

# Alumni Newsletter



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*"The choice to belong The Challenge to Become."*

## Tau Class Initiated:

On Wednesday November 29th, 2006 The Tau-Eta Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon here at Southern Connecticut State University welcomed in eight new members. These men made up the Tau Pledge class: This class consists of 7 Freshman and 1 Sophomores.

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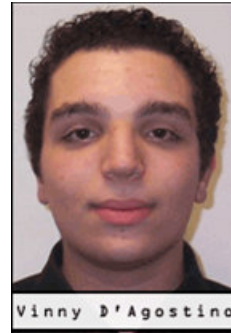
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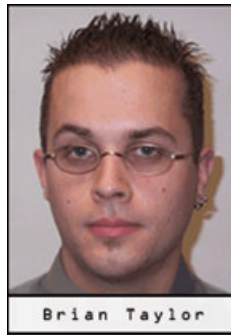
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## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:**

### **Tau-Eta Alumni Association**

As some of you have noticed, we have created an Alumni website for the Tau-Eta Alumni Association. If you wish to take a look the address is [www.tkethalumni.com](http://www.tkethalumni.com) and more information will be continually updated. As of 12/07/2006 the Alumni Association has collected \$169.74 thanks to generous donations by fellow Alumni Fraters. Each month I will include those who have donated in the hopes that their kindness will be rewarded by a few thanks from others. Small operating costs are taken out by Pay Pal. A Business checking account has been opened at People's Bank for the Tau Eta Alumni Association to use for events. I would like to thank Frater Jason Crouch, TH # 72 for taking the lead and becoming the first President of the Alumni Association. We still need signatures for our Alumni Charter, so if you would like to sign the petition please contact Frater Joseph DeLuca [scsutke@hotmail.com](mailto:scsutke@hotmail.com)

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## **TEKE ON THE STREET:**

During the Fall 2006 Semester one of Tau-Eta's own collegiate members was selected by TKE International to represent Region 1. Two of the men selected to represent Region 1 both Hailed from the Nutmeg Province consisting of Connecticut and Rhode Island. The other TKE selected was Ryan Hagenbaugh from Kappa-Psi Chapter @ Quinnipiac University. Frater Brandon Bobinski current Tau Eta Prytanis was the other TKE selected in the Region. I would like to just give a special shout out to Frater Bobinski who has definitely turned things around @ SCSU. Below is the write up which appears in the most current issue of the Teke Magazine.



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 CT Food Bank @ Thanksgiving time  
MS Walk  
Relay for Life Team TKE  
United Way Park Clean-up Project

"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."

## Upcoming Events of Interest for Alumni(s):

*Just a reminder*

*for Alumni*

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

- **Poker Night @ Jason Crouch's: Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Tau-Eta BOA Meeting: Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>,**
- **Tau-Eta Winter Retreat: January 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual TKE Plunge: Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007**



If you have upcoming events you would like to post for Alumni and Collegiate members please email Frater Joseph DeLuca [scsutke@hotmail.com](mailto:scsutke@hotmail.com)

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

## Tau Eta Calendar of Events

The Tau Eta is back from Summer break and if you wish to be involved with some of the events please check our current calendar. Please check the Tau Eta Website: <http://www.southernct.edu/clubs/tke/content.php?p=calendar> for more details. You can always contact the members of the Chapter, or your Alumni Board members.

## Alumni Pictures Desperately Needed

Now that we have our own website we are looking for old pictures from 1992 – 1998. So clean out your closets and dig through your boxes to find the memories of days gone by, from a time when you thought you were good looking and could get any sorority girl you wanted. Scan them or simply contact the Tau Eta Colony Histor and he will scan them and then return the photos back to you. Tau Eta Histor is Adam "Silent Bob" Kunkes and his email address is [kunkesa1@southernct.edu](mailto:kunkesa1@southernct.edu)

## **TKE News**

**12/5/2006**

RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Angelwish.org, an organization dedicated to fulfilling the wishes of children living with HIV/AIDS online, today announced that, through a new relationship with The Today Show and the show's annual toy drive, it is going above and beyond its holiday efforts of years past. After discovering that another organization that had been helping to distribute toys from The Today Show's annual holiday toy drive backed out, Angelwish founder and CEO, Frater Shimmy Mehta (Theta-Zeta), decided to take Angelwish beyond its Internet-based realm and into a new role as physical distributor.

