



The Rho Chapter Crest

**House Association
Officer Contact
Information**

President:

Michael De Lisi
delisim@comcast.net
781-234-8485

Vice-President:

Sal Caiazzo
caiazzos@hotmail.com
570-236-2446

Treasurer:

Peter Carlson
phhcarlson@gmail.com
240-401-3929

Scholarship Director:

Scott Harris
scottmharris@yahoo.com

Communications:

John Crerand
jcrerand@gmail.com
908-930-9674

Chapter Advisor:

Brent Souders
brentsouders@gmail.com
908-370-3049

Rho News Editor

Jared Piette
jaredpiette@gmail.com
860-221-8312

Fall 2012 Edition

Volume CLVIII, Issue 2

The Rho News

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brothers,

The Rho House Association celebrates 19 of our brothers graduating from Lafayette College on May 19, 2012.

The DKE House was once again open during reunion. In addition to the pre-registered alumni attendees, many other Dekes stopped by to visit with their brothers. This reunion we dedicated the first gift in the DKE x10 Challenge, a professional multi zone sound system for the DKE House including an outdoor zone for March Field. Thank you to the classes of 2002, 2011, and 2012 for kicking off this new tradition with a successful gift. Special thanks to Peter Carlson '02 for designing the system.

In this issue you will also find a summary of giving which we plan to publish annually each fall. We aligned our fiscal year with the College's, which ends on June 30th. Our summary of giving recognizes all alumni who contributed to our operating costs, educational programming, and capital goals.

Please join me in welcoming to the Rho House Association Jared Piette '12 who stepped in as Rho News Editor for this edition. As a student, Jared served as DKE's Director of Service & Philanthropy and Secretary in addition to several other leadership positions on campus. We are still working out what Jared's role will be and look forward to his contributions.

Alumni recently hosted a Strategic Planning session during the DKE Leadership Conference on August 25th and 26th. In addition to guiding students through the strategic planning process, alumni taught students how to decompose strategic plans into annual goals and actions for recruitment, pledging, academic standards, and public relations. This conference is one example of fraternities like DKE integrating students' intellectual, social, and personal growth by putting learning into practice outside the classroom.

Mark your calendars for Homecoming on October 20th against Holy Cross. Once again, DKE will be hosting a reception at the DKE House prior to the Marquis Dinner on Friday October 19th. We had terrific attendance last year and look forward to seeing even more Dekes! For Saturday, we will hold our annual meeting in the DKE House before the football game. We are working with alumni relations to ensure Homecoming remains a welcoming environment for Deke alumni and our families.

In the bonds,

Michael De Lisi '03
President, Rho House Association

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat"

- Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Alpha/Harvard

'80

ALUMNI REUNITE FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

This year’s Lafayette Reunion saw the return of six Dekes in celebration of the 25 years that have passed since their graduation from the College and from Rho Chapter. **Mike McCormack ‘87, Mark Gupta ‘87, Chris Tedeschi ‘87, Dave Wolff ‘87, Greg Bahtiarian ‘87, and Walt Gurzynski ‘87** reunited the first weekend in June for festivities on March Field.

In the house, their shenanigans included a reunion with cook Walt Luby, as well as some heated two-on-two matches in Brother’s Bar, with Gupta and Tedeschi “turning back the clock” to remain victorious 25 years later. “If there was enough time,” said Gupta, “we were going to challenge the Phi Psi’s, but lucky for them, we moved onto some local Easton establishments!”

McCormack had the same sense of pride. “We appeared to be the sole survivors for the evening as there was no one over the age of 35 anywhere past 2 AM.”

We look forward to more Dekes reliving their undergraduate experience like these six did!



Brothers from the Class of 1987 pose with the Lafayette Leopard.

UNDERGRADS IN THE WORKFORCE

As the summer comes to a close, many juniors and seniors in DKE will be wrapping up summer internships that have broadened their horizons in the financial world, politics, and beyond.

