

TKE shuts down chapter after seven years at university

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The university's Greek system witnessed the loss of a campus fraternity this August when Tau Kappa Epsilon voluntarily closed at the beginning of the fall semester.

Senior Kerry Ashworth-King, the president of the Tekes, met with Mike Ford, the director of student development, in August of this year to close the chapter officially. According to Ford, this is the first time

during his experience as the director of student development that a fraternity has voluntarily closed.

"We definitely wanted to keep the chapter...however, it was hard to compete with the bigger fraternities," senior Byron Miller, the chaplain of the fraternity said. Miller also noted that the remaining four members were all seniors and did not have a lot of time to spend on rush and chapter functions.

King said that it was difficult for the fraternity to draw new members

because the fraternity did not have sufficient alumni support, fund, and assets, such as a lounge. The fraternity's lounge consisted of several suite rooms in Taylor House.

According to Ford, not having a lounge cost Tekes some of the exposure that other Greek groups experience. Ford noted that lounge space, which is allocated through the Student Life Committee, was in high demand at the time that Tekes received its charter. At that time, national sororities came to campus

and they were entitled to equal housing and lounge opportunities, he said.

Along with having little money and few assets, members of the fraternity also said that rushing was a problem. Senior Mark Little, the fraternity treasurer, said that the fraternity was composed of a group of friends who hung out and were "not too keen on rushing."

When the Sigma Pi chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon received its charter in 1990, it consisted of forty-

four members. Since its establishment, membership had steadily decreased, and in 1997, the chapter consisted of four active members.

According to Ford, the dissolving of the TKE fraternity sends a strong message to other fraternities. "They need to work hard with recruitment and outreach so as not to see a decrease in their membership." Ford noted that, currently, there is less of a campus or cultural emphasis on becoming Greek because there are different organiza-

tions in which students can participate in order to find their niche on campus.

The remaining Tekes may either continue to pay national dues so that they can remain brothers until they graduate, or, as Little noted, they may donate their remaining funds to a volunteer organization such as the Human Service Alliance. While on campus, TKE had been very involved in philanthropic events such as the Special Olympics and Project Pumpkin.

Language review recently finished

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The review was mandated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process, which the university is currently undergoing. It was also needed for reasons of accountability, Newton said. "It was a very healthy process for the department," she said.

"It forced us to bring together a lot of information that had never been brought together before," said Byron Wells, a professor of Romance languages who led the initial stages of the review before going on leave for a year.

The review has led to the formation of subcommittees working to devise alternate ways of teaching and the offering of intermediate-level courses, as well as drafting promotion guidelines from associate professor to full professor.

Although the subcommittees are all working on different topics, many of the changes they are likely to propose will relate to the intermediate-level courses. For example, faculty teaching loads are particularly heavy in the department because of these classes.

"Due to the fact that we teach languages, we end up having to correct a lot of papers because that's the nature of the beast," Newton said. When this is compounded with the frequency with which the intermediate courses meet, she said, "Romance language professors end up teaching a big number of hours per week."

Although the course itself is not required, many students must take it as a prerequisite for the mandatory foreign-language literature course because their high-school preparation was inadequate.

To reduce the heavy workload for faculty without reducing the amount of time students spend in class, the department will consider a proposal to replace the professor once a week with an assistant who will lead the class in a software lab.

The department is also exploring alternatives to taking the course during the year. "We have already sent a faculty member to locate sites in Latin America for a summer language institute," Newton said.

At these institutes, also to be held on campus and at a location in Canada, students would be immersed in the language for six weeks.

"It could make it a very enjoyable experience," she said. The institutes would substitute for the intermediate-level class.

Other steps that have already been taken as a result of the review include extracurricular activities for faculty and students, such as a film series and informal meetings at Shorty's and the Magnolia Room. Monthly departmental meetings to discuss teaching have also been initiated.

The entire review was conducted over two academic years. The first year, 1995-96, was spent gathering information from reports and surveys of alumni and current students. From that, a document consisting of several hundred pages was produced.

In the second year, the document was analyzed by a committee of two department faculty members, two majors and one faculty member from outside the department.

"They reviewed (the report) and made recommendations on what was in it, what needed to be expanded and how it needed to be organized," Wells said.

Finally, the report was reviewed by an outside evaluator from a small liberal-arts university in the Northeast, Wells said.

The evaluator visited the department for two days and spoke with students, faculty and Paul Escott, the dean of the college.



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Need a ride?

Harli Johnson gets work done while answering calls at the student shuttle service in Davis Residence Hall.

Hearn addresses school

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selling newsmagazine for advertisers every year.

He said that this consumer movement is causing affluent students to attend public universities, thereby cutting off some economically-disadvantaged students' access to higher education.

Hearn said it is important for private institutions to demonstrate that they are worth what they provide, which should be a distinguished educational experience. "We have to continue to work to be more efficient to keep our costs down."

