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The Charter of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

Be it known that we,
the undersigned Founders of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity; by virtue of the authority vested in us as founders, do hereby empower the continuation of this Fraternity at Fairmont State Teachers College, Fairmont, West Virginia, by the members whom we select and whomever they may choose to honor for their outstanding qualities of Character, Leadership, Sportsmanship, and Friendship by election to membership in accordance with the Constitution and Ritual of this Fraternity which has been delivered into their hands.

Granted at Fairmont, West Virginia; this seventh day of March in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

Witnesseth the Charter Roll of Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

James Ellis Simpson, Jr. – President
Orley Lemley Haines – Secretary
John Herbert Henry – Treasurer
James Carroll Michael – Sgt. at Arms

Kenneth Elliot Chenoweth	Clyde Thomas Hickman
Scott Homer Davis	Victor Nay Lough
Jarrett Ulrich Hamilton	Ora Cecil Mason
Paul Moore Hefner	Charles Francis McDade
Galbraith McFadden Weaver	

A Letter from the TBI Alumni Association President

My Brethren;

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. I am pleased to report we have had excellent attendance at most of our recent events; and I wish to thank all the Brothers for their feedback on the operation of your Alumni Association. Your comments and ideas are very much appreciated.

For the first time ever we had over 300 attend the Elimination Dinner. The Alumni Christmas Party and a Spring Picnic were both well attended with a fun time had by all. The Alumni Assoc. handled the Founder's Day Dinner for the first time in several years; we had a great dinner and memorial service with 20 Brothers attending, but turnout could have been better.

The Scholarships Committee is evaluating some changes to attract more applicants for TBI's two scholarships. More information about this is on the following pages. We will be discussing this and other business at the Annual Meeting as this should be considered by the general membership.

As a reminder, the Annual Meeting is a business meeting. We all like to tell jokes and have fun, and many of us only get to see each other this one time a year. However, we do have important matters to consider, so let's get the business concluded in an orderly manner so we can get back to the fun.

We have finally completed the 100% canvass of the mailing list and I can report there are 695 living TBI's that we know of and their contact information is verified. Now the "fun" starts, figuring out how many we are actually missing. The Pledge Class records are far from complete. If you know a Brother who is not receiving any mail from TBI, it means we have no record of this person as a TBI or we have no contact information for him.

We will hold a Pig Roast on Saturday evening at Convention this year just to try something different, and also to show the Active Chapter what a Pig Roast is. This is the first Pig Roast put on by TBI since 1996, so try and make this one. Please note that since next year will be the 85th Convention we will return to a traditional Dinner-Dance on Saturday night in 2011.

Fraternally,

Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.
President
TBI Alumni Association

A Letter from the TBI Active Chapter President

Dear Brothers;

We have 17 Actives returning for the Fall 2010 semester.

Sadly, I have the following to report on the Spring 2010 Pledge Class; all of them quit except for one and he intends to re-pledge this fall. Even though none of them got in, we looked at ourselves and I feel learned from this experience.

We continue to be a dominant fraternity on the campus and I am proud to report we won Greek Week! With the Fall Semester approaching, we have several things planned and hope to see you at the homecoming events for FSU. We intend to bring the Spirit Stick back to TBI!

We have taken in a lot from last semester and plan to learn from everything that happens and make adjustments to better the fraternity!

Fraternally yours,

Cody M. Pifer
President
TBI Fraternity

TBI Facts – did you know?

Did you know the organization we know as Tau Beta Iota Fraternity did not originally start out with that name? The group was organized in November 1925 as a private social group and had the name TBI Club. After only four months in existence, President Rosier asked the TBI Club to affiliate itself with the school. This was formally agreed to on March 7th 1926, yep Founder's Day. Use of the name TBI Club continued until sometime during the 1928-1929 school year. By that time two other Greek Letter groups had formed and used "Fraternity" in their name. The TBI Club subsequently began to do the same and started using TBI (Tau Beta Iota) Fraternity.

TBI Alumni Scholarship awarded

Brother Jeremy Shackelford was awarded \$500 at the Elimination Dinner. Congratulations Shack. Brother Jeremy has won the award three times.

Since he is a Spring 2010 graduate who is going to apply now?

TBI Alumni Association Meeting Calendar

The monthly meetings are held at 3-Ways Inn, located on Rt. 250 South, Fairmont. Meetings are still on the third Thursday of each month.

NOTE: The August meeting will be held in conjunction with the Convention Picnic instead of on the regular third Thursday.

