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If you plan on coming to the TKE Alumni weekend on 4/8 – 4/10, please commit sooner rather than later so we proceed with confirming headcount for tickets and Dinner. Money is due by 2/28/2022

Hotel reservations can be made at special rate of \$134.60 at Holiday Inn Express @ 252-754-8300 under TKE Alumni Reunion

Plans for Fall Alumni event will begin as soon as the 2022 Football Schedule is released.

We need stories for Doc's Corner. The poor man has written 16 stories and we need help moving forward. There's only so much one can write about. Any story, funny or sad, that you would like to share would be a fantastic help. I bet you are tired of hearing 70's stories. We need a change of pace. It the spirit of lambda Psi, put your thinking caps on and come up with some good stories. I look forward to the adventures from a different era.

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MEET DAVID AND KIM MCPHAIL



I am pleased to announce a monumental donation provided to Lambda Psi Alumni organization in the amount of \$15,000 by David and Kim McPhail. David (scroll # 189), also known as Beatle, pledged in the Spring of 1980 as part of the ETA ETA pledge class. While a TKE, you could find David participating in many intramural sports to include Softball, Basketball, and Team Handball. Interestingly enough, the TKE Softball team made it to the finals four years in a row starting in 1980 - 1983 and David played a part in helping the TKE's get there. Unfortunately, as fate would have it, the team finished in 2nd place every year. It appears, the above sports provided limited contact and David decided more physical action was required so he proceeded to join the Club Rugby Team in 1982. It was then we knew he needed a mental physical to insure his mental stability was in tack. In addition, David also finished Runner up in the all Campus Tennis tournament in 1978.

Kim is a graduate of UNC Charlotte with a BSBA degree. While at UNCC, Kim was a member of the ADPI Sorority. Both David and Kim have strong philanthropic desires evidenced by the gracious donation they bestowed upon the Lambda Psi Alumni. Kim has fond memories of her sorority days and remains close friends with several former sisters to this day.

The romance began at 10:17 PM on January 12th, 2008 while both were patrons at the 2001 bar in Myrtle Beach, SC. This was when David mustered up enough TKE courage to ask Kim for a dance. Romance led to love and love to marriage and now they split time between their two homes in Hilton Head, SC and Banner Elk, NC.

A donation of this size deserves special recognition and as a gesture for their amazing contribution, a plaque will be displayed outside the Chapter Room in their honor recognizing their amazing donation. The McPhail's have expressed a desire that the donation be earmarked for Furniture once we resume occupancy of the fraternity house.

The TKE Alumni would like to thank the McPhail's for their tremendous philanthropic donation. Since it is our desire to have the nicest house on campus, this money will enable us to begin to fulfill our desires.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 2021 Q2

ALUMNI CHECKING ACCOUNT

CATEGORY	\$
Beginning Balance	\$14,613
Rent Deposits	\$ 4,000
Total	\$18,613
Less Expenses	\$ 2,272
Total	\$16,341

ALUMNI SAVINGS ACCOUNT

CATEGORY	HOUSING	CHARITY	SOCIAL	TKE HQTR	FURNITURE	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,390	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,923	\$ 600	\$ 27,400	\$ 34,870
Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 2,390	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,923	\$ 600	\$ 27,400	\$ 33,870

Transfer \$1,000 to Chapter checking in order to send 1 delegate to conclave



FUNDRAISING DETAILS

ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS ACCOUNT

After 10 months, we are at 32% of goal based on # of participants and 222% of goal based on \$.

A big shout out to those who have donated \$1,000 or more this year(Jack Cohen,Don Lewis and Jim Lindley)

Huge thanks to David and Kim McPhail for their \$15,000 donation.

We have 2 months left in this fiscal year ending Mar 31,2022. Let's see if we can make a big push in increasing the # of participants so we can move closer to having a sustainable Alumni. Remember, small contributions from many is more sustainable than large contributions from a few.

