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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;

May the blessing of the Almighty for a happy and prosperous new year be upon each of you and your loved ones.

I am pleased to say TBI Alumni Association had a busy and very successful 2010. The Convention was enjoyed by all, especially the pig roast held on Saturday evening. We had one of the best Annual Meetings in a while and got a lot of business taken care of. The biggest change concerned the Elimination Dinner, beginning in 2012 it will be held around the end of March/early April to hopefully avoid the nasty winter weather we get in February.

The second change deals with modifying the TBI Turley-Wallman scholarship and raising awareness of other scholarships at the school named after TBI's. There is more information detailing this in the following pages.

We set up a reception tent at the Homecoming game that was stocked with food & fellowship; it was enjoyed by Alumni, Actives, and Pledges.

Our Christmas party had 91 attendees, to include the Presidents of both Fairmont State and Pierpont along with their spouses. They all had a grand time along with the Brothers and guests in attendance.

The Actives had a successful fall semester and initiated 9 new Brothers into our ranks; the entire Active membership deserves a word of congratulations.

I would like to ask all the Alumni out there to try and attend a function of the Active Chapter if you can. Your presence at an event is a big motivator for the Actives and shows prospective members that TBI offers a lifetime of brotherhood. Our fraternity has a rich history and lot to offer young men in addition to the late night social activities enjoyed by our younger Brethren.

I hope you can attend a function soon; as always if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.  
President  
TBI Alumni Association

# 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.

January 20<sup>th</sup>

February 17<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup>

April 21<sup>st</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup>

June 16<sup>th</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup>

## 2011 TBI Convention

August, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>

### 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

## Further changes made to TBI – Turley Wallman

Over the past few years the Alumni Association has been aware of a lack of applicants for our scholarships. In 2009, adjustments were made to include students in the new Masters Programs at Fairmont State University and at Pierpont Community & Technical College with it now being a separate institution. This expansion of eligibility saw no increase in applications.

With this in mind, the Scholarships Committee recommended that the TBI Turley Wallman Scholarship be amended to expand who is eligible to apply. The changes were approved at Convention and now Immediate Family members are eligible, that is the parent, sibling, child, or grandchild of a TBI. Application forms are available on the website [www.tbifraternity.com](http://www.tbifraternity.com) or contact any Alumni Association officer for a printed copy.

## Alumni Association Officers

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## **TBI Memorial Roll**

Since that 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>PLEGGED</b>	<b>DIED</b>
Harry John Papajohn, Jr.	82	Fall 1949	4/17/2009
Charles Edward Marshall, Jr.	93	Fall 1933	3/8/2010
Scott Edward Tarleton	81	Fall 1948	7/13/2010
Matthew Joseph Core	28	Spring 2001	8/16/2010
Richard David Ridgway	65	Spring 1964	9/28/2010
Mancer Swiger Barnes	88	Fall 1940	11/13/2010
Franklin Samuel DeMoss	77	Spring 1955	12/4/2010

### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

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

### **18<sup>th</sup> Annual TBI Elimination Dinner**

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Westchester Village – Grand Ballroom  
1825 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV

**Tickets on sale now – open to the general public**

\$1,000 Grand Prize – only 200 tickets will be sold  
\$45 to the 1<sup>st</sup> and every 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **Multiple scholarships named after TBI's**

Are you aware there are currently 10 Scholarships at Fairmont State and Pierpont C&TC named after members of TBI Fraternity? The following are those currently endowed with the Fairmont State Foundation.

John J. Belota Memorial Scholarship

Grace & Kenneth (Mike) Birmingham Endowed Football Scholarship

Harold S. "Deacon" Duvall Football Scholarship

The Walter F. Phillips, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund

Frank & Florence Sansalone Scholarship

Louis Schoolnic Endowed Scholarship

Harold & Roselyn Williamson Straight Faculty Development Award

J. Lyle Tatterson Charitable Trust

TBI Turley-Wallman Endowed Scholarship

Julius "Julie" Viglianco Memorial Athletic Endowed Scholarship

If you wish to donate to a Foundation scholarship, please contact the Fairmont State Foundation at (304) 367-4009. For information on eligibility or to apply for these or other scholarships offered by the school, please contact the FSU / Pierpont Office of Financial Aid at (304) 367-4213.

