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ΣAE'S RETURN TO DUKE RESCHEDULED

After a lengthy discussion with a number of our alumni and Todd Adams, Duke's Greek advisor, we are reporting the following results:

- 2007 will most likely be the earliest that ΣAE might be able to apply to colonize at Duke University. Pi Kappa Phi is the newest fraternity to return, and it is looking at a minimum of 12-18 months for recolonization.
- IFC will not consider more than one new fraternity a year on campus.
- Delta Phi Alpha (DPA), a local fraternity (a few members from the former NC Nu Chapter still remain), have continued to recruit new members using our fraternity name, creating an awkward situation for Duke and ΣAE. We agree the current strength

and activity of Delta Phi Alpha is a hindrance to any recolonization effort.

- A small committee of alumni will be meeting with Delta Phi Alpha to ensure they know the off-campus group is not affiliated (nor will it ever be) with ΣAE. This committee includes Kevin Trapani (ktrapani@redwoodsgroup.com) and Jack McSpadden (jack.d.mcspadden@citigroup.com).
- In 2007, if DPA is still active, it will be a tough sell to the administration and the IFC to consider ΣAE.

What is most unfortunate is that Duke is holding ΣAE responsible for DPA, a requirement that we have virtually no control over. Even Duke has no control over DPA and their activities. More details will be provided after the alumni committee meets with DPA.

Former Advisor Receives ΣAE Merit Key Award

Former North Carolina Nu Chapter advisor, Dr. Frank H. Bassett III, was awarded one of ΣAE's highest alumni awards, the Merit Key, at the North Carolina Chi Chapter's (Wake Forest University) initiation dinner, on Saturday, March 19, at the Winston-Salem Piedmont Club.

This prestigious award was presented to Dr. Bassett by ΣAE Eminent Supreme Archon Tom Bower. Frank (Kentucky Epsilon '50) was a long-time advisor for North Carolina Nu Chapter here at Duke University. He is a retired professor of orthopaedic surgery and assistant professor of anatomy at Duke. He had served the institution since 1963.

Dr. Bassett was also a team physician for Duke intercollegiate

athletes. He retired in 2001 as Duke's director of Sports Medicine Program, but stayed on to teach and serve as a consultant. Frank Bassett Drive on the

Duke campus is named after Brother Bassett.

Established in 1995, the Frank H. (Continued on page 4)



Alumni to Establish Education Fund

The North Carolina Nu Chapter Alumni Association plans to establish (Continued on page 2)

BLAST FROM THE PAST: Among the ΣAEs at Duke in 1934 was Robert L. Nicks '37 (third row, fourth from left). Robert became a member of ΣAE mainly because his brother, Samuel Freeman Nicks Jr. '29, had been an active student at Duke. Robert went to Chicago as a student to petition the National organization to allow his fraternity to become a part of the student activities at Duke. Brother Nicks, now a retired minister, can be reached via P.O. Box 997, Penney Farms, FL 32079 or (904) 529-9664.

North Carolina Nu Chapter History

North Carolina Nu was the 131st chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, founded on February 20, 1931. The chapter was installed by Judge Alfred K. Nippert. There are approximately 1,690 total initiates.

The original society was called Psi Delta Sigma, a local fraternity at Duke that was founded in 1926. Those members signed a petition to join ΣAE on October 17, 1930. For the 1929-30 academic year, Duke, once known as Trinity

College, had 2,979 students.

On April 25, 1930, Province Gamma Archon Joel Abney, at the convention in Columbia, SC, declared his full approval of Psi Delta Sigma's petition. The founders included Oliver C. Blackmon Jr. '32 of Lancaster, SC; Rawlins Coffman '33 of Drexel Hill, PA; Conrad Crouch '31 of Hickory, NC; Royden E. Daniels '32 of Elizabeth City, NC; and William A. Day '32 of Bradenton, FL.

The Status of Delta Phi Alpha

So-called former members of North Carolina Nu Chapter, referred to as Delta Phi Alphas, formed a local fraternity to continue their existence off the Duke campus after our chapter was closed in January 2002.

In essence, Delta Phi Alpha is a local, nonaffiliated social Greek fraternity. It is not associated with, nor has it ever been, a part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Duke and IFC also do not recognize this fraternity.

Some of the upperclassmen are former pledges of the closed North Carolina Nu Chapter. These former pledges will all graduate in the spring of 2005. It is possible that this group still uses some of ΣAE's secret rituals and ceremonies, but the group has been informed that it is not

allowed to, and that it is illegal to do so.

Parents and alumni should be aware that many independent and Greek students on campus, as well the student newspaper, *The Chronicle*, still consider this group the "ex-ΣAEs."

ΣAE does not support or endorse this local fraternity. We recognize that there will be competition between the local fraternity and our colony when and if we return in the fall of 2007.

