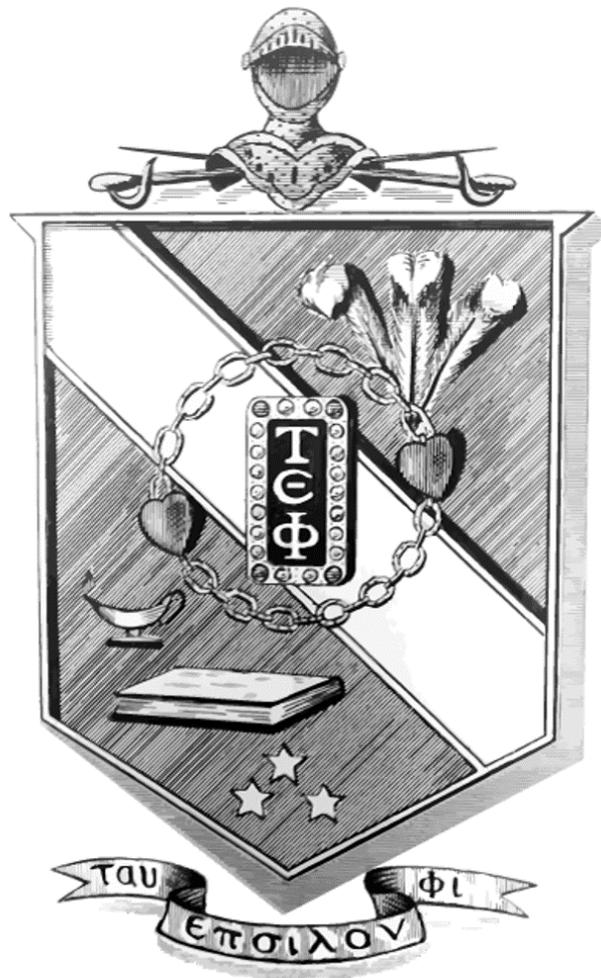

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the Consul's Corner

Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well and for those of you in the northern parts of our country are staying warm now that we are in the thick of winter. The past six months have been very busy for our fraternity. We had some high points and we also had some low points. On the positive side of things, we held our leadership retreat for all our chapters, colonies and interest groups in Baltimore, Maryland. We re-colonized at Penn State welcoming 20 new Brothers into our fraternity. These new Brothers have been beating the odds as they had one of the largest fall pledge classes on their campus. We are very proud of these guys and look forward to working with them as they continue to reestablish their group at Penn State.

I'm also very excited to announce the dates of our 2018 Grand Chapter and Convention. We will be meeting in Chicago, Illinois from Oct 4-7, 2018 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency, McCormick Place. Alumnus Member-at-Large Alan Ledewitz has been appointed chairman of the planning committee. As plans are put together, we encourage you to save the dates and keep an eye out for updates. These will be shared on our various social media platforms, as well as our website www.tep.org. Please keep an eye out as more details become available.

This past fall we partnered with a company called Memberplanet to serve as our communication platform and backend database. We spent the last semester working to bring our undergraduate chapters and colonies online and are now expanding our efforts to reach our alumni. Should you know of anyone who is not getting our communications, please go to <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/tep/alumni-finder> to share their information with us so we can update our records.

We have also unfortunately seen our share of challenges in the past few months. I regret to inform everyone that we have suspended our Tau Alpha Chapter at the University of Florida for excessive risk management violations. We are in the process of completing a membership review of that chapter and continue to work with the TA alumni and the University of Florida to discuss next steps on when we hope to return to campus. I also must regrettably announce the closure of our Beta Tau Colony at the Arizona State University. It is with regret that group decided to disband themselves voluntarily.



Lastly, earlier this week we colonized groups on the campuses of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the University of Rhode Island. The Grand Council has also colonized our interest group at the University of Indiana - Bloomington. We look forward to welcoming their members into the Portals of Tau Epsilon Phi. We have also hired a new Chapter Services Consultant, Joshua Delgado. Josh is a recent graduate and past Chancellor from our Omega Alpha chapter at Johnson & Wales University. For more on Josh please read his update later in the plume. Please join me in welcoming Josh to the team!

Lastly, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support in our great fraternity.

