



THE BASEMENT

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The old saying, “never waste a crisis” rang true for the Lambda-Psi Alumni Association in December 2017. Bottom line - we lost our charter but through the volunteer work of many selfless brothers, our chapter’s beloved house was saved, and we weathered a storm that would break the lesser bonded. The silver lining through the crisis is we are now positioned to become the best alumni association we have ever been in preparation for re-staking our claim as the premier fraternity in ECU Greek Life.

The Basement Monthly Newsletter is the Alumni Association’s major 2019 initiative designed to continue building our bond we all forged at 951 E. 10th St between 1968 to 2017. This newsletter will keep the alumni base informed, introduce brothers across our storied history through quick biographies; book-ended with an editorial piece from Doc Lewis. Our long-term goal is to re-engage, re-energize, and re-organize the Lambda-Psi chapter in the years to come on the ECU campus. Let’s roll...

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2018 MAJOR ACTIONS

1. Weathered the storm of Lambda-Psi chapter being shut down in December 2017. Our swift action not only saved the house, it enabled a full renovation and established a five (5) year lease to the trusted Phi-Mu sorority. Phi-Mu sorority recently completed a five (5) year lease at the Kappa Sigma house so they have a proven history with successfully executing this type of agreement. Based on negotiated terms, by the end of the Phi Mu lease, the TKE house will be paid off in full. You read that right...our comeback to campus will be **MORTGAGE free!** This is critical to understand, a paid off house is incredible but it does not solve everything. We must put the pedal to metal building our war chest to prepare for attracting top recruits when we re-establish ourselves on campus.

2. Executed our first major Lambda-Psi alumni event in October 2018 at Greenville, NC premiere event space, The Rickhouse. Over 60+ attendees, over 40 of which were brothers. It was much needed time for re-connecting and sharing old stories about our days at the bottom of the hill. We hosted a dinner & cocktails while looking at an entire wall of composites, paddles, tons of pictures. A good time was had by all!

3. On Saturday morning before the football tailgate, the alumni group convened to not only elect eleven (11) brothers to serve in key executive and chair positions imperative for the alumni association to move forward but also much deserved service awards were given to Nathan Gminder and Joe Moss – the two guys that held the chapter together the past 15 years. At the same meeting, the collective brotherhood donated \$850 towards paying TKE International Headquarters the required \$1000 to pay for our lifetime Alumni Association Charter.



This charter gives one (1) alumnus from the association who attends the biennial conclave full voting rights, much in the manner of active chapters. The remaining \$150 was graciously provided by Larry Poole and Mike Piniaha. A great example of love, charity, and esteem when brothers come together for a common cause. That comradery set the tone for the day.

4. Solidified alumni newsletter format designed to inform all brothers of the alumni association, our financial position as we strategize for re-establishing our ECU campus presence, connect all brothers by delivering featured bios, and activating each of us to deliver a positive impact to our collective brotherhood.

****ANNOUNCEMENT****

2019 Alumni Weekend – Sept. 21st
Start planning now!

Friday

- Best Ball Golf Outing & Luncheon
- Wives/Girlfriends Luncheon
- The Rickhouse Cocktail Event

Saturday

- Morning Alumni Meeting
- Football Tailgate,
- Late Night Hotel Party

BROTHERHOOD BIOS

Since 1968, TKE Lambda Psi Chapter has built proven leaders. Our sacred bond, held faithful by so many, was committed to for each of us to become the best version of ourselves. We cannot let this bond, cultivated during undergrad, die as alumni. As we start this chapter's new reality, the journey back to ECU campus, the brotherhood bio section highlights our storied fraternity men coming from all walks of life with dynamic skillsets. Our chapter is full of talented leaders able to do so much for each other.

The brotherhood bio section serves as that bridge over water to introduce brothers from all eras and hopefully accelerate our ability to help one another. If you see someone you would like to connect to [**growing your personal & professional network!**] then reach out, you already established common ground just by being fraternity brothers. Our hope as an alumni executive team is to add value so we can maintain a robust, mobilized alumni association. Each bio will feature the brother's name, scroll number, current location, why TKE is important, unique facts, and finally what skillset that brother feels they are experts in. The featured bio will continue in each volume of The Basement and our goal is to strengthen the bond and build deeper connections across our alumni base.

