Alumni Raise $853,905 for The Campaign for Pi Chapter

Help TKE Secure Our Legacy at Penn State University
Alumni, Help Us Break through the $1 Million Mark

Every Frater Needed to Secure $1.5 Million Goal
Loyal Pi Chapter alumni have pledged $853,905 in support of our program to revitalize the TKE Chapter House. Now we need to encourage Fraters who have not yet contributed to donate, so we can break through to the important $1 million level on our drive toward a $1.5 million goal.

As alumni it is vital that we contribute time, energy, and our financial resources for the Chapter to prosper. Our financial gift is an investment in the lives of our active members and the future of TKE. We can expect great things of our fundraising campaign but can only realize our goal if we work together.

Give Back as Former Generations Did for You
If every Frater reflected on his time spent at Pi Chapter, he would realize how fortunate he was to live there. Former generations of Pi Chapter men financed the construction of the beautiful home for us to enjoy. Today we are faced with the reality that much rebuilding and refurbishing is needed.

Help Spread the Word About Our Campaign
So what can we do to help? We are asking every Frater to join with us on this project. No gift is too small. If you have contributed, we need your help now to make calls and write letters to spread the word to Tekes about our campaign. If you have not yet contributed, now is the time.

Your Gift Ensures Teke Tradition Will Carry On
Joining Teke was not just an individual decision but a family affair. Part of the magic of joining the Fraternity was knowing we were carrying on a tradition. Wouldn’t it be nice to know that Pi Chapter will be taken care of for future generations? That is why this campaign is so important. Not only are we providing a great facility for our collegiate members to enjoy today, we are ensuring the house will be maintained for many years to come.

Use Enclosed Pledge Card to Make a Gift
Our campaign offers a great opportunity to get your family and friends together and pledge a group gift. Make a gift in honor or memory of a Frater or contribute as a pledge class. No matter how you do it, please make a gift using the enclosed pledge card today to secure your place as a contributor to this great project.

Pi Chapter Receives Chapter of Excellence Award
At the IFC Awards Night on April 25, TKE was awarded Chapter of Excellence Award, an award given to only five of 49 fraternities on campus. This is an excellent achievement and we are proud of our Chapter’s accomplishments. To see the other awards they’ve won recently please see the box to the left of this article.

As we look to the remainder of 2010, please take the time to reflect on all TKE has meant to you over the years—in terms of both personal development and lifelong friendships. The Campaign for Pi Chapter is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to demonstrate your appreciation and give back. Please join us in supporting Pi Chapter.

Yours in the Bond,
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Loyal Supporters Raise $853,905 for Advancing Our Legacy of Excellence into the 21st Century Campaign

We are deeply grateful to the following Tekes for committing $853,905 to the Advancing Our Legacy of Excellence into the 21st Century campaign. These Fraters recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Pi Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project. All donors contributing a minimum of $2,500, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated Chapter House.

If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise Bob Spears '74 at rspears@hbkcpa.com or write to Pi Chapter House Corporation of TKE, P.O. Box 766, State College, PA 16804-0766, so that we may make a correction. Your support makes a difference.

Walter B. Riley Jr. Society
($100,000 and above)
Lawrence G. Foster '48

Apollo Society
($50,000 to $99,999)
David R. Jones '54
($50,000 to $99,999)
A pollo Society
Lawrence G. Foster '48

($100,000 and above)
Thomas M. Becker '69
Bryon G. Deysner '77

Triangle Society
($25,000 to $49,999)
In honor of the
Members of the 1957 Class
Joseph H. Eberly '57
James R. Glancy '57
Charles F. (Chuck) Harner '57
Paul R. Johnston Sr. '57
Michael D. Znachko '57
David K. Goss '69
Daniel S. Mead '75
James R. Rummel '76
David Singer '77
David Eckhart '78

1929 Society
($10,000 to $24,999)
Hal Byers Memorial Gift
Joseph H. Eberly '57
Al Ely '57
Robert B. Franklin '59
Charles F. (Chuck) Harner '57
Richard A. Jacobs '58
George L. Smith '57
John D. Neel '46
In memory of
Bud Thomas '48 and
Ernie Zimmerman '43
Robert P. Campbell '59
Michael D. Keebaugh '67
Deborah and Daniel Stephens '71
Donald B. Jones Jr. '76
David C. Small '77
Eric J. Miller '78
J. Andrew Weidman '78
In honor of "007"
Richard W. Horrigan '79
In honor of "007"
Christopher R. Dyckman '80
Michael R. Palombo '81
John C. Smit Jr. '83

