

UPCOMING EVENTS

NC Beta Foundation Meeting
April 27

Football Game Brunches
Held at the house before every home game

Homecoming & Parents' Weekend
October 28-29
UNC vs. Wake Forest

Stay tuned to
www.uncphidelt.com for details on these and all of our upcoming events.

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CHAPTER REPORT

Keeping it In the Family

Chapter Membership of 88 Boasts 27 Legacies

By Harrison Farber; President, NC Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta

I hope this letter finds you all well. I am happy to report that the NC Beta Chapter has seen lots of success this past year. Last fall, we initiated 27 new members and two new affiliates. We are very proud of the new class in Phi Delt. It includes one Morehead-Cain scholar, three Robertson scholars and two varsity athletes (football and lacrosse).

Furthermore, four new members were brothers of current actives. The NC Beta Chapter has 88 active members this spring, including 27 legacies. Phi Delt excelled academically in the last year. In the spring of 2010, our chapter finished second in the IFC in semester GPA; and this past fall, we finished fifth in the IFC. Currently, we have a total of six Morehead-Cain scholars and five Robertson Scholars.

The active members are involved on campus in many ways. Our members are teaching assistants, founders of new student organizations, on varsity, club and intramural sports teams, on the Honor Council, and involved with student government. **Brent Blonkvist**, a senior Phi, is the publisher and founder of the *Odyssey* (a Greek newspaper) at UNC. In the fall, 94% of our members from all classes were involved with other student groups on campus. Also, our chapter performed an average of 27.7 community service hours per person for the fall semester.

The fall of 2010 saw continued success with the third annual Eve Carson Memorial 5K for Education, cohosted by the sisters of Pi Beta Phi and the brothers of Phi Delt.



Organizers of the Eve Carson 5K with Eve's mom Teresa, who attended the race with her family from Athens, GA.

Led by the hard work of 2010 Philanthropy Chairman **Bill Cook**, the event raised more than \$31,000 for the Eve Carson Scholarship and First Book National. Despite bad weather conditions, over 1,700 people registered for the race. This past year's race was the biggest and most successful to date.

In 2009, the brothers of Phi Delt were saddened to hear that past president of the Beta Foundation and NC Beta alumnus **John Cornick '81** had been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Mr. Cornick's daughter is currently a student at UNC and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. To honor Mr. Cornick's devotion to the NC Beta Chapter, and to support research for ALS, Phi Delt will be teaming up with Kappa Delta to host an "Afternoon for ALS" from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 8th. Held at the Phi Delt house, the event will feature a dinner, raffle and silent auction, as well as live music and other entertainment. All alumni are invited to come support Mr. Cornick and ALS research.

As always, we look forward to seeing you around the house whenever you are in Chapel Hill. Best wishes for a happy 2011, and most importantly, go Heels!

A Welcome Message from the New NC Beta Foundation President

By Thomas C. Kerns III '72; President, NC Beta Foundation, Inc.

It is with great pride and an honor that I have accepted the appointment by the Board of Directors to serve as president of the NC Beta Foundation. The Board is staffed with NC Beta chapter alumni who have maintained an active interest in guiding and overseeing the business of Phi Delta Theta in Chapel Hill. The former president, **John Cornick '82**, served the NC Beta Foundation for 12 years. He regretfully had to resign from his duties as presiding officer due to his ongoing battle with ALS. John's leadership and many contributions to the Board will be greatly missed. His absence from the organization has provided us all with new challenges.

One of the responsibilities of the NC Beta Foundation is to maintain a productive interface with current active brothers offering advice, guidance and counsel as needed. At both recent Board meetings, the chapter officers were active participants and most informative about house issues, plans and other concerns. As president, I have met individually with the chapter officers to review and approve budget items and spending plans. I can solemnly report that the house finances are strong, the spending is prudent, and the chapter officers are competently executing their individual duties to their fellow Phi's. The Board is planning an unprecedented third meeting this year, this time with the entire brotherhood, in April at a cookout at the house.

our scholarship ranking. Among all Greek organizations, the IFC ranked Phi Delta Theta number two in the spring semester. The house ranking dipped to number 5 in the fall semester, even though the house GPA increased to 3.305. Obviously this is above the "All Greek" and the "All Men's" averages at UNC. Clearly, inspiration for this achievement cannot be attributed to me.

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Welcome to the Chapter!