Each month five (5) new brothers will be selected and featured in The Basement and by the time our Annual Fall Alumni Weekend is here, the brotherhood bios should accelerate your ability to get to know brothers spanning from 1968 to 2017.



Name: Dale Delserone (left)

Scroll Number: 512

City/State: Raleigh, NC

Why is TKE important to me? TKE helped me personally learn to network and time management skills. It also taught me the value of friendship and how quickly that can be taken from you when we lost one of my best friends, former IFC and TKE President, Scroll #511 Owen Czapiewski on July 29th, 2006. Which is why my friends are so important to me

Unique facts: No unique fact to share, this was the toughest question. That said, I ate a Jersey Mikes #9 Club Supreme sub almost every day of college.

Skills: Financial management professional with over 10+ years in the industry.

Name: Jimmy Poe (right)
Scroll Number: 487
City/State: Milledgeville, GA

Why is TKE important to me? The importance of TKE in my life has changed over the years. In college, TKE played an important role by connecting me with a bunch of like-minded guys going through the college experience. Looking back, TKE was so much more. Through TKE, I gained knowledge in how to manage unique personalities and relationships; how to be responsible for others, not just myself; the importance of vision in leadership...the list goes on. All this knowledge I still use to this day in my professional life.

Unique facts: Played saxophone in middle school and high school. I was a member of the concert band and jazz band. The high point of my sax days was playing Carnegie Hall in New York with the jazz band.

Skills: Criminal justice knowledge; leadership development; organizational management; business administration; public speaking/instructing; disarming threats; conducting tactical reloads; being certified smartass



Name: Scott Mosher (left)
Scroll Number: 199
City/State: Burlington, VT

Why is TKE important to me? TKE taught me the meaning of true unconditional friendship. Through many moves and changes in my life, the one constant has been the TKE brotherhood. The loyalty and commitment I learned while at 951 E. Tenth Street has had a solid impact on my professional and personal time on this earth.

Unique facts: My first motorcycle was purchased when I was at ECU in 1983. I continue to ride and enjoy the same feeling I got when cutting class and riding to Myrtle Beach with Stu Brooker on the bikes. I was one of the four TKE's that stole the ram back in the early 80's (the other three were Chip Russell, David Severence, and David "Beetle" McPhail). That was one wild day....

Skills: Currently, I am a partner in a CyberSecurity Firm - NuHarbor Security. This field is in hyper growth and we provide advisory and consulting services to organizations across the US including ECU!





Name: Dylan Moore (left)
Scroll Number: 661
City/State: Greenville, NC

Why is TKE important to me: Tau Kappa Epsilon showed me the true value of individual accountability. If you fail to hold yourself to a higher standard, one that you know to be right and if we fail to hold our brothers to the same standard an are unwilling to provide a consequence if they do not meet the standard then we are failing them as well. The Fraternity showed me how accountability is needed within life.

Unique Fact: I am truly ambidextrous, I use my left and right hands almost interchangeably throughout my daily tasks, this all happened the summer before my senior year of high school where I suffered a torn labrum in my right shoulder and was forced to use my left hand/arm for almost eight months. My right shoulder is better but now I still retain the use of my left arm/hand for most tasks.

Skills: Public speaking is something that has always come natural to me. I am also very good at reviewing English papers for grammar errors, helping people design resumes. I am also very adept at using Microsoft Office.

Name: Jo Konde (right)
Scroll Number: 673
City/State: Raleigh, NC

Why is TKE important to me? TKE is important to me because it helped me come out of my social shell a bit. Joining TKE is how I became the extremely self-confident guy I am now. Also, it helped me make friends that I would not have made if I did not join.

Unique facts: One unique fact about me is, I am a dual citizen. I was born and am son of parents who are from the democratic republic of Congo.

Skills: I am an expert at public speaking and getting people excited with my charisma. I am also proficient at math and science.



DOC'S CORNER

“You joined a fraternity,” my Mom asked in half hysterics a few days after her only son moved into Jones Dorm. She cried for a while and then asked me, “Why, Son?” I remember telling her, “Mom, Teke is the *Fraternity for Life*.” (I sort of panicked then. It was the only thing I could think of other than the parties, sororities, socials, and road trips.)

