



# THE BASEMENT

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Brothers – GREAT NEWS!! A couple years ago, there were several brothers who stepped up when cash was low to loan money for critical house repairs.

As of June 10th, all the Fraters who donated money for the house repairs have now been reimbursed for the short-term loan they provided.

Thank you to the brothers who sacrificed to keep our alumni group growing strong.

We love our brothers!

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# 2021 RECENT HOUSE TOUR



REMAINING MORTGAGE

**\$48,019.59**



CHAPTER ROOM



KITCHEN



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REMAINING RENTAL AGREEMENT

22 Months

**\$4,000/month**



COMMON AREA



# PARADIGM SHIFT?

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Brothers – As we revamp the Alumni Organization, our view of 951 East 10<sup>th</sup> St should adjust too.

For many, THE HOUSE was someone else's responsibility once we departed campus and moved into the next chapter of our lives. From time to time, we would journey back to ECU and occasionally stumble over to the TKE house and find the condition of the house less than desirable or in some cases worse than it was when we left. It was easy to blame the condition of the house on those currently occupying the house. How could they do this to the house you would think. Those bastards. As Alumni, we need to remember whose name is on the title. It is Lambda Psi Alumni Association. Again, as it was said before – that is us. What if we took a different approach concerning the house? What if we the Alumni became more active in the desire to preserve the house and make it a livable and desirable space to live that is better than the dorms and more affordable than apartment living.

## **Would the results be different?**

Moving forward, instead of accepting a reference to THE HOUSE as in likeness to Delta Tau Chi in Animal House, we now say the TKE House should be the nicest house on Campus (with the strong support of the Alumni Association). The pictures from 2021 House Tour page shows a house in great condition after spending \$100,000 to restore it to a pristine state. An example of that commitment should be evident in the Executive Committee's decision to hire SD Harris Properties LLC to handle all leases for those living in the **house**. This service will create a more professional approach than what we have done in the past which was no more than the buddy system approach to managing rent. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the paradigm shift that should provide dividends in the future. SD Harris Properties LLC is owned and operated by Scott Harris and his wife who currently manage many properties in the Greenville market. In addition, Scott is a known and well-respected realtor in Greenville, NC winning many Re/Max realtor of the year awards along the way. I am also happy to say Scott is a TKE Alumni and former Prytanis of the Lambda Psi Chapter. Scott's company is prepared to assist us in establishing the tools necessary to ensure rent is paid, collected and on time. If not, then the property management company will do the dirty lifting of removing that person or persons from the property.

The Executive Committee with your input views the following steps as most critical to achieving and maintaining our goals:

- ✓ Hire a property management company to manage leases, collections, deposits etc. – **DONE**
- ✓ Develop a preventative maintenance schedule for house and property
- ✓ Have an active Alumni Organization who takes an active role moving forward in the preservation of 951 East 10<sup>th</sup> St – **OUR HOUSE**
- ✓ Make improvements as necessary to accomplish goals
- ✓ Rid ourselves of freeloaders who do not pay rent – Property mgmt. company to handle

The paradigm shift starts with us. It's our house and now we need to make sure we take care of it. As is always the case, please provide feedback, ideas, suggestions, comments to the Executive Committee. We are open to any all suggestions as to what we can do to make the Alumni organization not only stronger but sustainable as well.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE – 2021 Q2

## TKE 2021 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	21,324.98
RENT DEPOSITS	\$	12,365.66
DUES/DONATIONS DEPOSITS	\$	1,821.02
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35753.68</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		<b>13426.68</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>22,084.98</b>

### April -

Deposits: \$5,443.34

Withdrawals: \$4,500.99 (mortgage, iMerchant processing fees, reimbursement)

End Balance: \$22,458.33

### May -

Deposits: \$4,233.34

Withdrawals: \$4,527.60 (mortgage, iMerchant processing fees, reimbursement)

