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Graduate Updates

W. Lunsford Crew '38 (P.O. Box 160, Roanoke Springs, NC 27870) I enjoyed my 84th birthday on October 29 and am still practicing law. I treasure membership at the Chapter from 1934 to 1938. It is my recollection that 15 members of our pledge class of 16 graduated in 1938. My two older brothers, Ellis and Winfield Crew, enjoyed our membership in the fraternity. I am delighted to know that the DKE, SAE and Sigma Mu still identify their location as next to the Phi Gam house.

Paul V. Severin '41 (702 Maple St., Ashland, VA 23005-2130) I would like to see all of my brothers!

E. Ramsey Hardin Jr. '42 (101 W. Baptist St., Marion, SC 29571; f4u41945@earthlink.net) I would like to hear from **Bill Elmore '43, Charlie Hussey '42, Tom Ramsey '40, Walt Parsley '42 and Johnson Harris '40**

Clarence L. Ruffin '42 (2233 Vereen Cir., Little River, SC 29566-9106; ruff3@juno.com) I remarried Lucille Walter 2+ years ago. Address is the same. No new things in my life. I am getting older but I'm still enjoying life. They say I'm in the golden years, but I haven't seen any gold yet. Would like e-mail from class of '42.

Theodore E. Haigler Jr. '46 (815-5 Marlowe Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609-7048) Peggy and I were presented with our 16th grandchild, a boy, on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2001. We had 33 family members for Christmas dinner, with six unable to attend. Had a great time at the reunion with Duane Green and others in Greenville, N.C., last year and hope as many of the classes of '40s and '50s,

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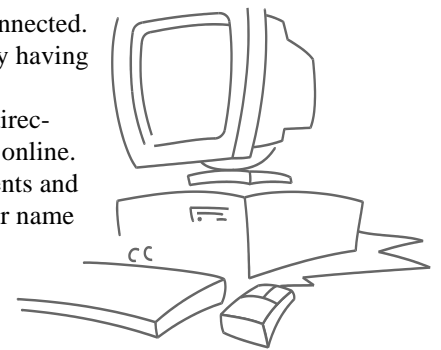
Our New Web Site Offers Searchable Directory and More!

Now you can find your Phi Gam buddies in seconds with a new online member directory! You'll be able to send e-mail, read news and see pictures your brothers have posted to the Graduate Updates page and Photo Gallery. On our Bulletin Board, you can post your own messages, view messages of other brothers and arrange to meet classmates at the Bowl game, the next home game, Pig Dinner, or any other event you may be attending.

Our new Web site is crucial to keeping us all connected. It's so important that we have taken a leap of faith by having it built. We hope you will support this brotherhood reconnection tool. It costs much less than a printed directory, and stays current as we update our information online.

You can also read about upcoming Phi Gam events and see photos of past events, get news and info, see your name on the honor roll of contributors, save time by making your contribution online through our secure credit card service (Remember, you're voting to support this reconnection device!), help us find "lost" brothers, get the latest on the house and the chapter and recapture some of the Phi Gam spirit!

Reconnecting with your brothers is more than just nostalgia. It's an opportunity to rekindle friendships, plan a small reunion, spark business alliances and be an active part of an organization that's really making a difference in the lives of young men. We're still honing the site, and your feedback and input are essential. Your brothers are eager to hear how you're doing!



Getting Started:

The <http://www.epsilonpgd.com> Web site is password-secure, for brothers only. Follow these easy steps to get registered.

1. Go to the homepage: <http://www.epsilonpgd.com>
2. Click "Register" (on the upper left of your screen).
3. Follow the rest of the directions.

If you have any questions about this, please e-mail info@2stayconnected.com.

150 Gather for Annual Norris Pig Dinner!

Phi Gamma Delta's saying "not for college days alone" rang true at the March 22, 2002, annual Norris Pig dinner celebrating 151 years of Epsilon Chapter and the lifelong experience of the fraternity. This year's event was held at the Angus Barn in Raleigh.

"The Norris Pig Dinner is a great tradition. It brings brothers together and reminds us that fraternity is not for college

days alone," said Master of Ceremonies Ted Griffin '71. "We had about 150 people turn out and we really enjoyed renewing friendships and sharing great stories. "Pop" Cashion was a wonderful speaker."

Jerome "Pop" Cashion '63, mixed stories about North Carolina and Phi Gam

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as can, will come in 2002. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Pig Dinner.