Fall Pledge Class 2010

Thomas Ashcraft
 Connor Barrett *
 Elliot Brewer
 Burke Brown
 Tucker Brenizer
 CHase Carbone **
 Julius Grisette *
 Cliff Guyton
 H.K. Hallett III *
 Ned Hardison *
 Christian Heath
 Porter Johnson
 Thomas Kelly
 Will Lindsey
 Isaac Manning *
 Bryson Mooring **
 R. Wilson Orr IV *
 Joey Padgett
 Reid Palmer
 Paul Paschal **
 Robbie Perry
 Burgess Robinson
 Hooper Schultz *
 James Sciolto
 Robert Sewell
 Charlie Shaffner
 Drew Stockton **

* Legacy

** Legacy with active brother

The Greek system at Chapel Hill is still under critical scrutiny of the Board of Trustees of the university. Fall rush was continued under stricter conditions and for a shortened period. The timing and conditions of future rush periods has not been established. In order to work with the university, most of the active UNC fraternities have been approached to consider establishing a Fraternity Alumni Association with an active employee and an office. Phi Delta Theta is represented at these exploratory formation meetings by an NC Beta Foundation member **Will Green '99**.

Despite the shortened rush period, Phi Delta Theta signed a superlative class of 27 pledges and two affiliates. Total active membership is now 88 brothers, a 60-year record, and a real challenge given the changing demographics at the university. The interest in Phi Delta Theta underscores the high standing that our fraternity maintains in Chapel Hill. This class included 11 legacies, including four pledges who had active older brothers. Current legacies in the chapter total 27. The growth immediately required additional kitchen help to supplement our faithful 11-year veteran cook John Jenkins, who has continually earned recognition for the best food on campus and the great brunches that we all enjoy during football season.

Being one of the most popular fraternities on campus has not diminished

We plan to continue football weekend brunches and lunches this fall, which have become very popular with alumni and parents of active brothers and guests. Notices of the schedule will be mailed during the summer. This extra hospitality is intended to make the Phi Delta Theta front porch a welcome Saturday morning stop enroute to a great game at Kenan. We hope you can take advantage of the opportunity this fall to revisit the house, meet up with old classmates, meet some of the current actives and especially share a prideful look at the physical house itself. Homecoming is scheduled for October 29, when UNC will face Wake Forest in Kenan Stadium for the first time in five years.

In addition to Homecoming, Phi Delta Theta is also planning the 11th consecutive Parents' Weekend on the same date. This special weekend for the parents of active brothers was the inspiration of **Steve Bell '67**, and has developed into a very popular fall event fostering greater appreciation by Mom and Dad for the relationships that their sons are developing and the stewardship provided by their association with Phi Delta Theta. The much appreciated planning for this year's event is being co-chaired by Rush Coe and Gina Williams, parents of actives **John Coe** (son of **Kenneth Sears Coe '72**) and **Al Williams** (nephew of **Don Williams '84**).

Legacy List for NC Beta 2010-11

By Robert J. Page '52; Secretary/Treasurer, NC Beta Foundation, Inc.

We have a total of 27 legacies at NC Beta - seven who have fathers who were Phi Delt at UNC, seven whose fathers were Phi Delt in other chapters across the country, nine who have Phi Delt connections other than fathers, and four who have active brothers in the chapter. This is the highest total of legacies we have ever had at NC Beta, and we want to continue this trend as several of our Board members have had legacy sons at UNC such as **Steve Bell '67, Randy Worth '68, Tom Kerns '72, Charles Duckett '82**

and myself, along with **Barden Winstead '82** who has many family members in our chapter. Steve Bell's son, Randy Worth's son and Charles Duckett's son were all presidents of the chapter.

This is a healthy situation as we have been on campus for 125 years and want to continue our family ties in this regard so that future legacies will want to join our chapter. Many of our members have ties with other fraternities at UNC or elsewhere. This strengthens our alumni base as our House

Corporation (NC Beta Foundation, Inc.) is a 501(c)7 corporation consisting of all of the alumni of the chapter (about 1,200 living). We are nearing Bond Number 2000 soon, with our current numbers in the high 1980s.

Presently, we have 46 actives from North Carolina and 42 actives from out of state.

Please continue to keep in touch with us regarding changes of address and any notable activities to be published in this newsletter in the future.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

Harry A. Haines '47

(119 Cherry Ln., Murfreesboro, TN 37130; hahaines@bellsouth.net) Don't know if this is my "Best" memory. The best would be **Bill (Cuestick) Lane '47** showing off his prodigious memory by going through, as presiding officer, the induction ceremony without notes. Much more fun was when I was inspired to go down the steps to the dining room on my stomach. Bouncing across the steps. Without injury. Anyway I did and was commended by a dozen who saw the feat. They all thought it was a good idea at 12:09 a.m. It was memorable.