Fraternally,

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OFFICIAL TEP STORE:

We are happy to announce that the TEP Store is up and ready for business. We are still within our development phase, so expect some additional updates within the coming weeks. We invite brothers to use the TEP Store as the official place to purchase apparel, with 100% of proceeds used for support programs and development for our undergraduate members. If you have questions or suggestions for additional merchandise, please contact Dave Cass at dave@tep.org.

Additionally, for the month of February, you can get 10% off your total purchase with the promo code EARLYBRD. So hurry over today!

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The Plume staff will be reintroducing articles and features as this publication continues to grow within the twenty-first century. At this time, the Plume staff invites brothers to renew sponsorship and promote their businesses within our brotherhood. Sponsorships will run for a full-year (two editions) and will cost \$50 for an eighth-page ad, \$100 for a quarter-page ad, and \$200 for a half-page ad. For additional information, please contact the Plume staff at: plume@tep.org.

Letter to the Undergrads

Hello Everyone!

What an exciting Fall semester we had as an organization. The semester started off with an incredible four day leadership retreat for all of our chapters, colonies, and interest groups in Baltimore, MD. The weekend was full of team building, Greek Leadership/Chapter Management skills, and of course bonding with brothers from across the country. We were thrilled to partner with Rise Partnerships which led a full day of innovative programming, the Tau Epsilon Phi Foundation, and various alumni panels.

Over the course of the semester, I continued to hear great stories about successes going on across the country. From philanthropies to brotherhood events, from rush weeks to fundraisers, our undergraduates continued to exceed my expectations. We have been able to utilize our partnership with MemberPlanet & GreekBill to help our groups manage their rosters & billing procedures to ensure the health and success of our organization.

Additionally, I am very excited to welcome three new colonies to our organization this semester! It is quite exciting to see our organization grow during the tough climate of the Fraternity World. I am beyond proud of all that our leaders continue to accomplish and look forward to a great semester ahead!

As always, if you ever have any questions - please feel free to reach out to me at UVC@tep.org



Fraternally,
Brian Meyer
Undergraduate Vice Consul
Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc

The TEP Foundation, Inc.

Submitted by Mark Abramson, Vice President of the TEP Foundation, Inc.

In 2017 the TEP Foundation established the Al Versacci Leadership Award. It will be given to an outstanding undergraduate member who demonstrates leadership in his chapter as well as at his school.

The award was established in honor Al Versacci, EM '65 who has continually served in various positions on the Grand Council, the National Fraternity, and The TEP Foundation since the TEP Convention of 1965, when he became the first recipient of the "Undergraduate of Year" award. His election in 1981 to International Consul, our highest office, marked a first in TEP history. Al was not only the youngest Consul in the fraternity's history, but also the first former member of the TEP Fraternity's staff to be elected to that post. Upon concluding his many years of service to TEP, he was honored with a special recognition of "The Bridge Builder Award" for fraternity and community achievement at the 1991 TEP Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The first recipient of the Al Versacci Leadership Award was Brandon Hanley, a member of the Tau Alpha chapter at the University of Florida. Brandon serves on the Grand Council as one of its undergraduate members. At the August Chapter Retreat in Baltimore, Al gave Brandon the inaugural award. It was an incredible honor for Brandon to receive his award from such a legendary alumnus. Al, for his part, was impressed that the first person to receive the award that was named after him was a young man of Brandon's caliber.

The Versacci Award will be given in the years when there is no Grand Chapter meeting. Congratulations to Al and Brandon from the TEP Foundation.



Brandon Hanley receiving the Al Versacci Leadership Award from Past Consul Al Versacci. Baltimore, MD.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION

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By making an online donation at:

www.paypal.com
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Convention 2018: Save the Date

Written by Alan Ledewitz, Grand Council Member-at-Large

Following the success of the 2016 Convention and Grand Chapter weekend, Grand Council Member-at-Large Alan Ledewitz has been leading a team to plan an exciting weekend for this year's event. The 2018 Convention will be held from October 4th–7th in Chicago, Illinois.

Mark your calendars and read below for further information.

TEP's Convention and Grand Chapter is an extended weekend designed for undergraduate leaders and alumni to connect with each other over fraternal matters, but more importantly, to have fun. Following the successes of the 2016 Convention in Orlando, the planning committee is pleased to announce 2018 Convention: Chicago!

