Eta-University of Virginia

The unpleasant duty has devolved upon me of describing the breaking up of old associations and of the ties of friendship that have bound us together during the session that had just passed; it has been a very pleasant one, and we are sorry to have to say it is over.

With our usual bad luck, we will have but three men back this year to start with, although during the past session our chapter numbered fourteen. It has been the same every year since I have been here—which is several years—we have always started with very few men and built ourselves up to the number of ten or twelve.

Next session, however, we hope to get some desirable men early in the action who will be able to render us material assistance in “rushing” men.

In these straits we can comfort ourselves with two reflections: one is, as I have remarked before,
that every year we start with few men and built ourselves up to a goodly number, and why not do the same this year? The other is that almost every other fraternity in the university is in exactly the same fix as ourselves, and since we have as good a chance as most of the others in point of prestige and members—it is to be hoped in quality also—I see no reason why we should not do as well as most of them. Now for what we have done this year past in the way of studies as announced at the final day of the session: Of our total of fourteen, two were called home before the final examinations, which, of course, blocked them from all chance of securing diplomas. Of the remaining twelve, five received degrees: four the degree of Bachelor of Law; and one the degree of Bachelor of Arts; besides these was a goodly number of diplomas; enough, certainly, to keep us from being at all ashamed to compare with other fraternities.

In addition to our students’ honors, we had our share of the other honors of the university, political and social. One of our glorious fellowship was made presiding officer over the joint celebration of the two literary societies; a responsible and honorable post. Also four or five of our men were put on the “Final committee” of the “Jeff,” another post of honor, or at least generally so considered.

But this letter has been too long drawn out, and in conclusion I will only say this: that when we look back upon what we have done inside the Fraternity walls and outside of them, we have no reason to be ashamed of ourselves as a Fraternity.

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
ETACHAPTER
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

May 1966

Eta’s Band of Brothers had been lying low for the last few years, but the muses have again inspired us. We have a strong house and are much involved in the life of the University. We have 22 active brothers, 13 goats, and 11 inactive brothers, either married or in graduate school. Extra-curricular activities are an important factor in our life here and we are very active. John Pincavage was captain of this year’s football team and broke two school records (most passes caught, 90; total career yardage, 1051 yards). Both were previously held by Eta Deke Sonny Randle, now of the St. Louis Cardinals; John has signed with Detroit. Five other Dekes were on the Virginia squad.

Jeff Calamos set freshman ACC broad jump record of 21 feet indoors. Pete Caples and Jim Brashares wrestled for the Varsity. Bruno deBrun, recently elected Secretary of the Polo Club, won this year’s trophy for the “Outstanding Young Member.”

Many Dekes are involved in our honorary societies (called ELI BANANA, T.I.L.K.A., and IMP). Steve Hopson, George Morison, John Pincavage, Jim Strother, and Guy Tower are T.I.L.K.A.’s; Ken Reutlinger, Mike Barr and Gordon Rainey are Eli Bananas; John Pincavage, George Morison and Steve Hopson represent three-sevenths of the undergraduate IMPs.

Jim Strother is President of the Raven Society and a member of ODK. Steve Hopson is Editor-in-Chief of the Cavalier Daily, President of PDE Honorary Journalism Society and a member of ODK. He’s been admitted to the Law School here for next year.

Strother Randolph is Executive Editor of the Corks and Curls (our yearbook) and is Secretary of the University Union. Al
Berkeley is Vice-President of the Union, and Steve Wilton, Tom Rainey and Johnny Freeman are on its nine man Governing Board.

Dekes hold five of the fifteen memberships to the Spirit Club. Three Dekes are on the Student Council Library Committee. John Pincavage is on the Student Council proper. Tom Rainey is on the Judiciary Committee. George Morison is President of the College and Chairman of the Honor Committee, making him the official student spokesman for the University.

Deke is the first fraternity to have 100% active membership in the Alumni Association Life Membership program. We want to invite all Dekes to stop by the next time they are in the area. We have a full schedule of parties planned. We appreciate the hospitality as we have rambled around the country.

We are busy paying off our debts from our disaster (all the pipes and radiators broke when the heat went off between semesters), but we aren't going to let that hold us down.

