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Chapter Improvement



Each year, the Psi Chapter reflects on what we can do to improve our Chapter before the next year. However, the upcoming year brings the greatest improvement that our Chapter has seen in almost 100 years. Due to an expansion of the University of Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium, we reluctantly were forced to relocate from our beloved "Mansion on the Hill", to our new Chapter House that will be completed before the Fall of 2007.

The New Chapter House for the Psi Chapter will stand as the largest, most advanced, and most impressive Fraternity House at the University of Alabama. In order to be the best and most competitive Chapter at the University, our New House will provide the best accommodations available to undergraduates on campus. Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date facility to serve our undergraduate men well into this century. There were three key elements taken into consideration for our New House: Safety, Academics and Technology, and Competition.

Safety is the first and most important key element. To ensure the safety of our members, our New Chapter House will comply and exceed all of the current building codes associated with major building projects of today. Our New House has a sprinkler system throughout the entire house, to protect our members to the fullest extent from fire hazards. The creation of a safe living environment for our Brothers living in the House and their guests was our top priority when building the New House for the Psi Chapter.

The second major improvement that our New Chapter House will feature deals with academics and technology. Our New Chapter House will have wireless High-Speed Internet throughout the House; each room will be well lit and have multiple electrical outlets, to ensure that our Brothers have every opportunity to excel and be successful as students at The University of Alabama. Also, there will be designated study areas within the House, with community computers, as well as upper and lower classmen locker rooms for the Brothers that do not live in the House.

The third, and perhaps the most important factor considered in the improvement of our Chapter was competition. Many of the fraternities at Alabama have already begun to respond to the enormous amount of

competition that the University has given the Greek system by renovating and expanding their Chapter Houses. Our aim is to provide the best living environment possible to our Brothers, while at a reasonable price that will be affordable to the majority of our members. In order to compete with off campus living, and with the University's massive construction of new on campus living facilities, we feel that it is imperative to provide a safe, attractive, and efficient facility for our Brothers. Our new Chapter House will provide everything that our Brothers will need to be successful students; built in desks in each room, ample lighting, High-Speed Internet, all night beverage and snack stations, and private bedrooms, with many having their own private bathrooms as well.

Our new Chapter House will also cater to our Brothers who are unable to live in the House. We have upper and lower classmen locker rooms, which will offer lockers and showers, and will be available for use by any Brother who does not live in the House. We also have a large laundry room, with over-sized commercial washers and dryers, which will make it easy and cost-effective for our members to do their laundry. Our new kitchen will be state of the art, with large convection ovens, built-in buffet lines, all night beverage stations for our members, and large walk-in refrigerators and freezers for our kitchen staff. Everything within our new Chapter House will be state of the art, and no other Fraternity on campus will be able to match the functionality or luxuries that our new House will provide.

Despite its functionality, our new House will be by far the most luxurious and most impressive House on campus at The University of Alabama. Located just across the street from our Stadium's new promenade, our new House will shine as the center of attention during game days at the Capstone. It will tower at 25,000 square feet, with unmatched and extensive details found in no other Greek House on Campus. It will be by far the largest House on Campus, with hardwood and marble floors throughout. There are even Rampant Lions engraved into our new mantle piece, which consists of custom hand crafted and carved white marble. There will be exquisite 16 inch crown molding throughout the entire downstairs, with built in cabinets and custom lockable cases to display some of our Chapter's history. Without a doubt, we feel that our new Chapter House will stand as one of the finest Fraternity Houses in the Southeast. We at the PSI Chapter are proud of our new Chapter House, and feel that this is the greatest improvement that our Chapter has had in over 100 years.

Another area that our Chapter has made significant improvements in has been the establishment of our new standardized Pledge Program. We have created and documented a new pledge program that is nearly 30 pages long, which follows and exceeds all of DKE International's expectations and requirements, in addition to the requirements that the University of Alabama demands. Since the adoption of our new pledge program, our number of new members has increased each year. This past year we initiated 38 new members, and are looking forward to initiating at least 40 new members this year.

