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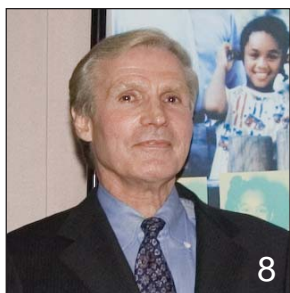
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Vision Statement

The TKE Vision is to create lifelong relationships that enhance educational, interpersonal, community and professional success;

Mission Statement

The TKE Mission is to aid men in their mental, moral, and social development for life;

Purpose Statement

The TKE Purpose is to contribute to the advancement of society through the personal growth of our members and service to others.



The TKE Nation

Often, one thinks about a nation as being a country or governmental state. In actuality, a nation is a group of people united through common beliefs, culture, and identity. In Tau Kappa Epsilon, whether you're from Florida, Washington, California, Canada, or anywhere else, you're part of the TKE Nation.

OUR NATION IS LARGE. The TKE Nation consists of more than 200,000 living members and has initiated more than 240,000 men since our founding in 1899. From Alpha Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan to our newest chapter at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, our nation has a presence on more college campuses than any other fraternity in the world. From Sydney to Montreal, from Miami to Seattle, Tekes are found in just about every community in North America and in more than 50 foreign countries. Put simply, the TKE Nation is spread throughout the planet and has an impact just about everywhere.

OUR NATION IS STRONG. The TKE Nation continues to grow and improve. So far this year, TKE has seen double-digit growth in many of our chapters. Our nation is recruiting thousands of quality college men and annually sends thousands of graduates into the work force to become leaders in business, politics, religion, and in society as a whole. Our presence on college campuses continues to increase, as evidenced by our expansion to South Carolina, Missouri, Utah, Athens State, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Arizona, SUNY Fredonia, Murray State, Massachusetts, Iowa, and Oklahoma State within the past 12 months. We are reaching more and more people across the continent, giving them the opportunity to become a Teke, and with each new addition and new campus, the TKE Nation continues to broaden its reach.

OUR NATION IS BASED ON CHARACTER. The TKE Nation is one that values its members based on who they are, the strength of their character, and what's in their heart. Since 1899, our members have been men from different walks of life, different beliefs, different economic stations, but all people who have pledged

themselves to a fraternity that believes diversity is a large part of its strength.

How many fraternities can claim to have major corporate executives, leaders on both ends of the political spectrum, university presidents, top military officials, world-class athletes, and top leaders in the nonprofit community? From NAACP President Bruce Gordon to Home Depot CEO Bob Nardelli, our members are men of strong conviction, impeccable character, who have

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come from different backgrounds to achieve success at the highest levels in their chosen profession – all based on who they are, their personal talents and their tenacity.

OUR NATION MATTERS. The TKE Nation is having a major impact, not only on our collegiate members, but on our alumni and communities across the globe where our members reside. From raising money for the Alzheimer's Association, to helping when natural disasters occur, to being a good citizen, Tekes everywhere make a positive difference in the world – day in and day out. Many of our prominent alumni credit their membership in TKE as a large part of the reason for their success in life, and many more are learning valuable skills which will help them be better members of society in the years ahead. Where would the world be today if Iota Chapter had not offered a scholarship to a young Ronald Reagan, without which he would have never gone to college? Where would millions of people get their coffee today if Frater Howard Schultz had not expanded Starbucks to thousands of locations across the continent? Tekes do well in college, give back to their communities, and help make the world a better place.

When you are a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, you are not just a fraternity man on a university campus or a person who “was in a fraternity” during their college years. As a Teke, you're part of the Fraternity for Life, and by assuming the Bond of membership, you become an integral part of the TKE Nation. A nation has many different faces, and the TKE Nation is no exception. What unites us, however, is our belief in the cardinal virtues of love, charity and esteem. We believe in creating lifelong relationships that enhance the educational, interpersonal, community and professional success of our members, and of making society a better place along the way. As Tekes, we are proud of our Tau Kappa Epsilon, our chapter, and our fellow Fraters. And each of us, no matter where we're located, is an important part of the TKE Nation.

Yours in the Bond,

Kevin M. Mayeux, CAE
Chief Executive Officer



Why Becoming a Life Loyal Teke Matters

A Testimonial from Frater Bryan Keller

Good Fraters,

Greetings from my new home in Nebraska. Thought I would share a recent experience with you in another attempt to showcase the “power” of the Fraternity.



After graduating in finance from Drexel University this spring, I went through the usual interview circuits. With work experience under my belt from the cooperative education program Drexel offers, I was taking the liberty of being a bit more selective with the opportunities presented to me as a result of these interviews.

One day in May, an email was sent to me by an alumni Frater through the Life Loyal Teke website, asking if I was still looking for a financial analyst position. After a few rounds of email exchanges and phone calls between myself, this alumnus and his firm, I found myself in Boston with an interview. While I was unsure if they would make an offer, I was excited about the opportunity and grateful to Life Loyal Teke for being the conduit that provided it.

Most importantly, all it took was a total of 10 minutes out of my life to register and post my resume on the LLT website.

Since my interview, I was offered a job that I accepted. Working with Frater Rusty Vanneman, who reached out over the LLT website, will allow me to expand my investment management/research knowledge and skill base, and it will enable me to stay connected with TKE. I will be involved in re-establishing a chapter at the University of Nebraska, which Rusty is helping with.

For those of you who have not yet chosen to become Life Loyal Tekes, I encourage you to make this investment in yourself. Undergraduate Fraters just starting their professional lives and others looking to advance in their current careers can really benefit from these services. Thanks to the Life Loyal Teke Program and all of the Fraters in this great Fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,

Bryan Keller
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Explanation of Benefits

A portion of your Life Loyal Teke membership benefits the chapter where you spent your undergraduate years. The money is put toward a chapter scholarship fund that is distributed once the account reaches a total of \$5,000. The Chairman of the Board of Advisors is contacted about awarding a scholarship to an undergraduate member. Each year the process repeats and benefits one or more members of your chapter.

Enrollment in the Life Loyal Teke Program also allows for a portion of your dues to go into a communications reserve. Lifetime communication with the Fraternity will keep you up to date on what is going on in TKE.

In addition, several times each year, Life Loyal Teke receptions are held in cities across North America. The receptions provide an excellent opportunity for networking alumni. Invitations are sent out a few weeks prior to each event.

If you cannot pay the entire amount (\$395 for alumni who graduated less than five years ago, \$495 for all others), payment plans can be set up to draw from an account over a 12-month period. Then 12 monthly payments (\$39 or \$49, dependent on total) are drawn from a designated account on a convenient date for you.

You can enroll by clicking on the Life Loyal Teke logo on www.tke.org or calling the Offices of the Grand Chapter at (317) 872-6533.

Welcome to the Newest Members of LLT

(May 1 - October 31, 2006)

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| Shawn A. Babine | Gregory R. Bel | Jason Clagg |
| Jeffrey B. Cohen | Kevin M. Coffey | Charles L. Crabtree |
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| Jason L. Pennington | Dean J. Piper | Samuel R. Port |
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STATE OF THE FRATERNITY

The past year was a strong one for TKE in terms of shoring up finances, straightening out the TKE House Fund, ensuring quality programming for the membership, and taking some bold leaps for the future of the Fraternity.

When the 2005-06 year started, TKE chapters and colonies owed the Fraternity more than \$1 million. This statistic was outlined at Conclave, as were the standards for chapters. When the year ended, our net accounts receivable

dropped to one of the lowest levels in our history – less than \$20,000, and the House Fund is now solvent.

At the same time, TKE enhanced our programming with three quality Regional Leadership Conferences, a successful Conclave in New Orleans, dozens of province conferences, the TKE Leadership Academy, and had men present at the American Leadership Academy. We adopted minimum chapter standards and adjusted our staffing structure to better aim our resources at growing stronger, healthier chapters.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Annual Report Fiscal Year 2005-06 (Preliminary)			
Finances		Chapters & Colonies	
Total Revenues	\$3,879,865	Active Chapters	243
Total Expenses	\$3,660,088	Total Colonies	31
Income/Contribution to Reserve	\$219,777	New Colonies Added in FY	8
Net Accounts Receivable	\$17,176	Total Active Groups	274
Total Equity	\$1,143,850	Charters/Recharters Issued	7
Total Assets	\$1,911,323	Average Chapter Size	35.9
		Chapters with an Advisor	98.5%
		Chapters with both a Chapter Advisor & BOA Chairman	94.5%
Membership		Historical	
Total Collegiate Members	9,330	Founded - Tuesday, January 10, 1899	
Total Paid Initiates	3,101	Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois	
Province-Level Advisors	227	Total Initiates Since Founding	239,983
Life Loyal Tekes	972		

In the current year, the Fraternity implemented a new staff servicing model, putting in place a growth team of a Director of Chapter Services, four Regional Directors, two expansion team members, two recruitment specialists, and a colony coordinator. We have formed a standards team to help with collections and disciplinary matters, revamped our communications pieces, and have launched the pilot phase of a comprehensive membership development program. The TKE Educational Foundation is working hard at garnering more alumni financial support to help with the Fraternity's program-

ming, adding much-needed financial support to help us put on world-class training and minimize the out-of-pocket cost for our collegiate members.

TKE is sound and getting stronger. We are keenly focused on delivering quality services to benefit our membership, making the Teke experience something better for every man who's assumed the Bond. We are investing in helping every chapter succeed by working with them on growth, academic success, and advisor support. In essence, we're growing a healthier TKE, for today and tomorrow.

Welcome to the NEW WWW.TKE.ORG

TKE Website receives facelift and innovative additions

A major project of the Offices of the Grand Chapter over the last year has been the construction of a new website dedicated to providing members with an updated look, feel and functionality to www.tke.org.