End Balance: \$22,164.07

### June -

Deposits: \$4510.00

Withdrawals: \$4398.09 (mortgage, iMerchant processing fees, reimbursement)

End balance: \$22,084.98



# TKE ALUMNI WEEKEND

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What a year it's been. Covid protocol has slowed our ability to plan for future events such as the TKE Alumni Football weekend. Up until June 1, 2021, we still did not know if Dowdy-Ficklen was going to be open to the public or how many seats would be available. Nor did we know ticket prices. Based on this uncertainty, it has been decided to postpone the Alumni Weekend until the **2022 ECU Baseball Season** instead of trying to scramble right now to put something together on such short notice.

Since Baseball is our strongest sport and many have not had the privilege of seeing a game in Clark - LeClair Stadium, we thought this would be a good change of pace. Hotel rooms should certainly be less expensive as well as ticket prices. We could do 2 games Fri/Sat for those that could get there in time for the Friday game.

We apologize up front for having to postpone this event again but the circumstances of COVID have made it exceedingly difficult for planning future events. We look forward to gathering in the spring to support our best team and take in the festivities that Clark-LeClair has to offer.

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!!!**



# FUNDRAISING DETAILS

DATE	Scroll #	NAME	DUES	DONATIONS	TOTAL	HOUSING	CHAR. CONT	SOCIAL
23-Mar	213	Jack Cohen	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 770	\$ 165	\$ 65
23-Mar	199	Scott Mosher	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
23-Mar	107	Glenn Wood	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 120	\$ 40	\$ 40
23-Mar	145	Don Troutman	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
24-Mar	60	Don Lewis	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 700	\$ 150	\$ 150
24-Mar	344	Mark Brinkley	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
24-Mar	583	Gregg Plunkett	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
24-Mar	175	Ken Reece	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
25-Mar	131	Darryl Smith	\$ 100	\$ 25	\$ 125	\$ 88	\$ 19	\$ 19
7-Apr	137	Marshall Warren	\$ 120	\$ 300	\$ 420	\$ 184	\$ 118	\$ 118
30-Dec	174	Nathan Gminder	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
30-Dec		Joe Moss	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
26-Mar	581	TJ Hill	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
29-Mar	526	Andrew Griffin	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 45	\$ 55
5-Apr	140	Jim Kevil	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
8-Apr	123	Bill Vanhorn	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
16-Apr	164	Chip Russell	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
16-Apr	325	Sanders Cockmar	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
20-Apr	273	John Lamb	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
20-Apr	563	Chad Smith	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
23-Apr	44	Ray Sharpe	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 170	\$ 15	\$ 15
23-May	167	Mike Acree	\$ 100		\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
28-May	127	Eddie Jackson	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
28-May	193	Cameron Bush	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 140	\$ 30	\$ 30
28-May	148	Thom Riekel	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 70	\$ 15	\$ 15
<b>TOTAL</b>		25	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,825	\$ 5,445	\$ 3,722	\$ 907	\$ 817
<b>TOTAL%</b>		25%			54.00%	68%	17%	15%
<b>GOAL 2021</b>		100			\$ 10,000			

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO JOIN YOUR BROTHER'S FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS!

<https://portal.icheckgateway.com/LambdaPsiAlumniAssociation/>

## \$10,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL



Kicked off this year with a new financial portal to make it easy for brothers to pay dues and donate additional funds to specific cost types (e.g., charity, social)



# NEW ALUMNI FINANCIAL PORTAL

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During our last Alumni breakfast in the fall of 2019 (*WOW! That was a long time ago*), it was determined that we should reinstate the Alumni Dues moving forward. We selected three main categories that the dues will apply towards but left the option open for **YOU** to dictate where your money goes if you prefer another category:

For example, you can break-down your dues in a fashion similar to below:

- Housing projects – 70%
- Charitable Contributions – 15%
- Social events – 15%
- Other – If one does not like any/all above there is an option of your choice As many of us have said over the years, small contributions from many is much more sustainable than large contributions from a few. We need these small \$100 contributions from many to make sure we as an Alumni can contribute to the benefit of our Fraternity long term. Think about it! If we had 300 Alumni contributing \$100 per year what that would look like:

- \$21,000 for Housing projects
- \$4,500 for Charitable contributions
- \$4,500 for Social events

Talk about living out our TKE ideals of love, charity, and esteem! Imagine each Annual Football weekend where instead of asking the question on how we can defer costs, we decide to apply \$4,500 to a weekend that will continue building our bond. What about preventative maintenance on the house, funded by the Alumni!?! Oh I know what you're thinking, the undergrads will just ruin the place (*not to say any of us ever did that*) but we've got a plan, bonified rental agreements with required deposits and other protections to make our investment in the fraternity is not impacted by a few unruly undergrads. Kudos need to go out to **Mike Criscitiello** for setting up the Alumni portal on behalf of the TKE Lambda-Psi Alumni Association. It was designed to be an easy way to collect annual dues without having to remember to write a check each year and then having to remember where to send it.

**CLICK LINK BELOW TO LEARN MORE**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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As we continue to build the Alumni Association, we are looking for some new support. We would like to establish a role separated by a five- year span that can act as a conduit for those brothers in that 5-year span:

**1969-1974**

**1995-1999**

**1975-1979**

**2000-2004**

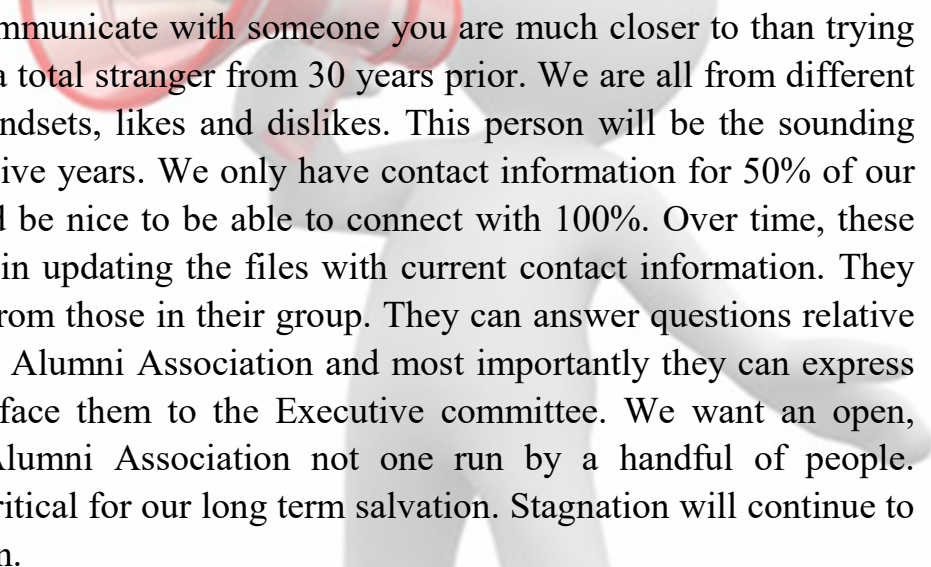
**1980-1984**

**2005-2009**

**1985-1989**

**2010 – 2014**

**1990-1994**



It's much easier to communicate with someone you are much closer to than trying to communicate with a total stranger from 30 years prior. We are all from different eras with different mindsets, likes and dislikes. This person will be the sounding board for their respective years. We only have contact information for 50% of our Alumni base. It would be nice to be able to connect with 100%. Over time, these individuals can assist in updating the files with current contact information. They can collect feedback from those in their group. They can answer questions relative to the direction of our Alumni Association and most importantly they can express your feelings and surface them to the Executive committee. We want an open, active, enthusiastic Alumni Association not one run by a handful of people. Involvement will be critical for our long term salvation. Stagnation will continue to weaken our association.