Furthermore, in addition to our new Chapter House, and new standardized Pledge Program, our Chapter has set a new standard at the University of Alabama. We have initiated a new Membership Agreement, that has been signed by every member in our Chapter, and will be signed by every new member to come, and it includes a strong stance against the use of drugs and any illegal activities that could reflect poorly upon our Chapter and Fraternity at the International Level. We are already in contact with the University about using our new Membership Agreement as a model for every Fraternity and Sorority on campus, and are working hand in hand to promote and support our University President's New *ZERO TOLERANCE* drug policy. We hope that the stance we have taken with our Membership Agreement, along with the University's New Anti-Drug policies, will have an enormous positive impact on every Fraternity and Sorority on campus, as well as on the entire student body at Alabama.



Alumni Relations



The PSI Chapter at the University of Alabama prides itself on many fundamentals that we consider necessary for a successful Fraternity to grow. We strongly encourage unity, scholarship, and community service, as well as our new public stance and support of Alabama's Anti-Drug policies. We consider these qualities to be indispensable to the preservation, composition, and growth of our Chapter, and we attempt to initiate them into every phase of membership in our Fraternity. Above all, we consider one other component that is often neglected among Fraternities and Sororities. That component is Alumni Relations. We consider this a crucial benefit to our Chapter, because our past members, or alumni, are the best mentors when it comes to advice on how to maintain and run a successful Chapter.

In the past, our strong Alumni relations have enabled us to initiate, enjoy, and maintain strong relationships with those men with whom we have so much in common with. Through parties, ritual nights, initiation, and simply working with these men on a daily basis, we have been able to build a strong bond inside our Chapter between our Active members and Alumni. In the past couple of years, our contact and relationship with our Alumni has reached a level of strength that we have never seen, and we believe that this even stronger relationship will continue well into the future. In fact, we owe all credit for our impressive new Chapter House to our very dedicated, and active Alumni base.

In 2002, our Chapters Officers and House Corporation members started a new annual meeting between the officers and the members of our House Corporation, where we meet to discuss and plan for the upcoming year. Since the establishment of this yearly meeting, we as actives have developed strong relationships with our Alumni, with many of them being considered as close friends, rather than our superiors. With such close relationships as this between our actives and alumni, we feel certain that our Chapter's success will be maintained for many years to come. Furthermore, as each year passes, our strong and very large Alumni base becomes more involved, and contact with even more Alumni continues to increase, which has especially helped improve our Chapter's recruitment of New Members. For this upcoming year, through the help and support of our Alumni base, as a result of our strong relationship, our list of prospective new members increased to over 200 prospects, coming from more than 15 states.

To assure that the communication lines stay open and continue to expand, a database of our alumni's addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses was also set up a few years ago. Each year, the officers update the information, so that we can constantly stay in touch and increase accessibility to communication between our Alumni and Active members.

In addition to our communication system, our House Corporation itself has established several committees that our Alumni participate in as well.

The first alumni committee, the Rush Committee, is headed by Gary Garstecki ('75), and is one of our most active and important groups, especially in the Spring and Summer months, when Rush is in full swing at the University of Alabama. Our Internet and telephone contacts are very crucial to this committee, and provide an easier method for input and recommendations from all DKE Alumni across the country. Using our new established system, our alumni and contacts can send recommendations directly to our Chapter, as well as send them via email to any of our committee's members. The Rush committee is then able to forward the information directly to the active chapter's own Rush committee, which creates and maintains constant communication and feedback in reference to each recommendation.

The second alumni committee, the House Maintenance Committee, is chaired by Ken Huffstutler ('75), which helps to maintain and preserve the appearance and status of our Chapter House. With the building of our new Chapter House, which will require active involvement by active members and alumni to preserve, the role of our House Maintenance Committee will become increasingly important in years to come. Also, the House Maintenance Committee is expanding its role by stepping in to work hand in hand with our active chapters House Manager, which is a position held by an active member each year. The House Maintenance Committee "employs" our House Manager to handle the basic weekly maintenance of our Chapter House, which provides them with a direct contact within the active Chapter, should any major repair need to be done.

