



BETA-SIGMA TKE

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The 75th Anniversary of TKE AT USC

by David Bohline #777, Beta-Sigma Board of Trustees

On October 28th we celebrate our 75th anniversary at the University of Southern California and while the details and planning are still underway we promise you one thing – it's going to be amazing. Joe Ramirez #796, a mastermind behind the 50th Anniversary in 1998 and the Conrad Solum Jonathon Club extravaganza in 2017, is back again with even bigger plans.

We checked the football schedule, and Saturday, October 28th is an away game for the Trojans at Cal. We don't know the game time yet, but we will show it on TVs if it airs in the evening during the event.

The location is the TKE Houses as you have never seen them before, including both interiors, a multi-leveled canopied backyard, mood lighting, a DJ deck and dance floor, three bars, and lots of active members and dates. There will be places to sit and enjoy, stand and socialize, and dance the night away if you are in the mood.

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The event theme is upscale casual (so is the attire) and it will start around 6PM (to be finalized). Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, there will be several food stations, and the bars will be open. TKE alumni and their guests are invited to attend. There will be alumni and member speakers, but we promise to keep it short and concise. This night is about celebration and reminiscing with fraternity brothers and friends. And if you are adventurous, plan on staying a little later as the event is handed off from the alumni to the undergrads at about 10PM.

Join us on October 28th. Mark your calendar now. Reach out to fraternity brothers from your era and make plans to share this experience together.

This article was written on March 3, 2023 before many details were finalized.

Check www.tkeusc.org for the most up to date information.

2023 USC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 26

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SEPT 2

vs.



SEPT 9

vs.



SEPT 23

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SEPT 30

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OCT 7

vs.



OCT 14

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OCT 21

vs.



OCT 28

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SEE YOU AT THE TKE HOUSES!

NOV 4

vs.



NOV 11

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NOV 18

vs.



BETA SIGMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**TKE TENT
PLANS
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FROM THE PRYTANIS



With two full semesters under our belt, I am proud to say that Beta-Sigma is in an incredible state, with a tight-knit brotherhood, great sorority relations, exciting social events, and an unmatched reputation along the row. As you may know, the University Park Interfraternity Council (UPIFC) is now operating in full force with all 15 fraternities. As an independent IFC, we have weekly general assembly meetings, built strong relationships with local authorities, and developed a working Constitution that can be found online. This has allowed us to work together as a Greek life community to host the first row-wide block party in decades, at which all of 28th Street will be blocked off, and all proceeds will be donated to local Los Angeles non-profit organizations. This event will be an incredible opportunity to showcase our fraternity and demonstrate our commitment to giving back to the community.

Within Beta-Sigma, we have a newly elected 18-man executive board that has been working tirelessly to follow tradition and not become complacent. Our leadership team is dedicated to building upon the

strong foundation established by our alumni and continuing to push the chapter to new heights. As Prytanis, I have been honored and privileged to continue and further improve what all of you have contributed towards building: the best fraternity at the University of Southern California. Each of the 173 active members of the fraternity contributes to the success of the chapter, and I could not be prouder of every one of them. Together, we have built an incredible community that values education, social, and professional success.

Looking ahead, I am excited and eager to see all of the different paths that Beta-Sigma will take in the future. With a strong leadership team, a committed brotherhood, and a thriving Greek life community, the future of Beta-Sigma continues to shine bright. Thank you for your continued and appreciated support of the fraternity. Your contributions and dedication to Beta-Sigma have helped us to achieve the success we enjoy today and that we can pass on for generations. We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and stay well.

