



THE BASEMENT

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Lambda-Psi Alumni Monthly Newsletter



In July 2006, Lambda Psi brotherhood lost Scroll #511 Owen Czapiewski to an unfortunate ATV accident in Minnesota. Owen was an integral member to not only the fraternity but ECU at-large. He served as Prytanis, Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) President, and was even Mr. Chi Omega. The brothers he left behind felt compelled to honor him in a memorial held next door to the TKE house at ECU's Catholic Student Center. It was standing room only and honorary Lambda-Psi brother, the now late Jeff Griffin eulogized Owen in a most fitting and poignant ceremony. When speaking of Owen's selfless leadership style, tenacity, and goal-oriented mindset, Jeff quoted a poem entitled, "The Builder" focused on describing someone who builds with care, in order to make the world he knows a little better because he was there. Owen left a huge imprint on the hearts and minds of so many and is someone whose legacy is worth fighting for to keep alive. Every TKE related action, phone call, text, and conversation lays a brick towards our brotherhood. Owen is not the only brother we've sadly lost too early, namely Jonathon Bennett, a well-respected and beloved brother who was tragically taken from us in 2013*. It is important that we can still honor these brothers by continuing to go **ALL-IN** building our alumni association and maintaining the bonds made at 951 E. 10th St.

Editor's Note: Next month's edition of The Basement will feature an in-depth piece on Jonathon, the man he was and the values he instilled.

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WHICH BROTHERS ARE COMING TO ALUMNI WEEKEND?

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Brother RSVP's YES to 2019 Alumni Weekend

Ray Sharpe	Drew Griffin	
Dylan Moore	Matt Kraus	
Corbin Wissel	James Moore	
Marshall Warren	Josh Brittenham	
Doc Lewis		
Don Troutman		
Sean O'Connell		
Alex Miller		
Jake Powell		
Ryan Troutman		
Cadyn Laffon		
TJ Hill		



RAISING THE BAR

**2019 Alumni Weekend
September 20-22**



Annual Brotherhood Meeting



30 Hotel Rooms
Reserved



Friday Morning Golf Outing



Spirits



Wives & Girlfriends Event



Football Game
NO QUARTER!



Friday Night Cocktail Event



Let's Party!

For questions, please contact:

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2019 TKE LAMBDA PSI ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

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\$50 Per Golfer

Open only to the first 24 brothers!

Tee times between 11am – 12:30pm

Groups of four (4) will be selected based on experience, unless otherwise requested.



Reserve your spot today:

RSVP no later than Friday June 14



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ECU CAMPUS UPDATES

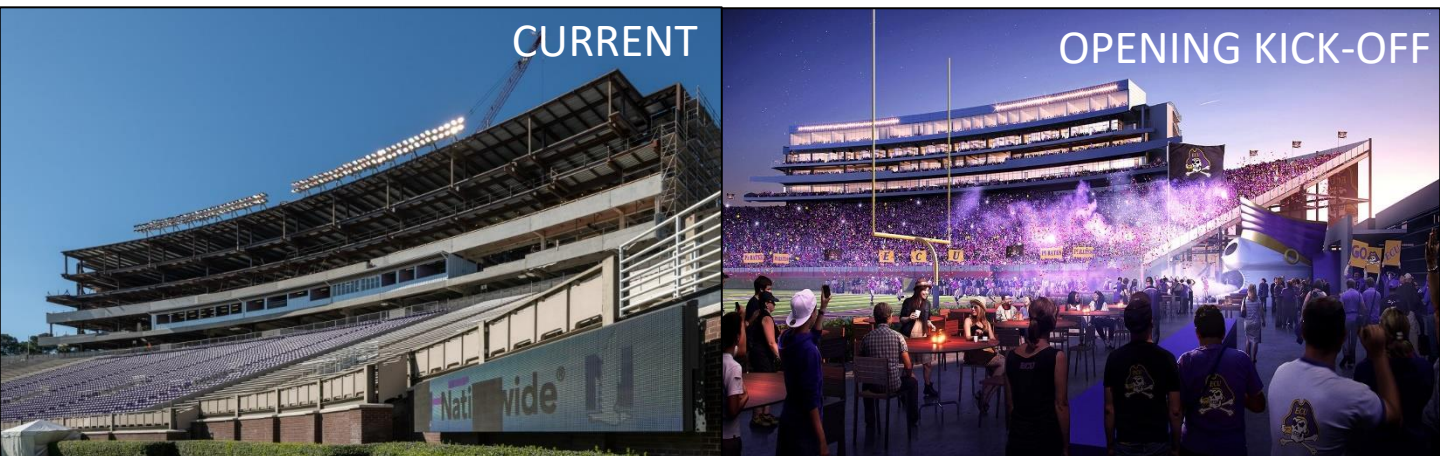
Major Change at ECU!