Another alumni committee, which is extremely important to our Chapter, is the Finance Committee, lead by Larry Howell ('88), whose main function is to provide advice and direct assistance to our Chapter's Treasurer. This committee is extremely valuable in helping with our Treasurer's job, which can be fairly hectic at times, since our Treasurer is also a Full-Time student. The Finance Committee help keep a few

extra eyes on our Chapters bank accounts, and lends valuable financial advice for managing the daily cash flow within the Chapter.

Probably one of our most important committees is our University Relations Committee, which is headed by John McNeil ('76). John, along with the other members of the University Relations committee, keeps our Chapter and the University of Alabama on the same page at all times. As a result of the hard work and dedication of John and the committee's other members, our Chapters relationship with Alabama and its administration is on very good terms, and our relationship continues to grow stronger and stronger each year. Not only do the members of this committee communicate with our University's officials on a daily basis, but also as a result of the relationship that they have developed, even our active members meet with those same officials quite frequently. During Fall Pledgship, our Chapter's Pledge Trainer and President meet with Dr. Tim Hebson, Associate Dean of Students, on a weekly basis. As a result of his mentoring and the relationship we have developed with Dr. Hebson, he often uses our Chapter as a model to other Fraternities in the Greek System, and considers it the strongest Fraternity on campus, despite the fact that Dr. Hebson himself was a member of a different National Fraternity than DKE. The communication from John McNeil, the other committee members, as well as our active members, has allowed us to reach an unmatched and unprecedented level of trust and respect from the University of Alabama and its officials.

The DKE active chapter is always appreciative of special events hosted by the alumni and a Special Events Committee, headed by Mike Lapeyrouse ('76) and Dudley Dawson ('73). This committee was created because these events have become so common in recent years. The annual Dreamland Barbecue meeting and the special rush parties hosted and funded by the alumni in Mobile and Birmingham are just a few examples. These events increase the bond between actives and alumni. This committee hosted the largest special event ever to be held at the "Mansion on the Hill" in April of 2006 – a final "Undertakers Ball". Over 1000 Psi chapter DKE alumni returned to the Alabama campus for a reunion weekend of celebration and mourning at the "Mansion on the Hill". Psi chapter alumni were able to relive their memories of the "Mansion on the Hill" and mourn its destruction.

The Undertaker's Ball held a year ago this spring touched many DKE hearts, even those who are members of other DKE Chapters. One in particular, was Brother Linscott R. Hanson, Omicron ('59). Brother

Hanson was in attendance at the “final Undertakers Ball”, and composed a beautiful report of the occasion. Brother Hanson quoted in his report, “I believe from my observation that the reports of the success of this Chapter are not, and cannot be, overstated...I believe this success is founded upon two primary factors: (1) Love, That appears to exist among the members of Psi, a truly fraternal love one for the other, and all for their chapter, which is the ideal to which all our chapters should aspire.(2) Control, there is no question that, at Alabama, the alumni are in control. They are fulfilling a strong mentoring roll with the active chapter, and it appears the actives are responding with the kind of affection one might expect in a father/son relationship.” Brother Hanson’s observation could not be more accurate. There is a love shared by all at PSI and a sense of belonging found in no other arena than at the PSI Chapter at The University of Alabama.

Furthermore, behind every great DKE, there happens to be a great mother. Therefore, to compliment our Special Events Committee, we felt it is necessary to include some caring mothers. In addition to the SEC, we have created a “PMS” Committee, or Psi Mothers Society. This group consists of mothers of current members and wives of alumni who add a touch of southern style to our assembly.

Another committee, composed of a group of alumni who live in the Tuscaloosa area, makes up the Chapter Advisory Committee. This committee is chaired by Tom Lavender (’73), and its members can be found at the house on any given day, sharing advice and mentoring to the actives. Our Chapter Advisors attend dinner at the house quite often, and are present at Wednesday night chapter meeting. They are upfront and personal with our Active members when it comes to their assistance and advice regarding campus and fraternity life. Even though we have a housemother, these Advisors are considered by us to be our housefathers!