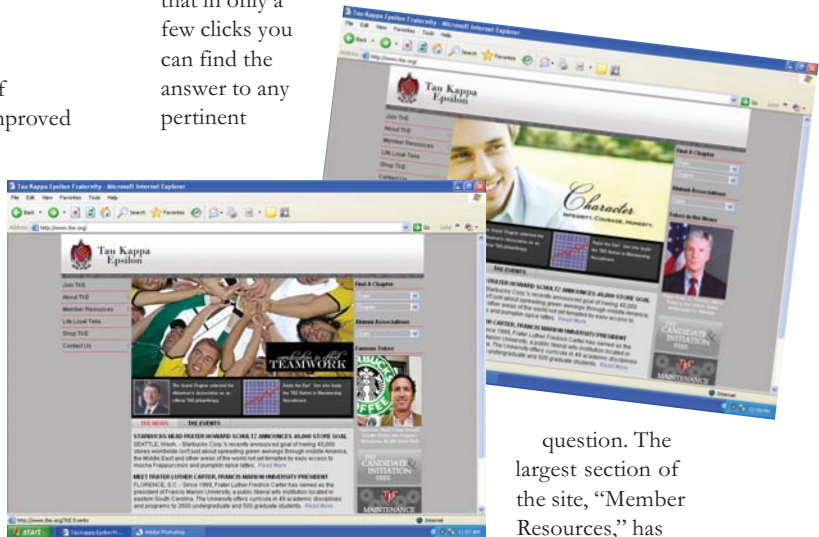
Staff and volunteers provided countless hours of consultation and construction to build the new and improved version of the Fraternity website which launched in October. The biggest areas of concern were the layout, organization and innovative solutions to keeping the TKE Nation informed.

Features of the new site:

- Soft tones of cherry and gray coupled with rotating images highlighting the cornerstone principles of TKE enhance the home page.
- The left-side navigation offers better organization of the key areas including “Joining TKE,” “Member Resources,” and contacting the Offices of the Grand Chapter. Each tool expands to address question areas and provide solutions.
- The right-side navigation helps you locate a chapter or alumni association by state or affiliation.
- The site includes image links to pay candidate and membership fees and to the membership maintenance module.
- Under the main picture are image links to information about the international philanthropy, the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Alzheimer’s Research Institute, and the Raise the Bar recruitment poll.
- An improved presence of “Tekes in the News” is on the front page, and rotating pictures of each story’s subject are in the right-hand column. News stories are updated as they occur and are reported to ensure that Fraters know the latest information. In the lower corner of the news section is an orange icon known as an “RSS feed.” Really Simple Syndication delivers its information as an XML file so that you can click on the orange icon and add it to your home page to receive the latest TKE news. Chapter, famous alumni and other news will be featured to

showcase the impact Tekes are having on the world.

- The ease of navigation has improved dramatically from the old site. The content has been reorganized to ensure that in only a few clicks you can find the answer to any pertinent



question. The largest section of the site, “Member Resources,” has been scaled down

to highlight the essential materials on each page.

Contacting staff members also has been restructured to streamline the process. Clicking on the “Contact Me,” next to a staff member’s biography, accesses a form to ensure your question gets proper attention.

- Other innovations on the site include an interactive map of TKE chapters and colonies. Clicking on a triangle mark will give the exact location of an existing group, including cross-streets and major highways, based on how much you have zoomed in on the location. A “Shop TKE” portal allows members to peruse merchandise from a variety of Greek Licensed Vendors.

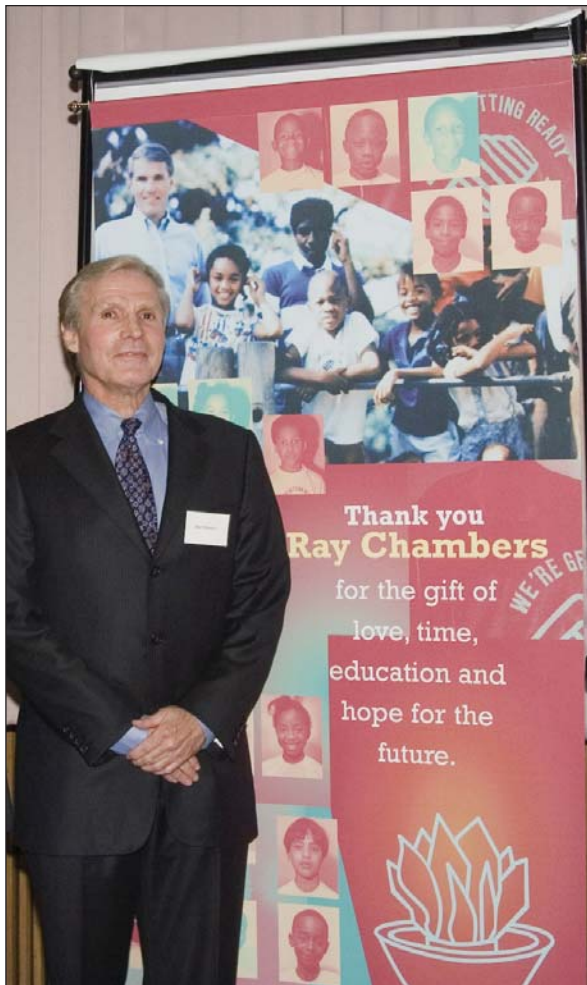
Echoing the sentiments of everyone involved with the website’s creation, Brian Ferber, Vice President and General Manager, said, “In our dedication to keep Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at the top of the fraternal world, we find the finished website design to be highly complimentary to our vision: to create lifelong relationships that enhance educational, interpersonal, community and professional success.”



A visionary who believes in the power of volunteerism

The Sit Down with Ray Chambers

By Tom McAninch, Communications Coordinator



Ray Chambers is one of the nation's leading philanthropists.

Growing up, Frater Raymond Chambers and his family lived in a house that was shared with three other families in Newark, N.J. Lending a helping hand was a part of everyday life. Despite what some may consider a hardship, Chambers said he would not change a single moment. His parents were always supportive, he had plenty of neighborhood friends, and although he did not have many “material” things, he spoke fondly about his childhood.

Instilled with values of hard work, honesty and family loyalty, Frater Ray started his work life at age 11 with a newspaper route. Laboring at different jobs and playing music in bands throughout his teens, Ray was an average student. He scored high enough on the SAT's to earn a full scholarship to Rutgers University. Majoring in accounting, he graduated in 1964 and joined Price Waterhouse (an accounting firm) a year later. While attending night school at Seton Hall University, he received a master's degree in business administration.

In 1981, Chambers joined with former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon to found Wesray Capital Corporation, which became one of the most highly respected and successful investment firms in the nation. In the late 1980s, he began to focus his efforts toward charitable endeavors. The former co-owner of the New Jersey Nets and Devils, Chambers was listed in *Worth* magazine as 70th of the nation's top 100 donors. He does not do these works for public recognition, but rather for the intrinsic value of making a difference in the lives of those who need it the most.

Join us as we sit down with Frater Ray Chambers to discuss his remarkable altruistic enterprises of the past and present, and discover why it is important for all Fraters to participate in such efforts.



Frater Chambers founded the Amelior Foundation, which directs its charitable efforts toward helping at-risk youth.

The Teke: What drew you to Rutgers University and eventually to Tau Kappa Epsilon when you started your undergraduate degree?

Chambers: Rutgers Business School had an excellent reputation and I received a New Jersey state scholarship, which took care of my entire tuition. In respect to TKE, I knew many of the guys already, liked the diversity and what I perceived as their values and the way they handled themselves on campus.

The Teke: Did the Theta-Zeta Chapter hold philanthropy in high-esteem? Did this exposure lead you to a career in the non-profit world?

Chambers: I was drawn to how the Teke Fraters treated other people – be it others on campus, in the Fraternity, or those in the community who they were helping. Although I did not hold an office, I enjoyed all facets of fraternal life.

The Teke: Upon graduation, you had immediate success as a businessman, but decided to turn your efforts to the non-profit and philanthropic world. Why?

Chambers: I had a great deal of good fortune in business with my partner Bill Simon. In the mid-'80s we were at the top of our game on Wall Street, having initiated many of the more notable leveraged buyouts. Bill and I were speaking about our good fortune and he observed I didn't

seem all that happy. I just assumed if you had good health, good family and financial independence, you would automatically be happy, but I felt something was missing. I recall being asked, "What would it take to make you happy?" And my response was, "Lose all of this and do it again." A year later, I was re-introduced to the Boys and Girls Club of Newark. I found myself drawn to the children, having been a member of the Boys and Girls Club as a 10-year-old. I thought about the great opportunities I had in my life and wanted to try and help provide the same opportunities for those children.

The Teke: When did you begin working with the Boys and Girls Club? What did you believe would make the most difference in the lives of those children?

Chambers: I began working with the excellent director at the time, Barbara Bell Coleman, in 1987. I decided to take a thousand children ages 5, 6 and 7 and pay their tuition through college. We called it the Ready Program. These were children in challenging situations. I related to them so strongly that in 1988, I felt really pulled to be with them, work with them and help solve their problems. Gaining more net worth or power in business held no further allure, but working with these youngsters and their families and giving them hope in whatever small way I could really appealed to me. I decided to close my business ventures in 1989, put all my assets in trust and dedicate the next years of my life trying to make things better for disadvantaged young people.

The Teke: Most of those children would be in college or potentially graduated at this point. What kind of success did you see as a result of your efforts?

Chambers: A number of them have come back to hold leadership positions in Newark and are giving back to the community. One young man, Shavar Jeffries, lost his mother at a very young age when she was murdered by his stepfather. He moved in with his grandparents and began attending activities at the Boys and Girls Club. We gave him a scholarship to Seton Hall Prep School. He graduated at the top of his class, went on to Duke University on a full scholarship; graduated at the top of his class, went on to Columbia Law School; graduated at the top of his class there and was working for a major Washington, D.C. law firm. He called me one day and said, "I really need to get back to Newark and give back for all that I have been given." He returned and is now a professor of law at Seton Hall University Law School, operates a legal clinic for the indigent, and is chairman of the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark. There are a number of stories where the circle is completed. Not everybody went that way – we lost many to the streets. But the best assessment of the program is that twice as many youngsters graduated from high school than would have without the program and three times as many went on to college.

