

KAPPA KAPERS

TRAVELING THE WORLD, BUT KEEPING HOME AT HEART

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: MICK CHARLES

Mick Charles ('91) learned at an early age to speak up. "I'm the youngest of seven children, and you learn to work well with others and deal with different views in a family that size," he said. "I enjoyed taking those same skills into the house, as a brother. I had a chance to serve in every office except archon."

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His leadership and management skills were broadened in a variety of ways. "After my junior year I stopped out for about four years and served in the Merchant Marines. I got my captain's license and captained a 650-passenger ferry in the Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket area." During that time one of his crew was his wife, Shay, who he met at the Kappa chapter house during a house crawl.

"I became a ship's captain to pay my way through college, including the fraternity. I was always behind on my house bills, but got square before I left! The ferry boat company provided me with the resources to obtain an education as well as to be a member of our great house."

Now a global alliance manager for TIBCO, a software integration company, Mick spends much of his time on airplanes. His company partners with electronic data systems for clients around the world. He probably has enough frequent flyer miles to take his pledge class to Tokyo and back. In late February he was off to Brazil and Argentina, back home to Chapel Hill, then down to



Mexico for 10 days with Shay. The two have four children: Lindy, 7; Sophie, 5; Sam, 3; and Janey, 1.

While travel often keeps Mick away from home, he has found ways to stay in touch with his fellow brothers. "Shay and I get together with about 12 couples, mostly brothers, for a dinner club each month, and I stay in close touch with about 20-25 brothers on a regular basis.

Last April, Mick and Russell James ('94), a major gift director for the Rams Club, coordinated the Super Saturday event where Pi Kapps gathered in the Koury Box at Kenan Stadium for barbecue, football, and a great reunion.

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HOMECOMING REUNION



David Ruffin '70 again hosted the third annual 'Night Before Homecoming' reunion and welcomed more than 30 brothers from the '65 - '73 initiation classes.

If the brothers who gathered at David Ruffin's house the night before Homecoming had put a dollar in a jar every time a gray-hair/AARP/bones-cracking/bad-eyesight joke was told, there would have been a huge contribution made to Push America. Many in the group had not seen each other for more than 30 years.

Brothers from 1965-73 celebrated

the third annual "Night Before Homecoming" Reunion. The reunion has grown from a dozen attendees the first year to approximately 30. The group included Butch Bristow, Chris Cole, David Wynn, Allan Nanney, Bary Perez, Steve Auerbach, Roger Cole, Gil Waddell and more.

During the reunion an update was given by Kappa Council President Mike Collins on the sale of the house, recolonization of the chapter, and the future of Kappa Council, Inc.



Pi Kapps from five decades joined at the Carolina Inn to celebrate Homecoming.

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REMEMBER 53 YEARS AGO

The executive council of Kappa chapter, April 4, 1955. Front row, left to right: Richard Jackson, secretary; Richard Frucci, archon; Peter Ash, treasurer. Back row: Jack Taylor, chaplain; Lynn Mann, intramural manager; Bill Rapp, historian; Jerry Ridge, social chairman; Richard Storer, warden.

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SAVE THE DATE!
JOIN US ON SUPER SATURDAY (APRIL 5, 2008) FOR ANOTHER GREAT REUNION IN THE KOURY BOX ON THE NORTH SIDE OF KENAN STADIUM. LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN AN UPCOMING E-MAIL.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY MIKE COLLINS

Go Heels!

Have you ever gone through a neighborhood where you once lived? I do it every few years in Lumberton, Greensboro, Charlotte and Chapel Hill; the memories always flood back. The exercise reminds me of both the good times and the lessons learned.

I'm sure many of you have had that feeling riding down Finley Road. I had not let myself stop by 216 since the sale of the house two years ago. When I stopped the other day, I sat for a moment remembering the late Don Crawford knocking himself out on a pine tree while going for a pass in a football game after dinner one night; beautiful girls coming to mixers; pledge raids; Michael Toth sneaking around the corner with a camera; coming back to school at the end of the summer, and leaving the house for the last time.

