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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Active Chapter Apologizes; Alumni Forge Path to Strong and Sustainable Chapter Return

We hope everyone is having a nice spring, enjoying the warmer weather, and continuing to stay safe in this COVID world that we are all still living in. After several months since our last communication, we wanted to take a moment to provide everyone with an update on the status of the Phi Delt house at Chapel Hill and the progress that we have made in addressing our suspension and planning a path moving forward.

Since our last update, there are a handful of initiatives that the Active Chapter, the NC Beta Foundation Board, and some other alumni have been working on that should help the chapter return to good standing with the University and Phi Delt Nationals in the future. After reflecting back on the mistakes that were made over the last several years and the pattern of bad behavior, it was apparent that a new approach at the house was needed to ensure longevity in the future. The first step in this process involved a shift from a defensive mode trying to justify rules violations to accepting responsibility for past mistakes and apologizing for those actions and poor judgement. The second step involved a commitment from the Chapter to agree to an extensive cultural change from the ways of the past and agreeing to implement new policies and procedures of everyone moving forward. The NC Beta Foundation, along with some other concerned alumni, have played an active role in facilitating this rehabilitation of the Chapter but of course, none of it will be possible without the involvement and participation of the current brothers at the house and your support as an Alumni.

With the help of some Alumni who have relationships with University Board of Trustee members, we began formulating a plan to repair our relationship with the University because we knew that was the right thing to do and imperative for the Chapters return to good standing on campus. In early February, three Beta Foundation members and two other

Alumni reached out to Chancellor Guskiewicz who graciously accepted our request to have a meeting to discuss the initiatives that we were working on with the Chapter. The purpose of the meeting was to apologize for the organizations past mistakes, share with him some of the reforms that we were planning to implement along with the Chapter members, and request an opportunity for the Chapter members to personally meet with him in the future to apologize for their actions and collaborate on future reforms. Some of the things that will be implemented in the future include professional leadership training and development programs required for all chapter members, additional community services requirements for everyone and more for those who planned and attended the party in August, an adult advisor living in the house when it reopens to mitigate risk, a renewed focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Chapter, and the commitment to helping the rest of the Greek system on Campus to implement similar things which are needed in the eyes of the University. Even though we did not ask for anything from the Chancellor other than his administration's feedback and help with these reforms, he was very appreciative of the organization's efforts so far and was excited about the things we are working on along with the brothers.

Several weeks after this meeting, Officers from the Chapter and members of each individual class also had an opportunity to meet with the Chancellor to apologize for their actions that led to the suspension, ask for forgiveness, reaffirm their commitment to the reforms that are being implemented, and ask for the opportunity to work with the administration on all of these projects. Chancellor Guskiewicz also shared some ideas that he had about opportunities for collaboration with the Chapter on some community service areas that would help him out. Overall, we feel like these two initial

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Alumni Forge Path to Strong and Sustainable Chapter Return *(continued...)*

meetings could not have gone any better and that we are now on the right path to returning to good standing. The first community service event involving campus cleanup took place on March 24th and many more are being planned for the future. The Beta Foundation is also in discussion with two leadership development programs for the chapter to participate in that we hope to have in place this semester.

Ongoing discussions with representatives of Phi Delta Theta Nationals have also been taking place simultaneously with those with the University. The National organization has their own playbook for suspended chapters and we are working hard to align their policies with those of the University, Active Chapter, and NC Beta Foundation. We have made progress on their willingness to help us with these reforms and teaching opportunity and hope to have their support on this path.

Currently, we are in discussions with them about a chapter rehabilitation program that was successfully orchestrated at the University of Arkansas in 2009. This plan could potentially circumvent the Chapter's Charter being suspended like the recognition from the

University was revoked in exchange for having them be actively involved with implementing best practices. Our hope is that a similar plan would allow the organization to rehabilitate without having to start over from scratch once the suspension term is up.

The decision was made in January to close the house for this spring semester as a preemptive measure and to allow time to formulate our strategy moving forward. We are still working on a plan and a timeline for reopening the house to some extent in the future, but it will depend on how our continued dialogues with both Nationals and the University go, we will plan to share new information with you as it becomes available. We have revamped the strategy and makeup of the NC Beta Foundation (more about this can be found below) to bring in some new faces and ideas to do some heavy lifting with this project. Even though we are dealing with an interruption of income from dues and house rents, the finances of the organization currently remain in good standing from years of sound fiscal responsibility, savings, and of course, your financial support. We encourage all of you to continue to stay involved during

this transition period to ensure our strong return.

Even though the Chapter is still suspended and there is still lots of work to be done, the NC Beta Board is committed to doing our best to turn this negative into a positive and make this a teaching moment for all of these young men. In addition, the Greek System in Chapel Hill is under increased scrutiny and in need of reform and we hope to be the leaders in this regard and set examples that others will soon follow. The Phi Delt Chapter at Carolina has a long-standing history of being leaders on campus and we have an opportunity to continue that tradition and return to good standing. We encourage you as alumni to continue to stay involved financially, ask questions, and support our efforts to a future return stronger than ever and we look forward to providing you with further updates on our progress.

Yours In The Bond,

Scott Gunn '10

Board Chairman, and The North Carolina Beta Foundation Board of Directors

FOUNDATION UPDATES

NC Beta Foundation Welcomes New Members, Thanks Outgoing Members

The beginning of 2021 brought about some changes to the makeup of the NC Beta Foundation. We are delighted to announce that four new members have joined the Board this year and we are excited about a new set of eyes, ears, and ideas that they will bring to the table. All of the new members are eager to jump right in, roll up their sleeves, and begin helping the Chapter in the revamping progress as we work to return to good standing with the University. The new members on the Board include three NC Beta

Alumni; **Tom Jones '73** of Bronxville, NY, **Earl Chesson '74** of Chapel Hill, and **Kenny Selmon '18** of Atlanta, along with Susan Gravelly of Chapel Hill who graduated from Carolina in 1973.

