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BROTHERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Alex Jones '25

Raleigh, North Carolina

Majoring in Economics with dual minors in Japanese and Business Administration, Alex is a member of the UNC Club Soccer team. In his free time, the former chapter Treasurer loves to read, watch soccer, and follow UNC Basketball. This past summer, he worked in Venture Capital in New York, where he plans to return after graduating in the spring.



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Preston Aldridge '26

Mooresville, North Carolina

A major in Business Administration, Preston is also working on a minor in entrepreneurship. In his free time, he loves to wake surf, snowboard, golf, and play guitar, specifically '70s rock. In addition to being our new Philanthropy Chairman this year, the former chapter Treasurer serves as an active member of both Sigma Eta Pi and AI Consulting Club. After holding an Asset Management Internship this past summer, Preston will serve as a consulting intern at Mercer this upcoming summer.



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Wade Guerra '27

Sayreville, New Jersey

A current sophomore, Wade was recently accepted into the Morehead-Cain Sophomore Intake Program, which selects 15 students from the 4,000-person sophomore class. Majoring in Business Administration and Peace, War, and Defense, he is also working on a minor in Naval Science. In his free time, Wade loves to keep up with national defense and military intelligence news. Heavily involved on campus, he is a member of the Naval ROTC, AKPsi Business Fraternity, UNC Marketing Club, and many other organizations. This past summer, he participated in CORTRAMID training in San Diego, where he grew his knowledge of the U.S. Navy.



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BROTHERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

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Ben Jones '28

Charlotte, North Carolina

New to the chapter this year, this freshman plans to earn dual majors in Political Science and Public Policy. Ben was notably named a Morehead-Cain Scholar, and this past summer, he backpacked over 100 miles through Wyoming as part of a leadership expedition through the Morehead Foundation. In his hometown, Ben was the Student Body President of his high school and interned on several political campaigns. Now, in Chapel Hill, he is a member of the Carolina Political Review and the Carolina Institute of Politics.



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Newest Brothers

We are happy to report that, this fall, we held a strong fall rush. While IFC numbers decreased across the board, our chapter brought in 14 new associates. This pledge class, known as the Alpha Zetas, is filled with commendable individuals, and we are extremely excited to have them among our ranks.



Matthew Barghout *Winston-Salem, NC*
Dylan Baumler *Charlotte, NC*
Nicolas Buchta *Manhattan Beach, CA*
Nathan Burgin *Fairview, NC*
Kautilya Chopra *Clemmons, NC*
Lane Durham *Wilmington, NC*
Peter Garofolo *Cary, NC*

Ben Jones *Charlotte, NC*
Andrew Kelso *Cary, NC*
Chris Mingo *Belmont, NC*
Michael Morris *Asheville, NC*
Bryson Parks *Seven Springs, NC*
Aidan Tobin *Belmont, NC*
Matthew Wolff *High Point, NC*



The Alpha Zetas (Fall 2024 Pledge Class)

Philanthropy

2024 War of the Roses

We are excited to share the success of our annual War of the Roses event. This week-long initiative partners with Panhellenic organizations, having sorority members compete in games and competitions to raise money for **The Ability Experience**. While only our second year doing the event, we learned from the efforts of our first one. One change we made was implementing the Rose Queen model, where each sorority has one candidate to serve as the main representative, battling for the crown and title of Rose Queen. In the end, Brooke Szczpinski from Phi Mu won.

All in all, when the week was over, thanks to the contribution of the eight sororities, family, friends, and other donors, we raised over \$12,000 for The Ability Experience.

Similar to last year, each day had a different event. On Day 1, we held a banner competition. Each sorority had to design a banner, which we displayed proudly in front of our house for the entirety of the week.

Day 2 was Pie-A-Pikapp, a Kappa Chapter staple. Chapter members sat in the pit, encouraging people to pie them in the face in exchange for a small donation.

Day 3 was a benefit night at Raising Canes on Franklin Street. As community members came together to eat, a portion of all proceeds went toward The Ability Experience.

Day 4 was our Dodgeball Tournament, the most successful event in 2023. Each sorority put forth a team to compete in a double-elimination style dodgeball tournament, where Phi Mu ended up victorious.

