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"The choice to belong The Challenge to Become."

Prytanis Welcome Message:

Dear Fraters and Alumni,

It is with great honor and joy that I introduce myself as the latest Prytanis of Tau Kappa Epsilon here at Tau-Eta. I have entered office in changing times for the fraternity but I believe the goals we've set as an organization and the motivation I see in my fellow fraters will bolster us back to where TKE at Southern Connecticut should stand. My mission is cut and dry. I want to see us back at the forefront of not only Greek life here at Southern but the University itself, where we once stood as *the* Greek organization on campus. With that said, I feel one of the most vital resources we can use to grow is you, the alumni and I mean that in a sense of principles. From Founders to Refounders you were active at a different time for Greek life in general, I would like to hear your ideas, concerns, experiences, or anything you may like to see out of the Fraternity, the same Fraternity you love and saw blossom during your collegiate years. Strengthening Alumni relations is one of my chief priorities, I believe your guidance will hasten our pace towards a charter and I hope to hear from as many of you as possible. With all things considered, I truly believe we have the right men in the right places to make great strides as an organization where we are currently looking forward to a promising fall rush and getting closer to that official charter. I would like to say thank you for your time and like I said before, times may have changed but the ideals of Tau Kappa Epsilon remain the same, we are all brothers in the bond.

Yours in the bond,
Brandon K. Bobinski

-Feel free contact me at anytime, I look forward to hearing your thoughts (203)414-0905 or Bobinskib@hotmail.com

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2005-2006 Annual Crvsophylos Report:

By Frater Mike Gazerwitz

For fiscal ending July 2006 we have \$209 dollars in the account as of July 31, 2006 with a payment pending for \$250 out for processing for Spring 2006 Conclave Payment. Once the Spring 2006 Conclave Payment is processed and received by nationals we will be current with all current debit owed to nationals. Past debt owed to nationals totals \$1,236.76.

2006-2007 School Year Estimated Budget

INCOME

Estimated carry over income (2005-2006)	\$209.00
Dues per Frater (assuming 11 Fraters)	\$4,400.00
Total	\$4,609.00

DEBT

Estimated carry over debt (minus F. Char.)	\$819.79
Estimated Insurance Charge	\$1,661.49
Conclave Payment Plan	\$500.00
Total	\$2,981.28

Break Down

Category	Amount	Totals
Total Income Slated for Year	\$4,609.00	\$4,609.00
Insurance Payment	\$1,661.49	\$2,947.51
Conclave	\$500.00	\$2,447.51
National Debt	\$819.79	\$1,627.72
Rush Events for year	\$300.00	\$1,327.72
Social Events for year	\$600.00	\$727.72
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Total Carry over for next year		\$527.72

In summary we have made great strides over the past year to pay down our large debt outstanding with nationals. At the end of this year it is our goal to improve cash flow through more fundraising and finally bring Tau Eta Colony into the black since we reorganized a few years ago to bring TKE back to Southern. With a balanced budget in place and with more fundraising Tau Eta Colony's financial guidance remains strong and should remain healthy and in the black for years to come.

Upcoming Alumni Outing(s):

Just a reminder

for Alumni

- *Update your address info*
- *Check the calendar for event dates*
- *Submit all stories for inclusion in further newsletters*

- **Annual Chapter Retreat August 4th – 6th**

This year's Annual Chapter Retreat will be held at Rocky Neck State Park. It is a chance for the Fraters to go over final plans for this upcoming year. Any Alumni that wish to come and visit are asked to contact Frater Brandon Bobinski (Prytanis) bobinskib@hotmail.com

- **Poker Night @ Frater Jason Crouch's House August 11th**

- \$7.00 buy in cash game. Space is limited to around 6-8 people. Please get in touch with Frater Jason Crouch jasoncrouch1@comcast.net if you

Interested in playing. There is no limit to the number of times you can buy back in and only at \$7.00 a time.



Alumni Donations are always needed, please make Checks payable to Tau-Eta Chapter

Tau Eta Calendar of Events

The Tau Eta Chapter will be on Summer break, However there will still be events throughout the summer. Events such as Chapter Retreat, Car Washes, Special Olympics, Dave Matthews Band Concert and other Brotherhood events are still in the works; please check the Tau Eta Website www.tketh.com for more details. You can always contact the members of the Chapter, or your Alumni Board members.

Alumni Pictures Desperately Needed

If you have pictures, please scan them and then email them to us tauetatke@hotmail.com so they can be placed on the alumni pictures page. Also if you have a head shot of yourself we can include that on the Alumni members page.

TKE News

7/06/06 Frater Spending Summer Researching Anti-Cancer Drugs

Frater Marco Allodi (Alpha-Iota) is spending his summer in a Hamilton College Lab researching. Allodi, a sophomore majoring in chemistry, is busy this summer, multi-employed in the lab of George Shields, the Winslow Professor of Chemistry.

