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Out Of Town Alumni Groups

There has been a stated interest in having some type of group for TBI's to get together outside of Fairmont. Several brothers stated that they would love to bring it back to Fairmont for Convention but between family and work obligations, and difficulty in traveling; doing so is impossible.

With that in mind we surveyed the Brothers and have received feedback from Florida, North & South Carolina, as well as the western states (AZ & CO) to lay the groundwork for TBI Social Groups outside of West Virginia.

These groups will operate independently, and have the full support of the Fairmont State Alumni Association. The school recognizes the efforts TBI has put toward building itself into a strong Alumni Association, and encourages similar effort from the TBI's to build a nucleus for Alumni Groups nationwide for Fairmont State Alumni in those respective areas.

If you would like to be involved with such a group in your area, please get in touch with the contact person in your area.

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Balt.- DC: Julie Angelucci (410) 647-9496 jayrock4@verizon.net

The TBI Store is OPEN

The Alumni Association has been putting together a web store for some time. When the store should be up by March, we can also take mail in orders.

We are selling TBI t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies; we also have Graduation stoles. In the jewelry department, we have TBI Membership Pins, Metal Pledg Pins, and a variety of rings, tie bars, and cufflinks that can be manufactured with the Pin or the TBI Crest. There are also several items for sale that were door prizes from past TBI Conventions.

Please call Chuck at (304) 366-3903 for details and pricing. All items are custom made and orders are placed when your payment is received. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

A Letter From The TBI Alumni Association President

My Brethren;

I am honored to once again address you as President of TBI Alumni. I wish to thank all of you who supported me at the Convention. I should like to tip my cap to Brother Drew Paton who also threw his hat in the ring for the office of Alumni President. This was the first contested election for an Alumni Office that anyone could recall; we need more interest of this type from the Brothers to ensure a vibrant future for this organization.

It has become profoundly apparent from feedback received that there are a lot of Brother TBI's out there who for various reasons, have been unable to attend any functions for many years; and they are now reluctant to do so because they don't know anyone else who participates. Brother, if this sounds familiar; let me inform you that you are by no means alone. I have received several dozen comments of a similar nature and I can give my heartiest assurance to each and everyone reading my words that the door of TBI is open to you and a warm handshake waits to greet you.

Please attend one of our functions when you can, it is a chance to rekindle old friendships and make some new ones. I think you will be pleased with what you find. TBI Alumni has grown profoundly over the last decade; we now manage two scholarship programs, and host over 400 Brothers and Guests between the Elimination Dinner and our Convention events.

Our primary focus remains with finding "missing TBI's"; we have located numerous Brothers who the fraternity has lost touch with. If you know of any Brother who is not receiving correspondence from TBI Alumni Association; he is someone of which we have NO RECORD. Please get his contact information to us as soon as possible.

There is a great deal of information in this TBIAN, the Alumni Officers take great pleasure in putting this document together and also providing timely information to the Brothers both near and far by email. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or one of your officers.

Fraternally,

Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.
President
TBI Alumni Association

Have you not come around for a while?

In sending out several email surveys this fall to ask about attendance it has been apparent that there are a lot of Brothers out there who have not been to Conventions or TBI activities for many years (some of you 30+ years).

The overwhelming majority response was that most don't attend because they know anyone else that attends. If you are someone who does make it to Conventions or Founders Day or the Elimination Dinner; call a Pledge Brother, call your Brother or a Little Brother. We need your help to reach out to those who have been away for so long. And to those of you who have been gone, the door of TBI is open and you are most welcome at all of the TBI Alumni Association's events.

Ideas for the 2010 TBI Convention

The 2010 Convention will be Friday, August 6th thru Sunday August 8th, 2010.

We have had a few ideas tossed out at the monthly meetings and we are now in the initial planning stages. Of course the Golf Outing and Stag Picnic will be held as usual. The Brunch held on Sunday was fairly well received and we are looking at continuing that as well. For Saturday night, we have held a dance the last few years with modest success; however the idea was brought up to have a bonfire and a dance on Saturday night in place of a dance. Any feedback or other ideas are desired and most welcome.

