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MINI-REUNIONS

**Have you recently
 reconnected with fellow
 Phi Gams?**

Share your stories and photos at www.epsilonpgd.com or email them to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Gam at UNC).

GRADUATE BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Honoring Phi Gam Veterans for their Service

*With Memorial Day approaching, we asked veteran graduate brothers to share their experience serving our country. Brother **Robert Wright '68** responded:*

"I served three years in the US Army (1968-1971). My story is a bit boring (nobody ever shot at me), but here it is: I had planned on spending those three years in law school, but in 1968 President Johnson suddenly did away with all graduate school deferments except for med school. So after graduation I enlisted a few days before I was due to be drafted. After a year I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1969. Although the Vietnam War was going on and two friends had already been killed there, Uncle Sam had a different plan for me. I was sent to ballistic missile officer school at Fort Sill, Ok. and then shipped off

to West Germany. The first year I was there, I spent one month out of every four sleeping in a bunker in the Black Forest next to three 40-foot-long Pershing P1A ballistic missiles that were counted down and ready to fire at Soviet targets in Eastern Europe. Then at the start of my second year in Germany, I was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and wound up commanding a special weapons storage site in Mutlangen, Germany. I must have done a decent job, as I was offered a promotion to captain if I would just re-up for one additional year. I turned that promotion down to come back to the States and start law school in 1971."

Share your own stories or honor a fellow brother this Memorial Day at www.epsilonpgd.com.

IN YOUR WORDS

Brothers Share Updates and Opinions

Thanks to the Graduate Brothers below for sharing their updates and thoughts! If interested in reconnecting with graduate brothers by way of publication in this newsletter, please go to: www.epsilonpgd.com

*Graduate Brother **Marvin J. Carver '75** shares on this year's Pig Dinner and the use of "Graduate Brother" versus "Alumnus":*

"This year's Pig Dinner was a great success. We had over 200 there and our Head Football Coach Larry Fedora spoke. I hope someone will provide pictures.

I served as Archon President of Phi Gamma Delta from 2004-2006 and I used to cringe when other Phi Gam's called themselves 'alumni.' Our motto, 'Not for College Days Alone,' is something we take very seriously. Other Fraternities do not have events remotely like

our Pig Dinner. We take pride in BEING a Phi Gam, not having BEEN a Phi Gam."

*Graduate Brother **Josephus L. Mavretic '56** dishes on what he misses most about life at UNC-CH*

"I miss getting up at O-Dark Thirty so I could walk across campus to an 8 O'Clock class.

I miss the Quarter System that went away after my freshman year.

I miss my Faculty Advisor whom I saw once in four years.

I miss sweating out my last exam in my senior year.

I miss sweating out just about every exam I ever took.

I miss Blue-Books!

I miss the Goody Shop!

I miss Paul and Albert and Ms. Mingle."

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER NEWS

Upward and Onwards

Annual Barbeque Cook-Off Raises \$5k, Fiji Island Formal Brings Fraternity Together with Success

By President Kevin DePopas

We have 14 senior brothers that will be graduating this May. **Sims Richardson** will be working as a business analyst at Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, N.C. **Andrew Bock** will be working as a tennis pro in Wilmington, N.C. **Smith Marks** will be acting as a liaison between a research institute and a developing resort in the Bahamas. Phi Gam affiliate Ben Shuford will be working as an investment banking analyst for Morgan Stanley in Manhattan. Others are either actively engaged



Graduate Brother **David Bock '80** poses next to son and Phi Gam legacy member **Andrew Bock '13**. Andrew will graduate this May!

in the job search process or plan on continuing their education.

Our new cabinet is comprised of brothers **Wilkins Zollicoffer** (Treasurer) from Durham, **Gil Templeton** (Recording Secretary) from Greensboro, **Sam Duckett** (Corresponding Secretary) from Winston Salem, **Nicholas Graham** (Historian) from the Outer Banks and me as president from Greensboro.

In other news, we recently held our annual Barbecue Cook-off to raise money for the Chapel Hill Fire Department. The event is a competition between participating IFC fraternities to see who can produce the best chopped or pulled pork BBQ. While we have held the event in the past, this year we strove to drastically increase the scale of the event by partnering with Delta Delta Delta sorority and signing on a record number of competing fraternities. Ultimately we had 11 fraternities compete in the event and estimate attendance in excess of 350 individuals. Net proceeds from the event



Guests enjoy the day at the Annual Barbeque Cook-Off

have tallied to approximately \$5,000.

We also held our Fiji Island formal recently. After building the venue for nearly two weeks and barely finishing on time, Friday night started off well as we welcomed the freshman to Fiji Island with open arms. For Champagne Cocktail on Saturday, we rented out the great room at Top of the Hill for dinner. This was the first time that we have ever organized all four classes together for dinner before a cocktail. As you know, it is always fun to get the entire fraternity together at a single venue. The weekend was ultimately a success.

THE PAST AND PRESENT OF PHI GAM UNC

May 2013 Marks the 17th Anniversary of Tragic House Fire

The Legacy of Those Who Perished Continue to Live On through the Activism of Phi Gam Brothers

Just 17 years ago this May, the age of many freshman pledges each fall, a tragic house fire at Phi Gamma Delta claimed the lives of five students: Mark Strickland, Josh Weaver, Ben Woodruff, Joanna Howell and Anne Smith. Amidst the heartbreak and tragedy, families, students and Phi Gam brothers rallied together to make sure that the event and their lives were never forgotten. Today, their legacy lives on in the activism that has resulted in changed fire safety legislation on the campus, local, and state levels.

