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Members of the house await the annual "Running of the Bulls", when the sorority rushees receive their bids and return to their houses as a new pledge class.

## The House That Tilden Built

- Nima Wedlake '10, *House Manager*

In the decades since the brothers of Theta Zeta relocated to 2302 Piedmont Avenue, the DKE house has endured significant wear and tear. Fortunately, the house is in great shape and active work as much as possible to keep the house in good order, but we know that the house wouldn't be successful without all the help we have received from the alumni over the years.

The Fall 2007 pledge class recently completed its pledge project, remodeling the bar area of the basement. Improvements include a floor draining system, working kegerator, and new light fixtures. This semester, we plan to paint and re-tile the fireplace in the main basement area. In addition, all wooden flooring was refinished over winter recess and several minor damages throughout the house were repaired. Most recently, the wood planking on the lower level of the rooftop patio was replaced.

However, several larger projects are yet to be completed, most significantly, Captain's Corner and the Dungeon are in need of remodeling due to recent changes in Berkeley fire code. Both rooms were deemed unlivable by the Berkeley Fire Department last semester and are pending major structural changes. Progress is being slowed, however, by ever-changing building codes and city-instigated difficulties in obtaining a construction permit.

Overall, the house is in great shape with 40 active members. However, we must complete these repairs in order to comply with fire code and ensure the safety of the active members of the house.

## Giving Back

- Andy Stokols '10, *Philanthropy Chair*

Dekes love to have a good time, it's part of being a jolly good fellow, but we also know how to have a good time and help our community while doing so. As a group whose members' interests and abilities are diverse and wide-ranging, we feel we



are in a unique position to make a difference around campus and throughout the Bay Area. That's why we have been participating in and planning several activities and events that we feel have an extremely positive impact on the community of which we are a part.

Last Halloween our chapter participated in Trick-or-Greek, a campus-wide Greek event that brought over 200 children from inner-city neighborhoods in Oakland (where it is not safe to trick or treat at night) to fraternity and sorority houses on campus. Our chapter donned mummy and vampire costumes and created an authentic fog-filled haunted house in the living room, giving these children a real Halloween that they might not have had otherwise. It was an extremely rewarding event, as we got the chance to interact directly with the children and provide them (and ourselves) with a very memorable experience.

This semester we have been planning a fundraising event that will bring in enough money to make a substantial contribution to a local charity. Current options we have been evaluating include an upscale dinner gala, a campus-wide athletic competition, or a concert. The event will bring together members from around the campus and local community and highlight Delta Kappa Epsilon's commitment to giving back to the community of which we are a part. The charities we are looking at donating to include Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and 826 Valencia, a San Francisco-based program that provides free tutoring to inner-city children. Though we have more work to do, planning for the event has been a great experience, with many members of the house coming together to work towards a common goal.

## A Social Fraternity

- Ryan Ledoux '08 and Rob Ledoux '10, *Social Chairs*

This DKE social semester will be one of the most exciting in years! With an increase in new members due to the success of both our fall and

spring rush, we have been able to allocate additional funds towards the social budget. Our reputation throughout the university has been strong and active while our involvement in Inter-Fraternity Council continues. Theta Zeta's very own Max Calvin Schorer was recently elected to serve as President, the most influential and respected role on the council.

In our first month back at school, we have had three highly successful exchanges and have loads more planned for the future. We kicked off the



The fellows rally together for a brotherhood event before hosting another successful Toga Party last fall.

semester with a casino night exchange with the belles of ADPi, followed by a nostalgia themed party with Chi Omega, and just recently hosted Pi Phi for the much-loved highlighter exchange. Just last weekend we threw the first ever DKE Quinceañera, which proved to be a hit throughout the Greek community and is sure to last. After all, is there a better way to celebrate the President's Day holiday? We plan to bring back the Dekes of Hazard party, and will hopefully have our first houseboat date party this semester. Also, everyone's favorite Blake's bar may allow us to rent their basement for an off-site event, and we plan to venture into San Francisco on a DKE party bus and try our luck there. We have also kept the timeless "White Trash Bash" tradition alive and just recently scheduled our annual trip to King Fish with the ladies of Tri Delta. Future exchanges will be held with Delta Gamma,



Kappa, and Alpha Phi, all of which we have continued to maintain strong relations with.