Changes to the TBI Turley-Wallman and TBI Alumni Association Scholarships are made

Fairmont State Teachers College has grown over the years and the current institutions of Fairmont State Univ. and Pierpont Comm. & Tech College have finally separated and are now two separate entities on the same campus. With the occurrence, TBI has had to make adjustments to the two scholarships we administer. The TBI Turley-Wallman Scholarship and the TBI Alumni Association Scholarship were modified to allow students from both institutions to apply for them. Also the Masters Programs now offered at Fairmont State, Masters Degree students are eligible if there are no qualified undergraduate applicants. Printed copies of both scholarships are available at the FSU/PC&TC Financial Aid Office, or the applications can be printed from the TBI web page. If you have any questions either scholarship please contact Scholarships Committee Chairman Robert "Bob" Dempsey at (304) 366-6299

17th Annual TBI Elimination Dinner

Saturday, March 6th, 2010

Westchester Village
1825 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV

\$1,000 Grand Prize
\$45 to the 1st and every 25th number drawn

Buffet Dinner / Open Full Bar

Social 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

Pledge List Project continues, HELP NEEDED

A lot of work has gone into compiling the lists for each semester's Pledge Classes. It has been a real struggle tracking down some Brothers, especially when the name they were known by is not their first name, or their name is spelled differently from how it sounds. Anyone reading this who pledged prior to 1985; we are really in need of your help, if you could pull out your Pledge Book and send in a list of who was in your class it would be very helpful. We have some partial lists but a lot are still missing.

There have been a couple of instances where we have only discovered someone to be a TBI after they have died. Two of these Brothers lived in the Fairmont – Clarksburg area. If there is anyone you keep in touch with who is not receiving the TBIAN newsletter; they are not on our mailing list and we most likely have no contact information for them at all.

As the book is put together it has a separate page for each semester listing a count of how many were initiated in the class, each member of the Pledge Class by Full Name, the name of the Pledgemaster, and the Active Chapter President that semester.

Also, we are trying to determine when the title Prepmaster was discontinued in favor of Pledgemaster. I believe it was sometime between 1963 and 1968. If someone could fill us in on that bit of TBI history we would appreciate it.

Congratulations are in order

Fall 2009 Graduates: Brothers Benjamin Corley & Michael Prutsok

Newlyweds: Brian & Jenna Conn
John & Crystal Faulk
Drew & Allison Paton

Brother Sam Ellis: Honored at Homecoming this year as
Fairmont State's 2009 Alumnus of Achievement

Members of the Fall 2009 Pledge Class:

Benjamin Nelson Booth – Bridgeport, WV
Michael Steven Frush – Falling Waters, WV
Corey Allen Murphy – Fairmont, WV
David Alan Ullom, Jr. – Wheeling, WV
Jonathan David Weinberg – Martinsburg, WV

Join your Brother TBI's on Facebook

TBI now has a home on Facebook. There are 125 TBI's currently in the group. Facebook is a social networking website that allows friends to keep in touch with another. Membership in the TBI group is restricted to TBI's only! And what is posted can only be viewed by members of the group.

If you are not already on Facebook, the web address is www.facebook.com, you to register to join, and there is no charge in doing so. Once you join Search: "T Beta Iota" (the search box is on the upper right side of the screen once you sign the TBI Crest is the group's picture so it is easy to find. We have Brothers on Facebook that were in school in the 50's, so none of you are too "seasoned" to be online & catching up with old friends.

If you need any assistance registering or joining the group, please contact one of our Alumni Officers, we will be glad to help you get connected.

Active Chapter

There has been no information provided by the Active Chapter for this edition of TBIAN. If you have any questions concerning their activities or events, please contact the Active Chapter President - Elijah Carpenter at (304) 517-9889 or president@tbifraternity.com

The Founders are.....Found

nce the spring of 2008 we have undertaken research on the Founders to learn more out them and their lives. You may have noticed that the Charter on the inside ver of this edition has some changes to the names below it. Well TBI is pleased to ounounce that the research on the Founders has been completed and we hope to have book published by late spring. We have contacted a living relative for each of the ounders (except Herbert Henry at this time) and they have been very helpful. They ve learned a few things from us about their relative and we have learned a lot from em.

'e had very little detail about their lives and honestly had no positive knowledge if ey were in fact all deceased. For the record, Galbraith Weaver was the last living ounder; he passed away in March, 1997.

t the 2008 Convention it was voted that we begin using the Founder's full names, is TBIAN is the first publication of the Full Names, the Active Chapter has also en provided with this list for their usage.

his year after a progress report was given at Convention, it was voted that the TBI lumni Association decorate the graves of the Founders each spring around ounders Day. We will need volunteers to take flowers to the graves sometime in arch when the snow lets up. If you would like to help with this please call Chuck illberry at 304-366-3903.

