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RISING FROM THE ASHES:

Ever since I joined in Fall 2015, Alpha Kappa Class, I saw a chapter growing exponentially in every aspect from a slate that was wiped clean a few years before. Going through the new member process I witnessed a Prytanis and his Executive Council that were truly passionate and determined to make this chapter the best on campus while keeping brotherhood and scholarship at the forefront. This encouraged me to get more involved with the fraternity and later I was elected to carry out the duties of Historian. With the initiation of 14 brothers in my Alpha Kappa class and the caliber of fraters within the fraternity, this ultimately set the bar of performance we had to surpass in the semesters to come. These past two semesters have been a blast and I am very much honored to be a part of the officers that have taken this fraternity to the next level. As a fraternity in its entirety, I am very proud of each individual brother because in the end it's not about what one person did, but the collective effort and interest of several fraters that all share the same bond to become a "Better Man for a Better World." On that note, allow me to walk you through what the Tau-Psi chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has been up to this past year... 6.0

SPRING 2016:

This past year began with transition of offices:





TAU-PSI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SPRING 2016 - FALL 2016

Prytanis (President) Epiprytanis (Vice President) Grammateus (Secretary) Crysophylos (Treasurer) Histor (Historian) Hypophetes (Chaplain) Pylortes (Sergeant-at-arms) Hegemon (Educator)

Rush Chairman Philanthropy Chairman T-Shirt Chairman Social Chairman Intramural Sports Chairman Andrew Barrineau Jesse Weaver/ Alex Wallerstein Toby Woollums Coby Block Matthew Hayslip Nick Bonilla/ Karl Caspar Jacob Somers/ Roberto Montanez Jonah Griego

Jonah Griego Travis Bennett & Elijah Appel Mason Beach/ Trenton McDaniel



ESTEEM:

From rush to the new member process we were able to initiated 6 new fraters into

the bond and had the largest Spring rush class out of all seven fraternities under

Interfraternal Council (IFC) receiving recognition from the Greek community.

THE NAMES OF THE NEW BROTHERS ARE AS LISTED (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): KARL CASPAR TIMOTHY JONES JOSHUA LYLE JARERD CANON ELIJAH APPEL ROBERTO MONTANEZ (NOT PICTURED) HEGEMON: JONAH GRIEGO



At the end of January 2016 we were given the opportunity to send 5 brothers to the annual Triangle Summit held in Atlanta, Georgia. Where we were able to meet with brothers from different chapters in the South Eastern region of the United States while learning how to efficiently rush and grow as a fraternity on campus as well as what it means to be a TEKE. We were able to witness an induction done by the Grand Council and experience Atlanta night life while networking with fraters from different chapters.





Names of brothers (from left to right):

Matthew Hayslip

Andrew Barrineau

Jonah Griego

Nick Bonilla

Alex Wallerstein

As the Spring semester came to a close, we gained new alumni as these fraters graduated with their Bachelor degrees from the University of West Florida to go out and make our chapter proud. In order from left to right – Frater Jared Canon went to further his education with Tulsa University's Law program, Frater Paul Lachhonna is a Marine recruiter, Frater Derek Bibeau pursing an occupation as an officer in the Marines, Frater Travis Bennett executing a job as a teacher at his home high school in Gainesville, and Frater Will Lane graduated from both Air Assault School as well and is currently a member of the Air Force.







CHARITY:

Throughout the Spring semester we focused on giving back to the community. The Tau-Psi Chapter participated in the March of Dimes held by Alpha Delta Pi. We also partaking in Relay for Life with Kappa Delta. On a smaller scale, brothers redid the Teke bench by the Pace Library in respect, appreciation and honor of both alumni and actives. Thomas Miles also March of Dimes: showed a little charity to us as well!



Frater Elijah Appel headed this philanthropic event as we made just over a hundred dollars donated to the cause of creating healthier lives of newborns.



RELAY FOR LIFE @ UWF APRIL 8TH: IN THIS EVENT WE RAISED 538 RELAY DOLLARS BY SELLING DEEP FRIED OREOS AS WELL AS WALKING THE OR L TRACK AND PARTICIPATING IN erican GAMES ALONG SIDE OF KAPPA DELTA SORORITY SISTERS. TANKAPPA EPSILON

Special thanks to Jacob Somers, Jonah Griego and others who helped with their

countless hours put into sanding the bench and repainting this bench to sit amazing

right outside of the UWF Library!



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Thomas C. Miles is a well-known Kennesaw State (SPSU) alumni who goes around to each chapter and screen print numerous amounts of Teke logos and crests on any article of clothing, "except for boxers." We met Frater Miles at Triangle Summit and later networked and he was generous enough to drive all the way over to Pensacola and supply the Tau-Psi chapter with custom clothing. Thank you for your support and gratitude Frater! We look forward to his return in the coming semesters!



As Teke brothers we took it upon ourselves to show a little love to the sorority part of our Greek community and thank them for everything they have done by giving out bouquets of Red Carnations early Valentine's Day morning to the sisters that lived in the Sorority Southside villages.





During the month of April we underwent both Spring Alumni Weekend (SAW) and our Annual Red Carnation Ball (RCB). During SAW active brothers were able to meet up with alumni, network, share stories and have a great time. The entirety of the weekend began with going downtown, watching the Blue Wahoo's game and having a brunch at Flounders on Pensacola Beach!