June 17th

July 15th

August 7th – Annual Meeting – 2:00pm

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

January 20th

Social begins at 6:00pm, the meeting starts around 6:30pm

If you need a ride or more info please call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

Elimination Dinner update – BUY NOW

With the tremendous popularity of the Elimination Dinner we have been selling out of tickets in recent years. Several Brothers waited till the last minute to buy tickets this spring and there were none available for them. There are only 200 tickets for sale, no more, no less. That having been said, we have booked the 2011 Dinner and tickets will be available for purchase at Convention this August. We want to make tickets available for the Brothers to purchase as early as possible so we do not have to turn away TBI's again. Get your tickets now if you want to support or attend this popular event; ticket sales are first come, first served. Don't wait until a few days before the dinner, most likely all the tickets will be gone by then.

Alumni Association Officers

President:	Charles Hillberry	304-366-3903
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Active Chapter Calendar for Fall 2010

August

- 23rd First Meeting of Semester, Hardway Bldg. - 7pm
- 26th Recruitment Party – Location & Time TBA
- 28th “Running with the Bulls” Party - Location & Time TBA

September

- 2nd Recruitment Party - Location & Time TBA
- 8th or 9th Fall Smoker - Location & Time TBA
- 12th Pledge Interviews – Hardway Bldg. – 6pm
- 19th Pinning of new Pledge Class, Hardway Bldg. – 7pm
- 22nd First Wednesday night Pledge Activity
weekly activity held thru Oct 27th
meet at Education Quad by 10pm
- 28th Homecoming Parade – Time TBA
- 30th Homecoming Game – Duvall-Rosier Field
TBI Hospitality Tent, opens at 2pm
Game - 3pm

November

- Pledge Class Trip – Date TBA
- 6th Pig Roast - Location & Time TBA
- 7th Informal – Hardway Bldg, start time 7am
- 7th Formal Initiation - Hardway Bldg. - 7:30pm
Dinner to follow, location TBA
- 28th Election of Officers for Spring 2011, Hardway Bldg. - 7pm

December

- 5th Last meeting of Semester, Hardway Bldg. - 7pm
- 17th Graduation for Pierpont C&T College - 6:30pm
- 18th Graduation for Fairmont State University - 1:00pm

Please contact an Officer of the Active Chapter if

Congratulations are in order

Spring 2010 Graduate: Brother Jeremy Shackelford

Newlyweds: Michael & Marilyn Castelgrande
Eric & Ashley Shroyer
Ben & Brandi Corley

Brother Justin Flint on recently joining the US Navy

Brother Jarod Kabulski on receiving his Doctorate (PhD) in pharmaceutical
and pharmacological research from WVU

Pig Roast is back, oh yeah!

As was mentioned earlier, the last Pig Roast was held in 1996 and we wanted to give a jump start to having this traditional event become a part of the initiation weekend once again. Since we are putting this on during Convention it will be catered so no one will have to be doing any cooking. This event is open to family and friends so stop by and enjoy yourself.

For those who have not made a Pig Roast in 30 or 40 years, now is your chance to reminisce and relive the glory days. For the younger TBI's; you can finally experience what you have only heard people talking about. Sorry to inform you, but this Pig Roast is being held in August so no pledges will be there. You will have to get up and get your own drinks.

Another note from the Alumni President

I want to thank everyone who helped make this year as successful as it has been (and put up with me). There are so many of you to thank I'm sure I will miss someone. It has been such an experience talking to so many of you while working on validating the mailing list. I really take great joy in finding Brothers who have not been in contact with TBI for a while.

There is such great fellowship within our brotherhood. Some of you lost touch with one another as "life" moved people in different directions, but with modern technology and a little diligence we can reconnect with old friends and also form new bonds with TBI's outside of our own respective age groups. It is truly a privilege to lead this honorable organization and I am blessed and humbled to know that so many of you have supported me.

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you, Chuck Hillberry

If you have e-mail – READ THIS

We want to make sure that everyone we are sending e-mail to is actually receiving our messages. We send out meeting reminders, obituaries, and minutes of the monthly Alumni meetings to over 550 Brothers. You should get at least two e-mails every month. If you are receiving them you are good to go; as for everyone else, keep reading...

If you previously provided us with your email address and are not receiving anything; first check your Spam/Junk Mail folder, add the following address tbi_alumni@tbifraternity.com to your “safe” list and that should fix it. If you can’t locate any TBI e-mails, follow the instructions below. Also, if you have changed your e-mail address or want to start receiving TBI news by e-mail; please send an e-mail message to the address below.

If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving electronic communication from the fraternity, please send your e-mail address to alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com and we will get you added to the list.

Agenda items for Annual Meeting

We are getting things in order so the meeting goes smoothly and efficiently. A couple items for you to think about: 1. Developing something to recognize our most senior Brothers, we have a few with almost 75 years of membership. 2. We do discuss actual business on occasion at the Annual Meeting. What are the feelings about having a business meeting before the picnic rather than trying to cover important matters after a couple hours of “refreshments”? We can keep the Picnic strictly story telling & fun time.