The Teke: You have been on the boards of several non-profit organizations over the years, but what has been the one you believe has made the most difference in the lives of young people?

Chambers: It's hard to say. One thing we learned from the Ready Program was that it wasn't the amount of money we put in trust for the children's education that made the difference in their lives; it was the caring adults we introduced into their lives that made the biggest difference. A lot of the disadvantaged young people had no outlet to share their dreams and aspirations, so the mentors we had in this program made such a difference just by asking what they wanted to be when they grew up or what they were doing even during the week. Through research, I learned as much as I could about



Frater Chambers with the board of directors of the Newark Boys and Girls Club.

mentoring and felt that would be the next logical step for a group. That was about the time President (George H.W.) Bush was talking about the thousand points of light, so he invited me to be the founding chairman of the Points of Light Foundation.

The Teke: Talk a little bit about the Points of Light Foundation and the mission of the organization.

Chambers: We immediately focused our efforts on increasing the number of volunteers in the country with the hope we would then increase the pool of available mentors. At the same time, we created another foundation, the National Mentoring Partnership. We had little more than 200,000 mentors at the time, almost half of whom were coming from Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America. Through media campaigns and strategies, we steadily grew the mentoring component of volunteerism. We found out through studies that a child with a mentor for just 12 months is 50 percent less likely to abuse drugs or skip school. That was such a dramatic finding that we really began to ramp up efforts. In 1997, I helped organize the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, where we had all the living presidents in Philadelphia for four days. We established a goal of having two million mentors by the year 2000, and we created a new organization

called America's Promise to help bring about that goal.

The Teke: What is the status of America's Promise today?

Chambers: America's Promise actually entailed five separate but equally important promises to each young person. This involved giving 2 million youngsters a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, an effective education and a chance to give back. If a youngster had all five of those promises, he would be 10 times more likely to become a productive adult. So with Colin Powell's leadership over the next three and a half years, before becoming secretary of state, we pushed the number of mentors significantly. Today we have more than 3 million mentors, as opposed to just over 200,000 in 1991. Getting involved in each of those organizations sequentially was important to continuing the growth of the mentoring organizations.

The Teke: TKE has found that mentoring at the chapter level makes a significant impact on its success. Through your experience, what kind of examples do you have to prove mentoring really makes a difference?

Chambers: One of the best stories comes out of the Ready Program at the Boys

and Girls Club. An 8-year-old named Dirk joined the program and picked out his mentor, Mike, from across the room. They talked about going to see the [NFL New York] Giants play and [MLB New York] Yankees play and really hit it off. They talked for maybe an hour and a half. The next day the program lost contact with Dirk after his mother was arrested. About three months later, the program located him, as he was living with his grandparents in another part of Newark, and brought him back into the program. A week before they re-discovered him, Dirk was asked to write a paper on the most important person in his life and he chose Mike. Just that short hour and a half gave that little boy some hope in his troubled life.

The Teke: Many chapters in TKE participate in philanthropic events that involve youth in their community. How important is it not only for the children, but also for the Fraters?

“ I hope the nation really gets swept up in service-learning type opportunities. ”

Chambers: Being a mentor, being a volunteer, and being a philanthropist brings more rewards to the person who is giving than one would normally think. That is why people who are mentoring don't want to be thanked – they feel what they have done is almost a selfish thing, because it has made them feel so much better. I hope the nation really gets swept up in service-learning type opportunities. I would like to see colleges rank community service hours on par with SAT scores and grade point average. I would love to see employers do the same type of thing. They would wind up picking better students and employees with that factor. Think of what it would do for the morale to have everyone engaged in several community service projects as a team.

The Teke: Why is community service important?

Chambers: It is on two levels. When people come from Europe to visit here, and they see the level of commitment to community service, they have a hard time believing what they are seeing. It is in our culture and it may be the strongest aspect that sets us apart from everyone else in the world. It has gotten us to where we are today. It is something we need to cherish and hold onto. On another level, I firmly believe that one has no chance of reaching one's potential for happiness and satisfaction in life without engaging in the life of someone less fortunate. The longer and deeper you allow that relationship to go, the greater chance you have for full happiness in life.

The Teke: For a Frater who wants to be in a leadership role in a non-profit organization, such as you, is there a certain career path they should follow?

Chambers: The demand for senior executives in non-profit organizations is growing at an explosive rate. We are going to see one of the major growth aspects, in terms of job opportunities, be in the senior management level of non-profit organizations. With the challenges we are facing socially, environmentally, and internationally, we are going to need more and more people thinking what can be done to help others throughout the world.

The Teke: What piece of advice would you give to a Frater who desires to reach his potential both personally and professionally?

Chambers: I have seen similar, if not common, threads between the business world and the non-profit world. Bending over backwards to be fair to everybody was certainly a major help to me in business. That same thought process carried over to my philanthropic work. Not always being focused on trying to gather more acorns for yourself, but being willing to share, worked well for me, certainly in business, and was the underpinning of the philanthropic side. Stepping back and being aware of opportunities in business and in philanthropy has been

helpful. This includes stepping so far back to be a spectator to your own thoughts, as opposed to putting your head down and rushing to make what could turn out to be precipitous decisions. Try to stay in the moment because that's the only time there is. This allows one to get the most out of one's life, relationships, and accomplishments.

The Teke: What does the future hold for you?

Chambers: There are no new projects on the horizon. With Millennium Promise that I chair, we are now trying to launch an effort to bring malaria under control in the world by the end of 2008 in partnership with the United Nations, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and the Global Fund. The problem, heavily focused in Africa, claims a child every 30 seconds and most of those deaths are preventable by something as simple as a mosquito net. We have formed a venture with Yahoo! and a number of other entities to see if we can get as many people as possible to donate \$10 to buy a bed net to save a child's life. That will take up a good portion of my time for the next two years, so I have not looked beyond that.

For some people, philanthropy is just another check to complete on a list of requirements for their university or the Fraternity, but for Frater Ray volunteerism is something that has been ingrained in his being.

With Tau Kappa Epsilon as the fraternal leader, documenting more than 200,000 service hours in 2005, each Frater should keep in mind the reason for these extra efforts. TKE does not want the recognition, but we hope to make each member better through learning the true value of service. With Frater Ray as an example, we should strive to live and spread the ideals of love, charity and esteem throughout our community. Only then can we live the ritual we hold so sacred and become Fraters in Tau Kappa Epsilon. ▼



community service



Tekes at Tau-Rho Chapter (California State University-San Marcos) aid in the cleaning of various locations in North County.

annual service 2005 - 2006 report



delta, knox college

In September of 2005, the active members of Delta Chapter awoke at 8 a.m. in order to attend Galesburg's annual Alzheimer's Walk – and were one of the largest groups to participate. During the week leading up to the fundraiser, Tekes gathered outside the Hard Knox Café and were able to raise \$356, which the chapter matched and donated to the walk.

In October, 13 dedicated Tekes volunteered at Safe Harbor, the battered women's shelter in Galesburg, helping conduct a fall clean-up. Fraters did various tasks from picking up and sorting clothes, to the disposal of items, and taking garments to the local Salvation Army.

epsilon, iowa state university

Early in the morning on Saturday, September 9, Iowa State Tekes began preparations for the 2006 Ames Memory Walk to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Fraters set up banners, signs, tables, and flyers to promote the event. They arranged signs around the intended path of the walk to direct the many participants. The event was held at Brookside Park in Ames and generated \$9,800 to fund programs and services for patients.





alpha-pi, george washington university

Fraters of Alpha-Pi Chapter worked closely with other Greeks on the campus, collecting 20 bags of assorted clothing that was donated to St. Matthews, a local church in the area. They helped out at the Newman Center, a neighboring student organization dedicated to community service, and about 15 members and associates made blankets for a nearby children's hospital. This spring, the chapter helped load food for the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington, D.C., the largest public, nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the D.C. metropolitan area. They plan to work with Habitat for Humanity for their next major philanthropic project.

alpha-tau, drexel university

Last October, Tekes helped George Pepper Middle School students perform general maintenance at the middle school in Philadelphia, Pa. The following spring the chapter responded when the American Red Cross had an emergency blood shortage in Philadelphia and surrounding community hospitals. With an immediate need for a blood drive, Alpha-Tau was able to host the event with a two-week turnaround. Each Frater went out and got donors, with the lofty goal of 50 units of blood. In all, 62 units of blood were collected – 124 percent of their goal. This was a huge success, as each pint of blood collected had the potential to save as many as three lives, meaning that the drive hosted by TKE could have touched as many as 186 lives.



beta-mu, bucknell university

Tekes once again volunteered their time for a myriad of community service events. Several members started off the spring by donating blood at the BU blood drive. They continued to beautify the Lewisburg area at their regular cleanups of highway Route 15. Helping out at a local wildlife conservatory for exotic cats and other animals proved a favorite of the brothers. In another fun activity, Beta-Mu entered a 12-man, "Caddy Shack" themed team in Relay 4 Life, an all-day event in support of cancer research, raising almost \$400.

As they have done in previous years, two Beta-Mu Fraters volunteered with other fraternities as coaches for elementary school basketball teams at the nearby Milton YMCA. A large group of Tekes helped get the Dale Ridge hiking trail ready for the spring season.



In a fun bit of destruction, Fraters assisted in the dismantling and burning of an old wooden building they were no longer using. Members designated as Student Emergency Response Volunteers pledged more than 400 hours of their time.