For instance, since 2001 all Greek houses and dorms on campus are mandated to have sprinkler systems installed. In 2011, these very

sprinkler systems helped put out a fire at the Sigma Chi house, saving the lives of those brothers present in the house at the time. The fire caused \$15,000 in damage and all 19 brothers were forced to temporarily relocate. However, not a single life was lost due to the quick action of the sprinkler systems! In 2009, 40 UNC students and parents of the students killed traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby for legislation that would eventually establish October as Campus Fire Safety Month in the state of North Carolina. This effort was organized primarily by US Representative David Price (D-NC) and Phi Gam brothers. In 2010, Governor Bev

Perdue campaigned to increase the mandate for sprinkler systems in greek houses to include all off-campus housing, as well. This campaign was a part of the larger program created to commemorate the tragic fire, called "Help Save a Life, Get on the Truck." Perdue's son, Garrett, was a Phi Gam brother at UNC the year the fire happened.

Phi Gam brothers have brought the campus, local and state community together to work towards fire prevention over the years. As such, the lives of those lost continue to be honored 17 years later.

ANNUAL FUND REPORT

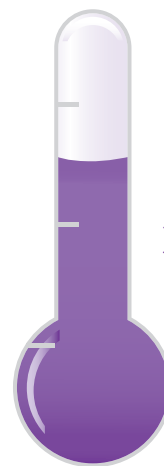
2012-2013 Fundraising Efforts

Give Back and Make the Most of your Alumni Experience!

As of April 2013, Phi Gams have raised over half this year's goal, but we still have a ways to go to hit our \$25,000 mark! The money raised will go toward essential house repairs and improvements, continued alumni network communications via efforts like this newsletter publication and maintenance of our website, and alumni reunion events. If you would like to help Phi Gams reach this year's goal, you can donate by calling 1-800-975-6699 or

going online to our website at www.epsilonpgd.com.

We appreciate the loyal support that we've had this year from the brothers listed below. But we can't rely on their support alone. We need participation from *all* our graduate brothers in order to ensure the continued success of the Phi Gamma Delta chapter at UNC!



Goal:
\$25,000

Raised to Date:
\$16,429

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A Special Thank You to the Following Brothers

Your Help is Felt by All of Phi Gamma Delta!

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Baker Hatcher 2007
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**as of April 10, 2013*

GRADUATE BROTHER OUTREACH: LOST AND FOUND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Graduate Brother Lost Contact Information Update

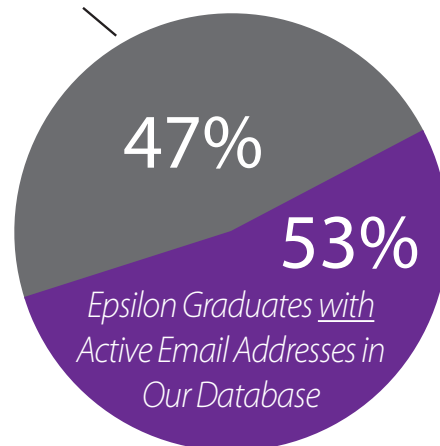
Still missing 47% of graduate brother email addresses

In the last newsletter, we ran a story about missing 47% of the up-to-date email addresses for graduate brothers! Since then, we have been unable to improve that percentage at all. In order to communicate with graduate brothers, it is essential to have their contact information. Since this newsletter also publishes monthly via email, accurate email addresses allow graduate brothers to stay on top of the most recent chapter news.

That means, therefore, that 47% of the graduate brothers in our database still have incorrect or missing email addresses. If you are in touch with any brothers that would like to be added to our contact list, or who use an address that we might not have on file, please encourage him to contact us with the most up-to-date information. Help us to reconnect graduate brothers that have for all intensive purposes become "lost" members of Phi Gamma Delta at UNC!

Total living graduates: 900

Epsilon Graduates without Active Email Addresses in Our Database



FROM THE ARCHIVE

Do You Remember this Class of 1969 Photo?

Please visit www.epsilonpgd.com or email content@affinityconnection.com to share your memories from this day or any of the members in the photo!

Bottom Front Row (L-R): H. Gurkin, H. Mayo, B. Boseman, B. Everett, J. Merrit, S. Manning, J.O. McCall, C. Gaskins, S. Edwards, R. Taylor, B. Byrd, T. Nisbet, S. Taylor, P. Greene, B. Reynolds, T. Caldrony, Treas., H. Lee, Pres., J. Elmore, Historian, C. Dunn **Middle Rows (L-R):** B. Wilkerson, C. McLaughlin, A. Aycock, G. Morehead, R. Carter, R. Honeycutt, J. Venters, J. Stanley, W. Perry, J. Hamilton, D. Balance, B. Patterson **Top Row (L-R):** J. Beal, Rec. Sec., F. Weed, Cor. Sec., S. Richardson, B. Griffen, R. Howard, G. Paschall, W. Woodward.



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