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FOUNDATION HITS ITS STRIDE IN 2019

By: John Grace, PC Sp. '83

The Foundation has been busy in the last few months, continuing to fulfill our mission 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.

March saw the passing of Lancer Wayne Taylor (PC Sp '86). A dozen or so Lancers joined Wayne's family in Houston for the funeral. In just 8 days, Lancers and their Trinity friends raised more than \$10,000 to help Wayne's family. In honor of Wayne, members of the Kappa Delta Fraternity Alumni donated \$1,000 to the Lancer Foundation, as Wayne's step-brother Marty Thompson was a KKD.

In April, the Lancer community rallied around David Plaut (PC Sp '92) and his wife. David is experiencing some health issues and his wife established a GoFundMe account to give the family some financial breathing room. Lancers jumped in, contributing enough to pay his uninsured medical expenses for several months. David's pledge brother, Andrew Miller (PC Sp '92), treated David to an NCAA championship game. To make it just a little sweeter, Andrew brought David a custom B/L jersey as a surprise.

Lancers helping Lancers...Tigers helping Tigers...the true meaning of B/L.

The annual Beers, Bugs, & B/Ls crawfish boil returned to the West Alabama Ice House in Houston, TX on April 20th with Lancers from 1972 to 2008 in attendance. Crawdaddy Trey Moebes (PC 00) served up a ton of bugs. Dave Gillette (PC 08) provided the beer. Another Lancer tradition in the making!

Speaking of traditions, in June, an enthusiastic group of alumni gathered in San Antonio to work with the Lancer Actives on their strategic plan to stabilize and grow the fraternity. This year we moved out of John Mace's back yard and held the Retreat in the air-conditioned comfort of Trinity's Holt Center. Special guest Jamie Thompson, Director of Student Involvement, spoke to the group about Greek life in the modern era and how the Lancers and Trinity can best work together. We have detailed articles on the retreat inside this edition.

In July, the Foundation was proud to support the annual Trinity University Football Alumni Golf Tournament by sponsoring a hole. Trey Moeller (PC 90) and Cody Adams (PC 93) represented the Lancers and the Foundation. Cody is married to XBE Dana Bollner Adams (XBE 94), and their son Cooper is attending Trinity this year and playing football for the Tigers.

In August, Paul Hensley (PC 84) attended Trinity's first ever Fraternity Recruitment workshop, where he and the Lancer actives learned recruiting techniques from facilitators brought in by the university. This is part of the university's ongoing commitment to helping organizations like the Bengal Lancers find and recruit new members from a student population that is very different from the students many of us went to school with. (Yes...Trinity really does want fraternities to grow and thrive.)

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October 4-6*

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LANCER FRATERNITY HAS STRONG SHOWING IN ANNUAL FRATERNITY STANDARD PROGRAM RANKINGS.

The Lancer had another solid year in the annual Fraternity Standards Program Rankings. This has become an increasingly important way that the University measures social organizations against a criteria of performance standards. Last year the Lancers came in first place. This year they came in just shy of first, and tied for second place overall. Well done gentlemen. Thank you for your leadership!

Standards Program Rankings	
Fraternity	Points (out of 480 possible)
Kappa Kappa Delta	380
Bengal Lancers	360
Chi Delta Tau	360
Iota Chi Rho	340
Triniteers*	340
Omega Phi	260
Phi Sigma Chi	230
Average	324

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Rounding out the Summer, the Foundation funded a grant to the fraternity to assist the club with its philanthropy and to help promote school spirit. Football Co-Captain Nic Hover (PC 17) helped lead the Tigers in their first game of the year against McMurry College, which the Tigers won in a 41 to 10 (!!) blowout. After the game, the Lancers hosted an event at Bombay's. The Foundation paid for a photobooth, which the guys used to raise more than \$700 for Urban Capital Partners. Urban Capital Partners is a San Antonio-based 501(c)3 organization that teaches life skills to young people living in the urban core.

Later this Fall, the Bengal Lancers and Chi Betas will host a hamburger cookout for all Trinity students, as part of their mission to foster school spirit. The Foundation is assisting their efforts with a \$300 grant.