Below, is the Portal set up to collect dues. You have options:

* Pay dues by check or credit card

* If by Credit card

* Pay in full

* Pay monthly - a total of \$8.33/month

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

	JAN
Dues/Donations Platform	Monthly
Mike Chriscitiello	30
Marshall Warren	10

*** THIS COVERS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MANAGING THE DUES DUES/DONATION PLATFORM**

\$14,300* earmarked for furniture once we return to campus

			TOTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	#####
FURNITURE DONATIONS			\$	\$ 12,500
May'2020	Doc Lewis		\$ 5,000	\$34,720
May'2020	Jim Lindley		\$ 5,000	
May'2020	Marshall Warren		\$ 2,500	
Nov '2021	David McPhail		\$14,300	
			\$27,400	

MONEY TO BE USED FOR FURNITURE ONCE WE REGAIN HOUSE

BREAKOUT BY DECADES

1960's	1	3%	\$ 200
1970's	16	48%	\$ 4,220
1980's	10	30%	\$ 17,150
1990's	0	0%	\$ -
2000's	5	15%	\$ 700
2010's	1	3%	\$ 100
	33	1	\$ 22,370



DATE	CROLL	NAME	DUES	DONATION	TOTAL	HOUSE	CHARITY	SOCIAL	TKE
1/16/2022									
1ST LETTER									
23-Mar	213	Jack Cohen	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 430	\$ 245	\$ 245	\$ 20
23-Mar	139	Scott Mosher	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
23-Mar	107	Glenn Wood	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
23-Mar	145	Don Troutman	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
24-Mar	60	Don Lewis	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 445	\$ 85	\$ 450	\$ 20
24-Mar	344	Mark Brinkley	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
24-Mar	583	Gregg Plunkett	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
24-Mar	175	Ken Reece	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
25-Mar	131	Darryl Smith	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 140	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 20
30-Dec	174	Nathan Gminder	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -
30-Dec		Joe Moss	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -
26-Mar	581	TJ Hill	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
29-Mar	526	Andrew Griffin	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
5-Apr	140	Jim Kevil	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
7-Apr	138	Marshall Warren	\$ 120	\$ 300	\$ 420	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 20
8-Apr	123	Bill Vanhorn	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
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16-Apr	164	Chip Russell	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
16-Apr	325	Sanders Cockmar	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
20-Apr	273	John Lamb	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
20-Apr	563	Chad Smith	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
23-Apr	44	Ray Sharpe	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
23-May	167	Mike Acree	\$ 100		\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
28-May	127	Eddie Jackson	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
28-May	133	Cameron Bush	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
28-May	148	Thom Riekel	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
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10-Sep		Jim Lindley	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 430	\$ 245	\$ 245	\$ 20
11-Sep	142	Glenn Lowe	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
4-Oct	532	JR Rochester	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
15-Oct	114	Brian Brantley	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 20
5-Nov	189	David McPhail	\$ 100	\$14,900	\$ 15,000	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
12-Nov	661	Dylan Moore	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20
27-Jan	239	Tom O'Hare	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 65	\$ 32	\$ 33	\$ 20
TOTAL		33	\$ 3,220	\$ 19,150	\$ 22,370	\$ 3,390	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,923	\$ 600
TOTAL		33			222.30%	45%	21%	26%	8%
TOTAL 2021		100			\$ 10,000				

NEW ALUMNI FINANCIAL PORTAL

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.

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DOC'S CORNER

Just Another one of Doc's Old Fart Teke Stories??

