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## Items for sale by the Active Chapter

The Active Chapter has a variety of “polo” shirts & t-shirts for sale. The polo’s are white with “TBI Fraternity” embroidered on the chest and available for \$20. The t-shirts are \$10 and printed with this semester’s recruitment theme. Please call Dan Garvin (304) 639-6304 to purchase.

### A Letter from the TBI Alumni Association President

My Brethren;

The New Year of 2012 is upon us and we have persevered thru 2011. Due to low turnout, the Christmas Party and Spring Picnic had to be cancelled; however the Homecoming Tent was a fun time and very well attended.

We have all had to tighten our belts during these lean times and at the Annual Meeting there was much discussion concerning doing the same with the Alumni Association. Let me assure you that I, and your other Officers; will do all we can to organize enjoyable & dignified events for the Brothers of this fraternity while making every effort to keep costs to a minimum.

The profits from the Elimination Dinner pay for the advanced RSVP discounts offered for all events. In doing this, we essentially break even over the course of the year and it is my hope that you will take advantage of this discount which helps us compile a more accurate head count for meals.

A great deal of work has gone into updating the Mailing List and the Master Pledge Book. While we are only about 85% complete, we now have the ability to send accurate and timely information to all

700+ living Brothers about our events. No one can say they didn’t hear about a TBI function.

The Association has reached a point that everything it can do to spread the word about our events is being done. Now, we need you! We need individual Brothers to begin reaching out to your Pledge Brothers, Big & Little Brothers, and contemporaries to give them a nudge of encouragement and get them to attend a TBI function. The most common statement I hear from Brothers who have not been to an Alumni function in recent years is their worry they will not know anyone else there or it has been so long that no one remembers them. If you want to get in touch with someone call me, I have everyone’s contact information and will gladly pass it on.

TBI is on sound financial footing; our organization can be as active and vibrant as we members wish it to be. Our monthly meetings, interaction with the Active Chapter, and visibility with Fairmont State and Pierpont maintains our “first” position with the school and in the

### Founders Day – not just a dinner

Every year around the first week of March the Brothers of Tau Beta Iota gather for the annual Founders Day Dinner, but this get together is not just a time to tell stories and share a meal.

Founders Day marks the date when TBI became formally recognized as a student organization at Fairmont State. While the TBI Club as it was then known organized as a private group in November of 1925; President Rosier’s request that the organization affiliate with the school became official when a Charter was granted on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1926.

In recent years, the Founders Day Dinner has included a short program to honor the Founders themselves and the events that led up to the organization of TBI. Also, a memorial service is conducted to remember those Brothers who have left us during the past year.

While not everyone can make it back to Fairmont, if any out of town TBI’s want to organize a Founders Day Dinner in their area, contact Chuck at (304) 366-3903 for details and contact information on TBI’s in your area.

## Position of Alumni Historian created

At the 2011 Convention a motion was passed to establish an Alumni Historian to ensure TBI records & artifacts are safeguarded and maintained. Brother Chuck Hillberry was elected. Also, Brother Dave Haines volunteered to archive pictures, if you have any photos we can copy of TBI events from the past, please call Dave at (304) 363-5281

## The TBIAN has an anniversary

The TBIAN was first printed as an annual newsletter by the Active Chapter in the Fall of 1930. This edition marks 81 years since the Fraternity began sending news and information out to the membership at large on a regular basis.

The publication has been on-again and off-again over the years with the current continuous run commencing for the Spring of 2006. This edition is the 13<sup>th</sup> since publication resumed in December 2005.

With the advance of e-mail, the TBI web page ([www.TBIfraternity.com](http://www.TBIfraternity.com)), and the TBI facebook group (Tau Beta Iota Fraternity). TBI has used modern technology to keep Brothers aware of the fraternity's activities.

### Founder's Day Dinner & Memorial Service

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Three Ways Inn  
Rt. 250 South, Fairmont, WV

**Join us as TBI celebrates 86 years of Brotherhood**

MENU: Pasta, Meatballs, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, & Cash Bar

Social at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm  
Memorial Service starts at 8pm

Cost: \$5 per person in advance / \$10 at the door

**TBI's ONLY – NO GUESTS**

For tickets or more info: Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

## A Mailing List “check up”, everyone please read

A great deal of work goes into keeping the mailing lists of TBI Fraternity up to date and ensuring the accuracy of our membership records going back to 1926.

It is very important that we have correct mailing, phone, and e-mail contact information for all Brothers. Additionally, we want to make sure that we have your full name and that it is correctly spelled.

If you have received this TBIAN then it is obvious we have your mailing address correct, but please keep reading.

If you have been receiving the TBI e-mails, your record is current; if you don't use e-mail or have not received e-mail from us, please keep reading.

