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Phi Beta Kappa was founded at the College of William and Mary on December 5, 1776. The Alpha Chapter of North Carolina was established here September 7, 1904.

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