In the fall, Beta-Mu Tekes ran to Washington, D.C., in an effort to raise

money for the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute for Alzheimer's. The "Reagan Run," an annual philanthropic trek of approximately 180 miles, begins on the campus of Bucknell University and comes to an end outside the White House. The 2005 run resulted in a \$17,000 donation, \$6,000 more than the previous year.

beta-pi, georgia institute of technology

On September 24, 2005, Tekes at Georgia Tech teamed with Alpha Xi Delta Sorority to host the second annual charity volleyball tournament to benefit the Atlanta chapter of Children's Miracle Network. Fourteen Greek organizations participated in the event, raising \$2,000 for charity through raffle sales and registration fees.

During their fall break, six Fraters journeyed to the New Orleans area to help with flood damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The trip, named "Geaux to the Gulf," was sponsored and organized by Georgia Tech's Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF). Tekes helped clean up five houses in three days in Metairie, Kenner, the Upper 9th Ward, and St. Bernard's Parish.

As winter approached, Beta-Pi began a campus food drive to collect donations for the local food bank. Members posted flyers to make everyone on campus aware of the food drive to be held on Saturday, November 26. Unfortunately, bad weather soaked the notices and kept people indoors so few learned of the drive. Not to be stopped, members chipped in from their own pockets. With help from alumni Brian L. Burns, Michael Smith, Cameron R. Moore, and Todd Weiser, 240 pounds of food was donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

delta-gamma, university of connecticut

Delta-Gamma Tekes participated in a fundraising event in February to benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Huskython is a 12-hour dance marathon that raises money for the Medical Center with the help of the Children's Miracle Network. Funds go directly to the Center to help enhance and improve healthcare services for children in the region. The event was introduced by the Greek system at UC in the spring of 2000. As an incentive to fraternities and sororities, there are a number of competitions that are fundraising-oriented, such as selling bracelets, getting donors, and a banner competition. The Tekes ended up taking second place in the overall competition, raising more money for the cause than any other organization. The Greek community as a whole collected more than \$16,000.



theta-chi, frostburg state university

In February, about 20 Theta-Chi Fraters volunteered as part of a university-sponsored event at the Special Olympics Maryland Winter Games. For the second straight year, TKE represented the university with professionalism and dedication. The Tekes were in charge of setting up and tearing down the opening banquet, opening ceremonies, and taking each participant and family to their seats. In addition, several Fraters came back after the first day and helped at the events.

delta-chi, gannon university

Gannon Tekes serve as sponsors of one of the biggest annual community service events at Gannon – the Trampoline-a-thon. They also regularly clean an adopted thoroughfare, a two-mile stretch of the Bayfront Highway. The chapter participates in public service activities sponsored by the university and is among the top collectors during the annual Golden Harvest. Right before the Thanksgiving break, approximately 260 Gannon University students, faculty and staff volunteered their time and energy to participate in the 28th Annual Golden Harvest Food Drive. Volunteers went door to door in the city of Erie and surrounding areas, collecting an astounding 10,166 pounds of non-perishable food items. All items were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank in downtown Erie.

epsilon-chi, university at buffalo

The Fraters of Epsilon-Chi Chapter were proud to take part in both the rally and "Speak Out!" during Take Back the Night 2005. Take Back the Night is an annual event to raise awareness about and help prevent rape and sexual assault. As a result, the Tekes took a more active role on campus to prevent rape by participating in the Anti-Rape Task Force. ARTF provides safety walks from the libraries and transportation between campuses at night.



zeta-mu, worcester polytechnic institute

Worcester Tekes have donated time and effort to the Good Shepherd Mission, Rita B. Huff Humane Society, the local chapter of Special Olympics and many others. Last fall they hosted a Battle of the Bands in WPI's Alden Hall to raise money for the Massachusetts chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The event featured several local, Boston, and New York-based bands, as well as a charity auction. In past years, they raised money by building a Tiki hut in the middle of campus, asking for donations from students, staff, and faculty walking by. The Tiki hut remained a fixture of the fundraiser, and brothers capped off the week by volunteering and walking in the Central Massachusetts Memory Walk. When TEKE Week ended, they had raised an all-time high of \$2,800 for the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association, largely due to the dedication and outstanding efforts of Frater Eric Mueller, activities chairman and former Epiprytanis.

iota-beta, susquehanna university

A husband and wife team at SU initiated a matching fundraiser for relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina forced them to cancel their vacation to New Orleans. Steve Wilkerson, instructor of management in the Sigmund Weis School of Business, and his wife, Myra, challenged any student group or organization on campus to raise \$2,000 and they would match that amount. In one weekend, the Tekes raised \$1,000 standing outside businesses along the Golden Strip in neighboring Hummels Wharf with donation buckets. They were inspired to take the challenge after one of their brothers, Jon Snyder, took a leave of absence to serve with the National Guard in the Gulf Coast. The Tekes went on to win the challenge, raising \$1,225. The Wilkersons matched TKE's funds to make their total donation \$2,450. The chapter also conducted a car wash with Sigma Kappa Sorority to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.



iota-xi, concord university

Members of Iota-Xi Chapter hosted the annual TKE Polar Bear Plunge, jumping into the freezing waters of Bluestone Lake Saturday, February 18. Members collected donations to sponsor their icy jump and all of the proceeds benefited the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute. Last year the event raised more than \$1,000 for Alzheimer's research.



kappa-chi, concordia university

Originally created to help the homeless youth of Montreal, Kappa Chi's 13th annual Teke In A Box took place March 22-23 at the corner of Maisonneuve and McKay in Montreal, Quebec. Each year, Fraters sleep outside for 48 hours in a shelter built of pallets, cardboard and other debris that can be found on the street. They panhandle during this time around the streets and near Concordia's campus. Proceeds of this year's event went to support Muscular Dystrophy Canada (MDC).

lambda-zeta, troy university

After Hurricane Katrina, Troy University Tekes were eager to help survivors and decided to host a party with proceeds from ticket sales going toward relief efforts. Fraters also set up a table on campus to gather donations. The chapter collected \$2,500 for the American Red Cross and after an alumnus matched the gift, it brought the total contribution to \$5,000.

The men of Lambda-Zeta are well known for their commitment to community service. In addition to supporting the Red Cross, the group is actively involved with the Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Foundation, the Salvation Army, and the Adopt-A-Mile program.



mu-omicron, tennessee technological university

Mu-Omicron Chapter is constantly giving back to the community through various philanthropic events. Each Sunday, members volunteer and work with SACC (Structured Athletics for Challenged Children), an athletic program for kids with physical and/or mental disabilities. In addition, the Tekes work closely with Special Olympics and the National Alzheimer's Association.

xi-lambda, university of georgia

On October 5, 2005, the chapter held a fundraising concert at Wild Wing in Athens, Ga., featuring singer-songwriter Corey Smith. Proceeds from the event went to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. With more than 300 people in attendance, the night was a huge success. Xi-Lambda Chapter, along with the UGA Interfraternity Council, was able to donate \$1,500 to the Salvation Army.



xi-eta, missouri western state college

The annual TKE Football Run is a collaborative effort between members from both Missouri Western State College and the Delta-Nu Tekes at Northwest Missouri State University. Capitalizing on the rivalry between both groups, an idea was born to help raise money for philanthropic causes – a football run relay from the visiting team's chapter to a hospitable reception by the home team's chapter. Beginning with a donation of \$300 to Special Olympics, the run has evolved the last few years to consistently raise more than \$1,000 and included a variety of different elements. Businesses, individuals, and Greek organizations from both the St. Joseph and Maryville communities are asked for charity donations toward the fraternity's cause. In turn, they are publicized on shirts, programs, and signs for the event. Both chapters set a collective goal of raising \$2,000 for the Alzheimer's Association for the 2005-2006 academic year. Last year's event, the 7th annual "Running Past the Rivalry" Football Run, was held Saturday, September 17. Further efforts were made during the fall semester, such as memory walks in the local community or events on campus, to continue their fundraising goals in support of the Ronald Reagan Research Institute.



rho-theta, lake superior state university

Rho-Theta Tekes eagerly anticipate winter weather for their annual Polar Bear Dip. For the third year in a row, nearly two dozen Fraters jumped into the frozen St. Mary's River through a hole created by the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

The "Tub Push" is the chapter's biggest annual event. Every year they push a modified bath tub on wheels from Marquette, Mich., back to their chapter house in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. – a distance of 167 miles. Fraternity members, accompanied by a van for safety, take turns pushing the cart down the highway. In spite of a few tires falling off the tub, a broken handle, and a tired group of Tekes, the 2005 event netted \$1,300 in donations for the Soo Special Olympics.

pi-epsilon, christian brothers university

Fraters of Pi-Epsilon Chapter, in conjunction with Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, took 11 critically ill children out for a day of fun at the Pin Palace Museum as part of its annual "Night of Life" fundraiser. Following the visit to the museum, a cookout was held at the CBU campus. The event benefited the Dream Factory of Memphis, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to granting the dreams of critically ill children between ages 3 and 18 years. More than 40 Tekes worked to raise in excess of \$3,500 used to grant a dream trip to France for a child in the Dream Factory program. For more than a decade, the Tekes have also paired with a sorority to solicit donations around Memphis and the CBU campus to support their teeter-totter rides for 48 continuous hours. Additional gifts are solicited through an extensive letter-writing campaign.

pi-omicron, northern kentucky university

Tekes joined forces with several other organizations on campus to help frame houses in the parking lot of Eastside Christian Church in Milford, Ohio. The event, organized by Help Build Hope, a non-profit agency collaborating with Habitat for Humanity, was designed to connect disaster-struck families with communities across the nation. No experience in construction was required for the volunteer framers – only a 20-minute informational session, a tool belt and the desire to build. Local carpenters and craftsmen helped guide the students throughout the process. The assembled walls were loaded onto trucks for transportation and construction at the future home sites in and surrounding the Katrina-damaged Gulf Coast region.

rho-rho, sam houston state university

The Tekes at SHSU extended a city-wide invitation to their 21st annual Big Bamboo Bash in April. The charity event was held at Shenanigan's and Confetti's, one of the largest country and western dance halls in East Texas, and featured great music from regional artists. Members sold tickets in the mall area and proceeds benefited the Alzheimer's Association's Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute.

sigma-kappa, merrimack college

After Hurricane Katrina swept through New Orleans, Sigma-Kappa Chapter organized a fundraiser for victims of the storm. They set up a dunk tank outside the Sakowich Campus Center with the TKE letters displayed for all to see. However, Tekes were not the only participants in the dunking. Faculty and administrators also sat in the tank, giving other faculty a chance to dunk their own colleagues. The event raised more than \$600 for the Red Cross in just two days.