Milton B. Cash Jr. '48 (4530 Corran Ferry Loop, Austin, TX 78749-1117; mcashjr@aol.com) Haven't gotten back to NC for past 2 + years. Moved to Austin, TX, last year to be with some of family. Brother **Tom Lathrop '47** spent four days in May with us, as he did in 2000, en route from California to Florida to visit brother. We had a great time talking about Phi Gam days and all the brothers. Would love to hear from brothers from 1940-1950 so maybe we could contact and renew our friendships.

John C. Devore '49 (9222 Annhurst St., Fairfax, VA 22031-1902) Have been on several cruises to the Caribbean and New England; the last cruise out of New York only three days before the WTC attack. Fond memory...during my pledge era, an egg fight on Franklin Street! We (pledges) had to clean several cars afterward.

Carl N. Mathis Jr. '49 (314 Colonial Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403-1208; jofomathis@aol.com) A group of Phi Gams met for luncheon at the Cape Fear Club in Wilmington on December 31, 2001. Those attending were: **Tuney Nunnelee '49**, **Chick Mathis '49**, **Brad Tillery '48**, **Tolly Hughes '50**, **Howard Penton '53**, **Bill Quarles '52**, **Ben Yelverton '51**, **Harold Jeter '50**, and **Bill Creech '49**. Some choice stories were exchanged, and a great time was had by all.

R. Bryant Hare III '53 (4325 Gorman Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503-1903) Always happy to hear from my fraternity brothers!

Andrew H. Patterson '54 (14 Birchbrook Rd., Bronxville, NY 10708-2016) Nothing really new. Still working full time but with much more time to enjoy the Adirondacks and grandchildren.

Donald A. Furtado '59 (32 Murray Blvd., Charleston, SC 29401) My brother, Bob, and fellow '59 Phi Gam graduate, made his second retirement in December. The first was from the Marine Corps in 1983. The second was from Compaq. He is now living in Chapel Hill and enjoying being lazy. I'm still "lawyering" with two of my three sons

still in college. The youngest is a freshman at Duke, but I'm living with it!

Wayne B. Venters '60 (6809 S. Prairie View Ln., Spokane, WA 99223) Linda and I moved from Hampstead, NC, to Spokane, WA, in January, 2001. The snow is still on the ground! I never appreciated warm humid days until moving out here. Not all bad, however; good skiing, fishing and mountain views.

Robert T. Wright '68 (11095 S.W. 84th Ct., Miami, FL 33156; rtwjr1@aol.com) I have opened up my own law firm in Coconut Grove, Florida, with an old friend, Kendall Caffey. We have seven lawyers and are a litigation "boutique."

R. Stevens Gravely '74 (462 Holly Glen Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312-6581; rstevveg@earthlink.net) Classes of 70-77...send an e-mail or stop by for some country hospitality if you get to Chapel Hill.

Charles W. Holderness '74 (2004 Dalton Rd., Greensboro, NC 27408-5826; chuck@digibyte.com) My son, Charles W. Holderness Jr., pledged Phi Gam at the University of Georgia. For his initiation, they invited any dads or older brothers who were Phi Gams to attend the initiation ceremony. I went and thought that this was a really special occasion. I would encourage Epsilon to do the same thing. Pinning my badge on my son was truly special.

Monty R. Pollard '77 (14932 Jockey's Ridge Dr., Charlotte, NC 28277; montytp@aol.com) Things are happening with the Pollards. At the time of this writing, we are in the process of moving from Kansas City to Charlotte – hot damn! Our oldest, Kesler, is a pledge this fall at Gamma Tau Chapter at Georgia Tech. He is President of his pledge class! Another Phi Gam in the family! Mary Kirkland, our daughter, is a freshman in high school and continues to swim competitively. Her chances of going to Carolina have increased 100 fold by our move back to N.C. Greetings to the secret seven!

Edward V. Hickman '79 (5104 White Oak Dr., Lumberton, NC 28358; evhickman@aol.com) Remarried on November 4, 2000, and have a new baby girl, Lennon Nicohl, born April 30, 2002.

Brannon L. Gilliam '89 (532 W. Parkway Ave., High Point, NC 27262; bgilliam@triad.com) My wife, Jill, and I celebrated the birth of our third child,

Angie Kathleen Gilliam, on November 9, 2001. We're now playing a zone defense.

David S. Divine '90 (116 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27608; daviddivine@yorkproperties.com) I married Kelly Melvin on March 2, 2002, and enjoyed a honeymoon in Europe. I started a new company in November 2001 named D&M Building and Renovation, specializing in building custom homes in the Raleigh area. Still a real estate agent for York Properties as well.