Spring promises more fun, service and credit. Johnny Freeman has been elected President of the Spirit Club, and Tom Rainey, Vice-President. Steve Wilton and Bruno deBrun were tapped as members of this University-wide organization.

Eta is the oldest fraternity at Virginia and consequently is consciously aware of its responsibility to the University. Besides active participation in many school activities, we present a gift to the school each year. This year we gave to the Honor Committee a copy of the original plans of the University drawn for Thomas Jefferson by architect Peter Maverick in 1823.

Our alumni plans for this spring are many. We will have a buffet lunch on Alumni Weekend (April 9-10) and a cocktail party that afternoon. Also, we are planning a dinner for local Dekes in late April.

Many of you may have seen the eight page spread on Virginia in Men's Wear Magazine; it centered around a weekend at the Deke House.

Seven Dekes will become Alumni in June. Kenny Reutlinger will then sell rolling hills and white fences as a realtor in Louisville, Kentucky. John Pincavage will be playing football for the Detroit Lions and studying engineering in Detroit. Strother Randolph will be laying wire in rice paddies as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal corps. Steve Hopson will be back at Virginia for Law School. George Morison will be teaching history in New Orleans. Bart Mallory is also studying the law, at the University of Tennessee. Alfred Berkeley plans to go to Graduate Business School at Wharton (look out Delta Kappa). Donnie Roberts will get drafted in spite of his stock-broking.

Many Dekes are active in athletics this spring. Tom Rainey, Norman Peeler and Goats Al Kavash, Ron Mize and Pete Coy are playing lacrosse. Phil Hoyt and Van Merle-Smith are running track. Bruno deBrun is playing polo. Sixteen boys are on the Deke boxing team, and poets Cary Fishburne, Strother Randolph and Bruno deBrun should lead us to a team championship.

By Alfred Berkeley '66
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
ETACHPER
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

ETA, VIRGINIA- Eta began the new wartime session on July 1, 1943 with an active chapter of eleven brothers. These were Bill Marbury, Fred Schneider, Charlie Minor, Tom Stokes, Ed Gamble, Charlie Sackett, Rufus Roberts, Lucien Burnett, Dick Cofer, Cliff Fox and Tom Willcox. Many brothers of the preceding session had been scattered over the globe by the Armed Services. Since that time we have lost Minor to the Harvard Medical School, where he is president of his class, and Schneider, now a Second Lieutenant, to the Marines. Stokes has his commission in the Navy, and Gamble is serving in the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. This group had seen the University change from peace to war.

Beginning July 1, the V-12 program was inaugurated. One brother was a pre-medical student while the rest were in a reserve of one sort or another. Eight were on active duty in the Navy Program, and this necessitated the closing of the house as a living place. However, the house was reoccupied in August by two of the brothers, and at the present it is still open and we hope to keep it that way.

In the summer rushing period, we pledged four new men. They are John Pearson, John Old, Grey Carrington and Allen Clay.

When football season rolled around, six Dekes earned places of the team, and another was managing. Pearson sustained a pre-season injury, which forced him to the sidelines, but the others, Sackett Burnett, Roberts, Cofer and clay, all made their letters. Sackett distinguished himself by winning a berth on the All-State team.

Charlie Minor lead the scholastic list. He achieved Intermediate Honors, and was elected to the Raven Society, an honorary group. Bill Marbury is head of the Eli Bananas, a ribbon society at the University, and four other brothers have been admitted this year. Marbury and Roberts are both members of the “Z” Society, one of the best here.

On the first of November, we lost Minor, Stokes and Schneider. This depleted our ranks somewhat, but a new rushing period was declared because of the influx of the new Navy students. We pledged Bud Kessing of Chapel Hill, M. C. He fought on the boxing team, and was invited to the Eastern Intercollegiate Tournament. Unfortunately, he was not initiated because he was transferred to the University of South Carolina by the Navy.

Fox, Clay, Burnett, Old and Cofer formed half of the varsity basketball squad. Clay, Fox and Burnett made their letters, and Burnett was chosen to the All-State team. The Deke intramural team also won its league.

The first of March saw the loss of Gamble owing to Navy orders. Another rushing period was held, and we pledged Cecil Barnett of Charlottesville, Va.

