



# THE TAU TIMES

Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of North Carolina • Fall 2004

## Tau Chapter Building Corporation Update

**D**ear Tau Chapter Alumni,  
As you all most likely know, there has been quite a bit of activity and communication with our alumni base directed by Markham Carr, PiKA Fundraising Coordinator. I would like to update you on what's been happening at the house and with our fundraising campaign.

It has been a very exciting and hectic year for our Tau Chapter. We just finished our first full year of operation in our renovated facility and are ready to open up for the fall 2004 semester. I must say, even after a full year of use, the house looks absolutely great. This summer, we fully repainted all common areas on the first floor and basement as well as refinished all of the hardwood floors (upkeep that will be more than likely necessary every year). Upon returning for a visit, I believe that each of you will be immensely impressed and proud of our undergraduates' care and concern for our house.

Over the past year, much has been accomplished in establishing our renewed presence. While we have made progress in both our capital campaign and house operations, we still have work to do. Our volunteer alumni board has worked hard to create a long-term, post-renovation plan. This will ensure that we can sustain our organization for many years to come.

We have raised a total of \$965,000



*The front of the PiKa house looks terrific with its new sod.*

towards our campaign goal of \$1.5 million. This amount has been pledged by 399 brothers, representing more than one-third of our current alumni base. Reaching our campaign goal will only become a reality through once-in-a-lifetime gifts to Tau Chapter from alumni like you.

This winter, we will be commissioning a plaque to recognize all of our brothers who contributed to this fundraising effort. Make sure to get a pledge card in by December 31, 2004 in order to receive

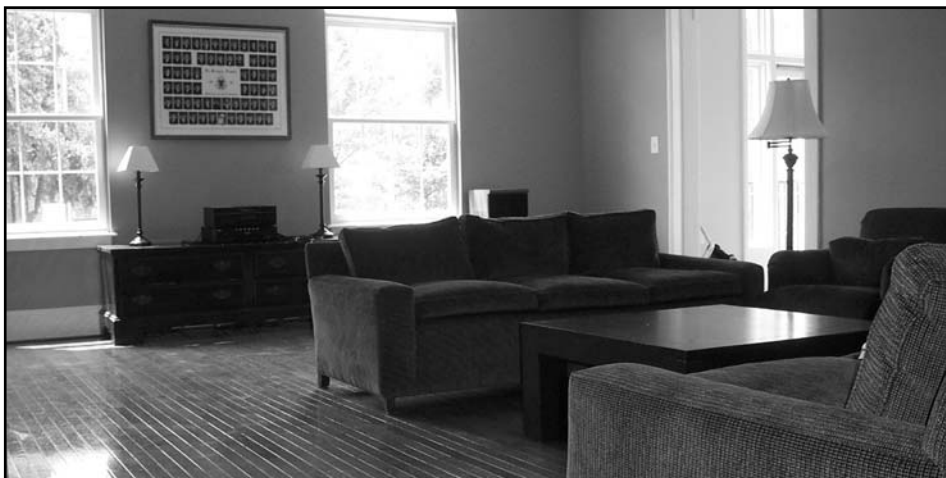
permanent recognition for contributing to this campaign!

We are scheduled to make a \$100,000 payment on our mortgage on December 6, 2004. This payment is critical to reduce our current monthly mortgage. We are striving to reduce our monthly payment to a point where the rent from the chapter house can cover this expense.

If you have not already been approached to make a gift, please fill out the enclosed pledge card. And if you've made a verbal pledge and haven't sent in a check or pledge card, again please fill out the enclosed pledge card. Our success is literally in your hands. Thank you for your dedication to Pi Kappa Alpha!

Every alumnus should have received a postcard reminder about our next big alumni event on Saturday, October 30th. This day is also UNC's Homecoming football game vs. Miami. We will be having our annual Alumni Pig Pickin/Band Party (post-game), and hope that you are able to join us. Additionally, for anyone interested in attending the Tau Chapter Building Corporation meeting, it will be held that day from 9-11 A.M. at the PiKA House.

A big thank you (*Continued on Page 5*)



*The Hunneman Room inside the PiKa house.*



*Alumni enjoying the June 12th reunion at the Pika house.*



*Pikas relaxing after a tough round of golf at Mill Creek.*

## Alumni Event for Late '70s & Early '80s A Success

In June, Tau alumni from 1978 – 1983 held a reunion at the chapter house in Chapel Hill. Eric Henry '82 hosted the golf outing in the morning, and Zack Touloupas '81 hosted the cookout (spouses included) afterward. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship of seeing old friends, and the success points to making this an annual event.