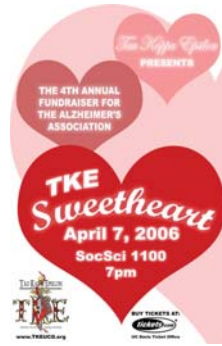
Tekes also took turns sleeping in a makeshift cardboard house during their three-day "TKE-in-a-Box" event on campus. Students and faculty donated money and the proceeds went to a local soup kitchen as well as the Alzheimer's Association.

sigma-lambda, northeastern state university

In conjunction with the city of Tahlequah, Northeastern Tekes painted and cleaned up Ross Park, now one of Tahlequah's best city parks. They also participated in the Big Event, Greek Week philanthropy, and other all-Greek philanthropy events.

sigma-chi, university of california-davis

The Fraters of Sigma-Chi Chapter participated in Relay for Life at the beginning of spring quarter and hosted their fourth annual Teke Sweetheart sorority pageant two weekends in a row. Teke Sweetheart is held every year and benefits the Alzheimer's Association. Sororities select a sister to compete to become the next TKE Sweetheart. Contestants are judged based on several aspects, including exceptional talents and response to questions. Winners, along with some lucky members of the audience, are able to receive prizes from sponsors, such as hot air balloon rides, spa visits, gift certificates, etc.



tau-eta, southern connecticut state university

During May 6 and 7, members of Tau-Eta Colony had their own team on the track at Jess Dow Field for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The weekend's festivities started off with TKE alumnus and

raised, while Frater DeLuca came in fifth place for individual fund-raising amounts with about \$700. The grand total for the event was \$35,000.

Tekes also participate in an annual event put on by KC101 Radio Station of Hamden – the KC101 Stuff A Bus – by helping collect food items for the Connecticut Food Bank.

Another annual event, the TKE Plunge, has Fraters jumping into Long Island Sound in freezing temperatures to raise money for the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Alzheimer's Research Institute. In 2005, Tau-Eta, with the help of Western Connecticut State University and Quinnipiac University Tekes, raised more than \$1,200.



cancer survivor Joseph DeLuca giving the keynote address for the opening ceremonies. After the survivor's lap was completed, Team TKE began its long journey of walking for the cure. The event allowed the Tekes to connect with many of the other Greeks on campus and build strong bonds. Awards were given for groups and individuals that raised money. Team TKE took third place for team contributions with approximately \$1,800



upsilon-iota, indiana university-purdue university

The Fraters of Upsilon-Iota Chapter co-sponsored a teeter-totter-athon with Phi Mu Sorority to benefit the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. They also volunteered to operate a haunted house to benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Colony #758, University of Arkansas-Monticello

Monticello Tekes participated in the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's "Adopt a Highway" program and cleaned up their section of highway for the purpose of litter control. Members also participated in the "Toys for Tots" campaign, donating the toys they collected to the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.



237,004

hours were reported by 207 groups performing some type of service from June 2005 - May 2006



Total donated to the Alzheimer's Association's Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute through August 2006

\$158,457.36

TOP 3 CHAPTERS Money Raised

\$20,621

Beta-Mu
Bucknell University

\$16,000

Pi-Epsilon
Christian Brothers University

\$13,000

Gamma-Theta
University of Florida



Total amount raised by Tekes for charitable causes in 2005-06

\$406,104

A willingness to serve one's community and country can be a rare find in our day; nevertheless, it is a virtue of a Teke. ~ Gamma-Theta Chapter

TOP 3 CHAPTERS Service Hours Performed

5,800

Kappa-Psi
Quinnipiac University

5,100

Alpha-Pi
George Washington University

4,400

Pi-Delta
Alabama at Birmingham



Top Recruiting Chapters

October 2006

Chapter	College/University	Candidates	Chapter	College/University	Candidates
1 Lambda-Iota	Florida State University	34	14 Mu-Upsilon	Illinois State University	20
2 Delta-Nu	Northwest Missouri State University	31	15 Beta-Pi	Georgia Institute of Technology	19
3 Chi	University of Washington	27	16 Gamma	University of Illinois	19
4 Pi-Omicron	Northern Kentucky University	26	17 Mu-Zeta	Nicholls State University	19
5 Upsilon-Beta	California State University-Northridge	25	18 Pi	Pennsylvania State University	18
6 Beta-Chi	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	25	19 Beta-Mu	Bucknell University	18
7 Alpha-Chi	University of Louisville	24	20 Pi-Upsilon	Towson University	18
8 Gamma-Theta	University of Florida	24	21 Delta-Eta	Northern Illinois University	18
9 Sigma-Omega	University of Tennessee-Chattanooga	23	22 Tau	Oregon State University	16
10 Nu-Xi	Stephen F. Austin State University	22	23 Zeta-Pi	Culver-Stockton College	16
11 Alpha-Lambda	Kansas State University	22	24 Tau-Psi	University of West Florida	16
12 Theta-Sigma	St. John's University	21	25 Beta-Lambda	Auburn University	16
13 Omicron-Nu	Florida Institute of Technology	20	26 Lambda-Upsilon	Georgia Southern University	16

Tools to improve your recruitment efforts

In an effort to help you improve the quality and quantity of new members, many resources are available to you online at the new www.tke.org.

A special website (www.jointke.org) is available to those interested in becoming new members, which is dedicated to helping them see all the great aspects of the Fraternity.

If you want to help your members address common objections from potential candidates, take a look at http://www.tke.org/member_resources/recruitment/. In addition, there are ideas about finding those potential candidates and asking them to join at http://www.tke.org/member_resources/recruitment/recruitment_guide/.

This fall, many of our chapters have attended Recruitment Workshops at Province Education Conferences. If you would like a similar opportunity for your chapter, contact your Regional Director or Grand Province Advisor. If you have further questions, contact Paul Lawson, Director of Chapter Services.

Frater Named Top Teke

Robert M. Benvin (Theta-Omega Chapter, University of Charleston) has been named an International Top Teke. He is an English education major from Pittsburgh, Pa., and a Life Loyal Teke. Initiated in 2003, his leadership roles within the chapter include Prytanis, Epiptytanis, and Grammateus. He currently serves as Hypophetes and is also a member of the Collegiate Advisory Committee. In 2004, Benvin served as an intern at the Offices of the Grand Chapter.





The Sit Down with Frater Ed Droste

Hooters co-founder and entrepreneur has a passion for causes and a desire to make dreams come true



By Tom McAninch

Hooters Restaurant most likely invokes images of women, hot wings and football. However, Frater Ed Droste, the founder of Hooters, is most proud of the underpinning commitment to community service.

When one of his most famous Hooters' girls, Kelly Jo Dowd, was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago, he knew it was important to not only spread the word about prevention, but help support her family during this troubling time. Without hesitation, Droste began gathering his contacts in the professional and personal worlds to help Kelly Jo and her cause.

Though the cancer appears to be terminal, Kelly Jo had a wish to see her daughter compete against the world's best golfers. Dakota has earned national acclaim for her golfing talent since age 8. Frater Ed realized Kelly Jo's dream was not about golf, but rather about a mom wanting to cheer on her only daughter in a major event.

Join us as we sit down with Frater Ed and discuss his amazing effort to make this dream a reality and how his years as a Teke have helped make him the man he is today.

The Teke: Looking at your business ventures, what is one attribute you have brought with you from your undergraduate TKE experience at the Epsilon Chapter (Iowa State University)?

Droste: As an entrepreneur you have peaks and valleys with your businesses, but I think the one thing that has brought me to where I am today is character. I have always been honest with our bankers and friends who have helped me along the way. There were times when I couldn't find the money for payroll, but my reputation of good character has allowed me to do all the things I needed to in order to be successful in business. The Fraternity was a great nurturing tool for establishing that good character. The message of our Founders really resonates.

The Teke: What about the message of our Founders do you find pertinent? Do you feel the mission of TKE still rings true today?

Droste: Most definitely. I look back at the Teke Guide today and see more meaning every time. I mean, what a great book for a guide on how men should live their lives, both personally and professionally. Other businesses, as well as Hooters, spend hundreds of thousands of dollars every year bringing in expert human relations people to meet with the boards of organizations and discuss all of the points already hit upon by the Founders. Trying those principles and ideals out as an undergraduate allowed me to develop much needed skills I use today. So be aware you are building templates for your future in business and personal relationships. The people I see having trouble in business have little or no ethics or principles I have already learned as a result of my TKE experience.

The Teke: With the many successful businesses you have started, what is one piece of advice you could give a fellow Frater looking to become an entrepreneur?

Droste: The best thing I did as an undergraduate member was experimenting with classes that interested me, chapter and university leadership roles, and different jobs. This helped me get a better feel of what I was good at, what I really enjoyed and, more importantly, what I didn't. People always ask me for advice on what type of jobs get the biggest salary, and what is really important is finding something you like doing. You should try to find something you enjoy so much that you crave it and want to be around it all the time. If you do that, you will excel, and the money and success will come. You also need to give your best effort at whatever you are doing. People will notice the hard work you put in, even though it may not be glamorous. Just make sure you learn from every job you take on, because you will find out what can be the best job for you.

The Teke: Tell us about your undergraduate experience with philanthropy in Epsilon Chapter.