Frater Ethan Stubbs and Venerable Prytanis Andrew Barrineau both having a great time at Spring Alumni Weekend!



SILON

Our formal was held at New World Landing Located on Palafox Street in downtown Pensacola. Throughout the event we were able to eat, dance with our dates as well as crown our new sweetheart! One more congratulation to Top Teke going out to Frater Travis Bennett, the Love, Charity and Esteem award going to Frater Coby Block, Top Big brother going to Venerable Prytanis Andrew Barrineau and the Past Prytanis award going to Collin Edwards.





Sweetheart:

Venerable Prytanis Andrew Barrineau pins Kelsey Horton (Alpha Delta Pi Sister) to be Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Psi Sweetheart 2016-2017.



FALL 2016:

As we hit the ground running going into rush week, we created a rush video that has reached well over 1,000+ views on YouTube and was overall a great depiction of what we stand for as brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon. This video set the precedent of how well we executed rush this year. If you haven't seen it, take a look! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5n71oZ8aeXo)





LOVE, CHARITY & ESTEEM:

Having one of the largest new member classes in the IFC community this Fall we managed to rush and initiate 14 new brothers into our fraternity on November 13, 2016. We are proud to welcome the Alpha Mu class in our bond. Our chapter is now the largest it has ever been at 37 fraters and it is only up from here.



<u>New Brothers(Top to bottom, left to right)</u>: Tom Reed, Brandon Ellison, Matt Chamberlain, Cam Lisella, Jeff Robertson, Jayce Richey, Josh Mathney, Austin Miles, Kirby Gehris, Will Rasmussen, James King, Ty Weaver, Jp Davy, Matt Hardy and Noah Griego.



Throughout this past semester, older brothers had the opportunity to teach and

bond with the new members in very aspect...



Intramural Flag Football:

Your Tau-Psi Tekes went 2-2 this season while the team was learning how to bond on and off the field learning that through both wins and losses we stand strong as Tekes because brotherhood withstands it all.

<u>AUBURN UNIVERSITY:</u>

NEW MEMBERS AND SOME BROTHERS TOOK A TRIP TO AUBURN UNIVERSITY TO MEET THE BETA-LAMBDA TEKES AND OTHER CHAPTERS OF BROTHERS IN THE DIXIE REGION FOR PROVEINCE FORUM. WE LEARNED THE INS AND OUTS OF RUSH AND HOW TO FUNCTION EFFICENTLY AS A FRATERNITY AS WELL AS TEACH OTHER CHAPTERS HOW WE FUNCTION IN UWF GREEK LIFE.





As some of you know, University of West Florida's first season of football started this semester. Your Argos went 5-6 for their first season. We are proud of our brothers on the football team, Tomarick Collier (#77) and Eric Martin(#67)!



We are also proud of our brothers that are part of the UWF cheerleading program,

Alex Wallerstein, Collin Edwards and David Franklin!





SILON

With Argo Football you can't forget tailgating!!! Your Tau-Psi Tekes were voted top tailgate of the week by Vice President of student affairs, Dr. Bailey, having the opportunity to take a photo with UWFs President and receive recognition from other groups of the Greek community such as ATO. Special shout out goes to our Pylortes, Roberto Montanez and Tailgate chair Jesse Weaver for coordinating and risk management of all tailgates throughout the season! I believe it's safe to say we killed the tailgating game this semester.







RUSH:

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RUSH CHAIRMAN, JONAH GRIEGO FOR PUTTING TOGETHER EVENTS FROM GRILLING ON THE CANON GREENS TO HOOKAH NIGHT AT JORDAN VALLEY. WE WERE ABLE TO MEET AND CONNECT WITH POTENTIONALS AS WELL AS BUILD START RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEW MEMBERS.





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Fort Pickens Brotherhood Retreat:

Shout out to our T-Shirt chair, Elijah Appel for making this design for our first annual trip to Fort Pickens. This trip was special since it was the last day before the new members underwent initiation. The event served as a great time to eat, bond with one another and explore the Fort.



One of our last events for the semester consisted of our "Gone Fishing" Semi Formal held at Red Fish Blue Fish on Pensacola beach. This served as the first date function in which the fraternity was able to experience as a full 37 brother chapter. Brothers brought dates and were able to eat and bond with other brother's dates.



Special Thank You goes out to our wonderful sweetheart, Kelsey Horton, for everything she has done this past year!



SILON

Last, but certainly not least, our Fall 2016 graduates of University of West Florida. These three men that we are very proud to call our brothers of Tau-Psi will be walking the stage on December the 10^{th} and be going into making the world a better place. Starting from left to right – Frater Jonah Griego will be pursuing a profession as Intelligence Officer in the Air Force, Frater Trenton McDaniel will be furthering his education at Chiropractor school in Palmer College (Daytona Beach, Florida). Venerable Prytanis Andrew Barrineau will be seeking commission as a special duty intelligence officer in the Navy while continuing an independent study in Russian language and culture. Congratulations to our graduates and new Alumni!



(Thank you to Frater Noah Griego for partaking in photography alongside of Histor, Frater Matthew Hayslip)



As we wrap up 2016 and this newsletter, we all hope you had a great

Thanksgiving. We wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy

Holiday and New Year from the men of Tau-Psi. Here is a throwback picture of

our Ugly Christmas Sweater party we had at the end of 2015!





THANK YOU FOR READING THIS ANNUAL EDITION OF THE TAU-PSI TIMES.

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