In addition to leadership training, the Grand Chapter sessions, and Grand Council elections, the planning committee has been busy planning weekend events that will be exciting for undergrads and alumni alike. Potential events include a tour of Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears; a night at Navy Pier; pizza from Gino's East, home of the deep-dish pizza (sorry, New Yorker's); a cruise along Lake Michigan; and visits to any of the museums in the city.

The weekend's keystone event will be the national banquet, complete with an Awards Gala to recognize the achievements of some of our finest brothers. More information is to come, but mark your calendar today! Convention will take place from October 4th through 7th at the Hyatt Regency - McCormick Hotel in downtown Chicago. Mark your calendars today!



View of the Hyatt Regency—McCormick Hotel, the sight of the 2018 Convention.



Brothers in group discussion on recruitment and member development at the 2016 Convention in Orlando, Florida.

National Philanthropy Update: Our Military Kids

Written by Steven Hale, Grand Council Undergraduate Member-at-Large

One of the tasks of this Grand Council was to identify a national fraternity that exemplifies our ideals and values. The purpose of a national fraternity is to unify efforts among chapters and provide a consistent option if there are no local organizations that they may serve. The Grand Council voted to adopt Our Military Kids as the national philanthropy for Tau Epsilon Phi. This article discusses this organization.

A fraternity's national philanthropy speaks volumes about what that organization values. With that in mind, I was recently tasked with searching for a national philanthropy to best fit Tau Epsilon Phi. I spoke with many brothers and several servicemen mentioned how the ideals of Tau Epsilon Phi were close to those in the armed forces. From here, it seemed like an obvious link for us to give back to those who serve our country. A list of several excellent philanthropic organizations was presented to the Grand Council and, after thorough discussion, Our Military Kids was the primary choice for TEP's national philanthropy. This recommendation was unanimously accepted, and this article is dedicated to providing an overview about the work Our Military Kids does.

Our Military Kids is a non-profit organization, created in 2004, that supports the children of deployed National Guard members, reserve service members, and wounded warriors from all branches of the military. The organization's programs focus on engaging these children in activities to help them cope with the stress and anxiety associated with their parent's absence and/or recovery. Specifically, this may include tutoring for school, participation in athletics, and support for the fine arts.

Every year, Our Military Kids surveys its participants to assess the psychological impact of having a wounded or absent parent and the

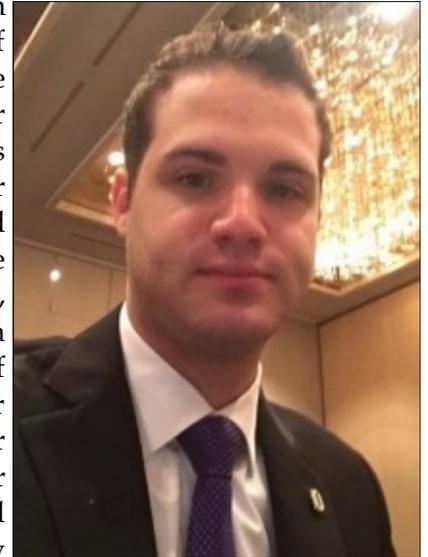
effectiveness of the programs on reducing stress and anxiety. The latest data show some remarkable success. In their October 2016 survey, Our Military Kids found that the 89% percent of participants showed a reduction in stress and anxiety associated with parent deployment or recovery, while 72% of children saw improved academic performances. Even more remarkable was that 97% of families reported an improvement in the entire family's well-being. With outcomes such as these year after year, Our Military Kids has a well-documented history of success.

Since its formation, Our Military Kids has raised over \$23.5 million, and has supported over 44,000 children of deployed, wounded, or absent military veterans. I personally look forward to the contributions our brothers can provide to such a noble organization. If you have suggestions for possible fundraisers or philanthropy events that our chapters, colonies, and alumni clubs may organize, please contact Steven Hale directly at shale@tep.org. For more details on Our Military Kids, visit - www.ourmilitarykids.org.