Finally, be sure to make plans to come back to campus for Alumni Weekend, Oct. 4-6. The Lancers and Chi Betas will fire up the fans at a tailgate on Prassel Lawn before the Tigers take on Austin College. Come out Saturday morning, meet the actives, and reconnect with your alumni friends. The tailgate starts at 10:00am and runs through half-time. There will be burgers, hot dogs, and cornhole. It is BYOB, so bring your favorite beverage.

On Saturday evening, we have something new and different for the annual Lancer / XBE Alumni Party. After several years in the back rooms of various local bars, we are going a little "wild" ... by renting the San Antonio Zoo! Drop your car off with the valet, hop in a golf cart shuttle, and party with your friends in the Hippo Grotto! We will have street tacos, appetizers, and a cash bar.

I hope all of you are excited about the work of this Foundation. We can only do these great projects with your help and support. If you have contributed to the Foundation in the last year, Thank You! If you like what we are doing I urge you to make a donation. You can be assured that your financial support will be used to accomplish the things that we pledged to do when we joined the Bengal Lancers: 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. Those were important promises then...and they remain important today.

In B/L,

John Grace, President Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation

AN UPDATE FROM THE LANCER FRATERNITY PRESIDENT

By: Adam Gryniec, Spring 2017

The 2019-2020 academic year is a decisive one for the Lancer actives as we look to grow and sustain the club for the future. Currently, there are 11 active members with three set to graduate in December 2019 and 1 member focused on receiving his graduate degree in accounting. Despite the small size, the club is making great momentum in recruiting and in its campus and community outreach initiatives.

Active Lancers and alumni gathered for the annual retreat at Trinity University in June to set goals and establish momentum for the upcoming year. Of the many topics discussed, the event focused on rush, beta relations, university relations, orientation, and football. In terms of rush, the actives are focused on identifying well known individuals who are able to bring other potential new members with them. In addition, the actives have committed to make rush the most prominent area of work for the fall with increased commitment from each active. The rush efforts will be led by the club's newest member, Conner Terry, who was in last year's new active class of 1 and understands the club's need to grow. Another important milestone of the retreat was re-establishment of Beta-Lancer relations. The Lancers have created an inaugural position of Beta Relations Chair, and have committed to more orientation and rush events with Beta actives. This is an extremely important milestone for the Lancers in working to be closer with our sister sorority. Finally, the retreat established goals to continue to make Lancer actives leaders on campus. The actives thank the alumni for their continued guidance in support of the true meaning of B/L.

While the school year just started, a number of positive things have happened that reflect well on the Lancers. First, senior Nic Hover was recently named captain of Trinity's football team, continuing a long tradition of Lancer athlete leaders. Hover and senior Kadarius Lee lead Trinity's secondary as the team's season started September 5th. Second, senior Dayton Ames has continued his role as captain of the Rugby team after a strong finish in last year's spring 7's season. Senior Wyatt Stevenson and sophomores Darryl Ooi, Stuart Kinsey, and Nick Verchere join him on the Rugby pitch. Third, a number of Lancer actives completed noteworthy internships this summer. Of those who completed internships,

Darryl Ooi returned home to work in Shanghai and Sam Gustafsson also returned home to work an internship in Houston. In addition, Kadarius Lee completed an extensive research project with Trinity's School of Business highlighting the history of experiential learning on campus. Wyatt Stevenson spent his summer at Elsmere Education in Denver, Colorado where he earned a full time offer for his efforts. Adam Gryniec spent his summer interning for Trinity University's endowment fund, receiving an extension offer to work on the fund throughout the 2019-2020 academic year. Finally, the club congratulates Rob Kuhne for his acceptance into Trinity's graduate school of accounting and pending job placement at KPMG upon graduation in May.



Adam Gryniec

The actives are very excited about the upcoming year despite the challenges it faces. On September 5th, the actives kicked off the school year with a fundraiser at Bombay's Bicycle Club for the benefit of philanthropic partner Urban Capital Partners. Aiding in the organization's mission of helping inner city youth get ahead, the Lancers hosted an extremely successful fundraising after-party at Bay's, helping establish the organization's presence in the community. The club looks to host a number of similar events throughout the year continuing its mission of "stimulating and creating school spirit, while at the same time strengthening and tempering the bonds of our fellowship."

