



Bengal Lancer Alumni Newsletter

2020: A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER....

By: John Grace, PC Sp. '83

I saw a meme on the internet that said, "Everyone in 2015 with a 5 year plan was wrong." 2020 has proven to be a year like no other. I am sure that none of us expected to be where we are right now. I hope that you are well, and that you have found ways to cope with our ever-changing circumstances.

This newsletter was supposed to go out last February. Keeping true to the true meaning of B/L ("Being Late"), and based on the typical response to our call for news, stories, pictures, and articles, the BLAF Newsletter Editorial Board pushed publication back to March, thinking the extra month would let us put out a better product. Boy, were we wrong. Who could have guessed that our decision to delay would put the publication date smack in the middle of a global pandemic? Even a well-oiled machine like the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation, with all of its social media and communications resources, could not compete with a global shutdown. So...here we are in October, finally getting this newsletter into your mailboxes.

Since we last reached out to you, there have been many Lancer happenings. 2020 started out to be a great year!

January meant the Super Bowl, and our newest Board Member, Trey Moebes (PC '00), launched the first annual Bengal Lancer Football Squares game. Each square was 20 bucks (cheap!) and the game paid out \$250 each quarter. Proceeds of \$1,000 were donated to the Lancer Foundation. Thanks to Trey for pulling this together! Trey: we knew you would be a good addition to the Board!

In February, Lancer Chris Collier (PC '08) and his band, Havoc Wagon, opened for Clint Daniels at the Firehouse Saloon in Houston. Many Lancers were in attendance for what proved to be a great show!

Then COVID hit, and...oh well...

The quarantine means that we have not had a full schedule of "in person" Lancer gatherings. But that does not mean Lancers have not been working to strengthen and temper the bonds...

In April, Ten of the "Dirty Dozen" of PC '90 reconnected "virtually" for drinks and storytelling.

In May, in response to hearing that many students were facing unexpected and unmet financial needs, the Foundation reached out to the University with a donation of \$2,500 for the Rev. Raymond Judd (PC'52) Emergency Fund. Other fraternities and sororities soon followed, and an additional \$10,000 poured into the account, to be used to help students with things like emergency housing, air fare, meals, utilities, medical care, and many other unanticipated expenses as the nation went into lock down. *Continued on Page 2*

*Strengthening
and Tempering
the Bonds of our
Fellowship since
1936*

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Don't see your name in the list? It means it was done after 10/15 or it means you haven't made an annual contribution to the Foundation. It also means that unless you are a Life Member, you are no longer a voting member of the Foundation. Please consider making a donation so the Foundation can continue doing its good work!

“Strengthening and tempering the bonds of our fellowship...”

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On July 16, several dozen Lancer alumni got together on Zoom for a virtual happy hour.

As restrictions tightened, we made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional, in-person Alumni and Active Retreat. Instead, on August 1, the Lancer Actives joined several Alumni leaders for a “virtual” Retreat over Zoom. This is a critical period for the club and our discussions were pointed, direct, and difficult. But, as detailed in Brad Little’s (PC ’90) report, elsewhere in this newsletter, we do have plans to move forward and rebuild the club’s shrinking numbers.

To assist the Actives, the Foundation agreed to pay a nationally-known consultant, Michael Ayalon and his firm Greek University, to work with the Actives on branding, messaging, and recruiting. Mike’s involvement is already being seen as the Actives have taken decisive steps to spread a positive message over social media to incoming first year men. If you have not done so already, you really ought to follow the club on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Sadly, since our last report, we have lost many of our Lancer brothers and at least one Beta sister.

In December, Lancer Kenny Edwards (PC ’74) passed away. The Lancers were very special to Kenny, and he was comforted in his last days by visits from several of his brothers. A memorial service was planned, with many Lancers making plans to attend, but due to concerns about COVID, the gathering was indefinitely postponed.

Lancer Tom Rogers lost his battle with MS and passed away in February. Many in his pledge class had the opportunity to visit him shortly before he died.

XBE sister Mary Kathryn (Kunc) McFadden (XBE PC Sp. ’83) passed away unexpectedly in December after a brief illness. Kathy was one of my pledge sisters, and I attended her funeral in Oklahoma City with my wife, Jill (also XBE PC Sp. ’83), along with many other Betas.

