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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Two Brothers Taking Pride and Ownership in the House *Pig Dinner Reminds Us All of the Ties that Bind*

By David Batten '79, President

Brothers who attended Pig Dinner this year saw an unusual site -- a fraternity house, almost 10 years old, in near perfect shape. Reasons might include the distractions of a large population of female students or maybe because the average IQ has increased with admissions competition. One sure reason is that **John Hughes '66** moved back to Chapel Hill a few years ago, joined the House Corporation, and looks out for Vance Hall as if it were his own. John is an engaging, successful entrepreneur who has an enviable, youthful outlook on life. He has not only helped to preserve Vance Hall, but also helps Epsilon's operations run more efficiently and is an "on call" life coach for the undergrads. He managed to make a sprucing up expenditure of \$35,000 look like a \$350,000 remodeling. He has led a very interesting life, including racing with Ted Turner in the America's Cup. For the House Corporation, he is "our man on the Hill."

When I think of Pig Dinner, I think of **Ted Griffin '71**, the master of ceremonies for the last decade. He performs with the personality and style of a polished TV host. He has a great sense for politely moving presentations along and adding great commentary where needed. After the fire, he stepped up to help with fund-raising and long range planning. He has served on both the BCA and the House Corporation. As **Marvin Carver '75** noted, "Ted has never said no to any request to help Epsilon, and I have never met a Brother who is more proud of his affiliation with Epsilon." Ted runs Griffin Financial Group in Durham, an expansive estate-planning firm. He is a reminder of why Pig Dinner is worth attending. Other reasons include seeing dynamic speakers like **John Merritt '72**, and seeing the beaming smiles of your Brothers who have sons in the house, as I saw with **Jordy Whichard '79**, **Ronnie Batchelor '81**, and **Willie Brown '79**.

UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

Phi Gam Has an Exciting Year with 12 New Pledges and over \$4,000 Raised for the Harper Williams Benefit

This Year's Annual Norris Pig Dinner Was a Good Time for All

Rush Results, Philanthropy

We have had some very exciting things happening at the Phi Gam House. This past fall we had an outstanding pledge class of 12 young men. Our house GPA of 3.1 continues to rise, which earned us a ranking of ninth out of the 22 IFC fraternities. The brothers also give a great deal of time and service to the community. The events ranged from the Red Cross Blood Drive to the Harper Williams Benefit. We have not come up with a final total, but are proud to say that we raised over \$2,750 in ticket sales and are also receiving group donations from various fraternities and sororities on campus. We estimate that the final total raised from the benefit will total over \$4,000.

156th Annual Norris Pig Dinner

We had an outstanding turnout at this year's 156th Annual Norris Pig Dinner. Graduate and undergraduate brothers gathered at the house for cocktails before heading to the Carolina Club for a great night. **John Merritt '72** gave an excellent speech about how important brotherhood and a close pledge class are to the success of Epsilon. We look forward to next year's Pig Dinner and encourage all alumni to stop by the house and say hello when they are in town.

HONOR ROLL

Thank you to these brothers who have already donated to the 2006-2007 annual fund!

White Owls (\$500+)

Kenneth F. Anderson Jr.	1956
Stephen L. Cornwell	1974

Purple Club (\$250 - \$499.99)

Nick B. Boddie	1951
James W. Maynard	1954
Donald T. Bryan	1957
David B. Sloan Jr.	1959
Norman S. Goode III	1963
William Patrick Hobson	1964
Laurence B. Maddison Jr.	1965
Cameron Langley Smith	1966
Robert T. Wright Jr.	1968
John A. Elmore II	1970
James P. Hughes	1970
Russell M. Carter	1971
John T. Stanley	1971
Frederick M. Dula Jr.	1972
Richard W. Zollinger	1973
Edmund T. Buckman III	1975
Monty R. Pollard	1977
Charles R. Hardee	1978
Van W. Martin	1979
Ronald A. Batchelor	1981
David O'Brian Team	1982
Stephen L. Wheelless	1982

Hut Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

Henry Hodges Jr.	
Ralph H. Hodges Jr.	1941
Howard J. Lamade Jr.	1946
Charles F. Lambeth Jr.	1947
William A. Creech	1948
James C. Fort	1948
James C. Lanier Jr.	1948
Thomas P. Stratford	1948
Frank P. Meadows Jr.	1949
Lewis T. Nunnelee II	1949
Johnny E. Orr	1949
William C. Smith	1949
F. Rockwell Poisson	1950
Henry N. Lee Jr.	1952
E. Lewis Bryan	1953
James M. Dillon	1953
R. Bryant Hare III	1953
James E. Adams Jr.	1954
Rowland Burnstan Jr.	1954
Charles William Higgins Jr.	1954

