '78, Mike Berryman '79, Doug Lanpher '77, John Reid '79, Dick Lamping '79, Cyclone Roberts '77, Doug Polizzi '89.

Gamma Gathers to Send Brother Off to Retirement

Just days after his last flight as a pilot for Delta Airlines, Retired Captain John Reid, Gamma '79, of Atlanta threw a retirement party that drew Dekes from far and wide. It was a party reminiscent of the band parties that were a staple of the Gamma Deke House in the 70's, although unfortu-

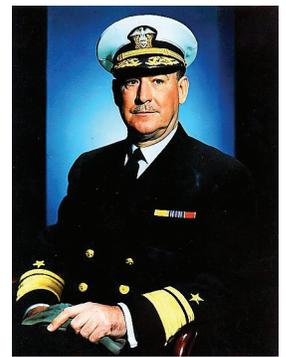
nately, the band did not know how to play Sympathy for The Devil. As a retirement gift, his Deke brothers presented him with a beautifully framed Deke Timeline, (see Deke Quarterly Summer 2019). The party continued the following day where the group gathered at Brother Reid's home to lick the wounds from the night before and sample the spirits John collected at his party.

New DKE Member Portal Rolls Out

Partnering with MemberPlanet, DKE International this summer launched a new online portal and DKE directory that will improve online access and communications for all Dekes, undergrads and alums. Activation for alumni is anticipated to begin in late September or October, after rollout for active undergraduates wraps up. Alums, be on the lookout for contacts from HQ.

On the portal, members can update their contact info, lookup other members, and check a calendar of events hosted by their chapter and by DKE International. Every chapter, alumni association, and Deke Club will also get an MemberPlanet account.

"The platform will assist Chapter, Alumni Association, and Deke Club leaders run their organizations," says Craig Dick, DKE Director of Alumni Services. "It features email and text communication tools, event sites, and payment processors for dues, donations and philanthropic programs." The MemberPlanet portal should be particularly appealing to chapter treasurers as it will assist in billing and processing of dues from a robust, professional platform without the expense or fees typically associated with a high-end service.



Deke Trivia. Did you know...?

...that the first directors of intelligence agencies in both the U.S. and Canada were Dekes. The U.S. Navy's Rear Admiral Sidney Souers (Kappa-Miami) became the first director of the CIA in January 1946, appointed by President Harry Truman. Souers had authored a portion of the Eberstadt Report which advocated for a unified intelligence system.

Mark McClung (Delta Phi-Alberta) became the first head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) when Parliament formed it in July 1984. The son of women's rights activist Nellie McClung, Mark had led an analyst group in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and served on the 1970 Royal Commission on the Status of Women. In 1954, RCMP Commissioner Leonard H. Nicholson requested, and McClung delivered, a report proposing a civilian agency to control Canada's security intelligence operations. The Mounties failed to support the original proposal, but CSIS still came to be 30 years later.



Chapters Hit High Marks in Collections, Recruiting

DKE chapter treasurers and recruitment

officers have earned a big round of clicks for success in the past academic year, says Turner Spears, Director of Administrative Services.

"The treasurers did an awesome job with dues/fees collection this past year, concluding with a collections rate of 98 percent—DKE's best year ever," Spears notes.

The DKE membership roll ended the academic year with more than 2,700 undergraduate members, before chapters wished farewell to their 2022 graduates—the fraternity's best in many decades.

178TH DEKE CONVENTION IN CHARLOTTE ATTRACTS IMPRESSIVE TURNOUT OF DELEGATES AND ALUMNI

DKE BROTHERS FROM 52 CHAPTERS GAVE THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE A JOLT OF ENTHUSIASM



Delta Kappa Epsilon's sizzling winning streak continues. It started late in 2021 with the addition of nine new chapters, followed in January by a highly successful Officer's Academy in Washington, D.C. And now Dekes across North America are basking in the glow of the triumphant 178th Deke Convention, which took place in June in Charlotte, N.C.

Fifty-two chapters, including seven from Canada, brought 108 DKE undergraduates and 50 alumni brothers to the three-day conference which ran from June 9-11 at the beautiful Marriott City Center. DKE's Delta chapter from South Carolina University sent 11 delegates all by itself.

Many extravagant Deke conventions have taken place over the years, including the famed "Party in Paradise," which is what brothers called the 1920 convention hosted in Havana by Mario Garcia Menocal, Delta Chi-Cornell 1888, the president of Cuba.

Menocal invited 50 undergraduates to a reception at the presidential palace and presented each one with a beautifully inlaid wooden box containing twenty-five of "the best cigars made in Cuba."

Nobody handed out free cigars at the convention in Charlotte, but at an informal moment the brothers did swap t-shirts that various chapters had used during recruitment season. "It turned out to be great fun and the guys went away with good stories and

a neat souvenir," said DKE Executive Director Doug Lanpher.

Better than that, the DKE undergrads went home armed with knowledge about everything from house management to tips on improving recruitment, solving problems and an update on fraternity ritual.

"It was a great convention," Lanpher said. "Probably the best of the eight I've attended." Longtime DKE Board Member Stan McMillan, Gamma '89, agreed that the Charlotte conclave was the best he's witnessed, and he's been a regular at dozens of conventions.

"I think what made it so special was the enthusiasm of the delegates," Lanpher said. "Because of the pandemic, this is the first time we've gathered in person since the Pittsburgh convention in 2018. Everybody was in a great mood, the sessions were interesting and well organized, and the delegates and alumni left with a genuinely positive feeling about the future of DKE."

After everyone checked in on Thursday, Dave Phillips, Beta '65, the former U.S. Ambassador to Estonia, gave a spellbinding talk. Appointed ambassador by Brother George Bush, Phillips told fascinating tales about life in the embassy.

The next morning at 8 o'clock sharp, Lanpher opened the meetings by presenting an inspiring history of the fraternity. After his rousing address, Lanpher was joined by DKE Board Member and treasurer Dave Helverson, Delta Pi '81, who



Above, The Deke Board (l to r; Mason Morjikian, Dave Helverson, Dan Johnson, Terry Stewart, Neilson Broxen, Mike DeLisi, John McNeil, Stanford McMillan) answer delegates questions. Notably, Dave Helverson easily recites the names of all 15 founders. Left, Dave Phillips, Beta '65, the former U.S. Ambassador to Estonia, his wife Kay with Jim Gray, Beta '70. Right, Beta Tau-University of Victoria delegates Noah Horw '25, Tom Howard '23, and Evan Guildford '23 at the welcome reception

represented Edward Bartlett Griffin, one of fraternity's fifteen founders. In a riveting monologue, Helverson, as Griffin, spoke about what it was like when the founders gathered on June 22, 1844 in Room 12 of Yale's Old South Hall.

It proved to be a busy convention for Helverson who also presented a session on personal finance. Later, when the DKE Board met with the undergraduates, offering to answer all questions, one young brother spoke up and asked if any of the board members could name all fifteen of DKE's founders. Without hesitation, Helverson stood up and quickly rattled off the names of each founder. It was an impressive moment, to be sure.

It's always gratifying at Deke Conventions to see how the delegates connect with board members and other alumni. Age doesn't seem to matter, and many of the older DKE brothers say they go away from the conventions feeling much younger.

"I'm optimistic after the gatherings because the delegates are always impressive," said Board Member McMillan. "You see all that talent and enthusiasm, and it makes you think that the

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future of the fraternity is in very capable hands."

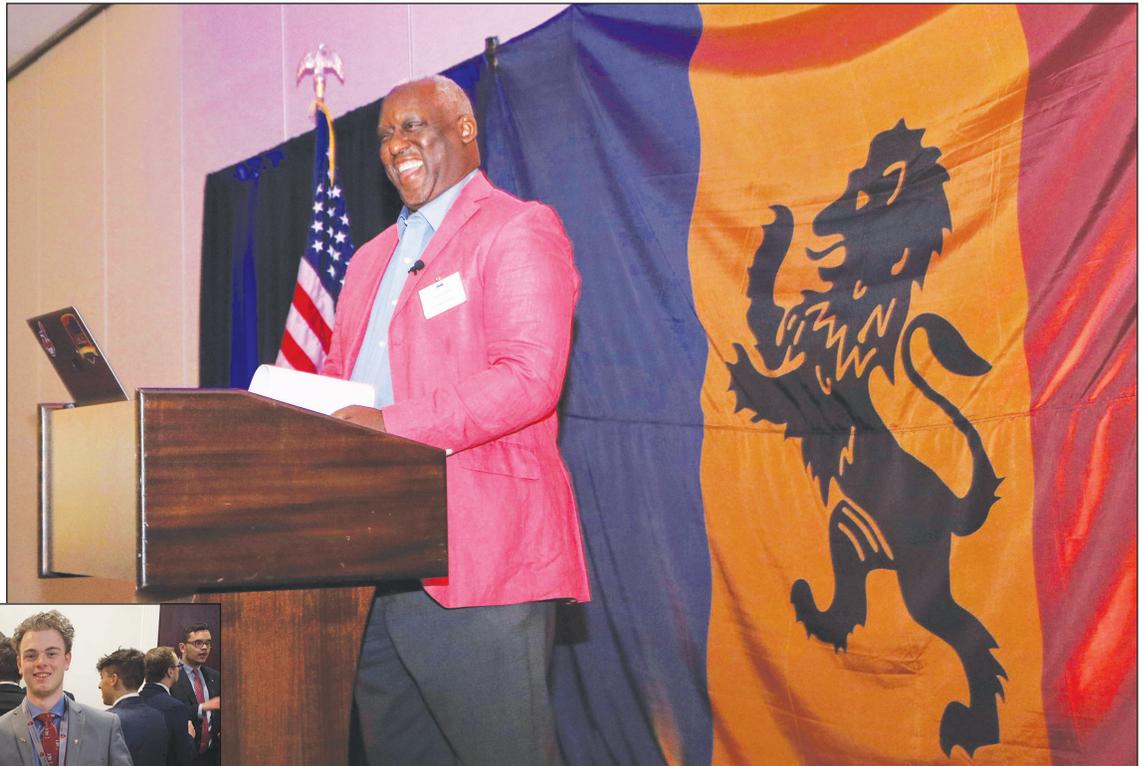
Craig Dick, Phi Alpha '16, DKE's Director of Alumni Services and Marketing, said he thought the enthusiasm of the delegates was a continuation of the good feeling at the Officer's Academy. "The quality of the convention speakers was especially good this year, and people responded positively to what they heard."