Staff Updates

Jason M. Berler, Director of Expansion & Chapter Development— Jason has found fun and success during his ventures as our national Director of Expansion & Chapter Development. His journey began in August at the annual NIC Meeting in Indianapolis with Consul Tim Smith, Praetor Jeff Sondhelm, and Foundation President Mark Abramson. Jason took this opportunity to meet and work with the then Gamma Tau interest group for their recruitment period, securing the names of over 150 men interested in TEP. Following this, Jason left for Troy, NY, where he assisted the Epsilon Iota chapter with their fall campus walk-around event. In October, Jason comments on his attendance at the 50th Reunion event for the Phi Beta group in Tampa, FL, delighted to connect with fellow founding fathers of different chapters. From here, Jason began focusing his efforts on our expansion group at Penn State University. The group initiated their nineteen-man founders class on November 12th, led by chancellor Tom Penrose. Jason would like to extend his thanks to all alumni involved in the reinstatement of this group. Within his travels, Jason was contacted by a student from the University of Rhode Island, expressing a serious interest in restarting a TEP chapter there, where they are now a formally recognized colony. Following a late-November trip to Atlanta, GA for the annual AFA meeting, Jason went to Wilmington, NC to visit the interest group that had formed at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. The group, a first on their campus, has been granted colony status by the Grand Council and are currently seeking IFC recognition on campus. Jason invites any brothers to contact him directly at jberler@tep.org.



Joshua B. Delgado, Chapter Services Consultant— Josh was hired as the Chapter Services Consultant following the September meeting of the Grand Council. As a member of the Omega Alpha chapter at Johnson & Wales University, he was in part responsible for the dramatic turnaround and success of the group, which earned them the organization of the year award at both Johnson & Wales and within Tau Epsilon Phi. As Chapter Services Consultant: Josh is primarily responsible for ensuring that chapters meet their obligations and that they receive training to help ensure their collective and individual ventures are successful. Specifically, Josh conducts chapter visits and completes an annual chapter assessment report with each group; represents the international fraternity in meetings with chapter officers, advisors, regional governors, and TEP alumni; and conducts training seminars on membership resources, expansion, recruitment, and more. So far, Josh has visited a handful of our chapters and colonies and he expresses excitement over visiting the rest. He has relished in the opportunity in seeing the everyday functions of our groups and using the knowledge of one chapter's strengths to support another that may struggle in that area. Josh welcome any brothers to learn more by visiting tep.org/jdelgado or by contacting him directly at jdelgado@tep.org.



TEP Does: Brewmaster Rudy Kellner

Many TEP men know the experience of having a well-crafted beer. Some prefer dark and robust beers, and some prefer the light and hoppy varieties. Several have taken to brewing their own beer in their free time. In this edition of TEP Does, we will focus on Rudy Kellner, EI 389, who is a founder of pFriem Brewery in Hood River, Oregon. Josh Pfriem, founder and company namesake, was delighted to discuss Rudy's success within pFriem and his shining personality.

Imagine you're an undergraduate at a Pacific northwest university with a love for beer and a penchant for craft. Josh Pfriem took an interest in homebrewing during his days at Western Washington University. He enjoyed his studies, but took a serious interest in his ability to mix those four magical ingredients in the best ways possible. After graduating, Josh took jobs at various breweries and restaurants, learning the ins and outs of the trade. As time wore on, Josh's passion grew. Josh wanted to open his own brewery.

Josh began raising his family and met Rudy through the third founder-to-be, Ken Whiteman as their children began attending school together. Rudy met Josh and Ken at a backyard barbecue, discussing this, that, and the other thing. A topic of common interest was brewing, and Josh began discussing his ideas. Rudy and Ken both liked the idea and were tentatively in. Time passed and the three began fleshing out more serious plans that made the idea become more realistic with each passing day.

Josh, Rudy, and Ken were granted a bank loan in November of 2011 and, in the summer of the following year, pFriem opened its doors. Josh

attributes a fair portion of the brewery's success to Rudy's temperament and skill set. According to Josh, "Rudy has a high-level business approach. He's been able to look above the weeds to see what needs to get done. He is clearly organized and cuts the fluff to focus on the meat of what the business needs."

More comically, Rudy's chapter brother, EI advisor Aren Paster, recounts their time together within the MBA program at Rensselaer. The two would rarely be called on, following regular challenges to outdated business theory. In one case, during a classic social experiment, the two were asked to make a series of "deals" with another pair. If both pairs agreed, each would earn \$1. If both declined, each would earn nothing. If one pair agreed, but the other declined, the declining pair would win \$3. The logic is that teams eventually begin to cooperate and everyone slowly earns \$1 at a time. Aren and Rudy decided that this was silly and continually declined deals, winning large sums more than their opponents. It's no surprise that this cunning would come to benefit pFriem in the future.