In case you were unaware, 216 now houses the offices that were in Boshamer Stadium and will be the home of the UNC Baseball program until the stadium renovation is completed in '09. The team is ranked in the top five by Baseball America, picked to win the ACC, and projected to again challenge for a national championship. If someone else has to be using 216, I'd rather they be Coach Mike Fox and his staff. Fox, a lifelong friend and teammate of Kevin Caddell, could not have been more gracious and welcoming when I walked in the house.

The inside is what you would want your recreation room to look like. Everywhere you look is Carolina. The brown paneling in the parlor is painted a light, cream color so the interior is much brighter. A big-screen TV, overstuffed couch, and the secretary's area fill the parlor. Fox's office is in the bar, and the players' lounge is in the old dining room with more couches and another big TV. The housemother's room is the coaches' locker room. The multi-purpose room in the back is used for storage but will soon be made into offices for 14 members of the athletic department who will move in while some of the offices in Carmichael Gymnasium are being renovated. You may see a gravel parking lot to accommodate the additional staff on the other side of 216 soon.

Another note, as you drive Finley Road., the first two fraternity houses on the right have also been bought by the university. Fox said he believed one of them will be used by the medical school.

You might get a chance to check on 216 if you come to Super Saturday on April 5. We will again have a reunion in or near Kenan Stadium. Last year, thanks to Russell James and the Rams Club, we were in the Koury Box in the stadium. We'll let you know details as we get closer. The day could be extraordinary (let's hope I'm not jinxing us), because it is the first day of the Final Four. What a great day to be in Chapel Hill; football intrasquad scrimmage, baseball, and the Heels in the Final Four! I feel a He's Not Here Front moving in.

As for official Kappa Council business, we are currently doing two things; guarding the money and creating better networks of contact. Since the national fraternity plans to re-colonize in '09, we will have an alumni support plan in place by the end of the year. Expect a formal Kappa Council meeting in the fall. If you have ideas about how to create a better Kappa Council, Inc., we welcome them.

Talking about how great Homecoming was over four months ago seems a little old, but check out the stories and pictures in this issue. We hope to see you on Super Saturday. Go Heels!

Sincerely,

Mike Collins, President
Kappa Council, Inc.

P.S. When I visited 216, I didn't ask Coach Fox who was going to use the fourth floor.



PICKING UP THE PACE

"We want a chapter we can be proud of," was Buddy Davenport's ('75) answer to the question, "What do we as Kappa Council want?" His answer was the foundation for the decisions that led to closing the chapter and selling 216. It's now time to pick up the pace to bring Pi Kappa Phi back to Carolina.

By this time next year representatives from the national headquarters will be on campus at Chapel Hill assessing interest among young men. In the fall of '09, men will be selected to reestablish the Kappa chapter.

In order to have a chapter we can be proud of, we must ask ourselves: What legacy will we leave for those who follow in our footsteps? What actions will we take to secure the future of our chapter and our fraternity at Carolina? What role will each of us play in building a legacy that lasts?

Nationally, Pi Kappa Phi chapters with active and involved alumni last longer than other chapters. In fact, these chapters recruit more effectively, manage finances better and maintain a stronger commitment to the values of Pi Kappa Phi because their alumni are involved in a meaningful way.

Kappa Council's goal for the last two years has been to do a much better job of communicating with you. We are going to start asking you to step up and serve during the next few years. We will be planning events in a number of cities across the state. We need volunteers to host an event in a local restaurant. We will need officers for a new Housing Corporation. We will need men who will serve as advisors to our student chapter upon its return. In short, we need Kappas who will fulfill the state's motto, "To be, rather than to seem."

We all have jobs, families, hobbies, a variety of interests and a limited amount of time. We ask that you invest some time to help us create a fraternity we can be proud of. Hundreds of men made it possible for each of us to enjoy the experiences and friendships we had at Carolina. It's time to pick up the pace and make it possible for other young men to have their own experiences and friendships.

