

The Epsilon Owl



EPSILON OF PHI GAMMA DELTA • THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 1999

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

House Corporation

President

David H. Batten '79
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-828-5100

Renovation Chairmen

James M. Earnhardt '86
Chapel Hill, N.C.
(O) 919-933-4422

Robert W. Winston III '84
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-510-6002

Graduate Communications Chairmen

Phillip Hornthal III '89
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-828-5100

George C. Venters Jr. '96
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-954-0840

Undergraduate Communications Chairman

Joseph S. Hogan '90
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-467-8141

Finance Chairmen

Lawrence J. Caison Jr. '78
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-821-5482

Laurence B. Maddison III '92
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-821-5482

Fund-Raising Chairman

Julian R. Williamson '84
Raleigh, N.C.
(O) 919-828-3866

Rebuilding Process Almost Complete, Chapter Thriving; Thanks to All Who Helped!

By Alonzo "Lon" C. Edwards '00, Chapter President

Vance Hall Restoration Progress



Greetings, from the Phi Gam house. We are pleased to report that the 1998-99 academic year has passed smoothly due to the efforts of the graduate and undergraduate brothers. As the completion of Vance Hall approaches reality, it gives us all a chance — graduate and undergraduate alike — to look back at the hard work and dedication of many brothers during the rebuilding process. This devotion to uphold a strong tradition of excellence has led us through times of hardship and will allow us to reenter Vance Hall with the strength and enthusiasm Phi Gam is accustomed to.

The Epsilon chapter, this year, has continued to thrive in the areas of rush, philanthropic events and campus involvement. With 11 initiates in the fall and three spring pledges, we have brought our number up to 44 brothers. We expect a strong fall class and will lose only six seniors, which we hope will allow us to move back into Vance Hall with more than 50 members.

Continued on Page 2

Vance Hall Gala Set

Mark your calendar for the weekend of September 24, 1999, as the time when we celebrate the grand opening of the new house. The FSU Seminoles will be in Kenan Stadium that Saturday, so it should be a special weekend. Tentative plans call for a cocktail party Friday night and a pig pickin before the game (depending on game time). If you would like to help with the party plans, please call Reid Jones '82 at 919-781-9998 or Richard Battle '81 at 919-831-2370.

Photos by Worth Joyner '00

1999 Chapter Officers

President

Alonzo C. Edwards III '00
Snow Hill, N.C.
Industrial Relations

Treasurer

John B. Madison '01
Raleigh, N.C.
Business Administration

Recording Secretary

Russell G. Hines '01
New Bern, N.C.
Business Administration

Corresponding Secretary

William H. Wilkerson Jr. '00
Rocky Mount, N.C.
Journalism

Historian

Thomas E. Gallo '99
Goldsboro, N.C.
Biology

Congratulations to these brothers, who earned a place on the Spring 1999 Dean's List!

Wood B. Gibbs '01
New Bern, N.C.

Christopher M. Kelso '01
New Bern, N.C.

Justin M. Lewis '01
Goldsboro, N.C.

John B. Madison '01
Raleigh, N.C.

Michael B. McLamb '01
Raleigh, N.C.

Matthew R. Paszek '99
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Julian B. White '01
High Point, N.C.

Reconstruction Ahead of Schedule

By Worth Joyner '00

The brothers of Epsilon are very pleased to report that the reconstruction of Vance Hall is ahead of schedule, due in large part to the mild winter. On-site superintendent Orval Goslaw of Resolute Building Company reported during a recent visit in mid-March that he and his crew were approximately five days ahead of schedule. Vance Hall is scheduled to reopen in mid- to late July 1999, just in time for an eagerly anticipated fall rush.

Many of the undergraduate brothers recently have had the opportunity to visit 108 West Cameron and actually tour the building. The base floors are down and many walls studded, allowing us to visualize the floor plan. We are very happy that much of the layout will remain the same, preserving the mystique of Vance Hall for generations to come. Needless to say, BT is very pleased with the progress. Upon a recent visit through the ground floor and kitchen area, he commented, "She's looking good baby, and I can't wait to get back up-town." (Neither can we, BT.)