84th Founders Day Dinner

Wednesday, March 10th, 2010

Fairmont Field Club
1709 Country Club Road, Fairmont, WV

Buffet Dinner
Complimentary Beer / Cash Bar for Wine & Liquor

TBI's ONLY – NO GUESTS

Social 6pm, Dinner at 6:45pm
Memorial Service to follow Dinner

Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

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

TBI Alumni Association Meeting Calendar

At the October 2009 Alumni Meeting it was voted to change locations for our meetings. The monthly meetings are now held at 3-Ways Inn, located on Rt. 2: South, Fairmont. Meetings are still on the third Thursday of each month.

NOTE: The March meeting will be held in conjunction with the Founders Day Dinner instead of the regular Thursday.

January 21st
February 18th
March 10th – Founders Day Dinner
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th

TBI Convention will be August 6th - 8th, 2010

Social begins at 6:30pm, the meeting starts around 7:00pm
If you need a ride or more info please call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

TBIAN Archives to be online

Most of you may know the TBIAN is posted on the TBI web page to be viewec have a few old TBIAN's (1934, 1938, 1939, & 1961) they will be posted online near future. We have none from the 1940's, thru 1984. If anyone has a copy o TBIAN from before 1988, and you would be willing to let us borrow it to scan web page, please let us know. Your copy will be returned and your assistance gratefully appreciated.

Alumni Association Officers

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Vice-President:	Fred "Joey" Salentro alumnivicepres@tbifraternity.com	304-657-0520
Secretary:	Sunda "Jim" Gerard alumnisecretary@tbifraternity.com	304-657-6046
Treasurer:	Josh Schrader alumnitreasurer@tbifraternity.com	304-657-0202

Missing TBI's

If anyone knows how to get in touch with any of these Brothers please tell us because we sure don't. Please call Chuck Hillberry (304) 366-3903

Mike Allevato	Michael King	Donald Rex
Harry Barr	Andrew Konick	Ernie Rider
Tom Barr	Don Lambiotte	William Rider
Nick Bielich	Doug Lantz	Frank Rigger
Lloyd Bennett	Roger Lawson	Robert Riggs
David Calhoun	Fred Lloyd	James Rogers
Dick Clelland	Glenn Lafferty	Chris Rowan
Bill D'Andrea	John Mace	Dan Samples
Jack Davis	Sam Marino	William Seifrit
Charles Dicken	Travis Markley	Bliss Shaffer
Donald Doddrl	John McAteer	Roger Shaw
Sam Ellis	Tim McGrane	Donald Shimsky
James Feltz, II	Richard Moore	Clint Shipman
James Ford	James Muto	Ronald Spencer
Tom Ford	Ray Neptune	Sidney Spiro
Jason Garrison	Mike Parker	Rodney Sterling
Rex Hamilton	John Pasqual	Tommy Stitt
Richard Hawkins	Jeff Paugh	Dino Suplita
Wilbur Huffman	John Post	Scott Tarleton
Robert Jones	Donald Prunty	Robert Vincent
Roger Jordan	Fred Radebaugh	Dave Winters
Tom Judy	William Reed	Ronald Wood

Are you online? TBI Alumni Association Is...

How TBI communicates with the Brothers has advanced in the last few years. We have the email group that sends timely news directly to over 500 TBI's. We have received many positive responses concerning the emails that go out between publication of the TBIAN in January and June. We send out reminders for meetings, notifications for special events to include out of town alumni functions, and when we are notified a Brother TBI passes, we forward his obituary to the Brethren. If anyone knows of a Brother or family member in the hospital or something of interest to the membership, please let us know and we will gladly pass it on to the Brothers.

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

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

Don't be left out, please use this to update your information or to send in the name of a Brother TBI who is not receiving our mailings.

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

TBI Owned Businesses

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

Exit 132 Buick GMC, 2238 Whitehall Blvd., Whitehall, WV	Joe Asterino
Mountaineer Case Management, (Family Counseling), 1445 Parkside Dr., Fairmont, WV	Bill Dickey
Budget Sign Shop, 4326 Monroe Rd., Charlotte, NC	John Heim
Urse Dodge/Honda, Whitehall, WV / Bridgeport, WV	Robert Urse
Bond Insurance, Fairmont & Morgantown WV	Chris, Mark & Jay Pallotta
Trailer City, 2386 Whitehall Blvd., Whitehall, WV	Rick Heim
Golden & Zimmerman Firearms, 8273 Main St., Ivor, VA	James Golden
Carlo Fine Jewelry, 1400 Fairmont Ave., Fairmont, WV	Carl Lavorata

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.

Business is Business - Advertise in The TBIAN

The TBIAN is mailed to approximately 700 Brother TBI's across America and Internationally. The Ad pricing for a quarter-page is \$25, half-page \$50, and a full-page is \$75. Advertising on the TBI web page is also available. Please contact the Alumni Secretary to purchase an Ad for any occasion.