Charles J. Sawyer III	1954
James A. Hill Jr.	1956
Lawrence G. Wilson Jr.	1956
William S. McLean	1957
Thomas E. Capps	1958
William H. Redding Jr.	1958
Emsley A. Laney Jr.	1959
Welton Curtis Sewell	1959
Hugh L. Patterson	1960
Jack H. Spain Jr.	1960
W. Ward Marslender	1962
James B. Sloan	1962
John Darby Wood	1962
Burt Aycock Jr.	1964
Henry G. Foy	1964
Dudley G. Pearson	1965
J. Dwight Hudson	1966
James M. Moye Jr.	1967
Harry Scherr III	1967
John S. Hughes	1968
Charles P. Gaskins Jr.	1969
Robert R. Boseman Jr.	1970
Hart Lee	1970
William T. Reynolds	1970
Ted N. Griffin	1971
John C. Woodall	1972
William R. Cherry Jr.	1973
Edward L. Williamson Jr.	1973
John M. Winesette	1974
Marvin J. Carver III	1975
Billy G. Worsham II	1975
David T. Beach	1976
J. Dixon Fleming Jr.	1976
Jeffrey R. Headlee	1976
Robert P. Hortman	1976
James B. Sessoms	1976
Wayland J. Sermons Jr.	1977
Sanford W. Thompson IV	1977
B. Robert Williamson Jr.	1979
John H. Coffman	1981
Joseph Buckley Strandberg	1982
Atlee R. Johnson III	1983
Robert L. Edwards Jr.	1989
Brannon L. Gilliam	1989
J. Franklin Wood Jr.	1989
H. Alexander Winters II	1990
W. Lang Hornthal	1991
Christopher H. Hunter	1991
George T. Barnes Jr.	1992

David M. Connor III	1992
Laurence B. Maddison III	1992
James M. Tanner III	1992
Thomas D. Lee	1993
Jonathan Bennett Blanco	1995
John Robert Mattocks	1995
Benjamin Kyle Saylor	2001
Edwin M. Braswell III	2003
Russell E. Byrd	2003

Fijis (\$50 - \$99.99)

Thomas L. Stockwell	1946
Thomas B. Lathrop	1947
Hugh P. Perry	1947
Dixie E. Greene	1948
E. Claiborne Irby	1948
William R. Martin Jr.	1948
Harry G. Walker Jr.	1949
John S. Whichard	1950
Richard V. Hanson	1951
William C. Covington Jr.	1954
Eric L. Fearington	1954
Kenneth Frank McCain	1956
James W. Rose Jr.	1958
Richard C. Pattisall	1960
Emmett E. McLean	1977
Blair D. Shwedo	1979
William P. Mayo Jr.	1987
C. Paisley Gordon Jr.	1989
Daniel Allen Summerlin	1994
Marion Robert Simmons IV	2001
F. Reynolds Miars	2003
Tram Williams	2005

Graduates Club (Up to \$49.99)

Gene M. Cushman	1944
John D. Titchener	1944
William A. Crump	1950
Edward O. Watson	1950
William F. Young	1950
Robert S. Hays Jr.	1951
Edward Harvie Hill Jr.	1964
Hugh E. Eagleton	1966
Wesley Hastings Elden	2000
Mike C. Brown	2004
Kyle H. Woodruff	2005

Great Balls of Fire Became Reality with Burning Pianos! Joe Lamb '56 Remembers the Friendly Prank between Phi Gam and SAE!

Fifty Years after Rush, Joe is Officially Initiated into Phi Gam

1. Why did you join the fraternity?

When I went to UNC in 1952, possibly the best thing I did was pledge Phi Gamma Delta. I already knew several of the pledges and members since many of the Phi Gams were from eastern North Carolina. When it came time for initiation, I didn't have a C average, so I didn't get in. Then I went into the service in 1954.

2. What was your favorite memory of the fraternity?

We went over to Duke the afternoon before the Carolina-Duke game, and they were going to have a bonfire on the soccer field. We lit that bonfire, and the boys scattered everywhere. **Joe Mavretic '56** got caught, and they shaved his head.

3. What was your rival fraternity? Any stories about this rivalry?

One activity (or incident) with other fraternities that stands out in my memory was the burning of the pianos in the quad. The SAEs would come over and take our piano and burn it. And we laughed! And we'd go take their piano and burn it. That was a big thing. Also pelting the Sigma Nu house with snowballs.

4. Did you live at the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

Dicky Hoggard '55 and I had the room directly over the front door, so we kept up

with the comings and goings of all. I remember playing lots of gin rummy and golf with Dicky and others.