Loss is part of life. We can be proud of the fact that so many of us have kept in touch, and have been there for each other when tragedy has touched our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Unfortunately, we will not be gathering in person this October for Alumni Weekend. The University made the painful decision to cancel the event, out of concern for the fragile state of the campus as they cope with keeping students and faculty safe from the virus. We will look for ways to let all of you engage in some way as a small substitute for what has always been a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends.

Looking ahead into the coming months, I am hopeful for an end to the pain, fear, and uncertainty that have been with us for the first three quarters of this year. Classes have begun again on the Skyline Campus. Thanks to your generosity, two Lancer actives will benefit from scholarships in the coming year. The Foundation has continued to support the University with targeted gifts intended to foster leadership and growth for all Trinity students. Lancer Alumni Leaders have stepped up to help the Actives rebuild and grow the club that means so much to us. Bengal Lancer alumni continue to be recognized as a valuable asset to the University, and a model for alumni engagement. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for your generous support. We could not do any of this without you. And with you, we can accomplish more great things in the months to come. Looking to a bright future, I remain...

Yours in B/L,
John Grace (PC Sp ’83)

Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation President

AN UPDATE FROM THE LANCER FRATERNITY PRESIDENT

By: Stuart Kinsey, Spring 2018

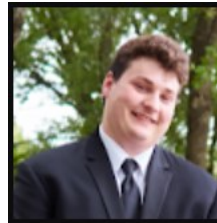
With midterms, zoom trainings, and virtual recruitment the actives have been able to keep ourselves very busy. Let me start with a quick summary of the spring semester.

As I am sure you know, we were able to give out four bids last year on bid day, and the main reason for this was the grades of our potential new members. As athletes, these individuals are held to a higher standard than other students, and as such must maintain a higher GPA. The minimum requirement for athletes when rushing is a 2.6, meanwhile the minimum requirement for non-athletes is 2.3. In order to get these members we put in significant amounts of effort in meeting with Athletic Director Bob King, Michael Soto, etc. However in the end it was decided that the policy should stand as it is, because it has been a policy for years and is a policy of the university and not the athletic department.

Even though we were unable to secure every single new member we wanted to, we still went into bid day with our heads held high. As orientation progressed however, some of the new members seemed to be less and less invested in the process. Because of this we lost three out of the four members of our new pledge class. Unfortunately, many of the new members just failed to see any merit in the relationships they would build through orientation and their time as a Lancer.

That being said, Zion Lewis, the one man who stuck through it all is a terrific addition to the club and we cannot wait to introduce him to all of you. Even still, taking only one member two years in a row has put us in a very dire situation. As you know, we not only formulated a plan for rush together, but executed that plan very well. For exam-

ple we had around 14 rushees at third round. The highest number of the past couple years. We also had a large number of committed individuals who could not join the club due to academic reasons. As such, we hope to get them this year.



Stuart Kinsey

Because of this, the actives have been very hard at work with virtual recruitment. Thanks to the Lancer Foundation. We are working with Michael Ayalon from Greek University, and he has been very beneficial and I am sure you have already seen some results on our social media pages.

The club has also taken this semester to work on rebranding efforts in the eyes of the school. I for one have met with a number of leaders around campus to discuss this effort, and I know the other actives are hard at work spreading the word as well. Other than that, there is not much to discuss, with coronavirus a lot of sports and other extracurriculars have been cancelled and as such there is nothing to report on that front.

I hope that all of you are doing well through this pandemic, it is certainly a rough time for all of us. Stay safe and look after one another as always.

With everything being said we would like to thank all of you once again for everything you have done for the club. We take pride in our Alumni Foundation because this club would not be what it is without all of you. So thank you again for all of your help, and as always... BENGAL LANCER HOOOOO!!!!!!!

GET YOUR OFFICIAL LANCER GEAR

The resurrection of the vintage Lancer Jerseys has been a hit. Also popular are the Lancer Polos. If you have not bought your custom B/L Jersey with your name on it or a B/L polo please visit:

www.bengallanceralumni.org/lancer-gear



Get in Touch with the Lancer Alumni



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The BLAF Annual Meeting will be held Saturday December 5th in Houston (also via Zoom) @ 2:00 PM. Raffle Drawing will be held at 3:00 PM. Details on the location and Zoom will be emailed soon.