Love, Charity & Esteem Society
($5,000 to $9,999)
Anonymous
Gene R. Shue '56
Duane F. Alexander '62
Kerry Kissinger '62
Kenneth A. Myers '64
Richard L. Kalich '67
In memory of
Dennis J. Beck '68
Edward R. Say '68
In memory of
Richard W. Kooman II '67
Frederick J. Villforth III '68
Robert D. Spears '74
Paul P. Podwika '76
Robert E. Jepsen Jr. '78
G. William Nickerson '78
John F. Tattersall '80
Samuel V. Rogers '81
Jim Taylor '84
Brian T. Olsavsky '85

Cherry & Grey Society
($2,500 to $4,999)
J. Howard Walker '44
In memory of
Joe Schmucker '42
Donald R. Koontz '50
Tom H. Hahn '53
In honor of
Joan Hahn

John R. Smith '54
In memory of
John (Jack) Pinezich '55
Duane E. Buck '55
In honor of
Joyce Buck and
Teke of 1954-56
Alexander W. Zerban '55
In memory of
Dr. A. H. Zerban
John M. Bergey '56
Walter C. Cron '56
In honor of
Pi Chapter
John W. Gruber, M.D. '56
Eugene Rowland '59
In memory of
Charles (Dick) Morgan '55 and
Dick Updegraff '55
Fred C. Schwerer III '62
James F. Strunk '64
Dick Bange '66
Michael G. Flanigan '68
Robert L. Markle Jr. '68
Jeffrey M. Bower, Esq. '69
John C. Bradley Jr. '69
Ned A. Bulk '69
In memory of
Mike Naas '70
John K. Walmer '69
Mitch R. Work '69
Robert W. Zimmerman '69
William D. Say '70
G. Brian Davidson '73
Robert F. (Luke) Luther '73
Daniel R. Kalmar '74
Robert G. Elkin '75
Gary T. Adams '76
Jack J. Dile Jr. '76
William Quirk '77
Brian R. Keck '79
In honor of
his parents

Thomas R. LaGreca '79
In memory of
Eric Fuller '82 and
Bill Wise '82
Paul J. Nidoh '79
Glenn Hudock '81
Michael D. Brower '83
In memory of
Lloyd Wise '82
Joseph M. Graind '83
Eric W. Snyder '83
Scott W. Triplette '83
In memory of
Bill Wise '82
Charles N. Claar IV '85
Brian K. Gutshull '86
Bret M. Davis '87
John S. Capone '90
Vincent S. Capone '90
Steven R. Sanchez '90
John S. Mancuso '91
Brian M. Gibbons Jr. '97
Matthew R. McGill '05
In honor of the
Fall 2001 Pledge Class
Raffaele Fabiano '06

Fraters Society
($1,000 to $2,999)
Juanita Evans Kitchen Fund
Brian M. Debbis '99
Brett G. Greenberg '01
John E. Kaminski III '97
Matthew B. McGeorge '96
Colin Schmitt '00
David Tennenbaum '99
Paul Turchetta '99
Joshua E. Tzucker '97
James Wagner II '97
William J. Breeze '47

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Active Member Society
(Up to $999)
Anonymous
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 1963

Jeanne McKown
In memory of
her husband,
Robert “Whitey” Kckown ’50

Richard S. Clarkson ’47
James D. Seitzer ’48
Robert E. Davis ’49
In memory of
Emmett Davis ’48
William C. Furst ’49

Milton Stermer ’49
In memory of
Bill Gotherman ’43
K. Dean Vought ’50
Edward J. Sandini ’51
Paul S. Beigley ’52

George Georgiell, D.D.S. ’53
David Margolf ’53
Eugene J. Thomas ’53
In memory of
John Russell ’40
Fury J. Feraco ’54
Allen H. Forbes II ’54
William R. Lysinger ’54

Richard W. Snyder ’54
Donald K. Taylor ’54
Gerry W. Gillispie ’55

Frank Hills ’55
In memory of
Lavonne Hills
Darrell B. Ray ’55
Walter C. Fresch ’56

Carlton Hartman ’57
In memory of
Whitey Schaffer
In honor of
Dick Shillinger ’57
Robert E. Beamer ’58
Charles A. Bibleheimer ’60
Stanley L. Foster ’60
James M. Shugert ’60
Edward C. Finney ’62

Dwight G. Moore Jr. ’62
Dr. Douglas K. Obeck ’62
Robert L. Bartlett ’63
C. Lee Fisher Jr. ’63
BARRY L. Gleim ’64
Robert O. Grover ’64

Robert K. Hartman, Ph.D. ’64
Glenn M. Johnson ’64
In memory of
Bob Barziloski ’64
Dr. Joseph Manjone ’64

William E. Smeltzer ’64
Col. Charles R. Dooley ’65
Richard A. Jackowsky ’65
Robert A. Mase ’66
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 1963