The Alumni Relations Committee is responsible for assisting with the communication and smooth operation of all the committees combined. Rich Sullivan (’95) and his other committee members make a road trip to Tuscaloosa once a semester to stay on top of things. They maintain the “ties that bind” to all generations of DKEs.

Due to the relocation of our Chapter House at Alabama, a special “Capital Campaign” committee was established last year. This committee has taken on the role of fundraising, which has been a key ingredient necessary to funding the construction of our new house. Through the help of a fundraising firm,

this committee has, and will continue to use the PSI chapter's broad alumni base to collect any donations available to aid in the construction of our new house. One impressive figure are the pledges that the current PSI chapter active members have made. Currently, the Active Members of the PSI chapter have raised over 100 thousand dollars, just among the actives. This speaks volumes about how personal the actives at PSI Alabama take their fraternity. This figure might appear to be "pocket change" compared to the overall cost of our new house, but to college students on a fixed income, it is quite an impressive contribution.

A unique characteristic of the PSI Chapter of DKE is the obvious bond that is shared between the Active Members and our Alumni. Both our Active Members and Alumni have a sense of love and respect for each other. This relationship depicts the true definition of Brotherhood and Fraternal Love, and the current PSI Chapter intends on not only maintaining this bond, but continuing to improve it for a successful future for the halls of PSI DKE ALABAMA.



Community service



The PSI Chapter has had another successful year serving its community. After an outstanding amount of involvement by all actives two years ago, the past year showed another striking improvement. Our brothers participated in service events ranging from fundraisers to parties for the local Hannah Home for Abused Children. The Psi Chapter has also joined forces with the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, City Police Department in the aid of local Habitat-for Humanity projects.

In previous years, Psi has focused on one or two large service events. This year was different, in that we wanted to spread our activities over a broader array of events. Community service is an area that is watched closely by the administration at the University of Alabama, and usually the efforts of those who participate do not go unnoticed. Our officers were determined to do enough community service work this past year to turn the heads of the faculty and build upon our good reputation. We also had our past obligations to maintain. Since becoming friends with Hannah Home for Abused and Battered Children we have become the hosts of both their Christmas and Halloween parties, both of which they anxiously await each year.

Broadening our community service involvement this year has meant participating in more events and, more importantly, encouraging more brothers to donate their time toward philanthropy. This was not a problem. As our chapter has increased, members have wanted to become more involved, and community service is a great way for them to represent Delta Kappa Epsilon and help others in need. This year we participated again as a sponsor in Delta Zeta's *Hoops for Hearing*, a basketball tournament fund-raiser to benefit deaf children in the Tuscaloosa area. We also participated in Kappa Delta's *Run for Rise*, a charity event focused on raising money for intellectually challenged children. *Rise* is a center located on campus that helps out unfortunate children. It was founded by former football coach Gene Stallings, a living legend. This year it was a popular event because Alabama athletics, particularly football, are an important aspect of life at The University of Alabama. Brothers from PSI were able to work side-by-side with football players and touch the lives of so many children. Another "run" we participated in is the *Relay for Life*, a cancer

prevention fund-raiser put on by the University Recreation Center. This was another special event because our housemother, Mrs. Gwen Burt has a grandson who is a cancer survivor. This summer, we also had some of our members participate in the first ever *Walk to Defeat ALS*, which was started as a fundraiser for the Alabama Chapter of the ALS Foundation.

Our PSI Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was also proud to participate in a barbeque benefit hosted by the Inter-fraternity Council. Brother Chad Lavender is the current Vice President of this council and the success and funds generated from the cook-out are largely due to his efforts. Taking the same stand for three consecutive years now, the chapter decided to use the funds normally spent on dinner and donate the money to a breast cancer foundation. Taking dinner away from nearly ninety hungry young college gentlemen would usually be a dangerous task, but when we explained that we did not have additional funds to donate, our members were more than happy to help out and go hungry for the cause. Several brothers were somewhat inspired by this stand and took it upon themselves to not only donate their time to the foundation, but also made financial contributions. These gestures were unprovoked, and speak highly of our active character.