Concluding the week, we held a celebratory concert featuring rising country star Eli Winders. On this night, we crowned our Rose Queen and came together with all of the sororities to celebrate beating our fundraising goal.

The money we raised will directly benefit thousands of individuals living with disabilities and special needs, making a real difference in their lives. Aligned with our members' strong philanthropic drive, our chapter will continue to grow our efforts, and we cannot be more excited for War of the Roses next year.



Some of the WOTR sorority banners



Pie-a-Pikapp



War of the Roses Concert



Dodgeball Tournament at War of the Roses

Philanthropy

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Gear Up Florida

In the past year, one of the chapter's main goals has been to increase our philanthropic efforts, especially with The Ability Experience (our fraternity's national philanthropy). Proof of our increased efforts has been our success in this year's War of the Roses, which you can read about on page 3 of this newsletter.

However, as a chapter, we are not satisfied. Driven by our strong sense of selflessness and compassion, several of our brothers will be participating in Gear Up Florida this year. The event takes place over two weeks in May, and members cycle over 950 miles across Florida to raise awareness for individuals living with disabilities. Some of our brothers participating in the event this year include our former Archon Andrew Davis, and current Vice Archon Guillermo Estrada. To view their fundraising pages, learn more about their individual stories, and donate, please click the links below. Any donation or support would be greatly appreciated in their journey.

Andrew Davis

give.abilityexperience.org/AndrewDavisGearUpFlorida

Guillermo Estrada

give.abilityexperience.org/fundraiser/5429854

Peter Garofolo

give.abilityexperience.org/fundraiser/5934459



Alumni Engagement

Alumni Weekend On October 5, we held our annual Alumni Weekend Tailgate before the Tar Heels home football game against Pitt. While the Heels' play that day was not too impressive (resulting in a 34–24 loss to the Panthers), the Alumni Tailgate was a tremendous success. 90 alumni from across generations brought with them both friends and family members. We cannot wait for another great turnout next year.

Annual Kappa Council Meeting We proudly invite all alumni to attend the annual joint meeting between the active chapter and Kappa Council on February 8, 2025. The meeting will take place at 12:00 PM, and we look forward to seeing everyone there. After the meeting, we will be hosting a watch party at the house as the Heels take on Pitt. We will be serving food and refreshments.



Attendees at this year's Alumni Weekend



Alumni at this year's Alumni Weekend



Alumni at this year's Alumni Weekend



Congrats to Reece Hanson and Jacob Blanton on winning UNC's 2024 Intramural Cornhole Tournament!

IFC Elections

For the first time in a long time, our chapter has two members serving on the UNC Interfraternity Council. The annual elections for the nine positions occurred in November. **Harrison Ulrich** was voted in as the Vice President of Recruitment, and **Andrew Davis** was voted in as Vice President of Public Relations. We look forward to seeing their work improve fraternity life across campus.



Parents Weekend

This year, we held our annual Parents Weekend, consisting of a cocktail on Friday night, October 11, at Pantina Bob's and a post-game tailgate on October 12 after the Carolina vs. Georgia Tech football game. Even though we lost on the field, the event was a complete win. With over 60 families in attendance, the entire weekend was one to be remembered.



Kappa Chapter's backyard during the Parents Weekend Postgame Tailgate

Washington, DC Trip

On September 19, three of our brothers were invited to Washington, DC, to speak to several Congressmen about their experience last April regarding the Flag Incident on campus. They were accompanied by Joseph Brady (Pi Kappa Phi's national president) and Jake Henderson (Pi Kappa Phi's national CEO). Some notable individuals the group met were Senator Ted Budd, Congressman Greg Murphy, and Congresswoman Virginia Fox, to name a few. Overall, the one-in-a-lifetime trip was extremely educational and interesting, and we are so grateful they were given the opportunity.



Kappa Chapter brothers in front of the Capitol Building (L-R Guillermo Estrada, Alex Jones, Andrew Davis)



The group meeting Congressman Morgan Griffith (L-R Joseph Brady, Andrew Davis, Rep. Morgan Griffith, Guillermo Estrada, Alex Jones, Jake Henderson)



Fox Nation Patriots Awards

Earlier this month, brothers Guillermo Estrada and Alex Jones were invited to New York to be recognized for their actions last spring in protecting the American flag. As a result, they were given the Award for Courage at the Fox Nation Patriots Awards. They were recognized for their bravery in the face of adversity and for standing up for their beliefs, actions we as a brotherhood could not be more proud of. Below is the link to watch them receive the award.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kq2LYemuAcg



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House Improvements

Throughout the summer, Kappa Council made several improvements to the house and the Chapter made sure to improve the house's condition in ways they could. Below is a list of all summer and fall housing improvements made by both Kappa Council and the Chapter.