A large number of Dekes were able to secure internships in the New York City metropolitan area to hone their skills in business and finance. **William Greene ‘13** interned for his third summer at Oppenheimer Funds, a mutual fund company that focuses on emerging markets. **Stewart “Chip” Morel, Jr. ‘13** was a capital markets intern for StormHarbor investment bank. **Daniel Toutoungi ‘13** worked at the Royal Bank of Scotland, while **Kevin McGuigan ‘13** interned with Fitch Ratings. Lastly, **William Leonard ‘14** interned for UBS Wealth Management.

Two undergraduates interned with U.S. Representatives from New Jersey in their respective local offices. **John Burke ‘14** had the opportunity to intern with Republican congressman Scott Garrett from New Jersey’s 5th district. **David Eckelmann ‘13** interned with Democratic congressman Rush Holt from New Jersey’s 12th district.

Last are a couple of unique internship experiences. **Michael Kelley ‘14** spent the summer as a sports writer for the New York Islanders hockey team (check out his articles on the Islanders website, or a Lafayette promotional video detailing his experience at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_Mqxmhx1GE). Meanwhile, **Andrew O’Brien ‘13**, Rho’s current president, conducted EXCEL research (a Lafayette faculty-sponsored internship) with the school’s economics department, where the ultimate goal of the project was to explore the environmental impact of cell phone batteries.

We wish all of the undergraduates great success in the future as they continue to learn and grow both in the classroom and in the workforce.

For more information about current undergraduates and a regularly updated news blog feel free to browse the undergrad website at <http://sites.lafayette.edu/dke/news>.

2011-2012 SUMMARY OF GIVING

Giving to Operations		Programming & Capital Giving	
Richard Heller '49	Gregory Bahtiarian '87	W. Robert Magee '47	Jason Monico '02
Frank Bailey '51	Mark Fedorov '91	Dana Hughes '49	Jason Zomick '02
Kenneth Sheeleigh '51	Jonathan Novaco '93	Richard Heller '49	Lance Lacoff '02
James Pasman '52	David Kelly '94	Harry Bockus '50 *	Peter Carlson '02 *
Richard Burns '52	Stephen Scioscia '98	Edmund Whitby '51	Steven Rosen '02
J. Newton Pew '55	Timothy Reinking '99	Allan Kirby '53 *	Brian Schranz '02
Robert Lundquist '55	Lance Lacoff '02	Robert Lundquist '55	Michael DeLisi '03 *
Norman Dion '56	Peter Carlson '02	Tim Whiting '69	Joseph Galyean '04
Robert Rothman '66	Gabriel Fernandez-Obregon '03	Mark Damiano '74	Michael Troxell '05 *
Martin Freifeld '69	Michael DeLisi '03	Daniel Moore '75	Christian Garelli '10
Alan McFarland '72	Michael Gentile '03	John Krah '75	Jonathan Jaye '10 *
John Krah '75	Robert Schiller '06	Steven Vecchione '76	Brent Souders '11 *
David Nicholas '76	Andrew Kling '08	Douglas McCorkle '78	Conrad Shrager '11
Stuart Daughtridge '86	Joe Nam '09	Eli Lambert '83	Robert Lennon '11 *
Richard Ryan '86	Christian Garelli '10	Daniel Huffenus '86 *	Andrew Uzenoff '12 *
Victor Diaz-Gonzalez '86	Ryan Simmons '10	Gregory Bahtiarian '87	Gregory Baldwin '12 *
		Mark Suffredini '93 *	Jared Piette '12 *
		Brian Waerig '94	Joshua Tufts '12 *
		Matthew Perez '94	Michael Rupolo '12 *
		Asela Gunawardana '95 *	Scott Gordon '12 *
		J. Bayard Smith '95	William Stern '12 *
		Scott Harris '95 *	
		William Forbes '96	* Member of Marquis Society

Dues & Operating Account Contributions
Your dues and donations are the sole source of support for *The Rho News*, house property insurance, philanthropy, Rho House Association sponsored events, rhodke.org, and other administrative expenses. Please make checks payable to: Rho House Association, and send c/o Peter Carlson, 3026 Wayne Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

Capital Improvement Account Contributions
Donations to the DKE account with Lafayette College are tax deductible and count towards the Marquis Society. We use these funds to purchase equipment for the DKE house and fund student leadership development opportunities.

