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PHI DELT SECURES 23 PHIKEIAS ... THE LARGEST CLASS IN A *LONG* WHILE

By Steven D. Bell '67, N. C. Beta Foundation President

The phone call I had eagerly anticipated came at 5:45 Friday afternoon, August 27. The Phi Delt's gave out 29 bids and secured 23 new phikeias! Their biggest competitor secured eight pledges. The three rush chairmen — John McTyiere '01, Matthew Cooke '02, and Durant Bell '02 (my son) — and the entire House did an outstanding job with rush this year.

Perhaps the Phi Delt's had been a little too dependent on Charlotte and Atlanta over the last several years. (Three years ago, for example, these two cities represented approximately 60 percent of all the Phi Delt brothers.) This year, the 23 phikeias are from 12 different cities and eight states, which is a better balance and geographical diversification. This class is probably the strongest and largest Phi Delt class in the last six or seven years. As a frame of reference, the average pledge class size this year was 10. There are now 21 active fraternities at UNC. Only 310 young men went through fall rush, and 210 joined a fraternity.

As a parent of a Phi Delt sophomore, an alumnus, and active member of the Beta Foundation, I have tremendous pride in these young men. They have an exciting future and truly represent some



Welcome Our New Phikeias

of the sharpest freshmen at Carolina.

The house continues to hold up well. Several brothers repainted the kitchen and dining area this summer. George Holt '58 purchased new tables and benches, and Bob '52 and Whitt Page '87 are always available to pitch in when needed.

The N. C. Beta Foundation remains active with meetings scheduled at the house on a quarterly basis. We arranged several business seminars at the house last spring with guest

speakers: Jack Dunn '92 spoke on real estate; Ken McAllister '71, on banking; and I spoke on investment property sales. Our goal is to give the undergraduate brothers exposure to business and career options and help them to learn more about basic business fundamentals.

Our Capital Campaign was a huge success, thanks to your generosity. Over 460 Phi Delt's pledged more than \$1.2 million. The physical quality of the renovated house had to have a positive influence on this year's rush. I invite you to return to Chapel Hill and your fraternity whenever you can. Thanks for your continued support and loyalty to Phi Delta Theta.

ALCOHOL FREE JULY 1, 2000

Phi Delt Alumni:

Over the course of the last two years, we have been faced with the fact that all Phi Delt chapter houses nationally will become alcohol-free facilities beginning July 1 of the year 2000. This means that alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the chapter house or on the property, regardless of age.

The goals of the national fraternity in moving to alcohol-free housing is to refocus on the values of the fraternity, move away from an alcohol dominated fraternity environment, meet the needs of today's college student, and stabilize the rising liability insurance costs.

The North Carolina Beta Foundation has formed a special committee to research the alcohol-free policy and to determine

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KEEPING THE TRADITION ALIVE

By Paul Holscher '00, Chapter President

As my last semester as president of the Phi Delt House comes to a close I am thankful for many reasons. I am most thankful for the continued support that the chapter has received from Steve Bell '67 and Bob Page '52 of the N.C. Beta Foundation. They have been instrumental in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Phi Delt House and have devoted a large amount of time to keep the chapter running smoothly.

I have been proud to serve as president of such a great group of young men over the last two semesters. I do believe that the Phi Delt at UNC-Chapel Hill are some of the finest men that the University has to offer.

New officers will begin their terms in the spring of 2000. Cameron McCutcheon '01 has been elected the new president of the house. Cameron attended the Phi Delta Theta Leadership College at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, this past summer. He is a great asset to the Phi Delt house and brings many good qualities to the job.

Michael Lewis '01 has been elected as treasurer for the upcoming spring and fall semesters. Michael, who is a student at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business, is a very intelligent young man and should enjoy a successful term.

Thanks to Jonathan Liles '99 and Luke Blythe '00 for their dedication to the Phi Delt House over the past year. Jonathan showed tremendous leadership in his role as treasurer of the house. Luke also did a great job serving as the house manager.