Think it over and we will discuss it at the meeting. SEE YOU THERE

More changes to Scholarships are considered

The administrative changes that had to be made to both the TBI Alumni Scholarship and the TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship saw no increase in the number of applications received. Combined, the TBI Alumni Assoc. has had just over \$13,000 available for awarding over the last 5 years. However the Turley-Wallman has had no applications submitted since 2007, and the Alumni Scholarship had four applications in that same period of time.

The committee is considering several ideas for further changes to the scholarships such as making any family member eligible to apply. These recommendations will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or comments about either scholarship please contact Scholarships Committee Chairman Robert “Jack” Dempsey at (304) 366-6299 or email: suze72951@aol.com

18th Annual TBI Elimination Dinner

Saturday, February 19th, 2011
Westchester Village
1825 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV

Tickets on sale now – get yours before they are gone!

\$1,000 Grand Prize – only 200 tickets will be sold
\$45 to the 1st and every 25th number drawn

Buffet Dinner / Open Full Bar

Social at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm
Drawing starts at 8pm
Dance after drawing until Midnight

Cost: \$45 per ticket, good for up to 2 people

For tickets or more information: Josh Schrader (304) 657-0202

Founder's Day Dinner & Memorial Service held

On March 10th 2010, TBI Alumni Association and the Active Chapter of TBI Fraternity marked the 84th anniversary of Tau Beta Iota's founding and remembered our Brother TBI's who have passed away during the last year.

A buffet dinner was held at the Fairmont Field Club, followed by a joint memorial service led by Alumni Association President Chuck Hillberry and Active Chapter Vice President Zack Morton.

The service commemorated the actions of the Founding Members and the Chartering of TBI Fraternity, we memorialized the Brothers of TBI who have died during the past year, and concluded the service with a recapitulation of the initiation ceremony to remind the Brothers present of the values and purpose of our fraternity.

The attendance was not as strong as we had hoped, but there was good fellowship and everyone found the service to be moving and very dignified.

Hopefully we will have a larger turnout next year as this service marks the most important date in the history of our organization. Founder's Day also reminds us of the traditions our fraternity is based upon; and that continuing to practice and pass down these traditions to new TBI's is the foundation which binds us together across the different generations of Brothers.

Obituaries, Hospitalization, and Family Members

Every effort is made to get an obituary sent out by e-mail when we receive word that a TBI has passed away. If you know of a Brother's death, please let us know. Also, if we learn that a Brother is in the hospital or under the weather and he would like to have visitors or get well cards; we will send that out by e-mail as well.

Equally important, there are hundreds and hundreds of family members (parents, spouses, siblings, etc.) who are well known to many Brothers; that your "humble admin staff" is not personally familiar with. We don't want to offend anyone by missing a family member. We will gladly send out similar notices concerning loved ones whenever **requested** to do so.

TBI Memorial Roll

We have been notified that during the Eighty-Third year of the Fraternity, the following Brothers were summoned from the earthly chapters of TBI and now dwell in the eternal presence of the Almighty.

NAME	AGE	PLEDGED	DIED
Robert Anthony Ross	71	Fall 58	8/4/09
John Steele Manley	92	Fall 35	8/25/09
John William Geldbach	79	Fall 46	9/6/09
John William Bitonti	69	Fall 59	9/12/09
Michael D. Slaton	70	Spring 60	10/2/09
Jennings Bryan O'Dell, Jr.	82	Fall 46	11/20/09
Mitchell Thomas Kopp, Jr.	63	Fall 64	12/29/09
Louis Anthony Ferrari	54	Spring 74	1/28/10
Michael Allen Porter	62	Spring 66	2/25/10
John Joseph Belota II	63	Spring 65	3/14/10

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We have been asked to begin listing the deceased Brothers in each issue of the TBAIAN rather than posting a single Memorial Roll once a year.

All Brothers who have passed away in the previous Fraternal Year are remembered during the Founder's Day Memorial Service held in March.