The spring sport season has begun, and we are well represented. Clay, Old and Fox head the tennis team. Sackett, Burnett, Roberts and Barnett are out for spring football which also takes the time of manager Willcox. Carrington and Cofer are the mainstays of the track team. No contests have been held.

That about brings us up to date. The University has undergone many changes. Its student body is now composed mainly of Navy students. A lot of gayety has been lost in the Navy restrictions and the prevailing wartime conditions. However, Jefferson's traditions and ideals are still present, and we will support them inviolate. Most of the fraternities are still active, although a few have closed their houses. The professors are the same, the lawn and colonnades and buildings are still beautiful, and there are still true Dekes at the University of Virginia.

Here's hoping that the next hundred years of Delta Kappa Epsilon will be as fruitful in producing men as the last.

Tom Willcox, Jr. Eta '46

Source: Centennial DKE quarterly

The Pledge Pin

This was originally a button but as it hasn't been made in this form for years, it's correct to refer to it as a pledge pin. This is an equilateral triangle lapel pin, enameled in the DKE colors of crimson, blue and gold. A number of chapters have local traditions concerning which color should be uppermost.
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
ETA CHAPTER
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

March 4, 1950

Gentlemen:

Another year, and another spring coming up, and we here at the old Deke house thought you might be interested in how things are going at the University. The year so far has been full, our prospects are good, and the Dekes are still on top. Mr. Darden has changed a lot of things, but that’s one thing that’s stayed the same.

On returning to school last fall, the thing uppermost in everyone’s mind was football, and Virginia’s team. We are happy to say that the House was well represented, with “Chief” Nesbit at guard, Owen Meadows at center, Rufus Barkley at quarterback, Charlie Mott at end, and Jack Clarkson at halfback. The Fall season, which proved to be one of Virginia’s greatest ever, provided many enjoyable weekends, the biggest being Homecoming on the weekends of October the 15th, when Virginia played Washington and Lee, rush weekend on October the 29th, and the Penn weekend (no Dekes ended up in jail). Homecoming brought quite a few old Dekes back to the House, and between Carr’s Hill and the Albemarle Hotel, everyone had a wonderful weekend. The alumni who returned were: Joe Addington, Donald Dill, W.M. Gravatt, Jr., Jack Hoover, C. H. Jones, Ben Kinsey, Jr., Bob King, M. D. Lee, L. L. Lewis, Mac Luck, Dan Oehmig, Ken Reutlinger, Al Reutlinger, R. R. Rinehart, Jr., Bill Rinehart, Rufus Roberts, Norvell Scott, H. K. Spotswood, F. B. Taylor, Brad Tazewell, B. R. Wellford, W. R. Willet, D. J. Wood, and D. J. Wood, Jr.

Bidding farewell to the old, the House rang in the new. Rushing was begun October the 24th and ended with the West Virginia game on October 29th. Again the Deke house finished way out in front getting 15 of the most outstanding boys in the second year class. That their names are well sprinkled throughout this letter indicates the active part they are playing in University life. However a complete list of all 15 follows. They are; Rufus Barkley, Norris Broyles, Jack Clarkson, Staige Blackford, Tom Compton, Dick Godine, Gordon Jones, Harris Livick, Paul Prillaman, Gil Hooper, Mickey Willingham, Joe Wood, Don Strain, Clarence Keifer, and Owen Meadows. Also initiated with these fifteen was Len Coiner who was pledged last fall.

With football season and fall ending just eight yards from a $120,000 Bowl bid, attention was turned to winter sports, and many Dekes stood out on these teams too. In basketball uniforms, the House had Guard Walt Yoos, who co-captained the team; forward Gil Hooper; and center Harris Livick. On the wrestling team there were; the Wood brothers; Joe in the 165 pound class and Warner in the 175 pound class; and Jack Clarkson, heavyweight. Swimming for Virginia was Norris Broyles, 100 yard dash man, while Len Coiner, 125 pound class, remains undefeated in the ring.