We would also like to take a moment to share our sincere gratitude to four retiring members of the NC Beta Foundation Board for their many years of service to the Chapter. **Steve Bell '67**, **Ronnie Bagwell '68**, **Randy Worth '68**, and **Matthew Cooke '02** combined to serve over 75+ years

together on the Board and helped oversee two major capital campaigns, successful house renovation projects, and helped put the Phi Delt house in a very strong financial position over the last 20 years. Even though they have retired as formal Board members, all four of these gentlemen plan to remain involved in a supportive position moving forward and assist with future projects as needed to help the Board.

The new members of the Board will join in their service with existing members **Scott Gunn '10**, **HK Hallett III '76**, **Jack Magee '09**, **Bob Page '52**, **Elliott Brewer '14**, and **Rick Zyczkiewicz**. In the coming months, the NC Beta Foundation will be adopting a set of guiding principles that will be used to help influence dialogue and decision making within the organization moving forward. We look forward to sharing further updates on this initiative as we work on implementing these new changes.



Tom Jones ('73)



Earl Chesson ('74)



Kenny Selmon ('18)



Susan Gravelly

HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll of Donors (as of April 13, 2021)

Join these generous Brothers in supporting the annual fund in 2020-21. Together we can top last year's total and even exceed 2017-18—see the chart on the right. Let's meet our goal!

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Sherwood Smith	1956
Donald Millen	1959
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Garnett Smith	1969
Tucker York	1982
Donaldson Williams	1984
Chris Smith	1987
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Donald Williams	2018

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William Merrill	1965
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The Blue and White Society (\$250 - \$303.99)

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James Haley	1972
Ernest McLean	1974
Guy Graves	1975
Frank Dowd	1978

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Robert Page	1952
John Lindsay	1961
Kenneth Dickinson	1963
James Irvine	1963
Charles Battle	1964
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William Dunlap	1961
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Donald Craven	1963
Richard Vinroot	1963
James Whitaker	1964
John Mann	1967
Thomas Fonville	1968
Peter Wilson	1968
Robert Steele	1969

Kenneth Coe	1972
Thomas Kerns	1972
Robert Weathers	1974
James Manly	1976
Colin Brown	1977
James Hallett	1977
Roddey Dowd	1978
Jeffrey Beach	1980
David Hardy	1982
Barden Winstead	1982
Christopher Elliott	1989
John Pope	1990
Allen Moseley	1991
Roger Montague	1995

Founders Club (\$50 - \$99.99)

Samuel Smith	1961
Jonathan Armstrong	1965
George Whitaker	1966
James Young	1994
John Coe	2012
John Gabianelli	2018

Other (Up to \$49.99)

William Hobbs	1958
Robert Collier	1959
William Warren	1965

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Alumni Map



With vaccines being distributed, Beta Phi Delt alumni can't wait to get back together in 2021! See which Beta Chapter alums live in your neck of the woods and find their contact information with our new interactive alumni locator map.

To see the full map, log on to our alumni website and visit the "Search Members" page under "Connect" on the main site menu.

If you notice your information is out of date on the map, email your updates to us at alumninews@affinityconnection.com. Login at www.uncphidelt.com today to find the map. Phi Delta Theta brotherhood is for life

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CHAPTER GRAND

A Final Farewell to Scott T. Pollard and Sheldon C. Austin Jr.



Scott T. Pollard, '71

Scott Troendly Pollard '71, 70, passed away on August 4, 2020. He was born in Burlington, NC September 28, 1949. At UNC-Chapel Hill Scott was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, and the Order of the Gimghoul. He graduated UNC-Chapel Hill law school in 1974.

He founded the law firm Dozier, Miller and Pollard. Scott is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Patricia Hess Pollard, a sister, and many nieces.

Sheldon Clyde "Bob" Austin, Jr.

'60, 81, of Raleigh, NC, sadly passed away on April 20, 2020. Bob was born May 12, 1938 in Asheville, NC. After graduating from UNC, Bob spent his career with A.E. Finley & Associates. He served two years in the Navy before retiring as a Commander in the Naval Reserves.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, their four children, his sister, many grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



Sheldon C. Austin Jr., '60

BY THE NUMBERS

141

Years of North Carolina Beta Chapter

91

Year-Old House

\$14,253

Raised as of April 13

63

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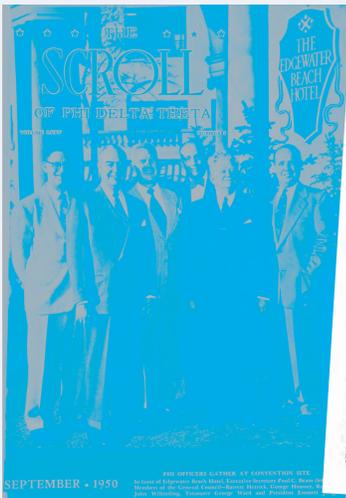


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2. Call our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699.
3. Mail a check using the enclosed envelope and donation form.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

100 Years of Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta History



Did you know you could access 100+ Years of Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta History at www.phideltathetaarchive.com? Here are some excerpts from the September 1950 edition of The Scroll, Phi Delt's official magazine.

We encourage brothers from all eras to share their best Phi Delt stories and pictures with us. You can upload them at www.uncphidelt.com or email them to our editor at: alumninews@affinityconnection.com.