If you have any questions about Delta Phi Alpha, please contact Duke Assistant Dean of Student Development and Greek Advisor Todd Adams via todd.adams@duke.edu or (919) 684-5617.

Join Our Alumni E-mail List

Join the North Carolina Nu e-mail list by sending your e-mail address to ncnu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Has Your Address Changed?

Submit your address change if you are not receiving *The Record* at <http://www.sae.net/staff.asp?mode=showform>.

Check Out Our Chapter Website

Visit our website at www.ncnuchapter.com.

ALUMNI TO ESTABLISH EDUCATION FUND

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a chapter education fund in honor of former Advisor Dr. Frank Bassett.

This fund be set up with the ΣAE Foundation (see <https://www.sae.net/foundation.asp>), and alumni can make tax-deductible donations. The interest will be awarded to a future colony/chapter member at Duke who wants to attend the National and Regional ΣAE Leadership schools.

The fund has to start at a level of \$5,000, so we encourage you to consider mailing your donation, made payable to the ΣAE Foundation, at 38227 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1382.

Online donations, using debit or credit cards or bank draft can be made at <https://www.sae.net/donation.asp?cid=34>.



North Carolina Nu Alumni News

Aubrey K. McClendon '81 has served as chairman of the board, CEO and a director since cofounding the Chesapeake Company in 1989. From



1982-89, Aubrey was an independent producer of oil and gas in affiliation with Tom L. Ward, the company's president and COO. The Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE:CHK) is one of the four largest independent US natural gas producers and owns one of the country's largest inventories of environmentally friendly and secure domestic natural gas reserves. It's headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK.

Aubrey is a member of the Board of Visitors of the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. He recently visited the Levere Memorial Temple while in Evanston, IL, on business. After meeting with ΣAE Foundation Assistant Executive Director Don Souhrada and touring the Temple, Aubrey left the Nippert Society a \$10,000 donation to the Foundation.

When asked in a recent article in *The ΣAE Record* how his experiences with our chapter affected his career, Aubrey writes, "I was the social chair

of my pledge class my freshman year. We didn't have a lot of success with formal events, but that was a good exercise in learning about the failure of leadership—mine! Later, in my junior year, I was rush chair and did a bit better, bringing in an excellent group of pledges who continued the trend of ΣAE getting better and better every year. During my four years at Duke (1977-81), I really believe ΣAE went from one of the top three fraternities on campus to the very best!" He adds, "At North Carolina Nu, we had a really nice balance of members—athletes and non-athletes, party boys and geniuses. It was a collection of good guys from across the nation. We studied hard, we played hard, and at the end of the day, we were a positive, active force on campus and in the community."

Aubrey and his wife, Kathleen, have three children, Jack, Callie and Will. Aubrey can be reached at via P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, OK 73154, amcclendon@chkenergy.com or (405) 879-9226 (work).

William P. Woodbridge '01 has left the Bank of America in Charlotte and

is now vice president of Structured Credit Sales at Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc., in Greenwich, CT.

Bill can be reached at 600 Steamboat Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830, will.woodbridge@gcm.com, (203) 618-6171 (work) or (203) 252-1789 (cell).

Christopher L. Carson '62 is an attorney with Jones Day in Atlanta, GA, an international firm with worldwide offices. Chris represents financial institutions and asset-based lenders in complex structured finance and asset based-lending and leasing, as well as in Chapter 11 cases, predominantly representing lending syndicates.

Chris and his wife 41 years, Cynthia, have a daughter and four grandchildren.

Chris says his retirement is two years away, and then he'll live in Ponte Vedra, FL, in the winter and Cashiers, NC (in the Western North Carolina mountains), in the summer.

Contact Chris at 1420 Peachtree St. N.E. Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30309, ccarson1@earthlink.net or (404) 309-0224 (cell).

Thanks, Newsletter Contributors!

Thanks to your support, we are happy to continue bringing you news of your classmates with this issue of *NC Nu News*. Since the last issue, we received voluntary contributions to the newsletter program from the following alumni and thank them sincerely for helping to make this issue possible:

Robert L. Nicks '37
Stanley F. Whitman '40
Arthur S. Gould '44
John A. Bostwick '47
Charles G. Monnett '47
Granville M. Semmes '47
Robert H. Jennings '48
*Dunham B. Seeley '48
Paul E. Kramme '49
George W. Martin '49
W. Dean Ferres '50
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John S. Steel '50
I. Stanton Hudmon '51
Donald W. Gould '53
James W. Eaton '57
Grier H. Merwin '63

Donald P. Parson '63
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Christopher B. Hanback '72
Craig W. Dawkins '73
Richard E. Smitherman '74
Shapard D. Ashley '75
Paul M. Wilson '77
Leon H. Mims '78
Will LaRue '79
Frank M. Ridley '84
Chadwick C. Stearns '88
Joel W. Toms '00
Robert C. Ralls '01

*In Memoriam

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Dunham B. Seely '48 died on February 8, 2004.