Now, 49 years later after becoming a brother, I can attest that **Teke is the Fraternity for LIFE**. I have had the privilege of sharing my life with brothers born of 951 East 10th Street. All these years later when one of them calls, it is like we still share bedrooms on the second floor of the Teke House. Yeah, we still tell the same old stories (except in them now we are smarter and better looking). And, as life ebbs and flows, my Fraternity Brothers have been there to laugh and cry with me. How fortunate we all have been from those ties born of that Teke House. I bet my Mom is looking down from Heaven and is happy her only son became one of those Teke Fraternity Brothers.

As you know, we recently faced probably our biggest Chapter CRISIS. We lost our Charter just shy of our 50th Anniversary. I did hear from a few alumni, “It’s a shame but I never go down to the House anymore.” But, then that ole *Teke for Life* thing kicked in... We raised \$27,000 in about a day to cover out-of-pocket costs and signed a 5-year lease for the house *with a sorority*. That old, dirty, worn-out and thoroughly abused Teke House was rehab’d into a *Sorority Palace* on time and within budget. Now, there was a lot of heavy lifting going on by a lot of your Frat Brothers. New, not-so-new and flat out old brothers made commitments of time, energy and money to save those memories and our brotherhood for the chance to pass on “our” heritage to future Tekes. That old saying that “You don’t know what you got until you lose it” is true. From those ashes we’ll grow. Already, our new active Alumni Association has generated a Lambda-Psi website, has launched this monthly News Letter and has inspired a new spirit to grow Teke in Greenville again. Yeah, *Fraternity for Life!* And... rather amazingly, we will get the House back in 5 years --- PAID Off with an estimated \$75,000 in cash reserves. And, just think how easy it would have been to just walk away... “It’s a shame but I never go down to the House anymore.”

Doc’s Corner: So, this new Alumni Association has asked that I contribute “Sage Advice” (such as, *Never bet on another man’s trick... It’s his trick, DUH*), Teke Stories, interviews and editorial comments. Why me? I think it was because my Scroll Number #60 was the lowest of those attending the 2018 Alumni Weekend. I will consider it an honor to share your stories, advice, and thoughts about “Life, the Universe and Teke” (sans, Douglas Adams). Please contact me at dlepay@gmail.com or 727-224-1439 with your input.

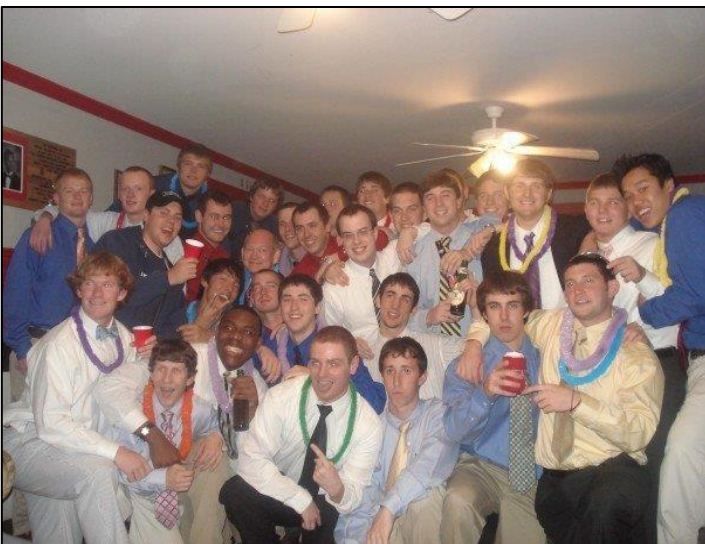
One of my favorite **Teke Stories** is about one of our brothers (name suppressed in case he runs for political office) that got arrested downtown after a lengthy visit to the Elbow Room. We all went to court to support him. The Judge asked the Officer that arrested him, “How was his attitude when you arrested him, Officer?”. The Greenville City Policeman answered, “Why Judge, he’s the finest young man I ever arrested...” Case Dismissed!

Next edition of Doc’s Corner, I promise an Eddie Jackson Story! (*Unless he makes a rather large \$ contribution to the Alumni Assoc.*). **YITB, Doc**



A LOOK BACK

There were no better times than spending a warm day hanging on the porch at 951 E. 10th St. as classes let out, and a cold brew was waiting on us to toast the day. The below pictures will serve as a look back into times like that to remind us who we are from 1968 onward...Enjoy!



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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