In the spring, the House will again have a captain, Bill Hooper capturing the Lacrosse team. Other Deke “stickmen” will be Dick Godine, attack; Tom Compton, midfield; and Gordon Jones, attack. On the baseball team the House will have “Gil” Hooper in the outfield and Don Strain catching. Frank
Goodman will represent us on the tennis team, Sunny King and John Grant on the links, and Charlie Mott will throw the discuss for Archie Hahn. At present 19 Dekes are in the “V” Club with several more expected to join this spring.

On the Intramural front the Dekes still reign supreme, having captured both the University touch football and volleyball championships this past fall. Bob Albergotti placed third in the Cross Country meet, nad Badminton doubles was dominated by “Eddie” Horner and Bill Barksdale, who took first place, and Ken McElvain and Johnny Moore, who captured second. This winter the House Basketball team is at this writing, already in the playoffs, while Ronny Ball, a Deke transfer from RPI, reigns as Intramural heavyweight boxing champion. All these victories add up points toward the House’s fourth straight capture of the Intramural “Big Cup” high point trophy.

Athletics, of course, aren’t everything, in the University or the House. The House continued to maintain a fashionable scholastic average—not too high and not too low—and to be proud of its Phi Beta Kappa member, Charlie Sackett. There were also winners of intermediate honors and Dean’s listers for the first semester. Beside the two teams captains, leadership of the House around the Grounds has been maintained by Frank Goodman, president of the Engineering School, and Charlie Mott, member of the student Council and President of the “V” Club. Harry Taylor is Editor-in-Chief of the Cavalier Daily (ex College Topics); and Dave Carr, former president of the College, is a member of the Governing Board of the Interfraternity Council. The House remains strong in the Ribbon Societies, with eleven men in Eli Banana and 12 men in TILKA. Harvey Lindsay is serving as Vice-president of Lambda Pi while Sunny King and Frank Batten take time off from golf to serve as Managing Editor and Sports Editor respectively of Corks and curls. Society membership not already mentioned includes four men in the “13” Society, two in ODK, one in 3-3-3, six in IMP, three in the Zeus, and one in Theta Tau.

Financially speaking, the House is also in its customary position. Despite the very successful first year of the new Eta of DKE Alumni Association, which solicited some $1,000 in contributions from generous alumni, repairs to the second floor cost the House $2,800 and necessitated the taking out of a second mortgage. We are therefore enclosing a pledge card with each letter in hopes that those of you who were unable to join the Association last year might do so this year.

It is always a pleasure to have any and all of you visit us on Carr’s Hill whenever you can get back. We were very happy to have so many alumni back for Homecoming last fall and help that as many of you as possible will plan to return next fall.

Fraternally,

W. A. Forrest, Alumni Secretary

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The DKE Arms, Crest and Motto

The Arms are those symbols appearing on the face of the DKE shield: the rampant lion (DKE’s symbol), crossed keys, and so on. The Crest is that element which appears over the Arms; it is a winged sundisk. The Open Motto appears below the Arms; it is Kerothen Philoi’ Aeoi, “Friends from the Heart, Forever.” The Greek words are pronounced very much as they appear: “Kerr-often Fil-o-y Aye-a.”

Although it is not strictly accurate to do so, the combination of the DKE Arms, Crest and Motto is usually referred to as “the DKE Crest.”
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
ETACHAPTER
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

December 10, 1951

Gentlemen:

Once again we here at the old Deke House want all Eta Dekes to know how things are going here at the University. The year thusfar has been an eventful one, our prospects are excellent and the Dekes are once more on top in all phases of University life.

The past Fall could boast of one of Virginia's finest football teams and greatest seasons, and we are proud to say that the House was fully represented on the 1951 Cavaliers. Alternate Captain Rufus Barkley quarterbacked the team to an 8 – 1 record, with Pete Potter one of his running mates in the backfield. Up front, Joe Mehalick, Al Minter, Bill Stallings, Bobby Cabell, Ralph Williams, and Lou Showalter contributed to the great play of the Virginia line, which wound up the season by holding William and Mary to –37 yards rushing. The Fall season, one of Virginia's greatest, provided several big weekends, and Old Dekes returned to Carr's Hill for the V.M.I. weekend, when Homecomings held forth, the Citadel weekend, with the Openings dances the feature attraction, the North Carolina weekend and the William and Mary weekend.