ANNUAL LANCER ACTIVE / ALUMNI RETREAT HELD VIRTUALLY

By: Brad Little, PC Spring '90

It has become something of a tradition each Summer for the Bengal Lancer Actives and Alumni to have a retreat in San Antonio. What started out as an informal gathering has now become a broad event that is focused on creating a rolling three-year plan that gets updated each year. On August 1st this retreat was held, but unfortunately it had to be done virtually given the Pandemic going on.

As Stuart Kinsey noted in his article, this is a critical year for the Fraternity, and so much of the focus of the retreat was centered around the plans and activities that would be required to get the membership back up to more traditional levels of around 30 active members. Currently the club is down to 5 members which is a challenge. The retreat was held virtually via Zoom, and lasted around 3 hours. Despite the reduced amount of time, there was good progress made discussing key topics and updates. The group agreed to adopt the recommendations of Greek University consultant Michael Ayalon around branding and marketing for the club.

In addition the retreat attendees reaffirmed that our 3 year goals agreed upon and adopted in July of 2018 are still valid and are what both the Actives and Alumni want to achieve. Those goals are:

1. **Improve Diversity:** Increase the diversity of the Fraternity to source members outside of traditional channels (i.e. the Football team).
 2. **Grow and Maintain Scale:** Grow the Bengal Lancer Fraternity to an average of 25 Actives or greater by 2022
 3. **Be Leaders:** Be recognized as leaders on campus and have a high level of significance to the University
 4. **Be Respected:** The Lancers should come to be viewed as ambassadors of the University AND the Fraternity of choice among the Greek community
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LANCER FOUNDATION FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Trey Moeller, PC Sp. '90

2020 has been a chaotic year to say the least. Charitable foundations, including BLAF, continue to feel the impacts. As you all know, Alumni Weekend, normally scheduled in October every year, has been cancelled for 2020 and therefore the typical events that have generated income for the foundation will not occur. The BLAF directors are working on plans for a virtual annual meeting and other events to facilitate its business, provide opportunities to connect with each other, have some fun, and hopefully create alternative ways for fundraising!

Even with these headwinds, the BLAF recognizes that these are the times when its own contributions are needed the most. So far in 2020, the BLAF has donated \$2,500 to Trinity University for COVID student needs, has committed to \$5,000 over 5 years (\$1,000 contributed in 2020) to support the Greek Council, "topped up" the 1869 Challenge funds from Bengal Lancer Alumni in 2019 with a \$1,370 donation to ensure that \$5,000 continued to be available for scholarships to Trinity University, and funded a consulting firm (\$3,000 in 2020 YTD) to assist the Bengal Lancer Actives with their efforts to attract and retain new members. The total contributions, including the consultant fees, so far in 2020 are \$7,870 compared to \$7,378 in 2019, \$3,950 in 2018, and \$5,000 in 2017.

In addition to the contributions that the BLAF has made to Trinity University, the Bengal Lancer alumni, friends and family really stepped up in the University's 2020 1869 campaign! This year, \$9,495 dollars was raised for the BLAF Scholarship Fund through this campaign. Very impressive, and it directly impacts the BLAF as this money is used to fund the \$5,000 scholarships mentioned above for next year and beyond. In addition to funding the scholarships, Bengal Lancer alumni also donated \$1,495 to other parts of the University during that campaign as well. Thank you!!!!

Net assets at the end of September are \$38,796.43 down from \$42,304.48 at the end of 2019. To date in 2020, there have been 25 donations from 9 different donors (compared to 56 donations in all of 2019) and 1 new BLAF Life Member. Year to date in 2020 the BLAF has received \$4,190 compared to \$17,603 in 2019.

I would like to give special recognition to Kenny Edwards and his family. Kenny passed away earlier this year and named the BLAF as a beneficiary of his estate. The value of Kenny's bequest has not been determined, so it is not reflected above. Please keep Kenny, his family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers. In his memory, you might reach out to an old pledge brother or a new Lancer acquaintance, introduce yourself to a recent Lancer graduate or active, reconnect with a long lost friend and rediscover the joys of Lancer Brotherhood. Kenny would like that.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Your generous donations allow all of us, as alumni, to have an impact on campus and to speak with a unified voice.

