

Upcoming EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

Rush Atlantic Beach Weekend
Aug. 6 – 8, 2004

Beginning of Fall Rush
Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004

Closing of Fall Rush
Friday, Sept. 10, 2004

Fifth Anniversary of Vance Hall Reopening
Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004

Alumni Fall Gala
Friday, Sept. 24, 2004

Homecoming (vs. U. of Miami)
Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004

A Lifetime of Service

B.T. Retiring After More Than 30 Years at Vance Hall

B.T. Harrington, a long-standing brother of Epsilon and an icon and legend within the halls of Vance Hall, will be stepping down as the main cook after the spring 2004 semester. Although he will be sorely missed as a regular staple in the kitchen on the weekdays, you can rest assured he'll continue the traditions of cocktails and cooking pigs for many years to come.

Please make plans to attend the Fall Gala on Friday, Sept. 24, at the house where we will all celebrate his many years of loyal service and his retirement in style! This night is also B.T.'s 55th birthday, so we hope to make this day extra special by soliciting donations for a retirement fund for B.T.

In the next month, you will be receiving a direct solicitation asking you to donate funds toward his retirement. As B.T. has played an important part in the memories many of you have had while at Vance Hall, we hope you'll consider making a donation. We'll be presenting these funds to him at the gala so, again, make plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! ■

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2004 Pig

Dinner

By Tram Williams '05, Corresponding Secretary

Celebrating 153 Years of Epsilon Leadership

On the evening of Friday, March 19, the Angus Barn in Raleigh, N.C., hosted the 153rd Annual Norris Pig Dinner. There were 106 graduate and active brothers in attendance, some coming from as far away as Pennsylvania and South Carolina. The keynote speaker was three-time national champion UNC lacrosse coach, Willy Scroggs, a graduate brother from Johns Hopkins and a senior associate athletic director for operations and facilities at UNC. Coach Scroggs gave a highly motivating speech about the necessary leadership qualities essential for success. (See page 2 for more on his address to our brotherhood.)



Miss Pig Dinner 2004!

The program also featured **Charles Bell '91** of the house corporation who gave a financial status report and spoke about the capital campaign that is currently in progress. Section Chief Mike Maret was also in attendance to speak on behalf of our national organization. During the chapter president's report, made by **Coulter Warlick '05**, graduate brother **Marvin Carver '75** was recognized as the chapter's new purple legionnaire. Brother Carver has always shown unwavering dedication to Epsilon, and we are glad to have his guidance and leadership to help ensure that our chapter will remain as strong as it is today and has always been in the past. We

thank Brother Carver for making this commitment to the house and look forward to working with and learning from him in the future.

Pig Dinner was yet again a success, and it is always wonderful to see dedicated longtime supporters such as **Jerry "Pop" Cashion '63** and **Ted Haigler Jr. '46** among many others. Epsilon would like to thank each brother who was able to attend for taking the time and making the effort to be at the Angus Barn to show his support. ■



Brothers from across the years — including several legacies — enjoyed the events of the evening.

Chapter Report

By Thomas Tayloe, Historian

Vance Hall: Something to See in Fall 2004

As things are winding down academically, they are just beginning to swing into full affect around the house. After a number of meetings with house corporation members, many of whom have devoted much of their time and effort into the house, our chapter will take on a new face this summer. Vance Hall will be closed following the end of this spring semester, and many renovations will occur. These include refinishing the hardwood floors, painting, HVAC work, new furniture and general maintenance from the wear and tear of the past five years.

We are looking forward with excitement to our annual summer rush weekend in Atlantic Beach, so please encourage any freshmen that are coming to UNC this fall to feel welcome join us. **Rush prospects should be sent to our rush chairmen: Teddy Davis at 910-520-4344, Joseph Bower at 252-361-0868, Wade Scales at 252-717-9684, and Chris Walters at 252-560-0908.**

In addition, this August, members of the cabinet will be attending Eklesia in Atlanta. At this conference, every chapter will be represented to discuss issues that concern the fraternity in hopes of furthering our bonds of brotherhood and awareness of all current national aspects of Phi Gamma Delta.

