



# Theta Zeta News

Delta Kappa Epsilon

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY



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## Bricks and Mortar

The DKE house at 2302 Piedmont Avenue remains one of the finest in Berkeley. Though the years have added a few wrinkles, the house that Tilden built is as grand and elegant as any, and the active members of the Theta Zeta chapter and the alumni board work diligently to maintain its upkeep. We all know, however, that without continued alumni help, we would not be nearly as successful.

Several major structural changes have occurred and more are planned over the summer. Recently, the staircase behind the house and the sinking front porch, have been completely remodeled. They have been torn down and reconstructed to fit the ever-changing demands of Berkeley's building codes. Though construction was long and loud, the new structures appear to be of excellent craftsmanship, and have helped to improve the overall image of the house.

The chapter room, the age-old heart of the DKE house, is also undergoing a dramatic change. The room has recently been cleaned and remodeled by the brothers of Theta Zeta, and the results are striking. Though we still hope to add new seats to suit our ever growing chapter, the chapter room nevertheless remains a tireless host of our shared memories. With its new makeover, the room is as awe-inspiring as ever.





Yet more changes are on the horizon. This summer, with some alumni help, we hope to completely remodel the roof and deck of the DKE house. Though expensive, the results should be terrific, and at long last the Theta Zeta chapter will have a fully functional and well maintained house that will serve new members and alumni tailgaters for years to come.

Overall, the house is in great shape. With over 50 active members, we will surely be able to complete these necessary repairs and prolong the grandeur and success of the Theta Zeta chapter.



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## Men Who Stare At Goats

Theta Zeta has remained one of the most successful houses at UC Berkeley for years, and it looks as though it will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.



**Kicking-off the pledge semester with a good old Red Wine dinner.**

Our last two semesters have seen our house numbers swell, as we added two of the largest pledge classes in recent memory, with 13 in Spring '09 and 11 last fall. We have maintained the same standard of excellence that has enriched our chapter and thrived under its aegis since 1876.

Our collective house grade point average remains one of the highest among active fraternities at UC Berkeley, a feat particularly impressive given the university's inveterate position amongst the top schools in the nation. In addition, we have maintained our reputation as one of the premier business fraternities here at Cal. This year, all six of our applying members were accepted to the famously competitive Haas School of Business, a feat unmatched by any other social fraternity.

It's not all school all the time, and we at Theta Zeta have been sure to allot more than a few days here and there to being gentlemen and jolly good fellows.



Our members remain important parts of the campus and Berkeley community, with individuals active in business groups, intramural sports, literature clubs, and every other variety of available recreation here at Cal. The coordinator position for the prestigious Sports for Kids community service program has remained in the ranks of our chapter and 10 of our brothers participated in the program last semester for a total of 252 hours of community service. As we move into towards school year, the future of Theta Zeta looks brighter than ever. Alumni support has been instrumental in the continued success of our beloved chapter, and with the continued guidance of our graduates, we will surely continue to be the most prestigious and accomplished fraternity in Berkeley.

## Let the Lion Roar, Roar, Roar!

The Lion Trophy is awarded annually by DKE International to the chapter which best combines community service, alumni relations, scholarship, and chapter improvement. The Trophy is an honor, and a recognition of the hard work and devotion necessary to maintain DKE's perennial position as the best fraternity in the nation. We are proud to announce that, for the year of 2009, the Lion Trophy was awarded to our delighted Theta Zeta chapter.



**Doug Lanpher presenting the chapter with the Lion's Trophy.**

To honor the event, a banquet was held in the hallowed halls of the DKE house. Much beer was imbibed and much food consumed, and the merriment lasted well into the night. Doug Lanpher, newly elected Executive Director of DKE International, presented the trophy. It was quickly passed around and pictured with nearly every active member of the chapter, as well as the many alumni who attended the festivities.

Executive Director Lanpher, reflecting, noted that "My biggest impression by far is the incredible spirit and enthusiasm for DKE that exists."

Though our selection as the best all-around chapter of DKE in the nation has been gratifying, we in Theta Zeta are not content to rest on our laurels. We will be back again this year, and all throughout the nation our lion shall roar, roar, roar!



## 2010 DUES NOTICE

Our 2010 annual dues are \$100. We are very fortunate that many alumni give a good deal more than \$100, which enables us to make the many needed repairs to the house. Of course, we are grateful for each donation regardless of the amount. An envelope is enclosed for those who prefer to mail a check (payable to **THETA ZETA – DKE**). As an alternative, you may also donate securely online through our website ([www.CalDKE.org](http://www.CalDKE.org)).

## MAJOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPORTANT REPAIRS COMPLETED IN 2010:

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| 1. The big expense was <u>removal and replacement of the entire 45+ year old roof</u> — long overdue, expensive, but <i>had</i> to be done.  | \$ 75,000        |
| 2. We had two other “must” repairs <i>mandated by the City of Berkeley</i> :   |                  |
| • <u>Replacement of the front porch tile floor</u> to the tune of about \$20,000. It looks great and — more importantly — is now safe.   | \$ 20,000        |
| • <u>Total removal and replacement of the back stairway next to the kitchen</u> due to earthquake seismic regulations. It was totally redesigned and is now up to code — another \$20,000 job. | \$ 20,000        |
| 3. We also spent about \$10,000 for a variety of miscellaneous improvements.   | <u>\$ 10,000</u> |
|  | <b>\$125,000</b> |

The \$125,000 funding for these completed projects was provided by:

- A *savings program* we planned a few years ago and
- A handful of *very generous alumni giving approximately \$100,000*. This was a godsend since we would not have been able to complete these “must do” improvements without their generosity.

## FUNDRAISING FOR 2010-2011 PROJECTS:

As you can imagine, we need a big alumni dues response in order to rebuild the capital base — we spent it all. This wonderful, charming but old house requires lots of cash.

1. There is a demand to live in the house so we are adding a bedroom at the cost of about \$20,000. It will generate \$9,000 in annual rent so it will pay for itself in under three years.
2. The very popular roof deck needs to be replaced, costing over \$25,000.

## UNDERGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

- The undergraduates have done their part as illustrated in the enclosed brochure.
- With a good rush at the end of this August, we should have 45 to 50 members!

The Board of Directors and the undergraduates are very grateful for your continued support.



## The Young Guys

A solid pledge class provides the foundation of a strong house, and Theta Zeta is proud to say that we have once again recruited an accomplished group of young men during the spring semester. These young men will be the future of our house for the next four years, and we are sure that they will represent Delta Kappa Epsilon faithfully. Last fall we recruited eleven new members, each of whom enriched the chapter with his own valuable experiences. Though this spring's class numbers only five, each has proven, time and again, to be a gentleman, a scholar, and a jolly good fellow. Spring '10 promises to carry on the proud tradition of Deke men.

Quetzal Flores is a freshman from San Diego, California. Q, as we call him, wrestled and played football in high school and yearns to become a doctor. Andrew de la Fuente is also a freshman and from San Diego. Andrew is an aspiring lyricist who hopes to enter the Haas School of Business. Brandon Curran, who grew up in LA, is a freshman as well. He has deceptive abilities on the basketball court and dreams of opening his own catering company. Brett Friedman, from Poway, California, is also on the path to Haas and is eager to tackle leadership positions within the chapter. Last, but not least, is Brian Wayne Liou, hailing Davis, California. Brian helped anchor this class with his quiet resolve. Brian has been putting his master-craftsman skills to work building what maybe the best and most durable DKE beer-pong table yet!



A new addition to a long line of hand made DKE beer-pong tables.

## Graduating Seniors

Though it is sad to bid our graduating seniors adieu, we in Theta Zeta strive always to keep them alive in our memories. Below are this year's graduates. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

**Aaron Berger** is from Beverly Hills, CA. As Vice President, Aaron was responsible for writing the Lion's Trophy, alongside Gregg Irving, which went on to win the contest. Aaron will be graduating with bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Economics. Aaron spent last summer working for Goldman Sachs before going abroad to Hong Kong in search of a cure for yellow fever. In August, Aaron will be working for McKinsey and Company in Seattle, Washington as a Business Analyst.



**Kiran Sathaye** is an environmental engineering major from Moraga, California. He intends to revolutionize the science of waste disposal while enjoying life on Brazil's dark sandy beaches.

**Matt Ebert** is looking for a job. His off-the-charts intellectual prowess and powerful good looks, backed by stellar grades and a long list of angry sorority girls, make him an ideal candidate for any DKE alumnus in need of extra help around the office. Sign him while you can!

**Max Schorer** is originally from Chicago, IL, and elected to come to Cal in hopes of a warmer climate and better looking women (he found neither). He has completed simultaneous degrees in Business and Applied Mathematics, and is looking to pursue a career in consulting or education, with the hope of working abroad in the near future. He'll miss playing harmless pranks around the house, "slumming it", and game days. He will not miss Kip's. At all.

**Nema Wedlake** is a business major from Moraga, California. He plans on taking an entrepreneurial route after college. After a brief stint with an online start-up, his newest attempt has shown great potential and we wish him the best of luck in his endeavors.

**Parsa "Sizzle" Saljoughian** is also business major from Moraga, California. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in Finance. He has the ultimate goal of becoming an accountant for the Parsa Law Group. What he'll miss most about DKE are the themed parties, intramural sports, snappa, i-houses, and beating Rob LeDoux in Madden 2010.

**Raul Sanchez** is a history major from Gardena, California. Though his plans after graduation are shrouded in the mist of the Dark side, he ultimately wishes to pursue a career in ethnographic film; which has no relation to "pornographic film," although it has crossed his mind. Raul is currently in South Africa for the greatest sporting event, ever, the World Cup.

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