FOUNDATION HIRES GREEK UNIVERSITY TO ASSIST LANCER FRATERNITY WITH GROWTH

By Brad Little PC '90 & Mike Ayalon

One of the key missions of the Lancer Foundation is to strengthen and temper the bonds of our fellowship while stimulating and creating school spirit. It is with that in mind that the Foundation met in the late Spring to discuss options for assisting the Fraternity with improving its recruiting and growth. We all know the importance of the Lancer Fraternity to Trinity and the history of the University. This is something worth protecting and investing in and it was agreed to hire a specialist consulting firm called Greek University to advise and coach the Actives on their rush and recruiting plans for the 2020-21 school year.

Mike Ayalon from Greek University will prepare the Lancers to be the leading Fraternity at Trinity University by guiding them through the Four Degree Program; a model designed to reflect the values of our founders and the mission of our Fraternity. To ensure that our Lancers promote fellowship, leadership, character, academic achievement, service, networking, careers, and a lifelong brotherhood, this program will set forth the foundation for a successful Fraternity at Trinity University for the next century. Mike's work will focus on a revamped new member education program, public relations within the Trinity University and San Antonio community, as well as a robust recruitment plan that started in June of 2020.



"I'm so excited to begin working with the Lancers," said Mike Ayalon. "I've been working as a professional in the fraternity industry since 2012. After successfully building several new chapters around the country at various size institutions for my own Fraternity, this is the challenge that I'm now looking for. I knew right away from my initial meetings with the alumni of The Bengal Lancers that they also believed in lifetime membership and the tremendous value of the alumni in terms of networking opportunities, internships, and jobs. We had an instant connection and shared excitement for what the future will bring."

Mike has worked with the Trinity fraternity and sorority community in the past as a professional speaker, and was originally scheduled to speak with all the fraternities and sororities on campus in April 2020 before COVID-19 shut down the universities all across the country. "It will be an honor to be a small part of this success story of the Bengal Lancers at Trinity University. While I will be mostly working with the undergraduates remotely on a weekly basis, I also look forward to seeing them in person this fall once campus opens up. I believe that we have a unique opportunity to start recruitment now, well before the fall semester, and have a large pool of men that are qualified to be members of this great fraternity before we even step foot on campus."

About Mike Ayalon: Mike Ayalon is the CEO of Greek University, an educational platform that has inspired countless institutions across North America in identifying, understanding and resolving current social issues. Since starting the company in 2015, Greek University now has a total of 12 speakers working with college students from Maine to California on a wide range of topics from risk management to recruitment. As a TIPS-certified trainer and the former Executive Director of Sigma Pi Fraternity with 120 chapters and over 100,000 members nationwide, Mike has a deep understanding of the current situation on campuses and corporations as well as a structured plan on how to empower our own youth to stop being a part of the problem and become an active part of its resolution. He is a member of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, a programming partner for the North-American Interfraternity Council, and is actively involved in giving back to the community as the 2018 - 2020 Membership Chairman for District 6780 of Rotary International. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors at DrugFree WilCo, a coalition to reduce drug abuse and addiction in Middle Tennessee. Mike is a graduate of the School of Management at the University at Buffalo and has a Master's Degree from Cumberland University in Public Service Management.

LIFE MEMBERS

Kleberg, Tres	Fall 1960
Carlson, Rob	Fall 1960
Stein, David	Spring 1966
Sandlin, Mike	Fall 1974
Crowe, David	Spring 1976
Goodall, Greg	Spring 1976
Bagby, Gaines	Spring 1977
Shiels, Frank	Fall 1977
Marvin, Doug	Fall 1982
Crowe, Jed	Spring 1982
Rosales, Robert	Spring 1982
Grace, John	Spring 1983
Hoffman, Bill	Spring 1986
Johnston, Duke	Spring 1986
Pharris, Paul	Spring 1986
Vargo, Bob	Spring 1986
Craig, Jock	Spring 1989
Little, Brad	Spring 1990
Moeller, Trey	Spring 1990
Wiseman, Tarpon	Spring 1990
Roane, Josh	Spring 1991
Kasperek, Sam	Fall 1992
Ley, Josh	Fall 1992
Adams, Cody	Spring 1993
Vallerie, Jim	Spring 1993
Clavenna, Andrew	Spring 1994
Easley, Chris	Spring 1999
Easley, Brian	Spring 2000
Moebes, Trey	Spring 2000
Chase, Spencer	Spring 2002
Patterson, Lee	Spring 2004
Smith, Josh	Spring 2006

Pssst! Where is your name?