Kitchen/Dining Areas

- Repairs to flat roof which had allowed significant water infiltration
- Base floor and subfloor replacement (full kitchen, selective dining room)
- New appliances (dishwasher, refrigerator, ice machine)

Basement

- Moisture source removal in exterior walls and pipe condensation; drywall replacement
- Dehumidifier addition and update of multiple sump pumps
- New exhaust vents in laundry

Backyard/Outside

- Ground contoured to divert water away from basement foundation and exterior basement door/steps
- New guttering
- Encouraged construction of new fence on property line by Pi Phi Sorority, between the respective lot lines
- Deck repainting
- Cleaning grounds and refreshing surface landscape rock

Technology/Electrical

- Replacement/repair of numerous ground floor electrical outlets
- New thermostats installed throughout house
- Protective cages installed over all ceiling sprinklers
- Two new 75" TVs in TV room
- One new 60" TV in Charleston (Chapter) Room
- House WiFi speed/reliability improvement via Google Fiber

Miscellaneous

- New indoor bar in ground level vestibule
- New custom card table/pool table in Charleston Room



Kappa Council was named Housing Corporation of the Year by the National Fraternity at this August's Supreme Chapter meeting.



New poker table

FAREWELL ADDRESS

Andrew Davis '26

Former Archon

As I step down from my role as the chapter's Archon, I am filled with bittersweet emotions. The last year has been filled with countless moments, both enjoyable and stressful.

While seeming endless at times, looking back on my term and everything we as a chapter accomplished, I would not change a thing.

Several notable achievements have occurred in the last year. Regarding housing, beyond physical upgrades like new TVs, backyard letters, and a poker table, we implemented a new system to ensure consistent residency. We also drastically improved our organization's operational efficiency through the creation of officer transitional playbooks, the organization of the subbasement, the revamped system for budgeting and tracking funds, and so much more. Furthermore, we have also drastically improved our reputation with the school and national office of Pi Kappa Phi—not to mention the attention gained last April regarding our brothers and the flag. I am incredibly grateful for the support from parents, alumni, and active members who have made these accomplishments possible. These achievements are not just milestones of a strong year but stepping stones that have set the chapter up for even greater success in the coming years.

Reflecting on my term, I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes from President Theodore Roosevelt: “Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty.” This is a sentiment that I reflect on throughout my life, and it is incredibly effective at capturing my term as President. It is safe to say that my term was consistently filled with effort, pain, and difficulty. What outshined those experiences was all of the positives that came with the role, including seeing the excitement of alumni returning to the house and rekindling with old friends during our Alumni Tailgate, and watching our brothers come together in laughter and enthusiasm during our brotherhood trip to the Carolina Hurricanes.

Having the privilege to serve as the chapter's Archon has been the most worthwhile experience of my life. I am beyond grateful for having the honor to give back to a place that has given me so much while making a lasting impact on countless individuals. At the end of the day, if my actions have made at least one person's life or time in college even a fraction better, it has been a successful term for me.

I truly believe the commitment to Pi Kappa Phi is a lifelong commitment, not a mere 4-year engagement. With the time I have left in Chapel Hill, I look forward to serving the chapter in new ways, like in my new role as Standards Chairman, hoping to leave a lasting impact on those around me. So, while my time as Archon has ended, this is not a goodbye. Instead, it is simply until we meet again.

ΟΥΔΕΝ ΔΙΑΣΠΑΣΕΙ ΗΜΑΣ

Sincerely,

Andrew Davis



Council of Archons

Outgoing Archon Andrew Davis has been named to Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity's 2024–2025 Council of Archons. Made up of 12 of the nation's top Pi Kappa Phi chapter presidents, this council serves as an advisory board to the National Office, providing valuable insight from the undergraduate chapter's perspective. Congratulations, Andrew!

Learn more at pikapp.org/introducing-pi-kappa-phis-2024-25-council-of-archons/.