## **Missing Pledge Class lists needed**

We have made a good bit of progress tracking down Brothers and getting them on the mailing list over the last few years. However, as impressive as the pledge book is we still have a lot of incomplete lists for pledge classes. Basically we are not sure how many other TBI's we are still missing because we don't know how many were initiated in a lot of pledge classes.

Sometimes memories are a bit fuzzy as to who was in a specific class and we are severely lacking in historical records. Anyone who has a pledge list, or can copy their class out of their pledge book it would really be helpful.

These are the time frames we REALLY need some help with:

Spring 83 to Spring 85

Spring 52 to Spring 54

Spring 76 to Spring 78

ALL Pledge Classes prior to 1950

Spring 67 to Spring 68

Spring 62 to Spring 65

## More from The Never Ending List of Missing TBI's

We currently have 705 known living TBI's with valid contact info. 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](mailto:alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com) with the information

Mark Vesano 82	Wm. "Bill" Lewis 66	Mike Jurasko 58
John Spaur	Steve Huey	Harold Watkins
Dan Shaver 80	John Brown 64	Nick Bielich 56
Donny Carter	John M. White	Harry Miller 55
J. Randy Williams 79	Bob Mazzie	Jack Davis 54
Randall "Pete" Bell	Fred R. Miller 63	Bob Jenkins
Timothy R. Hall	Bill Williams	Ray Neptune
Bill Hatfield	William J. Tennant 62	Larry Rankin
Steve Lewis 78	Andrew Konick 60	John Veltri
Mike Hughes 77	"Dino" Suplita	Richard Talbott 51
Howard Simons	Herschel Walker 58	Joe Boughner
Mark Nutter	Harold Freuhan	Sam Cutshall
Danny Thomas 71	Aaron Miller	Dave Clark 1950
William H. Mason 66	John Jenicki	Danny Haught
Mike C. Satterfield	Mike Allesko	

## Elimination Dinner to see changes in 2012

The TBI Elimination Dinner has been held in late February or early March for the past 18 years. We have seen excellent attendance, but more often than not everyone had to battle snow and rather dangerous road conditions.

At the Annual Meeting in August this was discussed and there was nearly unanimous agreement that the generally bad weather is a risk. Aside from keeping people from attending, someone could get seriously hurt in an accident. Additionally, several Brothers from Maryland and parts east stated they have not attended over the years due to winter weather and road conditions on the drive over the mountains to get to Fairmont.

A motion was made and passed that "Beginning with the 2012 Elimination Dinner, the event will be held in late March or early April."

This year's Elimination Dinner remains scheduled for Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please call Josh Schrader for tickets

# **Congratulations Are In Order**

Fall 2010 Graduates: Brother Eli Carpenter & Brother Ben Booth

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Conn on the birth of twin boys

Ben Booth & Kelly Park on the birth of a baby boy

Rumor has it that Doc Stork is circling several TBI households,  
more details [and birth announcements] to come in future TBIAN's)

Newlyweds: Adam & Misty Rohaly  
Ben & Brandi Corley

Brother Chris Pallotta on becoming a grandfather

Brother Louie Mabin on recently joining the US Army

New Brothers of the Fall 2010 Pledge Class:

Paul Zachary Blazer	Glen Dale, WV
Charles Micah Carpenter	Falling Waters, WV
Zachary Alexander Cayer	Fairmont, WV
Malcolm Jamal Cook	Oxon Hill, MD
Michael Edward Dugas	Moundsville, WV
Derek Hunter Hamilton	Salem, WV
Malcolm Xavier Marks	Baltimore, MD
Jacob Isaac Minney	Spencer, WV
Charles Robert Peavler	Martinsburg, WV

## **John J. Belota Scholarship is established**

The sudden death of Brother John Belota this spring was a shock to all of us. John touched so many lives and was a regular at TBI Convention; he also assisted in locating many missing TBI's.

This summer, a group of TBI's and other friends formed The John J. Belota Memorial Scholarship through the Fairmont State Foundation. The goal is to raise \$100,000 for a fully funded scholarship available to the basketball program. Fairmont State Basketball was something John actively supported.

If you wish to donate, please contact the Fairmont State Foundation

## **Spring Formal being planned by Active Chapter**

The Active Chapter is making some initial arrangements to hold a Spring Formal. This will be the first of its kind in well over a decade.

While specific plans are still being worked on, the event will be held in the Fairmont area on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It is the hope of everyone involved to make this a very special occasion and memorable evening.

If you would be interested in attending, especially if you live outside the local area, please contact Active President Mike Frush at (304) 270-7586 or email: mfrush13@yahoo.com to be added to the invitation mailing list.