Droste: When I went to Iowa State, I immediately connected with the guys of TKE. The chapter was very diverse with members from scholarship football players to Student Government leaders. You name it, they had it. I worked three jobs until my senior year. At the core of all of it was an excellent Teke experience. Choosing TKE has to be one of the top five impacting decisions of my life. Though they seem trivial now, some of the things I learned during the weekly meetings really helped me when I got into the real world and had to deal with different types of people in business and life. We did a lot with the university, and we did a lot for the community of Ames. For example, I helped bring the entire Minnesota Vikings football team down to Iowa to raise money one year. Anything that we felt could make a difference, we tried to do. This work really set me up for my efforts with cancer research and prevention, which touches so many lives today.

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The Teke: What drives you to work so hard fund raising for cancer research?

Droste: Cancer really has my attention. Kelly Jo, many of my friends and even my father has had to deal with cancer and someone has to step up, so why not me since I am in the position I am? Cancer is everywhere. Do you know anyone who hasn't been touched by cancer? All of my businesses work with philanthropies like Special Olympics, Juvenile Diabetes, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, but cancer touches everybody and we need to do something. Kelly Jo was one of our first Hooters' girls who traveled the country. She was in all the calendars and then moved into a management position. She was having a great life until boom – she finds a lump in her breast.

The Teke: Tell us more about Kelly Jo and your work with her during this difficult time.

Droste: Like I said, she is a great a girl who was dealt a bad hand in life. After finding the lump, she wavered a bit on getting it checked out. Once she did, the doctors felt that with aggressive treatment she could make it through. So she is



adamant now about telling women to check themselves. Noticing even the smallest change, could save their life. She went through everything from surgery to chemotherapy and all that comes with that. She thought she had it beat and immediately we started raising money for research. Now the cancer is even more aggressive into her liver and bones, and so we wanted to do something to raise awareness, some money for research, and let the whole family see something amazing. We talked with the LPGA Tour and got an exemption for Dakota to play with players like Annika Sorenstam in the Ginn Open near Orlando. It was a spectacular experience that really fulfilled a dream for both of them.

The Teke: A lot of Tekes are committed to fundraising and community service, but why is it vital that Fraters answer the call to serve others in this way?

Droste: Behind the scenes of Hooters and any of my other ventures, community service is the type of thing that is the greatest thrill to me. It doesn't make me famous, it doesn't get me fortune, but it gives me something inside that is hard to describe. To be able to touch so many good causes and so many people is one of the great thrills in my job, and I have fun doing it. We all have a responsibility to help out others. It could be little like making sure a kid has a wheelchair or as big as going over to the Middle East and having Hooters' girls entertain thousands of troops to improve morale. How can you not feel good or proud of having that impact? Plus, we pride ourselves on being a neighborhood restaurant and if you are going to claim that, you have to realize the service needs of each community.

Kelly Jo Dowd, prior to seeing her daughter play in the LPGA Ginn Open, underwent a double mastectomy, had nearly two dozen lymph nodes removed and went through intense chemotherapy to destroy the cancer in her breast. The fight they thought was over had just begun. Shortly after Dowd began feeling better from the surgeries and chemo, doctors found that not only was the cancer back, it was worse than ever. The cancer had spread to her hip bone, her liver and was nearing her spine.

As of the publish date, Kelly Jo Dowd is still fighting terminal bone and liver cancer and is undergoing yet another aggressive chemotherapy treatment. Her only outlet today is working with Frater Ed and the many others who have answered the call to serve, raising money and awareness for breast cancer. She also works with the website www.makingmemories.org,

which grants wishes to people diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. Dakota also has created her own website www.kodadowd.com to help in the fight. This mother and daughter pair make sure that between tee

times, they get in their shopping fix.

Frater Ed stresses that the most important thing is action. Don't just sit there and watch as people near you are affected by what life can bring. Do something. Whether it is helping cancer patients, raising money for Alzheimer's research, or volunteering at the soup kitchen, Tekes need to be inspired to lend a helping hand. Instead of only



Dakota and her mother, Kelly Jo Dowd.

fundraising for a good cause, try hands-on service to meet people affected by the effort you are putting forth. Talk with them about what it is like to be in their shoes. This will gain a greater understanding of the impact you as an individual and as a chapter have on the community. ▼

REGION 1

What is your favorite community service event and why?

Ryan Hagenbuch
 Quinnipiac University (Kappa-Psi)
 Junior
 Epiptytanis & Social Chairman
 Orientation Leader
Service: Organization of and participation in the Ricardo Petrillo Annual Dodge Ball Tournament – proceeds go to a scholarship fund honoring a Frater whom the chapter lost tragically last fall.
"My favorite community service activity is preparing and serving dinner at the Veteran's Shelter. Veterans have given so much to protect us – it's a great opportunity to help them out however we can."



Brandon K. Bobinski
 Southern Connecticut State Univ. (Tau-Eta)
 Junior
 Prytanis and Greek Life Council rep
Service: Tau-Eta Plunge for Alzheimer's research, KC-101 Stuff-a-Bus supporting homeless shelters at Thanksgiving time, MS Walk, Relay for Life, United Way park clean-up
"My favorite event would have to be our plunge into the Long Island Sound when it's freezing cold in February to raise money for the Nancy and Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's research fund. It's for a great cause – it's an awesome feeling to see an event that your guys put together be successful."

REGION 2

What community service events are you planning for the future?

Brenden Tobin
 Barry University (Colony 794)
 Junior
 Epiptytanis
 WBOY school radio station (sports director)
Service: Relay for Life, Book Sale for Neal Hutchinson Scholarship Fund, Pie a Teke (for Alzheimer's)
"We are currently planning an event with an Alzheimer's chapter in Florida. We are also working with a local church that plans to have us camp out for a weekend while providing different missions for us to help with."



Ryan Valdez
 Baylor University (Omicron-Pi)
 Senior
 Prytanis, Epiptytanis, Rush Chairman
 Freshman Class Council; IFC Office of Vice President for Recruitment; Baylor Showtime; Wind Ensemble; Opera Orchestra; Summer Music Camps
Service: TKE Toss benefiting Hurricane Katrina victims; Boys and Girls Club of Waco; Arthritis Foundation of Waco; Alzheimer's Walk
"I plan to continue to assist with the Boys and Girls Club of Waco in my time at Baylor. After graduation, I would like to become involved with an organization such as the Arthritis Foundation."

REGION 3

What lessons have you learned participating in philanthropy?

Jason Leisinger
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Gamma)
 Junior
 Recruitment Chair, Internal Philanthropy Committee
 APICS, Univ. of IL chapter; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Irish Illini; Intern'l Illini
Service: Giving blood, Relay for Life, food pantry shelf stocker, volunteer assistant youth football coach
"It helps me appreciate the things (friends, family, education, health) I have. It's humbling to do something that transcends a want or need for monetary compensation – the reward is seeing the cause succeed."



Mike Czekanski
 Northern Illinois University (Delta-Eta)
 Senior
 Prytanis
 IFC Executive Vice President (2nd Term), University Dean's List
Service: Powder Puff Football, Softball in the Snow, Campus Move-in Day
"Philanthropy is a great time to come together with the chapters of the Greek community and to actively participate in bettering the world around us. I've learned that with an extra hand lent by myself, my chapter, as well as the entire student body, we can make a dramatic difference in someone's life."

REGION 4

Why is community service and philanthropy important?

Jeremy R. Hyde
 St. Cloud State University (Theta-Rho)
 Senior
 Crysophylos, Recruitment Committee, Minimum Standards Review
 American Red Cross: Blood Drives
Service: A Walk to Remember, benefiting the Alzheimer's Association
"Community service is one of the things that keeps us true to our morals and values, doing the good work that not everyone is willing to do. It keeps us humble. It also helps show the community who TKE is and what we are all about."



Andrew DeLara
 CSU-Long Beach (Delta-Theta)
 Senior
 Epiptytanis, Recruitment Chair, Hypophetes
 Student Senator: Committee on Athletics; sports writer, Daily 49er campus newspaper; Public Relations Student Society of America
Service: A 10-band music fest fundraiser for Alzheimer's, Adopt a Beach Program, local church serving food to poor, local elementary schools tutoring and mentoring
"It teaches us to be selfless and more compassionate to your fellow man. We help people, promote a more well-rounded individual, and project & publicize a positive image of our chapter, its members, and TKE."



Mission Trip Changes Lives

Frater Colt Wilde embarks on a legacy of service



By Tom McAninch, Communications Coordinator

Some Fraters knock on their neighbor's door to lend them a hand. Others help create change within their towns and communities. A handful of Fraters even venture out of the state to help others. Frater Colt Wilde (Mu-Chi) traveled halfway around the world to make a lasting impression on more than two dozen children in Kenya.

As a junior at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Frater Colt saw an opportunity for service when his church organized a mission trip to Africa. Colt decided to visit Nakuru, Kenya's fourth largest town, an agricultural community in the heart of the Rift Valley province. His church partnered with Mana Helen's Rehabilitation Center, an orphanage and home to 26 boys ages 10 to 16. These are mostly street children kicked out by their families, who had begun sniffing glue from local furniture factories. This center takes in boys hooked on huffing and gives them a good

education, teaches them about God and shows them how to live life substance-free.

Getting off the bus outside of the rehabilitation center, Colt was overwhelmed by young boys running to hug him. Surprised by the welcome, he soon realized the reality these children live with each day. No one cared for them, aside from the workers at the center and the missionaries that came to help; there is no running water; meat is served once a week; and they live secluded country-side within their poverty-stricken homeland. Through interacting with these children, Frater Colt and others anticipated giving them hope for the future and a more loving home setting.

Once in Kenya, Colt, an exercise science and biology major, had a variety of tasks. Starting each day before the sun came up, a driver would pick up the church missionaries to transport them to the center. He helped prepare meals, teach

basic science, English and Bible studies courses, and help repair and build onto the center. However, his biggest responsibility was playing with the children.

“We just hung out with the children,” said Frater Colt. “We needed to make it apparent that there was someone who cared about them from elsewhere in the world.”