Lanpher said attendance at the convention was outstanding. "We had the most delegates since at least the convention in 2006, and probably a long time before that," he said. "Alumni engagement was positive, the curriculum was exceptional, and everyone seemed to have a good time. In all key metrics we believe we improved over our last convention in 2018. Having said that, there's always room for more improvement and in our staff post

mortem we identified several areas we'd like to work on for next time. For example, attendance was good, but we'd like to aim for at least 125 delegates at our next convention."

Turner Spears, Lambda Tau '16, the fraternity's Director of Administrative Services, said the graduates at the convention

Right, James Blue, Zeta '91, provides the keynote address to the assembled brothers at the closing banquet. His message of saying "YES" to opportunities that come your way hit home among the delegates. James heads television's Smithsonian Channel.



Above, Delegates display their prizes after the t-shirt swap. Delegates came with shirts from their own chapter and traded. Right, Yates Palmer, Beta '60 and his wife Diana at the opening reception.



seemed impressed by what they saw and heard. "This is the highest number of alumni brothers we've had in years at a convention, and they seemed really engaged," he said. A full-day session focusing on various ways alumni can help chapters was enthusiastically received by DKE alumni. "It's always good to get tips on the best ways to advise a chapter," Spears said. Jim Gray, Beta '70, who has headed successful fundraising drives for DKE, and Helverson spoke at length during the sessions for alumni.

Several alumni Dekes, led by Honorary President Grant Burnyeat, Phi Alpha '68, sent funds for scholarships to cover the expenses for undergraduate delegates. Burnyeat himself sponsored eight undergraduates.

Delegates who packed the sessions and paid strict attention later went off with their new Deke friends and exchanged ideas and good times. "That always seems to be one of the positive benefits of these gatherings," Lanpher said. "The expert speakers share ideas and provide information at the sessions, but the delegates also learn a lot from each other. They hang out together and I'm thinking that many friendships that started here will last. We hear stories about how, later on, brothers will travel to different chapters to share their DKE experiences."

Friday's group sessions included presentations by Melanie Feldman, an expert on how to land a job. The title of her interesting talk was "You're Going Places." Allan Lutes, who's led 400+ design and construction projects for fraternity and sorority clients, spoke about "House and Lodge Management." The talk proved interesting, especially to delegates from chapters that occupy new or renovated housing.

Next came Helverson's "Basics of Personal Finance," followed again by Lutes who discussed "Budgeting and Finance 101."

The convention featured a mix of speakers – some who are experts in a particular field and some DKE alumni brothers who've achieved outstanding success in their careers. "Many of the topics focused, naturally, on activities in the chapter, but there were also great presentations on preparing for life after graduation," Lanpher said.

Smaller group sessions focused on topics such as chapter finance, alumni relations, fundraising and informal meetings that



Above left, not just there for fun, studious delegates took part in many educational sessions. Above right, Jackson Highsmith, Beta '23, President of convention host chapter, welcomes delegates to the convention. Below left, Deke artifacts on display.

answered questions such as “Where do my dues go?” Everything is above board at DKE Conventions.

On Saturday, Zef Vataj, a young DKE alum from Harvard, who has already bought and sold three companies, gave an interesting talk on entrepreneurship.

Members of the DKE headquarters staff, who hustled like crazy throughout the three-day conference, helped lead discussions on recruitment and DKE services.

One of the most interesting meetings took place Saturday afternoon when the headquarters staff presented the new, standardized initiation rituals, complete with all the accoutrements, such as robes, candles and crossed bones. Many good questions and comments came out of that session, which, of course, was held behind closed and guarded doors.

Many of the topics addressed during the convention had been studied at length by headquarters staff and invited DKE guests. As in days long past, when much of the fraternity’s business was discussed and debated at conventions, modern conventions, such as the one in Charlotte, offer sessions led by experts that are designed to provide information and advice for delegates. But this is an opportunity for DKE brothers to bring up any subject or ask any question.

The convention wrapped up in memorable style on Saturday evening with a formal cocktail reception followed by a sumptuous dinner. James F. Blue III, Zeta Princeton '91, who

heads the Smithsonian cable channel, was the featured speaker at the banquet and he gave a great talk.

“We’ve been blessed over the years to have some excellent speakers at our dinners and James certainly lived up to that standard,” Lanpher said.

A highlight at every closing banquet at conventions is the awarding of the fraternity’s top honors, which are detailed elsewhere in this issue. “The Lion Trophy judges really had their work cut out for them this year,” Lanpher said, “because so many outstanding chapters had submitted excellent applications.”

In an extremely close vote, Phi Gamma-Syracuse, which took first place in the scholarship and leadership sub-categories, edged out Rho-Lafayette for the top prize. It was a joyful night for the Syracuse Dekes and their longtime alumni adviser Carmen Davoli, Phi Gamma '62.

The evening ended on a high note, as the closing of DKE Conventions always do, with a rousing Lion March, led by DKE Board member Ray Graves, Alpha Chi '67.

“For me, the end of the convention always offers a pause for reflection,” Lanpher said. “Because of the pandemic, our chapters and young brothers have endured very challenging times. Yet, the number of new brothers is up significantly, our alumni are more engaged than ever, and the enthusiasm for DKE seems to be at a record high. I guess you could say that the Lion certainly roared in Charlotte this summer.”

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT: AWARDS CEREMONY

BY DOUG LANPHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One of the highlights of the Convention banquet was honoring this year's award winners. We were privileged to have most of the winners in attendance.

HENDERSON AWARD



John Lapeyrouse, Psi '79 accepts the Henderson Award from his pledge brother and previous winner John McNeil, center, and Doug Lanpher, right. Co-winner Sam Adams, also Psi '79, could not attend. Lapeyrouse and Adams have greatly helped our young Auburn chapter.

First up was the William M. Henderson Award for Alumni Service to a Chapter. The Henderson award is given out each year to the alumnus who contributes the most to a chapter of DKE, not necessarily his own. There are many such alumni in DKE, and they are often the unsung heroes, helping new chapters get established, or helping existing chapters navigate through the complexities of modern fraternity life.

Without compensation, these alums act out of dedication to DKE and a desire to help today's generation enjoy the same great Deke experience that they did. It's no secret that chapters with strong alumni advisors tend to be more

successful over the long run than those without. The Henderson Award is one way to recognize one of many deserving alumni who fill this critical role. The award is named after Bill Henderson, Zeta Zeta '39, who served Deke as Executive Director and Editor of the Quarterly from 1946-1975.

For 2022, John Lapeyrouse and Sam Adams were selected as co-winners. John and Sam are pledge brothers from Psi-Alabama 1979. For many years John and Sam have supported DKE, but recently, they were instrumental in establishing the Delta Alpha chapter at Auburn University, including initiating over 60 new Dekes in the process.

B L A I S D E L L A W A R D

The Charles O. Blaisdell DKE Leadership Award & Scholarship sponsored by the Deke Club of NYC is named after Brother Charles O. Blaisdell, Pi-Dartmouth '37. It is awarded each year to the undergraduate who is judged the most highly accomplished Deke in that academic year on the basis of contribution to his chapter, contribution to his college or university, his standing in extracurricular activities and organizations on or off-campus, and his scholastic achievement.

The Blaisdell Leadership Award is the highest honor bestowed by DKE upon an individual undergraduate member. This year Sami Muslmani of Omega Omega-Arizona is the recipient of the Blaisdell Award. Sami was the leading figure in the re-establishment of Omega Omega Chapter.