Wow! Over ten years in the making between master planning meetings, budget wars, and a dogged commitment, ECU leadership and student organizations collectively built the recently opened [Main Campus Student Center](#). The living room for the University is a sprawling 220,000 square foot facility that is a visual representation of ECU's connection to people and industry of Eastern North Carolina, the City of Greenville, and our Pirate traditions. The center is now home to the Dowdy Student Store, Retail Spaces, one 14, 000 square foot Ballroom, Theater, Dining Options, multiple lounges and study rooms, and finally a 24 x 42 foot Pirate Vision Outdoor Digital Display. Check it out over alumni weekend in September!



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[ECU Student Center!](#)

ECU is on track for completing its \$60 million Dowdy-Ficklen Southside Renovation Project over the summer. Just in time for our September 2019 Lambda Psi Alumni Weekend. New coach Mike Houston recently stated, “we have a beautiful structure going up over here on the Southside, and I can’t wait to see it this fall, Sept. 7, for our home opener,” Houston added, “our administration and us are in the process of doing a lot of renovations within the athletic facilities with things that help in recruiting the very best student-athletes and most importantly, things that will help in developing our student-athletes once they get here.” This is the most extensive project to enhance Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium since it opened in 1963 and will give our Pirates a spacious and desired state-of-the-art press box, club level and suites. Go Pirates! Whose thinking we reserve a suite for 2019 TKE Alumni Weekend?!



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: Adam Daniels (left)
Scroll Number: 589 (Spring '09)
City/State: Stella, NC

Why is TKE important to me?

Next to marrying my wife, joining TKE was the best decision of my life. As a man, I am better from all of the experiences with my brothers and the lessons I learned in that house (and in that basement ...). As a teacher, most of the "problems" I deal with are nothing compared to dealing with the IFC, cops, and the best problems downtown Greenville can produce! I am fortunate that I have a job where I get to revisit my college experiences and encourage others to follow.

Memorable TKE Experience:

The chapter room. Everything that happened in there. While I had many wonderful experiences (Spring Break cruises, road trips, Carolina Cup, etc.), my favorite memories were just hanging out and talking. Those small moments were never taken for granted.

Unique Facts:

I am in charge of the Emerald Isle Run Club and organize all of the meetups. It sounds athletic, but it's pretty much just a drinking club with running shoes.

Skills:

I am currently on my 8th year teaching high school English and I also coach Cross-Country and Indoor Track.



Name: Don Troutman (right)
Scroll Number: 145 (Winter '75)
City/State: Greensboro, NC

Why is TKE important to me?

My closest and lifelong friends are the Tau Kappa Epsilon Brothers. I first met 44 years ago at 951 East 10th Street. I talk to my best friend Marshall Warren almost every week, and our group of brothers have remained close to this day. The most important trait that TKE instilled in me was loyalty.

Memorable TKE Experience:

I am most proud that my son, Ryan Troutman, Scroll #518 was the first Legacy Brother in the Lambda Psi Chapter, and his involvement he now has in rebuilding our Alumni Association.

Unique Facts:

I refereed College Basketball for 24 years, including the Colonial, Big South, Southern, CIAA, and other conferences. I started refereeing intramurals at ECU for a little extra beer money, but I tell folks I refereed College ball for my son Ryan's tuition money.

Skills:

After spending my last 12 years working with Automobile dealers in the internet marketing area, I decided to retire at the end of 2018...so golf.



Name: Brian Dowdy (left)
Scroll Number: 281 (Spring '86)
City/State: Raleigh, NC

Why is TKE important to me?

Lifelong bonds/friendships with brothers from school plus other friends that I met as a result of being a TKE.

Memorable TKE Experience:

Pledging... but all of the social events as well.

Unique Facts:

Nickname 'Guppy' and many folks still call me that to this day. Season football ticket holder.