Yours in the bond,

Tanner Kleinberg
Tanner Kleinberg, #1,926

KELLY SCOTT MEMORIAL PLAQUE

On Saturday, November 26th, 2022, prior to the USC-Notre Dame game, a group of Beta-Sigma TKE's celebrated the life of one of their brothers with the unveiling of a memorial plaque in the courtyard between Popovich and Fertitta Halls. Kelly Scott, Beta-Sigma #619, passed away in October of 2021 due to a sudden bout with lung cancer. Kelly was beloved by many of his brothers from the 1970's and due to an effort headed by his former roommate Matthew Scanlan, Beta-Sigma 617, and Mike Daoussis, Beta-Sigma 576, the memorial was finally dedicated on campus. Kelly, who grew up in La Jolla, California graduated from USC with a degree from the Marshall School in 1978. Throughout his life Kelly kept in contact with many of his brothers and all those who knew him always had a smile on their face as a reflection of Kelly's friendship and incredible sense of humor. Kelly was living in Jacksonville, Florida when he passed and anyone who would see many of the pictures of him whether at business functions or in the community, could all too often see Kelly wearing his USC gear. Kelly was a loyal Trojan.



The following Beta-Sigma TKE's all made the memorial plaque happen and we thank them:

Matthew Scanlan #617
Michael Daoussis #576
Casey Hamlin #547
Paul Brown #598
John Todd #600
Jim Teshima #601
Clay Vreeland #607
Craig Moyer #604
Michael Matalon #620
David Ferris #650





Meet the Chapter - TKE Halloween Party '22

SOCIAL

TKE

by Carson McCann #1,986

Beta Sigma's social calendar has been filled to the brim with mixers, tailgates, parties, etc. these past two semesters. In the fall, tailgates and postgame after-parties dominated the schedule. However, our main attraction was the TKE Halloween Register, which featured a pyrotechnic cage, a 50-foot inflatable Frankenstein, and a haunted house. This Spring, we already hosted TKE Woodstock; a tent setup with a memorable list of DJs, we also had a pizza vendor and a Liquid Death stand. To

come, we have a multitude of mixers and exchanges with our favorite sororities, as well as our annual trip to Vegas for those over 21, and a trip to Palm Springs for the underclassmen. In March, we will be throwing a party during the day inspired by the music festival Stagecoach, and then, to cap the semester off, we will be hosting our famous tropical-themed sand party fit with a massive water slide. Due to our massive outdoor area, it allows our Beta Sigma chapter to throw multiple different parties in the same space that each have their own completely different feel, which allows each event to feel unique to both the actives and the attendees.



Fun in the Sun



TKE Halloween 2022



Posing at the Party



ALUMNI UPDATE



Michael Daoussis #576

graduated from the University of Southern California in 1976 with a degree in Finance. Now living in Rancho San Margarita, he speaks only with great fondness of his time in TKE and attributes a great amount of his success to relationships he created within the fraternity. "It gives me such

joy to think about the experience I had there," Mike says, "It was a great foundation for the rest of my life and career."

Today, Michael serves as the Head of Program Innovation for Newfront and has been working in the insurance industry for over forty years. Along with an illustrious amount of experience developing innovative programs to best serve his clientele, he has been a key player in the rapid growth of his past and present organizations. He and his two sons, both of which have graduated from their respective universities, identify themselves as a 'skiing and snowboarding family.'

Michael specifically remembers a moment from his early days in the chapter when an alumnus came to visit his pledge class. "Take a look around you," he said to the new members, "these guys are going to be your best friends for the rest of your life." Although unsure of this sen-

timent at the time, the very same brothers standing next to Mike ended up being the best men at his wedding eighteen years later.

Including a brief stint as a kicker on the USC football team, Michael's four years in the chapter were plentiful with opportunities and unforgettable memories fostered by his TKE brothers. His advice for current undergraduates is simple: "Enjoy your time there, and don't blink. It'll be over soon."

Michael and his friend Matt Scanlan #617 were instrumental in the creation of a memorial plaque for their late brother Kelly Scott. Mike remembers Kelly not only as one of his greatest friends, but as family. "He and I would talk three or four times a week. He always had a great, great sense of humor— a very biting sense of humor. I loved it. Being a part of Kelly's family meant everything to me." Kelly was an incredibly loyal alumnus to both the university and TKE and was often seen wearing USC clothing even to company functions and community service events. His plaque, located in the courtyard between the business buildings, was presented in November of last year during a ceremony with brothers from Kelly's time in TKE.