The DKE Halloween party for Hannah Home was another success. This year, the brothers were able to borrow some games and entertainment for the children from a local elementary school and Baptist church. We set up stations throughout the house where the children would candy through a ghost's mouth, throw a nerf football through a hoop, go fishing for candy, toss a ring onto a bottle, bob for apples (even though it was cold) and visit trick-or-treat booths for Halloween treats. An addition to this year's party was a face-painting station, led by Brother Will Denniston. Brother Denniston is not only a wonderful artist, but a three year Letterman on the University of Alabama's Football team. Many of the members were forced to rebuild last year's attractions as some of the supplies had worn due to their age. The new displays and new events were a huge hit with the children and it made the active involved feel good. The house and party room also served as a mini cafeteria and we provided food for the children.

The Christmas party for Hannah Home was our best in its history. We once again enlisted the help of the local Fire Department for the third year in a row to help us secure an unforgettable way for Santa to arrive. FOX 6 news from Birmingham attended the event and interviewed several of the small children and a few select active. Some children were at first confused, due to Santa arriving on top of a fire truck and not

his reindeer led sleigh; however the lights and sirens quickly shifted their focus to Santa himself and the joy could be seen in their faces. When the children arrived, they were given a meal and refreshments. Their mothers or guardians were given similar accommodations. Shortly after finishing their meal, the children filed in lines (very unorganized) and moved outside when Brother Miller Terry said he had spotted Santa. The children's eyes and faces lit up with surprise and excitement when Santa arrived, sitting on top of the big red MACK truck. Santa (a.k.a Brother Marks) escorted every child into our living room and sat them down one by one on his knee beside the Christmas tree. He presented every child with a gift paid for by the active chapter. It was a present in itself for Psi DKE to give these children a Christmas that they deserve but otherwise would not have had. The party continued for some time after Santa's grand entrance and children and actives together ate Christmas cookies and watched the ten o'clock FOX 6 news report from the party. Many of the children outlasted the actives as a few had full bellies and struggled to stay awake. Not surprisingly, active attendance for both Hannah Home events was nearly 100% without any demands made by the chapter.

This fall we increased our involvement with Habitat for Humanity. The PSI chapter is currently engaged in negotiations with the foundation to organize a weekly event where every Fraternity and Sorority provides volunteers. The volunteers will then be taken to the job site to help build a home for a family in need. This has been the case for a few years now; however, we arranged transportation through combined efforts with the Tuscaloosa Police Department and the University of Alabama's transportation services. A local trolley system is in the master plans of the City of Tuscaloosa, as well as the University, which could also be used to transport students to these home sites. However, our actives helped complete three homes for local families providing the use of their personal tools and vehicles. Local businesses, and other Fraternities on campus, in combination with the PSI chapter, donated most of the materials. The PSI chapter feels it is projects like these that give community service its true name. A coalition of students and locals giving a helping hand to better the life of someone in their community is admirable.

This year, the PSI Chapters biggest and perhaps most prestigious gift to the community happened during the week of the infamous Iron Bowl, in which the PSI Chapter set a new record at Alabama for the *Beat Auburn/Beat Hunger Food Drive*. This year the PSI Chapter donated 5,285 pounds of canned food to

the Food Drive, setting the new record, and winning the award for the most pounds of canned food donated by any Fraternity or Sorority on Campus. Also, we have had many actives that gave countless hours of Community Service to the YMCA this year, as well as donations to the *Boys and Girls Club*, by participating in several of their projects.

The chapter willingly does its part in community service because we feel that it is our responsibility and obligation to help those not as fortunate as ourselves. Community service is an ongoing practice in the structure of our brotherhood. We are already planning on renewed participation in every one of these events next year and we anticipate strong chapter backing because our members have a new sense of direction that has not been seen in years. The participation in most of the events was not found upon all the brothers and we were glad to offer our services to everyone in need. Hopefully, we can experience the same success in the upcoming year, with the hopes and prayers that tragedy does not strike close to home again. "Friends from the Heart, Forever", how lucky we are at PSI to share these values!



