

KAPPA KAPERS



SUPER SATURDAY BRINGS ALUMNI, FAMILIES TOGETHER

Barbecue, memories and laughs were the fare on Saturday, April 14, 2007, when about 50 Carolina Pi Kappa Phis and family members celebrated Super Saturday in Kenan Stadium's Koury Box. Super Saturday is held each year in conjunction with the football intra-squad game, baseball games and other sports events.

While new football coach Butch Davis pointed the program to success on the field, event organizers **Mick Charles '91** and **Russell James '94** said the reunion was about creating a new tradition.

Charles said, "At the Kappa Council meeting in February, we decided to start using Super Saturdays as the spring event date to pull guys together."

James is the major gifts director for the Rams Club and made it possible for Kappa Chapter to use the Koury Box. "Having our families here made this a special event. Some of the kids had a chance to meet guys they have heard us talk about."

The event attracted a 40-year range of brothers from the '60s to the '00s. **Mike Collins**, president of Kappa Council, Inc., said, "The best part of this type of event is always 'The Look,' that moment of recognition when brothers break out in big smiles because they see someone they haven't seen in years."

Some attendees said they saw none of the action on the field because there was too much going on in the box. As attendees began to drift away, some were noting Super Saturday on their calendars for 2008.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY MIKE COLLINS

Hope you are having a great summer! I don't know about you, but I'm getting pretty excited about football season. Don't forget Homecoming on November 2-3. We will have a hospitality room at The Carolina Inn on Saturday before and after the game.

You haven't heard a lot from us, because we don't want to contact you just for the touch. But, we've been busy. Super Saturday, the reunion at Kenan Stadium's Koury Box last April, was a wonderful success. See the story and pictures in this issue.

Kappa Council, Inc., is presenting a \$580 scholarship to former Archon **Jeremy Wilson**. The assets come from interest earned on Kappa's Chapter Investment Fund held by the Pi Kappa Phi National Foundation. Jeremy will enter the UNC/Duke joint JD/MA Public Policy program in the fall.

As many of you may have heard, Kappa Council, Inc. sold its house and property to the university for \$510,000. The proceeds from that sale are safely tucked away in a number of CDs that Treasurer **Buddy Davenport** is closely watching. It is Kappa Council's desire to see those funds be re-deployed toward more effective fraternity housing for our student members at a later date.

Speaking of money, we will be returning the \$40,000 in donations that people made in 2004-05 when we were trying to spruce up the house to give the chapter a chance at success. Many of you were kind to step up, and we did our best. However, the chapter surrendered its charter the next year, and we think returning the money is the right thing to do. The closure of a chapter is never an easy thing, but with the long-term interests of Kappa Chapter in mind, we felt this was the best course of action to take.

Also relating to 216... The university is refurbishing the house, and we understand the offices for the baseball program will be there until the Boshamer Stadium remodeling program is completed in 2008.

We are also in the process of updating the Web site and will be adding pictures and stories on a regular basis. If you have material for the Web site, please send it to me mike@perfectworkday.com.

Finally, Kappa Council, Inc. is working with the national fraternity to schedule the re-colonization of the student chapter. Currently, the re-colonization is scheduled for 2009. We will keep you updated as those details develop.

We hope to see you at Kenan Stadium in the fall if not before. Go Heels!



ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: PREISS STILL SEEING AND DOING IT ALL

Kirk Preiss, 57, has no desire to slow down. Recently, the bungee-jumping grandfather and real estate expert caught up with Kappa Council to talk about life and fraternity.

When Kirk Preiss '72 describes bungee-jumping over Africa's Victoria Falls in 2000, he talks faster and his eyes get large.

He says, "It is SO loud, and you are upside down and looking back at the falls and it feels like you're flying! If you go somewhere that people travel thousands of miles to see, and you have a chance to do something like that you just gotta do it!"



Preiss's son, John, jumped with him. What did his wife Donna and daughter Amy say about the jump? "They said, "We're not going to watch you die. Just don't tell us about it," Kirk says, laughing.

The Africa trip was part of their strategy to take the family on a big trip every other year. The last few years have meant weddings for John and Amy but the family also visited Greece.

After a stint with IBM, Kirk joined Donna in her Raleigh-based real estate business as CFO. Today, The Preiss Company is one of the most well-known residential and investment real estate companies in the RTP area. tpco.com

Kirk says he took three important things away from his experience in Pi Kappa Phi. "The

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Dear Kappa Alumnus:

Kappa Council has begun work on the Fall 2007 issue of *Kappa Kapers*, and we would like to publish an Alumni Update from you! Have you recently...

Had a baby?

Received a promotion or landed a new job?

Just got into grad school?

Recently married the love of your life?