Giving a helping hand at a Hurricane Floyd Distribution Center

We are thankful for an outstanding fall rush, in which we garnered 23 new members. This class is unique in the fact that its members are from many different areas including Cincinnati, New York and Alabama. Such a diverse group of men is something that NC Beta should continue to strive for.

This year's phikeias took a trip to Greenville, N.C., to help the victims of Hurricane Floyd. Sophomore Andrew

Cooke supervised the trip. The group worked at a food distribution center where they helped unpack food donations.

"It was really a good experience for me as well as this year's phikeias," Cooke said. "I hope next year's class can make this type of activity a long-standing tradition. While at Chapel Hill it is easy to take what you have for granted. We all should try and take time out of our lives to help those who are less fortunate."

Finally we urge you to pay close attention to the letter written by Shoff Allison '98 and Jeff Beach '80 which appears on Page 1 of this newsletter. The house is facing a difficult issue concerning the plans to go alcohol free in July of 2000. The Phi Delt at UNC want to make a decision that will enable the house to continue to be one of the finest at UNC-Chapel Hill. Any questions, comments, or suggestions that you may have should be directed to Cameron McCutcheon at cmccutch@email.unc.edu.

Once again, thanks to all the alumni for their continued support.

WELCOME OUR FALL 1999 PHIKEIAS

Montgomery, Alabama: Phelps Reid

Atlanta, Georgia: Adam Allman, Charles Battle, Hayward McEver

Lexington, Kentucky: Will Chapman

Oyster Bay, New York: Chris Randolph

Charlotte, North Carolina: Bryan Buter, Rick Dobson, Brett Estwanik,

Ned Irons, Eric Jones, Ed Largent, Jim Lloyd, Joshua Trammell.

Goldsboro, North Carolina: Laton Grisette

Greensboro, North Carolina: George Henderson

Raleigh, North Carolina: Jamie McCaskell, Frank Morisey, Ben Perry

Wilmington, North Carolina: Lew Woodbury

Cincinnati, Ohio: Jamie Reynolds

Memphis, Tennessee: Tyne Brownlow

Richmond, Virginia: Robert Lancaster

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THANK YOU!

We didn't want to miss thanking JAMES H. EPPS III '59, whose check was in the mail when we published our Honor Roll of contributors this past summer.

Alumni News

When he wrote in the fall, **J. Allen Whitaker Jr. '28** (624 Falls Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804) was building a new house and hoping to move there in February. "Come see me."

Charles E. Holley '36 (410 Hill Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387; cholley@pinehurst.net), now 85, is busy gardening, playing golf twice a week, and repairing and building clocks. He has been active as a volunteer for the last 20 years and donated his time at the 1999 U.S. Open Championship in Pinehurst in June.

Attorney **Ramsay D. Potts '38** is a founding partner in the law firm of Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge (2300 "N" St. N.W., Washington, DC 20037). He now serves the firm as a consultant on management, legislative, aviation and contract matters.

Edward C. Huffman '39 (734 N. Main St., Shelbyville, TN 37160) enjoyed spending a weekend in October with **Ike Ham '39** in Greensboro and seeing **Wilson Howard '39** at the football game. As a golfer, Eddie shot a 77 before his 81st birthday and a 79 after. Last July, he and his team won the Motlow College Foundation Bedford County Golf Tournament.

With his move to 1535 Seasmont Rd., Appleton, ME 04862, **Stuart C. Woodman Sr. '44** is enjoying small-town life and being near two of his three children.

Courtney D. Egerton '45 was planning to move to Deerfield, an Episcopal retirement community, early in 2000 and looking forward to seeing more of **Walter Damtoft '44** and meeting



A gathering of "old Phi Delts" took place at the home of Sherwood H. Smith Jr. '56, Blowing Rock, N.C. Pictured from left to right are "Luke Page," wife of photographer Bob Page '52, George S. Blackwelder Jr. '52, Sherwood H. Smith Jr. '56, Robert A. Collier Jr. '57 and John H. Boushall Jr. '54.

brothers from other chapters. His new address is 22 Wakefield Dr., Asheville, NC 28803. From May to November 1999, you can write to Courtney at 356 Wonderland Dr., Blowing Rock, NC 28605.