Skills:

Been working 30 years for NC State Parks, currently the Chief Ranger in our headquarters





Name: Will Page III (left)

Scroll Number: 481 (Fall '99)

TKE Positions: Social Chair, Philanthropy Chair, Grammateus, Histor, Hypophetes

City/State: Pinehurst/Southern Pines, NC

Why is TKE important to me?

I've always valued the close knit bonds of the brotherhood. TKE cemented those values within me and taught me the value of playing a position, being apart of a whole and working as a team. Those bonds have lasted a lifetime and making an effort to continue the legacies of love, charity, and esteem is my everyday goal that I strive for.

Memorable TKE Experience:

HOMECOMING every year, no doubt about it. The reuniting of friends, brothers, their families, reminiscing with the elders, and meeting the younger generations.

Unique Facts:

Hmm. What makes a man unique? His personality? His dreams? His relation to God? I think what makes me unique can be simplified down to fortune... I've always had a fortunate turn of events throughout my life. The friendships I've made, the wife that tamed me, the son she blessed me with, the wild adventures I've been on... Not many people can claim the epic twists and wild turns that make my life grand, and I'm forever thankful for these gifts and opportunities I've been bestowed with from above. I could give you more details on all these things, but I'd rather have to tell you all in person. Just ask me. We'll laugh for sure.

Skills:

Accountant / Tax Man

Name: Michael "Goose" Swanner (right)

Scroll Number: 552 (Fall '06)

City/State: Durham, NC

Why is TKE important to me?

TKE gave me many unique experiences in college and provided me the opportunity to participate and take on leadership roles both within TKE and in other organizations on campus, through the network of people I met due to my association with the fraternity. TKE also allowed me to establish strong friendships with people I would have otherwise never met or associated with, many of which still continue to this day.

Memorable TKE Experience:

My most memorable TKE experience was not just one single event, but was all the time I spent hanging out with brothers on the porch drinking a beer and joking around on warm spring/fall days.

Unique facts:

While completing my graduate degree in International Studies, I decided to study Russian and spent a semester living in Saint Petersburg, Russia in a language immersion program.

Skills:

I am currently working in IT project management for Credit Suisse; but I am completing a Master's of Computer Information Systems with a focus on Information Security from Boston University this summer, so I plan to eventually pursue new opportunities within this field.



Our Road to TKE-dom

Jim Malory was the Dean of Men at ECU for many years. He was a very fine man, but rarely did he call about anything but fraternity related embarrassments, issues and problems such as, “*Your fraternity has been accused of stealing all the toilet tissue from Jones Dorm.*” (And, our pledges did it... Oh, I still remember that call!) You never wanted to have him call you back **twice** about ANYTHING. Your first thought was, “Oh No... What did we do wrong NOW!” Dean Mallory was much too busy to call just to chat...

Personal Note: *While I was Chapter President, he once asked my Sainly Mother if she contributed any money to my college education. He asked her because he thought I was more interest in chasing coeds and living the fraternity life than getting a Degree in Economics. Let me add honestly, Dean Mallory was also a fine judge of character and personal motivation... and a great friend.*

So, imagine that you are the newly elected President of ECU's newest “Business” fraternity and Dean Mallory calls you. *That ain't good...* That call happened to Ron Greenwood, Alpha Kappa Psi (A-K-Psi) newly elected President. -- And, he still REMEMBERS that call 52 YEARS later!! -- A-K-Psi was a “Business” fraternity. **From this single call our origins as Tekes began. We became the Lambda-Psi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon because Dean Mallory and the IFC were upset with how “Social” this “Business” Fraternity had become.**

Here's how it all started...

Dean Mallory told President Ron that ECU was going to pull **A-K-Psi Business Fraternity “Charter.”** **Why?** Because ECU's **Social** fraternities were complaining that A-K-Psi was acting exactly like a **Social** fraternity and **NOT** following campus rules for social fraternities. These social fraternities put forward hard evidence, “A-K-Psi has its own frat house and it even has a *Party Room*. Their Party Room is even nicer than some of our party rooms.” Truth was that the A-K-Psi Party Room was used EVERY weekend. ECU coeds were *often* invited to participate in drinking adult beverages (legal drinking age then was 18 years old) and to listen to Rock & Roll music. It was alleged that these supposedly serious, studious Business Majors were Party Animals... One of them had been arrested (with a coed) for lewd behavior while hiding in the Court House's shrubbery one evening after a party. Imagine that... on the Court House property.