More from The Never Ending List of Missing TBI's

We currently have 695 known living TBI's with valid contact info. Now we have to track down those who we have no contact information for. All we have on the below listed Brothers is a name, some might even be deceased. If you have an address or phone number send it our way or call them up and keep pestering them until they tell TBI where they are hiding. The names are grouped by pledge year. Please call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903 or email: alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com

Mark Vesano 82	Jerry Mancuso 67	James Geoken
John Spar	Keith Cook	Sam DiMaria
Dan Shaver 80	Frank Lopez	Robert Ankron 60
Donny Carter	Dwight Carpenter	Richard Meredith
John Shelburne	Tommy Thompson 66	Robert Lambert 59
Norberto Pagan	Chuck Diaz	Richard H. Clelland
Randy Williams 79	William H. Mason	Dave Morressette
Randall Bell	Mike Satterfield	John Lough 58
Tim Hall	Bill Lewis	Herschel Walker
Ricky Everett	Collins Thompson 65	Bob Farrell
Bill Hatfield	John Brown 64	Harold Freuhan
Tom Tomaro 78	John White	Aaron Miller
Serfini Mazzei	Bob Mazzie	John Jenicki
Steve Lewis	Fred Miller	Mike Allesko
Mike Hughes 77	Harold Courtney 63	Mike Jurasko
Howard Simons	Bill Williams	Harold Watkins
Danny Thomas 71	Bob Fortney 62	Fred Yanero
James Rogers	Paul Dennison	Bob Heck
Rod Smith 68	John Shaw 61	Jim Shaner
	Brooks Nuzum	Dave Costello

Are these guys even TBI's?

These guys pledged in the late 1960's, I have not found anything to show if they were ever actually initiated. Anyone got any personal knowledge?

Jack Frazier - S69	Dan Turner	Roy Dowl
John Gouzd	Jack Haugh	Jack Sprigg
Gerry Richmond	Mike Spevok - S68	Alvin Boor
Larry Sapp	Mike Marra	Greg Kropog
Don Saulsgiver - F68	Nick Cinalli	Stratton Davis
Carl Prince	Jeff Erdie	Andy Sedlock
Dave DeFrance	Scott Jeffrey	Daryl Terry

84th Annual TBI Convention

August 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2010

Fairmont, WV

Thursday, August 5th

- Evening Activities 7:00pm - ???

Friday, August 6th

- Golf Tournament – Green Hills CC, Everson, WV

TBI's only – NO GUESTS

Registration Table opens at 11:30am

Shotgun Start at 12:30pm

Dinner to follow at completion of play

- Evening Activities 7:00pm - ???

Saturday, August 7th

- Stag Picnic - 11:30am (Meal served at 12:30pm)

Pavilion #1, Morris Park, Fairmont, WV

TBI's only, NO GUESTS

- Annual Meeting – will start at 2:00pm

Pavilion #1, Morris Park, Fairmont, WV

TBI's only, NO GUESTS

- Pig Roast – 6:00pm till ??? (Meal served at 7:00pm)

Marion County 4-H Camp (Camp Mar-Mac), Katy, WV

From Fairmont: take Rt. 250 north towards Farmington, go

6.3 miles, exactly 1 mile past the Katy Mart turn right onto

4-H Camp Road, go 1 mile, the Camp entrance is on your left.

TBI's, Family, & Friends – ALL Welcome

Sunday, August 8th

- Send-Off Brunch - 11:00am till 2:00pm

Westchester Village, 1825 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV

TBI's, Family, & Friends – ALL Welcome

Please respond using the Registration Form on the next page or
you can print this form from the web site www.tbifraternity.com

Register before July 30th and pay the discounted rate.

Address Change Form

Please notify us if any of your contact information changes. If we don't know where you are, we can't keep you informed about what TBI has going on!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YEAR PLEDGED _____ YEAR GRADUATED _____

PHONE () _____ - _____

E-MAIL _____

Return to: TBI Alumni Association
C/o Erickson Alumni Center
1300 Locust Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

Form also available
on web site
www.tbifraternity.com

TBI Owned Businesses

We would like to mention some more businesses owned by Brother TBI's.

cindymace.v2k.com, window treatments, Lancaster, SC	John Mace
Ash's Sunoco, Rt. 250 South, Whitehall	Mark Ash
Carolina Home Specialists, Cornelius, NC	Mike Cupp
South Branch Valley Sales, Petersburg, WV	Wm. Kent Hudgins
Harper Lumber & Supply, Buckhannon	R. Mark Harper
Mon Valley Insurance, Morgantown	Drew Paton
Dr. P. Ron Graziani, Dentist, 315 First Street, Fairmont	Ron Graziani
Oxi Fresh, carpet & upholstery cleaning, Lakewood, CO	Frank Souk
Continental Coffee Service, Clarksburg	W. Scott Pennington

We are trying to expand the TBI owned business list, if you own a business (of any type) and would like to be listed contact the Alumni Secretary.

The TBIAN reaches milestone

We are proud to announce a milestone for The TBIAN, this edition marks five years of continuous publication for our fraternity's newsletter. The TBIAN is published twice a year in January and June. This is the longest continual printing of the TBIAN since it was revived in the Spring of 1991.