While we all look forward to exchanges and parties, the most enjoyable part of the social semester is further bonding with the brothers in the house. Before the spring semester began, we organized a ski trip to Lake Tahoe that included some of the newest members from the fall. We even had a surprise visit from one of our favorite alumni, Andy Walz '06. Many of us are also looking forward to our spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico that we have just finished organizing. Whether it's group trips, pre-party events, or late night chats, it is these moments with the members in the house that always prove to be the most memorable. In the last four years, never have I seen a DKE house more unified and proud to be a band of tightly knit brothers, bound from the heart forever.

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## DKE Domination

- Greg Rosenthal '08, *IM Chair*

Intramural sports have a long tradition in DKE. Over the years, DKE has participated in softball and soccer, consistently qualifying for the playoffs. Just last year, DKE added basketball and football to its intramural line-up. Most recently, as an opportunity to provide more house events, an IM dodge ball team was created; the first ever dodge ball team will have its first game soon. This year all teams are expected to make the playoffs with softball and basketball pegged as championship contenders. The basketball team has much-needed height in the center coming from new pledges Dan McDonnell, 6'6", and Matt Ebert, 6'5", both experienced high school players. Flag football now has a full year of experience under its belt and a playbook that rivals Tedford's.

DKE has a talented pull of athletes to choose from such as Ben Wu. Ben is the quarterback for the football team, point guard for the basketball team, and leadoff batter on the softball team. Last semester he received recognition as the



The athletes of DKE are triumphant in the chapter's inaugural dodge ball game.

Recreational Sports Facility IM Athlete of the Week and looks to have another great semester. Although there is only room for so many on each team, all members of DKE are welcome to play. Even those who do not get the opportunity to get in the game still come out to support their brothers. The best part of IM sports is interacting with members of the house. Some of the greatest DKE memories have come from a last second touchdown or a last inning home run on the softball field. IM sports are a great way for members to bond and have fun.

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## Spring '08: Six Strong

- Jack Navarra '09, *Pledge Trainer*

Of all the characteristics of a strong house, a solid pledge class is one of the most important. As the future of the fraternity, it is crucial to recruit upstanding young men who will go on to proudly represent Delta Kappa Epsilon. Last semester, a strong fall pledge class added eleven men into the chapter, each bringing their own colorful personalities to an already diverse house. With a good combination of older and younger men, the wide-ranging class of the Fall is turning out to be a great addition to Theta Zeta. With that being said, the six young men of the spring '08 class seem to be on their way to being yet another great addition to



the house.

Below is some information on the incoming pledge class: Lucas Cravero is a freshman from Moraga, CA. Lucas was born in Argentina and lived there until high school. He plans on pursuing a major in business or economics. Raul Sanchez is a freshman from Gardena, CA who is double majoring in history and classics. Luis Vitte, a freshman from Pasadena, CA is also pursuing a major in business. Luis has also logged 50+ hours of flight time and is working towards getting his pilot's license. Oren Barack from New York City, NY is a freshman hoping to earn a degree from Haas as well. Tyler Anger is a freshman from Eugene, OR. Growing up in a military family, Tyler has lived all over the US and actually spent the majority of his childhood living in Germany. Tyler is declaring a major in Molecular and Cell Biology. And last, but certainly not least, is Stephen Wilson, a sophomore from Dunsmuir, CA. After pursuing a degree in Integrated Biology, Stephen plans on becoming a physical therapist.

These men may come from diverse backgrounds, but they have already begun to come together as a class, undoubtedly a sign of good things to come.



Some of our members pose outside the DKE threshold for a house photo on a Sunday afternoon.



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