He served as Brother Beta, and as VP of Programming for the University of Arizona Interfraternity Council and has won the IFC Greek Man of the Year; and twice served as IFC chapter president! As Brother Beta, not only did Sami help found his chapter and keep it running throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, he also found a house for the chapter to rent and to call home. He established various initiatives including academic scholarships, which led to the chapter achieving one of the highest Greek life GPAs at



Board Chairman Mason Morjikian, Lambda '88, presents the Blaisdell Leadership Award to Sami Muslmani, Omega Omega-Arizona '23.

the University of Arizona.

Sami has also been deeply involved in his campus community, taking on leading positions in several honorary societies, as well as the Honors College PATH Mentorship Program. He has also volunteered with the Tucson Medical Center and Northminster Presbyterian Church Food Distribution Center.

Academically, Sami aims to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. in toxicology after graduating with degrees in biochemistry and neuroscience and a minor in Spanish. He hopes to continue his academic passions focused

on clinical health for which he already has an impressive resume, having worked at Dr. Marvin Slepian's Cardiology Lab, and done internships with the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, Translational Genomic Research Institute Helios Scholars Program, and a Gastroenterology internship program. Sami has also won the Galileo Circle Scholarship for his work as an undergraduate researcher and is published in the National Library of Medicine for his contributions to research on comparisons of device hemocompatibility, for which he has also spoken widely on the subject. Other finalists for the Blaisdell award included Grayson Armour Sigma Rho-Stanford and Hank Scheffler Rho-Lafayette

D E L T A A W A R D



Andrew Kotler '22, Reily Scott '25, and Aymeric Mauvais '25 accept the Delta Award on behalf of Lambda-Kenyon for most improved chapter.

The Delta Award is awarded each year to the most improved chapter. The competition this year was incredibly strong, much more so than in any other recent year. The level of competition for this award is an excellent barometer of the state of the fraternity. When chapters are busting out and improving their performance, it means DKE is getting stronger. It means that our undergrad officers are doing the right things; it means our members are enthusiastic and dedicated to the betterment of our chapters. Although Iota-Centre, Phi Sigma-Bryant and Phi Mu-Manhattan each made excellent strides, the winner this year was Lambda-Kenyon.

The Lambda chapter was on the verge of extinction, but had a commitment from a small group of brothers who recruited seven new members just as a suspension was handed down by the college. With the support of alumni and the core group, those seven men were finally initiated. Kenyon Dekes Andrew Kotler '22, Reily Scott '25, and Aymeric Mauvais '25 were on hand to accept the award for their chapter.

N A P O L I T A N O A W A R D

Each year we honor one young man who has served as a Deke chapter president with the Napolitano Award. It recognizes the most outstanding chapter president for the previous year.

This award is named after Nick Napolitano, Psi Delta '12, who was an outstanding young man and chapter leader, who died tragically but heroically at the age of 23. He lost his life while saving the life of his fraternity brother. I believe most of you are familiar with Nick's courageous story, as it has become part of DKE's ritual. Nick was president of his pledge class and became chapter president as well, at a time when Psi Delta had been having some pretty substantial difficulties. He was an excellent scholar and athlete, and certainly a jolly good fellow, but when it came time to focus on his responsibilities as chapter president, he was all business.

Nick honored DKE through his membership, and we honor him by keeping his memory alive through recognizing one chapter president with this important



Andrew Kotler, Lambda-Kenyon '22, receives the Nick Napolitano Award for chapter presidential excellence from Val Napolitano.

award that bears not only Nick's name, but also his dedication to the betterment of our brotherhood. Nick's Dad, Val Napolitano, an honorary Deke, was on hand to help deliver the award to Andrew Kotler, Lambda-Kenyon.

Andrew served as Brother Beta for two and a half years and led the chapter during a four-year suspension. After his duties as Brother Beta, he returned as brother Pi for his final semester to ensure that the initiation class of 18 members was properly inducted. The new class spoke highly of Andrew's dedication.

Many stated that they wouldn't be a part of DKE if not for Andrew's consistent recruitment efforts and they named him as the primary reason they joined the brotherhood.

Other finalists for the Napolitano Award were Jack Balough, Delta-South Carolina, Josh Kraus, Tau Gamma-Texas Tech, Sami Muslmani, Omega Omega-Arizona, Nicholas Tufano, Rho-Lafayette and Max Van De Kamp, Kappa Epsilon-Washington.



Above: Carmen Davoli, Phi Gamma '62 and Christian Ojuro '23, celebrate after taking home the Lion Trophy for Phi Gamma Syracuse.



Left: DKE's Lion Trophy on display. The Lion Trophy, created by Tiffany & Co., dates back to 1894 and is awarded to the chapter judged to be DKE's best overall chapter each year.

L I O N T R O P H Y

The Lion Trophy was presented at this year's banquet. It is the highest honor that can be achieved by a DKE Chapter/ Associate Chapter and is awarded annually to the chapter judged to be best in overall performance. The original Tiffany-designed silver cup was a gift of the Fraternity in 1894 to William Boyd Jacobs, the last surviving founder of DKE. It was returned to the Fraternity after his death in 1905 by Brother Jacobs' daughter and is now presented each year to the winning chapter.

A chapter must prove it operates at a superior level in the following key areas: Philanthropy, Service, Scholarship, and Leadership. This year the Lion Trophy was awarded to Phi Gamma-Syracuse.

Current Phi Gamma brother Christian Ojuro '23 was on hand to accept the award. Longtime Phi Gamma alumnus Carmen Davoli '62 was also at the banquet to join in the celebration.

Other chapters were recognized for their leadership in the four categories associated with the Trophy, including: For Leadership—Rho-Lafayette and Beta-North Carolina; For Philanthropy—Rho-Lafayette, Sigma Kappa-Michigan State, Phi Alpha-British Columbia and Iota-Centre; For Operations—Rho-Lafayette, Delta Alpha-Auburn, Beta Tau-Victoria and Iota-Centre; and for Scholarship—Rho-Lafayette and Psi-Alabama.

BRILLIANT HUMORIST
AND INVENTIVE COMIC

JONATHAN WINTERS

HE STARRED ON TV AND IN FILMS
FOR MORE THAN SIX DECADES

Hundreds of truly funny characters have passed through Deke houses across North America over the years. But none was as universally hilarious or as gifted as Jonathan Winters. A star on TV and in the movies throughout the second half of the 20th century, Winters pledged DKE at Kenyon College in 1946, following a three-year stint as a U.S. Marine who had served heroically in World War II.

Winters, who left high school early at 17 to join the American war effort in 1943, spent three harrowing years serving in the South Pacific as a gunner on the aircraft carrier *Bon Homme Richard*. Upon returning home, he completed his high school degree and then enrolled at Kenyon. His time as an active DKE brother lasted only two semesters, but Winters would, over the course of many years, often refer to his fraternity days.

“Mainly, I remember being quite a bit older than the other freshmen who had pledged DKE, and, after my time in the war, it didn’t feel quite right to be paddled by fuzzy-cheeked 19 year olds,” Winters joked during an appearance with Jack Paar on “The Tonight Show” in 1959.

During Winters’ year at Kenyon, DKE brothers remember him as a “wild man who would do anything for a laugh.” But the Dekes also recognized a serious set of skills that ranged from an ability to imitate everyone on campus from professors to the maintenance men, to inventing zany characters on the spot. Winters was also a gifted artist and cartoonist who, after his freshman year at Kenyon, transferred to the Dayton Art Institute.

There he met his future wife, Eileen Schauder, who once said, according to the Los Angeles Times, “The first time I heard him talk, my jaw just hung open. Did he really make up all those things all by himself?”

In 1949, Schauder, who would go on to spend the next 59 years as Mrs. Jonathan Winters, encouraged him to enter an amateur talent show in Dayton, which offered the winner a new watch. “I needed a watch, so I went on the show and did an impression of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as well as the voices of Gary



Cooper, Boris Karloff and a few others,” Winters wrote in his memoirs.

He not only won the contest, he was hired as the morning disc jockey at WING. “I couldn’t convince any guests of note to come on the show, so I made up a bunch of characters,” Winters wrote. His interview with an Englishman who had supposedly crash-landed his blimp in the middle of Dayton, attracted the attention of the producers of a local TV show in Columbus. Winters starred in the show for two years but left the station in 1953 and headed to New York City with just over \$56 in his wallet. Winters hoped to break into radio in Manhattan, but instead found instant success as a nightclub comedian.

It was onstage that Winters developed more characters, including B.B. Bindlestiff, a small-town tycoon; Piggy Bladder, a football coach for the State Teachers’ Animal Husbandry Institute for the Blind; and Maude Frickett, whom he played wearing a white wig and a Victorian granny dress. Winters later said Maude was inspired by an elderly aunt who let him drink wine and to play poker when he was nine.

Winters, who was born in Dayton in 1925, said he did not have a happy childhood. His alcoholic father (“a hip Willy Loman,” according to Winters) was an investment banker who would lose all his money in the Depression. His parents divorced when Winters was seven, and his mother took him to Springfield, Ohio, where she worked in a factory and would eventually become host of a women’s program on a local radio station.