I had been planning to do one of my Old Fart Teke Stories about our 1970's Era again (*mainly because no one **EVER** calls me with a story from a different Teke ERA...*). Its focus was to be on our Sparta NEW JERSEY Brothers' pledging and their introduction to *Down South Ways and Language*. I planned to entertain you with snippets of some of our good ole traditional Tekedom pledging and Hell Night things we did to'em (along with a couple of new ones Eddie Jackson and I thought up such as the "Golden Triangle"). You can just imagine what fun we had with these New Jersey-ites who had never heard of a Pig Pickin' or thought going to "Git some C**K" was NOT about females, or their fears about being road-tripped to some remote corner of Eastern North Carolina. It was sure fun then and I am confident we could share a laugh or two in the memory of that mirth... As you know, there were NOT any resulting lawsuits, newspaper exposes, or funeral arrangements, etc. because, they survived and became responsible adults with families afterwards (all their kids made Straight "A's"). Okay, there might have been some minor scarring but nothing that a few thousand Miller High Lifs didn't cure over the decades since.

But those stories are for another issue of the Basement because it is simply astonishing...

What's happening NOW in and around "Ole 951" (951 East Tenth Street)

Our TKE Headquarters (formerly known as TKE "National") **folks have come through and have planted brotherhood seeds among 20+ ECU undergrads.** These young undergrads desire to be part of Lambda-Psi's "**rebirth**" at ECU. Taking part in this "rebirth" seems to be a driving factor in their choice of Teke. Is this not truly amazing?? And as much as it astonishes me, I must credit this accomplishment to the good works of TKE Headquarters. Their dedication, expertise at restarting our Lambda-Psi Chapter, and willingness to pony-up the upfront money to accomplish this is to be heralded among us, Lambda-Psi Alumni Brothers.

We have had excellent support from TKE Headquarters during our crisis along with the support from our local TKE HQ Representative, Victor Casanova.

Frankly, I am amazed because until recently I had only witnessed the other end of the spectrum with TKE Headquarters. Some of you know my angst against TKE National/Headquarters goes back decades. This feeling has made me lose my connection to Tau Kappa Epsilon/ not to Lambda-Psi. I was even contemplating presenting a 951 "Restart" Business Plan that did not include us continuing as a Teke Chapter. WHY?

Many years ago, in a galaxy far, far away I attended a TKE National Conclave in New Orleans. Talk about a great venue for a party... Oh, we marched down New Orleans' famous Canal Street behind its equally famous jazz Half-Fast Marching Band. On one level it was an amazing event. Danny Thomas attended, spoke about his efforts and goals for starting St. Jude Children's Hospital. The venue was great and the nightlife in the French Quarter exceeded our expectations. You will never believe this but down on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter they had establishments that sold beer to anyone with money (no proof of age required/just cold hard cash). The French Quarter famous Hurricane Punches had more



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alcohol in them than our typical Wednesday Night Sorority Trash Can concoctions of *Flip Juice* or *Hunch Punch*. Probably the most interest aspect to us fraters were the Bourbon Street establishments that purposefully employed a bunch of not so good-looking ladies. The ladies working in these establishments wore very little to any clothing (very nice personalities though). We had a thousand plus fraternity boys with money in their pockets and little adult supervision. As you can imagine, the French Quarters' bars and other such establishments welcomed us warmly (till our money ran out).

Admittedly, I missed some of the Conclave's Lectures. I rationalized that there were *lessons to be learned in the French Quarter also*. [More to come about those lesson in a possible later edition of *The Basement to be released after my death*.]

Sadly though, in the few Conclave Lectures I did attend, I learned that TKE National saw our Lambda-Psi Chapter as one of its less desirable chapters. It listed us in the Conclave's Chapter Review as a "D" Chapter. That "D" stood for "Disgrace". That "shame" hurt me even through the fog of hangovers, cheap beer, and one or two (might have even been 3) of those scantily clad Bourbon Street ladies. I knew that our Lambda-Psi Chapter deserved better recognition and appreciation than those Leaders up on Founders Drive at TKE Headquarters gave us. It frankly startled me that they could think such a thing. I knew better and it made me wonder what else they were wrong about... And, as I learned more there at those Conclave Lectures, it seemed obvious the "A" -Superior Chapters had larger numbers of brothers and pledges thus generated sizeable dollars to the coffers of TKE HQ. The more questions I asked the more the answers seemed to reflect that those running our national fraternity seemed focused on what made it "Money." I never forgot or forgave TKE's Leadership for that shameful characterization of our Chapter.