New businesses often go through
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Rudy Kellner (left) with fellow Epsilon Iota chapter alumni Jason Affourtit (center) and Aren Paster (right). Photo taken at the pFriem brewery and restaurant.

(continued from previous page) tumultuous times related to the demands of rapid growth, resource management, uncertainty about the next best step, and balancing the growth with quality. Rudy has been able to help the company move into uncharted waters with confidence. He is known to have a great ability to organize success through proper budgeting. While many employees see budgets as a restricting agent, Rudy has used budgeting as a tool of empowerment within pFriem, allowing employees to operate with greater autonomy. Greater autonomy leads to increased motivation, which then predicts success. Rudy also has a keen eye for hiring the right people right from the beginning. In a new company, regular employee turnover can yield certain death. At pFriem, careful hiring has led to low turnover. Employees are happy and the company saves time and money otherwise lost to hiring and training.

Western Washington University, Josh's alma mater, did not have Greek life, so he has minimal exposure to the fraternal world. However, upon hearing our ideals of friendship, chivalry, and service, Josh explained that Rudy is a shining example of these. In his words, "Rudy is just a really good human." New employees sometimes struggle to get settled in a new town, especially as their

learning their job responsibilities. Rudy has offered space in his home to incoming employees on several occasions, giving them the opportunity to use his managerial authority to make working at pFriem a good time. The company offers its employees - everyone from their restaurant servers to their management officers - retirement support, company parties, financial assistance and more.

As Josh discussed, when you care about the people working for you, they'll do good work. We're pleased to report on the success of Rudy and the pFriem brewery. Several of pFriem's beers have won awards at both domestic and international competitions. The brewery and restaurant are open daily in Hood River, Oregon. If you're in the neighborhood, give them a visit and enjoy the fruits of passionate labor.

For more information, please visit their website: www.pfriembeer.com



Rudy Kellner, photographed at the pFriem Brewery.



Josh Pfriem, photographed at the pFriem Brewery.

Undergraduate Reports

Xi - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Xi chapter reports a successful fall semester out in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The brothers welcomed six new members to the chapter and fourteen members to the Xi Fellowship living group. The brothers speak well of their work week as many new members learned house repair skills to maintain the renowned Xi chapter house. The brothers seek to kick off a new era of philanthropy and recently elected a philanthropy chair to begin this process. Finally, the Xi chapter has made efforts to connect with the MIT and greater Boston community by hosting joint social events with other fraternities, sororities, and living groups from the Institute and the neighboring Wellesley College.

Epsilon Iota - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The Epsilon Iota chapter boasts a tremendous spring recruitment period, following continued success in the fall semester. The brothers maintained a strong philanthropic presence on campus by volunteering for the local Habitat for Humanity and co-hosting a car with the institute's Biomedical Engineering Society at the annual Trunk-or-Treat community event. The chapter welcomed three new members in their Epsilon Zeta pledge class and the nine-member group took on large amounts of responsibility. The brothers of the Epsilon Iota chapter reaped the benefits of their efforts by confirming ten signed bids for their Epsilon Eta pledge class this spring, the largest class the chapter has seen the turn of the century. This semester, the brothers are focusing their efforts on maintaining the tight-knit relationship within the house and continuing to build a reputation for Tau Epsilon Phi in Troy, New York.

Lambda Phi Epsilon - Clarkson University

The Lambda Phi Epsilon chapter has used the fall semester to make minor tweaks and repairs to their already successful group and related programming. Due to the frigid Potsdam winters, the chapter was forced to focus on repairing some pipes and radiators that froze within the house. However, this didn't slow the group down. In order to more efficiently boost grades and prioritize academic conduct, the scholarship chair was added to the chapter's executive board. Throughout the fall semester, the chapter brought nine candidates through the portals of Tau Epsilon Phi. At the end of the semester, these newly initiated brothers will have large shoes to fill as the chapter will see seven members off for graduation. The chapter looks forward to the spring semester and continuing their growth from the fall.

Sigma Alpha Sigma - Hofstra University

The Sigma Alpha Sigma chapter at Hofstra continues their reputation of being a active group on campus, both socially and in philanthropic endeavors. The brothers participated in the philanthropy events of other Greek organizations on campus: Phi Sigma Sigma's Miles for Milan, Alpha Phi's Hoops for Hearts, and Alpha Theta Beta's Monte Carlo Night. In addition to these, the chapter paired up with the university's Delta Phi Epsilon chapter to host a book drive in which the groups received over 100 books to be donated to the Hempstead Public Library. The chapter crossed a new brother in his pledging process, and the group prepares to seek accreditation with Hofstra University's Fraternity and Sorority Life Letters with Pride, which is a standards-based recognition program. The brothers expect to earn the silver standing, which is an honor within the Greek community at Hofstra.

