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## CHAPTER REPORT

### Epsilon Welcomes Largest Pledge Class in Over a Decade

Epsilon Chapter began the year on sure footing during the annual fall recruitment period. The house put together a pledge class 23 members strong, making it the largest pledge class in over a decade. This group then proved themselves during the pledge education period, following the leadership of Pledge Educators **William Heathcote**, **Nick Graham** and **Ryan Wallace**, and their Pledge Class President **Alex Peat** of Kitty Hawk, earning full membership and initiation into our brotherhood. The junior initiates are listed to the left.

From our new brothers, we are proud to recognize several legacies: **Jackson Diab**, brother of **Walker Diab '14**; **Michael Holder Jr.**, son of **Michael Holder Sr. '84**; **Paul Lilley**, son of **Jim Lilley '85**; and **Sam Thompson**, grandson of **Robert Morgan '65**. We are also proud to recognize Morehead-Cain Scholar **Fields Pierce**. Overall, Epsilon has welcomed an exception-

ally strong class to Vance Hall that is bound to ensure a bright future for our house.

This semester, Epsilon has also enjoyed a successful Alumni Weekend, during which we were excited to welcome many graduate brothers back to Chapel Hill. Another highlight has been the successful implementation of a scholarship incentive program, devised by **Kevin Depopas** and made possible thanks to our House Corporation, which is designed to ensure that our chapter stays within the University's academic standards. Lastly, we have recently elected a new cabinet and are in the process of transitioning to new leadership, which will take over starting in January. See their names to the left.

Our chapter is thrilled with the prospect of the strong leadership forthcoming from this group, and we look ahead to 2013 with high hopes and great expectations.

## ON THE WEB

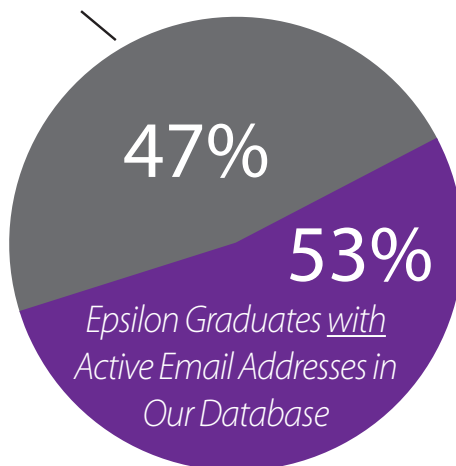
### Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for Nearly Half of Our Brothers

You may be missing out on important Phi Gam communications! Each month, Epsilon Chapter sends an eLetter with the latest chapter news, information and event details to all graduates on our distribution list. Ensure you're receiving your copy of these emails by verifying your email address today!

We currently have active email addresses for just 53% of our living graduates. If your email address is one of the 47% we're missing, please update it online at [www.epsilonpgd.com](http://www.epsilonpgd.com) or by emailing our graduate relations office with your full name, grad year and "Phi Gam UNC" to [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com).

The more email addresses we have, the more money we can save on paper and postage to keep you in the loop throughout the year. Thanks for helping us to stay connected with you more frequently and cost effectively!

*Epsilon Graduates without Active Email Addresses in Our Database*



Total living graduates: 907

# GRADUATE PROFILE

## From Chapel Hill to Capitol Hill

### Dean Hingson '98 Plays Politics Post UNC, Landing Role as Chief of Staff for Indiana Senator

A native of Smithfield, North Carolina, **Dean Hingson '98** didn't have far to travel for college, but the need to feel at home was important to him when he rushed.

"We were a house where a lot of people came from eastern North Carolina," Dean recalls. "The feeling I got from the brothers really made me feel like I was at home." Dean credits his friend **Ben Woodruff**, who had pledged the previous semester, with helping him make the decision to join Phi Gamma Delta. Ben was later tragically killed in the 1996 house fire.

"Some of my favorite memories, like everybody else, included sitting out on the benches in front of the Cameron Avenue house late at night and before games," he says. "We always had a good time."

Following the fire at the Cameron Avenue house, Dean was the Phi Gam house manager

for a year while the brotherhood lived in temporary housing near the Finley golf course.

"It was remote from campus and wasn't the nicest of facilities, but we really made it a home when we didn't have a house. That was a tough time, but it was also a time when we all pulled together," he says.

Deans says that even under the circumstances, he and the brothers made some great memories during that time.

"I lived out there for a year in what was the house-mother's suite," he says. "It was basically this 25,000 square-foot house and I was out there mostly by myself. Luckily, there was always somebody dropping by."

To undergraduates who are currently rushing, Dean would tell them to consider the long-term relationship that they will have with the fraternity and the brothers themselves.

"The traditions of the house, I think, have

really set it apart over the years," Dean says. "They need to really enjoy the time they have at the house, but know that a lot of these guys will be some of their best friends for the rest of their lives."

Following graduation, Dean practiced law in North Carolina before going to work at the Capitol for then-Senator Elizabeth Dole. He then worked for Senator Judd Gregg from New Hampshire and is now the chief of staff for Senator Dan Coats of Indiana. A full-time resident of Washington, D.C., Dean says he still gets back to UNC at least three times a year for football and basketball games.

"I always make it a point to get back to the house whenever I'm there," he says.