Scholarship



The PSI Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has increased its scholarship efforts tremendously in the past couple of years, and has met many chapter-wide goals to maximize the chapter's control and status at the University of Alabama. Members of the PSI Chapter at the University of Alabama have been active since PSI was established in 1847 in political matters of the University as well as numerous honor societies, however, never before has our involvement measured up to the caliber we currently boast at the University of Alabama. In the past couple years, the PSI chapter has set at new standard for scholarship and our newly elected officers hold positions outside of the halls of PSI. The officers of PSI pride themselves in all aspects of scholarship. Their determination has rubbed off on the rest of the chapter, and many PSI brothers' faces can be seen leading all walks of campus life. The new group of officers is adamant about improving scholarship and constantly stress the importance to all members about setting scholarly goals for themselves. Special chapter meetings have been arranged to improve in the areas seen as weak, and a scholarship program chairman was appointed last year to aid in this area. Brother Greg Harris, from Mobile, Alabama, was appointed as the chairman of this program last year, and he carried an impressive grade point average of 3.9. Brother Harris utilized his skills to help other brothers in need throughout this past year. Brother Harris tutored many of the younger actives, and helped them improve their study habits. For the upcoming school year, Brother Dan Ventress will take over Brother Harris' duties as the Scholarship Chairman. Brother Ventress is very involved in campus life, and also holds an impressive grade point average of 4.0.

In the halls of PSI, scholarship is stressed constantly. We take pride in our study hall program for the pledges. The system has been carefully refined over the past couple of years, and we feel that it is very effective at giving upcoming freshman the opportunity and time needed to excel in the classroom. The program instills great study habits and discipline, two values that tend to follow each member throughout his entire academic career. Study hall is a constant requirement throughout one's term as a pledge, and is monitored by the Scholarship Chairman, and other active members. A few years ago, we required our pledges to attend study hall in Bruno Library, located across the street from the DKE house, from 8-10 a.m.

each morning, immediately following breakfast. They had another study hall as well in the evening from 6-9 p.m. We decided that 5 hours of sitting in the library sometimes led to lack of motivation and inefficient study time. As a result of this surveillance, we eliminated the mandatory morning study hall, and required pledges to attend study hall only in the evening. It is held in Bruno library, where they are given limitless resources with computers, study rooms, and countless forms of research. We feel that this reduction of study time improved our pledges concentration and study habits, two crucial forms of surviving the strenuous college environment. The study hall also has a high active member attendance. The results of the study hall program have been encouraging, prompting a top three GPA ranking among all 28 fraternities on campus. This is slightly off of our expectations, as we at Psi strive to be number one; however, we are confident that the structure of our system will produce our desired results in the upcoming years.

Another program we take much pride in at the DKE house is our Big Brother/Little Brother Academic Challenge. Each semester, a cash prize is awarded to each Big Brother/Little Brother pair for their outstanding academic achievements. The pair with the highest GPA of the year is awarded five hundred dollars, and the runner-up team is given a prize of two hundred and fifty dollars. The program has led to active members helping out freshman and pushing them to be the best they could be. Brother Harris and his little brother Grey O'Brien took the jackpot home both semesters last year. This explains why Harris was our Scholarship chairman. Another part of the Academic Challenge rewards brothers with GPAs above 3.0. These brothers are given a private party funded by the house, and this year the invitation list exceeded the one from last year. Brothers with a 3.5 or better GPA each year are given a private dinner by the house with their female of choice. This year we included all actives displaying a 3.0 or better and it appeared to look like a normal dinner at the house. This system has required more funding and support from the alumni, which they gladly supply.

Also, in the past couple of years, our Alumni have started a new scholarship program for actives that have excelled in academics at the University. For members that have a grade point average of 3.5 or better, or for members who are members of Alabama's Honors College, our Alumni award them a yearly \$250 scholarship for their achievements. The University of Alabama's Honors College is ranked number one in the country, even better than the Honors Colleges at Harvard or Yale.

The PSI Chapter is proud of its accomplishments inside the classroom as well as out, and our high honor society membership and leadership proves that our academic efforts have paid off, casting a positive light on the fraternity as a whole. We take pride in the wide range of academic majors that run through the halls of PSI. We have members focusing on degrees from Restaurant and Hospitality Management and Economics to Photography and Broadcasting. This past year brothers John Knott III and Justin Parden were accepted into medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Brother Joseph Dennis plans on attending the Cumberland School of Law and numerous others are pursuing Master's degrees such as an MBA.