CHAPTER REPORT

Jacob Blanton '26

Archon

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Current Brothers,

My name is Jacob Blanton, and I am very proud to introduce myself as the chapter's newly elected Archon for the next year. I am a junior majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and minoring in Biology. I plan on attending Optometry school after completing my undergraduate studies. Last Spring, I served as the chapter's Chaplain, and this past fall, I served as Warden. These experiences allowed me to get first-hand experience working on EC and prepared me for this role.



This past year, we were able to continue our very successful War of the Roses, as we were able to raise over \$13,000 for The Ability Experience. This week-long event has gotten our brothers excited for philanthropy, as we have four guys signed up for Gear Up Florida, which is a 2-week-long biking adventure filled with leadership development and programs that will allow them to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities.

In terms of the current state of the chapter, I am excited to share that we have initiated 13 new brothers last Spring and 14 new brothers this past Fall. This brings the chapter to 89 active brothers, which happens to be the largest on campus. Also, in the past year, we have increased alumni engagement by continuing these newsletters and hosting our annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend. It was amazing to see all of the former brothers, and I can't wait to see you all here at the house next year.

Last year was an amazing year, and I am happy to say that I was a part of it. I am excited for this upcoming year as we, as a chapter, will continue to improve while upholding our values in the classroom and the community. Thank you to everyone who has invested in our chapter. ODH brothers, I can't wait for a tremendous year.

Fraternally Yours,

Jacob Blanton



Wade Michael Guerra

Wade Michael Guerra (Wade) is studying business administration and peace, war, and defense with a minor in naval science at Carolina. He is involved in the college program Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps to prepare him to be commissioned into the U.S. Navy upon graduation. He is a co-founder and the brotherhood chair of the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi and is also a member of Future Business Leaders of America and the UNC Marketing Club. Wade works as a student marketing ambassador for the energy drink Celsius. He volunteers regularly with the Special Olympics, the Ability Experience, and Habitat for Humanity as the community service director for UNC NROTC. Wade is interested in the intersection of business operations within the context of the military and national defense systems. A graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School in Parlin, New Jersey,

Wade is the son of Cynthia Warner and Matthew Guerra of Sayreville, New Jersey.

Brother Wade Guerra's feature on the 2024 Morehead-Cain sophomore additions

Charlie Adams, '64

Charlie Adams ('64) doesn't like being reminded that his first experience with fraternities ... and how he ended up a Pi Kapp ... is like the opening scene from the movie, *Animal House*.

"I was really shy when I came to Carolina," he said, "And in orientation the guy told us we should go through rush for the experience, it was a way to meet people. I walked into one of those big houses and immediately turned around and walked out. I knew that wasn't for me. I walked over to the Pi Kapp house and when I walked in the door I knew I was home, it felt so comfortable!"

The Pi Kappa Phi house Adams walked into, and lived in for three years, is still in existence. It stands at 206 West Cameron Avenue—the white, two-story, clapboard house across the street from the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, and across the walkway from the back of the Kappa Sigma house.

"It was called The Cardboard Palace, but it was a fire trap," Adams explained, "And it was home. Miss Grace was with us then and she a fantastic cook. Before or since, I've never had a better cheeseburger. She was the house mother for us. We scraped up enough money to buy her a new stove and she stood there and cried when she saw it. She meant the world to us."

Speaking of scraping up money ... "Durward Owen was going to shut us down," Adams said. "As CEO of Pi Kappa Phi, he knew we owed a ton of money for a variety of reasons. So, two professors, Shorty Spruill, who was a Pi Kapp alum, and J. Boyd Flynn, who was not one of us, but appreciated our mission, told us that unless we could come up with the funds the chapter would have to be shut down. We stopped having parties, saved money and paid the debt!"

Pi Kappa Phi survived. And, Charlie Adams, as an accounting major, served three semesters as chapter treasurer and one as Archon. Later, Adams would serve for 6 years on the board of P.U.S.H., Pi Kappa Phi's nonprofit service organization.



Brad Pence, '12

As a member of the '09 refounding group, when Brad Pence uses the word "brothers" it seems to have a deeper meaning.