Martha and **Vincent E. Strobel '47** (1380 Nerine, Dunwoody, GA 30338) joined Doris and **Charlie Wilson '48** for a visit with Betty Palmer, wife of the late **Hugh Palmer '49**. They had a great time.

Charles L. Wilson Jr. '48 (403 S. Main St., Robersonville, NC 27871; charlielw@earthlink.net) saw **Vernon Townsend '45** at a dance recital. Both the brothers had granddaughters performing in the show. Charlie and Doris have also visited with **Pete Lindsey '47** and **Andy Williamson '47**.

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how other chapters around the country are dealing with this same issue. We have talked at length with Ron Binder, the director of Greek affairs, as well as representatives from the Phi Delt National headquarters. Currently, we believe that our option is to either become alcohol free by July 1, 2000, or to become a "local fraternity" that is not regulated by Phi Delt National.

There are numerous disadvantages to being a "local fraternity," such as higher insurance costs, not being recognized by the University, and not being able to have a mixer with some sororities because we would not be alcohol free. However, the active brothers and Beta Foundation are concerned about some issues that might arise from the alcohol-free policy. Over the past several years, fall rush has been a cutthroat competition with three fraternities including Phi Delt competing for the same group of 20-25 guys. While we have been fortunate and obtained the best pledge class on campus this year, our rushees tend to prefer an active social program with parties at the fraternity house. Next year, we would like to obtain 15-20 more pledges and keep Phi Gam and Beta to this year's number of 16

and 7 pledges, respectively. However, with Beta not going dry, we are concerned that this will be a major recruiting disadvantage for us in the future.

Our chapter continues to be the best on campus. No other fraternity over the years at Chapel Hill has been so dominate as the Phi Delts The alumni and Beta Foundation have worked extremely hard to provide the undergraduate brothers with the best facility on campus and to ensure that Phi Delt remains the best fraternity on campus for many years to come.

The undergraduate brothers and the Beta Foundation will continue to work hard on all matters concerning the alcohol-free policy. Collectively, we want to make an informed decision that will enable Phi Delt to remain the best fraternity at UNC. At the present time, the Beta Foundation does not have an answer and we would appreciate any input from alumni regarding this issue.

YITB,

Shoff Allison '98
Jeff Beach '80

Alumni News

After 35 years of practicing general and thoracic surgery, **James P. Thomas '51** (535 Sanctuary Dr., Apt. B705, Longboat Key, FL 34228) retired as a physician.

Robert J. Page '52 (210 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514) reports that **Richard Lawson '53** has sold his insurance business and that **George Blackwelder '52** is recuperating after heart by-pass surgery in September. Our best wishes to George on his recovery.

At Westminster Schools, **Robert N. Higgins '56** (4245 Valley Trail Dr. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30339; petehiggins@mindspring.com) is in his 40th year as a teacher and coach. He is proud that the girls' swim team won the Georgia State Championship in February 1999. "Pete" and Nell welcomed the arrival of their third grandchild and first grandson, Robert, last April. Two months later, the couple enjoyed a cruise to Alaska on the Galaxy.

Edward W. Sutton '57 (7471 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA 93711) was honored twice in 1999. He received the NFL Alumni Career Achievement Award and was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. **Chuck Lovelace '77** was in attendance at the first award ceremony and **Sherwood Smith '56** was present at the second.

George E. Holt Jr. '58 (4 Pointe View Ct., Durham, NC 27713; g.holt@ix.netcom.com) has retired from Marriott after 32 years in food service management and embarked on a new career. He has teamed up with **Bob Eaves '58** as vice president of marketing and sales at Bob's agency, Travel Associates.

J. Nelson Irvine '63 (4211 Lundy Mountain Ln., Signal Mountain, TN 37377) notes, "I hope the brothers will support **Richard Vinroot '63** in his race for governor of North Carolina.

