





## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Marrison Griffin '57

(716 S. Park St., Asheboro, NC 27203-6363; mgriffin76@triad.rr.com) The greatest personal benefit of having been a Phi Delt at Carolina is to have a number of good and lasting friendships. These friends are true friends, folks who rejoice in accomplishments and mutual pleasures, but who encourage you through the inevitable tragedies of life.

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As for me personally, I spent my years until 2000 as a general surgeon, hopefully being a benefit to many and receiving the satisfaction of a full and productive life. Now I write a column for a small weekly newspaper all the while seeking those opportunities to serve my Lord Jesus, both in my writing and in my daily walk.

### William Blount '68

(PO Box 7226, Greenville, NC 27835; wgbblount@gmail.com) We have an annual rabbit hunt in Hyde County at my farm with Brothers Fonville, Bagwell and Bahnsen. Miss long games of Hearts and bonding brotherhood for life. New in my life are five grandkids.

### Clarence E. Smith '66

(1183 W Brookhaven Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30319; cesmith@smithorg.com) When I started at UNC my freshmen year the basketball court was where the new room expansion is on the right and our dining/ party room was downstairs. The street in front of the house was two way, now it is one way; we were one of the few fraternities that had a matronly housemother that kept us in line. We also had a house helper, Dr. Reet "Reeter Skeeter", who was part of our life and had been there for many years when I got there. He has since died, but everyone in my time and even for a while afterwards would remember him and echo that he was an integral part of our Phi Delt life. My favorite tradition was the mixers we had with other sororities including the ADPI's from Duke. As a pledge, it was always a challenge to see if your names signed up with the girl could last before a brother erased you and you had to pick another date. Back then very few girls attended UNC, so courting was a big deal. I most miss waking up on a beautiful fall football Saturday morning, going to Keenan and all the parties afterwards. I don't know if there is a prettier setting anywhere than Chapel Hill on a beautiful fall morning.

The fraternity experience is still relevant today in that it gives a student a sense of bearing for many for the first time in a very overwhelming big place. The fraternity experience also teaches humility and manners, and for me, it gave me mentors that were outstanding in every aspect of their life to look up too. The Phi Delt experience will

also foster many deep long-lasting friendships and business relationships. Much of my business success is a direct result of my Phi Delt experience. I'm constantly amazed at the success of Phi Delt both in my era, before, and afterward.

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My life today is filled with so many new and exciting work opportunities and challenges (I never thought I'd be driving a Porsche, running three miles a week and playing golf three times a week, plus starting new ventures in my business at age 68!) along with still trying to be a great husband/ dad to my sons and their families.

### In Memory

We have also recently learned of the passing of the following alumni:

**Barden Winstead '44  
Porter VanZandt Jr. '45  
Charles L. Wilson Jr. '48  
Travis Davenport '51  
Clawson Williams Jr. '56  
William Joyner Jr. '56  
William Darnell '58**

## ALUMNI Q&A

### Developing Long-Lasting Friendships and Making a Positive Impact

Thank you to **John Duckett '09** for participating in this Q&A...

#### **What is your favorite Phi Delta tradition? Why?**

White Cocktail. It marks the beginning of springtime in Chapel Hill and it never failed to surpass people's high expectations.

#### **What do you miss most about attending UNC?**

I miss having all of my closest friends in one town. After graduation you rely on football weekends, weddings and black tie events to

see everyone from school. I took for granted things like having dinner with 20 fun guys every night in Johnny J's dining room, or always having pickup basketball games in the parking lot after class.

#### **In what ways is the fraternity experience still relevant for today's student?**

I believe the experience is based on developing long-lasting friendships and making a positive impact on the school community through service opportunities. I think those fundamental tenants will be attractive to incoming students for a long time.

#### **What movie would describe your fraternity experience?**

I need Charles Hodges to provide a witty answer here. No clue.

#### **What's new in your life today?**

I am currently living in Charlotte, NC but hope to be back on campus in the fall of 2014 to pursue an MBA degree with a concentration in real estate.

*Reconnect with John at  
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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 1940s: The Best of Times

Thanks to these brothers from the '40s for sharing their favorite memories:

"I remember Mathew Mason coming down the hall in the morning saying, "College time Brother Moore – college time!" - **John Moore Jr. '42**

"I miss seeing Charlie Justice play football." - **Jim Jackson '48**

"Why did I join Phi Delt? A curve ball; however, it seems that in 1943 the Carolina Phi Delt chapter had more mature dudes among its member. I respected them." - **Hank Haines '47**



**We want to hear more great memories from all eras of our chapter's history! Share your stories at [www.uncphidelt.com](http://www.uncphidelt.com), by emailing them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) or by mailing them to the return address on this newsletter. (Mention Phi Delt UNC on your correspondence).**

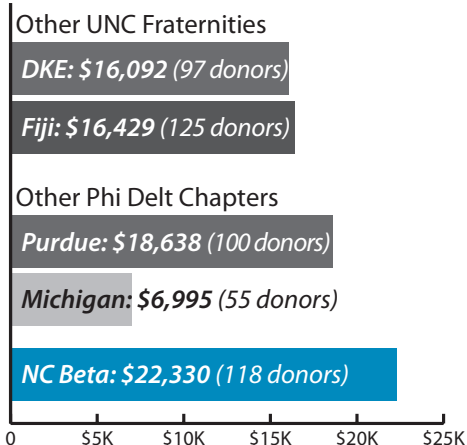
## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### There's Strength in Numbers

**Thank You for Championing NC Beta through Your Tremendous Generosity!**

They say there's strength in numbers. And we'd like to recognize the 118 alumni donors who have bonded together this year in their support of NC Beta. As you can see from the numbers below, you have contributed a collective \$22,330 toward our annual fund this year.

This puts us well ahead of other fraternities at UNC, as well as other Phi Delt chapters, that our alumni relations firm Affinity Connection also manages fundraising efforts for.



If you have not yet made your contribution this year, please join this tremendous momentum and make your gift today. The more support we have, the more we can do to keep you connected with NC Beta through increased communications and more frequent events, and to help advance our high-quality active brotherhood as they continue to increase our presence at UNC.

Make your gift online at [www.uncphidelt.com](http://www.uncphidelt.com) or by calling 800-975-6699.

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