The roof went on in mid-April. After the roof is completed, sheetrock will be installed and painted. The charred remnants on the exterior will be power washed and will look as good as new. This is a very exciting time for all of us at Epsilon, and we look forward to the grand reopening this fall. Please make plans to join us as we continue the legacy of Vance Hall.

From Page 1:

Rebuilding Process Almost Complete ...

This spring has also brought an increase in our philanthropic ventures. Our participation in the First Annual Dance Marathon helped raise \$40,000 to benefit the UNC Children's Hospital. Many of us also worked with Habitat for Humanity, along with a number of other fraternities and sororities, during Greek Week. When combined with other individual efforts in community service, we have not only helped the community, but we have also enhanced the chapter's image within that community.

Our campus involvement has also seen an increase this year. David Fleming '00 fell just short in a close race for student body president, but retains his seat on the Student Congress. Wesley Elden '00 also showed outstanding effort on campus this year, allowing him to obtain a seat on the Greek Judicial Board. A number of members participated in campus organizations such as the Carolina Athletic Association, the Investment Club, the Advertising Club and the Presbyterian Campus Ministry club.

The reopening of Vance Hall moves us toward very exciting times that we hope can be shared by all. We will continue to push forward and work hard for the betterment of the house. With the support of graduates and undergraduates alike, the Epsilon chapter will continue to flourish, further enriching the tradition of our chapter.

Fall 1998 Initiates

William R. Cherry III '02
Wilmington, N.C.

Thomas F. Darden III '02
Raleigh, N.C.

Frederick B. Dunn Jr. '02
Wilmington, N.C.

Ronald C. Fleming Jr. '02
Scotland Neck, N.C.

Theodore E. Haigler IV '02
Morehead City, N.C.

Marcus H. Jones '02
Washington, N.C.

David F. McGowan III '01
Wilmington, N.C.

Christopher A. Nuckols '02
Richmond, Va.

David A. Sparrow '02
Washington, N.C.

Gordon C. Woodruff Jr. '02
Smithfield, N.C.

Cameron R. Young '02
Bethel, N.C.

Spring 1999 Pledges

Ryan T. Hagan '02
New Bern, N.C.

Edward S. Kwasnieh, III.
New Bern, N.C.

Mathias G. Linden '02
New Bern, N.C.



Epsilon Fares Well During Rush

Nominees Needed Now!

By John Madison '01

Despite the third consecutive year without having Vance Hall to attract potential pledges, Epsilon fared extremely well during rush. We once again had the largest pledge class among the fraternities with whom we normally socialize. As is usually the case, eastern North Carolina dominated, with Wilmington reemerging as a Phi Gam hot spot with three pledges. We hope that the addition of a pledge from Richmond, Va., will allow us to tap into a new region.

All the brothers are pleased to have done so well with the size and quality of this year's class since it is the final year that we will be without Vance Hall. The new house will be an enormous attraction for quality pledges.

Rush will kick off this summer with the annual Beach Weekend at Atlantic Beach, just prior to the beginning of the school year.

We would appreciate receiving the names and addresses of potential rushees well before this date. If you know of anyone whom you would like us to contact, please forward the names to either Lon Edwards at 919-932-2621 or John Madison at 919-832-8793.

At age 80, attorney **W. Lunsford Crew '38** (Box 160, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870) continues to practice law. He is also assistant attorney for the City of Roanoke Rapids and the attorney for both the Halifax Department of Social Services and Halifax Community College. Not long ago, he was elected to the North Carolina Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame. "Crew" has many fond memories of Phi Gamma Delta. "I remember sitting on the rock wall in front of the fraternity, watching the girls go by. There weren't many girls there from 1934-38, so we watched more intently."

Theodore E. Haigler Jr. '46 (815 Marlowe Rd., Apt. 5, Raleigh, NC 27609) is pleased that his grandson, **Ted IV '02**, pledged Phi Gam last fall. He has heard from classmate **Tommy Stockwell**.

Retired pharmacist **Paul B. Bisette Jr. '47** (1000 Salem St., Wilson, NC 27893; pbisette@simflex.com) is serving on the North Carolina Commission for Health Services.

