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Editors Note: Welcome to the monthly edition of the NC Xi News. Your news is welcome. Please contact John Stringfellow at jstringman@aol.com, and include your contact information as well as a photo.

SPOTLIGHT

Mathew Alan Jalazo '06 is the director of development for **Urgo Hotels** (www.urgohotels.com) in Washington, DC. Mat graduated from UNC in 2006 with a business administration degree. After leaving Carolina, Matt joined Caldwell Banker Realty Center as an agent, then was hired as a project manager and analyst at Urgo in July 2006. At Carolina, Matt served as a rush chairman. He is a native of Greensboro.



Urgo Hotels is an award-winning company recognized among the top 100 hotel developers by Hotel Business Magazine. Since 1981, Urgo Hotels has specialized in building, developing, owning and operating hotels across a wide range of brands. Urgo Hotels also offers a solid track record in asset management. Urgo Hotels and its affiliates presently have ownership interests in and/or operate 18 hotels within the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. Married to Elizabeth Routh, he can be reached at email mathewjalazo@gmail.com or cell (336) 601-4000.

Franziskvs Lepionka '97 is a trial attorney focusing on civil litigation with **Bourbeau & Associates, PC** in Boston, Massachusetts. His specific emphasis is in the areas of eminent domain and land use law, civil rights and complex business litigation. Within the past year Franz has been a trial attorney in cases which have resulted in a favorable civil rights verdict for one client and the fourth largest civil jury verdict of 2007 for another client.



Franz graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997, and from Vermont Law School in 2002. While at Vermont Law School, Franz served as the student body president, as a Dean's Fellow teaching Legal Writing to first year law students, was awarded an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and published ten articles on constitutional criminal procedure.

Following law school, Franz served for two years as a judicial clerk to the judges of the Vermont Judiciary. In addition to traditional legal research and writing duties, Franz also developed materials for use at Judicial College seminars, wrote articles on civil law subjects for judicial reference books and updated and rewrote the Orleans County property tax bill for the first time in over 100 years.

Franz also has served as a judge for the annual Debevoise/Costle/Jessup Moot Court Competition held annually at Vermont Law School. In his spare time, Franz enjoys researching the Early Middle Ages and is an avid mountain climber, skier, surfer and cyclist



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Alumni Notes

James Hill '10 from Charlotte, is Co-Owner of [High Cotton Ties](http://HighCottonTies.com) with his brother, Cameron and mother, Judy. High Cotton Ties offers Washable, 100% Cotton Bow Ties and Cummerbunds Hand-Made in North Carolina. In January of 2010, Judy Hill's eldest son Cameron, who attends UVA medical school, informed her that a recent study was released discouraging doctors from wearing silk neckties due to their tendency to harbor harmful bacteria, so the concept of High Cotton was born. Running a company that makes 100% cotton bow ties here in the south had a widespread appeal at all the southern universities her sons attended, so Judy knew there was a strong market for her products. Read about the company in the [Queen Magazine](http://QueenMagazine.com). Now, the mother and son team are selling their all cotton, washable bow ties on over 50 college campuses across the South and Northeast, and are carried in over 100 different retailers and counting. James is a past Eminent Archon and can be contacted at james@highcottonties.com.

Ben Geer Keys '60, is owner of Keys Natural Images. He is a life long resident of Greenville, SC and retired from Keys Printing in 2006. He is married to Martha Hardeman Keys and they have four sons. Ben is a graduate of Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Ben is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hiking in the Southern Appalachian Mountains and photographing wildflowers, waterfalls and mountain vistas. Ben now spends some of his volunteer time with such groups as Friends of the Reedy River, Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Naturaland Trust, Warren Wilson Environmental Leadership Center, The South Carolina Conservation Bank Board and Lake Conestee Foundation.

F. Daniel Batten III, '64, has just finished a 3 year term on the GAA Board and has been appointed to the Board of Visitors. Dan received a BA degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina and an MBA degree from the Citadel. Involved in the commercial real estate business since 1971, Dan was designated a CCIM in 1980 and an SIOR in 1981. He has served as president of both the South Carolina CCIM and the Carolinas SIOR Chapters. In addition he has held several national positions in SIOR, the most recent being Regional Vice President. Dan completed a term on the South Carolina Department of Commerce's Advisory Council and is a past member of the City of Charleston and Charleston County Boards of Zoning Adjustment. Dan specializes in industrial and office brokerage and consulting.

Frank B Hanes, '42, has been, throughout his life, an untiring and ardent supporter of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Born in Winston-Salem in 1920, he attended Woodberry Forest School, where he met his friend Austin Carr, '42. After graduating from UNC-CH, and serving in the Navy as a commissioned officer in World War II, Hanes returned to Winston-Salem where he has been in business and in journalism. He is an author and poet. His books have won the first Chowan Award for Poetry and the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction. The Hanes family has supported dozens of projects, endowments and gifts to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in addition to many other deserving entities in the state. The James Gordon Hanes Professorship in the Humanities, the Hanes-Willis Visiting Professorships and the Frank Borden and Barbara Lasater Hanes Art Center are but a few

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gifts from the Hanes family to Carolina. Frank Hanes was a founder and the first Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arts and Sciences Foundation. He is presently on the Board of Trustees of the Morehead Foundation and on the Board of Governors of the University Press. Among other honors Carolina has presented to him, he received the Davie Award and the Distinguished Service Medal.

William O. Leonard III, '69, lives in Signal Mountain, Tennessee and writes: "I pledged SAE at Carolina in the spring of 1966. I lived in the house in the fall of '66 to the spring of '68. I graduated in '69 and was commissioned an Ensign through NROTC at UNC. I then served aboard destroyers and came out of the service in '75. I took jobs with Wrangler Jean Co. (Blue Bell), Dixie Yarns, and Horizon Carpet. I retired as a vice president in '93 and served as a consultant until 2001. Later I retired. I also am a former Mayor of Signal Mountain (Chattanooga area). I am married with 2 children and 4 grandchildren. I really loved my time at CAROLINA! Many great memories at the E house." Reach Bill at leonard21@comcast.net.



William "Bill" Mears, '71 in Raleigh, is a part-time tennis pro at Raleigh Racquet Club and coaches a Junior League Team. He became a PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Certified Tennis Professional in 2009. He is an experienced player having earned #3 Singles Ranking in New England as a Junior (18 & Under), #1 Doubles Ranking in New England (as a Junior with John Mayotte) He played varsity Tennis at UNC Chapel Hill, 1967-71, was a summer Tennis Pro, 1967-70, Roxbury Swimming & Tennis Club, Stamford, CT, and was Head Tennis Coach at Bertie High School, 2007-2008. Bill has 7 children! He is also president of the [Raleigh Bridge Club](#). Contact Bill

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