Don S. Klein ’66
In memory of
Deceased Members of the
1966 Graduating Class
James W. McCormack ’66
In memory of
Deceased Members of the
1963 Pledge Class
David Schieck ’66
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 1963
Gary A. Badgley ’67
Kenneth L. Teacher ’68
Michael L. Torcas ’68
Arthur F. Knapp Jr. ’70

Joseph Valo’71
David B. Davies ’72
Kevin C. McEntee ’72
Richard J. Kaufmann Jr. ’73
J. Scott Ulrich ’74
Scott D. Savage ’75
Harry Wolmer ’76
Bruce R. Robinson ’77
Emery J. Udvari ’80

James D. Colton ’81
In memory of
Eric Fuller ’82
William J. Tobin Jr. ’81
David Witter ’81
Michael E. Brookhart ’82
Daniel J. Carey ’82

Frank J. Ancharski ’83
In memory of
L. William Wise ’82 and
Barbara Ancharski
Robert K. Breslin ’83
Thomas M. Caffrey ’83
In memory of
John Fenstermacher ’83
D. Scott Clark ’83
Stephen R. Davison ’83
In memory of
Bill Wise ’82
Edward A. Krasovec ’83

John F. McCarthy ’83
In memory of
John Fenstermacher ’83
Randall S. Paull ’83
Christopher T. Olivia ’84
Timothy M. Haak ’85
Kirk Oates ’85

In honor of
Alan Lauder ’85
Andrew D. Glendinning ’86
Anthony Cusano ’87
Mark X. Lima ’87
Richard J. Talkowski ’87
Scott A. Fatur ’88
Andrew T. Dellapi, M.D. ’89

Scott C. Harter ’89
Craig T. Scott ’92
Dave Foertsch ’97
Terrence Storey ’97
Jordan Silberberg ’00
Douglas Timbie ’00
Garth C. Castren ’01
Matthew W. Gentzel ’01
Sean Kozielec ’01
Joshua R. Hersl ’04
Phil Harter ’08

Joe Mitzak ’08
Rob Shedrawy ’08
Nate Braier ’09
Mark Chando ’09
Kyle Chappelle ’09
Daniel Chon ’09
Mike Dunne ’09
Shane Grube ’09
Greg Lamb ’09
Ryan Lerch ’09
Allan Moulds ’09
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Don Pearce ’09
Carlo Pugliao ’09
James Staffarini ’09
Matthew Timer ’09
Lateff Caffie ’10
Douglas Flynn ’10
Jack Holmes ’10
Robert Jamison ’10

Thomas Margle ’10
Dan O’Dea ’10
Christopher J. Smith ’10
Corey Soileau ’10
Andrew Staszesky ’10
Matt Swingle ’10
David Tompeck ’10
Eric Ahrweiler ’11
Kevin Connolly ’11
Jeb Dennis ’11

Matt Doherty ’11
Collin Goodnuff ’11
Daniel Jensen ’11
Ryan T. McAndrew ’11
Sean Meehan ’11

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Christian Van Horn ’11
Dave Weiland ’11
Joshua Peles ’12

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Zach Noel ’09 Contributes to Commemorate Life Education Received at TKE

Recently, I have spent a lot of time thinking about why I want to donate to the campaign for Pi Chapter. I graduated in May 2009 and find myself at the house regularly since many of my friends are still active members. When I’m there, it feels like I never left, and it certainly doesn’t feel like I’m an alumnus. However, there is something inside of me that wants to donate to the campaign, and I think that comes from what the Chapter truly means to me.

When I was a freshman at Penn State, I had a lot of fun and made good friends. When I pledged in the spring of my freshman year, however, life changed dramatically. In the Fraternity, I made great friends, received an excellent education and most importantly gained valuable real-life experience. TKE was a place where I could channel my energy, learn from my mistakes, and develop leadership skills. It was an experience that I think is key to my future success.

I’ll never forget my first Pi Chapter House Corporation board meeting. I was 19 years old, sitting at a table with successful professionals. I learned more about business interactions during those meetings and conference calls than I ever had before. I modeled my behavior and actions after professionals I respect and admire. These were great experiences that I will carry through the rest of my career.

I also learned how to interact with Fraters, organizing events, working on a budget, risk management, and dissolving conflicts within the Chapter. It was during these times that I got a chance to practice my skills in teamwork, organization, and delegation.

Teke means different things to every one of us, but I hope it will always be important in our lives. We all have different feelings about the active brotherhood. At times we may wish more men in the Chapter were athletes, involved in student government, were more philanthropic, or that the house was cleaner. The most important thing to remember is that the active members are getting one of the best opportunities to make friends, learn, and mature. For that reason, whether I give a dollar or a million dollars, I will always feel indebted to Teke. It is the playground that gave me the ultimate life education.