Done something extraordinary like sail around the world or publish a book?

Returned from active duty?

Or, if you'd simply like to update your fraternity brothers on what you've been doing for the last few years, please share your news by e-mailing it to mike@perfectworkday.com for the next issue of *Kappa Kapers*.

You can include photos to be published with your update as well. Note: Photos must be in .jpg or .tif format and a minimum of 300 dpi.

On behalf of Kappa Council, Inc. thank you for your continued support and interest.

NORTH CAROLINA FOOTBALL 2007

9/1: HOME vs. JMU at 6:00 p.m.	10/13: HOME vs. South Carolina (TBA)
9/8: @ East Carolina at 6:00 p.m.	10/27: @ Wake Forest (TBA)
9/15: HOME vs. Virginia at 12:00 p.m.	11/3: HOMECOMING vs. Maryland (TBA)
9/22: @ USF at (time = TBA)	11/10: @ NC State (TBA)
9/29: @ Virginia Tech (TBA)	11/17: @ Georgia Tech (TBA)
10/6: HOME vs. Miami (TBA)	11/24: HOME vs. Duke (TBA)

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first thing was Donna. We met through Clark Falkenstein and have been married for 34 years. Next would have to be the lifelong friendships. Like a lot of guys, I still stay in touch with a core group of people I met through the fraternity. And third would be the simple fact that I learned teamwork and trust, the keys to success in business."

Kirk goes on to say, "Every day I use something that I learned in the fraternity. So many things in life are a gamble and I think about those late night poker games at the house."

Today Preiss' focus is broadening. He is a grandfather at 57. "Yeah, a lot of guys around my age are starting to have grandchildren and it's great. My granddaughter, Brooke, is 2. I found that you don't have to be a rocking chair grandfather; you need to get out there and do things with them."

Getting "out there" does have its risks, though. Last year Preiss blew out his shoulder skiing. He has recently rehabbed to the point that he can reach over his head with only a little pain. "People who knew me at the house knew me then as a 'see-it-all and do-it-all' kind of person. I'm still that person in a lot of ways. I don't think we change who we are at our core. It's just the outside that starts changing."

Peter B. Brownell (Spring '71)

After almost 30 years with the United States Postal Service, I transferred to the United States Department of Agriculture. I work in the Labor Relations Branch, in Ft. Collins, Colo. I am the chief negotiator for the contract talks with the National Association of Agriculture Employees. I moved to Colorado in May 2000 and have built my retirement home in Grand Lake, Colo. However, I have temporarily postponed any plans to move there full-time. There is a beautiful view of the Rocky Mountains that's not unlike some parts of North Carolina.

Rod Andrew (Fall '85)

Rod Andrew is an associate professor of history at Clemson and a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve. Next spring UNC Press will publish his second book, a biography of Confederate General Wade Hampton. Rod would be motivated to hear from any "Ragin' Cajuns" out there or any other Kappa chapter brothers.

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Bill Brinkley (Spring '55)

For the last 30 years, I have sold real estate and built houses in and around Smith Mountain Lake located in Moneta, Va. The lake is 40 miles long and has more than 500 miles of shore line. It is bordered by the counties of Bedford and Franklin and is about 100 miles north of Greensboro. I retired January 1, 2007, at the age of 71 and now live in Bedford, Va. My address is 4902 Falling creek Rd. Bedford Va. 24523.

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Steven Stout (Fall '84)

I just celebrated my 20 year anniversary with Wachovia. I've been married to the lovely Catherine for 16 years and have two boys (Courtland 10 and Shane 8). I am active in Boy Scouts as a den leader and chairman of the Pack. I am also active in coaching the boys in football, basketball and baseball. I currently live in Indian Trail, N.C., a suburb of Charlotte. I am an active runner, completing 17 marathons, four halfmarathons and three triathlons.

Harold "H.B." Barrett (Spring '73)

H.B. and Grace Barrett have sold their business located in Islamorada, Florida Keys after 22 and a half years! I will be assisting the new owners for six months to insure a smooth transition for both our customers and vendors. We started the business in the fall of 1984 and grew our company over the years to the point where we were the largest supplier of computer forms in Monroe County and were responsible for the outsource billings of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (water), Keys Energy Services (electricity), and the City of Key West (sewer and solid waste)—in all about 90,000 mailpieces a month.

Grace and I plan to do some extensive traveling during 2008 and will house-swap our rental property in Key West. After I become bored with not working—should only take six to 12 months because you can only fish so often—I will be starting another company in the Florida Keys. Looking forward to having more free time and the opportunity to meet my Kappa brothers when they have get-togethers.

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Ms. Grace and 'her boys' gather for a picture during the Fall 1983 term.