Omega Alpha - Johnson & Wales University

The Omega Alpha chapter reports success across all metrics in their first trimester of the 2017-2018 year. Starting with twenty-seven active brothers, the brother then initiated five new members, who expect to serve the organization well. The chapter continues to boast an impressive record of philanthropy, spending over 467 hours in service and raising over \$2,100. These hours included hosting their annual car smash to benefit Mothers against Drunk Driving and their first annual floor hockey tournament to support the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation. The chapter also won philanthropy-social events hosted by the university's Alpha Sigma Tau and Delta Zeta chapters. Beyond philanthropy, the Omega Alpha brothers continue healthy alumni relations, highlighted by their TEP DOES TURKEY 2.0 dinner event, a hit among brothers and guests alike. Finally, the chapter relishes in their recognition of Chapter of Merit by the Grand Council of Tau Epsilon Phi. After earning the Irving Golembe Memorial Trophy of Merit, the chapter thanks all those who recognized the hard work the chapter has put in over the past year.

Alpha Tau - Rowan University

The Alpha Tau chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi had a very successful semester with minor speed bumps. The brothers recently moved into their new chapter house with no issues. Its been fully TEP-ed out and the brothers invite everyone to visit since this will be the chapter's home for the foreseeable future. The chapter also reports major success this semester in philanthropic endeavors. Through fundraising and hosting service events, the Alpha Tau brothers doubled their output from the previous semester. The chapter continues their strength in recruitment, ending the fall semester with thirteen men interested in venturing through the portals of Tau Epsilon Phi during the spring. Next semester looks especially bright for the Alpha Tau chapter and the brothers are excited to share their progress.

Tau Beta Colony - University of Maryland

The Tau Beta colony brothers sought to reinvent their identity as an organization. The colony began this process by agreeing not to take a fall pledge class so that safety, membership development, and academics could return to their position as top priorities. The colony offered the fruits of their labor to the entire Greek community on campus. The colony hosted TEP alumnus Peter Fayne to discuss hazing and accountability within Greek organizations, highlighting the serious harm that has come to those as a result of poor self-policing. Following this, the colony began reworking the local components of their pledge process, eliminating the potential for hazing and unsafe member development. On the positive side of affairs, the brothers saw a dramatic improvement standing, rising from 18th to 3rd among Greek organizations in terms of GPA. Part of this success came from the colony's academic chair seeking assistance from the campus Learning Assistance Center, thereby gaining resources and strategies to support the active brothers. Finally, the chapter continues to build strong alumni relations, primarily through the active Facebook group of over 300 alumni. As a result of this connection, the brothers hosted TEP alumnus Wayne Kimmel, who discussed professional careers, networking, and personal advancement. The colony looks forward to the spring semester and building on the refreshment from the fall.

Phi Upsilon Colony - University at Buffalo, SUNY

The Phi Upsilon remarks on considerable advancement toward their goal of becoming a chartered chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi and solidifying their name within the Buffalo community. This fall the brothers spent time drafting their local Constitution and By-Laws with help from Chapter Services Consultant Josh Delgado. As a result, the group added the Scribe and Historian positions to their now eleven-man executive board. The brothers additionally revised their new member education program to add importance to physical health, *(continued on next page)*

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(continued) academic excellence, and knowledge of fraternal history. To support these ventures, the colony has instated gym and library hours for candidates and brothers alike. As a result, the colony hopes to bring even greater quality to their group among the thirty men interested in joining TEP at Buffalo. Finally, the group comments on their primary source of philanthropy, which supports the values they instill in new members: weekly after-school tutoring through the American Red Cross, supporting local youth in the city of Buffalo.

Phi Upsilon Colony - Indiana Uni., Bloomington

The Gamma Tau colony has seen almost immediate success in the development in Tau Epsilon Phi. During the summer, the group was approved by the university's Inter-fraternity council. During the fall recruitment period, the then interest group added a large number of members to the group with a successful initiation ceremony taking place in the fall. The group chose the Hoosier Hills Food Bank to be their local philanthropy, and raised over \$1,000 to support the food pantries reserves. The brothers also participated in the Bloomington Safe Halloween, hosted by the Inter-fraternity and Panhellenic councils, guaranteeing that local children has a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat. To conclude, the chapter held elections, bringing in a new executive board and committee chairmen, who will see the groups success in the spring semester.

