

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Homecoming and Parents Weekend

November 2-3, 2007

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## Phi Deltas Mourn the Passing of Dr. J. Allen Whitaker '28, our Oldest Member and Dear Friend

*His Zest for Life and Giving Nature Sets an Example for Us All*

**Barден Winstead Jr. '82**

On Dec. 19, 2006, Nash County, North Carolina, our Phi Delta Theta nation lost a great friend. **Dr. J. Allen Whitaker '28**, who had just turned 101 years old and was our chapter's oldest living member, perhaps the oldest of all living Phi Deltas, left a wonderful legacy we can all be proud of.

When I moved to Rocky Mount in 1984, I was contacted and greeted by many Phis in the area, but my association and friendship with Dr. Whitaker had a special impact on me. In true Phi Delt tradition, Dr. Whitaker was involved in numerous organizations and endeavors that benefited his community. What stands out the most for me was Dr. Whitaker's love and passion for our Phi Delt house and chapter in Chapel Hill. Right up until the end of his life, he never ceased asking me about the status of the Phi Delt Chapter. He called me around his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and said he had recently visited the Phi Delt House, either before or after a football game, and he instructed me to get over to Chapel Hill as soon as possible and assist with "cleaning up the place."

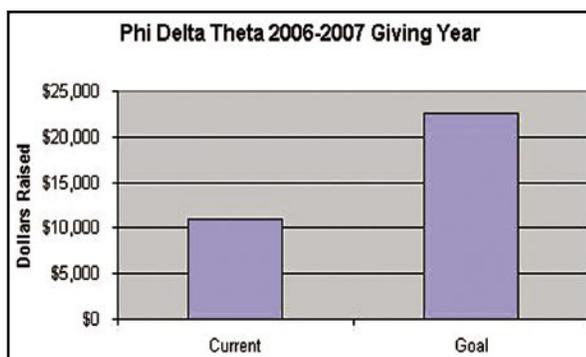
Dr. Whitaker was a true southern gentleman. He was a wonderful storyteller, the life of a party, had a gleam in his eye for the ladies and always had impeccable manners...all of the traits which I hope continue to be taught and stressed at the PDT hut. I am honored to have known him and I hope we can all do our part in carrying on

the traditions he helped establish. He never lost sight of his college fraternity and the friendships and associations that were initiated and nurtured in Chapel Hill. This is the legacy he leaves for all of us.

Dr. Whitaker is survived by his daughter, Sybil Haskins Booth, and her husband, Pete, of Wrightsville Beach; his son, **J. Allen Whitaker III '64**, and his wife, Pam, of Wilson; and his son, **George G. Whitaker '66**, and his wife, Beezie, of Rocky Mount. Most of you know that both Allen and George are also Phis from Chapel Hill and both are carrying on the legacy established by their father.

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## Help Phi Delta Theta Meet Its Giving Year Goal!



Phi Delta Theta's giving year is already halfway over! So far, we've raised \$10,830 from 129 gifts. We need your support to help us meet our goal of \$22,500. The annual fund supports print communications, our website and other alumni relations efforts. Donate today by calling our toll-free hotline 800-975-6699 or online at [www.uncphidelt.com](http://www.uncphidelt.com).

## Meet George Hodgin '09, a Sophomore Who Says His Pledge Class is "The Best on Campus"

*George Values the Alumni's Relationship with the Chapter and Enjoys Their Visits*

- 1. What semester standing are you, and what is your major?**  
Sophomore, Economics.
- 2. Why did you choose Phi Delta Theta fraternity?**  
I respected many of the older brothers and enjoyed spending time with them. I also realized during rush that the pledge class of which I would be a part of was the best on campus. In addition to the guys, the house and the staff, John and Jill Jenkins do an incredible job looking out for the brothers.
- 3. What is your favorite Phi Delta Theta event and why?**  
Parents' Weekend, because it gives us a chance to relax with each other's families during football season.
- 4. What activities are you involved in other than Phi Delta Theta?**  
Naval ROTC, Club Water Polo and a committee of student government.
- 5. What are your plans for after graduation?**  
I plan to be commissioned as a Naval Officer.
- 6. How do you feel Phi Delta Theta experiences will influence your future?**  
Having been a brother in Phi Delta Theta will give me a close group of lifelong friends and lasting memories of UNC-Chapel Hill. The activities we do together ensure that our time at Carolina is the best time of our lives.
- 7. Why do you feel it's important for the undergraduate chapter to maintain a close relationship with alumni?**  
The alumni are an invaluable source of information concerning the chapter's heritage, traditions and history. A close relationship with the chapter ensures that the brothers have reliable advice about college life and future careers. We enjoy having the alumni stop in for football games because we understand that Phi Delt is a great place to come back to whenever at Carolina.