As a final remark, we ask that you keep our faculty advisor Ms. Alexandra Gallin-Parisi in your thoughts and prayers as she has been battling breast cancer. Professor GP, as she is known, has been a very supportive voice on campus for our organization and has gone above and beyond in her care of each active Lancer. She has returned to work this summer, but we will continue to support her through her trying time.

If you have any questions or are looking for ways to further your involvement with the active organization, please do not hesitate to contact any active. We wish you the best in your Fall of 2019 as you continue to live the mission of B/L

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



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JAMIE THOMPSON SHARES PERSPECTIVES ON LANCERS AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

By: Brad Little, PC Spring '90

The Bengal Lancers are known to be a very tight knit bunch, but sometimes it is important to get perspective from outside the club and the Foundation to get a sense for how we are doing. During the Lancer Alumni & Active retreat this past June, both organizations were able to get just that kind of input from Jamie Thompson, the Director of Student Involvement at Trinity University.

Student Involvement is a department within the Division of Student Life, under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Sheryl Tynes, Vice President for Student life. Ms. Thompson's role includes responsibility for Student Organizations, New Student Orientation, Fraternity & Sorority Life (a.k.a. FSL), Campus Publications, Leadership Development, and the Coates Student Center. It's a big agenda, with a lot of focus on making sure the organizations that Trinity students are a part of are in line with the mission of the University, and also building inclusive and safe environments for all of those that choose to participate.

During the meeting Thompson shared a number of important successes for FSL including establishing FSL Alumni advisor liaisons for all clubs, putting to use "the food at parties fund" made possible by a TU alumnus, improved GPA's among the Greek community, the launch of the Leadership Challenge program, and the successful reintroduction of the Triniteers. One interesting point was that the Greek community as a whole had a cumulative GPA of 3.28 vs a campus wide GPA of 3.24. Among the men, the fraternity GPA was 3.15 vs. a campus-wide men's GPA of 3.13. It was good to see that the stereotypes around Greek organizations having lower GPA's were not true based on the Fall 2018 data.

Thompson did point to a number of areas of focus that she and her team will continue to work on in the

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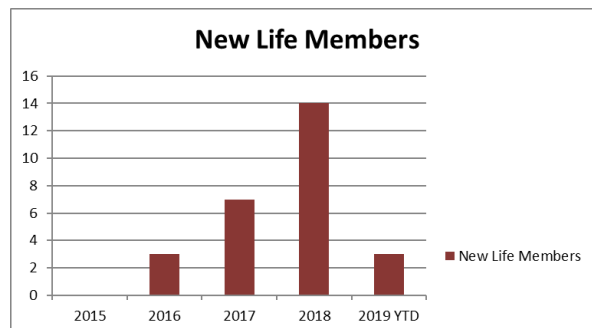
LANCER FOUNDATION FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Trey Moeller, PC Sp. '90

In 2019 the BLAF has increased its involvement with Trinity University as well as increased its distributions compared to prior years. The Foundation has provided \$5,000 to Trinity University for scholarships, \$1,100 for a sponsorship to support the Trinity University Football team, and funded a philanthropic grant to the Bengal Lancers for \$1,278.18. The total distributions so far in 2019 are \$7,378.18 compared to \$3,950 in 2018 and \$5,000 in 2017.

Net assets at the end of August are \$35,483 down from \$38,520.79 at the end of 2018. To date in 2019, there were 12 donations made (compared to 77 in all of 2018) and 4 new Foundation Life Members. Year to date in 2019 the BLAF has received a little over \$8,000 compared to over \$33,000 in 2018.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. You are the reason we have been able to provide scholarship money to our actives, provide coaching and mentoring support to the actives, publish these newsletters, and sponsor events where we can gather and share old stories while making new memories with each other. We hope to see you all at Alumni Weekend!



Life Members are Lancers that have donated at least \$1,500 in a calendar year.