With the end of the football season, attention naturally turned focused on the Winter sports, and here again Dekes are prominent. In basketball returning letterman Gil Hooper represents the House, with Johnny Middleton, Johnny Garland, and Charlie Gamble making the big jump from last year's first-year team to the Varsity.

The Dekes in wrestling togs include Captain Joe Wood at 147 pounds and heavyweight Jack Clarkson. The House also has the boxing captain in 125-pounder Len Coiner, who is backed by former National Intercollegiate champ Pete Potter at 155 pounds and heavyweight Joe Mehalick. Norris Broyles carries the House colors on the swimming team.

In Intramurals we had a tight time of it last Spring before beating the St. As in the finals of the golf layoffs to bring the High Point Trophy home to the House for the seventh straight year. The final point tally read: Dekes 453 5/6, St. As 447 ½. Again this Fall we are well up in the running for the “Big

This is what is usually referred to as “the DKE pin” and, often, “the Diamond pin.” It is a black enameled gold pin of diamond shape bearing a star in gold at each corner and, in the center, a white enameled scroll having on it the Greek letters DKE in gold, the whole surrounded by a border of plain gold. The basic design of the pin is the same as that originated by DKE's founders except that the original pins were slightly larger than today's and had the name “Yale” under the scroll—a tradition still observed on Phi DKE pins. In the Nineteenth Century some other chapters also had their names on their pins (they could get away with this because each chapter had its pins made by the local jeweler) but this is no longer authorized, except for Phi.

The pin is worn at a diagonal over the heart on a shirt or vest or sweater, never on a T-shirt, or on the lapel of a jacket.

Up until about the turn of the century, you could get your pin surrounded by a border of pearls or precious stones; you could also get it, bejeweled, in a smaller size known as a “sweetheart” pin, with which to pin, obviously, your sweetheart; the DKE archives even has one such pin set as a hatpin, although this cannot have been common. These jeweled pins are long gone; nowadays if you want to pin your sweetheart you use the standard plain badge, but if you break up, be sure you get it back!
Cup.” Already two cups have been added to those of past years as the House teams won the championship in both Boxing and “B” Volleyball among the Fall sports. On the individual side, Johnny Garland won the “Best Boxer” trophy in taking the 160 pound division, while Tommy Compton copped the 155 pound class. Compton proved to be a double winner for the House when he added the 155 pound wrestling title.

Sorrowfully saying goodbye to 14 departing Dekes last Spring, the House at the same time welcomed fifteen outstanding men. The initiation of Spring rushing for first-year men was marked by our pledging of Johnny Middleton, Joe Mehalick, Johnny Garland, Charlie Gamble, Ralph Williams, Granny Swope, Jimmy Shoemaker, Widdy Tazewell, Tommy Battle, Buddy Battle, Buddy Pollard, Dick Carington, Pete Potter, Bobby Cabell, Jerry Fitzgerald, and Bill Stallings. The active part they are taking in University life is shown by the recurrence of their names in this letter. Also this Fall, the House was further strengthened by the pledging of Tommy Chandler, Buzzy Wilkinson, Bob Rogers, and Bo Rogers.

In other fields of University activity, the House continues to excel. Our scholastic average as a whole is good, and we can show several Dean’s List Students and recipients of Intermediate Honors. In the publications picture, Staige Blackford is managing editor of the Cavalier Daily, and is assisted on the paper by Mac Jenkins, Widdy Tazewell, Charlie Gamble, and Jimmy Shoemaker. Doug Mackall and Dick Godine are associate editors of Corks and Curls, Gordy Jones is the sports editor, and Mac Jenkins is handling the fraternity coverage. Jack Clarkson represents us on the Student Council and Gil Hooper on the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The men of Carr’s Hill are still strong in the societies here at the University. Staige Blackford is president of the Raven Society, Norris Broyles heads the German Clud, Dick Godine is president of the V-Club, and Mac Jenkins is vice-president of Skull and Keys. Also, we have twelve men in the V-Club – with more to come each sports season. We have six representatives each in Tilka, Imp, and the Student Union, four in Eli Banana, and three in Zeus.

