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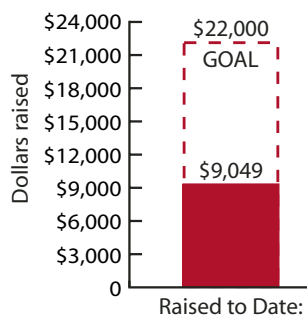
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CHAPTER REPORT

Beta Chapter Recruits 21-Man Pledge Class in Honor of the Late Courtland Smith

The fall semester of 2009 will forever remain a testament to the strength of the Beta chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. The active members, with the aid of our outstanding alumni organization, came together to support one another and weather a very difficult period in our chapter's history. There is a reason why "Unity" is one of the three cardinal rules of the DKE chapter at UNC.

Following the tragic passing of our brother and leader Courtland Smith, our chapter came together in his honor and succeeded in recruiting a pledge class of 21 outstanding freshmen. DKE pulled in pledge classes of 18 or more members over the past three years. As a result, the DKE house is kicking off the new decade with a chapter of 68 actives.

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Apart from our rush successes, DKE has made changes that will ensure the continued sustainability of our chapter. We created a new leadership structure. This allows the chapter president oversight and delegating power to increase the productivity of the chapter leadership. It also spreads out the burden of responsibility.

The DKE executive council now includes three vice presidents (VP-Philanthropy, VP-Social and VP-University/Community Relations), aided by a number of chair positions held by younger brothers. It will ensure that the DKE house remains one of the best fraternities at UNC.

We have also drafted a new DKE Code of Conduct that lays out clear responsibilities and rules that come with the privilege of being a DKE. The DKE Judicial Board has simultaneously been expanded and its by-laws updated.



At the groundbreaking for the Courtland B. Smith Habitat for Humanity House.

Both of these improvements allow the chapter to hold its members accountable and to remain an independent, self-governing organization. Although these changes are a lot, all of the brothers have been incredibly receptive and cooperative. The DKE house has not lost its luster as a social organization, and is now commonly referred to as the sleeping giant.

The chapter's primary focus for 2010 will be the construction of the Courtland B. Smith Habitat for Humanity House. We broke ground on the project on January 23rd and have successfully raised \$63K out of the \$75K required to construct the house. We are excited to be building something tangible in Courtland's honor that will provide a home for a deserving family in need of a place to live.

I am also pleased to report that we have a great group of new leaders taking the reigns this semester. You will not find a more intelligent, levelheaded and driven individual than Davis Willingham, our incoming president. I am confident that he and the rest of the new leadership will do an outstanding job.

Patrick Fleming '09, President

ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

DKE Brothers Step Up To Lead During Difficult Times

Alumni President Christopher Rice '94 Proud of New Initiatives To Help Current and Future DKE's

The spring semester has begun in Chapel Hill, and DKE has had some very positive news in the past few days. Groundbreaking for the Courtland B. Smith Memorial Habitat for Humanity House took place Saturday, January 23 at the construction site in north Chapel Hill.

Several media outlets were on hand as well, and provided DKE with some very positive coverage throughout North Carolina. This was a welcome and successful start to the semester.

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A job well done to all the brothers, and specifically to **Davis Willingham**, **Frank Driscoll**, and **Patrick Fleming** for leading such a successful kickoff to this project. Keep checking www.dkeunc.com for updates as the house is built throughout the spring.

Volunteering is available to anyone who wants to join on Saturdays starting in mid-February. Please contact **Frank Driscoll** at frankhdriscoll@gmail.com for volunteering information. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Courtland Smith Habitat for Humanity House, donations can be made:

By sending to:

Courtland Smith Memorial House
1829 E Franklin St #1200B
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Or Online at:

Orange County Habitat for Humanity
www.OrangeHabitat.org

From Tragedy to Triumph for DKE's Future

The fall semester was a difficult time for DKE. However, out of this time came many items that will have a positive impact for our fraternity's future. I would like to thank all of those alumni who continue to participate in this effort, including **Tee**

Baur, Nelson Schwab '67, Mike Overlock, Rick Hopkins, Will Ziglar '86, J. Smith, Bob Kluttz, Tim Cooper '83, and Paul Glenn '73.

Current parents Ralph Breeden, Dek Driscoll and John Black have also contributed substantial time and energy to these efforts. We are grateful for their help. Below is a brief summary of what has been completed this year to date.

1. We have established two groups since September to strengthen the DKE house long-term. Together they consist of 17 DKE alumni, parents and actives. Out of this effort came the DKE Code of Conduct and expanded DKE Judicial Board.
2. We have developed a formal substance abuse education and prevention program that will continue to serve the chapter in future years. The goal of the program is to provide further education and awareness that will help current and future DKE's make good decisions.
3. We have begun a long-term relationship with the Gordie Foundation. Located in Dallas, Texas, the foundation was established to provide today's young people with the skills to navigate the dangers of alcohol, binge drinking, peer pressure, and hazing. DKE has established itself as the Gordie Foundation's Circle of Trust Chapter. You can find more information at www.gordie.org.
4. The active chapter has created three new Vice President positions to support current and future Chapter Presidents (Brother Beta to us). Those new positions are Vice President – Philanthropy, Vice President – Administrative Affairs, and Vice President – Social Events.
5. The University is currently reviewing UNC's relationship with all

fraternities, including “the policies and procedures by which members of fraternities govern themselves.” DKE is significantly involved in this review and we are sharing many of the lessons learned from our own process. I want to thank **J. Smith, Will Ziglar**, and **Bob Kluttz** for joining the current chapter officers and me in this system-wide effort.