....JAMIE THOMPSON CONTINUED

coming year. This includes concerns about diversity & inclusion and sexual assault in the FSL community, increasing hazing education, including training for Orientation Chairs and alumni advisers, and continuing to educate students about the Safer Parties Initiative (SPIn) given four alcohol incidents involving fraternity/sorority organizations. The good news however is that the overall data shows that hazing incidents and alcohol related incidents are down for 2018-2019. Much of this is attributed to the successful programs around safe parties, designated drivers and managing events responsibly.

Thompson also shared some solid data around how the Lancers stack up against other Greek organizations. Thompson is both realistic and optimistic about the future of the organization and shared the following about the current undergraduates: "I am proud of the current student leadership of the Bengal Lancers, in particular, President Adam Gryniewicz. It takes a strong leader who is willing to act with integrity to build a vision, get peers on board with that vision, and hold peers accountable. The Lancers have multiple opportunities for growth moving forward – and they know it. I look forward to seeing the organization grow and develop in the coming year." The Lancers clearly have some work to do to improve their membership numbers, and the club is now down to only 11 Actives. The good news is that there continues to be strong interest among the male student population to join a Greek organization with 210 men on the master recruitment list this past year. Interestingly though, only 122 RSVP'd for 2nd and 3rd round events, and only 73 bids were extended across the entire fraternity population. This implies that all of the fraternities are not connecting with potential members, and not taking advantage of the potential to grow. In the case of the Lancers, only three bids were extended, and only one individual ended up joining the club.

By comparison, if we look at the size of other fraternities and sororities, we can see that there is overall growth in the size of the Greeks at Trinity. The Spring 2019 number of bids extended is the highest number extended in the past five years. Several fraternities and sororities are quite large, and the average size of the Trinity sororities is 51 members, while the average size of the fraternities is 26. There are 355 women in seven different sororities, while the men have 182 members in seven different fraternities. Each of these organizations has their own philosophy, of course, on size and selection but there is clearly demand for growth and scale should the Lancers choose to take advantage of it. In response to her participation at the retreat, Thompson reflects on the following: "It is clear to me that the alumni are incredibly invested in the organization and their relationships with fellow alumni and current members. The alumni want the Alumni Foundation and the fraternity to be positive, contributing forces on campus. I really appreciated the opportunity to be in front of the individuals who are making key decisions and supporting the undergraduate membership during a critical time in its history. And, I anticipate future collaborative efforts and conversations in which we are collectively aligned to support student success, as a whole, and the fraternity/sorority community, specifically."

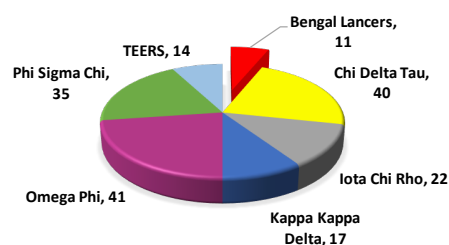
The Lancer Foundation would like to thank Ms. Thompson for her time and candor discussing the future of the Lancer's at Trinity. It was very refreshing to have an honest and fact-based dialogue, where we discussed pragmatic ways to make progress as a Fraternity, a Foundation, and as a member of the Trinity University community.

LIFE MEMBERS

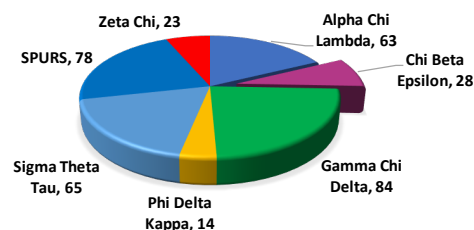
Kleberg, Tres	Fall 1960
Carlson, Rob	Fall 1960
Stein, David	Spring 1966
Sandlin, Mike	Fall 1974
Crowe, David	Spring 1976
Goodall, Greg	Spring 1976
Gaines, Bagby	Spring 1977
Shiels, Frank	Fall 1977
Marvin, Doug	Fall 1982
Crowe, Jed	Spring 1982
Rosales, Robert	Spring 1982
Grace, John	Spring 1983
Johnston, Duke	Spring 1986
Pharris, Paul	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, Brian	Spring 2000
Moebes, Trey	Spring 2000
Chase, Spencer	Spring 2002

Pssst! Where is your name?