TBI did two supplemental mailings this fall in September and November to all Brothers whom we do not have a current e-mail address for. If you received those mailings and **DO use e-mail**, please provide us your e-mail address so we can keep you updated on the activities & news of the Alumni.

If you **DID NOT receive** these printed mailings, it means we have an e-mail address on file for you and we assume it to be good. If any of your contact info needs changed call Chuck at (304) 366-3903 to update your records.  
community.

Fraternally,

Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.  
President  
TBI Alumni Association

TBI Convention - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>

## www.TBIfraternity.com“Silver Haired TBI’s” to be recognized

The work on the membership records has provided an accurate list of who has been initiated into TBI and which Brothers are still living. It was voted at the 2010 Convention to recognize members with 70 or more years of membership in the Fraternity.

With the early records being completed there are currently 20 living TBI’s initiated prior to 1942.

These “Silver Haired TBI’s” will be admitted free to all TBI events with the exception of the Elimination Dinner. We will be sending a special VIP Card to each of them soon and we hope they take advantage of their new status.

### Homecoming Tent a success

A great time was had at the TBI Alumni Tent during the October 29<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Game.

We had about 40 attend, including several Brothers who have not been at a TBI function for a while, family, Actives, Pledges, and even a few parents of Actives who enjoyed sandwiches and fellowship. Also, President Rose of FSU and President Larson of Pierpont along with their spouses were in attendance.

### A status update on the Alumni List

Brothers, we have been pecking away for the last four years digging thru piles of old records, copies of the Columns, and yearbooks to compile an accurate record of all Brothers initiated into TBI Fraternity.

As of January 2012:	Known Living Members	703
	Confirmed Deceased	466
	Missing / UNK	185
	Current Total Count	1,160

We still have some “soft spots” where we are lacking in documents or we don’t have anything that provides a complete picture of who was initiated.

If anyone has a records, call lists, composites, or anything else that would identify when guys were initiated for the following years it would be greatly appreciated. We need 1944-1955, 1962-1964, 1976-1985

### Plans underway to decorate Founders’ Graves

Once again, TBI Alumni Association along with TBI Fraternity will travel to the final resting places of our founding members and place flowers on their graves.

The 13 Founders are buried in northern, central, and southwestern West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and Fort Worth, Texas. There is no set date but we will plan to visit the graves in late March or early April (as weather is permitting). This will be the third year TBI has decorated their graves and we want to thank the Brothers who have given of their time for this activity.

In the last few years a new generation of TBI’s; who never had the opportunity to meet the Founders when they were alive, have learned more about their personal lives and that they were once all young college men.

We decorate the graves to pause and pay respect to the Founders’ memories and as an act of remembering all departed Brother TBI’s. Let us never forget that small band of friends that met in the gymnasium of Fairmont State and lit the spark of the TBI Club that grew into Tau Beta Iota Fraternity.

If you would like to participate in decorating the graves please call Jim Swisher (304) 366-9909, the flowers will be purchased by the Alumni Association.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual TBI Elimination Dinner

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Westchester Village – Grand Ballroom  
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

## **Founding President's family Honored**

At the 2011 Convention Dinner-Dance, a long overdue tribute to James Ellis Simpson, Jr. – Charter President of TBI was made by the TBI Alumni Association and Tau Beta Iota Fraternity. James E. Simpson was from Pittsburgh and attended Fairmont State for one year. While at Fairmont he was on the yearbook staff and was selected as the first President of the newly formed TBI Club. James returned to Pittsburgh where we did sign painting and ran a gas station, he married in 1930. In 1932 his wife died in childbirth and the baby (a boy) died three months later, overcome with grief James took his own life in December 1933. Records show that TBI did not learn of James' death until 1939, and the current living members of the Simpson family were not aware James had attended college or of his role in organizing TBI. Mr. James L. Simpson (J.E.'s nephew) and his wife Ardeth attended the dance and on behalf of the Simpson Family, accepted a plaque recognizing James' contribution to the formation of TBI Fraternity.

## **Brethren, let us Remember Our Obligations**

As each and every one of us became members of the Fraternity, we learned about the traditions, obligations, and customs that have been the hallmark of our Brotherhood for the last 85 years.

As we age out of our college years let's each do our part to help the fraternity of today remain vibrant and be prepared for the future. Many of us have brothers, sons, cousins, nephews, or even grand children attending Fairmont State or Pierpont, however very few of these men are known to the members of the Active Chapter. Please take some time out of your schedule and contact an Active or accompany your relative to a Smoker or other TBI function. Your influence may motivate him to join and become an involved member of TBI.

And for those who have a daughter, niece, or granddaughter, they should know the TBI's are a friendly and safe group where they can build a circle of friends.