Each year to compliment our success in the classroom, the DKE house provides leadership around campus. This year has been an impressive year to say the least. Our involvement in the Student Government Association is unmatched by any other organization at the University of Alabama. We are privileged to house the former SGA President, Brother Justice Smyth, and many other top executive positions. Over the past 4 years the DKE house has had 10 SGA senators, and we have 2 senators currently in office. Brother Jeffrey Adams is the SGA senator for the College of Human and Environmental Sciences, and plans on pursuing a career in financial planning. Brother Dan Ventress, is the current senator for the Business school and brother Taylor Atchison is also the Vice President of the Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society. Atchison is also on the SGA Presidential Advisory Board.

All institutions view honor societies as a sign of academic success. At the University of Alabama, one "men's only" honor society is viewed as the "best of the best". This society contains members from each fraternity as well as other campus leaders. Usually each Greek organization is allotted two members into this sacred society. However, this year, as well as last year, the PSI chapter of DKE broke the mold and was given the honor of having three members join. This society is known as JASONS. It is the oldest and most elite group on campus. JASONS, incidentally was founded by a brother of PSI DKE in 1914. The Hon. Joseph Lister Hill is the founding father of this society and it is a great honor for any brother to claim passage. Brothers Justice Smyth, Beau Fleming, and Chad Lavender were inducted last year, and Brothers Alex Fleming, Jeffrey Adams, and Dan Ventress were inducted this year. Brother Chad Lavender is the former President of JASONS, which was a tremendous and highly coveted honor. Brother Hill is also

responsible for creating the Student Government Association at the University of Alabama. Through our memberships in this society, and our leadership in the SGA, PSI DKE Alabama is living up to the reputation of the fine Brothers that came before us.

One great quality of the current PSI chapter pertaining to scholarship is our strong mentality to never be content. This sounds selfish, but the PSI chapter will not settle for anything but the best. This attitude has helped our brother's rise to other leadership positions aside from the ones mentioned above. Brother John Henry Brooks IV is the current chairman of the Block-Seating Committee, assuring the DKE members the best seats possible at home football games. Brother Dan Ventress is the President of the Cardinal Key Honor Society, and the treasurer of ODK; another historical and prestigious honor society. Our brothers of PSI are not just members of some of the finest organizations on campus, but are their leaders. Over 50 of our active members sit on SGA committees and participation in campus activities has never been higher. An area viewed by many brothers as an important component to scholarship is athletics. The Psi chapter of DKE has one of the best Intramural Football, Softball, and Soccer teams on campus. In fact, this year our Football and Soccer team both won the Intramural Championship. These teams secure our brotherly bonds and teach us many skills unavailable in the classroom. Honor, character, sportsmanship, trust, and teamwork are all displayed on the teams of PSI. The DKE house is also proud to claim two members of the Crimson Tide Football team. Brothers Will Denniston and Forress Rayford uphold not only the DKE traditions, but also the traditions of Alabama football. Their commitment to both the DKE house and their team speak volumes of their character and scholarship. Very few fraternities can say they are actually cheering for their brothers at football games.

Without a doubt, this year has been the most successful year for campus involvement for our Chapter. This year, all 38 of our new members joined, and are members of an SGA committee, with many of them being chairman of their respective committee. In the past month, Brother Dan Ventress was elected as the Tuscaloosa Government and Business Association Chairman. Also, this past summer at the convention, Brother Alex Fleming was elected as the Undergraduate Board Member for DKE International, to serve on the board for the next 2 years.

The DKE house at the University of Alabama has made serious strides in the areas of scholarship over the past year. The bar has been set high and the brothers of Psi have no intentions of slacking. We feel that academics are the most important aspect of college life, and our efforts to continue to improve in all areas have been and will remain productive. We understand that these efforts will help ensure the tradition of DKE success after college and recognize that scholarship is the highest obligation for us at the University of Alabama.