Many alumni were seeing the chapter house for the first time since the renovation and were certainly impressed. A special thanks to Eric and Zack for pulling off the event in style. Zack said of the event, "It was great to see old faces in a familiar old place."

The final touches for the event were completed the night before by 12 active brothers. Gary Edge '80 was on hand to supervise, and said of their efforts, "They did a great job installing the sod, it really helps the outside appearance of the house. And as with almost any PiKA activity, there is a story to tell in that most of the sod went down during a massive summer thunderstorm. I'm sure they will always remember laying sod in the pouring rain."

## Alumni in the News

Charlotte Business Journal reports that Venetica is among the "companies that matter." For the second straight year, *KMWorld* magazine has named Charlotte-based software provider Venetica one of the industry's "100 Companies That Matter in Knowledge Management." "It's exciting to be recognized by *KMWorld* for our work in helping companies and government agencies better utilize their enterprise content for strategic purposes," says Stuart Levinson '87, Venetica president and chief executive. Venetica is a provider of enterprise content integration software, which gives clients a single interface to content across disparate systems. The annual list, which cites companies for their impact on the knowledge management industry, is published in the magazine's April edition. Congratulations on such an accolade, Stuart!

## CHAPTER ETERNAL / IN MEMORIAM

Edgar Woodfin McCurry, Jr., class of 1958, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, passed away on March 18, 2004. Originally from Shelby, NC, he graduated from UNC, and from the UNC School of Law as the University's second youngest law school graduate. He served Pi Kappa Alpha as President, and was also active in other campus organizations, serving as the Attorney General of the Student Body, President of the Order of the Old Well, President of the Order of the Grail, and was a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Howard James Quinn, class of 1950, passed away in December of 2003.

Richard Amis Coker, class of 1957, of Waynesville, NC, passed away on April 7, 2003.

Woodson Bradford Fearing, II, class of 1953, of Manteo, NC, passed away on September 19, 2003. He was a member of the Carolina Playmakers and the German Club. He served in the Merchant Marines and the US Coast Guard, and worked seasonally for the National Park Service on his native Outer Banks. In the 1960s and 1980s he performed in the outdoor drama, *The Lost Colony*.

Richard Neely Barber, Jr., class of 1931, of Waynesville, NC passed away on July 10, 2002.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McCurry, Quinn, Coker, Fearing, and Barber families.

# Undergraduate President's Perspective

First and foremost, I extend a sincere thank you, on behalf of all of the active brothers, to those of you who have contributed to the capital campaign. We really appreciate all that you have done and can't tell you enough how thankful we are to be in such a great chapter house.

We received the National Alumni Relations Award at this year's Pi Kappa Alpha International Convention in St. Louis. We can trace this award directly back to the amount of alumni involvement surrounding the campaign to renovate the house. Thanks again for all of your continued support.

For those of you that have not been by to see the house recently, you will be impressed when you see the progress that has been made. The brothers have taken advantage of this past summer to do some serious work. You will be proud when you walk up the steps and see our new lawn. Once inside, you'll see our new couches, leather chairs, and newly refurbished sunroom that includes a red carpet and re-felted pool table. Then, when you descend the stairs to our basement, you'll be impressed by the transformation that now includes an entertainment center, ping pong and poker table. The house at 106 Fraternity Court is now among the nicest on campus—and we intend to keep it that way.

As we approach fall rush, having such a nice house will prove to be a true asset. We expect to pull in another strong pledge class in the coming weeks, and thus match or even surpass the success that we have had in the last two years. With an experienced Rush Chairman and a house full of actively involved brothers, we have the potential to dominate the competition. Our rush calendar includes a golf outing, a trip to a Carolina Mudcats baseball game, a bowling mixer with a sorority, Rush Cocktail, and of course, Doc Harris night. Alumni are welcome to attend this event, scheduled for Friday, September 10 from 6-8 P.M.