*Michael Ayalon
Greek University*

DICK ROGERS '59: A TRUE LANCER

By: John Grace, Spring 1983

If you asked Lancer alumni to describe the typical candidate for a bid, being an athlete would probably rank high on the list. That is especially so in the last couple of decades, a period during which the club drew heavily from Trinity's varsity football program. But that has not always been the case. For much of its existence, the Bengal Lancer fraternity included men who certainly were not athletically gifted. Many strong Lancers never played a varsity sport. One such Lancer was Dick Rogers.

Richard Harrell "Dick" Rogers Dick was born on May 6, 1941 in Waco, near the start of WWII. He and his family moved to San Antonio shortly thereafter. Dick excelled at academics. He was also a gifted artist. And, he was popular among his fellow students. As a senior at Jefferson High School, he was elected Class President and named by the Express-News as an Outstanding Young Man of San Antonio. Everyone who knew him, knew he was destined to do great things. Dick entered Trinity to study art and engineering. He was brilliant and creative. While a student at Trinity, he won the state sculpture competition sponsored by the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts. But he was not an athlete. He never played a sport. His talents lay elsewhere.

Those who knew Dick Rogers remember him as a tough-as-nails, true-red Lancer. Dick pledged in 1959, shortly after the club transformed itself from a one-year freshman spirit club to a four-year fraternity. The rules were more relaxed back then, and hazing was the norm. The Lancers "hazed" with gusto. Dick is remembered as being gung ho and a leader within his pledge class, completing every task laid before him, despite not having the physical abilities that many of his pledge brothers had. After pledging, he continued to be a leader within the Lancer organization. Dick Rogers was special.

After graduating from Trinity, Dick went on to become an internationally renowned artist and sculptor. His works have been exhibited in many galleries and public places across the United States, Mexico, Europe and Africa. His early work involved large geometric silk-screen paintings. In the early 70's, he and artist Robert Indiana were featured in an exhibit at The McNay Museum. In 1967, his first large sculpture, *Untitled*, was installed at the Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi.

Dick loved creating huge outdoor sculptures. He had a unique way of working on these projects, hoisting himself into the air in a sling to work far above the ground on his large-scale art pieces. Many of these huge, metal pieces are displayed around San Antonio.

Vector One (now at The McNay) was first installed at Hemisfair in 1968. In 1972 and 1973, *Jacob's Ladder* and *Transcendent Reflection* were installed at The McNay. That same year Dick was named Artist of the Year by The San Antonio Art League.



"Colonade"

no-Rogers Technology to produce wheelchairs of his own, unique design, incorporating a folding mechanism that made transporting the chairs easier.

Beyond his popularity, leadership skills, artistic talent, and engineering ability, you may wonder what made Dick Rogers so unique among his fellow Bengal Lancers.



Dick Rogers in 6th Grade

DICK ROGERS CONTINUED...

Well, here is the rest of his story...

Shortly after starting high school, Dick was in a horrible car accident. He was just 15. The accident left him paralyzed below the waist and confined to a wheelchair. He suffered from numerous complications, and his doctors predicted he wouldn't live past his 20th birthday. With grit and determination, he beat that estimate by half a century.



Dick Rogers

From the start, Rogers refused to be limited by his disability. After a year of rehabilitation, he insisted on returning to Jefferson High School. "In those days there was only one school for children with disabilities," said his wife MarJo Rogers. "And he said, 'No, I'm going back to Jefferson,' and they let him." His schoolmates would carry him up and down the stairs in his wheelchair. In his senior year, he was elected class President.

At Trinity, Dick found ways to move around a campus that was not wheelchair-friendly. This was long before the installation of the elevators which now connect upper and lower campus. Imagine navigating Cardiac Hill in a wheelchair. Dick found ways to overcome that obstacle.

Dick's tenacity spoke to the men of the Bengal Lancers, who extended him a bid. Dick refused to let his disabilities keep him from participating fully with his pledge class. In fact, he was known as the first to volunteer and the last to quit. He was an inspiration not only to his fellow Lancers but to all Trinity students.

Dick passed away on November 8, 2012 at the age of 71. He outlived his doctor's predictions by 5 decades.