In a new position, **Jeffrey W. Beaver '67** (1036 Queens Rd. W., Charlotte, NC 28207; jeffbeaver@aol.com) is executive director of the Charlotte Regional Sports Commission. The Commission works to attract sports events and organizations to the area.

Garnett A. Smith '69 was planning to relocate from Atlanta, Ga., to the Sunshine State in January 2000. His new address is 3100 Gin Ln., Naples, FL 34102. You can reach him electronically at garnettsmi@aol.com.

For the last six years, **Robin G. Craven '70** (P.O. Box 3065, Bald Head Island, NC 28461) has owned a real estate company, Bald Head Island Resort Sales. Previously, he spent 20 years as an outpatient psychotherapist. Robin sees local property owners **Bill Robbins '70** and **Dan McLamb '71** often and catches up with **Julian Brantley '70**, **Jim Fontaine '70** and **John Chalk '71** when they visit the area.

John F. Parkman '71 (P.O. Box 1314, Camden, ME 04843; jparkman@midcoast.com) has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Maine Counseling Association. He would like to hear from any of his contemporaries living in the Pine Tree State.

Radiologist **Thomas L. Pope Jr. '73** (342 Sugar Cane Way, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464; tpope@home.com) is a professor at the Medical University of South Carolina and has been promoted to associate chair of radiology. He welcomes calls from Phis planning to visit the Charleston area. His phone is 843-856-1857.

Michael A. Kelly '74 (928 Huron Rd., Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417), an orthopedic surgeon, has been named team doctor for the New Jersey Nets basketball team.

Attorney **Ernest C. McLean III '74** (4700 Millbrook Dr., Atlanta, GA 30327; emclean52@aol.com) serves as vice president and general counsel at Boral Industries Inc. His three children and their sports activities keep him busy. Highlights for Ernie in 1999 were skiing in Big Sky, Mont., and beaching at Debordieu Island in South Carolina.

Richard C. Green '75 (396 Windsor Rd., Asheville, NC 28804) is in medical sales with Premier Med. He enjoyed a golf weekend in Asheville with **Joe Garcia '75**, **Kirk Kirkland '74** and **David Coleman '75**.

In February 1999, **Owen B. Moore Jr. '75** (1517 Village Glen Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612) welcomed the arrival of a daughter, Mary.

Jeffrey L. Beach '80 (900 Carolina St., Greensboro, NC 27401; jbeach900@aol.com) is a partner in Revolution Technologies Inc., a business featuring hydrographic printing on three-dimensional profiles.

Donaldson G. Williams '84 (900 Harvard Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207; dwilliams@capadvisors.com) joined many other Phis in participating in the 16th Annual PSO, a golf tournament in Pinehurst. **Jeff Brown '81** and his partner won the event.

Craig Q. O'Callaghan '89 (1809 20th St. N.W., Apt. 353, Washington, DC 20009; craigqoc@aol.com), executive vice president of Universal Builders Supply Inc., reports that his firm completed the renovation of the Washington Monument in 1999.

Last May, **Gibson L. Smith III '90** (200 E. 72nd St., Apt. 29A, New York, NY 10021; gibson.smith@gs.com) earned his MBA. He is now living in the Big Apple and working as an associate at Goldman Sachs & Co. Gib has seen **Chris Albro '92** in Chapel Hill and **Chad Stasky '91** in New York.

Correspondence for **Bradley W. Pope '95** can be sent to a new address: 1410 N. Harris Rd., Atlanta, GA 30327. He had a great time and enjoyed seeing brothers at the FSU/UNC football game last fall.

We regret to inform you of the death of **James R. Knott '32** (1/99), **John S. Calvert Jr. '37** (9/26/99), **Charles W. Feuchtenberger '42** (7/1/99), **Cowdery K. Merrill '42** (4/10/98), **Charles C. Beyer II '43** (11/4/98), **Dan R. Thomason '43** (10/17/98), **Swade E. Barbour Jr. '45**, **Eugene R. Johnston '50** (4/1/99), **Hubert O. Teer Jr. '52** (11/98), **Fred V. Hooper '55** (3/31/99) and **Walter J. Ratchford '63** (5/99). Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.