

# Oklahoma Deke Alumni Association

Summer 2013 Newsletter



## ΩM Becomes Latest Deke Chapter



Omega Mu colony at Oklahoma State University has now become the latest addition to the Chapter Roll of Delta Kappa Epsilon. On May 1, 2013, upon the recommendation of Executive Director Doug Lanpher (Γ), the Deke Board of Directors voted to grant chapter status to the colony. In one short year, ΩM positioned itself as one of the most energetic fraternities on the OSU campus. Of note is its phenomenal growth from twelve founders to a membership roll of 38 brothers at the end of the school year. As the new academic year approaches, ΩM has summer pledge commitments of 32! Andrew Noel, now Chapter President, noted "this is an awesome thing. Everyone worked so hard and pulled together to obtain this goal. With the bonds of brotherhood growing ever stronger, we all look forward to the coming year to establish a firm base to make Deke the premier fraternity on campus. I look forward to meeting more alums at the upcoming installation banquet on August 24 at Brooklyn's in Stillwater, Oklahoma." Brother Lanpher will officiate at the installation ceremony.

### Upcoming Events

- August 24, 2013 (Sat., 6:30-10:30)
  - ΩM Chartering Banquet
  - Wine Cellar at Brooklyn's
  - 701 S. Main
  - Stillwater, OK
- Fall 2013
  - ΩM Parent/Alumni Tail Gate (TBA)
  - Deke House
  - 1225 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Stillwater, OK
- April 2014
  - ΩM Founders Banquet (TBA)

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The Oklahoma Deke Alumni Association would like to invite you to attend the upcoming ΩM installation banquet. Your attendance at the celebration is a way of showing support for this new addition to the "band of brothers", renewing old friendships, and making new ones. As we move forward we hope you will become active in the affairs of the Association as well as with the undergrads. Remember, your financial gifts and household donations will be an important and integral part of the process of developing ΩM into a strong Deke presence in Oklahoma.

Please contact any of the Brothers listed below to become active in the Association and to make reservations for the August 24 installation. A more formal invitation will be forthcoming. See you there.

### DEKES IN THE NEWS



Dr. Robert Block, ΓΦ

Dr. Robert Block (ΓΦ '65) will be inducted into the Tulsa Historical Society Hall of Fame at 6:30 on October 7, 2013 at Southern Hills Country Club. After graduating from Wesleyan he attended medical school at Vanderbilt. Since 1975 he has been on the faculty of the OU College of Medicine. He specializes in child abuse pediatrics and is the immediate past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, an organization of over 62,000 members dedicated to bringing good health to children globally. His work with the academy brought him the honor of carrying the Olympic torch in Maidenhead, England as part of the 2012 games and to highlight the organization's work.

Brother Erskine Kelly (PA) sadly reported to Deke HQ the recent passing of Brother William Porter (PA) on June 10, 2013. After receiving his law degree from Oklahoma City University Brother Porter served as an adjunct law instructor for OCU while continuing in private practice where he was admitted before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, US District Court of the Western District of Oklahoma, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit US Court of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court. He was an active member of both the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers and American Trial Lawyers associations. He had served as President of the Lions Club in 1977-1978. He is survived by his wife Mary, their two children, and two grandchildren. He will be missed.

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