The momentum of the Tau Chapter continues to build and we look forward to another great year. We're all very excited about the direction in which our chapter is heading, and expect that when you come by to visit you will feel the same sense of pride that we exude in being Pikas. We've got some great social events scheduled for the fall, including the rejuvenation of the Beat Dook parade, and an alumni appreciation event on October 30th. Come by anytime to reminisce about your experience in Chapel Hill and to check up on the house that carries many memories for all of you, as it already does for us. We hope to see more alumni visit in the coming months, and once

again appreciate everything you do to help us remain the premier fraternity at UNC.

*In the bonds of φφκκλ,  
William E. Bynum IV '05  
President, Tau Chapter*

**(Corporation Update, from Page 1)** must go out to the following Board members who are constantly involved in our corporation and house operations, often on a weekly basis: Gary Edge, Kim Evans, Morris Fine, Randy Dixon, and Will Bynum (as well as the rest of the undergraduate chapter). A special thank you goes out to Emily Bourgeois who has helped us both furnish and finish the common areas. With everyone's time and efforts, our house truly looks and feels like home!

Lastly, I'm happy to announce that we received an award for Alumni Relations from PiKA International at this year's convention. Apparently, we have achieved a level of excellence in communicating with each other. This award is a nod to all of the hard work done by countless volunteer class leaders who have reached out to encourage their classmates to participate in our capital campaign. Good work men!

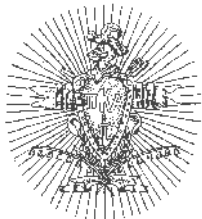
*In the bonds of φφκκλ,  
William A. Warren Jr. '99, President,  
Tau Chapter Building Corporation*

## Plaque for Campaign Contributors to be Commissioned this Winter!

We are wrapping up our campaign this fall and will be commissioning a plaque to recognize everyone who has contributed \$500 or more to our capital campaign. If you have not pledged, or wish to increase your gift, send in the pledge card below to receive permanent recognition for supporting

our campaign. Join your classmates and the growing number of alumni who have supported this effort. If you have made a verbal pledge and have not sent in a check or pledge card, please complete this pledge card and send it in today! Thank you for your consideration and support of the Tau Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

*I am pleased to pledge the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Pi Kappa Alpha Capital Campaign to be paid as follows:*



	Bill Date	Amount
2004:	Enclosed	\$ _____
2005:	_____	\$ _____
2006:	_____	\$ _____

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose a check made payable to Tau Chapter Building Corporation, PO Box 4633, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-4633 or provide credit card information below:**

Please charge my MasterCard or VISA (circle one)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Deadlines:

**September 10** – last day to reserve tickets for the UNC versus Miami football game on October 30th. Call Markham Carr '91 at 919-345-4954 to reserve your tickets.

**December 6** – the Tau Chapter Building Corporation makes a scheduled payment of \$100,000 on our loan with BB&T. This amount must be raised in the next three months.

**December 31** – last day to receive permanent recognition for making a gift or pledge to our capital campaign. Don't miss the opportunity to be included among the names of your friends and classmates on our plaque.

Note that the  
Pika National  
website is now

<http://www.pikes.org>

## Alumni Event Set for October 30th

**O**ur next alumni event is set for Saturday, October 30th. The Carolina football squad takes on Miami for the first time in Chapel Hill during this Homecoming weekend. All alumni are encouraged to come to the Chapter House before and after the game. We will be hosting a BBQ dinner along with live music – Tau Chapter's very own Hal Smith '72 and his five-piece Kingfish Band. Make plans to attend this event with your family and friends.

### Tickets – Call Before September 10th

Moyer Smith '61 has reserved a block of 100 tickets for the game. Call Markham Carr at 919-345-4954 before September 10th to reserve your tickets. Tickets can be picked up at the PiKA house on game day.

**Travel:** Need help making travel arrangements for the weekend? Jim Wilcox '72, has volunteered to assist alumni coming into town for the event. Reach Jim at 919-383-9471, or via e-mail at [jimwilcox@mindspring.com](mailto:jimwilcox@mindspring.com).

**Parking:** We suggest parking in the free parking lot next to Breadmen's on West Rosemary Street. Also, many of the parking garages on Franklin Street do not become full until 2 hours before the game. There is pay parking available at Granville Towers and the municipal lot across the street from Granville Towers (entrance on West Rosemary).

**Fellowship:** There are six home football games this year. Please feel free to come by the newly renovated PiKA House to celebrate each and every Carolina Football weekend.

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Chapter Alumni Web Page at

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