To contribute to this account, when donating to Lafayette College, write “For DKE” on the memo line of the check, or in the comments box of the online giving form. This will route your donation to the DKE account. Please inform our Treasurer, Peter Carlson, so he can confirm it posts to our account.

Don’t forget to sign up for automatic dues payments at <http://www.rhodke.org/rhodke-dues.php>
♦ 0-4 years since graduation: \$25 ♦ 5-9 years since graduation: \$35 ♦ 10+ years since graduation: \$50
Thank you for your continued support of our great fraternity.

HELP WANTED

- Communications Director – Manages communication for the alumni. Advises undergrads on PR issues.
- Director of Civic Engagement – Organizes the alumni for philanthropy and service events. Provides continuity to students in their civic engagement practices. Aligns causes DKE supports with our values and membership.
- Membership Development – Supports ongoing membership development such as leadership conferences, time management skills, networking skills, business etiquette, etc.

RHO ATTENDS 2012 DKE CONVENTION AT PSI

The 168th Delta Kappa Epsilon Convention was hosted from July 25-28 by University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. For the first time in recent history, Rho sent a delegation to the biennial convention, giving Brothers **Robert Howe '14** and **William Leonard '14** an opportunity to travel to the Psi Chapter to meet with Dekes from around the country.

Topics discussed at the convention included recruitment, risk management, new member education, ritual, and DKE International's finances. Additionally, Brother Leonard shared that the part of convention that interested him most was listening to the informal presentations given at meals every day. These speakers included Nick Pence, Sigma Kappa '99 (Army Ranger, member of the unit that brought Ayman al-Zawihiri to justice), Bill Kavan, Theta Upsilon '92 (Director of Development at Arizona State University), John McCardell (President Emeritus of Middlebury College, Vice-Chancellor of Sewanee: The University of the South, leader of a group of college presidents that favor returning the drinking age to 18), Robert Witt (Chancellor of the University of Alabama), and Terry Stewart, Phi Chi '69 (President of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and former Chairman of the Board of Marvel Comics).



Brother Leonard's take on the 2012 convention proves that the duo's trek (which was marred by delayed flights and missed connections) was certainly worthwhile. "Although chapters differ from school to school, it was quite evident that all the delegates truly were gentlemen, scholars, and jolly-good fellows. We have all kept in touch through Facebook, and I think it's safe to say that we made friendships that will last a lifetime. The convention showed us that our motto 'friends from the heart forever' applies not only to the brothers of our chapter, but to every Deke across North America, regardless of what school they attended and what year they graduated." Linscott Hanson, Omicron '59, a trustee of the Rampant Lion Foundation, reflected on Leonard's comments by saying that "Our fraternity is more than a college experience, it is truly a brotherhood for life."

The convention also served as the venue for announcing the winner of the annual Lion Trophy, awarded to the chapter that exhibits the greatest scholarship, alumni relations, community service, and chapter improvement. This year's trophy was awarded to the Phi Alpha Chapter (University of British Columbia), which has now won this prestigious award five times.

Brothers Robert Howe '14 (left) and William Leonard '14 stand in front of the University of Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- ◆ **Ryan Simmons '10** was named to the DKE History Committee by Board of Directors member Grant Burnyeat, Phi Alpha '65.
- ◆ Lafayette College President Daniel Weiss announced he will leave his office effective July 2013 to take over as President of Haverford College.
- ◆ Paul McLoughlin II became Dean of Students at Lafayette, as Interim Dean Jodie Frey has returned to her role as Director of Recreation Services.
- ◆ **Adam Szklanny '13** was elected President of the Order of Omega, the Greek life honor society.
- ◆ **Jonathan Simmons '14** and **William Brandt '13** represented DKE Rho at the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI), a five-day fraternity/sorority leadership conference held at the University of Indiana in June.