As a child, Winters said he spent endless hours by himself in his





Maude Frickett was inspired by an elderly aunt who let him drink wine and to play poker when he was nine.



bedroom, where he would invent characters and do all the voices as they gathered at make-believe events and dinners. “I think you could accurately say my childhood was filled with insecurity, shyness, neuroses and paranoia,” he told Newsweek in 1991. He said he thought it

months. But, again, he courageously resumed his career, though he stopped touring. Instead, Winters became a hit on TV and in such films as “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World,” “The Russians Are Coming,” and many others.

Johnny Carson booked Winters for dozens of appearances on “The Tonight Show,” and he even based one of his own characters, Aunt Blabby, on Maude Frickett.

Fred DeCordova, Carson’s longtime producer, once said, “Johnny Winters works best out of instant panic. He thrives when he can ad-lib, field unexpected questions or pursue spontaneous flight of fancy. In other words, he makes a brilliant guest.”

In the 1980s, Winters played Robin Williams’ extraterrestrial baby son, Mearth, on the popular TV show “Mork & Mindy.” “I considered Jonathan my mentor and my idol,” Williams said. “He was a brilliant, brilliant man who could do anything.”

Just before he died at 87 in April of 2013, Winters said his life had turned out well and that he’d found happiness thanks to a loving and supportive wife and family. “They always appreciated my bizarre sense of humor,” he said.

later led to his own battles with depression.

Winters’ gift at imitation, performing voices and various noises, was recognized by Steve Allen and later by Paar, both of whom introduced him to national TV audiences. Winters’ career as a standup comedian kept him on the road for weeks at a time and led to his first mental breakdown in 1959. He was briefly hospitalized but recovered and resumed his grueling schedule.

Two years later, however, Winters suffered a second, more serious, breakdown, which kept him institutionalized for eight

ZETA UPSILON DEKE FOR CAREER SUCCESS

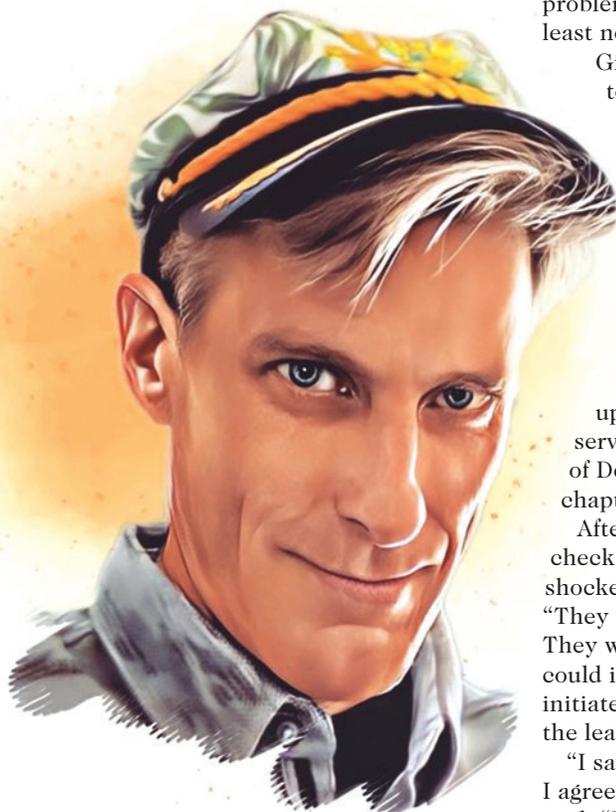
By all accounts, Jason Giles is a passionate Director and engineering manager at Apple, the multinational technology company in California that specializes in consumer electronics, software and online services.

While managing a team of feisty individuals who champion Bluetooth technology in Apple products, the 51-year-old Giles has been a part of more than two dozen patents.

So, how did he become a vital figure in the consumer electronics industry with one of the world's leading companies? Well, a big part of it goes back to his college days at U.C. Davis in the early 1990s. "I was always interested in computers, but I went to college with the idea of becoming a veterinarian," Brother Giles said.

Before arriving at Davis, Giles' love affair with computers had already begun, but the thought of it becoming his life's work had yet to take root. "I had an engineering dad who worked for Texas Instruments," he said. "He was a very hands-on guy and I was his helper. I learned at an early age how to fix just about anything. I got my first computer in 1981 – a Texas Instruments TI99/4A – and was super excited about it. But back then, for most people who used them, computers were more of a hobby."

It didn't take Giles long to decide at Davis that he did not want to become a veterinarian. "I discovered that I'm not passionate about biology. It was interesting, but I began realizing it wasn't my calling. So I was a bit lost. I took some computer classes as electives,



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but thought they felt bland. The problems were not interesting to me—at least not yet," he said.

Giles enjoyed college but had yet to begin charting a course for his future when he met one of his now lifelong friends, Gareth de Bruyn. de Bruyn had just helped found a new chapter of a fraternity on campus. "Before entering college, I told myself two things," Giles said. "First, I would never take a philosophy class, and second, I would never join a fraternity." He ended up with a minor in philosophy and served a successful term as president of Delta Kappa Epsilon's Zeta Upsilon chapter.

After his friend had convinced him to check out the Dekes, Giles said he was shocked to meet so many great people. "They weren't what I was expecting. They were just really great guys that I could identify with." He pledged, was initiated, and soon took an interest in the leadership of the chapter.

"I saw a need and wanted to help, so I agreed to become vice president," he said. "I remember telling myself that I had to make up my mind to believe in this thing, or not. Well, I became a believer and wound up president! In fact, I really enjoyed being president and I learned a lot about people." Mainly, he abided by the motto that "You're not here to serve me. I'm here to serve you."

"I think I was successful in the presidential role because people thought I was reasonable, and I'd say that the experience gave me confidence in my leadership abilities."

Giles helped grow Zeta Upsilon's membership to 28. That was a particularly difficult task, given that the

CREDITS DKE AT APPLE

BY KEVIN CUNEO, GAMMA '77

culture at UC Davis in those years was largely ambivalent and at times hostile towards fraternities. The growth of the chapter left Brother Giles with a feeling of accomplishment upon graduating in 1994. “Unfortunately, a few years after my departure, the chapter ran into a rough patch,” he said. It went inactive in 2004.

The lessons Giles learned in Delta Kappa Epsilon would serve him well in the years ahead. “We had success as Dekes because we believed in it,” he said. “I found that if you discover something that’s good, and you believe in it so much that it becomes a passion, the people around you will share in that passion.” It’s also how things worked out at Apple, which Giles joined 23 years ago as a software engineer.

“After college, I got a job at Applied Biosystems as a software tester, but wasn’t fully satisfied with that. So, I convinced the software manager to let me learn how to code. That’s what launched me into the thing that interests me most and solving problems that were interesting to me. A switch flipped on and I immediately understood that software development is where I should be.”

Upon joining Apple, Giles said he felt out of his depth at first. “I was surrounded by brilliant, passionate people, who opened my mind to new possibilities. Many of them were like me – not hard core computer scientists, but of varied backgrounds in music, math, or other disciplines who loved to solve unique problems. And of course, they loved Apple,” he said. “But I also understood that there was so much to learn from this diverse set of quirky folks.”

Bluetooth, then in its infancy, ignited a passion in Giles. “The idea of

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controlling something over the airwaves really appealed to me,” he said. “We (Apple) were the first to ship a wireless mouse and wireless keyboard in the box with the computer. That was the only way you could control the computer; it may seem commonplace today, but it was a challenging project and an exciting moment those years ago.” But Bluetooth, the wireless technology that allows the exchange of data between different devices, proved to be a gift that helped unlock Giles’ imagination. “I remember thinking, wow, we can do so many things with this technology. It’s become a journey, and every day has a new discovery.”

Today, with more tools at his fingertips and what he calls “a wonderful, passionate team,” Giles said it’s possible to make magic with Bluetooth. He and his team were integral in developing and launching AirPods, a product that in many ways had redefined our interactions with audio.

When originally approached at Apple to see if he had an interest in working on Bluetooth, Giles bit at the chance. “I

didn’t mean to create a career out of it, but Bluetooth helped me grow at Apple. It gave me a path to shift my energies from writing software to instead creating a team that would take the technology to new heights.”

Giles now heads a team of more than 50 persons, and his leadership and management style have led to some amazing advancements. He hopes his love of Bluetooth and his silly sense of humor infect his coworkers as well. “I like to think I’m a person that people like to hang out with, that they can be their true selves a little more,” he said. “I’m a little bit wacky and I’ve been known to have parties where people compete in races, swimming across a pool on inflatable alligators. I have been surprised at how much people are willing to do it. I guess they needed a place where they felt they could let their hair down some.”

To his DKE brothers, reading about Giles’ leadership at Apple, he doesn’t sound a whole lot different from the brainy, promising young collegian who led the Dekes at Zeta Upsilon. “I guess I’m pretty good at herding cats,” Giles said.

His wife Nina, an Alpha Phi sorority member he met at a fraternity function at Davis, is the mother of the couple’s three children. “We hit it off right away and we’re still going strong 25 years later,” Giles said.