We, the brothers of the Epsilon Chapter, thank the alumni for their continued support and urge you to visit us this fall to see the new renovations. ■

Chapter HighLights

By James B. Sessoms '76

UNC Coach Delivers Message of Determination

Willie Scroggs (Johns Hopkins '69), former University of North Carolina lacrosse coach and a recent inductee into the Lacrosse Hall of Fame, delighted a Norris Pig Dinner crowd of 150 Epsilon brothers on March 19, 2004, with stories of his outstanding career.

Speaking just a few days after the Epsilon Chapter's 153rd birthday, Scroggs jokingly accused the dinner organizers of calling him to speak "because you couldn't get Dean Smith" (Kansas '53).

Coach Scroggs explained some of the difficulties he encountered when he was hired as head lacrosse coach at basketball-crazy UNC in 1978. "You have to understand that the Baltimore papers put high school and college lacrosse stories on the front page of the sports section, while basketball got relegated to the back pages," he explained. "Down here, of course, basketball is king. In fact, when I first arrived at Carolina in 1978, my status as head lacrosse coach got me nowhere in Chapel Hill." In fitting symbolism, Coach Scroggs even had a dog whiz on his leg his first night in town!

But that soon changed. In three years, Coach Scroggs' Tar Heel teams won the ACC title and the national championship, then repeated the same in 1982. They went on to win four more conference crowns and another national championship in 1986.

"When I played at Hopkins, we won the championship. My first job after graduating was as head coach at the Gilman School, and we won the championship the first year I was there — their first championship in over 23 years. When I returned to Hopkins as an assistant coach, we won the championship."

"Carolina hadn't had much success at lacrosse when they hired me. I found that I could challenge the kids here to take a good, hard look at themselves and decide if they would work to be champions. Sometimes in life you think you've worked hard but you really haven't. Then someone new comes in and pushes you higher and farther than you thought possible."

The old saying "A new broom sweeps clean" comes to mind. Coach Scroggs came to Chapel Hill, and old ways of thinking were replaced with a new energy and determination.

"A good example: one day after one of our first practices, I noticed a poster in the locker room promoting a big party that upcoming Saturday night. Now, there's nothing wrong with parties on Saturday nights, but it showed me they were thinking more about the party than they were about

playing winning lacrosse. I chewed them out good for that, and it changed their attitudes."

"When I coached, we were successful — I don't take that for granted because a lot of great coaches have never won a championship. I was inducted into the Hall of Fame not because I was a great player, but because I was able to get good people and point them in the right direction."

Addressing the undergraduates in the audience, Brother Scroggs pointed out the value of drawing on the support provided by the many graduate brothers in attendance. "This type of support is amazing to me. We never got that kind of support, and you should not trade it for anything. You will gain strength from it if you appreciate it. Nobody ever pointed that out to me when I was your age."

Coach Scroggs retired from coaching at a young age when he was still considered to be at the pinnacle of his career. He explained, "I had been coaching for 21 straight years, and I had an occasion to review the goals I had written down when I first came to Carolina. It shocked me when I realized I had accomplished every one of those goals. So, when another opportunity in the athletic department came open, I decided to take another direction. Plus, my team that year (1990) was such a great group, it felt right to go out with them."

Scroggs, who is married to UNC field hockey coach, Karen Shelton — herself a coach with a national championship to her credit, said that the greatest source of pride in his career is not the championships. "The thing that makes me proudest is seeing what kinds of people my players have become. They are successful in all types of professions, with families of their own, and I'm proud to have played a small part in their life stories." A humble, engaging man, Scroggs has maintained his athletic fitness, and only the gray flecks in his hair belie his youthful appearance. In fact, he does not look the part of the grizzled, intense veteran head coach one thinks of, storming along the sidelines and screaming at players and referees alike. But his success is undeniable, any way you care to measure it. His theme of hard work, goal setting, teamwork and persistence reflect his Phi Gamma Delta pedigree, and his salute to the graduate brothers endorsed our "Not for College Days Alone" credo.