*Reconnect with Dean at  
[deanhingson@gmail.com](mailto:deanhingson@gmail.com).*

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## '40s

### Dixie Greene '48

(88 Barnes St., Greenville, NC 27858) At 84 and a half, I'm doing fine. **Bill Hedrick** in Atlanta is still doing well, considering his circumstances. **Jack Whichard '50**, I feel pretty certain, will be very willing to help me plan the 12th graduate meeting and brunch.

## '50s

### Claude Wilson '52

(102 Ash St., Box 314, Robersonville, NC 27871; clauderwilson@gmail.com) I graduated from UNC in 1952 and married Janice Johnson who was in the first grade with me (and each grade thereafter through high school), then served 3 1/2 great years in the Navy. We lived in Virginia Beach the entire time while I served on two amphibious ships out of Little Creek, Va. After being released from active duty, Janice and I returned to Robersonville, NC. I stayed in the Naval Reserve program and attended weekly drills and took annual cruises for 13 years of service. My last job was Commanding Officer of a Naval Reserve Electronics facility in Washington, NC. I was last selected for the rank of Commander.

At home, I became a banker with "legacy" Wachovia and stayed with the bank for 38 years. My last area of responsibility as SVP was as senior credit officer for the eastern region of Wachovia working out of my office in Greenville, NC (a 25-minute drive from my home in Robersonville). I retired in 1994.

Janice and I have lived all our lives in Robersonville, where we built our present home, which we have occupied since January 1962. So, we have lived in the same house for over 50 years. We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary last June. We are very proud of our son and daughter, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

I am now 81 years old and glad to be in pretty good health. I have not been very active in returning to Chapel Hill and the

### Henry "Rusty" Hodges

The wife of Henry "Rusty" Hodges contacted us recently to report that her husband of many years had suffered a stroke in 2008. The stroke crippled Brother Rusty both mentally and physically. He has been in and out of hospitals, rehabilitation centers and nursing homes over the last few years. We wish Rusty and his family well. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Phi Gam house, but I would not trade my four years at Carolina in Phi Gamma Delta for anything in the world. What a wonderful experience and what "lifetime" friends were made. I have attended and particularly enjoyed each annual Phi Gam gathering held in Greenville, NC each May. But, I am sorry to say that the number of 80+ year olds returning each year seems to be diminishing.

### Theo Pitt '58

(116 Candlewood Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804; tharperpitt@aol.com) My grandson Chandler Holden, a freshman, pledged Phi Gam this fall. Exciting news!

## '70s

### Walter Titchener '74

(1000 N. General Lee Ave., Dunn, NC 28334; wtitchner@yahoo.com) Ask **Bobby ("Cork Bobber") Thurstau** about "Sweet Diane." Go Tarheels! I am also cutting back on salts.

## '80s

### Henry Kidd '83

(613 Glen Eden Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612; thedecoykidd@email.msn.com) We found out in November that my wife of 23 years, Amanda, has APL Leukemia. We have had tremendous support from many, many Phi Gam brothers, some that I have not heard from in years. My wife is doing great and we are praying for a full cure! I would like to thank all my brothers for their support!

### Gregory Richardson '84

(407 W. Renovah Circle, Wilmington, NC 28403; oceanlod@bizec.rr.com) I am

pleased to report that my oldest daughter, Madalyn, has been accepted to UNC and is living in Granville Towers. I have told her this is fine with me as long as she walks to class on the Carolina Inn side of the street past the Fiji hut on her way to class.

## '00s

### John Southerland '00

(1064 Beaumont Ave., Birmingham, AL 35242; jis@hfsllp.com) I was recently made a partner in my law firm, Huie, Fernambueg & Stewart, LLP, in Birmingham, AL.

### Sam Heathcote '07

(104 McGregor Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27514; saheathcote@gmail.com) I am currently a second-year medical student at UNC. My wife Megan and I live in Chapel Hill and are expecting our first child in mid-January 2013. Perge!

### Jordan Whichard '07

(830 Wriston Pl., Charlotte, NC 28209; djwhich@gmail.com) I wanted to pass along this photo of a bunch of UNC Phi Gams at the wedding of Kate Young (daughter of **Charles Young**) and Matthew Oakley. The wedding took place in Beaufort, SC on May 5, 2012.



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the support of the brothers listed on page 2. Consider making a gift in 2012-13, even a small donation, because every little bit goes a long way. You'll also get your name recognized on our Honor Roll of Donors.

Our annual giving year runs from September 1 through August 31 each year. We still have a way to go to meet our goal of \$25,000. Please make your contribution today to help us exceed this goal. Remember, the more money we raise, the more we can do to keep you connected with Phi Gam and the friends you met there.



### 2012-13 Annual Fund

Raised to Date:

\$8,544

Goal:

\$25,000

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Wanted: Old Pictures from YOUR Era



Epsilon's history is filled with countless moments that have been captured on film. We want to know where to find them! We know that we can encourage some of you to send us your best Phi Gam pictures for our chapter archives, like this one from the 1974 *Yackety Yack*. C'mon guys, this is the digital age!

Take some time in the coming weeks to peruse your collection (besides, won't it be fun to take a trip down memory lane?). Send the best shots (and the stories behind them) to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). You can also mail them to the return address on this newsletter, or upload them directly to [www.epsilonpgd.com](http://www.epsilonpgd.com) or [www.facebook.com/epsilonpgd](http://www.facebook.com/epsilonpgd). Be sure to mention "Phi Gam at UNC" on your correspondence.

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