Without your leadership our fraternity will not be competitive or even relevant at Carolina for long. Alumni involvement will establish a stronger commitment to Pi Kappa Phi's values. Without your leadership we will not have a legacy for tomorrow's leaders to enjoy.

Step up by contacting Mike Collins at mike@perfectworkday.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Keith Rollins (Spring '66)

In November 2007, Rollins and his wife moved into their new home along the Chowan River about 10 miles north of Edenton. This was "only" two years, four months and 15 days after his retirement from Ernst & Young and their return to North Carolina after nearly 15 years in New Jersey. Fortunately, they had purchased a cottage in Kitty Hawk back in 2002, which provided a place to live during the construction of the house. Rollins is happy to be back in North Carolina and only three hours from Chapel Hill. They have enjoyed (well "enjoyed" might be overstating it) three seasons of UNC football, and this year for the first time, they have season basketball tickets. He has also enjoyed reconnecting with several brothers from the 1968-1974 era. (Many thanks to David Ruffin for opening his house in Raleigh for those gatherings.) They look forward to even larger gatherings in the future and hope that everyone can gather at a new house for a new Kappa Chapter in the not-too-distant future.

ALUMNI UPDATES (continued)

Justin Thornton (Spring '70)

A former federal prosecutor, Thornton engages in a broad-ranging white collar criminal defense practice that is national in scope. His clientele includes individuals and corporations, both foreign and domestic, who require his expertise in avoiding or defending against allegations of criminal fraud. An experienced negotiator and a skilled trial lawyer, Thornton often works closely with other attorneys and accountants whose clients require his expertise in areas such as tax fraud, business crimes, congressional inquiries, health care fraud and abuse, government procurement fraud, securities fraud, and related financial crimes and investigations. He resides in McLean, Va.

Rich Rhodes (Spring '71)

Rhodes currently lives in Doha, Qatar. He's the IT project director for the new Sidra Medical & Research Center, the newest and most wired academic medical center in the world, endowed by the Emir of Qatar to the tune of \$8 billion. He's enjoying life with his wife of 38 years, Suzanne (a former Rose Queen), and his youngest son, Braxton, age 11. Rich has five adult children, four sons (ages 30, 28, 26 and 24) and a 21-year-old daughter. He has been overseas twice now—once to Saudi Arabia (in Riyadh on September 11, 2001) and he's been in Doha for the last eight months. Rich retired from the Navy as a Commander, Medical Service Corps, and has his PhD in Information Systems.

Byron Walthall (Fall '72)

Walthall remains active in his career at Carmel Family Physicians in Charlotte. He also serves on the Board of Carolina Physicians Network, the physician group for Carolinas Healthcare Network. Unfortunately, his work and volunteer commitments have made it difficult to get together with Pi Kapp brothers very often. For fun, Walthall and his wife, Nancy, continue to serve as volunteer head coaches for Charlotte Youth Rowing. They were delighted that two of their boats made US Rowing Youth Nationals in 2007—a first for the Carolinas. He is also competing successfully in rowing. His lightweight men's double is currently 6th nationally in his age group. Their oldest daughter, Julia, is teaching middle school science in Charlotte. Their younger daughter, Mary Cait, will graduate college this year with a psychology degree. She heads up her university improv comedy group and is applying to theater grad school.

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

In June of 2007, Barrett and his wife, Grace, sold the business they started in the Florida Keys 22 years ago. They plan to initially travel within the U.S. during 2008 and possibly abroad in 2009. They will be exchanging their Key West rental house during most of their trips (www.rotaryhomeexchange.com – Click "view listings," and then "Pearl Cottage in Key West"). It certainly feels odd not going to work, and there are two big changes—Barrett gets up at 7:00 a.m. rather than 6:00 a.m. every day, and he is reading a novel every two weeks rather than one every two years. Also, Barrett has just been re-elected to his third term on the board of directors at the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative located in Tavernier, Fla. Barrett and Grace will celebrate their 29th anniversary in 2008.

Matt O'Neal (Fall '99)

O'Neal is the coordinator for the Continued Medical Education & Residency Program in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SOM.