The more people we have involved, the stronger we can become as an Alumni organization. The less we have involved, the weaker we will remain. This is a great opportunity to step up and get involved. For those interested, please forward your desire to participate to [\*\*mwarren03@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:mwarren03@gmail.com)



# OPERATION BASEMENT UPDATE

The Executive Committee would like to move forward pending available funds with a limited basement project to deal with the historical issues experienced but nothing more (*i.e., not trying to make the space habitable*). The current layout (e.g., new beams from top floor addition several other factors, we believe this is the best path long-term. We appreciate every one who has helped with this effort so far. We cannot do it without a team effort!

## JOB DETAILS

Install WaterGuard sub-floor drainage system as indicated in job drawing.

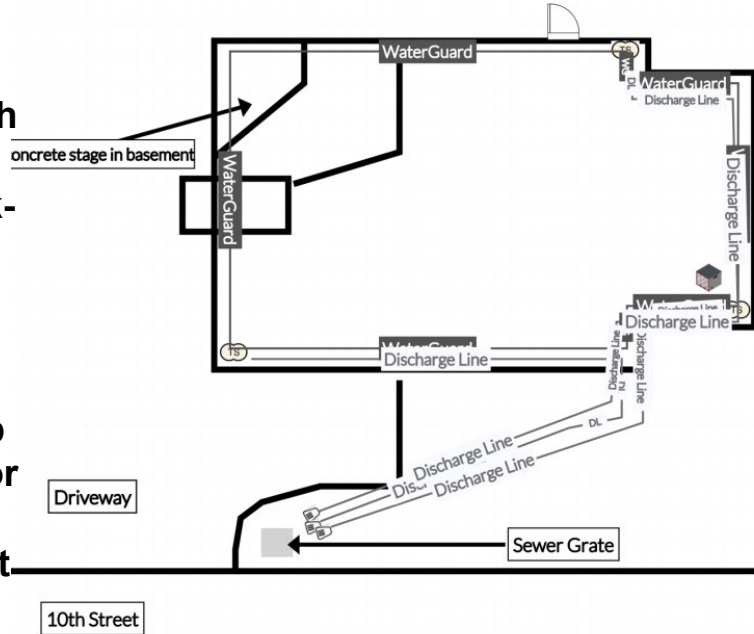
Install WaterGuard Port for access to system.

Install 3" concrete stage that will have to be cut through.

Install TripleSafe pump system with twin liner, 1/3 hp cast iron primary AC pump, 1/2 hp cast iron AC back-up pump, and UltraSump battery back-up pumping system with charging/control box with alarm, and 120 amp sealed maintenance free battery. Includes 3 CleanPump stands, airtight lid with airtight floor drain, and WaterWatch alarm system. Install LawnScape outlet at end of discharge line. Exterior discharge line. Install SaniDry Sedona to keep humidity low.

## Project Summary

My Basement .....	\$28,715.00
Total Investment .....	\$28,715.00
Preferred Customer Discount .....	\$2,871.50
<b>Total Contract Price .....</b>	<b>\$25,843.50</b>
Deposit Required - 30% .....	\$7,753.05
Deposit Paid .....	\$0.00
<b>Amount Due Upon Installation ..</b>	<b>\$25,843.50</b>



## Mike “Young Goob” Sexton RIP We Miss You



Sadly, we recently learned of the passing of Frater Michael “Mike” Sexton. We will always remember him as the “Young Goob.” Like many frat things we don’t recall the exact beginning of his nickname, but it stuck. During our ERA of the Mid-1970’s we had among us a few “personalities” that will, even after all these years bring a smile or a laugh to our lips as we recall another Tekehouse Memory. They don’t make a lot of those personalities. Even 40-50 years later those memories continue to bind us together. Thankfully, Mike Sexton became one of us. “Goob” may have been the single most iconic personality of them all. He showed up one day at a Rush Party and stayed. Most of us that joined Lambda-Psi came to Greenville for pursuit of higher-education (initially at least) but a few came for other reasons. I think Goob came to Greenville to entertain... He found a welcoming audience at 951 East Tenth Street. So much so that he may have neglected a lot of other college life. We, the brothers of that ERA, sure benefited from the brotherhood, loyalty, spirit and laughter he gave us.