Social Fraternity guys were chartered to do such entertaining... NOT business fraternity brothers! These A-K-Psi brothers were acting *just like the social fraternity brothers*. Something was very wrong with this and it had to be STOPPED!

The accusers also pointed out that bands such as the likes of “Little James Brown” and the “Bryn Mars” played there. [“Little James” and his band would play all night for \$150 PLUS all the bourbon they could drink]. This was just additional evidence that **these Business Majors were just social fraternity boys disguised in Gant Shirts/IZOD Polos and starched khaki pants**. These things (partying, socializing with coeds & sorority girls, and drinking bourbon) were the sole responsibilities of **Social** fraternities and not the purview of a **Business** fraternity. This had to be STOPPED!

DOC'S CORNER

True, A-K-Psi had a couple of business speakers show-up now and then but even some of those “speakers” actually appeared at some of the regular Saturday night parties (research I presume). President Ron knew they were in trouble and something needed to be done FAST. Oh yeah, I didn't mention before that Dean Mallory was **also** the Campus Administrator for the Inter-Fraternity (Social) Council... The IFC! BIG trouble was ahead of A-K-Psi!!

Background

A couple of years before that memorial call, back in 1965-66 (as they say, *Long Ago in a Galaxy, Far, Far Away...*), Horace “Jay” Johnson -- a business major -- recognized that all of his college party friends were also business majors. They grouped up over the weekends and partied together. They were serious about partying and equally serious --*on weekdays*-- about graduating with business degrees. Jay's group of friends had similar interests, ambitions and studies (they also traded business school tests and notes on which professors to avoid). Jay didn't like the social fraternity scene. He had tried Rush but he couldn't find the right fit. There was even a business fraternity already on campus, but its culture, like that of the social fraternities, just didn't fit Jay's or his friends' culture and interests.

Jay is in his 70's now and if you knew Jay's business history over the last 50 years, you would know that he has been a very successful entrepreneur in numerous ventures. Looking back now, 53+ years later, it seems natural that Jay would think, “**Heck, let's just start OUR OWN Business Fraternity.**” So, he talked to his business major party friends. They started called around and found that a National Business Fraternity, A-K-Psi, would issue a charter to them and would even assist them in becoming an officially sanctioned ECU organization.

Amazingly, in a matter of a few weeks, Jay and 20+ other business majors friends/partiers became the founders of the newest Business Fraternity on ECU's campus, Alpha Kappa Psi. Imagine that! Soon the “Brothers of A-K-Psi” recruited two ECU Biz Professors on board as Advisors. One of the professors knew of a large 2 story home, built by an early Greenville Socialite, **that was scheduled for demolition in 3 years**. Back then, Greenville was in a redevelopment mode, so the landlord saw a way to get paid rent from a bunch of college boys with no downside... *The house was going to be demolished anyway*. The brothers now had an official location, bedrooms to house brothers, semi-working bathrooms, a chapter room... PLUS the house had a detached 2 car garage. One day an idea was floated, “Let's turn that bad boy into a Party Room...” Without any thought on their “Return on Investment,” the newly installed fraternity brothers started expanding this 2-car garage into a large, comfortable “Party Room.” Since the City of Greenville was going to destroy it, the Building Inspector ignored it, the neighbors were few and the landlord didn't care, that garage was transformed with little knowhow or to exacting specifications into GREAT Party Room!!! Someone would say. “Let's do this” and they did it.

ECU's newest “Business” Fraternity, A-K-Psi, was soon Rocking & Rolling (literally) and a major unanticipated side-effect was the birth of Fraternity Brotherhood. The more these guys worked together the more they turned a bunch of individuals into “Brothers.” And, the fraternity grew. As you can imagine, with this type of ammunition the recruiting of pledges went well. One thing you should

Note: Back then “Business” fraternities on ECU's campus did NOT have the same restrictions and timelines for Rush as did the social fraternities. Biz Frats didn't have any. This was a big advantage to grow new “business” fraternity.