He sounds a lot like another successful Carolina coach, the one Epsilon "couldn't get to speak at this year's Pig Dinner" named Smith. ■

Three Generations of Phi Gams by Choice

Like many other UNC Phi Gam families — including the Andersons, Barwicks (maternal grandfather and uncle to Jordan Whichard), Clarks, Flemings, McLeans, Webbs, Williamsons and the list goes on — the Whichard family has seen many years at the Phi Gam house at UNC ... a span of more than 60 years.

Beginning with David J. Whichard '48 and continuing with his son, Jordy '79, and grandson, Jordan '07, this family has come to discover that which is most important about Phi Gamma Delta at UNC: "Friendship is the one thing that has remained constant," David said. "Jordan will feel the same 50 years from now. He will cherish those friendships and the experiences you live and relive."

"Epsilon Chapter has a multigenerational tradition of people who share friendships, interests and values," Jordy continued. "These are the things that make it a predictably comfortable home."

It was during World War II that the Whichard Phi Gamma Delta tradition began. The house was still on McCauley Street, and though he was there less than a year before enlisting in the Navy, David found it to be home. "I hadn't been exposed to fraternities before Chapel Hill," David admitted. "But I made the decision because of the people I knew who were brothers — people like **Dick Fleming '49** and **Dixie Greene '48**."

And while both Jordy and Jordan lived many years in the Phi Gam culture, their decisions to become lifelong brothers were their own. "Jordy and Jordan both have minds of their own," David revealed. "They made their own decisions, and I was delighted by those decisions."

Jordy, though mindful of his freedom to choose a house where he felt most comfortable, didn't have to go far. "When I went to Chapel Hill and decided that going through rush and living in the fraternity was something I wanted to do, I knew of my father's connection to Phi Gam," Jordy explained. "I knew friends of his who had become friends of mine. I went to Chapel Hill and rushed with my primary concern of finding a group of young men with whom I would feel most comfortable and whose values were more like mine. I visited other houses.

Coincidentally, the group of men that I was interested in joining was Phi Gam. I wouldn't have hesitated to join another fraternity had it not been the right place."

Jordan shares his father's perspective. "I made my own decision

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about joining Phi Gam," Jordan said. "It is just an outstanding undergraduate chapter."

In many ways, Phi Gamma Delta at UNC is a different place now than when David first set foot on the Chapel Hill campus ... and not just because its McCauley Street location has been replaced with the one on Cameron Ave.

"One of the most significant experiences during my time as an undergraduate was going back in the fall of 1946," David explained of his return to Chapel Hill after World War II. "We had men whose normal graduating years would have been from the class of '38 to the incoming pledges who were the class of '50 ... a very broad group. Most having returned from the war, the more than 120 brothers were very mature and very serious about their education." Of the men in the house, nine were in top leadership positions on campus, including president of the student body. Three members were members of the varsity football squad and Phi Beta Kappas.

Jordy's experience in the house — during which he was chapter president for a term — saw the preservation of many traditions that continue today, events such as Fiji Island. It also saw new meaning with the "second-floor water monster" and the benches in the front yard.

"The year that I pledged was the first year since my father was there that the house did not have an adult presence," Jordy said. "Purple Legionnaire **Pop 'Pop' Cashion '63** was no longer

residing in the house, even though he and a number of advisors and house corporation members continued to actively support the chapter." There has always been pride taken by the Phi Gam Chapter in the appearance of the house."

Today, Jordan, though part of a Greek system that is facing many challenges, sees the house as stronger than ever. Attending the Norris Pig Dinner this spring with his grandfather and father, Jordan was presented with the Outstanding Pledge of the Year by "Pop" Cashion. So, what's in store for this young man?

"I would love to serve on the cabinet," Jordan admitted, "and to provide any kind of leadership for the house."