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THE INCREDIBLE “TAIL” OF LANCERS, TIGERS, AND A MASCOT NAMED LEE ROY

By: John Grace, Spring 1983

If it were not for the Bengal Lancers, Lee Roy the Tiger, might never have stepped paw on Trinity's campus. The story of how Lee Roy the Tiger came to be Trinity's official mascot is a twisted “tail” that involves a borrowed mascot, the Bengal Lancers, XBE, a Zoo with a laissez-faire attitude toward animal stewardship, one of India's oldest universities, a spare microscope, a generous San Antonio developer, a brilliant inventor and entrepreneur, and an (alleged) CIA front company.

Trinity's mascot has not always been a tiger. In the very early years, Trinity's athletic teams were known as the “Trinitonians” or, sometimes, the “Presbyterians.” This all changed in 1916. That year, the Detroit Tigers baseball team used Trinity's Waxahachie campus as its spring training facility. Trinity students were excited to have a major league ball club on campus. The students befriended the Detroit Tiger players, and in a show of unity, the student body adopted the Tiger as the school's mascot. The first public use of a tiger logo came in 1922, when a tiger was featured on the cover of the *Mirage* and was featured prominently throughout the yearbook. Since then, Trinity has been indelibly linked to its tiger mascot.

In the 1950's many collegiate teams had live animals to represent their mascots. In keeping with the club's mission to “promote school spirit,” the men of the Bengal Lancers decided to help Trinity obtain a live Bengal tiger to serve as a mascot at Trinity football games.

Bengal Lancers Fred Hansler and Ran Cooper, and Lancerette Jane Ella Brooks, spearheaded the idea. (The Lancerettes were the precursors to XBE.) According to the October 13, 1950 edition of the *Trinitonian*, the three student leaders visited the Zoo and negotiated a deal with its director. “He assures us that we need not worry about additional cost after the purchase,” said Hansler, “as the zoo will house, feed, and doctor the animal, in return for permission to display it before the zoo patrons.” The Zoo agreed that the tiger could be removed for such functions as pep rallies, parades, and athletic activities. It was a simpler time.

The asking price was \$1200...a rather large sum in the 1950's...equivalent to about \$10,000 in today's dollars. Realizing that Trinity's enrollment was, coincidentally, 1,200 students, the Lancers and Lancerettes announced a joint fundraising campaign, asking each Trinity student to donate just one dollar. Lancer pledges, as part of the initiation program, sold “I'm Buying a Tiger” ribbons for a dollar each. The two clubs intended to raise the necessary funds in time to acquire a tiger before homecoming. Regrettably, the fundraising fell short and the Zoo lost interest.

In 1951, a new plan was hatched. The Lancers' faculty sponsor, Robert E. “Doc” Hunter, contacted the University of Mysore, one of the oldest universities in India. The university expressed interest in trading a tiger for a microscope. Apparently, Mysore knew where to find a spare tiger, and Trinity knew where to find a spare microscope. After a promising start, Mysore University stopped responding to Doc Hunter's letters. He resorted to sending a telegram...but Mysore never responded. Trinity kept its spare microscope and India kept its spare tiger.

Despite the efforts of the Lancers and Lancerettes, by 1953, the fundraising efforts had stalled. The acquisition of a live tiger seemed destined to fail.

Deciding to give it one more try, Trinity and the Lancers looked off campus and found help from local San Antonio contractor Lee Roy Pletz. Mr. Pletz agreed to find and purchase a tiger for Trinity. He found a suitable specimen in California...an adult Royal Bengal Tiger, recently retired from the movie business. Mr. Pletz arranged for the tiger to be flown to San Antonio by his friend Tom Slick.

Tom Slick was a Trinity Trustee. He was also an inventor, businessman, adventurer, and heir to an oil fortune. He was one of two inventors of the Youtz-Slick Lift-Slab Method of construction, used to build most of Trinity's first buildings. It is the reason so many older dorms have oddly placed support columns in the middle of the room. Slick founded the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) in 1947 to seek revolutionary advancements in technology. Slick was also a cryptozoologist, who lead several expeditions to find the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, the Yeti, and other mythical creatures. With the help of actor Jimmy Stewart, Slick smuggled a piece of a purported Yeti hand to England for scientific analysis. He was an inquisitive man with lots of money.