Lawrence R. "Fuse" Matthews '68 died on Wednesday, July 7, 1999. Brother Matthews was undergoing bypass surgery and went into a coma before he passed away. Private services were held in Birmingham, AL, on July 15, 1999.

Daniel L. Johnson Sr. '45 died on February 13, 2005. Send condolences to his granddaughter, Natalie C. Zoufal, via nataliezoufal@aol.com.

More News from Our Alumni

Henry J. Hood '82 has been senior vice president of the Chesapeake Company Land and Legal Division since 1997. Henry was retained as a consultant two years prior to joining the company.



He was associated with the law firm White, Coffey, Galt & Fite from 1992-95 and with the law firm Watson & McKenzie from 1987-92. Henry is a member of the Oklahoma and Texas Bar associations. He earned his JD from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1985.

Henry and his wife, Laura, have two children, Sydney, 12, and Emory, 9. Write to Henry at 6700 N.W. Grand Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73116, hhood@chkenergy.com or (405) 879-9400 (work).

Stuart J. Matthews '86 is a supervisory analyst in the Investment Banking Division of the Deutsche Bank in Kent, Swanley, England.

Stuart writes, "Since I graduated, I have spent most of my working life in Japan and Thailand. For the past three years, however, I have made my home back in England, living just south of London. I have moved from being a 'poacher' to being a game keeper, in that I have moved from the research/sales side of equity research to the regulatory side as a supervisory analyst. My role at

Deutsche Bank is to read research to help avoid mistakes that could rile the industry watchdogs.

"However, the most important thing that has happened to me since I left Duke is that I have recently become a Christian, which has totally changed me and my outlook on life. This has been difficult, as in the UK, Christianity is under great threat. Fortunately, the church I attend in London is vibrant and actually planting new churches and training Church of England clergymen and women.

"If you are visiting England, look me up!"

Stuart can be reached at 46 Victoria Hill Rd., BR8 7LL Kent, UK or stuart.matthews@db.com.

Dan Thomasson '96 writes, "I was browsing the 'Chapter Eternal' section of the website and found one omission. Pope Babcock '96 died shortly after graduation in a car accident in Baja, Mexico. He was on a graduation surfing trip with other brothers when the car left the road and Pope was thrown from the vehicle. Pope was one brother who personified 'The True Gentleman.' There is a bridge in Duke Gardens dedicated to Pope."

Reconnect with Dan by writing to 4105 Shilch Dr., Birmingham, AL 35213 or adthomass1@yahoo.com.

Craig W. Dawkins '73 tells brothers, "I have practiced law in Oklahoma City for approximately 27 years. My

practice has been rewarding and satisfying, and I sincerely hope worthwhile and beneficial to my clients.

"I have been married to Debbie (Oklahoma KAΘ) for 27 years as well, and we have been blessed with a wonderful family (Drew, 18, and Matthew, 16).

"Our opportunities to serve with our church (May Avenue United Methodist) have been most rewarding, especially at this juncture in our lives. Our family has also traveled extensively around the world."

"Dawk" adds of ΣAE, "Friendships were established, but unfortunately, careers, family, etc., took us all in many different directions after graduation. Making a living and raising a family became paramount, and contact was lost with many of those friends. Hopefully, those friendships can be reestablished as our lives slow down a bit."

Renew your friendship with Dawk by writing to 1504 Bedford Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73116 or cdawkins@dawkinslawfirm.com.

ADVISOR RECEIVES MERIT KEY

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Bassett III MD Endowed Fellowship is in honor of Dr. Bassett. Over a period of 37 years, he has had an enormous impact on the lives of the residents who have gone through the Orthopedic Surgery program at Duke. It is these residents, along with many other friends, who decided to honor Dr. Bassett with an endowment at OREF. This endowment, when fully funded at \$500,000, will provide an annual grant to the Orthopaedic Department at Duke. These funds will be designated for the benefit of orthopaedic trainees.

Frank can be reached at 3316 Stoneybrook Dr., Durham, NC 27705, (919) 644-2663 or awbfhb3@nc.rr.com.

Alumni Directory in the Works!

The North Carolina Nu Alumni Association is excited to announce the 2005 edition of our chapter's alumni directory. You will soon receive, if you have not already, a form to update your information and support the directory's publication. The directory will give you a chance to connect with all initiates of North Carolina Nu Chapter of ΣAE.

This publication would not be possible without the support of alumni like you! In the directory mailing, you will find a white information card and a return envelope. Please fill out the card with your current information and return it along with your contribution in the envelope provided. Thank you for your continued support!

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