### **Prepmaster vs. Pledgemaster, what's in a name?**

Some say Prepmaster and others Pledgemaster when talking about their time as an Active. There are many similarities but a few differences. We really don't know when the terms Prepmaster and Prep came into use. The 1926 Mound lists the first class initiated as "Pledges"; the oldest TBIAN we have (1934) uses "Preps". What we do know is that during a majority of the time the term Prepmaster was used, that officer was appointed by the President.

In November 1967, the Constitution was amended to make that office an elected position; and sometime between 1962 and 1968 (we are not sure) the term Prepmaster fell out of common usage. To keep it simple; appointed Prepmaster, elected Pledgemaster. The last person appointed Prepmaster was Tom Laughlin; and the first elected Pledgemaster was "Skip" Kaminski.

### **Founder's Day Dinner & Memorial Service**

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Westchester Village – Oxford Dining Room  
1825 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV

**Join us as TBI celebrates 85 years of Brotherhood**

MENU: Pasta, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Tossed Salad,  
Assorted Desserts, Cash Bar

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

Cost: \$15 per person in advance / \$20 at the door

**TBI's ONLY – NO GUESTS**

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

# **The Greek System and Pierpont C&TC**

In 2008, Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College were split into two completely separated schools. At that year's Convention, the TBI Alumni Association voted to recognize Pierpont as a "branch of the tree that was Fairmont Normal School when TBI was founded in 1926". Due to a rule with the North-American Interfraternity Conference, national fraternities are chartered at Fairmont State not Pierpont and are prohibited from pledging Pierpont students. This rule does not apply to TBI, and it has caused some friction among the Greeks. It is the opinion of the Active Chapter and the Alumni Officers that it is in the best interests of TBI Fraternity to become formally recognized as a student organization at Pierpont in the same manner that we are at Fairmont State. There will only be one Active Chapter but it will exist at two schools.

## **Do you have e-mail?**

We send out meeting reminders, obituaries, and minutes of the monthly Alumni meetings to over 575 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 \*@tbifraternity.com to your "safe" list and that should fix it.

If you can't locate any TBI e-mails, or want to start receiving TBI news by e-mail; please send an e-mail message to [alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com](mailto:alumnipresident@tbifraternity.com) and we will get you added to the list. If you don't use email but someone in your household does, have them email us and we will send the info to them.

## **Some current membership numbers**

You hear us talk again and again about the missing, and about needing pledge class lists. Here are the numbers as to where things now stand.

Current count of known members:	1,134
Living members on mailing list:	705
Members confirmed dead:	257
Currently missing:	199
Total number of Brothers initiated:	UNKNOWN

And the search continues...

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

Dear Brothers;

I am honored to address you as President of the TBI Active Chapter. I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and in good health.

I am pleased to report that we are currently the largest and most dominant Fraternity at Fairmont State University with 23 returning Actives for the Spring Semester. I am also happy to report that nine new Brothers were initiated in the Fall 2010 Pledge Class. We believe these guys will be a major asset to our Fraternity.

I would like to thank all the Alumni who came to our activities this past fall, and I hope that you enjoyed yourselves. We have several events planned for this spring, and would love to see as many Alumni in attendance as possible.

We are currently planning on having a Spring Formal this semester, although the exact location has not yet been determined. More information on this event will be sent out as we make the necessary decisions.

Greek Week is coming up this semester, and we plan on winning it for the third consecutive year! We have already had a few guys talk to the Active Chapter about pledging this upcoming semester, so we're looking forward to having a descent sized pledge class.

This spring, we will become officially recognized at Pierpont Community and Technical College as a Fraternity. We will not only be the first Fraternity in the history of Fairmont State, but also at Pierpont as well. We believe this is a historic and honorable occasion for TBI.

We feel as though the Active Chapter had a successful fall semester, and we plan on having another great semester this spring!