## **Alumni Christmas Party Cancelled**

We are saddened to report that the TBI Alumni Association Christmas Party was cancelled this year due to a lack of response. The dinner was planned for December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Field Club. Printed invitations were sent out in advance to all 130 Brothers without e-mail and the invitation was sent electronically to the remaining 575 brothers who have e-mail. After receiving only 3 RSVP's the Alumni Officers determined it was not feasible to hold the event.

## **Congratulations Are In Order**

Newlyweds: Robert & Audrey Haught  
Tom & Dana Osbourne  
Sean & Sara Reed  
Louie & Abby Mabin  
Nathan & Beth Dillon

New Parents: Nathan Parrish & Brittiny Murphy - girl  
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Rohaly – boy  
Mr. & Mrs Drew Paton – boy  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Shroyer - girl

New Grandfathers: Dave Haines, Chris Pallotta (again -1 boy, 1 girl)

Happy Retirement to Jim Ripoli, and Bob Dulaney

Completion of tour in Iraq PFC Louie Mabin, and returning from Afghanistan and retirement Robin McCauley

New Brothers of the Fall 2011 Pledge Class:

WV Zachary Murl Chestnut Dunmore,  
 James Tyler Doane Bridgeport, WV  
 Theodore Koda Leshen Parsons,  
 WV  
 Garth Joe-Thomas Mott Hedgesville, WV  
 Jacob Cole Nelson Charleston, WV  
 Zachary Ryan von Gersdorff Hedgesville, WV

Jack Kent Weaver 83 Fall 1946  
 01/06/2011  
 James Thomas Paul Ford 74 Spring 1956  
 06/09/2011  
 Sidney Benedict Spiro, Jr. 85 Fall 1943  
 06/21/2011  
 William Harper Weiss 90 Fall 1941  
 06/27/2011  
 Gary G. Polyak 64 Fall 1967  
 06/29/2011  
 Robert Fleming Conaway 91 Spring 1940  
 07/02/2011  
 LtCol Lawrence Godby, USMC Ret. 79  
 Spring 1951  
 08/08/2011  
 Richard L. Starcher 77 Spring 1952  
 08/19/2011  
 Thomas Dominic Prozzillo 85 Spring 1946  
 08/30/2011  
 Ervin Earl Carpenter 83 Fall 1949  
 09/23/2011  
 Donald N. Fontana 77 Spring 1955  
 10/25/2011  
 Harry Warren Gardner III 60 Spring 1972  
 12/16/2011  
 Donald Ralph Fazio 73 Spring 1957  
 12/30/2011

**Extra TBI Alumni Scholarship to be awarded**

The TBI Alumni Association Scholarship is presented annually at the Elimination Dinner. Each year, two \$500 cash awards are set aside from the Dinner’s profits and awarded to members of the Active Chapter.

Brother “Howdy” Gardner who was a regular at most TBI Alumni functions passed away on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. His family felt it fitting as much as Howdy loved TBI that they sponsor an additional scholarship in his memory. As Howdy disliked flowers the family requested in his obituary that memorial donations be made to the TBI Alumni Association for this purpose.

For 2012, there will be three \$500 scholarships awarded, if anyone would like to donate in Howdy’s memory please send your check in by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TBI Memorial Roll**

Since the last TBIAN was printed, we have been notified that the following Brothers were summoned from the earthly chapters of TBI and now dwell in the eternal presence of the Almighty.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>PLEDGED</b>	<b>DIED</b>
John Carmen Alberico	81	Fall 1946	05/16/2010

Let us also remember our family members and loved ones who have passed away since the last newsletter.  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship awarded**

The winners of the TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship for 2011-2012 were announced at Convention. Brothers Xiang Zhao was awarded \$700, Dan Garvin \$500, and Michael Frush \$300, congratulations to all of you.

Deadline for this scholarship is May 1<sup>st</sup>, you can learn more about this or any of the other nine scholarships named after TBI's and managed by the Fairmont State Foundation at [www.tbifraternity.com/scholarships](http://www.tbifraternity.com/scholarships). To donate to any of these scholarships, please contact the Foundation at (304) 534-8786

## The Never Ending List of Missing TBI's

All we have on the below is a name, some might even be deceased. If you have any information please send it our way. The names are grouped roughly by pledge year but please look over the whole list. Call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903 or email: [alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com](mailto:alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com)