Current and Past Consuls Meet

Submitted by Tim Smith, International Consul

In mid-January, several of our past Consuls got together for dinner in New York City with our current Consul to discuss the state of Fraternity. This opportunity allowed these Brothers to reminisce about their time overseeing the fraternity as well as an chance to learn firsthand what the Fraternity has been up-to since Grand Chapter 2016. We'd like to thank each and every one of them for their continued service and guidance to our Fraternity and look forward to working with them now and into the future.



Consuls (L-R): Tim Smith, Al Versacci, A. "Bud" Schiff, Leo Gordon, David Steinberg

Flashback!: Plume Articles through History

Following a publication gap between 1995 and 2017, the Plume plans to rerelease articles from earlier our organization's history. Each edition of the Plume will feature a few snippets from past editions, ranging from anywhere between the magazines inception and final publication in the 1990's.

Two TEPs Spur Champs, Winter 1962

TEP's Tau Gamma chapter at the University of Southern California had a little something extra to cheer about after the Trojans completed a perfect football season as National and Rose Bowl champions.

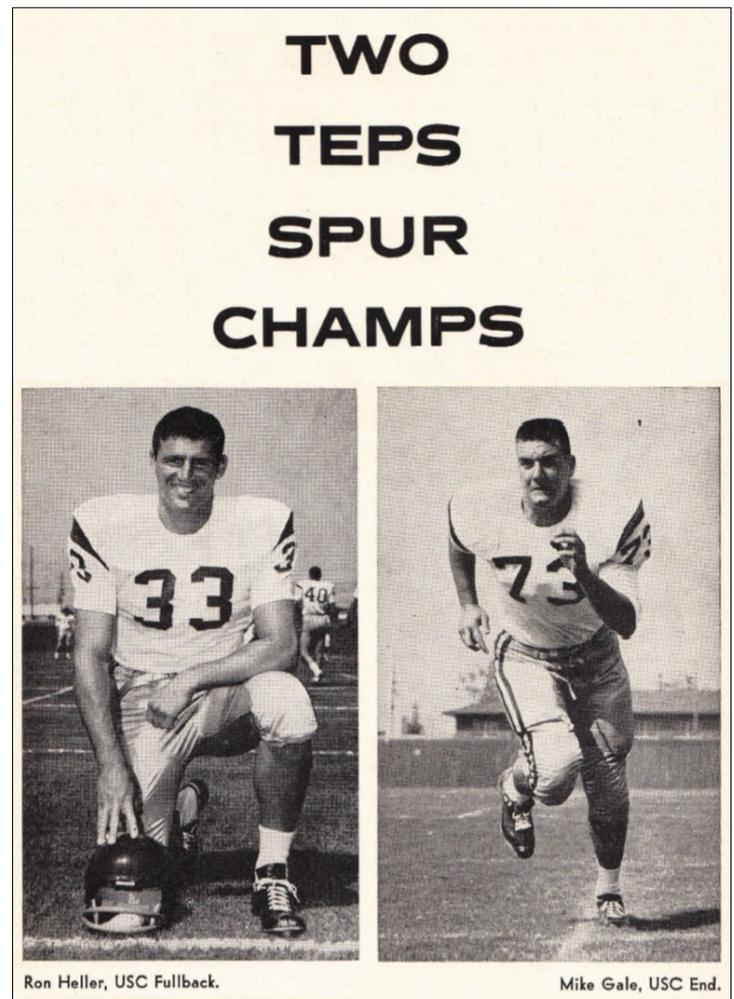
Two brothers, Ron Heller and Mike Gale, were main cogs in the team's brilliant 11-0 over-all record that saw Coach Johnny McKay's club wind up the season first in both the AP and UPI polls, and win the Grantland Rice award presented to the outstanding football team in the land.

Both men played on the vaunted Troy second unit which, in McKay's three-unit system, saw just about as much action as the first eleven. Heller, an All-American jaycee transfer from Santa Monica City College, was individually responsible for two of the big plays in two of the Trojans' biggest wins.