Important to Trinity's acquisition of a tiger, he was also the owner of Slick Airways. Slick Airways was a commercial cargo carrier. It was also rumored that the business was a CIA air cargo company, preceding the notorious Air America. In any case, Slick offered his services in flying Trinity's tiger from California to San Antonio.



Cover of the 1922 Mirage, with the first use of a Tiger mascot.

INCREDIBLE “TAIL” CONTINUED

When the cargo plane landed, the tiger was greeted by a host of dignitaries, including Lee Roy Pletz, San Antonio Mayor Jack White, and Trinity President James Laurie. The Lancers were out in force, as the designated caretakers of the school's new mascot. They paraded the tiger down Broadway to the San Antonio Zoo, which had extended its offer to accommodate him. Mr. Pletz' final gift was a rolling cage that the Lancers would use to parade the tiger around the football stadium after each Trinity touchdown. In gratitude, the tiger was named “Lee Roy,” after Mr. Pletz.

When he was not raising team spirit at football games, Lee Roy lived in a private enclosure at the San Antonio Zoo, just across the road from Trinity's new Skyline campus. Before each game, the Lancers would take the trailer to the zoo and load up Lee Roy.



me it was so hard to get him in the trailer, that they only put him in once a year and he had to spend the whole football season in that small trailer.” John lamented that, “...as I have gotten older, I have come to realize it was not a nice way to treat him.”

It was soon decided that public opinion was starting to shift, and the display of a live wild animal at football games fell out of favor. Trinity's live tigers were left in peace at the zoo, replaced by cheer leaders dressed in fancy tiger costumes.



The Tiger Mascot Today at Trinity

Lee Roy's old trailer was still on the Trinity campus, tucked into the brush behind the football stadium...where Prassel dorm now stands. The trailer has since been removed and its circumstances are presently unknown. The final mementos of the Lancer's stewardship of Lee Roy the tiger can be seen when Lancer athletes wear the distinctive red, black, and white jump suits that were worn by Lee Roy's handlers during football games. The final reminder of Trinity's once-proud Royal Bengal Tiger is his name...Lee Roy...which lives on as the official moniker of Trinity's mascot.

The Trinity community now embraces Lee Roy as its mascot, but few students today know how the tiger got his name, or how the Bengal Lancers and their XBE sisters played pivotal roles in the evolution of Trinity's tiger mascot.



Lee Roy Pletz and James Laurie inspect Trinity's new mascot

Sadly, Lee Roy was not in good health. He suffered from seizures and was generally known to be irritable and lethargic. During many celebratory laps around Alamo Stadium's track, Lee Roy lay in the corner and looked away from the crowd. At other times, he used the lap around the track to ...relieve himself... in front of the crowd. Lee Roy also was starting to become ill-tempered and hard to control. The decision was made in 1958 to let Lee Roy “retire.” In his place, the Zoo provided several of his offspring, named Lee Roy II, Lee Roy III, etc. (Although Trinity's mascot is always portrayed as “male,” several of Lee Roy's stand-ins were girls.)

Lancer Alumni Adviser John Mace was a tiger handler during his days at Trinity in the 1970's. He said, “I pulled Lee Roy II around the football field after Trinity touchdowns for at least 2 seasons. The zookeepers at the time told



An early example of the Tiger Mascot at Trinity

Lee Roy finally passed away in 1962. Without a breeding program, the Zoo's collection of Royal Bengal Tigers was phased out in favor of smaller Sumatran tigers. There are stories around campus that Lee Roy's pelt was preserved and that it was displayed in the lobby of the old Northrup Hall...but no one seems to know if the stories were true or what became of his pelt. Until the mid-1980's,

2019 ACTIVE / ALUMNI RETREAT CREATES PLANS FOR A VERY CRITICAL YEAR AHEAD

By: Brad Little, Spring 1990

The annual Active / Alumni Retreat was held in June and for the first time was held on campus in the historic Holt Center. Like in years past we had a broad range of Lancers attend from the 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's and around 80% of the Lancer Actives.