Milton B. Cash Jr. '48 (338 Rollingwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211) enjoys the updates on his contemporaries in *The Epsilon Owl*. He visited **Henry Badgett '48** in Asheville, N.C., and Olive and **Larry Johnson '47** in Aberdeen, N.C.

In January, **John C. Devore '49** (9222 Annhurst St., Fairfax, VA 22031) traveled to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for the ribbon cutting on the USS Missouri. The occasion marked

the ship becoming a floating museum. John tells us, "I was on board for the surrender!"

John Webb '50 (808 Trinity Dr., Wilson, NC 27893) has retired from the position of associate justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

When he wrote last fall, **Bill Hedrick '51** (5566 Glenrich Ct., Dunwoody, GA 30338; ahh524@aol.com) gave us the good news that he had fully recovered from five-level, heart-bypass surgery.

Bradford C. Cantwell '52 (4209 Appleton Way, Wilmington, NC 28412; bradnan@worldnet.att.net) is president of the board of Friends of the Battleship North Carolina. For the last eight years, he and Nancy have shared a cottage in the summer with Marge and **Jack Holcombe '50**.

"It's always good to read about alumni news in *The Epsilon Owl*," writes **R. Bryant Hare III '53** (4325 Gorman Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503). "It's the best way to keep up with the brothers."

Orthopaedic surgeon **Andrew H. Patterson '54** (14 Birchbrook Rd., Bronxville, NY 10708) serves as chairman of orthopaedic surgery at St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital Center and as president of the Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Co., both in New York City.

Earl T. Baysden Jr. '65 (Spring Island Co., P.O. Box 2419, Beaufort, SC 29901) had

a visit from **Frank Shields '68** and **Hubert Parrott '68**. Earl reports that the brothers pitted their legendary fly-fishing skills against the dreaded redfish. The match ended in a draw.

In July 1998, attorney **Robert T. Wright Jr. '68** (200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Ste. 3100, Miami, FL 33131; rtwjr1@aol.com) and three other lawyers opened the Miami office of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, a 180-lawyer firm. Bob serves on the national board of directors for the firm. Some of his partners on the board include Bob Dole, George Mitchell and Ann Richards.

William R. Titchener '69 has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 19468, Raleigh, NC 27619. In the spring of 1998, he and a number of his contemporaries gathered at the summer estate of **Jerome Venters '69** and had a great time.

Scott H. Richardson '71 (P.O. Box 7779, Winston-Salem, NC 27109) has been appointed to both the Board of Visitors and the National Development Council at UNC-CH.

Correspondence for **William B. Griffin '72** can be sent to 4040 Piner Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401. He would like news of **James "Smokey" Edwards II '72**.

Last August, **Marvin J. Carver III '75** (4026 Dover Rd., Durham, NC 27707; marvin_carverIII@ml.com) was elected archon treasurer

Continued on next page

Vance Hall is still in need of funds to complete construction. If you have not been contacted and would like to make a pledge, contact Julian Williamson '84 (919-828-3866 work or 919-782-7436 home) to learn how you can help out. Everyone is welcome to come by 108 West Cameron Avenue to see the progress.

Graduate News

for the fraternity at the 150th Ekklesia in Pittsburgh. He is a vice president at Merrill Lynch.

Frank G. Jolley '79 (1421 Jeremy Ln., Rocky Mount, NC 27803) has formed an investment advisory business, Jolley Asset Management. The new company manages both equity and balanced accounts for individual and institutional clients. Frank would like to hear from the brothers. You can give him a call at 252-443-2001 or reach him electronically at fjolley@interpath.com.

"Things north of the Mason-Dixon Line are well," notes

Van W. Martin '79 (6241 Island Lake Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; vmartin@cbrichardellis.com), president of CB Richard Ellis/Martin. "Still waiting for brothers to venture this way."

John H. Coffman '81 (602 Queen Annes Rd., Greenville, NC 27858), co-president of Coffman's Men's Wear (www.coffmansmenswear.com), invites brothers to visit the company's Web site. He and Pam have two children.