Goob was a natural entertainer. His uniform of the day typically was some mustard stained shirt --with a button conveniently missing around the midsection—tucked into his burgundy corduroy pants. He topped off his daily ensemble with a pair of RED Converse All Stars (that was long before they became fashionable). Goob was a big guy when he came to Greenville. His girth steadily increased from a steady diet of beer and Mel Rose Diner’s finest fried foods. While often we laughed with him and even sometimes at him, Goob had intellect and depth. He didn’t like hearing one brother criticized another behind his back for some thoughtless act. Goob would be there to remind us all to “Sweep under your own doorstep first.”

### Let me recount some of his Performances:

**Olympic Style Speedskating:** For the Fraters that never experienced a P-A-R-T-Y in The Basement there were certain hazards you had to look out for. One such was typically how Wet & Slippery the Basement Floor could become.



# DOC'S CORNER

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All those spilled drinks, melting bags of ice, ground water leakage, rainwater flowing in from the basement backdoor, etc. could make things almost as slippery as ice on a good night. To our Young Goob it was a performance platform...

He would wait till late in the party night when many had exited to other pursuits. He would tuck one hand behind his back, lean forward in an Olympian Speedskating pose and slide around the Party Room moving his left arm forward--right arm back, then right arm forward--left arm back. Man, he had that act down and it was hilarious. He had the moves and it often motivated others less talented and inebriated brothers into trying Basement Speedskating. Goob knew how to entertain and close out a night.

**Directing Traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** Goob materialized one day with a dark grey wool military-style trench coat (like Colonel Klink's coat-Hogan Hero's TV Show). He had a new gig in mind. To highlight his act, he also added to his Colonel Klink coat a RED 8 Quart Kitchen Pot that he wore as a HAT. (I guess the red pot matched his shoes). Goob knew how to perform... He would pick times to go out and pretend to direct traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. There was great speculation about what if anything he had on under the coat but it only added to the comedic effect. It was hilarious to watch. No traffic was interfered with, but a lot of Friday Afternoon drivers sure smiled as they drove by.

**Emptying Kegs:** Goob *thoughtfully* would remove the remains of a keg when an opportunity arose if the party got long and got boring... We would find him in some out of the way place with the missing keg. One night after a Keg Party we were sitting around the TV Room. It must have been 2:00 AM+ and the party had been over for at least an hour. We've been watching a movie. Suddenly, the closet door in the TV Room swings open with a crash. We're all shocked and nearly soil ourselves... Goob steps out of that closet. He had swiped the keg and hidden in the closet with it. That was one funny sight! He loved to do that kind of stunt on us.

There are many, many Young Goob stories. Probably the best of them all is that he returned home after his Sophomore Year, got a Teaching Degree from UNC-Greensboro and became a respected educator and coach.

Unfortunately, we lost contact with Mike as the Fraternity and we brothers grew older. Goob's passing is just another reminder that we should be looking to bring those missing brothers back.

Mike, thanks and we miss you... RIP Brother.

YITB, Doc



# ALUMNI BOARD CONTACT INFO

The Lambda Psi Alumni Association Board is here to serve. We ask you to join us in re-building our chapter's foundation. It is easy to walk away, it is easy not risk failure, and it is easy to not be vulnerable. The new Lambda Psi experiment is underway and when thinking about what type of men we need for this journey, the following excerpt from a 1910 speech delivered in Paris, France by President Theodore Roosevelt comes to mind:

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

Reach out to anyone below to get involved. We need *more* strong hands to commit small actions so we can reach our large goal of building Lambda Psi into *the* premier ECU fraternity.

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