Colt said the experience was not only life changing for him, but also for the boys he helped. To see the difference from when the kids were on the street to how they were after working with them, gave Colt an indescribable feeling of accomplishment. This event has opened his eyes to appreciate not only what he has, but what path in life he should follow.

“I went [to Kenya] not knowing what to expect,” he said. “What I found was a new appreciation for my life. I used to take everything for granted, as we all do, and now I want to share everything I have intellectually and materially.”

His service in Nakuru has not ended, even though he is back at school. He continues to write letters and help gather supplies for the boys at the orphanage. Even though Kenyan customs routinely throw away these type of items intended for the country’s needy, Colt is confident the boys he interacted with will hold on to the hope he and the other missionaries gave them.

Colt is convinced community service, both near and far, should be a priority for members everywhere. Giving back to the less fortunate offers intrinsic rewards that can be manifested for years to come.



Children at the Mana Helen’s Rehabilitation Center in Nakuru, Kenya had their spirits lifted with a gift of footwear from Bata shoe organization.

“I’ve been fortunate to travel to various places around the world, but I have never seen poverty like Africa,” said Colt. “This kind of opportunity opens your eyes to a whole new world. Helping other people is something I have always loved to do, but seeing the difference I can make, no matter how big, gives me a great sense of accomplishment.”

Frater Colt wants to make service-learning a bigger focus for his chapter. He plans to approach the members about giving more time and energy to charitable organizations in the community. The group has already stepped up this year by participating in a domestic violence awareness walk. Colt believes he is helping to begin a legacy of service at the UNCW campus.

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“We have begun to address the needs of the community,” said Colt, “but there is so much more we can do. We have a large membership and should utilize everyone’s talents to help others.”

Frater Colt went to Nakuru with few expectations. He came away with a new passion and a fresh direction for his life’s work. He plans to go on another trip to either Kenya or Sudan next year with a focus on medical missions. Upon graduation, Colt said he wants to base his job around providing healthcare to children in need. ♥



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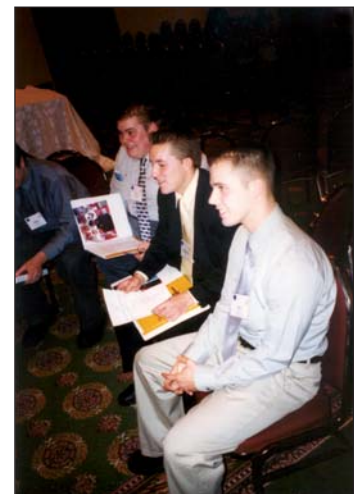
Regional Leadership Conferences

The Regional Leadership Conferences are premiere Fraternity educational opportunities. More than 550 Fraters received leadership training at the 2005 RLCs. TKE is excited to announce the addition of a fourth RLC (Southern California) in 2006.

This year's Regional Leadership Conferences will feature an enhanced educational curriculum. Along with general programming for every member of TKE, specific officer tracks will be offered for each of the eight officer positions. There will also be specific training for recruitment chairmen and alumni. The curriculum will be designed to provide officers with the tools they need to effectively lead their chapters. Whether you're a new member or a seasoned officer, there is something for you to do at an RLC. The updated curriculum makes this a can't miss event!

Mark your calendars today and become part of a program that sets TKE apart from the rest! Experience the official ritual of the Fraternity presented by members of your Grand Council and Tekes from across North America. Share the Fraternity spirit that is truly TKE at the prestigious Regional Banquet on Saturday evening. Special awards and recognition will be given to undergraduates and alumni. The opportunity to share in the spirit of brotherhood can be a key to a renewed sense of purpose and direction within your chapter. You won't want to miss the experience.

**For more information on the RLCs, please contact Justin Kirk,
 Director of Programs, at jkirk@tke.org or (317) 872-6533.**





OCTOBER 2006
Michael Johnson

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Frater Mike Johnson was initiated in the Pi-Mu Chapter (Buffalo State College) in 2001. Prior to and during his involvement with TKE, Johnson was a decorated member of the United States Air Force from 1995 to 2003 and was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant (E-5). He graduated in 2005 with a degree in philosophy. Currently, Johnson is serving as a public safety dispatcher in Tonawanda, N.Y., first lieutenant in the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol and is a volunteer firefighter.

As an undergraduate member, Frater Mike served as the Philanthropy Chairman, Crysophylos and Hypophetes. He is currently a board member on the Pi-Mu Board of Advisors, is a Chapter Advisor of the newly chartered Epsilon-Chi Chapter (University at Buffalo) and a Chapter Advisor to Colony #817 (SUNY-Fredonia). Johnson is also a charter member of the Life Loyal Teke Program.

“Some of my family and friends know about my being involved with TKE and they always ask, ‘How much do you get paid to do that?’ I tell them, ‘Seeing the efforts of my fellow Fraters and knowing how motivated, excited, and proud they are to be in Tau Kappa Epsilon is my payment.’ TKE is the Fraternity for Life and I feel it is my duty and obligation as an alumnus to serve the Fraternity to the best of my ability and further the efforts of our collegiate members. I am very humbled to have this distinction.”

Frater Mike plans to attend seminary in preparation for ordination as a Roman Catholic priest and serve as a chaplain in the United States military.



NOVEMBER 2006
Michael Traeger

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Frater Michael Traeger, a native of Wichita, was initiated in the Alpha-Lambda Chapter (Kansas State University) in 1973. Following graduation from Kansas State in 1978, he earned an MBA from Notre Dame in 1980. For more than 25 years, Traeger has worked in the banking industry, first as a commercial banker for US Bank. For the last 16 years, he has worked as president of Solution Enterprises, Inc., consultant to Minnesota community banks.

As an undergraduate, Traeger held a number of leadership positions in the Alpha-Lambda Chapter, including Pylortes and Prytanis. As an alumnus, Traeger continues to serve the Alpha-Lambda Chapter as president of the Alumni

Association, secretary of the Alpha-Lambda Educational Foundation and capital campaign coordinator.

“The strength of the Alpha-Lambda Chapter starts with the great leadership and support of hundreds of dedicated Teke alumni who want to keep the chapter strong for future generations,” Traeger said. “The chapter had a profoundly positive impact on my undergraduate years at Kansas State, as I know it did for hundreds of other Teke alumni.”

Frater Michael resides in Minneapolis, Minn., is married, father of four children (ages 16 to 26) and serves on the board of several Minnesota not-for-profit organizations.

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Frater Jim Totten was initiated into the Kappa-Psi Chapter (Quinnipiac University) in 1987 and served as his chapter Epiprytanis, Prytanis, and re-chartering coordinator. In addition to working as a resident advisor and residence hall director, he served as the elected member of the College Board of Trustees. After graduating Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in mathematics and computer information systems, Frater Jim earned a master of business administration in international finance at Lehigh University. Since that time, he has served in several capacities including being the youngest functioning controller in Mobil Chemical Company. He is now a financial analyst for Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Frater Jim has served the Fraternity as a volunteer wherever he has traveled. He has served as Province Advisor, Chapter Advisor and Board of Advisors member. He has been part of numerous Fraternity committees, including Nominations, Membership Development and Conclave Planning Committees, and has been a facilitator at Regional Leadership and Province Conferences. He also worked with a variety of chapters to plan and hold retreats. He was elected Grand Hegemon in 1993 and 1995 and in 1996 elevated to Grand Pylortes.

Today, Frater Jim continues to serve as a Chapter Advisor with the Alpha-Pi Chapter (George Washington University) and Board Treasurer at Mu-Omega (George Mason University). He recently completed a two-year term as president of the Greater Washington, D.C. Area TKE Alumni Association. He is a recipient of the Grand Prytanis Award and TEF Medal of Excellence. He currently serves on the TKE Educational Foundation and is a Life Loyal Teke.



DECEMBER 2006
James Totten

Bill Bruns honored as TKE's top volunteer

Frater Bill Bruns is a 1986 initiate of Gamma-Kappa Chapter (Indiana University) and 1988 graduate, earning degrees in telecommunications and English literature.

He then earned a master's in public administration from New York University.

Bill has served as a TKE volunteer since 1994 when he began helping with Tau-Alpha Chapter (New York University). He moved to Illinois shortly after and began rebuilding the Gamma Chapter (University of Illinois), starting with only a handful of men and growing to nearly 90 members. He served as Chapter Advisor from 1996-2001, as

treasurer for the Board of Advisors from 2001-2005, and is currently treasurer of the Alumni Association.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Bill for the past year and a half," said TKE Regional Director Kevin Smith. "He is an invaluable resource to both the Beta-Chi and Gamma Chapters and has been an amazing volunteer for Tau Kappa Epsilon. I know if TKE ever needs assistance, Bill is there and ready to help."

With his passion to organize chapters, Bill became Chapter Advisor for the Beta-Chi Colony (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale). He was instrumental in helping re-colonize the group in the spring of 2005. Under his tenure, the group became the largest on campus in one semester with more than 40 members. He now serves as the faculty advisor for the chapter.

"Bill is one of the biggest assets we have at Beta-Chi," said Prytanis Zach Englum. "He's got an answer for almost any situation or concern you can throw at him. All in all, he's a great Frater and friend to all the brothers in the Fraternity. His experience has helped us become as great as we are and the strong force we want at SIU."

Frater Bruns was named TKE Volunteer of the Month for December 2005. He works at Southern Illinois University as a technology coordinator for the College of Education and Human Resources. He is also a charter member of the Life Loyal Teke Program.



Over the past year, 12 volunteers were selected as Volunteers of the Month. Of those, Frater Bill Bruns has been named by Grand Prytanis Mark A. Fite, CFC, as TKE's Volunteer of the Year for 2005-2006.



Bill Bruns receives the TKE Volunteer of the Year Award from Grand Hegemon Rod Talbot on Friday, October 6, during Beta-Chi's Homecoming celebration at Southern Illinois.