"While we were joining, well, recreating a new fraternity, it was about bonds I'd already formed," he said. "I was doing it with friends like Ryan Myrick and David Hamrick and a number of my suite mates who were like-minded guys. We wanted to do something cool like this together. We wanted to help create something sustainable."

Pence was a finance major who, after graduating in the summer of 2012, started in Charlotte as an analyst and the ninth employee with what was then a small investment firm, Plexus Capital.

Pence now lives in Raleigh with his wife, Cassie, and their 13-month-old son, Burke. In addition to his personal life changing, so has his professional life. While he began his career in Charlotte, he is now a principal and working in the Raleigh office. Plexus Capital has grown into a successful firm focusing on partnerships and investment in the lower-middle market.

He said, "I learned so much in the fraternity that has helped me in my work and in life. College was my first time away from home and guys helped me. I found others who shared values and ambitions. We were able to challenge each other, we inspired one another to be better."

"Older guys like Neil Koul mentored me in terms of what classes to take, how to create a resumé, how to deal with challenging interviews."

When asked what he remembers most about his time as an active member of Kappa Chapter, Pence said, "It was about forging lifelong relationships with like-minded gentlemen who are friends to this day."



From the
Archive

Grace Franklin Queen of the Pi Kapp Kitchen for 25 Years

By David J. McNeill, Class of 1979
(Originally published in 1982)

She is the rallying point, the common thread that binds together 25 years of brotherhood at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the five-foot, five-inch lady-chef who proudly keeps her kitchen as a captain would oversee his ship.

And she is one of the best friends Kappa Chapter has ever had. She is Grace Franklin, the queen of the Pi Kapp kitchen.

On Friday, Sept. 17, 1982, Grace will celebrate her 25th anniversary as the cook at the Pi Kapp house. During those first 25 years, Grace has survived fire raging through the house, satisfied hundreds of Carolina's heartiest appetites and patiently endured some 50 pledge classes as they slowly developed into full-fledged brothers.

Grace never bore a child. But she has more "boys" than Dean Smith has basketball victories.

"God didn't bless me with any children," Grace said. "But he did bless me with an awful lot of white children. They call me from California, Florida, Charlotte, from all over. I've got their business cards and pictures of their families on the cabinets of the kitchen. And I love to see my boys when they come home to visit me. I love every one of my boys. I don't forget none of their faces. I might not be able to call all their names, but I never forget their faces."

What has Grace Franklin meant to Kappa Chapter? Ask any of her "boys" and they will deliver a personalized answer, similar perhaps to the response of David N. Allen of Charlotte, Class of 1977. "Mrs. Grace has been a symbol of continuity for Kappa Chapter, in the sense of our brotherhood and her caring for all her boys," Allen said. "She still remembers those brothers who graduated 25 years ago as well as those who have just graduated. She always has a smile for you, and remembers enough about you to let you know that she cares about you. We couldn't ask for a finer friend than Mrs. Grace. When the house was damaged by fire in 1976, she was a real godsend, sticking with us and working extra hard for the brothers."

While Grace has spent the past 25 years with Kappa Chapter, her entire life reflects her dedication to be a dependable, hard worker.

Mary Ann Elizabeth Grace Webb was born in Durham County on March 9, 1912. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Webb, Grace had one brother and four sisters. When her parents separated in 1924, her mother moved the family to Chapel Hill. Grace began waiting on tables at Miss Daniels' Boarding House in Chapel Hill at age 12, to help her mother support her family.

"I was born on a Saturday and they say that Saturday's child has to work hard for a living," Grace said. "Well, since I have been big enough to know how to work, I have been working. But I have always wanted to work, to have my own money and be my own boss."

Some of the schoolteachers in Chapel Hill would eat at the boarding house and Grace would listen and learn from them. She completed the ninth grade before leaving school to work full-time—at age 14. When she was 19, Grace was hired as a maid for the Betsy Ann Shop, a dress shop in Chapel Hill. She soon became a salesgirl, too. "I was a maid, but I ended up selling more clothes than any of them," she said. "I just seemed to have a good eye for knowing what looked good together."



Mrs. Grace Franklin

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Grace Franklin

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On June 9, 1939, Grace married Lee D. Franklin, a traveling plasterer. His work carried him to Newport News, VA, and Jacksonville, NC, before they made their home at 1103 Mulberry Street in Baltimore, MD. For the next six years, Lee traveled doing plastering work and Grace worked in Gibb's Packing House in Baltimore, putting cans of food on an assembly line chute.