As the Bengal Lancers look to regrow and reestablish the club, there has been much discussion of what makes the ideal Lancer. There has also been considerable debate about how to reshape the traditional pledge program to fit modern sensibilities. Lancers who experienced the physically challenging ordeals of traditional pledging have a hard time imagining an orientation program which does not require physical strength and athletic endurance. But looking back to the days when the Founders of the Four Year club designed the original Lancer pledge program, the legacy of Dick Rogers illustrates that they did not intend to exclude non-athletes or the physically challenged. Dick Rogers is proof that it is what is on the inside of a man that matters. Mental strength. Maturity. Determination. Leadership. Self-confidence. Courage. All of the attributes which describe Dick Rogers. The question is whether today's young actives can see past their own experiences to develop a future which seeks out and celebrates those attributes.



The Bengal Lancers in 1960

HENSLEY, PHARRIS JOIN MACE AS ALUMNI ADVISORS

By: Brad Little, Spring 1990

Recognizing the workload and the need to provide greater help and coverage to the Actives, Paul Hensley, Sp. '84 and Paul Pharris, Sp. '86 have agreed to join long-time serving Alumni John Mace, Fall '68 in the role, which expands the Alumni Advisor role to a three person team. The Alumni are very lucky to have such accomplished and respected members in our ranks that are willing to put in in the time.

The role of Alumni Advisor is a formal role recognized by Trinity University and plays a key part in the governance of the Greek system. John, Paul and Paul (know as JP&P) have already been hard at work attending Lancer meetings, advising on their plans for the year, and serving as the sponsors for the work being executed by Greek University with the Actives.

Trinity University has been pleased with the Lancer Advisor team and Karla Hagan Phillips '92 who is the Fraternity and Sorority Life Alumni Advisor Liaison had this to say "I have had the distinct pleasure of working with the Alumni Advisers of the Bengal Lancers for the past 3 years. John Mace has been THE stabilizing presence for the actives and a role model for other fraternities. Paul Hensley and Paul Pharris are bringing a new perspective to recruitment as we navigate a pandemic and virtual learning. I would like to extend my gratitude to each of these advisers. Greek Life is far better at Trinity because of their efforts."

As noted in other parts of this newsletter, this will be a challenging year and its really great to have this level of support for the club. Thank you JP&P for your time and service to the Bengal Lancers!



Paul Hensley PC '84



Paul Pharris PC '86

FIRST BLAF SUPERBOWL SQUARES A SUCCESS

The Super Bowl squares game is a great way to add interest to the game whether or not your favorite team is playing. Thanks to Foundation Director Trey Moebes, Sp. '00, the first squares game was organized for the 2020 Superbowl and it provided "profitable" opportunities for the "players" and the BLAF.



*BLAF Director
Trey Moebes PC '00*

The game was set up to split the pot 50/50 between the participants and BLAF paying out \$1,000 in winnings to the players and making a \$1,000 donation to BLAF. We also set up a chat group for those participating in the squares game to have a bit of friendly B/L banter during the game. A cost of \$20 per square provided the potential to win cash, and another opportunity to strengthen the bonds across generations and support BLAF...it's a small price to pay and a win/win for everyone.

With the success of the squares game in 2020 we'll certainly be doing the same for the 2021 game. If you're interested in being kept up to date on the Super Bowl squares game for 2021 please send an email to Trey Moebes at trey.moebes@gmail.com.

LANCERS ASSUME MORE ALUMNI LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT TU

By: John Grace, Spring '83

In 2013, Trinity University restructured its Department of Business Administration into a full-fledged School of Business, with stronger ties to San Antonio's business community. About one-fourth of Trinity's students major in business, but in keeping with Trinity's liberal arts mission, even students who are not business majors can take classes in the School of Business.

Brad Little, Executive Vice President and Global Head of Application Services at Capgemini, was recently appointed to Trinity's Business Advisory Council, which provides current, real world leadership and direction to faculty and students in the School of Business. The Business Advisory Council is made up of executives from companies including AT&T, Frost Bank, Bank of America, Valeo Energy, Ernst & Young, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and now, with Brad's entry onto the Council, Capgemini. Council members speak to classes, offer internships and project assignments, and mentor Trinity students. The Business Advisory Council draws heavily from Trinity's fraternities and sororities. Brad joins alumni of five other clubs on the Council, including Chi Beta alumna April Ancira.

As we previously reported, we also have three Lancers on the Trinity University Alumni Advisory Board: Trey Moeller, Paul Hensley, and Brad Little. And of course on the Trinity University Board of Trustees are Herb Stumberg, Bob McClane, and Michael Neidorff.