Fraternally yours,

Michael S. Frush  
President  
Tau Beta Iota Fraternity

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Chapter Advisor: Dr. Gregory Hinton	(304) 367-4244 advisor@tbifraternity.com

## **2011 TBI Convention dates announced**

Mark your calendars because the TBI Convention will be here before you know it! This year's Convention will be August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Since this is the 85<sup>th</sup> year we will be having a Dinner-Dance on Saturday night. Convention is a time to reunite with old friends, make some new ones, and have a great time. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Active Chapter Calendar for Spring 2011

## January:

- 17<sup>th</sup> - First day of classes
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Recruitment party - (location & time TBA)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - First meeting of the semester - Rm.120 Hardway Hall, 7:00pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Recruitment party – (location & time TBA)

## February:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Spring 2011 Smoker - Turley Center Ballroom (tentative)  
Social Hour 6:00pm, Smoker program begins at 7:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Interviews of prospective pledges – Rm. 116 Hardway, 6:00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Pinning of new Pledge Class – Rm. 120 Hardway, 7:00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> - First Pledge Activity
- 19<sup>th</sup> - TBI Elimination Dinner
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Second Pledge Activity

## March:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Third Pledge Activity
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Founder's Day Dinner & Memorial Service
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Pledge Activity
- 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fifth Pledge Activity
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Pledge Activity

## April:

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Pig Roast - (location & time TBA)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Informal Initiation - Rm. 116 Hardway, 8:00am  
- Formal Initiation of Pledge Class - Rm. 120 Hardway, 7:00pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Spring Formal - (location & time TBA)

## May:

- 7<sup>th</sup> - “Running with the Bulls” Party - (location & time TBA)
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Last meeting of the semester - Rm.120 Hardway Hall, 7:00pm

For Pledge Class related questions, please contact the Pledgemaster  
Cody Pifer (304) 612-6900

For all other events, please contact the President  
Mike Frush (304) 270-7586

## **“TBI Room” to be returned to service**

Some of you may not be aware but Fairmont State had to do some major renovations to the façade of Hardway Hall (Administration Bldg.) this past summer. The main steps had pulled away from the building and major repairs were needed on the portico and it's foundation.

Sadly this involved removal of the plaster we all signed in the “TBI room” as the walls of our room are the sub-supports for two of the buildings columns. The administration was unaware of the signatures and when they saw some going back to the 1940's it convinced a lot of people who knew very little about TBI that we are something very special and our relationship with the school is not something taken lightly by this fraternity.

The school was kind enough to videotape and photograph the walls before construction and they also salvaged as much of the plaster that could be saved. We now have the plaster, video, and pictures in our possession.

The room has been cleaned up and we are currently finalizing a new usage agreement with the school. Once this is done we will put out information inviting all brothers back for a chance to re-sign their name to the walls of the room.

## **Running with the Bulls to make a comeback**

The Active Chapter is planning to resume the end of semester “Running with the Bulls” party. This party was popular in the early 2000's and stopped about three years ago. Not only was this a moneymaker for the fraternity, it was also well known and anticipated by many students on campus. The event will be Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, location and time TBA. Please contact Vice President Dave Ullom at (304) 559-8158 for details.

## **A few notes from your ink stained Editor**

I hope the contents of our newsletter is enjoyable for you to read and informative of the Active Chapter and your Alumni Association's activities.

Concerning the missing TBI's, the saddest experience I have is when I locate someone and learn he had just recently passed away. I wonder how many lost friends are out there or how many Conventions a brother might have attended if he had received mail about it from TBI. I would like to ask for your help in finding our missing members. It's a great feeling when you help reconnect old friends with each other or acquaint a brother with the current activities of TBI for the first time in 20, 30, or even 40 years.

## 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](http://www.tbifraternity.com)

## Copies of old TBIAN's sought

We are trying to assemble as complete a collection as is possible of TBIAN newsletters. Our goal is to have one copy of each edition on file then have them scanned and available for viewing on the TBI web page.

We have a copy of each edition printed from Spring 1996 until now. The fraternity began printing the TBIAN in the late 1920's or early 1930's, it was discontinued in the late 1960's due to costs and we have no knowledge of it being printed again until 1991. If anyone has a TBIAN from before 1991; could you let us borrow it to copy, or send us a photocopy or scanned copy of it to us? It would be very much appreciated. There is a lot of history contained in that little newsletter and we want to have it archived for future TBI's to learn from our past achievements.

## We are saddened by the loss of a special lady

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the death of "Momma TBI" Mrs. Virginia Welty on December 28<sup>th</sup> at the youthful age of 102. Virginia was a student at Fairmont Normal School in 1926 and knew the TBI Founders personally. She has the distinction of being the only woman to have 4 sons become TBI's (Mickey, Braden, Joe, and Mark) she is also survived by a daughter and one other son. She was inspiring to all who knew her. May Virginia and all our departed loved ones rest in peace.