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## Undergraduates See Huge Results in Fundraising Efforts and Chapter Recruitment

*Brothers raised over \$200,000 for the Millenium Village Project, Leading UNC in Fundraising*

As my term as president of Phi Delt approaches the half way point, I have begun to think about the ways in which Phi Delta Theta has grown over the past semester and about the ways in which we look forward to improving in the future. As Robert mentioned in the most recent letter, Phi Delt received Community Service Citations, Improvement Citations, and Recruitment Awards for the third year in a row. Also, we passed all five safety inspections with a perfect score.

Late this fall, some Phi Delt brothers got involved with the Millenium Village Project (MVP), a mission to eradicate extreme poverty throughout the world, starting in Africa. The project was founded by renowned economist, Dr. Jeffrey Sachs. The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill is one of the first universities in the world to involve itself with MVP, and Phi Delt is already the leading fundraiser at UNC. The brothers of Phi Delt have raised over \$200,000 in the past couple months, mostly through generous alumni and family donations. An anonymous donor has agreed to match up to \$750,000 for the project, and Phi Delt is truly blazing a unique and unprecedented trail with its efforts to date. Having said that, we appreciate any

further support that you can give us, whether it is money for the project or support in developing a trademark philanthropy event.

We did not have spring rush this year because our fall pledge class was very strong. Phi Delt is now up to 67 brothers and 2 affiliates, Robert Hennessy (Atlanta) and Mike Munnely (Long Island). Our rush chairs, Myles Wynn (Charlotte), Addison Montague (Charlotte), and John Lambert (Winston-Salem) did a fantastic job this past fall, and we recently elected rush chairs for next year, Sam French, (Winston-Salem), Chris Williams (Burlington, NC) and Travis Cooke (Greensboro, NC). As always, we maintain a wide variety of young men from all over the United States. We still have brothers from Long Island, NY, Denver, CO, Jacksonville, FL, but also welcomed more from Winston-Salem, Wilmington, Charlotte, Houston (TX) and Richmond. John Choate (Charlotte), and Mark Paschal (Charlotte) are all returning players to this year's football team, joined by freshmen kicker John Kerns (Houston), John Banks Powell (Burlington) and Scott Gunn (Burlington). Fletcher Gregory is joined on the lacrosse team with freshmen Tommy D'Allesandre (Charlotte), Michael Jarvis (Richmond), and Joe Howard

(Durham), sophomore Shane Walterhoeffer (Baltimore), and Mike Munnely (Long Island). In addition to our Division I athletes, the brothers of Phi Delt won the fraternity intramural basketball championship this past week.

We would like to thank Bob Page and John Cornick for their continued support throughout the year. We rely on the condition of our house as a major deciding factor to future rushees, and the Phi Delt house is, without a doubt, a premier facility on campus. The wonderful condition of the house can be attributed to the continued hard work that John and Jill Jenkins provide for us in cooking, cleaning, and making repairs that occur through daily use of the house.

We would like to thank all of you for continual support. Without your interest and contributions, we would never be in the place we are today. Please feel free to stop by during basketball games, football games, or any time you are just passing through Chapel Hill. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours in the Bond,

**Trevor Slaven (Statesville, NC) '08**

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '40s

#### Bob Powers '42

(231 S Bemiston, Suite 400, St Louis, MO 63105; robert.powers@buckconsultants.com) I am looking for a few contemporaries out there still having fun. Luckily, I am. Still working part-time and loving it. Travel to Europe two or three times a year and to the Ryder Cup last September. Living with my Lady Friend. Phone (314) 725-0114.

### '70s

#### Clyde (Barney) Baucom '72

(211 McDaniel Ave., Greenville, SC 29601; cbaucom@raycommedia.com) Currently split time between Montgomery, AL during the work week (10 years as VP-Human Resources for Raycom Media – 39 TV stations, Raycom Sports and two LPGA golf tournaments) and Greenville, SC on weekends. Married (second time) with three grown children. Undeservedly healthy and enjoy golf, exercise and vacations at Pawley's Island. Way too long since I made a trip to CH and hope to return this fall. Phi sightings have been few and far between, but did see **Mark Pope '72** and **Chilton** a few years ago in ATL, **Scott Pollard '71** at a funeral, **K. Coe '72** and **J. Haley '72** at the Masters, and just got an email from **Tom Kerns '72**. Love to hear from others.