Hearn also called for superior teaching among university faculty, since there has been many complaints over indifferent teaching methods in colleges across the land. "It is most important to be effective teachers and enter into student relationships and change their attitude to learning," he said.

Referring to the supposed problem of substance abuse on campus, Hearn said that the university would do everything in its power to prevent it with rules and policies, but that the responsibility ultimately resides with each individual student.

Judicial reform being considered

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Council would appoint students to the HEB.

Lovett said that some student leaders objected to the make-up of the Election Committee due to the high concentration of SG members.

The Sub-committee, which includes representatives from SG, designed the Election Committee this way because SG officers and legislators are elected officials and would thus make the HEB selection a more democratic process, he said.

While the selection process has been debated, other parts of the proposal are also still open for consideration. "We're glad to talk to any group that wants to talk to us," Lovett said.

The current dialogue about the pros and cons of the reform is exactly what the Judicial Council wanted to evoke by releasing the proposal, Zick said.

Another detail to be considered is the degree of faculty and administration representation on the HEB, Zick said. The current proposal calls for four students, two faculty members and one administrator to make up the HEB for each hearing.

Lovett said the seven-member Sub-committee, which has four new student members, will continue to meet throughout the semester and hear suggestions until a final proposal is formulated.

POLICE BEAT

Man assaults woman in car, witnessed by students

Students witnessed a man assaulting a woman at 3:41 p.m. Sept. 17. The woman was driving along Wake Forest Road when the man, a passenger in the car, hit her. The woman pulled into Lot N, between Kitchin and Poteat houses. She got out of the car and threw the keys at the man. He then drove around the parking lot and asked the woman to get back in the car, which she did, and they left campus. The incident was witnessed by students on Poteat field and students in the area of Lot N.

Theft

Ninety-six CDs and a CD carrying case were taken from a student's unlocked car in Lot B, between Taylor and Davis houses, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Aug. 23. The items were worth \$1,640.

A student's parking decal, which was in a locker room at the Haddock Golf Center, was taken between 2 and 3 p.m. Aug. 26.

A student's bicycle was taken from a Poteat walkway between 1 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 15. The bicycle was worth \$100.

Damage

A student's automobile was dented between 2:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and 9 a.m. Sept.

16. The car was parked in Lot J.

Miscellaneous

A student living in Collins Residence Hall received harassing phone calls between 11:15 p.m. Sept. 5 and 1:11 a.m. Sept. 15.

A student living in Efirid Residence Hall received a harassing voice mail message between 2:50 a.m. and 3 a.m. Sept. 17.

At approximately 6:45 p.m. Sept. 17, a student living in Luter Residence Hall received two harassing phone calls.

A student living in Taylor received a harassing phone call at 1:44 p.m. Sept. 17.

During a routine security check, a University Police officer found someone sleeping in a van at Hooks Stadium at 4:40 p.m. Sept. 18.

The person told the officer he was with two friends selling T-shirts on campus. Unauthorized Wake Forest lettering appeared on the shirts. The officer confiscated the shirts and issued all three people trespass warnings.

University Police responded to an argument between a student and the student's brother, who was visiting campus. The argument escalated into a physical confrontation, which had subsided by the time officers arrived. No one was injured during the incident.

University Police handled 68 calls from Sept. 15 to Sept. 21, including 13 incidents and investigations and 55 calls for service.

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WORLD WIDE

Turner gives billion to the United Nations

New York, NY — Media mogul Ted Turner, founder of CNN and a vice-president of Time Warner, pledged last Thursday to donate a total of \$1 billion to the United Nations over the next ten years.

Turner, expressing shame that the United States is over a billion dollars behind in paying its UN dues, said he hoped that his actions would serve to set a trend of charitable giving for other very rich people.

Turner's donation will be earmarked to be spent only on the existing UN programs directed at

feeding children, removing landmines, helping refugees and the extremely poor, and studying global climate change.

Terrorist organization finally declares truce

PARIS — For the past five years the Islamic Salvation Army has been fighting an insurgency in Algeria, and its leaders are now calling for a truce. In a communiqué dated Sept. 21, the leaders of the Islamic Salvation Army said "The national emir of the Islamic Salvation Army orders all chiefs of companies fighting under his command to stop operations."

The communique goes on to specify Oct. 1 as the date when the soldiers are to put down their arms. This announcement came two days before a massacre in which over 200 people were killed and 100 injured. The Islamic Salvation Army is the military wing of the Islamic Salvation Front, formerly the most popular political party in Algeria.

The insurrection was launched in 1992 after the Algerian Army canceled election results which would have put the Islamic Salvation Front in power. The Islamic Salvation Front is in favor of strict interpretation of Koranic law, including making women cover their heads and banning alcohol, something that many secular Algerians