Betty Pfeiffer, wife of Judge Frederick Pfeiffer '47

(590 Central Drive, H3, Southern Pines, NE 28387; judge.frederickp@yahoo.com) Frederick and I both graduated from Chapel Hill in the forties. I was a Tri Delt at Carolina. During and for a short time after the war, my sorority leased the Chi Phi house next to Phi Delta and that's how we met. We have been married for 63 years! In August, we moved up to a retirement village in Southern Pines to be nearer to our daughter and son and their families. Before retiring, he worked as a circuit judge for the state of Florida for 38 years.

Charles Crawley '48

(2575 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30305) My best memory from the Phi Delt day is Dr. "Reet," our honorary houseboy and friend. What a great entertainer! These days I still see

several UNC Phis frequently: **Mark Pope, Jim Waldron** and **Bob Johnson**.

'50s

Henry T. Vaden '51

(23617 Shannondell Drive, Norristown, PA 19403; budvaden@aol.com) What I remember best is Mrs. Tanner, our housemother when I was there in the late '40s and early '50s. She was a caring, kind person.

Eugene F. Brigham, Jr. '52

(3030 SW 70th Ln., Gainesville, FL 32608-5216; gene.brigham@cba.ufl.edu) 5/7/2010 Way back in olden days (1952), the Sigma Chi had an annual affair, the Sigma Chi Derby, which included a "Keg Run." A girl would sit in a wheelbarrow and two guys would run a shuttle relay down the football field and back for the big prize, a keg of beer. **Bill Cornell** and I (both on the track team) got the smallest girl in town and a good wheelbarrow and won the keg. A big party at the house followed. We invited a few Sigma Chis, but mainly Phis and Tri Delt took care of the beer. Incidentally, the house is in far better shape now than back then, thanks to Bob Page and other dedicated alums. Kudos to them for their hard and effective work.

P. Warren "Perch" Heemann '55

(4045 Stephens Mill Run, Atlanta, GA 30342; warrenheemann@bellsouth.net) I was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) last year in San Francisco. CASE is one of the world's largest non-profit

educational associations with 22,000 member representatives at 3,400 institutions in 59 countries. The citation reads "consummate on-the-job professional; immense contribution to [university fundraising, public relations, and alumni affairs]; extraordinary volunteer." CASE makes only one such award each year.

'70s

Stephen W. Holmes '79

(371 Frogtown Road, New Canaan, CT 6840; hadlstep@aol.com) Living in New Canaan, CT and working in New York. I am staying very busy with our three kids, Hadley (18), Stephen (16) and Austin (14). I cannot believe I have a daughter in college.

'00s

Bowen G. Chapman '08

(226 Gordan St, Charleston, SC 29403; bowenc85@gmail.com) I am living in Charleston selling building materials.

What's New with You?

We want to know your news and stories too! Email your submissions to content@affinityconnection.com, upload them at www.uncphidelt.com or mail them to the return address on this newsletter. We'll publish the best in future issues of *North Carolina Beta Data*.

PHI DELT CONNECTIONS



Thanks to **Scott Gunn '10** for submitting this photo from the 2009 National Championship Game in Detroit, MI. (Pictured L-R): **Chris Williams '10, Scott Gunn '10, Travis Cooke '10** and **Myles Wynn '09**.

How are YOU staying connected with Phi Delt brothers in your alumni years? Send your stories and photos to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Delt UNC).

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thank you to **Richard Adams '70** for submitting the following...

The picture to the right, compliments of **Carver Rudolph '70**, is from the 1969 Final Four in Louisville's Freedom Hall. A large group of Phis watched Carolina go down in defeat first to Rick Mount and Purdue and then to mighty Drake Bulldogs in the consolation. Note the Phis holding up four fingers to show where the Heels finished. NC Betas pictured are: **Murray "All State" Poole '69; Pete Davenport '72; Richard Adams '70;** Leroy Keys (College Football All American and Heisman Runner up in 1969 from Purdue who was elected as an Honorary NC Beta Phi that weekend); **Carver Rudolph '70; Harry Bryant '70; Bill Federal '69; Goofy Kelly '69** (Goofy who personally introduced John Wooden at the UCLA victory party following their win); **Bill Aiken '72; Laverne Steele '69;** and a local homeless man.

Few Phis who made that trip would not count it as one of the best weekends of their four years—whether the Heels won or not.



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