This year, it is fair to say that there was a sense of urgency among all in participation acknowledging that this is the year that the Alumni and the Fraternity need to make tangible progress in order to arrest the dwindling numbers of Actives and get the Club back to a more sustainable size. As detailed on pages 4-5 Jamie Thompson provided an excellent point of view from Trinity's standpoint about what is working in Greek Life and for the Lancers, and what is not working so great.

Leading up to the retreat, five different teams were formed, with a leader named from the Actives and the Alumni on each focusing on the following areas: 1) Improving the relationship with the University 2) Identifying ways to improve the orientation program 3) Improving relations with the TU Football Program 4) Driving a more successful Rush program and 5) Improving the relationship with the Betas.

A detailed working session was held with each team breaking out to develop specific and actionable plans. As the day progressed, each team presented their recommendations for how to make measurable improvements during the 2019-2020 Academic year. Each of the team's recommendations were discussed and agreed upon by the entire group.

At the end of the session both Actives and Alumni signed a "Wall of Commitment" signifying their personal commitment to deliver on the plans that were agreed by the group. It was agreed that there will be regular check points throughout the year to make sure that progress is being made, find out where folks need help, and look for ways for more improvement.

There was a lot of positive energy at the end of the event. It is envisioned that this will become a regular annual planning cycle to help both the Actives and Alumni work to continually improve and hold each other accountable. It also ended up being a very fun time as the participants capped it off with burgers and beer at Tycoon Flats. It happened to work out that comedian Josh Wolf (PC '89) was in town for a show and so the evening was capped off with a lot of laughs at a local comedy club (some at the expense of the Lancers in attendance).



Jamie Thompson, Director of Student Involvement and John Grace, PC '83



Nick Verchere Sp. '18 and Joel Holmes Sp. '17 present their recommendations



Participants working hard



Brad Little PC '90 and John Grace PC '83 and the "Wall of Commitment"



Group picture of the Actives and Alumni at Tycoon Flats



Having a few burgers and beers at Flats before the Josh Wolf Show



Josh Wolf put on a great show and worked in some classic Lancer stories including a certain incident at the San Antonio Zoo involving a Rhino... or was it a Hippo?

RANDOM THOUGHTS BY ED HART PC FALL '59

The fall semester of my Freshman year (1959), there were so many students living on campus that girls lived in Murchison Hall and since there were only 2 Men's Dorms, there were 3 men per room and 6 men per suite. Several men students lived in a Motel/Apartment on Stadium Dr., south of the campus. The Spring semester saw a lot of students leave, therefore there was a lot more room. There was some type of construction going on all 4 years. Lift slab method was used on most buildings. The ground was solid rock.

Intramural sports: football was played on the fields just south of Murchison; basketball was played in a Baptist Church located south of the girl's dorms; track was run on the Edison HS field and softball was played off campus. Male varsity athletes lived and ate with the rest of the men.



ROTC was mandatory for men their first two years. All on campus students ate above the SUB on the upper campus. On campus students had to pay for a full meal deal each semester.

Girls had a very strict curfew every night. Those dating would gather in front of McFarlin Dorm just before curfew. A signal rang at curfew and the girls ran inside to sign in. Men had no curfew. Men spent a lot of Midnights at The Toodle House eating.

Trinity varsity football team played one big time school each season. We played Air Force Academy once. During football season Bengal Lancers took care of the caged tiger: Going to the zoo, pulling the cage to Stadium Drive field and returning it to the zoo. Varsity football was played at the Stadium Drive Field. Varsity basketball was played in an arena next to Stadium Drive Field. Varsity baseball was played off campus. Varsity tennis was big time and played on campus.