THE LEGACY OF KENNY EDWARDS, SP. '74

Our Lancer brother, Kenny Edwards, Jr., passed away on February 8, 2020, just before the world closed down for COVID. Everyone who knew Kenny, knew him as a real character and great friend. In his wonderful and unique obituary, his family asked, "Did Kenneth Paul "Kenny" Edwards Jr. have a little captain in him? That is unclear, but a little parrot head, absolutely. He may have grown older but never up as he steered clear of the hum drum life that many people are willing to accept. Life may have taken its toll as he headed for the poll but he died truly living; and in doing so reminded everyone how great life is and can be ... Throughout it all Kenny always took the time to enjoy the feeling of the water and sand between his toes as well as the ocean breeze blowing through what little hair he had." The obituary also noted that, "His loving spirit showed as he brought joy to the lives of family and friends. He was cherished as an uncle, revered as a fraternity brother, and valued as an employee."



Kenny Edwards



Kenny Edwards and wife Suzanne

Kenny treasured his brotherhood in the Bengal Lancers. When his pledge class learned that his pancreatic cancer had progressed, they gathered around him and shared memories and laughs. His pledge class (PC Sp '74*) shared their memories of Kenny:

"Kenny Edwards was the ultimate Lancer. He lived B/L to the fullest."

"Kenny was a big part of the glue that has held the thirteen of Spring '74 closely together for almost 50 years."

"He always put the effort in - reaching out, throwing parties, doing lunches, inviting people to his house in Galveston. You knew you could always call Kenny - ask for anything and he would always be there for you. His love for family and friends was truly genuine and heartfelt. B/L ran deep in him."

"Kenny was a story teller, a joke teller. He had an incredible memory for dates, numbers, events. He was great fun - always at the center of any get-together."

"His caring spirit, sense of humor, love of good food and wine, frisbee golf skills, annual trips to New Orleans jazz fest, passion for people will always be remembered."

"He will also be remembered for his incredible love and partnership with his wife of 25 years: Suzanne. They were inseparable. After Suzanne was diagnosed with ALS, he spent every moment of her remaining years taking care of her - making sure she lived life to the fullest. His love, courage, determination and sacrifice were truly inspirational."



College re-union with 7 of the 13 members of Spring '74 held at the Bill Strauss Ranch in Big Lake, TX circa 1984

"During his struggle with pancreatic cancer, Kenny placed his faith in Christ.

He spent time studying the bible and praying with pledge brothers Neal Wade, Ray Williams and others. His study of God's Word was great comfort to Kenny and all of us who spent time with him."

"Kenny passed away 4 months after Suzanne - they are back together enjoying a big glass of wine, listening to jazz, cooking up a storm, telling stories. We miss them both."

Kenny generously remembered the Bengal Lancers in his will. His legacy will benefit new Lancers for years to come. His pledge brothers and friends planned to gather in his memory, but COVID concerns prompted a postponement of his memorial service. That get together will take place once the current restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, if you are so-inclined, Kenny's family asks that remembrances be made in Kenny's honor to the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation.



Kenny and the Lancers in 1974 after the big win over the Triniteers. (First row, L to R): Bill Strauss, Chip Bonner, Jim Timmins, Kevin Dilbeck, Willie Griffin, Kenny Edwards; 2nd row, L to R): Stan Faegler, Fred Henderson, Bill Kastler, Richard Parker, Ray Williams, Fritz Neuschel, John Snedden; (3rd row L to R): Daniel Boone, Mike Sandlin, Neal Wade, Warren Geradine, Steve Powell, Birch Fryer, David Dickman, Bill Matyastik.

* The Pledge Class of Spring 1974, known as "The 13" are: Daniel "Dan" Boone, Peter "Burch" Fryer, Fred Henderson, William "Bill" Kuhlmann, Fritz Neuschuel, Steve Powell, Leslie Rucker, Jon Sandler, Bill Strauss, Mike Turner, Neal Wade, Ray Williams, and, of course, Kenneth "Kenny" Edwards, Jr.

ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL LANCER FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER RAFFLE!!

Given we haven't had the normal ability to raise money for the Foundation through our regular events and get together, we thought we would try something new and start a new tradition for a Lancer Foundation Raffle. Our Alumni have generously donated some cool Lancer branded stuff. Here's the details:

Tickets are \$100 a piece.