Of course, we here at the University want all Eta Dekes to keep in mind the Eta Centennial to be held here on Carr’s Hill, March 28, 29, and 30. Business will be well blended with pleasure, and entertainment is being planned for the entire weekend. It should be quite a get together, and we here certainly hope all Eta Dekes can be on hand for the centennial.

Appropriately enough, it has been decided to use Mr. Norborne Berkeley’s generous Christmas gift of last year to renovate the House over the holidays. Estimates are now under consideration, and it appears that the Dining room, Hall, and Living Room will be completely done over. In connection with this remodeling, if anyone has any old furniture or rugs which they think we could possibly use, please let us know as we are trying to use our funds to the best advantage.

Financially, the House is in its accustomed position. Despite generous contributions to the Eta of DKE Alumni Association, funds are needed to finance the overdue repairs to the house. Therefore, we are enclosing a pledge card with this letter so that you may be able to join the Alumni Association if you have not already done so. Backed by the loyal support of our alumni, we here at Eta hope to carry the DKE House forward to ever higher heights of achievement.

It has been our pleasure throughout the Fall to have many of you visit us on Carr’s Hill, and we sincerely hop you will make it a habit whenever you are in Charlottesville. Especially do we hope that you are all planning to be on hand for the Eta Centennial March 29.

With very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Yer.

Fraternally yours,

Davant Latham
Alumni Secretary
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
ETA CHAPTER
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

December 15, 1952

Gentlemen:

Once again we at the Deke House want all Eta Dekes to know how things are going with us here at the University. The year thus far has been eventful and profitable, and we are again on top in all phases of University life.

This fall the University football team had a very successful season with a record of 8-3 under the competent guidance of Art Guepe. From the ranks of the Deke House came such stalwart linemen as Joe Mehalick, All Big Six tackle on offense and defense, Bill Stallings, Second String All-State guard, Louis Showalter, Bob Cabell, and Paul Phipps. In the backfield, we were represented by Pete Potter and Eddie Knowles, All-State safety man.

Along with football came soccer and two Deke stand-outs on the team which had its best season in history. They were Jim Holland and Tommy Hunter.

Sorrowfully saying goodbye to five departed Dekes last spring, this fall the House welcomes thirteen outstanding men. Fall rushing for second-year men was marked by the pledging of Don Saer, Sonny Butler, Tom Hunter, Bill Morris, Eddie Knowles, Hatch Echols, Bill Walker, Paul Phipps, Harry Lee, Bland Lee, John Fite, Len Muse, and Frank Slayton. The active part that they are playing in University life is shown by the recurrence of their names in this letter. These new members bolster the membership of the Deke House to forty men, a position of strength for which the Deke House has been known. Currently there is discussion on the question of spring rushing of first-year men. The Deke House is in favor of this practice in place of the delayed second-year rushing of the past. Any influence that you may have toward this end would be appreciated.

In winter sports, the Deke House is as usual taking a leading part. We have Bill Morris, Harry Lee, Charlie Gamble, John Middleton, and Jerry Fitzgerald representing us on the varsity basketball squad which incidentally carries only fourteen men. In boxing Captain and Southern Inter-Collegiate Champion, Pete Pettor blazed the trail for the Deke house, followed closely by heavyweight Joe Mehalick and John Fite, a 137-pounder with great promise. Bill Walker is carrying the House colors in wrestling, and in swimming Buddy Pollard, Tommy Hunter, and Don Saer are our representatives.

As spring rolls around, many good Dekes will don the orange and blue to uphold the heritage that was handed down to them by Virginia’s 1952 National Lacrosse Champions, captained by All-American Gordon Jones. Besides Jones, another Deke, Second-String All-American Dick Godine, will be sorely missed. However, Virginia’s lacrosse outlook is bright. The team, paced by Captain Tom Compton, alson an All-
American, and other Dekes, Granny Swope, Dick Carrington, Ralph Williams, Buddy Pollard, and Jim Shoemaker should repeat as national champions. In other spring sports the House will be well represented by Harry Lee, Don Strain, and John Garland, baseball lettermen, Bob Cabell, Bill Morris, and Hatch Echols on the tennis team, and Captain Davant Latham and Len Muse showing the way in track.