Richard B. Homes '90 (104 Queen St., Charleston, SC 29401; rhomes@mindspring.com) Congrats to Alston Tankard '92 on his first newborn baby, 14lbs, 6ozs. Biggon just like his daddy. Also congrats to Dave Batten '80 for his inspiration on marriage after 40. Also, John Gates '80...I love you brother (you'll always be my brother). I welcome all brothers traveling to Charleston, S.C., to my house for a "B.T. Cocktail."

Christopher H. Hunter '91 (2015 Dellwood Dr. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309-1242; chunter@mba1997.hbs.edu) Rocket Dail and I ran into a dozen or so Phi Gam brothers in Austin, Texas, for the UNC-Texas game. Seemed like the entire pledge class that graduated in 1994.

James M. Tanner III '92 (2607 Grant Ave., Raleigh, NC 27608-1933; jmtanner@hmcnc.com) My wife, Michelle, and I continue to enjoy Raleigh, and while I spend most of my time chasing my twin boys, Jack and Eli. I also get to see other graduate brothers, such as **Bo Maddison '92** and **Charles Bell '91** quite often.

William F. Andrews Jr. '93 (6104 Blackburn Ln., Baltimore, MD 21212; will.Andrews@fund.com) Son born on December 19, 2000. His name is William Francis Andrew III "Andy." We recently moved to Baltimore, Maryland.

Thomas J. W. Archie '94 (13 Oakshade Ave., Darien, CT 06820; tharchie@ubsw.com) Thomas Jackson White Archie Jr., (Jack) born December 1, 2001. Jack hopes that both **Whit Edwards '94** and **Michael Painter '95** have daughters...

Whit Edwards '94 (edwardss03@darden.virginia.edu) My wife, Fleming, and I have moved to Charlottesville, Va. I am attending MBA school at UVA and is one of the few Heels fans around the area.

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Graduate Feature: Ben Snyder '43

Ben Snyder '43 is an author, a teacher, and a veteran. Recently, he sent two 1942 issues of *The Epsilon Owl* to Phi Gamma Delta. He said, "I found the papers in my files and thought I should share them with the fraternity. It's a symbolic gesture to help re-build the archives."

Ben's college story starts as World War II was beginning. "It was a very special time," Ben said. "One by one, we were summoned away to service. We had to keep filling in for each other." Ben filled in as editor of *Yackety Yack*, the UNC yearbook when his friend Hugh Morton left for the military. Then Ben was called to serve. He was a B-24 Bombardier in the Air Force and did a combat tour in the

South Pacific. When he returned from the service, Ben finished his formal education at Harvard University earning a graduate degree in History.

He settled in Michigan and worked at the Cranbrook Educational Community which includes a school, a graduate academy of the arts and an institute of science. Ben was a school teacher, coach and dorm manager.

As varsity track coach, Ben took many of his track teams to UNC in Chapel Hill during Spring Break. "We stayed wherever we could, sometimes the field house, sometimes the University Motel. Our early training gave us a head-start on the season when we returned north." After getting their first glimpse of UNC this way, several of his track stars returned to Chapel Hill to be part of the

UNC track team. David Frey '64, '67, a current UNC Trustee is one of those people. David made his first visit to Chapel Hill in 1958 with Ben when his Cranbrook School track team came for Spring Training. He returned as a full-time college student.

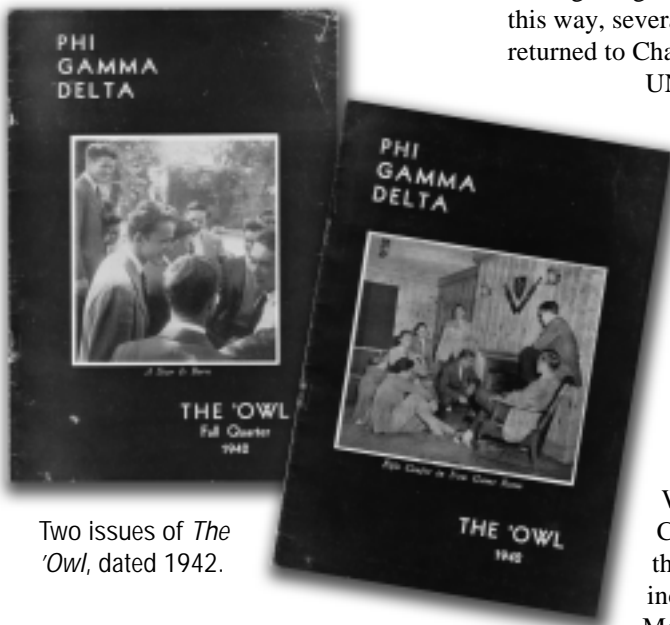
With Ben's help, Cranbrook School is one of the prestigious few who are included in the field of UNC Morehead Scholars.