Grace and Lee returned to Chapel Hill in 1948, and she remodeled her family home at 321 Lindsay Street, where she lives today. While her husband continued to travel with his work, Grace could be found making sandwiches from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. for a sandwich shop in Carrboro.

Grace entered the Pi Kappa Phi family in 1957, when she heard the Pi Kapps needed a cook. She wasn't sure if a man or a woman was needed for the job, but the house's dishwasher, Roy "Shorty" Jones, encouraged her to apply.

"I went out to the house in April of 1957 to ask about the job," she said. "I was little and thin back then, and they looked at me and said they didn't think I could do it. They asked me if I could cook, plan meals, buy the food, and take over the kitchen. I didn't know if I could or not, but I told them I could." She cooked trial meals for the last week of school, and she laughs when she remembers her first meal in the house. "I cooked them meat loaf, string beans and a cherry cobbler pie," she said. "After I served them that meat loaf, I came home and prayed all night that it wouldn't kill them. It didn't, and at the end of the week they told me I had the job."

When Grace began as cook on Sept. 17, 1957, the fraternity was located at 206 Cameron Avenue and there were only 10 members. Those brothers were struggling to keep the house open and they immediately looked to Grace for help. "When I started to work here, the health man was about to close the house down," she said. "Three weeks after I started, he was coming here to close it up. But he thought I did such a good job cleaning that he let it stay."

The chapter has increased its membership over the years, now boasting an annual roster of about 70 brothers. Almost half of the members live in the house, located at 216 Finley Road. A typical dinner meal finds Grace cooking for 50 or 60 members. One of Grace's best kept secrets during the past 25 years is her true feelings toward cooking. "I don't like to cook," she said. "I hate to cook. Now, don't tell my boys that or they will think about getting rid of me. I don't enjoy cooking, but when it comes to cleaning, doing macramé, or working in the yard, making things look pretty—now I love that."



Mrs. Grace Franklin in the Kappa Chapter kitchen

She adds, however, that she has not allowed her dislike for cooking to lessen her joy of being a part of Kappa Chapter for 25 years. "The Pi Kapps trusted me and I trusted them," she said. "That's one of the greatest things in the world, to have that trust. I have faith in them, and they have faith in me. Working at the house has kept me young and feeling good. The boys don't bother me, and I don't bother them, unless they mess up that kitchen. They say it is my kitchen and I am my own boss. I like that."

A more reliable worker than Grace, you will not find. She has not missed a single day of work in her 25 years, except for one week when she was bed-ridden with the flu. She began working for the house for \$50 a week, "\$47 once they took out the taxes," she said. While she received pay increases over the years, she has never asked for a raise. Lee died in 1963, and since then she has been on her own.

"Since my husband died it has only been me paying the bills," she said. "It has been kind of rough, since I brought my momma here in 1978. She has been sick during the past four years and I'm

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Grace Franklin

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taking care of her. I have to keep the heat, electricity and water going all the time. In 1981, our oil bill was \$900. It has been a little rough, but I keep on trusting in the Lord and He's taking care of me."

Indeed, Grace's strong faith has been the motivation that has kept her in stride throughout her 70 years. She reads the Bible every morning and evening, and is a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Chapel Hill. Baptized at age 12, Grace says she has been working for the "Man Upstairs" ever since. "The Lord has been so good to me," she said. "After He took my husband, I got that much closer to Him. When I took the job with the Pi Kappas, I prayed that the Heavenly Father would take care of me and my boys. And He has."

What does the future hold for Grace? That's not her concern. "I'm hanging in here," she said, repeating one of her favorite phrases. "I don't know how long I will be around here, but I hope it will be a little while longer. All I know is that Pi Kappa Phi means everything to me. That's the truth. And I love every one of my boys. May God bless them all."