Change in Undergraduate Leadership

The start of the new semester also means a change among chapter leadership. I am very confident that **Davis Willingham, Frank Driscoll, Ward Minton**, and **Harrison McCaskill** will provide substantial leadership for their brothers, and represent DKE exceptionally well during the next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Patrick Fleming for so capably filling the void as chapter President in the past five months. I have worked very closely with Patrick, and he has provided the chapter tremendous leadership while serving as both Treasurer and President.

Patrick should be very proud of the how well he led the chapter during this challenging time for DKE. The actives should also be proud of the how they remained strong and supported each other. They accepted such an impressive pledge class, and begun a variety of initiatives that will have a positive impact for future classes.

I look forward to assisting the chapter on each of these initiatives to help ensure that the DKE house is safe, productive and fun. I ask your continued support of the chapter's efforts. Our continued involvement and encouragement will be essential to their success. However, they have shown the support and leadership necessary to continue building on a grand 158-year history and privilege.

Respectfully,

Christopher Rice '94

President
Beta of DKE, Alumni Board

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Rare Jerry Miller Prints of DKE House Now Available

Prints Make Great Gifts for Active Chapter Members, Grandfathers or Pledge Class

Recently a few of the superb prints of the DKE House produced by Jerry Miller some ten years ago have been found and are available for our alumni and active members! In the course of DKE History we have very few paintings or prints that have survived the tincture of time.

This could be a gift filled with memories for a member of the Active Chapter, for a Grandfather, or for a member of your Pledge Class. If you wish to purchase one of the prints please send \$40.00 for the print plus \$8.50 for shipping to Surry Roberts, 120 Woodburn Rd. Raleigh, NC 27605.

The print or prints will be in the mail almost immediately upon receipt of the order. We do believe you will be quite pleased.



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COURTLAND SMITH

Groundbreaking for Courtland Benjamin Smith Habitat House

By *Davis Willingham*, Undergraduate President

On Saturday, January 23rd DKE held the groundbreaking ceremony for the Courtland Benjamin Smith Habitat House at a construction site in north Chapel Hill. The house will be built to honor the life of our friend and former DKE president, Courtland Smith. The groundbreaking was attended by nearly 150 people including DKE actives, parents and alumni, Courtland's parents, and Chancellor Holden Thorp and his wife, Patti.

In his moving comments, Courtland's father, Pharr Smith, recounted how grief

counselors often ask families dealing with an untimely loss to glue together a broken pot. Eventually, the loved ones discover that a piece from the pot is missing -- a powerful metaphor for reconstructing their shattered lives. While we will likely never shake the presence of Courtland's absence, this project will provide all DKEs with a constructive way of coping with the enormous loss we suffered this past August.

We will need lots of Saturday volunteers once construction begins on January 30th. Thanks to contributions from DKE parents

and alumni, as well as a \$25,000 contribution from Bank of America, we have already raised \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for the project. However, we are now working towards our new goal of raising \$100,000 by the time the house is complete in May.

We appreciate all the support you have shown the DKE house over the past semester and hope that many of you will partner with us on this very important project this spring. Please see our website, www.dkeunc.com, to view photos.

James Glenn Fondly Remembers His DKE Brother Courtland Smith

Courtland Enjoyed Summers Dedicated To Counseling Kids at Camp Mondamin

The countless times that I talked to Courtland this summer we would always talk about rush, the renovation of the basement and parents' weekend. While things with the DKE house always stressed both of us out, we typically spent more times telling each other stories from the summer.

I would always talk about playing golf and spending time at the beach just messing around while he was busy counseling little kids at Camp Mondamin. One time when Courtland came to visit me in Winston-Salem he handed me his phone with a little grin on his face. He told me to look at the picture background of the phone.

It was a flashlight turned on sticking up in the bottom of a port a john with you can imagine what all around it.

"It is easy to see how much Courtland meant to Camp Mondamin."

I immediately threw the phone back at him and told him never to show me something like that again. He continued to laugh and explained to me how one of his campers had dropped the flashlight in the port a john and was very upset because it

was his dad's favorite flashlight.

I asked him how he did that every summer? Courtland just laughed and told me how much fun it was. He said he couldn't think of any better way to spend his summer. After talking to his friends from camp and talking to one of his counselors it is easy to see how much Courtland meant to Camp Mondamin. He helped out in every aspect he could with that camp and enjoyed every day he spent there.

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