In a new job, **J. Lawrence Jarema '82** (66 Park Crest, Newport Coast, CA 92657) has joined the Newport Beach office of Grubb & Ellis, a national commercial real estate firm. One of his first assignments was to assist in the marketing of a new office tower being developed by classmate **David Teem**. (We need an address for David. Can anyone help?)

H. Reid Jones Jr. '82 has moved to and is renovating a new house at 3509 Alamance Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609. He went to several football games with **Billy Williams '81**,

Lamar Jones '82 and **Sandy Abbott '82**.

Ann and **Worth Harris III '83** (1007 Harvey St., Raleigh, NC 27608) have a new family member - their second child, Georgia, was born in August 1998.

Julian R. Williamson '84 (2635 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, NC 27609; julian@carterworthy.com) is a vice president at Carter Worthy Commercial. He and Beth Duerson wed last October and honeymooned in Baha, Mexico. Beth is a former Phi Gam little sister.

Tracy and **William P. Mayo Jr. '87** (411 River Rd., Washington, NC 27889) were awaiting the birth of their second child and first son in February 1999. Will is an attorney with Mayo & Mayo.

Working in the field of advertising, **Brannon L. Gilliam '89** (532 W. Parkway Ave., High Point, NC 27262; bgill41418@aol.com) is general sales manager at Time Warner Cable Adcast. In March 1998, he and his wife, Jill, welcomed the arrival of their second child and son, Daniel.

C. Paisley Gordon Jr. '89 (204 Cottage Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207; cpaisleyg@aol.com) and his wife, Libby, announce the birth of a son, Charles III, last September.

John B. High '90 (522 Gristmill Ln., Durham, NC 27712; jbhcl@aol.com) is a branch manager at Worth Chemical Corp. He and Sarah have a new addition - their son, Jack, arrived in July 1998.

CPA **Richard B. Homes '90** (104 Queen St., Charleston, SC

29401; rhomes@paragon.com) has been named director of sales for Paragon Ventures, a mergers and acquisitions firm based in Philadelphia. He recently purchased a home in Charleston's historic district. "Any fellow Fijis coming this way, please stop by or give me a call (843-795-5274)."

R. Fielding Lowe Jr. '90 (2117 Lockhart Dr., Charlotte, NC 28203; fielding@oxfordadvisors.com) is an investment banker and associate at Oxford Advisors. He and his wife, Christine, were expecting their first child in January of this year.

George T. Barnes Jr. '91 (1504 Banbury Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607; georget@trdt.com) was recently chosen by the Gillette Corporation to head up the research team for the development of the Mach 3 razor system blade division. He was offered several executive positions but ended up "backing" his way into this promotion. He and Anne Exum married in October 1998.

As a financial services manager with Andersen Consulting, **James R. Dail Jr. '91** (828 Peachtree Hills Cir., Atlanta, GA 30305; j.ronald.dail@ac.com) has transferred to the Atlanta office. He looks forward to hearing from everyone via e-mail and to catching up with Phi Gams in the area.

Rob C. Young III '97 (P.O. Box 398, Bethel, NC 27812) sends congratulations to his little brother, **Billy Hampton '98**, on his engagement to Julie Waller.

At Auburn University, **William L. Dean Jr. '98** (103 Harbor Dr., Ridgewood, Washington, NC 27889) is working on his master's degree in fisheries and

aquaculture. He hopes to return to North Carolina for work in the near future.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

F. Turner Munsell '27
(10/7/98),

Richard H. Hicks '37
(2/21/98),

Page C. Keel '38
(9/10/98),

Richard W. Coppage '43
(7/28/98),

Joshua H. Slaughter Jr. '45
(1/98),

Thomas A. Nisbet Jr. '46
(9/21/98),

Devan Barbour Jr. '48
(10/5/98) and

William G. Raker '49
(11/29/97).

Phi Gamma Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Memorabilia Being Sought

If you have any Phi Gam memorabilia you would be willing to lend or reproduce for the chapter, please call Purple Legionnaire Sam Simpson '90 at 910-274-9151. The undergraduates are in desperate need of old photographs or any other items to redecorate the new house.