In the key early season tilt against Iowa, Ron broke up a tense scoreless duel bursting off tackle and going all the way on a brilliant 19-yard touchdown romp that won the game, 7-0. In the Rose Bowl game against Wisconsin, termed by experts one of the greatest contests of all time, Heller made what Coach McKay called the key play of the day when he rambled to a 25-yard touchdown in the 42-37 victory.

Seriously hurt in practice two days earlier, Heller was determined to play. One of the USC trainers commented after the game that, "Heller played on guts and 100 yards of tape." One a team chock-full of All-Americans and individual standouts, Heller, only a sophomore, was the fourth best rusher, fifth on the team in total offense, and third in kickoff returns with a 27.3 average.

Gale was switched this year from tackle to end and was one of the mainstays on the Trojan defense that limited its regular season opponents to less than six points a game. After playing one of his best games against Notre Dame, it was discovered in a post-game examination that Mike had a broken neck. He actually played over a quarter of the Irish contest with an injury. Trojan rooters showed their appreciation for Gale, who sat with the team on the Rose Bowl bench, by giving him a standing ovation.



Charity Work Gets LBJ's Thanks, Winter 1964

The President of the United States acknowledged and thanked Epsilon Theta (Queens College) Chapter for its efforts in raising funds for the Waldemar Medical Research Foundation of Woodbury, Long Island.

The charity drive organized by Brothers Gary Levy (House Chairman), Ira Gordon (Scribe), and Steve Lewitt (Vice-Chancellor) was conducted on November 14 at a street corner in Flushing, New York. The Presidential acknowledgement came in the form of a letter from an Assistant to the President.

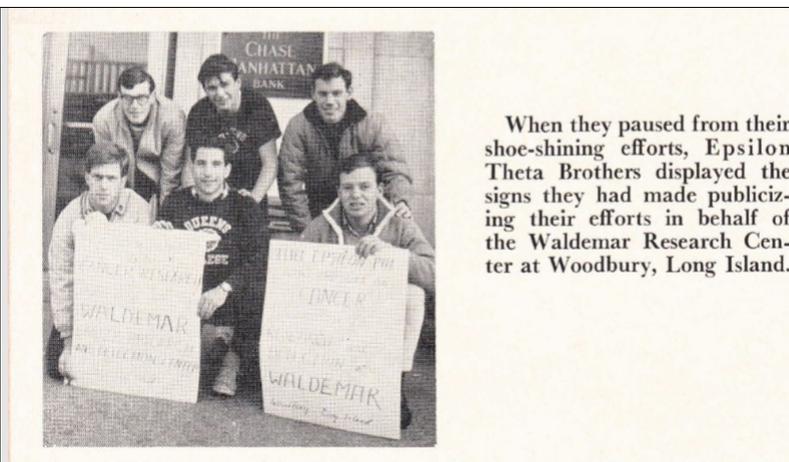
The drive was in the nature of a shoe shine brigade for cancer research. Elbow grease, brushes, rags, stands, chairs, and spirit were supplied by the Brotherhood; the polish was generously donated by Esquire Boot Polish Company.

The actual work was done in shifts, while half of the Brothers present shine, the other half marched with signs explaining the nature of the drive. So much enthusiasm ensued that most of the Brothers ended the day with minor cases of laryngitis. The money was raised on a contribution basis, which brought in sums ranging from 10c to \$5.00. The final total came to \$185 [approximately \$1500 in 2018], with more donations still sifting. Enthusiasm extended so far that one exuberant Brother accidentally shined the shoes of a pledge, though the error was quickly rectified!

The Brothers participating were Gordon Thorp, Steve Lewitt, Ira Gordon, Howie Luckman, Neil Deutsch, Phil Dolan, Ron Fuchs, Ken Lemberger, Mike Lester, Gary Levy (Chairman), Jeff Peters, and Steve Roberts. Also quite active and in charge of female shoes was Regional Vice-Consul Mike Rosenberg. Pledges available and participating were Artie Harris, Bob Kaye, Dennis Wolfberg, and Gary Levy.



Epsilon Theta (Queens College) Brothers shine shoes in the Main Street shopping area of Flushing, Queens, to raise money for a Medical Research Foundation.



When they paused from their shoe-shining efforts, Epsilon Theta Brothers displayed the signs they had made publicizing their efforts in behalf of the Waldemar Research Center at Woodbury, Long Island.

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