"The TKE house has given me the best friends I could ever dream of having," says Michael. "To this day, they are my closest friends."



TKE Intramural Football Team Wins 3 Championships in One Day

ATHLETICS

by **Brian Tinsley, #1,836**

One of the best ways that TKE brings people together is through intramural sports where we have a mix of freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors competing together to achieve greatness. Word has spread that when TKE teams come to play, they dominate. In the last 3 semesters, we have won nearly every championship in both soccer and flag football. The comradery doesn't end at the final whistle; we often get together after the games to go out for some food and drink. There really isn't anything better in life than competing and winning with your friends, and intramural sports with TKE is no exception.

PHILANTHROPY

by **Christopher Vaz, #1,928**



The Beta-Sigma chapter would like to start off by saying thank you for any and all donations to the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. This past fall, we raised money for St. Jude through a car wash, which brought smiles to the entire row community. This spring, we have placed an emphasis on educating members about the incredible work that St. Jude does and how they can get involved. We kicked off the semester with a live music event in which The Runarounds, starring our very own William Lipton, performed a concert where all merchandise proceeds went to St. Jude. We are off to a very great start to the spring semester, and we only plan on ramping up our fundraising endeavors. We have many more exciting philanthropic events coming up, including our annual volleyball tournament and a fraternity talent show. As a fraternity, we are determined to come together and support the children who are afflicted by cancer and their families. We look forward to continuing to work towards assisting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with all the astounding work that they do.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

by **Nelson Niyongabo, #1,961**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has become a growing thing in recent years. Thankfully when I arrived at Tau Kappa Epsilon, there was already a DEI chairman and DEI was incorporated into the fraternity. In my first semester, there were a few events that showed DEI's involvement through the fraternity, but I did not feel as though this was enough. When I was elected DEI chairman, I wanted to make sure that DEI was more of an active presence. The DEI committee and I plan events based on calendar holidays and important days pertaining to different cultures, races, and groups of people. For example, on MLK day, we held a viewing of the movie Selma in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his accomplishments. We also had a field trip to the California African American Museum on February 18th for Black History Month. Since events can't be held for every holiday or special days for certain groups, I make sure to let the members of the fraternity know what day it is and maybe a fact or two about that day. As the semester continues, there will be more events planned and reminders about different celebrations for different groups of people. The DEI committee and I will continue to make this house a diverse and welcoming place for all different types of people.



California African American Museum Field Trip



Will Lipton's (#1,938) Band The Runarounds



SPRING RUSH

by Mikey Port #1,964

This year's rush was definitely one for the books. With it being the first year where freshmen were allowed to rush during the first semester, there were more potential new members than ever before at USC. Over 800 students registered for Fall rush, making the job of selecting a pledge class more rigorous, but all the more rewarding in the end. After lots of hard work and deliberation, TKE fall pledge class of 48 incredible young men, the largest ever in the history of Beta-Sigma.

After such a successful first semester of rush, we were just as excited to meet a whole new group of potential new members. Given that the majority of freshmen rushed in the fall, it was certainly more of a battle to fight for the kids that we felt belonged in TKE. Spring rush, while less hectic, allowed us to meet the potential new members in a more personal way, which helped us really get to know them and notice the qualities we value in Tau Kappa Epsilon. At the end of the week, we had a very promising spring pledge class of 14, giving our chapter a total of 62 new members, with each one adding tremendous value to the house as a whole.



New Members at TKE Regional Conference

HEARD FROM THE BOND

Dennis Jarrard #339 reached out to say that he turned 85 back in January, he's sold all the farms he's had for a lifetime. He's written articles for many publications and continues to do so. Great to hear you're keeping busy in retirement, Dennis!