"Angelwish thrives on its ability to put smiles on thousands of children's faces each year. When we heard that one of The Today Show's regular toy drive distributors had dropped out of its role in the project, there wasn't a second thought on what needed to be done," said Mehta. "With this toy drive alone, Angelwish will be responsible for distributing more than 20,000 toys to children in need all over the United States. To know that, in a sense, we helped save the holidays for so many children - that's what it's all about."

However, Angelwish's newfound efforts are not thwarting its online operations, which provide the perfect solution for individuals short on time but big on making a difference - during the holidays and throughout the year. With just a few clicks of the mouse, people can choose to send specific gifts - ranging from items such as toys and CDs, to books and board games - requested by children living with HIV/AIDS throughout the United States. Individuals also have the option to contribute to the medical, nutritional or social needs of children overseas.

"When people think of children living with HIV/AIDS, they tend to think of children who are infected with the disease themselves. What doesn't necessarily come to mind are the children living with parents or siblings that are sick, or who have dealt with the loss of a family member as a result of HIV/AIDS," said Mehta. "We invite individuals year-round to take just a few minutes to grant birthday and holiday wishes of children affected in ALL of these ways - giving both the children and themselves a reason to smile."

Angelwish works with more than 112 HIV/AIDS Care Centers and programs in 24 countries around the world (more than 80 of these being in the United States alone). For more information on the organization, please visit [www.angelwish.org](http://www.angelwish.org).

Angelwish.org was created in 1999 with the mission to provide the public with an easy way to grant wishes to the millions of children that are living with HIV/AIDS around the world. Infected or affected by the disease, their opportunities for a "normal" childhood are virtually impossible. By harnessing the power of the Internet, Angelwish helps donors add a ray of hope to their lives. In 2006, the organization expanded internationally, having established Angelwish.org.uk in London.

Frater Shimmy Mehta first became passionate about helping children living with HIV/AIDS while he was a business student at Rutgers University in Newark. Learning that Newark had the fifth highest AIDS population in the country, he was determined to help and make it fun for others to do so as well. He founded and organized the TKE Challenge for Pediatric AIDS at Theta-Zeta, an award winning 300-mile, 3-day cycling event through New Jersey, which provided a unique and fun way for his fellow fraters to get involved in the community.

Working for PricewaterhouseCoopers, Frater Shimmy saw the need for a simple and rewarding way for busy people like himself to get involved in the community. He matched the resources of his peers with the needs of the many children who are living with HIV/AIDS and created Angelwish.org.

Shimmy's efforts have paid off as Angelwish has helped hundreds of individuals grant thousands of wishes in addition to receiving numerous awards and recognition for its work.

**12/4/2006**

EUREKA, Ill. - A Eureka College alumnus' widow is donating \$1 million to the small private school, providing funds for the construction of a fitness center and four annual scholarships for freshmen.

Christine Bonati Bollwinkle of Dunlap donated the money in memory of her husband, Frater Ronald P. Bonati (Iota Chapter), as well as her friend Mary Jo Finch, both of whom graduated from Eureka in the 1960s.

"This is the largest single gift from a living donor in the history of Eureka College," said David Arnold, president of

the liberal arts college that sits halfway between Bloomington and Peoria.

"Fitness is important for every student, not just student athletes," he said.

The addition to Eureka will strengthen that message to students, he said, and also provide Eureka residents a spot to use state-of-the-art exercise equipment.

The 1,500-square-foot Bonati Fitness Center will be constructed on the front of the Reagan Physical Education Center.

Peoria Metro Construction expects to break ground on the project this month, and completion is targeted for April, said Arnold.

The center will hold at least 30 pieces of aerobic and strength training equipment, including specialized components and general equipment, such as treadmills, he said.

The center will feature 15 pieces of cardio equipment and 15 pieces of strength equipment, said Sandy Schuster, Eureka athletic director.

"This isn't geared specifically to athletes, though they definitely will benefit from the center," said Schuster, who also is a Eureka instructor and women's basketball coach. "The idea is we're going to make this accessible for students, faculty, staff and the community."

The equipment can be used for regular exercise routines or therapeutic situations or adapted to accommodate certain disabilities, she said.

She also expects physical education majors, athletic training majors and fitness leadership majors to use the fitness center as a hands-on classroom.

"We plan to get (these) majors involved in writing individualized workout programs, and then the equipment will actually guide folks through their workouts," she said.