He will be happier when the pandemic moves on for good and he and his team can return to their Apple work spaces on a full-time basis. “There’s an energy there that I miss when I’m not with everybody,” Giles said. “It’s great to be around the people who share your passion.”

Jason learned that at the Deke House long ago.

SIGMA RHO PRESIDENT GRAYSON SPENDS A MEMORABLE STINT AS

Delta State University has the Fighting Okra. Dartmouth has Keggy the Keg. And Williams College touts Ephelia the Purple Cow. But they all pale in originality and popularity to Stanford University's Tree.

It's the official mascot of Stanford's band and the unofficial mascot of the university, but Grayson Armour's stint as the Stanford Tree has drawn attention from coast to coast. Grayson, president of Delta Kappa Epsilon's Sigma Rho chapter at Stanford, has been interviewed many times on TV, talked at length to the New York Times, and has basked in the spotlight at Pac-12 tournaments and NCAA championships.

Not too shabby for a farmboy from Carlinville, Ill. The Tree, for those who are not familiar with the mascot, has been a fixture at Stanford for the past 43 years. Trees are an important icon in Palo Alto, Cal., where Stanford is located, and a sequoia is pictured on the city's municipal seal.

When Stanford adopted Cardinal, as in the color cardinal, for its team name in 1975, the university's band – a somewhat ragtag collection of free-spirited musicians – suggested several other new mascots, including the Steaming Manhole, the Tree, and the French Fry.

The Tree received so much positive attention that the band decided to make it a permanent fixture. In the beginning, high-ranking Stanford administrators were not pleased with the Tree, but the students loved it and it's now an important part of campus culture.

To be selected as the Tree requires surviving a long and rigorous process, but Armour, a Deke brother, was used to such trials. The 21-year-old Grayson, who will earn both an undergraduate and a masters degree in aerospace engineering by the end of 2023, said trying out to become the Tree was never in his plans.



ARMOUR THE STANFORD TREE

“My big brother at the Deke House mentioned one day that Tree Week was just around the corner, and he asked me if I had considered entering the competition,” Armour said. “I guess that was the seed that planted the idea in my mind. I reached out to Caroline Kushel, who was the reigning Tree at the time, to learn more.”

Once he discovered what the Tree was all about, Armour said he threw himself into the process. Those competing for the role are called sprouts, and they must showcase their personalities to win approval from the judges. “They encouraged us to reach out to past Trees to get an understanding of what the job entails,” Grayson said. “A sprout needs to have a lot of chutzpah as you perform stunts that are funny, creative and a bit exotic.”

One afternoon, Armour burst into a class on adolescent behavior that Kushel was taking, and he began lecturing the students on human biology. “Mainly, I recall telling the class that children are bad and they will ruin society,” he said.

Armour, who’s actually quite skilled on the guitar, bass and drums, had been a standout in the Stanford band, which pretty much accepts anyone who wants to show up and play along. A talented vocalist, he had also performed in Stanford’s Winter Show.

“When I was selected as the Tree, I had to get busy building my costume,” he said. “The year before, Caroline Kushel had designed a psychedelic tree, but I decided to go back to the classic green. In normal years, the previous Trees will help you build yours, but the pandemic hit and students were forced to go home. Fortunately, before we left, my tree mother (Kushel) taught me how to sew, and pretty soon, I was sewing everything.”

Back home in Carlinville, a town of about 6,000 located midway between St. Louis and Springfield, Ill., Armour said

he spent much of his summer working on his costume. “Next to all my chores on the farm – feeding the calves, pushing the cows into the barn to be milked, and a million other things – working on my costume became my second job. I think I spent about 150 hours on it. We have a tulip tree next to our house, and I shaped the leaves like tulip tree leaves – to kind of connect it in a way to our



“I got cursed out a few times by angry fans. That was puzzling to me, because who in the world gets upset enough to curse out a tree?”

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farm and Illinois. I’m not a super crafty person, so this was a big challenge for me.”

Because of the pandemic, Armour’s stint as Stanford’s Tree has lasted longer than any of the 42 that preceded him. “It’s been a blast meeting with people and appearing at special events, such as Steve Jobs’ daughter’s graduation party,” he said.

“The Stanford Tree is a celebrity that practically every student likes because it doesn’t follow many rules. Not all crowds at opposing stadiums or gymnasiums are crazy about the Tree, however, and I got cursed out a few times by angry fans. That was puzzling to me, because who in the world gets upset enough to curse out a tree?”

Armour has met a lot of famous people during his time as the Tree. “I got to shake hands with former Stanford football greats like Andrew Luck and Jim Plunkett,” Grayson said. “And I met several gold medal athletes from the Tokyo Games who let me hold their medals. I’ve also visited Las Vegas four times as the Tree.”

Armour’s performance as the Tree attracted some attention to the Deke House. “We only had six brothers when I started, but then we had a great rush and pledged 10 more guys,” he said. “I think that’s what I like most about being the Tree – it helps you connect with new people. Next to DKE at Stanford, this experience has led to a lot of positive relationships.”

The youngest of four siblings, Grayson assumed he would follow in their footsteps and attend college closer to home. “But then my mother and I took a trip to California and I visited Stanford,” he said. “I immediately felt a special connection and now I feel truly fortunate to be here.

“When you think of it, if I had ended up at another school, I never would have had a chance to become a tree.”

READER FEEDBACK

THE QUARTERLY EDITORS ARE ALWAYS PLEASED WHEN OUR READERS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS, STORIES AND COMMENTS INSPIRED BY THE CONTENT IN THE QUARTERLY.

HERE ARE TWO SUCH SUBMISSIONS FROM JULE MILLER, OMICRON-MICHIGAN 1957
AND TERRY MILLER, RHO LAMBDA-OKLAHOMA 1969

FOOTNOTES ON HISTORY OF THE FRISBEE

BY JULE MILLER, OMICRON '57

I enjoyed the Winter 2022 edition of the Quarterly, particularly the article on the sport of Ultimate Frisbee. I think it might be of interest to readers to learn about the birth of the sport from someone who was there at its very beginning.

The setting for that breakthrough innovation was the beach in front of a summer home in Milford, Connecticut. It was late afternoon on a beautiful day in the summer of 1954.

Three young men, all of whom had just finished their freshman year of college, two at Dartmouth and one at the University of Michigan, (where one had pledged DKE) were sitting on the beach sipping something. What exactly they sipped is lost in the mists of time, but it was probably either Rheingold or Hull's beer, the least expensive brands then locally available. Wayne, Ken, and Jule were waiting for their fourth friend from childhood, John, to arrive from his summer job as a driver for a bakery in the adjoining town of Stratford. He had just finished his freshman year at the University of Connecticut.

The bakery delivered their fresh made pies to grocery stores in the area. This was before big-box chain stores had driven small mom and pop groceries into the same obscure corner of history where blacksmiths and typewriter repair shops now reside. The bakery sold the left-over two-day old pies at greatly reduced prices from their store on South Main Street. Any that were then left either went into the trash or employees were allowed to take them home.

As was his custom, when John arrived at the beach, he brought several of the three-day old pies which his friends dispatched in short order and went back to sipping whatever it was they had



scrounged up to sip that day. None of them was close to the legal age to buy alcohol, but they had their sources.

The tide was out, leaving a large expanse of white sand beach exposed. It would have been a considerable walk to get to water deep enough to swim. So when their two main topics of conversation were exhausted – girls and where to get tomorrow's Rheingold or Hull's beer – one of them picked up an empty pie pan and flipped it at another. No one knows which of them made that serendipitous thrust, as they came to call it, and to whom it was aimed, but he grasped it from the air and thrust it back. Within the hour, the four had perfected the basics of flinging inverted pie tins and thus the sport was born.

All four went on to lead quite successful lives: a physician, a businessman, an engineer and a lawyer who became a superior court judge. The judge and the engineer survive and are now in their eighty-eighth year.

One of the myths about that all-important day in the history of sports, is that some Yalies were involved. A couple of them were living in a nearby house and a day or two later they came shambling down the beach, probably looking for free beer as Yalies are wont to do. Out of the goodness of their hearts the originators of the sport allowed them to join in

and taught them the rudiments of thrust and grasp, although it took considerable effort because the sons of Eli, as a group, are not very well coordinated. Their gifts are more in the public relations field that allowed them to spread fictitious stories about their involvement that up to now have hidden the true origin of the sport. I hope this letter will finally put those stories to rest.

That autumn of 1954, the four founders all went back to their respective schools and from those scattered seeds the sport has grown into what it is today.

Oh, and the name of the bakery on South Main Street in Stratford that was stamped into the bottom of those metal pie plates: the Frisbie Baking Company.

Editor's note: Numerous tales of the first toss of the Frisbie pie tin have surfaced over the years. One came in a speech of Middlebury College President Olin Robison, where he quoted from an early campus newsletter article about a 'campusful of pie plates' in the sky in 1939. Over the years, Yale, Princeton, and Dartmouth students all claimed to be the first to play toss with pie tins made by the Frisbie Pie Co. We like all the stories, but we favor this tale from an engineer and Deke who was clearly among many independent discoverers of the aerodynamics of inverted pie tins, a few years before Wham-O started making plastic versions of the Frisbee in 1957.



THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY OF 1876 PITTED BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER

BY TERRY MILLER, RHO LAMBDA '69

In an interesting bit of Delta Kappa Epsilon history, two Deke brothers squared off against each other in the 1876 Republican Presidential Primary.

Maine U.S. Senator James G. Blaine was thought to have a lock on the nomination that year when the Sixth Republican National Convention opened on June 14th in Cincinnati, Ohio.

President Ulysses Grant had the previous December decided not to seek a third term, which left the field wide open.

Several would-be candidates were eager to join the fray, and there were other reluctant candidates, as well, who'd been talked into running. Nine men were on the ballot, including two DKE brothers: James G. Blaine of Maine and Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio.

Blaine was a sitting Senator, while Hayes was Governor of Ohio. After the first ballot results were read, Blaine led the field with 285 votes, and only 100 votes from achieving a majority for the nomination. Hayes finished in the middle of the pack with 61 votes.

Following Blaine, in order, after the opening ballot were: Oliver P. Morton, U.S. Senator from Indiana with 124 votes; Benjamin H. Bristow, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and the first man to be named Solicitor General, with 113 votes; and Roscoe Conkling, U.S. Senator from New York with 99 votes. He would later be confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court

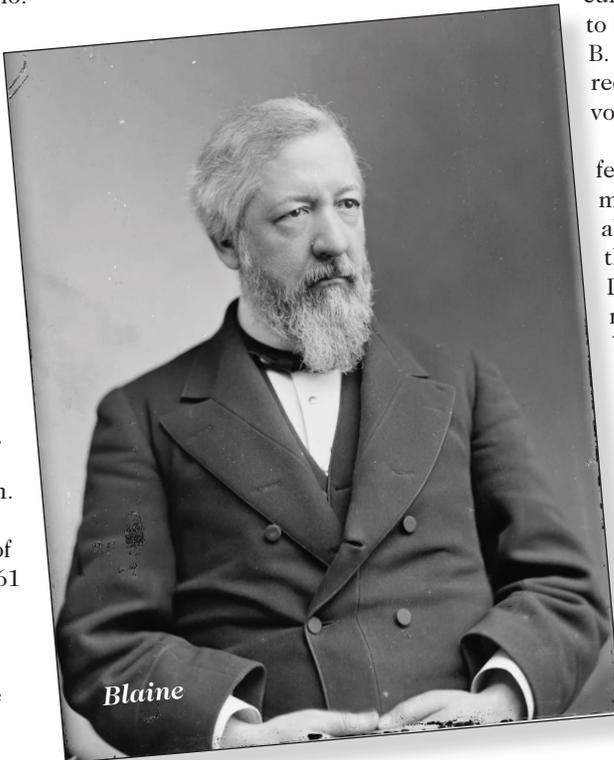
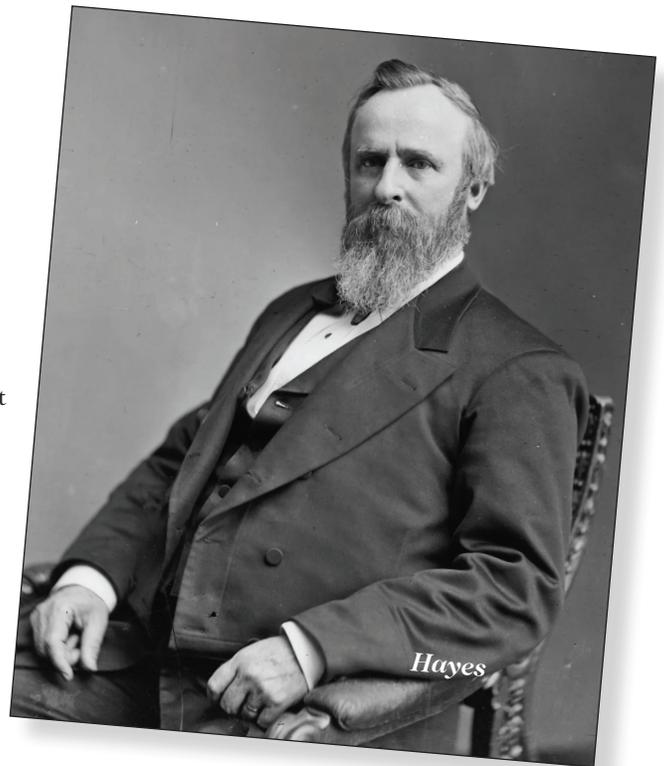
-- only to decline to serve.

The field was rounded out by Pennsylvania Governor John F. Hartranft with 58 votes, who had been a Union Army Major General. He signed the death warrants for the Lincoln assassination conspirators; Marshall Jewell, former governor of Connecticut and current U.S. Postmaster General, came next with 11 votes; William A. Wheeler, who was a Congressman from New York, had 3 votes; and former Secretary of State and current Minister to France Elihu B. Washburne received no votes.

Prompted by fears that Blaine might not be able to defeat the probable Democrat nominee, New York Governor Samuel J. Tilden, Blaine's candidacy failed to gain wholehearted support. On the second ballot he garnered 296 votes, but didn't poll much higher in the remaining

ballot votes. Hayes gained only three votes but no one else did much better.

On the third ballot, Blaine slipped three votes while Hayes gained another three, but Bristow gained seven, bringing his total to 121. By the fifth ballot, Blaine was down to 286; Brother Hayes picked up 36 to increase his total to 104



and rose to join as one of the top three candidates.

Bristow lost a dozen votes and the others began to fade appreciably. Jewell lost all 11 of his votes on the second ballot and never regained another vote. Wheeler and Washburne never had more than 3 and 4 votes, respectively.

A surge for Blaine occurred on the sixth ballot when he received 308 votes and Hayes moved into second place with 113 votes. But in the seventh and final ballot, an anti-Blaine push propelled Hayes to the top with 384 votes to Blaine's 351.

Bristow garnered 21 votes, but none of the others received a single vote. The verdict was clear: Rutherford B. Hayes would be the Republican nominee. William Wheeler clinched the Vice-Presidential nomination by 366–89 over New Jersey's U.S. Senator Frederick Theodore Frelinghuysen.

Coincidentally, Frelinghuysen served on the 1876 Election Commission which named Hayes as the winner of the General Election. It was controversial, as Hayes lost to Democrat Tilden by some 25,000 votes. But Hayes was declared the winner with 185 electoral votes to Tilden's 184.

To this day it's considered one of the most contentious elections in U.S. History, and it all started with two DKE brothers battling it out for the GOP nomination.

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Delta Kappa Epsilon is proud to announce recipients of the second annual Bryan Scholarship recipients. The scholarship program honors DKE alumnus Robert Bryan, Sigma Rho '57, and is supported by a generous donation from Brother Bryan and his wife, Julie. This year, five students were each awarded \$2,500 to support their undergraduate or graduate studies.



Matt Wright, Sigma Kappa-Michigan State '24, accepts his Bryan Scholarship check from Doug Lanpher at the Deke Convention in June

Carter Nolan, Delta Tau '23

Beginning his senior year, Carter's goals are to maintain a high GPA and complete his degree in finance and marketing. His long-term career goals include owning a marketing consulting firm and investment properties in big cities while pursuing photography and video production on the side. No matter where his ambition takes him, Carter looks forward to someday spending time at a beach or lake house with a "great wife and happy family."

Tyler Hanrahan, Zeta Chi '22

Tyler graduated in three years and plans to continue studying at Bentley for a Master of Science in Accounting Analytics. His long-term goals include sitting for the CPA exam and partnering at a Big Four firm. Most important to him in life, however, is starting a family and instilling in his children the "values that I have learned throughout my life, especially during my time at Delta Kappa Epsilon. I want to teach them how to be strong, courageous, and ethical leaders."

Jordan Lisnow, Delta '25

Jordan is a rising sophomore at USC, majoring in finance and pursuing an accelerated master's program that, upon graduation, will award him a bachelor's and master's in accounting. When he's not in class or doing homework, Jordan, in his own words, strives to help everyone around him: in his class, fraternity, dorm, and on the sports field. Upon graduation, he plans to sit for the CPA exam and pursue a career in auditing at a public firm before becoming a hedge fund manager, a role he hopes to fulfill for the better half of his career.

Malolan Vasu, Rho '23

Originally from Bangalore, India, Malolan first visited the U.S. at eight years old and dreamed of living here. He achieved his dream when he began studying computer science at Lafayette College. While Greek Life first intimidated him, he now calls the Rho chapter a home. As he looks toward his future, Malolan says, "I have no idea what the next few years will look like for me, but whenever I make a major decision, I will look back at that moment when I visited the U.S. ...I'm glad I've been able to live up to my childhood dream."

Matthew Wright, Sigma Kappa '24

A junior at Michigan State, Matthew is studying computer science and hopes to have a career as a software engineer. Outside of the classroom, Matthew serves as his chapter's president and hopes to lead his brothers in upholding the three qualities of a Deke. In life, Matthew desires to make the world a better place; create a family, which he says will not be "bound by blood"; and become a man his father would be proud of.