Buster T. Chapman #551 wrote in to say that he and his wife are expecting their first grandchild (at this time of publication would have been back in December '22) and that they celebrated 45 years of marriage in June of last year. Margaret and Buster have been doing a lot of traveling and cruising and have more trips planned throughout 2023. Happy vacationing, Buster and let us know details about your first grandchild!

Bob Tiscareno #732 has lived in Seattle for over 30 years. In 2002 he founded Tiscareno, one of the leading multi-family and commercial architectural firms in the Puget Sound region, see www.tiscareno.net. His firm is known for designing award-winning mixed-use and transit-oriented projects.

Bob and Jeanne Tiscareno celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary this year, while sons Bobby Jr. and Danny attended USC. He has been a big supporter of the USC School of Architecture and is an avid golfer, and enjoys traveling, most recently to Europe and the Middle East.

TKE is the Fraternity for Life...share your photos including TKE fraters from past friends and family trips, vacations, weddings, and other special occasions. Send them to brannon@apollointeractive.com with a brief caption and the names of TKEs pictured and we will showcase them on the web site and in future newsletters.



SPRING PLEDGE CLASS

Brayden Bekhrad (Los Angeles, CA)

Josh Cerelala (Sacramento, CA)

Charlie Flakus (Chicago, IL)

Gregoire Marsot (Paris, France)

Holden Nora (Seattle, WA)

Othel Owen (Chicago, IL)

Andrew Park (Bellevue, WA)

Jordan Parks (Los Angeles, CA)

Charlie Segal (New York City, NY)

Lincoln Seymour (Chicago, IL)

Hunter Short (Calabasas, CA)

Isaac Smith (New York City, NY)

Dylan Tuncel (Seattle, WA)

Jake Wall (Manhattan Beach, CA)





Remembering our Departed Fraters

Edward Apffel #52

Wilbur Willis #333

Edwyn Lloyd #107

John Hamilton #348

Harvey Palash #186

Stanley Gottlieb #356

James Black #248

Kelly Scott #619

Chuck Horn #332

Robert Harkness #1326

A Special Tribute to **HARVEY PALASH**

We lost a beloved frater, Harvey Palash #186, on March 4, 2023. He was a few weeks short of age 90, and suffered several years from bone marrow cancer.

Harvey transferred as a junior from Los Angeles City College to SC in fall 1953. His leadership and charisma allowed him immediately to be elected Pledge Class President. Later he served as Prytanis his entire senior year, graduating in June 1955 with a degree in political science.

When he succeeded astronaut Jerry Carr as Prytanis, Jerry showed him a closet full of Memorabilia he had quietly pilfered from rival fraternities. He made Harvey promise to not reveal the secret. Unknown to all including the rivals, Harvey secretly returned the entire stash. It wasn't until Jerry's death several years ago that we learned of the skullduggery.

Harvey was always heavily involved in the entertainment industry. He had early employment in labor relations with the American Television and Radio Actors (AFTRA) and the American Broadcasting Company, while attending law school at Loyola College and passing the bar. As a successful entrepreneur he formed three companies: The Palash Agency, Diamond P Enterprises and Diamond P Sports. The latter was sold in 1990 to setup his retirement. His activities involved tennis, golf and reminiscing with old entertainment friends.

In 1967 Harvey was connected with The National Hot Rod Association, later being elected to its Board of Directors. It was at NHRA that he met his beloved wife of 25 years, Penny. They lived in Coronado, Indian Wells and most recently Rancho Mirage, California.

Harvey was an exceptional man and will be remembered always for his quiet strength, his gentle and loving soul, and as a consummate gentleman.

FROM THE **ARCHIVES**

We continue to archive as much of our chapter's history as possible. Thanks to all of you who have sent in your memorabilia and helped us to preserve and memorialize the Beta-Sigma traditions and legacy.



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