Epilogue

Additional milestones for Mrs. Grace Franklin and Kappa Chapter:

- **Grace Franklin Retirement Fund established.** In the early 1970s, the brothers who were in the fraternity house at that time established a retirement fund for Mrs. Grace. From that point on, a small portion of each brother's dues went to Grace's retirement fund.
- **Additional fund raiser for Grace's 25th anniversary in 1982.** In anticipation of Grace's 25th anniversary with Kappa Chapter in 1982, the alumni brothers conducted a special fund-raising campaign to present to Mrs. Grace on Sept. 18 at the Pi Kapp house. A total of \$3,300 was raised.
- **Celebrating Grace's 25th anniversary with Kappa Chapter.** On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1982, the Pi Kappas honored Grace in a brief ceremony in front of the Pi Kapp house at 216 Finley Road, with a yard full of active brothers and their dates and the alumni brothers and their families in attendance. The students and alumni praised Grace for her 25 years of dedication to Kappa Chapter. They presented Grace with 25 red roses—one for each year of service, and she nearly fainted when they also presented her with \$2,500—counting out and placing in her hands 25 individual \$100 bills. The remaining \$800 that had been raised in the special fund-raising campaign was added to Grace's retirement fund.
- **What do you do when you establish a retirement fund for someone, and then the intended recipient refuses to retire?** Grace was 70 years old when she celebrated her 25th anniversary as the queen of the Pi Kapp kitchen. In the mid-1980s, the Pi Kappas realized that Grace's retirement fund had been established for more than a dozen years. There was only one problem: Grace had not retired. And she didn't appear ready to retire. The Pi Kappas wanted Grace to be able to enjoy her retirement funds while she was still living, so Kappa Council approved the monthly distribution of a small portion of her retirement fund to Grace. She was thrilled.
- **Celebrating Grace's 38 years of service to Kappa Chapter.** In 1995, Mrs. Grace completed 38 years of service to Kappa Chapter and finally retired, at the age of 83. In the fall of 1995, the Pi Kappas honored Grace for her 38 years of service with a celebration gathering at 216 Finley Road. The fraternity house was packed with brothers and alumni. Grace was once again showered with praise, roses, a financial gift and hugs from her boys.
- Mrs. Grace continued to receive monthly installments from her Kappa Chapter retirement fund for the remainder of her life. A large number of Pi Kappas attended Mrs. Grace's funeral in Chapel Hill, and Mike Collins spoke that day on behalf of Kappa Chapter during the service—celebrating the life of our dear friend, Grace Franklin. The Spring 1998 edition of *Star & Lamp* magazine on page 36 listed by Chapter the names of 92 Pi Kappas who had passed on to the Chapter Eternal between October 1997 and March 1998. At the end of that list of those passing on to the Chapter Eternal was a subhead "Friends of the Fraternity" and there was one name: **Mrs. Grace Franklin.**

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

In Memorium

Richard B. Jackson '56

www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesdispatch/name/richard-jackson-obituary?id=55357141

James B. Miller '63

www.arkansasonline.com/obituaries/2024/feb/25/james-miller-2024-02-25-30409/

David Dresslar Nicholson

www.hayworth-miller.com/obituaries/david-nicholson

Wayne N. Scott '61

www.forbisanddick.com/obituaries/Wayne-Scott-4/#!/Obituary

To notify us of a Brother's passing, please contact us at KappaCouncil@uncpikapp.com.



Jackson



Miller



Nicholson



Scott



2024-2025 KAPPA CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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KAPPA COUNCIL REPORT

Stuart Hicks '78

President, Kappa Council, Inc.

Fellow Pi Kapps and Parents,

As another fall semester closes, we reflect on the impact Kappa Chapter offers our undergraduate members and the UNC campus.

This fall, the chapter hosted their second annual War of the Roses philanthropy event. Kappa orchestrated sorority participation and competition to raise money for The Ability Experience, our fraternity's national philanthropy. During this week, Kappa raised over \$13,000 in total donations. We are proud of our young men in their selfless efforts to support those with disabilities, and broaden their campus engagement in doing so.

Kappa Chapter continues to perform well scholastically, ranking 3rd among all local fraternities' GPAs. Kappa membership also includes 9 Morehead-Cain Scholars, the most among campus fraternities.

This fall's Rush and New Member Education efforts produced 14 new initiates, bringing the total chapter size to 89 brothers.

Look for additional details within this newsletter about our terrific group of students.

House occupancy is 100% for the 2024–2025 academic year and leases have been extended to achieve 100% in 2025–2026 as well. Member Accounts Receivables will approximate zero by semester's end.