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So, things were good for ole A-K-Psi until Dean Mallory's call to President Ron Greenwood. **Ron knew they had a great thing going. "What are we going to do now?"**

All that living together in the A-K-Psi House, building the Party Room, studying together, the dramas of campus life had morphed these -- business major friends -- into TRUE Fraternity Brothers. They were not going away quietly or without a fight. So, what they did was create committees and duties to define a course of action (they couldn't help it because they were business majors after all). Their first order of business was to start calling National Social Fraternities that did not have chapters on ECU's Campus. Unfortunately, all of them required the brothers to establish a "Colony" on campus first for a couple of years. Then the national fraternity would decide if they "qualified" for a permanent "Charter". A "Colony" status probably would not work for the IFC since this wayward business fraternity already had more brothers -- and better parties -- than most of ECU existing social fraternities!

But, amazingly, ONE of the national fraternities listen to the guys. They were impressed with what these "business majors" had accomplished over their 2 years as an A-K-Psi Chapter. It was very impressive. That national social fraternity was, Tau Kappa Epsilon. Back then, as now, TKE is the largest social fraternity in the world. The **TKE Wizards** up in Indianapolis liked what they saw happening with A-K-Psi. They decided to take a chance on what Jay, Ron and all the other brothers had built on the roots of that old house in Greenville and its Party Room. TKE National granted the exclusion of Colony status and rolled the brothers into a Charter status. That met the requirements of the IFC. It was a sad day for many of ECU's social fraternities but probably gave Dean Mallory a BIG smile.

The Lambda-Psi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon was Chartered and Established on East Carolina University's campus on the 16th of November 1968 with 41 newly installed brother signing the Scroll.

Those signing were:

Scroll	First Name	Last Name
1	Ronald	Greenwood
2	Philip	Coleman
3	Preston	Pipkin
4	William	Clark
5	Bruce	Baggarly
6	Gerald	Church
7	Carl	Daughtry
8	John	Phillips
9	Steven	Johnson
10	Larry	Farver
11	George	Upchurch
12	Sim	Honeycutt
13	Tucker	Johnson
14	Donald	Roberson

Scroll	First Name	Last Name
15	David	McCormack
16	Willard	Hill
17	Melvin	Edwards
18	Ronald	Pitt
19	James	Danowski
20	Thomas	Danowski
21	Jack	Slappey
22	John	Peele
23	William	Rogerson
24	Joseph	Tyson
25	Vernon	Tyson
26	Thomas	Medlin
27	Max	Gilbert
28	Ernest	Huff

Scroll	First Name	Last Name
29	Colie	Millson
30	Terry	McBryde
31	Charles	Reed
32	William	Watson
33	James	Handlon
34	Paul	Harvin
35	Walter	Hinson
36	Horace	Johnson
37	William	Benfield
38	Jack	Thornton
39	Joseph	Bauerband
40	Richard	Whitten
41	Donavin	McLaurin



DOC'S CORNER

When you think about -- Our Heritage, Our Brotherhood of 51+ Year -- you should consider just how much we should be thankful to these "Founders" of our Lambda-Psi Chapter. They went on to recruit new brothers, purchase the house at 951 East 10th Street and continued to support the fraternity for years afterwards. (Those highlighted in Yellow have past on.)

So, may I suggest if you see one of our "Founders" remember to thank them. Be sure to ask them about "Little James Brown" and remember ***these guys are really cool.***

YITB, Doc

50th Anniversary Weekend Photos Now Available!



<https://imgur.com/a/HK3t3HR>

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!



 **ΣΣΣ TKE**
Boxer Social
ECU - April 6, 1989 





WE NEED YOU



1968 1978 1988 1998 2008 2018 2028

The Lambda Psi of Tau Kappa Epsilon is comprised of 700+ Brothers spanning the past 5 decades. Unfortunately, we only have **50%** of the brotherhood's active email addresses and even worse, we have gaps in our scroll numbers and need your help identifying these missing brothers.

And that's where *you* can help.

We are looking for brothers to represent 5-year increments in which they were an active brother. This would greatly help the alumni association gather contact information and scroll numbers, distribute information, promote upcoming events, etc.

If you're interested, please contact **any** member of the alumni board!

1968 – 1973

1973 – 1978

1978 – 1983

1983 – 1988

1988 – 1993

1993 – 1998

1998 – 2003

2003 – 2008

2008 – 2013

2013 – 2018



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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