For more brief news and DKE trivia, consider checking out DKE International's daily "This Day in DKE" posts on Facebook; search "Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity" to find their page.

GREEK LIFE ON CAMPUS

Chi Phi Lawsuit

Chi Phi's lawsuit against the College progressed through the courts. In essence, they sought to repopulate their chapter house with current students. This is the latest in a long running dispute between Chi Phi and College leadership about the status of the Chi Phi chapter at Lafayette. The judge is expected to rule on August 31st.

DU Conduct Hearing

This June, Delta Upsilon was charged with co-hosting an unregistered party in early April with the Delta Delta Delta sorority in DU's chapter house where alcohol was served. Our alumni leadership watched this case carefully with serious concerns about the adjudication process and severity of penalties applied only to fraternities. The student conduct committee initially voted to revoke DU's charter (a power the College does not hold) with no explanation of aggravating factors that led them to set aside the guidelines in the Student Handbook when deciding this case. The Appeals Committee upheld DU's appeal and ordered a rehearing of the case, which is scheduled for early September. DKE will continue to advise DU's alumni and students to the extent that they request our support. We must stand together while holding our community members accountable. To date, no charges have been brought against the Delta Delta Delta sorority for their role in co hosting the alleged event. We continue to be disappointed at the lack of learning opportunities or student development the College imparts in adjudicating student behavior.

Board of Trustees Direction & IAGGL metrics

The Implementation and Assessment Group on Greek Life (IAGGL) published metrics, which all fraternity and sorority chapters need to meet, following an October 2011 Board of Trustees decision establishing a three year window to measure improvement in the Greek community. That improvement is supposed to emanate from 23 items the Board of Trustees directed the administration to implement with the assistance of faculty and others.

Supporting a Diverse, Inclusive, and Welcoming Greek Community

Short Name	Board Action	BoT Action Date	Administration & Faculty Action
Transparency in recruitment selection criteria		10/22/2011	
Purposeful new member education programs with College, alumni, parents, and nationals		10/22/2011	
Fund for financial support of joining Greek chapters		10/22/2011	
Open alcohol-free social events		10/22/2011	
Service learning partner with Easton		10/22/2011	
Culturally based fraternities and sororities		10/22/2011	
Leadership development program		10/22/2011	

Most items actively opposed or opposed in spirit despite Board approval

Full dashboard at rhodke.org

(see *Greek*, page 6)

GREEK (continued from page 5)

In August, DKE leadership published a dashboard tracking progress towards implementing the Board's 23 directives because we are concerned at the lack of progress after an academic year, which is 1/3 of the Board's timeline. DKE's leadership fears no implementation means no progress for IAGGL's metrics to capture.

Of great concern is that our understanding of the Board's direction is dramatically different than what is actually happening on campus. Notably Professor Averret, the incoming Chair of the Student Conduct Committee, wrote on behalf of the SCC that "the call for increased alumni involvement is merely a recommendation from a campus wide committee and is not in and of itself a college policy." We understand this as part of the Board's direction.

DKE strongly disagrees with the assertion that the Board of Trustees is a "campus wide committee" that can make "merely a recommendation" rather than set college policy. This led us to three possible conclusions:

- 1) We are wrong about the direction the Board provided in October
- 2) Professor Averett is unaware the Board directed the administration & faculty to do anything
- 3) Professor Averett is aware of the direction, but is disregarding it

Fortunately, Jim Dicker (VP of Development and Alumni Relations) and Bob Massa (VP of Communications) took up our concerns. The College should shortly be creating and publishing the Time and Responsibility Grid the Board directed Campus Life to create immediately after their October Board meeting. This will provide community leaders points of contact for each of the 23 items the Board directed for implementation.

Check rhodke.org for Greek community updates or contact Michael De Lisi at delisim@comcast.net / 781.234.8485 with any questions or concerns.

THE RHO NEWS

*Lafayette College
Delta Kappa Epsilon
Farinon Box 9449
Easton, PA 18042*