Pi Chapter alumni and their spouses from the classes of 1957–62 are invited to attend a reception and dinner at the TKE Chapter House on June 3 to kick off the traditional Penn State reunion weekend, June 3-6. There are special incentives for the class of 1960 to attend since they will become Penn State Pioneers this year and the Alumni Association has special events planned. Yes, it really has been 50 years since graduation.

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Stan Foster ’60 (sfoster1@earthlink.net), Ted Haller ’60 (hallert@verizon.net), and I have formed an informal committee to work out the details. Here are the key points so far:

- The June 3 reception starts at 4 p.m. and dinner begins at 6. Cost for the evening is to be determined and will depend on attendance. This information will be distributed after the level of interest is assessed.
- For more information on the Penn State Reunion Weekend, visit the alumni Web site, www.alumni.psu.edu. Click on events, reunions, and traditional reunion weekend to learn more.
- Make your reservation at The Nittany Lion Inn. Group rates are available by using reference code REU0531_001. Make your hotel reservations soon since reunion weekend is very busy.
- Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend the reception and dinner. This is an outstanding opportunity to revisit TKE and university friendships, especially for the class of 1960.
- Remember to R.S.V.P.

Yours in the Bond,

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Editor’s note: The following letter was mailed to the alumni of Tau Kappa Epsilon in April. We thought it appropriate to publish it in our newsletter to show Penn State President Graham B. Spanier’s support of our efforts and of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

On April 25 TKE won the most prestigious award at Penn State’s Greek community awards night. Pi Chapter was honored with the Chapter of Excellence Award, given to only five of the 49 fraternities and sororities.

To win Chapter of Excellence, top-tier chapters must perform exceptionally at University set standards including: social policy requirements, responsible citizenship, intellectual development, defined and organized recruitment, and strategic planning. To read descriptions of these standards, visit www.sa.psu.edu/greeks/report_excellence_std.shtml.

After viewing these standards, you’ll see the Fraters are doing an exceptional job representing TKE.

TKE was also awarded the Outstanding IFC Recruitment Award. This award is given to the chapter that makes the most significant progress in developing a comprehensive recruitment program that increases chapter membership.

We are very proud of our active Fraters’ accomplishments.
Dan “Junior” Mead ‘75 has been selected by the Penn State Board of Trustees to receive the university’s highest honor this June, the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award is given to outstanding alumni whose personal lives, professional achievements, and community service exemplify the objectives of their alma mater.

Junior is chief operating officer of Verizon Wireless, a $60 billion voice and broadband data wireless communications company with 80,000 employees and 90 million customers. He was one of the founding senior executives responsible for launching Verizon Wireless in 2000 and is a member on the board of directors.

A member of Penn State’s Behrend College Council of Fellows, Dan received the 2008 Alumni Fellow Award from Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, in 2008. He has a long record of commitment to Penn State and is a member of the corporate campaign committee for the university.

As an undergraduate, Junior held numerous offices in the Chapter but is best remembered for the culinary adventures he and weekend caterers and cooks provided. Members still talk of his ravioli. His dishwashing skills, taught to him by Al and Margaret Harris, are also legendary.

Junior can be found canoeing on the Allegheny River with his TKE buddies on Memorial Day weekend, an annual ritual that started back in 1974. Pi Chapter congratulates Junior on his success and thanks him for his support.

I began my term as Pi Chapter ptytanis on December 1 and have watched the Chapter grow in many ways. Our biggest news is we won the Chapter of Excellence Award at IFC Awards night in April. This award is given to only five of 49 fraternities. Other highlights are that we raised the most money ever for THON, hosted a summit for borough and university leaders to interact with students on current issues, and recruited 10 pledges for the spring semester.

Chapter Achieves Excellent G.P.A.
During the fall semester the brotherhood G.P.A. was 3.05 and the cumulative G.P.A. was 3.09. The fall pledge class also carried a cumulative G.P.A. above 3.0. With the amount of diverse majors, we are proud of the Chapter G.P.A. and want to improve it even more during the spring semester.

Brothers Raise $75,000 for THON
During THON, we were paired with the women of Alpha Xi Delta and raised approximately $75,000 to help battle childhood cancer. This is the highest total we have ever raised and we sincerely thank those who helped us achieve this goal through donations. We hosted a philanthropic event for St. Jude Children’s Hospital in April and it was equally as successful.

10 New Members Recruited in Spring
I’m proud to announce that we initiated 12 quality men in the fall and recruited a class of 10 pledges for the spring semester, the second most of any fraternity on campus.

I am excited about our upcoming events such as Parent’s Weekend and the Orchid Ball Formal. Although it is never easy to be ptytanis, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time so far and have very high hopes for the future of Pi Chapter. Please feel free to stop by and see us any time.

Yours in the Bond,
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