There will only be 100 tickets sold

To buy a ticket just go to

www.bengallanceralumni.org/donate

\$100 gets you one ticket, \$200 gets you two tickets, \$1000 gets you 10 tickets etc.

First Prize

Custom Glock 20 10mm Pistol

- B/L "True Red" Cerakote finish
- Laser engraved with the Foundation's logo

***Generously Donated by
Duke Johnston***



Second Prize

Custom Bengal Lancer Cornhole set

Generously donated by Trey Moebes



Third Prize

BLAF Movie Night Gift Basket and Stuff

- Blu Ray Edition of the 1936 movie that started it all: The Lives of a Bengal Lancer starring Gary Cooper in his 1st major movie role!
- Original Lives of a Bengal Lancer Movie Poster
- Four Vintage Lancer Wine Glasses
- BLAF Fishing Shirt

***Generously donated by John Grace and
Tarpon Wiseman)***



If we get more prizes, we will draw more tickets! Drawing will be held "LIVE" Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 3:00pm during the Foundation's Annual General Membership Meeting and Officer and Director Election. If you cannot be there in person, join us via Zoom! (Details to follow.)

JOSH SMITH (PC '07) TO SUCCEED PAUL HENSLEY ON FOUNDATION BOARD

During its regular Foundation Board meeting September 23rd, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve Josh Smith (PC '07) as the latest member of the Board, succeeding Paul Hensley effective immediately. Paul Hensley is stepping down as a member of the board in order to become a Bengal Lancer Fraternity Alumni Advisor, a role formally recognized by Trinity University.

We would like to thank Paul for his time and energy he brought to the Foundation Board this past year. His insights as a San Antonio business leader, and also as a member of the National Trinity University Alumni Advisory Board has been invaluable. Paul will of course be available for his advice and counsel, but this move allows for more time to work with the Lancer Actives in what will be a very difficult and transitional year for the club.

The Foundation welcomes Josh Smith to the Board. Josh is a 2010 Trinity University graduate and currently works for Schlumberger as Head of Digital Transformation, Global Finance. Josh is based in Houston and has been active in Board activities as well as other Trinity Alumni networking events. He is also a Lancer Alumni Foundation Life Member.



Josh Smith PC '06

SINCE WE CANT HAVE ALUMNI WEEKEND THIS YEARS HERE'S SOME PICTURES FROM THE SUCCESSFUL EVENT LAST YEAR!



Group Picture at the Tailgate with TU President Anderson (at right in white hat)



Actives Stu Kinsey and Nic Verchere man the grill



PC '86 honoring Street and Taylor who passed in recent years



Josh Roane ('91), Tarpon Wiseman ('90), Brad Little ('90), Trey Moeller ('90), Cody Adams ('93)



MISSION OF THE BENGAL LANCER ALUMNI FOUNDATION

The Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization incorporated by alumni of the Bengal Lancer fraternity at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas for the purpose of providing scholarships to active members of the Bengal Lancer fraternity enrolled at Trinity University and to support the endeavors of Trinity University. In keeping with the purpose and ideals of the Bengal Lancer fraternity, the Foundation shall foster fellowship and brotherhood among ourselves and all Trinity students, by upholding the name of our school, our club, and Almighty God, by being of service to our university, and by stimulating and creating school spirit while at the same time strengthening and tempering the bonds of our fellowship.

HELP SUPPORT THE LANCER FOUNDATION

Did you know that other fraternities at Trinity University have very substantial endowments that allow them to make long-term commitments to scholarships and also have a larger voice with the administration at Trinity? It's true, several have been around for 20+ years and we have a lot of catching up to do. The Lancer Foundation was created to help level the playing field and also focus on the following goals.

Goals of the Lancer Foundation:

- Endow scholarships for Active Lancers
- Manage donations to Trinity University on behalf of Lancer Alumni in order to make a more meaningful (and noticed) impact.
- Improve networking and fellowship among the Lancers that have graduated from Trinity University
- Create better awareness of Lancers and their families in need
- Funding for better communication, alumni gatherings, and outreach

We need your help. Please consider making a donation to help the Foundation grow. You can make your credit card donation today at www.bengallanceralumni.org and by clicking on the "Donate" tab. We can also receive donations via **Paypal** (treasurer@bengallanceralumni.org) and **Venmo** (@BL-Alumni). Finally we can receive checks made payable to the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation c/o BLAF Treasurer, 1006 Ben Hur Drive Houston, TX 77055 .

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