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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;

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 is being done. Now, we need you 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 function. The most common statement I hear from Brothers who have not been to a TBI 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 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 community.

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 on the third Thursday of each month.

Business Meetings

January 19th
February 16th
March 15th
April 19th
May 17th
June 21st
July 19th

Special Events

Founder's Day Dinner
Wednesday, March 7th

2012 TBI Convention
August, 3rd, 4th, & 5th

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.

2011-2012 TBI Alumni Association Officers

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Founder's Day Dinner & Memorial Service

Wednesday, March 7th, 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.

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.

NAME	AGE	PLEDGED	DIED
John Carmen Alberico	81	Fall 19460	5/16/2010
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

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 1st, 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. To donate to any of these scholarships, please contact the Foundation at (304) 534-8786

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 as 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 want to pause and pay respects to their memories and as a gesture for all departed Brothers. 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.

19th Annual TBI Elimination Dinner

Saturday, March 24th, 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
\$50 to the 1st and every 25th number drawn

Buffet Dinner / Open Full Bar

Social at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm

Drawing starts at 8pm

Dance after drawing until Midnight

Cost: \$50 per ticket, good for up to 2 people

For tickets or more information: Josh Schrader (304) 657-0202

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 he 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 surviving Simpson family was not aware James had attended college or his role in organizing TBI. Mr. James L. Simpson (J.E.'s nephew) and his wife Ardeth attended the dance and accepted a plaque recognizing James' contribution to the formation of TBI Fraternity on behalf of the Simpson Family.

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 16th 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:

Zachary Murl Chestnut	Dunmore, WV
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

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 16th, 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 1st.

“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 29th 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

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

1970's

Dan Shaver
Donny Carter
Tim Hall
"Pete" Bell
Danny Thomas
Howie Simons
Ed Myler
Edward C. Dawn

1964

John Brown
Bill Williams
William J. Tennant
Paul R. Vincent

1954

Bob Jenkins
John Veltri

1951

Richard Talbott
Donald Hamilton
John Dillon
George Berry
Paul Ingram
Glenn Lemley
Kenny Lemley
Harry Lemley
Tom McDonald
Joe Pat McDonald
Bob Price
Hobart Foster
Ernest Moore
Benny Poe
Dick Wagner

Charlie Bragg
William Hunsicker
Dave Clark
Danny Haught
Phillip Francis
Harland Kelly
Edward Zirkle
Bob Moran

1949

"Jim" Wells
Jim Haugh
Fred Bartlett
James Ayers
Wendell Bietzel
John Barasky
George Edwards
John Diamond
Jack Anderson
Roy Anderson
Bill Huffman
William H Smith
George Coffield
Jim D. Esley
Leonard Mosser
James Walton
Charles Parsons
Pete Horasko
Owen "Jack" Wood

1947

Joe Johnson
Kip Schroyer
Harold Carpenter
George Berry
Nelson Elliot

1946

Roy Anderson
"Lafe" Sturm
Bob Thompson
"skip" Jarrett
Frank Marion
Jack Clelland
Edward A. Kisner
Richard Smouse
Wells Gorman
James Pratt
Alan Staton
Robert L. Fox
Osburn Offutt
Richard McMunn
Norbert Renick

1944

Bill Swiger
Chuck Davis
William Skidmore
James Skelley
Don Lynch
John Baker Twigg
John Murphy
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

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 group affiliate with the school became official on March 7th, 1926 when a Charter was granted.

In recent years, the Founders Day Dinner has included a short service to remember the Founders themselves and the events that led up to the organization of TBI. Also, a memorial program is held specifically for the Brothers who have passed away since last year.

While not everyone can make it back to Fairmont, if any out of town groups of TBI's wish to hold a Founders Day Dinner please 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 13th since publication resumed in December 2005.

With the advance of e-mail, the TBI web page (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.

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

22nd First Meeting of Semester, Rm. 120 Hardway Bldg. - 7pm

February

2nd Spring Smoker - Location & Time TBA

12th Pinning of new Pledge Class, Rm. 120 Hardway Bldg. – 7pm

15th First Pledge Class Activity - Location & Time TBA

May

6th Last meeting of Semester, Rm. 120 Hardway Bldg. - 7pm

11th Graduation for Pierpont Community & Technical College - 6:00pm

12th Graduation for Fairmont State University - 1:00pm

TBI is recognized by Pierpont

On June 20th, 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 will serve two schools.

Active Chapter Officers for Spring 2012

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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.

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

Sigma Tau Gamma Chapter Closes

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.