Although we lost the High Point Trophy last year by a narrow margin, we are well on the way to bringing it back home to the Deke House. We have won both the Intramural football and boxing championships and are currently leading in basketball. Volleyball was lost by a very close margin, but we are ahead in the individual sports. At this point the House has a lead that we hope will increase as the year moves along – so that the Big Cup will again be won by the men of Carr's Hill.

In other fields of University activity, the House continues to excel. The most important factor, our scholastic average, as a whole is much better in recent years. We have Louis Showalter, Don Saer, Widdy Tazewell, Jim Holland, Mac Jenkins, Tommy Compton, and Hatch Echols on the Dean's List. We have two recipients of Intermediate Honors, three men in Phi Eta Sigma, one in ODK, and Tazewell and Jenkins have been elected to the Raven Society. In publications, Widdy Tazewell is managing editor of the Cavalier Daily. Frank Slayton, City Editor, Charlie Gamble, Jim Shoemaker, John Garland and Bland Lee are also on the staff. The Student Directory was published under the direction of Doug MacKall and Davant Latham. Mac Jenkins and Davant Latham represent us on the Student Council, and Bob Cabell will take office in February. Jenkins is the president of the Student Union, and Jack Clarkson is president of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Our strength in the societies has remained prominent. We have seven men in Eli Banana, nine in TILKA, eight in IMP and four "Z's." The House has three captains, in track, boxing, and lacrosse, and twenty-one men in the V-Club, of which Al Minter is secretary.

Financially, as always, the Deke House seems to be fighting an up-hill battle. Through the use of generous contributions, however, we have been able to effect widespread repairs and make a good start toward meeting debts accrued over the past years. In view of these circumstances, any further contributions will be more than appreciated. In this respect a renewal of our attempts to enlist alumni support will be forthcoming in a new issue of pledge cards.

It has been our pleasure throughout the Fall to have so many of you to visit us on Carr's Hill, and we sincerely hope that you will make it a habit whenever you are in Charlottesville. In closing, the present members of the Deke House join together to wish each and every one of the Eta Alumni a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Louis R. Showalter, Jr.
Alumni Secretary

The horror and heroism of the civil War was for DKE, as for the nation, a profound and searing experience. The first Union officer killed (and, so far as records show, the first soldier to give his life on either side) was Theodore Winthrop of Phi, who fell leading Northern troops in a charge at Great Bethel; and, as has been noted, Philip Spence of Zeta was the last confederate commander to surrender. Out of a total membership of about 2500, 725 Dekes fought for the South and 817 for the North—a total of 1542, 162 more than the next two fraternities combined. No chapter was unrepresented in the war, there was no battle of importance in which Dekes did not win laurels, and there was no chapter North or South that did not long bear the scars of that terrible conflict.
Gentlemen:

As the spring semester of 1953 rapidly nears its conclusion, the Deke house can once more look with pride upon the achievements of its members during the year. Our heritage, that of the Eta Dekes, has served as the criterion by which we have judged our success.

The school year of 1952-1953 has witnessed the pledging of twenty new Dekes. Thirteen men were pledge in the fall and seven more were pledged with the advent of spring rushing. The spring goats are Charlie Jones, Drew Moore, Jesse Wilson, John Waid, Joe Call, Colson Hillier, and Jake Ratsel. Each man is a leader in every sense of the word and deserving of the diamond pin. These new men will swell the ranks of the Deke House to 49 men and compensate somewhat for the loss of ten staunch Dekes through graduation. The graduates led by president Jack Clarkson are Mac Jenkins, Devant Latham, Doug MacKall, Al Minter, Tom Compton, Dick Godine and Louis Showalter.

Since the most important purpose of attending college is to gain and education and succeed scholastically, the Deke House in the past year has stressed not only its accustomed leadership in athletics, but an increasing leadership in scholastic endeavors, both honorary and literary. To date eight Dekes have been on the Dean's List of distinguished students during the year, three men are Ravens, two are ODK, four are recipients of intermediate honors and two Dekes are on the Board of the Law Review. In general the scholastic leadership of The Deke House is on the rise.