XBE "Pajama Group"



Mike Harty PC Spring '62 and date

Beanie caps were mandatory for freshmen. New Lancers were given both Informal and Formal Initiations. Multiple walks for new Lancers were common. Hazing was permitted. Bengal Lancer's put on Club Riviera each year in the SUB. Dates dressed up. A big-name local band played. Almost every month Lancers had a party off campus honoring Lancerettes (who were XBE's). XBE's dating a Lancer steadily usually were pinned by the Lancer on the balcony of McFarlin Dorm while other Lancers stood below serenading them. Gray blazers were worn by Lancers to official functions and the blazers had BL logos on them.

There were a lot of city students. They had to park in the Stadium Drive Field parking lot. Stadium Drive Field was just across from the campus. A city bus ran from the campus down St. Mary's Drive to downtown and back.



Sue Walling and Gene Kimes PC Fall '57 at Club Riviera in 1960

Each spring a Sing Song was held. All clubs competed. Men's and Women's awards were handed out. All singing was without accompaniment. I still have one of the programs. 78 RPM records of the performance were made available for purchase.



Bill McDonald PC Fall '58 and Date

Crime and drugs did not exist on campus. Booze was strictly prohibited on campus.

If you have some great pics and old stories to share about your time as a Lancer at Trinity, send 'em in! We would love to hear from you. Thanks to Ed Hart for these great pics and a glimpse into what it was like to be a Lancer in the late 50's!

LANCER SIGHTINGS, SOME OLD SOME NEW



PC 01-03 this year in Twin Boars Ranch in Kerrville for their annual Fantasy Football



Lancer Actives kicked off Rush this Fall with an info booth on campus



John Grace PC'83, Tres Kleberg PC '60, and Frank Shiels PC '77 at the 2019 Trinity Presidents Dinner



Lancers from PC 92-94 at their annual fantasy football draft, this time in CA



Several members of Tom Roger's (PC Fall '59) pledge class gathered in June to present him with a B/L Challenge Coin. Tom is fighting a tough battle, and his brothers were there to support.



Members of PC '74 Taken at their Senior Party in 1977.



Tom Roger's Receives B/L Challenge Coin



Members of PC '86 on the roof of the Olmos Pharmacy during their scavenger hunt.



John Grace and Lee Rousselot in Lubbock comprising 2/3 of the local Lancer population (Haag where were you?)



Cody Adams PC'93 and Trey Moeller PC '90 at the TU Football Alumni Tournament

LANCER FOUNDATION AWARDS NIC HOVER AND KADARIUS LEE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

One of the most important things that the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation does each year is fund two \$2,500 needs-based scholarships for Active members of the Bengal Lancer Fraternity.

This year the recipients of these scholarships were KaDarius Lee (PC '16) and Nic Hover (PC '17).

Both KaDarius and Nic are seniors and members of the Trinity University Football team. Nic was recently named one of the team's four team captains.



*John Grace PC '83 Congratulates
KaDarius Lee PC '16*



*John Grace PC '83 Congratulates Nic
Hover PC '17*

PRESIDENTIAL “WE NEED THE DUES” CHALLENGE!!

If you read Treasurer Trey Moeller's Financial Update, there are a couple of “take-aways” that I wanted to discuss. The first is that the Foundation is doing some really good things for Trinity and the Bengal Lancers. The second is that donations to the Foundation have tapered off.

We try hard not to bombard you with requests for money. We want you to open our emails, read the newsletter, and attend our events without thinking that we are going to beat you up for money. But...we need the dues. Without your financial support, we cannot do the things that we do...provide scholarships for Lancer Actives, sponsor leadership events at the University, and fund events that bring alumni together to strengthen and temper the bonds of our fellowship.

If you like what we are doing, please drop us a line and let us know. And please take a moment to visit our website and make a donation. No amount is too small. But no amount is too large, either. The more you give the more we can do.

ANNOUNCING: The Presidential Challenge!

Putting my money where my mouth is...and to make giving easy...I set up an autopay, with my online banking app, to send the Foundation \$83 each month, in recognition of my 1983 Pledge Class.

I challenge you to do the same thing.

Commit to a monthly amount in honor of your Pledge Class Year.

If donating \$70, \$80, or \$90 each month is too steep, donate \$19.70, \$19.80, or \$19.90.

If you pledged in the 2000's, just donate \$20 each month.

- John Grace, Spring '83

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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