Allodi is working on two very different projects. The first deals with atmospheric reaction kinetics and pre-reactive complexes while the other is an attempt to model ene-diyene anti-cancer drugs.

The anti-cancer research deals with esperamicin-A1, a natural product isolated from bacteria. The esperamicin is a toxin; it breaks apart DNA and kills a cell.

"If we can understand how it does that," Allodi explained, "we can customize it to target cancer DNA."

Using the computer program AMBER, Allodi is running molecular dynamic simulations to visualize how the esperamicin-A1 molecule interacts with the DNA. This project is very time-consuming and will extend past his summer days in the lab.

When not in the lab Allodi, the chapter's Grammateus, does Tae Kwon Do, sings in the choir, and is active in community service. His long-term plans include graduate school and a Ph.D. in chemistry.

7/03/06 Frater Merv Griffin Turning 81

For 23 years Frater Merv Griffin (Gamma-Delta) hosted his own talk show, perfecting the art of the schmooze.

And though his show has been off the air for 20 years Griffin's affability and durability earned him an honorary degree from the University of Ireland, a special honor from the Museum of Radio and Television and an Emmy Award, too, all just last year.

"I immediately look in the mirror and say, 'Yes. You are getting old.' It's wonderful, you know, at this time of life now to reap the rewards of, you know, 60 years of work," Griffin told CBS Sunday Morning contributor Rita Braver.

Born in California in 1925 to a middle class Irish family that struggled during the Great Depression, Griffin has always worked hard. He learned to play piano at four, started singing in church and at age 20, got his first big break.

Griffin went on a radio program just to sing one song.

"That was on a Friday," Griffin said of the performance. "It was called the 'San Francisco Sketch Book.' On the Monday, the following Monday, the show was changed to the 'Merv Griffin Show' with this gigantic orchestra."

Up to that point, Griffin had never worked professionally, he said. "But somehow it worked. It was amazing to me, too."

Griffin went on to sing nationally with the Freddy Martin Orchestra and recorded several songs, including "I've Got A Lovely Bunch of Coconuts," which became the number one hit in the nation in 1950.

He even made a film, playing Katherine Grayson's boyfriend in "So This Is Love."

But he was not in love with movies or even music.

"I liked talking. But in those days, people who sang were not allowed to talk. It did not go together they thought singers were stumblebums and couldn't talk," Griffin said.

Yet he gradually talked his way into a series of jobs on radio and television, ending up as the host of a game show which happened to shoot in the same studio that Jack Paar used for the old "Tonight Show."

One day Paar accidentally barged in while Griffin was on live.

"And he said, 'What are you doing here? This is my studio,'" Griffin recalls Paar saying.

After an awkward, but humorous exchange on stage, Paar went backstage and declared that Griffin was a funny man and wanted him to fill in for the "Tonight Show" occasionally.

"And that was the beginning," Griffin said.

Substituting for Paar catapulted Griffin to his own show, with various incarnations running on NBC, CBS and syndication. He especially prides himself on the young comedians he showcased early in their careers, such as Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld and Richard Pryor.

Along the way Griffin found time to create "Jeopardy," even writing the show's famous theme music. Griffin also created "Wheel of Fortune," personally picking Vanna White from a pile of photos on his desk.

And in 1986, Griffin sold the shows to Coca-Cola for \$250 million, he said.

At that point Griffin decided to end his talk show...and concentrate on business: buying and selling a string of hotels including the famous Beverly Hilton.

He had a natural flair for business and has expanded to real estate. He recently broke ground on a new development in La Quinta, Calif. His net worth is now estimated in the billion-dollar range.

But it's not all been smooth sailing. In 1973 his marriage to former radio comedian Julann Wright, mother of his son Tony, dissolved.

In the 1980s he began a long-term relationship with actress Eva Gabor, who's closet he had visited for his show.

They were together until she died in 1995. Gabor's death was tough for Griffin to handle.

"Only because we'd had an argument and we hadn't settled the argument yet and I was mad and I was off on my boat and she died while I was gone. That was tough," Griffin said.

Almost 81, Griffin said he has no plans to marry again.

"What do you want from me?" Griffin quipped. "I don't want to create a widow immediately. Jeez."

Griffin still owns a production company, but works a lot less these days.

"I like my life. When I look back on it, I don't have any regrets," Griffin said. "It was all great fun."

Frater Griffin was initiated at the University of Miami as an honorary member in 1949.

7/24/2006 Xi Chapter "Super" with Mario Brothers Booth Fundraiser



ST. LOUIS, MO - Xi Chapter (Washington University - St. Louis) received the award for "Best Food" at the 2006 Thurtene Carnival in St. Louis. Their Super Mario Brothers-themed "Super BBQ Brothers" booth served barbeque provided by Hanlens Meat Shoppe & Catering. This is the fifth time in six years that the chapter has won the award, but this year's booth was truly extraordinary.