1970's	Ernest Moore	
Dan Shaver	Benny Poe	about 1947
Donny Carter	Dick Wagner	Joe Johnson
Tim Hall	Charlie Bragg	Kip Schroyer
"Pete" Bell	William	Harold Carpenter
Danny Thomas	Hunsicker	George Berry
Howie Simons	Dave Clark	Nelson Elliot
Ed Myler	Danny Haught	about 1946
Edward C. Dawn	Phillip Francis	Roy Anderson
	Harland Kelly	"Lafe" Sturm
early 1960's	Edward Zirkle	Bob Thompson
John Brown	Bob Moran	"skip" Jarrett
Bill Williams		Frank Marion
William J.	late 1940's	Jack Clelland
Tennant	"Jim" Wells	Edward A. Kisner
Paul R. Vincent	Jim Haugh	Richard Smouse
	Fred Bartlett	Wells Gorman
1954	James Ayers	James Pratt
Bob Jenkins	Wendell Bietzel	Alan Staton
John Veltri	John Barasky	Robert L. Fox
	George Edwards	Osburn Offutt
1951	John Diamond	Richard McMunn
Richard Talbott	Jack Anderson	Norbert Renick
Donald Hamilton	Roy Anderson	
John Dillon	Bill Huffman	mid 1940's
George Berry	William H Smith	Bill Swiger
Paul Ingram	George Coffield	Chuck Davis
Glenn Lemley	Jim D. Esley	William
Kenny Lemley	Leonard Mosser	Skidmore
Harry Lemley	James Walton	James Skelley
Tom McDonald	Charles Parsons	Don Lynch
Joe Pat McDonald	Pete Horasko	John Baker Twigg
Bob Price	Owen "Jack"	John Murphy
Hobart Foster	Wood	John J. Jarrett

John M. Jarrett  
John H. Jarrett  
Richard Hupp  
O'field Cannon  
Arthur Lambert  
Bill Hobbs  
Ernie Kides  
A.D. Hutchinson  
J. Russ  
"Rab" Johnson

## TBI Alumni Association Meeting Calendar

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

### Business Meetings

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup>  
April 19<sup>th</sup>  
May 17<sup>th</sup>  
June 21<sup>st</sup>  
July 19<sup>th</sup>

### Special Events

**Founder's Day Dinner**  
Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

**2012 TBI Convention**  
August, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>

**Social Time 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

## Copies of The Mound yearbook needed

We have been granted access to Fairmont State's archives room to research TBI membership. However, there are a couple of years for which even the school does not have a copy of the yearbook.

If anyone has a copy of the 1934, 1944, 1945, 1946, or 1947 Mound, we would very much appreciate the chance to review it and gather the information relevant to TBI. Please call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

if you have copies of these books or know someone who does.

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### **A Letter from the TBI Active Chapter President**

Brothers;

I wish all of you happy holidays. For the fall semester, six new brothers have obtained membership into our lodge. We are very proud of the hard work each new member has put into the fraternity.

This semester has been successful as we had this Pledge Class raise funds through a spaghetti dinner. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Elimination Dinner this year.

Fraternally yours,

Anthony J. Majetich  
President  
Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

### **Active Chapter Calendar for Spring 2012**

January

22<sup>nd</sup> First Meeting of Semester, Rm. 120 Hardway Bldg. - 7pm

February

2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Smoker - Location & Time TBA

12<sup>th</sup> Pinning of new Pledge Class, Rm. 120 Hardway Bldg. - 7pm

15<sup>th</sup> First Pledge Class Activity - Location & Time TBA

May

6<sup>th</sup> Last meeting of Semester, Rm. 120 Hardway Bldg. - 7pm

11<sup>th</sup> Graduation for Pierpont Community & Technical College - 6:00pm

12<sup>th</sup> Graduation for Fairmont State University - 1:00pm

### **TBI is recognized by Pierpont**

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Pierpont Community & Technical College officially recognized TBI Fraternity as a student organization. Tau Beta Iota is the first fraternity in the history of that institution. While there will continue to be only one Active Chapter, the organization

### **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	

### 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  
available

C/o Erickson Alumni Center  
1300 Locust Avenue  
www.tbifraternity.com  
Fairmont, WV 26554

Form also

on web site

The Greek System shrank this past spring when Xi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was closed by order of its national organization.

Xi Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma originally began as Kappa Psi Xi local fraternity in May 1928; this was the third fraternity in the history of Fairmont State Normal School. In March of 1929, Kappa Psi Xi affiliated with Sigma Tau Gamma national fraternity and was chartered as Xi Chapter.

The fraternity became dormant during World War II (1943-1945 school years) and was closed in May 1980 due to low membership.

In November 1989, a group of men formed a local fraternity called Sigma Epsilon with the intention of joining Sigma Phi Epsilon national fraternity. After Sigma Phi Epsilon expressed no interest in expanding to Fairmont State, the group did some research into the history of fraternities at the school and contacted Sigma Tau Gamma. In May 1992 the Charter for Xi Chapter was re-issued. After the Chapter was finally closed in December 2010 due to outstanding debts to the national body, the remaining members attempted to reorganize as a local fraternity but were unsuccessful in meeting the schools requirements for establishing new groups.

Currently there are three fraternities and four sororities on campus. will serve two schools.

## Sigma Tau Gamma Chapter Closes