Embodying the spirit of tradition and leadership formed first by his grandfather and then by his father, and embracing the influence of his Epsilon family, Jordan is certain to keep the Whichard name one of honor and achievement at UNC Phi Gamma Delta.

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Graduate UpDates

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Richard N. Hoggard '55

(621 W. Hayes St., Ahoskie, NC 27910; rnhoggard@gate811.net) Happily married to Becky Gordon for 50 years on August 28.

Donald T. Bryan '57

(107 Apollo Dr., Cape Carteret, NC 28584; dtbryan@ec.rr.com) If you were not there, you missed one of the best ever (i.e., 2004 Pig Dinner). I sat with **Hugh Cowan '57**, **Joe Walser '57**, **Andy Woods '57**, **Curtis Sewell '59** and **Theo Pitt '58**. Our pledge class of '57 had four attendees — the most of any one graduate class. The undergrads were very cordial — a good looking bunch of young men. Congrats to the Greenville **Whichards** for having three generations in attendance. I saw **Leon "Batman" Ward Sylvester '54** at an oyster roast last night and brought him up to date. His comment was, "No more ice carved pigs! Let's have the real thing like the old days." Vintage "Batman." Perge!

Wayne B. Venters '60

(6809 S. Prairie View Ln., Spokane, WA 99223) My move from Jacksonville, N.C., to Spokane, Wash., has been good. I still practice orthopedic surgery, primarily hand surgery. My wife, Linda, is wonderful, and my two girls, Lara and Gayle, and their families are a joy. I miss **Wayne Anderson '60** a lot. I get to see my brother, **Carl '55**, on occasions.

Earl T. Baysden '65

(30 Burckmyer Dr., Beaufort, SC 29907)

I am staying in close touch with brothers **Hubert ('68) and Donald ('65) Parrott**, **Larry Windley '64**, **John Hughes '66** and **Lawrence Madison '65**. (**Ward Marslender '62**, you finked out on me). My son, Andrew, is a rising junior at Epsilon.

Robert M. Bohem '65

(P.O. Box 1069, Exton, PA 19341; rmcduffie1@charter.net) I married to Sonia Bergan (UNC 1955). We have three children and four grandchildren. I am retired from Converse College and living in Spartanburg, S.C. Maximum radiation killed the throat cancer but damaged me badly. I am still writing music all of the time.

Robert T. Wright '68



Diana and Bob Wright '68 at the Cheeca Lodge in Islamorada, Fla.

(2665 S. Bayshore Dr., Penthouse 2B, Miami, FL 33133; rwright@coffeywright.com) I'm an empty-nester. The last of my four children is off to college. Professionally, it's been a good sports year. I represented Lennox Lewis in a dispute over three mission championship belts. Currently, I represent the Big East in a lawsuit brought by the University of Miami in connection with its defection to the ACC.

John T. Stanley '71

(3811 Brown Bark Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410; jstanley@stanleymail.com) I would like to see a North Carolina reunion put together sometime.

Marvin J. Carver '75

(4026 Dover Rd., Durham, NC 27707; marvin_carverIII@ml.com) My son, Jeff, pledged Phi Gamma Delta at the Delta Phi Chapter at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla.

John R.B. Andrews '76

(1908 Chase Ct., Raleigh, NC 27607-3173; jrussandrews@yahoo.com) I started a new men's ministry in Raleigh, Finding Purpose. I lead several men's Bible studies in the Raleigh area. It is exciting to see how God is working in the lives of men through studying His Word.

Henry M. Kidd '83

(613 Glen Eden Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612; thedecokidd@msn.com) I have recently started a new business — Kidd Plumbing Services, Inc., in Raleigh, N.C. This is why I had to regretfully resign my position from the house corporation. I would love to hear from all Phi Gams in the Raleigh area. I recently went to a UNC basketball game with **Buckley Strandberg '82** and my two sons, Matt (12) and Will (8). Buckley is Matt's godfather. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **James K. Morisey '31** (4/26/03). Phi Gamma Delta mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

highlights inside.

153 years of our beloved Pig Dinner...

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