We have made significant house improvements in the past year, mostly during the summer break. These include new kitchen flooring, roof repairs, basement dry-out with a new dehumidification and sump pump system, and enhanced rear yard guttering and drainage to keep water away from foundation walls.

Approximately 100 alumni and guests enjoyed a warm reception from the chapter in the house and rear yard before the Pitt football game, for an energetic breakfast social and camaraderie. Alumni from numerous decades traveled from many states to enjoy this continuation of their brotherhood experience.



Further interaction will occur as we hold the Kappa Council Annual Meeting, both virtually and in-person, on February 8. Discussions will offer transparency on chapter and Kappa Council operations and finances. Following the meeting, all brothers will be welcomed to the chapter house to watch the Heels basketball team battle Pitt. Food and beverages will be served.

We remain confident in our young members and new executive officers who are working together towards the betterment of Kappa Chapter. As we reflect upon our 110 years at UNC, we continue to make investments for the future impact we make on our campus, on development of our young members, and on our lifelong brotherhood relationships. We invite you to inquire about how you can further engage in this journey!

Feel free to contact me at stuarthicks2301@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Go Pi Kapp!
Go Heels!

GO HEELS!



2024-25 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec 4	7:15 PM	Alabama	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Dec 7	2 PM	Georgia Tech	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Dec 14	4 PM	La Salle	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Dec 17	7 PM	Florida	Charlotte, NC (Spectrum Center)
Dec 21	3 PM	UCLA	New York, NY (Madison Square Garden)
Dec 29	8 PM	Campbell	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Jan 1	TBA	Louisville	Louisville, KY (KFC Yum! Center)
Jan 4	12 PM	Notre Dame	South Bend, IN (Purcell Pavilion)
Jan 7	9 PM	SMU	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Jan 11	4 PM	NC State	Raleigh, NC (Lenovo Center)
Jan 15	7 PM	Cal	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Jan 18	2:15 PM	Stanford	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Jan 21	9 PM	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, NC (L. Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum)
Jan 25	2:15 PM	Boston College	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Jan 28	9 PM	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA (Petersen Events Center)
Feb 1	6:30 PM	Duke	Durham, NC (Cameron Indoor Stadium)
Feb 8	4 PM	Pittsburgh	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Feb 10	7 PM	Clemson	Clemson, SC (Littlejohn Coliseum)
Feb 15	6 PM	Syracuse	Syracuse, NY (JMA Wireless Dome)
Feb 19	7 PM	NC State	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Feb 22	4 PM	Virginia	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Feb 24	7 PM	Florida State	Tallahassee, FL (Tucker Center)
Mar 1	12 PM	Miami	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Mar 4	7 PM	Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, VA (Cassell Coliseum)
Mar 8	6:30 PM	Duke	Chapel Hill (Smith Center)
Mar 11	TBD	ACC Tournament	Charlotte, NC (Spectrum Center)

Ways to Give to Kappa Chapter

1 Kappa Council Capital Account

Non-Tax Exempt

216 Rosemary serves as the heart of our fraternity. It functions as a home, library, cafeteria, reunion locale, and more. With a chapter of over 100 active brothers, 30 of whom live there full time, the house sees its fair share of use.

Throughout the course of a school year, there is a laundry list of upkeep and repairs that need to happen. Funds donated to this account are used for that general maintenance, a specific project selected by the giver, or directed to the undergraduate Chapter Treasurer for the students to use as needed, if so desired.

Please reach out to Kappa Council Treasurer Steve Shaw for more information (steve.shaw001@gmail.com).

Checks: Kappa Council
c/o Steve Shaw, Treasurer
2137 Possum Trot Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Note: Make checks payable to Kappa Council.

2 Kappa Chapter Investment Fund (Kappa CIF)

Tax Deductible

This endowment-type fund, held by the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation, allows alumni and others to make tax-deductible gifts specifically to our chapter. Donations made to the Kappa CIF are used by Kappa Chapter, on behalf of the Chapter, for qualified educational expenses, including scholarships, conference registration fees, etc.

Online: donate.pikapp.org/kappacif

Checks: Kappa Chapter Investment Fund
c/o Pi Kappa Phi Foundation
3701 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 500
Charlotte, NC 28273

Note: Make checks payable to Pi Kappa Phi Foundation. In the memo line, include the Kappa Chapter Investment Fund.