Chapter members prepared an immersive Mario experience, including a castle tower, a large mural replicating a scene from the original Mario Brothers game, handmade pipe-shaped tables with toadstool stools, and handmade plush Koopa shells. Chapter members and friends dressed up as Mario characters, and the entire scene was topped off with Mario music. The most impressive part, according to attendees, was a "piranha flower" that automatically moved up and down a sixteen-foot-long pipe.

The chapter's activities were guided by the chapter's Thurtene Chair, senior Wil Jordan, and its Thurtene Construction Chair, sophomore Pehr Hovey.

"This year was by far our most successful Thurtene, both financially and in terms of popularity," Frater Jordan said. "I attribute a lot of that to the diligence of a number of brothers who took it upon themselves to ensure everything looked good, worked, and went smoothly."

The booth was already getting significant attention well before the carnival began.

"Many members of the sororities and fraternities who were building their own Thurtene booths stopped by to admire our setup before the carnival," remarked Frater Brandon Heller. "I found it amusing that before the booth was complete, people were impressed by the size of the 8' pipe. I would then tell them that they were looking at only half of it, and then they were blown away."

Carnival attendees delighted in both the decorations and the food.

"Thurtene was successful for us because we picked a theme rooted in pop culture that everyone, regardless of age or occupation was somewhat familiar with," commented Frater Hovey. "We went 'all out' by adding as much detail as we could to the booth and

we spent a lot of time promoting the booth during the carnival with our costumed characters and brothers wearing bright green carnival shirts. The result was a booth that looked fantastic, praise from every sorority and fraternity on campus during its construction, almost double the previous year's revenue and the coveted Best Food award."

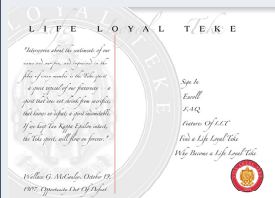
Members of Xi Chapter used their own funds to prepare the booth. They are donating the chapter's Thurtene proceeds of over \$1000 to charity.

Thurtene is the oldest and largest student-run carnival in the nation, with over 100,000 visitors taking part in the near-century-old tradition each year.

For photos or more information, please contact Xi Chapter Epiptytanis [Richard Thakor](#).

You can find out more by visiting their website <http://www.xi-tke.org/>.

Click the Image for more information on how to become a Life Loyal member of TKE and how you can also help out the Chapter with a named scholarship



TKE JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:



Scroll	Class	Name	Birthday
95		Brian Masotti	July 10th
28	B	Matthew Frischer	July 20th
93		Josh Elmore	July 24th
112	O	Brendan Calamaro	August 3rd
96		Ralph Giamattie	August 3rd
102		Nick Mavridis	August 8th
80	K	Chad McDaniel	August 17th
103		William Gabriel	August 18th



Happy Wedding Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Todd Guzda: July 3rd



Happy Wedding Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Rob Williams: August 7th



**Happy Wedding Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mastroianni:
August 20th**

If you would like to see your name announced for birthday please email me scsutke@hotmail.com and I will update your info.

UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI INFO WITH NATIONALS

Please make a point to visit the International website to update your alumni information. The link is http://www.tke.org/forms/personal_update.html so that we will have good information on you to send you current news and event invitations.



ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plans are in the works for an Alumni reunion, if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact me via email scsutke@hotmail.com or call my cell 203-915-0274

Alumni members of Phi Sigma Sigma from 1993 – 2001 have been contacted and they are very excited about doing something. I am working on getting info from Delta Phi Epsilon and Theta Chi Upsilon (which is not currently active).

Let's make sure whatever it is, we do a really great job. I would like some Alumni Fraters to form a reunion committee to help plan the event. If interested please email me and we can discuss it.

TKE OF THE MONTH

FRATER CRAIG MINITER



- Pylortes
- Rush Chairman
- Overall GPA 2.63

THE TEKE MAGAZINE

One of the measures advocated by National Founder Wallace G. McCauley was the publication of a quarterly magazine called *THE TEKE*. His proposal met with immediate approval and the first issue was published in January 1908, with Clyde M. Leach as the editor.

Although *THE TEKE* has been packaged differently throughout the years, its purpose has remained the same...to keep the members of our great Fraternity informed about TKE.



The Spring 2006 Edition features:

- 24/7/365 - Recruitment
- The Sit Down - Miles Wilkin
- A look at the 2006 RLCs
- Raise the Bar!
- All TEKE Academic Team
- Alumni Spotlight - Frater Ryan Bingham
- Chapter News and Updates
- Lifetime Giving Clubs

<http://www.tke.org/magazine/spring06/spring06.pdf>

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