5. Are there any memories of times with your brothers that make you laugh today?

We took a brother on a ride one night—it was probably freezing. We took him to a lake about 100 miles from campus and let him out. When he got back, his clothes were all over the floor and tied in knots!

6. What did it mean to you to be a part of Phi Gamma Delta while you were in college?

It meant a great deal. I was introduced to people in North Carolina that I've been in contact with ever since college that I probably wouldn't have met otherwise.

7. With whom do you stay in contact?

Several Phi Gams over the years have stopped by my real estate firm in Kitty Hawk, NC to chew the fat and talk about old times. Also fun is when I meet Fijis in unexpected places—like sitting across the aisle on an airplane from Puerto Rico. "Do I know you?"—it was **Donald Bryan '57!**

8. What do you do for a living?

I am now semi-retired from real estate but go to the office every day when in town. See our web page: www.joelambjr.com.

9. Tell us about your family.

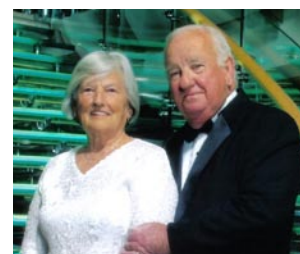
Ann and I have three children and seven grandchildren (ages 19 to 9) and a bulldog. The oldest two grandsons, **Joey IV '10** and **Zee '10**, are 2006 members of Phi Gamma Delta. The two Phi Gam grandsons stood with the old granddad when on December 3, 2006, I finally was initiated into the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. One thing people find interesting about our family is that my wife and I went to Carolina, our two sons went to Duke, and then their sons went to Carolina!

10. What does it mean to you to finally be initiated into the fraternity?

It just means that I'm a member of something I always wanted to be a part of. My two grandsons rushed, and I was real proud of them for going into Phi Gam. I still have a lot to learn, though.

11. What are your goals for the next few years?

Just keep living! We do a lot of traveling, and we've pretty much been all around the world except for Australia, and we've got that on the back burner.



Joe Lamb with his wife, Ann

What's New With You?

Your submissions are needed for future issues of *The Epsilon Owl* and our website at www.epsilonpgd.com. Do you know of a brother that would be a great candidate for a profile in our next newsletter? Do you have exciting news to share with the brotherhood? Please email all profile nominations and alumni updates to content@affinityconnection.com.

Alumni updates can include any of the following:

- Recent events in your personal life (engagements, weddings, babies, etc.)
- Recent promotions or accomplishments at work
- What have you done since college?
- Are there any brothers that you were recently reunited with or would like to reconnect with?

ALUMNI UPDATES

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John Devore '49

(9222 Annhurst St., Fairfax, VA 22031)
I retired from the DOD in 1986 and spent six summers in Germany during 1991-1996. I have taken numerous cruises in the Mediterranean/Caribbean, gone to Hawaii several times and been to Pearl Harbor in 1986 for the ceremony that transformed my old naval ship (USS Missouri) into a floating museum. I turned 81 last November 10.

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Robert Holmes III '53

(4003 Trent Pines Dr., New Bern, NC 28562) I attended the get-together of the old heads in Greenville last spring and found it to be delightful. I urge all brothers who are old enough to qualify to attend next spring!

Kenton Creuser '54

(641 Fern Hill Ln., Blue Ridge, GA 30513; kentonjackie@tds.net) **Jim Maynard '54** and Joie visited recently. We drank cognac, smoked cigars and told lies as usual. Best wishes to all the brothers! Jim has sat on the Board of Elon University for 21 years, and they just started a law school from scratch.

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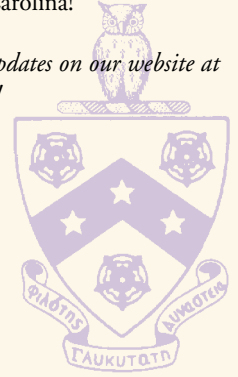
Wayne Venters MD '60

(6809 S. Prairie View Ln., Spokane, WA 99223) I am enjoying my last few years in practice as an orthopedic hand surgeon. Life and duck hunting are good in the Northwest in Spokane. My daughter Gayle is expecting my 2nd grandchild in March '07! Daughter Lara already has two children.

William Dunn III '62

(6113 Redmond Ct., Raleigh, NC 27612) I retired as senior vice president and regional human resource manager for Wachovia Bank, N.A. My current residence is in Raleigh, NC. I have been attending the Phi Gamma Delta alumni luncheon and gathering that is held each spring at the Greenville Country Club, Greenville, NC. Many Fijis from several states have attended this successful affair, and each year, more and more brothers are participating. Go, Carolina!

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*Joe Lamb '56 reminisces about the burning of the
pianos! Details on page 3!*

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