Admittedly, upon my return to Greenville that summer, that "shame" influenced and motivated me to push our Chapter to do more. And we did continue to grow and improve to include winning the President's Cup and the founding of our Boxing Tournaments in the following 2 years.

As often stated, "Time heals all wounds" and not to mention that I learned lessons about Cashflow in my own businesses since that Conclave week. With that perspective, I think TKE Headquarters is to be applauded for their work restarting our Chapter. And, maybe, just maybe HQ did recognize over the years the brotherhood qualities inherent in Tau Kappa Epsilon's Lambda-Psi Chapter. I know we, the Brothers, have. As for me, my respect and appreciation for TKE HQ has been restored.

Thank You, TKE HQ!!

ALUMNI BOARD CONTACT INFO

HOUSING CORPORATION			ALUMNI ORGANIZATION			CHAPTER BOARD OF ADVISORS		
President	Jim Kevil		President	Marshall Warren		Chairman	Scott Mosher	
Vice President	Nathan Gminder		Vice President	OPEN		Vice Chairman	Cameron Bush	
Property MGMT	Scott Harris		Secretary	John Lamb		Secretary	OPEN	
Secretary	OPEN		Treasurer	Joe Moss		Treasurer	Joe Moss	
			Fund Raising	Doc Lewis		Chapter Advisor	Dylan Moore	
			Charitable Contributions	Don Troutman				
			Advisor to University	Nathan Gminder				
			Social Chairman	Dylan Moore				
			Conduit - 68-73	OPEN				
			Conduit 74-79	OPEN				
			Conduit - 80-84	OPEN				
			Conduit - 85-89	OPEN				
			Conduit 90-94	OPEN				
			Conduit 95-99	OPEN				
			Conduit 2000-2004	OPEN				
			Conduit 2005 - 2009	OPEN				
			Conduit 2010 - 2014	OPEN				
			Conduit - 2015 - 2018	OPEN				

There are minor changes to the Organizational chart in order to simplify areas of concentration. There are three pillars to our Alumni Organization

HOUSING CORPORATION

The fundamental role of the housing corporation is to protect the House asset. Once we are back on campus, this group will focus on the following

PROPERTY MGMT - Scott Harris, scroll 430 has been hired to manage the property on our behalf. He will establish leases, administer leases, collect

rent, maintain checklist for inbound and outbound tenants, conduct quarterly inspections, remove delinquent tenants

MAINTENANCE - Prepare a routine maintenance checklist to maintain the house and keep it in tip top shape

CAPITAL PROJECTS - Identify capital projects needed to maintain the house. The 1st has already been identified as Water prevention in basement

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association keeps the Alumni up to date on events, happenings, progress of Brotherhood, as well as the continued effort to grow

the Alumni base with those that care to keep the spirit of brotherhood alive.

BOARD OF ADVISORS

The board of Advisors works directly and closely with the chapter in the areas of recruitment, development of pledges, chapter budget and

finances as well as Risk compliance. In addition, they will advise the Alumni and Housing Corporation whether or not the incoming pledge class

is ready, willing, able to resume the requirements of maintaining 951 East 10th St from a financial and risk mgmt standpoint

CONDUITS

The conduits are an integral part of our success in growing the Alumni base. They are there to support a 5 year period and be the eyes and ears for those people in that 5 year span. It's much easier for scroll # 652 to talk to scroll 624 because they came from the same era and know each other. In addition, the conduit can help in identifying the missing contact information of those in their period. We have a total of over 300 people we have no contact information for.

Please review the organizational chart and notice the open positions highlighted in red. Those are open positions that we would like to fill.

Please notify the below if you have an interest in filling one of the positions.

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