Arnold said Eureka leaders are geared up for the new exercise area, but no less excited by the scholarship funding Bollwinkle has provided.

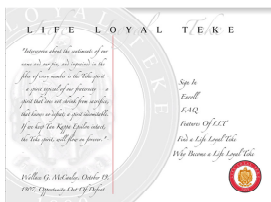
"That's a big part of what makes our college affordable to students," he said.

The four, \$6,000 scholarships will be named for Bonati and Finch and will be awarded annually to freshmen interested in fitness and music, respectively.

Frater Bonati, 60 at the time of his death in 1999, was vice president of the North America Commercial Division at Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria.

As a student, he played on the football team and was initiated into the Iota Chapter in 1958.

Bonati maintained his connection to the college after graduation, and later served on the college's board of trustees.



**12/01/2006**

December 1st is World AIDS Day. Established by the World Health Organization in 1988, World AIDS Day serves to focus global attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Observance of this day provides an opportunity for governments, national AIDS programs, churches, community organizations and individuals to demonstrate the importance of the fight against HIV/AIDS.

With an estimated 38.6 million people worldwide living with HIV at the end of 2005, and more than 25 million people having died of AIDS since 1981, December 1st serves to remind everyone that action makes a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Americans should be reminded that HIV/AIDS does not discriminate. With an estimated 1,039,000 to 1,185,000 HIV- positive individuals living in the U.S., and approximately 40,000 new infections occurring every year, the U.S., like other nations around the world is deeply affected by HIV/AIDS.

We encourage you to visit [this web site](#) and download materials, such as [fact sheets](#) that provide HIV/AIDS statistics and the new [World AIDS Day poster](#), to assist in your efforts to educate, motivate and mobilize your local community in the fight against HIV/AIDS!

You may also visit [www.worldaidsday2006.org](http://www.worldaidsday2006.org) to find out about the Tri-State Region World AIDS Day 2006 Event. To view the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), please visit [www.pepfar.gov](http://www.pepfar.gov). For international events, go to [www.worldaidscampaign.info](http://www.worldaidscampaign.info).



## **TKE December BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

Scroll	Class	Name	Birthday
106	HON	Robert DeMezzo	December 6th
97	RF	Jeffrey "Woody" Lentz	December 11th
125	T	John "Mouse" Walsh	December 15th
44	Δ	Kevin Meltzer	December 27th



If you would like to see your name announced for birthday and Anniversaries please email me [scsutke@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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

Plan to think about some events we can do over the next few months, please contact the Tau Eta Alumni Association or simply contact an Alumni Member. No matter what we do, we would like to have all Tau-Eta Alumni present and participating. Remember this only works if you want it too. So please forward any and all announcements.

Special Update: Frater Jason Coppola, TH # 68 contacted me and he is going to be OK and back to normal in a few months. If you still wish to email him while he is recovering his email address is [Jason.coppola@us.army.mil](mailto:Jason.coppola@us.army.mil) I would really like to make plans for his welcoming home party, anyone interested in helping with that Committee please contact me you all know my email address by now.

## TKE OF THE MONTH

### FRATER JORDAN "TURTLE" DESIMONE



Jordan DeSimone has been with the Tau Eta chapter since Fall of 2006. Over the past 3 weeks, he has held rush co-chair position. In his position he managed to bring in 4 new members himself. His dedication is outstanding. He went above and beyond what is expected. This is why we award him with TKE of the Month.

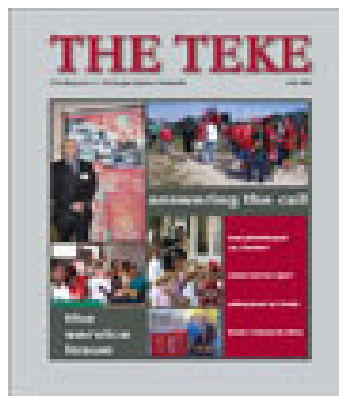
*For a member to become Teke of the Month, he must show outstanding dedication to the organization, and be willing to go the extra step to aid the chapter. The Teke of the Month is voted on during a regularly scheduled meeting by all eligible members of Tau Eta.*

## **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.

### **FALL 2006 EDITION: ONLINE NOW**



[http://www.tke.org/the\\_teke/2006-fall.pdf](http://www.tke.org/the_teke/2006-fall.pdf)



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