Many coveted positions of leadership throughout the University, some closely associated with scholastic ability, are held by Dekes. William Tazewell is the president of Raven and Editor of the Cavalier Daily. Bob Gabell succeeds another Deke, Mac Jenkins, as vice-president of the Student Council. The Council incidentally, is composed of fifteen men, four of which will be Dekes. Jack Clarkson is the president of the Interfraternity Council, Mac Jenkins is the president of the Student Union and Granville Swope is the newly elected vice-president of the college for 1953-1954. In the department of Education, Joe Mehalick is vice-president, and Al Minter is secretary of the V-Club.

Honor Societies as usual are well sprinkled with Dekes. There are ten Dekes in TILKA, ten in Eli Banana, nine in IMP, four in “Z”, and one Deke in the 13 Society. Virtually every Deke is a member of one of the political societies – Skull and Keys or Lambda Pi – thirty Dekes have earned V awards.

During the year, the University has enjoyed notable success in varsity athletics. Football dominated the scene in the fall with the Deke House contributing generously to the cause. Dekes led by all-state Joe Mehalick and Pete Potter, the newly elected co-captains for 1954, and including Bill Stallings, second string all-state guard Paul Phipps, Lou Showalter and Eddie Knowles, also all-state, added
On January 20, 1989, George Herbert Walker Bush, Phi ’48, was inaugurated President of the United States. Like Gerald Ford, Brother Bush appeared in the 1971 pledge manual as a member of the House of Representatives. He then became U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, then Chairman of the Republican National Committee, chief of the U. S. Liaison Office in Peking, head of the C. I. A., and for two terms, Vice President of the U. S. He was Phi Beta Kappa at Yale, class president, and captain of Yale’s championship varsity baseball team. In addition, he was a highly decorated Navy fighter pilot in World War II and, despite his New England roots, a successful Texas oil executive. His Vice President was, of course, former Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana, Psi Phi ’69, recipient of DKE’s 1990 President’s Award. This is the first time in history that the President and Vice President have been members of the same fraternity.

considerable to the team strength.

In winter sports, the Deke House again took a leading part. Bill Morris, Harry Lee, Charlie Gamble, and John Middleton represented the House on the varsity basketball squad which incidentally carried only fourteen men. In boxing, Captain and NCAA finalist, Pete Potter blazed the trail for the Deke House with John Fite, 137-pounder close behind. Bill Walker carried the House colors in wrestling, and Don Saer, Tom Hunter, and Bud Pollard in swimming.

As spring sports came to a close, many Dekes have donned th e orange and blue in representing the University. The lacrosse team in its attempt to live up to the title of National Champion was led by six Dekes including Captain Tom Compton, Granny Swope, Dick Carrington, Ralph Williams, Jim Shoemaker and Bud Pollard. The baseball team having recently captured the Big Six title, has as its Deke representative outfielders John Garland and Harry Lee; while the tennis team, amassing a respective record of 11 wins against 4 losses has three Dekes in its composition – Bob Cabell, Hatch Echols, and Bill Morris. Captain Davant Latham has led the track team throughout the season, and represents one of the high spots of an otherwise dim track team showing.

In the realm of this year’s intramural athletics, the Deke House reigns supreme. We lost the Big Cup last year by a slim margin, but having learned a lesson, we have already won the “cup” this year. In fall and winter intramural athletics, the Deke House won the championship in every sport save one – volleyball. A host of small cups have found a new home on the mantelpiece of DKE, when soon they will be joined by the Big Cup. The men of Carr’s Hill are once more the University Intramural Champions.

One of the brightest spots in the overall Deke picture this year has been in the financial field. With the very generous aid of alumni pledges and contributions, combined with more efficient financial operation of the House, we have managed to come out approximately even for the year including the retirement of a few prominent back debts. This condition is unusual for the Deke House, but with the continued support of Eta alumni, we expect our condition to become more improved in the future.

In closing, the active members of Eta desire to express their thanks for the support of their alumni. It has been a pleasure throughout the year to have had so many of you to visit us here on Carr’s Hill, and we sincerely hope that we have been able to perpetuate the heritage of Eta. As you left, so shall we, but the Deke House with our assistance shall remain on top at U. Va. – a symbol of strength in all fields of endeavor.

Fraternally yours,

Louis R. Showalter, Jr.
Alumni Secretary