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LONGTIME DKE BOARD MEMBER BOB GREEN DIES AT 75

HE GAVE SO MUCH TO THE FRATERNITY IN SO MANY WAYS

Bob Green, a key member of Delta Kappa Epsilon's Board of Directors for a decade and co-chairman of the fraternity's 175th celebration in New York City, died May 4 in Charlottesville, Va., at the age of 75.

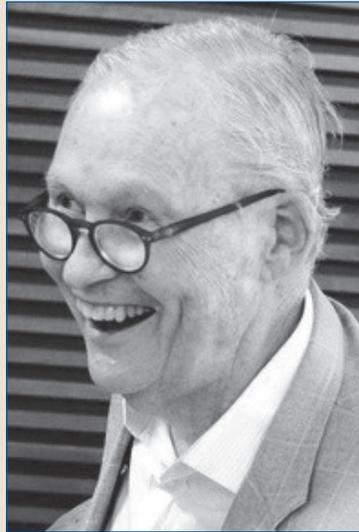
Encouraged by his family physician to check out the Deke House after he was admitted to the University of Virginia in 1966, Bob went on to become one of the fraternity's most dedicated brothers - both at the local and international levels. He demonstrated leadership at UVA, becoming president of the Eta chapter as well as president of Virginia's class of 1969.

Green's devotion to DKE continued long after his undergraduate days, as he served five times as chairman or co-chairman of the major reunions of his class at Virginia.

"Bob was a beloved member of our Board of Directors, and he became a dear friend as well," DKE Executive Director Doug Lanpher said. "I always enjoyed spending time with Bob either in person or by phone; he was a great conversationalist about so many topics. Bob was a real gentleman, and his presence on our Board is sorely missed by all of us who had the good fortune to have served with him."

Green always recalled his introduction to DKE with fondness. "The day I received a bid to join the fraternity changed my life," Bob told the Deke Quarterly in 2017. "What I found at the chapter was a diverse group that was active in so many organizations across the campus. The Dekes told us that new members had to join at least two organizations and become involved. I followed that advice and it enhanced my life."

A gifted storyteller with a keen wit, Bob gave a memorable speech at the DKE Convention at Centre College in 2014, regaling his brothers with tales of his experiences growing



up on a big thoroughbred horse farm in Kentucky. He did not become a trainer or breeder of racehorses, though he maintained a vast knowledge of the industry throughout his life. For many years he devoted himself to all aspects of farming and agricultural management.

Bob operated major plantation and farm management firms, including First Land Management, Georgia's second-largest farm by acres. He was one of a handful of farmers responsible for the resurgence of cotton in the state. In 1985, Bob grew 4,800 acres of cotton - the largest crop in Georgia.

Green also specialized in irrigated row crop farming, developing many methods that are still in wide use today. He produced bountiful crops of peanuts, field corn, Irish potatoes and pink-eyed, purple-hulled peas.

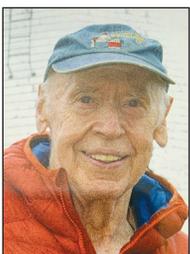
His consulting projects were unusual and far flung. Bob managed ostrich farms in Abu Dhabi and rice mills in Berlin. He supervised the quarantine and shipment of ostriches and emus from Texas to China.

After returning to Charlottesville in 1990, Bob became a leading real estate broker. He also immersed himself in alumni work at UVA.

"I really enjoyed my service on DKE's board because I wanted the young brothers to have the same positive experience I enjoyed at our Virginia chapter," he said.

"DKE opened my eyes to so many possibilities. At our chapter we had Yankees, Southerners, a few intellectuals, athletes and different guys with different personalities. I learned so much that shaped my mind and outlook for the rest of my life."

Bob is survived by his wife, Emma, of more than 50 years, and their four children.



ALDEN 'RINK' RINQUIST THETA- BOWDOIN '54

Alden 'Rink' Rinkquist, a proud Bowdoin Deke, died April 11 at age 90 in Kingston, Mass.
An Army ROTC

graduate, Rink was selected by the Counter Intelligence Corp. (CIC) as a Special Agent Lieutenant following his graduation from Bowdoin. Rink served in that capacity in the U.S. Army from 1954-56.

After leaving the service, he entered the life insurance business as an agent for John Hancock. He later went into

management in 1980 as Brokerage Manager with Occidental Life in Natick. Finally, he served as Director of Brokerage for Connecticut Mutual Life in Wellesley.

Rink was active in his community for many years, serving as director of the Alden House Museum, vice president of the Friends of the Duxbury Council on Aging, and as a Duxbury Town Constable.



**CHARLES BRYAN
'CHASE' HAIR
DELTA ALPHA-
AUBURN '16**

The Quarterly is sad to report that Charles Bryan 'Chase' Hair died in an automobile accident on April 17.

Born in Dalton, Ga., on April 11, 1993, he was a proud Deke at Auburn. He also studied at the University of California at Irvine, and Kennesaw State University.



**CHARLES DAVIS
SCARBOROUGH
OMEGA CHI-
TEXAS '63**

Charles Scarborough, a prominent lawyer in Texas for many years, and a devoted brother in Delta Kappa Epsilon, died April 30.

He received his law degree in 1966 from the University of Texas and joined the firm established by his grandfather, Dallas Scarborough.

Charles was active in his community over the years, serving as president of the Abilene Young Lawyers Association, and as director of the State Bar of Texas. He was also a founding member of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

He served as a delegate at several Texas Democratic conventions and in 1972 was selected as a delegate to the National Democratic Party Convention.

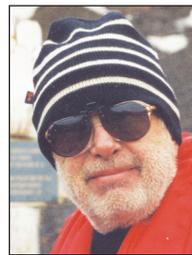
**DR. JOHN SCHNEIDER
OMEGA CHI-TEXAS '49**

Jack Schneider was a true son of Austin, Texas. Born in 1927, he joined the U.S. Navy as a Navy Corpsman - his first job in medicine. After leaving active duty in 1946, he enrolled at the University of Texas as the G. I. Bill and became an active brother in Delta Kappa Epsilon.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa at Texas, Jack attended Tulane University School of Medicine. He interned at the Philadelphia General Hospital, followed by a residency at the Mayo Clinic from 1953-56.

His passion for medicine was his true calling, becoming both his vocation and his hobby. After seeing demonstrations at medical conferences, Jack would purchase cutting-edge equipment on his own dime and donate it to the hospitals where he worked.

Over the years he was honored by many organizations for his skill and leadership in Texas medicine. He served for many years on the Chancellor's Council Executive Committee at the University of Texas.



**CARL SEVERIN
SORESON III
PSI PHI-
DEPAUW '51**

In the fall issue of the Deke Quarterly (Vol. 139 No. 4), a well-received story appeared on Carl Severin Sorenson's

trip on a Russian icebreaker to the North Pole. Sadly, Carl died March 7.

He grew up in Olivet, Mich., before enrolling at DePauw where he became an enthusiastic DKE brother. Upon graduating, Carl went to work for General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y., where he spent five years before joining Jackson Bayley Electric Co. Eventually, he became part-owner of Jackson Bayley, and also went on to acquire several other companies.

"We seized upon every opportunity, without knowing where it would lead," Carl said. "But we had fun and, in the process, provided opportunities for others."

Honored by civic groups many times over the years, Carl and his family became world travelers, which is how he ended up at the North Pole.

**E.D. 'DOUG' WHITE
SIGMA RHO-STANFORD '53**

A standout football player at Stanford, Doug White enjoyed a rich, full life before passing away earlier this year. At Stanford, Doug pledged DKE. After graduation, and eager to serve his country, Doug joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

Eventually, he settled in Colusa, Calif., where he entered the insurance business. While operating his own firm, Doug

became involved in his community and served in several key leadership positions. He joined the Colusa city council and also had a stint as mayor.

He loved politics, government and athletics, but most of all his wife and children. Doug always said he would "live on through my children, of whom I'm immensely proud."



**STEVEN HAUG
PI BETA -TROY '84**

Steve Haug, who coached softball, volleyball and cross country in Troy City Schools for more than 30 years, died May 25 at his home in Troy.

He had a passion for working with young people and always remembered all the positive lessons he learned at the Deke House during his undergraduate years.

Haug's former students called him "an excellent role model and a father figure to many" during his many years of coaching. "The impact he had on young people lives on. Coach Steve was loved by many and will be missed by all," said a speaker at his funeral.

**LAWRENCE BAKER, JR.
OMICRON-MICHIGAN '57**

A prominent figure for decades in the insurance industry, Larry Baker died Feb. 22 at his home in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., at the age of 86.

Following his graduation from the University of Michigan, where he was an enthusiastic member of DKE's Omicron chapter, Larry spent three years in the U.S. Navy as a navigation officer on the USS Caliente in the Pacific.

He later entered the insurance industry, rising to top leadership positions at several major companies.