### '80s

#### Thornton Withers '83

(121 W. Trade St., Suite 2400, Charlotte, NC 28202; thornton\_withers@ars.aon.com)

Thornton and **Don G. Williams '84** are currently digitizing and re-releasing the smash hit *Phi Men Forever* [The 1983 Phi Delta Theta Film]. Scheduled release is October 2007. Box office potential "is an A+...just like their grade point averages," as quoted by Ebert and Roeper. Stay tuned for more details.

#### Sam Froelich '88 (or '90, depending on your view)

(1014 Mill Ave., #195, High Point, NC 27260; samfroelich@aol.com) As president of DownHome Entertainment, Froelich:

- Produced hit horror film *Cabin Fever*, which was released in 2003 and has since grossed over \$75 million worldwide.
- Was Executive Producer of the controversial film *Hounddog*, starring Dakota Fanning and Robin Wright Penn, which premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival.
- Is producing a feature film adaptation of the best-selling memoir *Final Rounds: A Father, A Son, & The Golf Journey of A Lifetime* by Jim Dodson.
- Is Co-Producer of the sequel *Cabin Fever 2: Spring Fever*, filming in Wilmington during Spring 2007.
- Recently opened Carolina Props, the largest set dressing and prop rental for movies/tv on the East Coast.
- Lives in Greensboro with wife Catherine Chamblee Froelich (UNC Class of '89) and our three children; Jake (11), Harrison (9) and Lucy Rose (5).

Would love to connect with **Jack Patteson '88**, but I don't have a working address or phone number.

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### We Need Your Photos for Our Website!

Post your photos from your days as an undergraduate to [www.uncphidelt.com](http://www.uncphidelt.com) and share them with your brothers today. Do you have pictures from a recent get-together with your old Phi Delta Theta friends? We want to see them too! Our photo albums are one of the most popular sections of the website, and we need your submissions to help keep them populated and fresh. Send your photos to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) and mention that they are for Phi Delta Theta at UNC.

### Upgraded Phi Delta Theta Website!

When you visit [www.uncphidelt.com](http://www.uncphidelt.com), you will notice that there are some new and improved features, including:

- More criteria in the directory for your members to search;
- Searchable alumni updates that are organized by decade;
- Download center where alumni can download everything from past newsletters to tailgating maps;

- Online chat feature that allows you to chat with brothers online;
- Ability to easily update your contact information so you will continue to receive Phi Delta Theta communications.

If you haven't visited the site recently, make sure to check out these great new features today! Make sure you are registered for the site by using your member ID number found in our newly upgraded eLetters.

## PRESIDENT REPORT

### Rally 'Round the House, Boys! Alumni Support is Critical to Maintain Phi Delt's Competitive Edge on Campus

*With Fewer Rushees, Alumni Support is Needed to Keep Fraternities a Strong Presence at UNC*

**John M. Cornick '81**, President, NC Beta Foundation, Inc.

The UNC Phi Delt's and the Beta Foundation are extremely grateful for our alumni's support. The Greek system at UNC and other colleges is struggling to remain an integral part of the college experience. This past fall, only 475 men participated in fraternity rush. With 22 fraternities on campus that have an average chapter size of 45 men, competition is fierce between the Phi Gams, DKEs, Betas and Phi Delt's for the top candidates. The chapter and the Beta Foundation work to gain any competitive advantage we can. We have done well in past years and were able to attract 15 to 20 new members each year, keeping our total membership around 70 members.

Your monetary support helps with unexpected maintenance items, football game day brunches for alumni and rush brochures for potential members. We also need your help identifying potential

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**“The chapter and the Beta Foundation work very hard together to gain any competitive advantage we can.”**

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members and continuing to mentor current members. Please notify us if you know of any men coming to UNC that our chapter should rush. Also, let us know if you are interested in helping with the Beta Foundation Board. The Board is

committed to keeping our facilities in great shape, as well as working with the chapter to maintain a positive relationship with the University and the national office of Phi Delta Theta.

The Beta Foundation and the chapter hope you will visit the house whenever you're in Chapel Hill. We will continue to host a brunch on football Saturdays, but you are welcome anytime. The brand new Global Education building directly behind our house will open in March. Pharmacy Lane, which runs behind our house, was widened and looks much better. We are in the process of working on our parking lot and dumpster area to improve its appearance and parking availability. Please contact us at the Beta Foundation with any questions.

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*Phi Delta Theta Says  
 Goodbye to One of Its Greats,  
 Dr. J. Allen Whitaker '28.  
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