Ben misses teaching. He spends much of his time divided between church, community work, tennis, stamp collecting and writing. In 1997, Ben, with help from his wife, wrote "Once More with Joy: A Perspective of Cranbrook School for Boys." He is married, going on 46 years, and has three kids and four grandchildren. Their family is spread across the country and they plan on traveling often to see them.

Ben has fond memories of college days at UNC. One of the lessons he has learned though is that fraternity life in the '40s was not as diverse as it could have been. "We were quite exclusionary. Over the years, I have learned the importance of diversity and have devoted time and effort into helping establish inter-city kids programs."

Although he has lost touch with his fraternity brothers, he still has many good memories. Brothers may contact Ben as 1207 Timberview, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, or at 248-853-6579.

This story with Ben Snyder '43 is part of an ongoing series designed to help us get to know our brothers better. If you know a brother you think would make a good profile subject, please send his name and graduation year, along with your name and grad year to our graduate relations service: news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to mention that it's for Phi Gamma Delta, University of North Carolina.



Two issues of *The Owl*, dated 1942.

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history with stories about several graduates including current North Carolina governor Mike Easley '72. In what was similar to an Exile's Speech since Mike was unable to attend, "Pop" did a fine job of telling stories about Mike and his life as a Phi Gam. Easley isn't the only state link to Phi Gamma Delta. A founding member of Epsilon chapter, Zebulon Vance (1854) also served as governor three times between 1862 and 1879.

Archon Secretary Marvin Carver '75 described Jerome. "Some people know 'Pop' as the 'purple godfather.'" He was a UNC faculty member for many years and former head of the NC Office of Archives and History. "Pop" loves teaching so much that he recently returned to teaching – this time at North Carolina State

University. For a while we held him in contempt for going 'red,' " said Marvin. However, all is well now that a brand-new Phi Gamma Delta chapter was established at NC State this year.

The first Pig Dinner was held in 1893. Frank Norris, a Phi Gam at the University of California – Berkeley organized the event. It turned out to be such a success that now every year, every Phi Gamma Delta chapter holds a Norris Pig Dinner. In addition to the stories and camaraderie, awards and recognitions were announced including Sires and Sons.

Marvin did a great job in summing up the event. **"It's wonderful men joining together to celebrate our great fraternity and each other. What could be better than that?"**

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Scott M. Skidmore '95 (21 W. 58th St, #3B, New York, NY 10019; scottskidmore@yahoo.com) Moved to New York to work for J.P. Morgan in investment banking.

Edmund L. Waddill III '95 (2801 Ashland St., Raleigh, NC 27608-1227) Edmund "Lan" Waddill IV was born on October 1, 2001.

James D. Womble III '97 (207 Cashwell Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534; wombleiii@aol.com) I'm looking forward to Adam Jones' wedding in May. The first pledge brother to fall victim to wedding bells.

New Addresses:

- Benjamin M Bost '97** (680 Channing Dr., Atlanta, GA 30318)
- William L. Dean, Jr., '97** (2714 Clover Ct., Greenville, NC 27858)
- James F. Murray, III '91** (1613 Country Club Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403)
- Bryan Ward '96** (2689 Bryant St., Palo Alto, CA 94306)
- Robert W. Lewis '71** (207 Old Ivy Rd. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30342; bob_lewis@lhh.com)
- Robert L. Abbott, Jr.** (South Atlantic Enterprises, Inc., 3301 Woman's Club Dr., Ste. 104, Raleigh, NC 27612; sabbott@mindspring.com)
- Thomas J. W. Archie '94** (13 Oakshade Ave., Darien, CT 06820; tharchie@ubsw.com)
- George A. Worrell '98** (58 Bontlett St., Asheville, NC 28801; georgeworrell@hotmail.com)
- Monty R. Pollard '77** (14932 Jockey's Ridge Dr., Charlotte, NC 28277; montyrp@aol.com)
- Scott M. Skidmore '95** (21 W. 58th St., #3B, New York, NY 10017; scottskidmore@yahoo.com)
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