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On August 26, Gamma-Upsilon Chapter (University of Texas-Austin) hosted a Province Education Conference (PEC) at their house for the chapters in Texas. The weekend served as a recruitment summit for Fraters representing Epsilon-Omicron (University of Houston), Pi-Theta (University of Texas-San Antonio), Kappa-Beta (University of Texas-Pan American), Omicron-Pi (Baylor University), and Upsilon-Zeta (Angelo State University). Also in attendance were Mike Sutton, Grand Province Advisor, and Neil Bozeman, Province Advisor, both from the Fiesta Province.

Teke sports high career mark

Frater Jim Cole, an alumnus of Zeta-Delta Chapter, is entering his 16th season as head football coach and defensive coordinator at Alma College.

Before becoming Alma's 28th head football coach in 1991, Cole put in seven seasons in the high school ranks at Midland and New Baltimore-Anchor Bay, and eight years as an assistant under Phil Brooks at Alma. He sports a career mark of 88-56-0, placing him second in all-time wins at the college behind Brooks.

A former All-MIAA and All-District quarterback for the Alma Scots, Cole draws on the championship experiences of playing for the 1970-1972 MIAA co-champions and coaching the 1988 co-champs' defense. He was a graduate assistant for Central Michigan University's 1974 national championship team and a volunteer coach during the Chippewas' 1990 Mid-America Conference title run. His women's track teams at Alma won or shared seven straight MIAA titles from 1985-91.

Epsilon Frater named TV anchor

Sean McLaughlin was the chief meteorologist for MSNBC and the weather reporter on the Sunday edition of NBC's "Weekend Today."

McLaughlin left the networks in July and now serves as chief meteorologist, as well as anchor of the Sunday evening newscast for Channel 5 (KPHO) in Phoenix, Ariz.

A journalist with a diverse background, he has covered the Emmy and Golden Globe Awards, Winter and Summer Olympic Games, and many other major sporting events including the Super Bowl, Kentucky Derby and Daytona 500.

McLaughlin is a five-time Emmy Award-winning journalist and has received a "Best of Gannett" company award three times for his weather and news anchoring. He holds the Broadcast Seal of Approval from the National Weather Association.

He graduated from Iowa State

KOA elected to hall of fame

Frater Bob Kellam, Grand Province Advisor for North Florida, was elected to the TKE Advisory Hall of Fame this summer. The designation has been awarded to less than 50 TKE alumni in its history.

Serving Lambda-Iota Chapter at Florida State and the Fraternity for three decades, Frater Kellam was elected by unanimous ballot of the Awards Committee and the Grand Council.

He was initiated on February 24, 1968, as a founding father for Lambda-Iota Chapter. In addition to his current service as GPA and head of the chapter's housing corporation, he previously served as Chapter Advisor, Board of Advisors member, and as a member of the TKE professional staff.

He, his wife Kathy, and son Robert, live in Tallahassee.



On Saturday, July 29, the 20th annual Beta-Rho (University of Akron) Alumni Golf Outing saw more than 100 alums and friends get together for another successful event at the Chenoweth Golf Course in Akron, Ohio. Holding the sponsorship sign are Fraters Tom Sopko and Ed Uhlir.

University with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism. He holds a certificate in broadcast meteorology from Mississippi State University.

Sean is a 1985 initiate of Epsilon Chapter at Iowa State.

Alumnus heads Norfolk Southern

Norfolk Southern Corporation named Charles W. Moorman to succeed David R. Goode as chairman, effective February 1.

Moorman, who has served as president since 2004 and chief executive officer since 2005, will continue in those positions.

Charles is a 1971 initiate of Beta-Pi Chapter where he served as president of the chapter's Alumni Association.

A native of Hattiesburg, Miss., and a graduate of Georgia Tech and the Harvard Business School, Moorman joined Norfolk Southern in 1970 as a student co-op employee. He has served in senior positions



in the corporation's transportation, personnel, labor relations, information technology, and strategic planning areas.

Moorman brings considerable experience to the job. During a stint as the company's head of information technology, he upgraded software that reduced transit times and boosted efficiency. From 1999 to 2004, Moorman was president of Thoroughbred Technology & Telecommunications Inc., a Norfolk Southern subsidiary that leased its rail beds to phone carriers for the installation of fiber optic cable.

Moorman will focus much of his attention on improving the company's service to its rail customers and exploit the competitive advantage that railroads now enjoy over their trucking rivals.

Portland golf tournament benefits Alzheimer's

The Sixth Annual TKE OPEN, Columbia-Willamette Alumni Association Golf Tournament was held July 22 outside Portland, Ore., as a benefit for the Alzheimer's Association Reagan Research Institute.

Twenty-five alumni and two guests from Oregon State University's Tau Chapter and Portland State University's Zeta-Kappa Chapter converged for 18 holes of mayhem at Forest Hills Golf Course. The weather was hot, the talent was not, but nonetheless a great time was had by all. More than \$400 was raised for the cause!

The foursome of Matt Gibson, Nate Liebler, Craig Thompson, and Karl Schmidtman, all from Tau Chapter, bested the field with a score of 10 under par. Dwayne Brackhahn (10 feet from the pin) and Matt Gibson (12 feet from the pin) took the honors in the "Closest to Pin" competitions, with Joe Vaughn booming the "Longest Drive" over 300 yards!

The 19th Hole Barbeque provided a perfect setting for golf stories and lost ball counts. Tau Chapter Advisor David Wallace (Zeta-Theta) raked-in prizes for both "Shortest Drive" and the coveted "Lumberjack Award," which was earned by hitting trees on 16 out of 18 holes.



(L-R) Golfers David Keys, John Reed, and Jerry Scott represented Zeta-Kappa Chapter at PSU.

This annual event has been played at various courses around Portland since 2001 and is always well attended. The organization of the tourney is traded off between Tau Chapter and Zeta-Kappa; this year it was Tau's turn. The Columbia-Willamette Alumni Association represents TKE alumni throughout Oregon and Southern Washington and is organized by Grand Province Advisor Dick Adamek.

For more information on other events or next year's outing, contact Frater Adamek. ♡



(L-R) Jesse Hendrickson, Brandon Pizer, Margaret Staggenborg, Richard Rust, Ty Brackhahn, and Gordon Zimmerman take a break during the sixth Annual TKE Open, this year played at Forest Hills Golf Course near Portland.




Frater Gary Reed
Foundation President

Fraternity adopts new vision statement

“To grasp and hold a vision, that is the very essence of successful leadership. Not only on the movie set where I learned it but everywhere.”

— FRATER RONALD REAGAN



The quote above is one of many wise statements made by Frater Reagan during his presidency. Its poignancy is as true and powerful today as it was then. To this end, his Fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, stepped back, took a look at itself and defined a new vision that would express what was most important about TKE:

THE TKE VISION IS TO CREATE LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS THAT ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL, INTERPERSONAL, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS.

This new vision statement was developed on one Saturday morning as many of the key volunteer leaders of the Fraternity gathered in Indianapolis for their respective meetings.

The Grand Council and the TKE Educational Foundation Board of Directors had agreed in advance to both hold their meetings that weekend. Therefore, a great opportunity opened up to convene these leaders and consider our vision for today and tomorrow.

The meeting was facilitated by Bill Wickencamp, senior consultant at one of the leading fundraising consulting firms in the country, Campbell and Company of Chicago, Ill. Campbell and Company was founded by Frater Don Campbell of Wilmette, Ill., so it was good to have one of Frater Don's most seasoned consultants lead us through the steps of defining a new vision.

Bill's first assignment for all of us was to define, in a word or two, what the TKE experience meant to each of us. Many words were spoken, expressing the undergraduate experiences we had or the importance of being connected in subsequent years to the work of the Fraternity.

These words were recorded, and the 40 participants were divided into groups to draft a combination of those words that would most adequately express what that group's idea of a vision for TKE should be.

After concluding their session, each group stood and articulated their vision, along with some of the reasons why this statement was chosen.

After some word-crafting and under the very capable leadership of our Grand Prytanis, Mark Fite, we crafted the vision statement above.

Those leaders assembled all agreed that this vision statement expressed the best of what TKE has to offer and a worthy vision to which we can aspire for years to come.

TEF hires new director of alumni relations

The TKE Educational Foundation is proud to announce the hiring of Eric Richards as the Director of Alumni Relations. This new position, which works directly under TEF President Gary Reed, will coordinate and administer an alumni donor and involvement program for the Fraternity.

Eric said the biggest reason he took the position was the opportunity to be a part of a new era within the organization. From specific tasks in regard to expanding the Life Loyal Teke Program, inception of alumni associations around the country, and the ability to help raise major funds for an organization seeking to expand significantly, the decision was an easy one. Eric is excited to bring a wealth of fundraising knowledge and looks forward to the different challenges that lie ahead and advancing the progress of the TEF.

Eric, a native of Franklin, Ind., spends much of his free time with his wife Kristen, who is the director of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's annual fund, and with their puppy Hattie. He is also a

member of the Franklin College Alumni Council and plays the guitar when the opportunity arises.

One of his biggest accomplishments was obtaining his master's degree in 2005. Although he notes it was difficult working full-time and attending school part-time, it was well worth it as he became one of only 100 individuals in the country to complete the MA-Philanthropic Studies program at the Center on Philanthropy (Indiana University).

While at Franklin, Eric joined Lambda Chi Alpha and earned a bachelor of arts in psychology and political science. Upon graduation, Eric worked for Lambda Chi Alpha for five years as an Educational Leadership Consultant, Director of Chapter Operations, and eventually Director of Development. In his most recent position, he was the Director of Development (Class Gifts) for Purdue University.

Please welcome Eric Richards!



Eric Richards

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2. Pro-actively direct and oversee the development and implementation of all programs, including the Life Loyal Teke Program, services and communications related to alumni;
3. Provide consultation and training for regional volunteers and alumni associations;
4. Work with volunteers and staff to ensure effective local implementation of alumni initiatives.

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