Later in life, Larry and Ida, his wife of 63 years, traveled the world and enjoyed with their many friends a mutual love of fine wines. He became an expert on wines.

Larry was also a devoted fly fisherman who took annual trips to many of North America's best trout streams. There, he fished alongside his lifelong friend and Omicron brother, Jule Miller.

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BEA BLAISDELL, WIDOW OF CHARLIE BLAISDELL, DIES

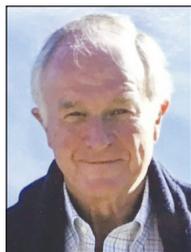


DKE brothers in New York and throughout the northeast were saddened by the news that Beatrice Favino Blaisdell, widow of Charles O. Blaisdell, passed away on April 8.

Bea was a good friend to all who knew her through the DKE Club of New York, of which Charlie had been a member and board member for decades. Charlie, of course, was one of Delta Kappa Epsilon's most beloved and respected figures. A 1937 graduate of Dartmouth, Charlie served as president of the fraternity's board of directors during the early 1970s and remained active in DKE until his death in 2018 at the age of 102.

"Bea and Charlie were a great team," said Eamon Egan, President of the DKE Club of N.Y., who was a longtime business associate and close friend of the Blaisdells. "Everyone was touched by the love and support Bea gave Charlie, which kept him going during his rich, long life. It does not seem like that long ago that Charlie died and, now that Bea has followed him four years later, it saddens all who knew this great couple."

Bea Blaisdell, who was a top realtor for many years in the New York area, grew close to many of the brothers who supported the DKE Club, Egan said. "This is truly the end of an era."



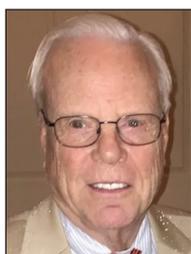
ROBERT DANIEL GRAY BETA-NORTH CAROLINA '64

Robert Gray, who started at the ground floor as a broker on the New York Stock Exchange and rose to the very top, died

earlier this year at the age of 81. A proud Deke at the University of North Carolina, he went on to co-found the firm of Reynolds Gray & Company, where he spent three decades trading securities.

Before retiring in 2011, Robert was a longtime resident of Greenwich, Conn., and Hobe Sound, Fla. He served on the boards for the Greenwich Country Day School, Fay School in Southborough, Mass., and Camp Pasquaney in Hebron, N.H.

An excellent golfer, he belonged to Round Hill Club, the Jupiter Island Club and Seminole Golf Club.



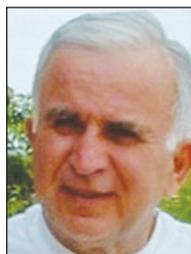
FREDERICK OLLISON III DELTA-KAPPA-PENNSYLVANIA '61

From his boyhood home in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., Fred enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, where he

pledged DKE and, by his own account, established many lifelong friendships. Fred died earlier this year at 84.

After graduation, Fred joined the U.S. Army. When his service was completed, he joined the Sanders Cleaning Company, eventually rising to president. After 16 years in that position, Fred became involved in real estate, joining Bolton-Johnston Associates. A past president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, he also served as president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors.

Fred was a lifetime member of the Country Club of Detroit, of which he served as president from 1986-87. As a member of the 78 rpm Club, Fred spent many happy hours sharing his profound love of music.



JOHN LINDSAY PSI OMEGA-RPI '65

Brother Lindsay attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on a full scholarship where he studied Chemical Engineering and Management.

At RPI, John, who died earlier this year, joined the Deke House, making numerous lifelong friends.

Upon graduation, he joined Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as a cost analyst in the engine design department. Several years

later, he accepted an offer from American Cyanamid in the industrial chemicals division, working at Rockefeller Center. He remained at Cyanamid for the next 30 years, rising to general manager of the Global Oil Field Chemicals Department and the Polymer Stabilizers Department.

After retiring from Cyanamid, John joined Wester Water (Ecolab) in Kansas City, working for several years before permanently retiring.

John was a championship swimmer and golfer, and he also served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Transportation Officer for his wife's business.



BILL BROOKS SIGMA RHO STANFORD '56

Bill Brooks, an enthusiastic outdoorsman who climbed The Matterhorn in Switzerland and the High Sierras in California, died Dec. 12, 2021 in

Scottsdale, Ariz., at the age of 90.

When Bill received both his undergraduate and MBA from Stanford, he worked summers as a camp counselor at The Orme School, a unique college preparatory school in rural Arizona. It was there that he developed his love of the outdoors, and became an avid horseman. He was also a talented swimmer and a devotee of classical music.

Bill enjoyed a long career in banking and he retired in 1995 from the Credit Suisse Bank.

FRANK FELLOWS JR. KAPPA DELTA MARYLAND '54

Frank Fellows, who played on a great Maryland basketball team alongside DKE brother and future NBA star Gene Shue, died January 22 in Silver Springs, Md., at the age of 91.

Frank was involved in basketball his entire life – first as an all-star player and in later years as a championship coach. After graduating from Maryland with his Masters degree, he went into the Air Force and was stationed in Japan. It was there that he starred on the Far East Command basketball team.

When he returned from the service, Frank began coaching at high schools in Maryland and later in Wisconsin. In the 1960s, he was appointed assistant to Maryland head coach Bud Milliken. When Milliken retired, Frank was named head coach of the Terrapins. One of his players, Gary Williams, would later become head coach at Maryland and lead the Terps to an NCAA title.

After retiring from coaching at Maryland, Frank remained at the college as a teacher of many sports until he retired in 1988.

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THEY WERE FOUNDED

	SCHOOL	LOCATION	MEMBERS
PHI †	Yale University	New Haven, CT	27
PSI	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	157
CHI	University of Mississippi	Oxford, MS	60
BETA	University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	76
DELTA	University of South Carolina	Columbia, SC	146
KAPPA	Miami University	Oxford, OH	57
LAMBDA	Kenyon College	Gambier, OH	22
ETA	University of Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	76
IOTA	Centre College	Danville, KY	52
OMICRON	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	82
RHO	Lafayette College	Easton, PA	47
TAU	Hamilton College	Clinton, NY	6
BETA PHI	University of Rochester	Rochester, NY	44
PHI CHI	Rutgers University	New Brunswick, NJ	106
PSI OMEGA*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Troy, NY	16
DELTA CHI	Cornell University	Ithaca, NY	46
DELTA DELTA	University of Chicago	Chicago, IL	23
PHI GAMMA	Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY	75
THETA ZETA	University of California at Berkeley	Berkeley, CA	42
PHI EPSILON	University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	76
SIGMA TAU	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA	38
ALPHA PHI	University of Toronto	Toronto, Ontario Canada	31
DELTA KAPPA	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA	28
TAU ALPHA	McGill University	Montreal, Quebec Canada	31
SIGMA RHO	Stanford University	Stanford, CA	11
DELTA PI	University of Illinois	Champaign, IL	32
KAPPA EPSILON*	University of Washington	Seattle, WA	23
ALPHA TAU	University of Manitoba	Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada	19
DELTA PHI	University of Alberta	Edmonton, Alberta Canada	31
PHI ALPHA	University of British Columbia	Vancouver, British Columbia Canada	59
TAU DELTA	University of the South	Sewanee, TN	20
PSI DELTA	Wake Forest University	Winston Salem, NC	85
SIGMA ALPHA	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	Blacksburg, VA	48
PI BETA	Troy University	Troy, AL	29
EPSILON RHO	Duke University	Durham, NC	11
NU ZETA	Pace University	Pleasantville, NY	12
PHI SIGMA	Bryant University	Smithfield, RI	46
ZETA CHI	Bentley University	Waltham, MA	55
OMEGA OMEGA	University of Arizona	Tucson, AZ	46
BETA DELTA	University of Georgia	Athens, GA	49
SIGMA KAPPA	Michigan State University	East Lansing, MI	116
DELTA TAU	The Ohio State University	Columbus, OH	103
TAU CHI	Texas A&M University	College Station, TX	51
BETA TAU	University of Victoria	Victoria, British Columbia Canada	31
SIGMA XI	St. Joseph's College	Patchogue, NY	8
DELTA ALPHA	Auburn University	Auburn, AL	64
GAMMA IOTA	Gannon University	Erie, PA	21
PHI MU	Manhattan College	Bronx, NY	48
CHI BETA	University of North Carolina Wilmington	Wilmington, NC	43
ZETA GAMMA	Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden-Sydney, VA	31
PI ALPHA	University of Missouri	Columbia, MO	55
DELTA RHO	North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC	35
TAU BETA	Simon Fraser University	Burnaby, British Columbia Canada	17
LAMBDA TAU	University of Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	24
ALPHA OMICRON	University of Colorado	Boulder, CO	32
KAPPA BETA*	University of Illinois-Springfield	Springfield, IL	13
NU ALPHA	Northeastern University	Boston, MA	40
ZETA THETA*	Washington State University	Pullman, WA	12
TAU GAMMA	Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	45
MU CHI	Maryville College	Maryville, TN	9
ALPHA EPSILON*	Georgetown University	Washington, D.C.	29

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