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THE STATE OF THE FOUNDATION: IT HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR!

By: John Grace, PC Sp. '83

As President of the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation, I am pleased to report that we have had a busy, productive year, and the Foundation is doing very well! I wanted to take a moment to highlight a few of our major accomplishments.

Thanks to your generous financial support, the Foundation funded \$2,500 scholarships for two deserving Lancer actives. With your continued support, the Foundation will fund these scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. This year, the Foundation will continue to make additional donations in support of Trinity's educational activities. In recognition of the Foundation's support, Trinity has named us a Business Affiliate. While these donations are coming from the Foundation's cash flow, the Board of Directors continues to add to the Foundation's permanent endowment, with the eventual goal of supporting our school and our club from investment income.

An important part of the Foundation's mission is to foster fellowship and brotherhood...to strengthen and temper the bonds of our fellowship. Our regional chapter leaders have done a great job of hosting local events for Lancer alumni. Lancer alumni in Dallas, Houston, and Austin have gathered for comedy performances by Bengal Lancer Josh Wolf. Lancers, Betas, and their families gathered in Houston for a crawfish boil. Other Lancer alumni have organized impromptu meet ups across the country. If you would like to organize a Lancer gathering in your community, please let me know. If you will be in San Antonio for Alumni Weekend, there will be several opportunities for you to reconnect with your Lancer brothers. (More on all of this elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Lancer Alumni have engaged with the Lancer Actives several times during the last year. In the spring, Alumni hosted an event for New Actives, getting to know the newest Lancers and quizzing them about our history and traditions. We hope to make this a regular part of Lancer New Active Orientation. This summer, the Actives asked the Foundation for help in creating a strategic plan to grow and diversify the club. The results will be detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. We were joined at the "Leadership Retreat" by Trinity President Danny J. Anderson, who welcomed the group and gave some inspirational remarks.

The Foundation is working very hard to earn your trust and support. If you have made a contribution to support our mission and activities, thank you. If you have not, I hope you will consider doing so.

I welcome your comments and suggestions, and I am grateful for your financial support. Please check out our website (www.BengalLancerAlumni.org.) I hope you will read and enjoy the stories and browse through all of the pictures. You can use the website to let your brothers know what you are up to. If you are so inclined, please click on the "Donate" button and become a supporter. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this newsletter!

John Grace

President, Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation

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

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*Save the Date:
Alumni Weekend is
October 19-21*

SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN TO LANCER ACTIVES

This Summer the Lancer Foundation was pleased to provide two \$2,500 scholarships to two Lancer Actives.



These Lancers were presented with their awards at this Summer's Active / Alumni retreat in San Antonio. Actives Dupri Grimes (Spring '17) and KaDarius Lee (Spring '16) were the inaugural recipients of these awards. Based on the current financial position of the Foundation it is envisioned that the Foundation will be able to continue offering these scholarships on an annual basis to deserving Lancer Actives.

The scholarships that have been created are earmarked for Active Lancers attending Trin-



ity University, and the selection of the scholarship recipients is administered through Trinity's financial aid process based on need.

Thanks to our generous Alumni for helping to make this happen.

Dupri Grimes (left) and KaDarius Lee (right) receive their scholarships from Foundation board members Quintero, Bagby, Shiels, Little, Grace, and Moeller

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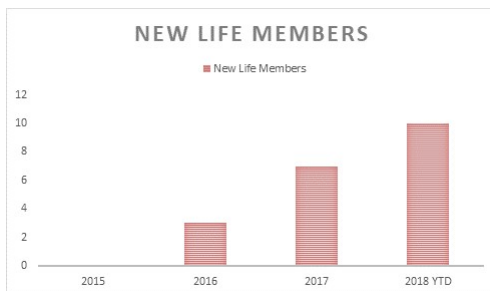
LANCER FOUNDATION FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Trey Moeller, PC Sp. '90

In the last six months, there has been a significant increase in the number of individual donations made, dollars received, and number of Life Members added to the rolls of the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation! Net assets at the end of August 2018 have increased to \$28,779.08 compared to \$14,297.89 at the end of 2017. To date in 2018, there have been 44 donations made (compared to 33 in all of 2017) and 10 new BLAF Life Members (compared to 7 new Life Members in all of 2017). BLAF has received \$21,870.00 through donations and proceeds from local chapter events.

The Foundation has also contributed \$3,250.00 to Trinity University and MD Anderson (in memory of Chip Bonner) so far and has committed to funding the two scholarships for the actives again for an additional \$5,000.00 in donations to Trinity University. We also donated \$500 to the PAWS organization (Parent and Alumni with Spirit) to support the activities around Trinity Athletics.

While the donations received have allowed the Foundation to initiate and maintain these scholarships to date, we still have ground to cover to achieve the goal of creating endowed scholarships and long term support for the Bengal Lancer actives and the University.



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

REGIONAL LANCER FOUNDATION UPDATES

By: Brad Little, PC Sp. '90

The newly formed Lancer Foundation Regional Chapters got into action this Spring and Summer with a number of great events designed to bring the local Lancer communities together. The local events have proven to be very popular and well attended so far, so be on the lookout for additional events in your area soon. Here's some highlights of what has been happening this Summer and Fall:

Josh Wolf Barnstorms Texas

Josh Wolf (Spring '89) is a well known comic and his national tour brought him to Texas this Summer, which presented a great opportunity for local Lancers to get together in Dallas, Houston and Austin. In Houston, many of our Beta sisters were also in attendance which made for a very fun time.

Houston Chapter Hosts Inaugural "Beer Saturday" and "Beers Bugs & B/L's"

Houston Chapter Leader Tarpon Wiseman (Sp. '90) has been setting the bar high by organizing quite a few events. This Summer had both the "Beer Saturday" event at Karbach Brewery as well as the "Beers, Bugs & B/L" event at the Alabama Ice House. In fine Lancer tradition and with the help of Crawdaddy Chef Trey Moebes (Sp. '00), some seriously good crawdads were cooked and eaten. Both events were a good time and even raised some money for the Lancer Foundation. Also happening during September is a gathering to see Lancer Alumni Aaron Einhaus (Sp. '02) and his band play at the Redneck Country Club.

Keep up the good work gentlemen.



Houston Lancers and Betas



Austin B/L Crew



Dallas B/L Crew at the Improv



Beer Saturday at Karbach Brewery



Houston Beer's Bug's & B/L's



Oldest & Youngest Lancer at BB&B/L's: Raul Quintero '85 and Nick Verchere '18.



Lancer's and the Wives at Beer's Bug's & B/L's

LIFE MEMBERS

Kleberg, Tres	Fall 1960
Stein, David	Spring 1966
Sandlin, Mike	Fall 1974
Crowe, David	Spring 1976
Goodall, Greg	Spring 1976
Shiels, Frank	Fall 1977
Marvin, Doug	Fall 1982
Grace, John	Spring 1983
Johnston, Duke	Spring 1986
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

TOP 4 DONOR PLEDGE CLASSES IN 2018

1. Spring 1990: \$3,520
2. Spring 1976: \$3,500
3. Spring 1991: \$2,250
4. Spring 2000: \$1,725

TOP PLEDGE CLASS PARTICIPATION RATE

1. Spring 2000: 43%
2. Spring 1990: 42%
3. Spring 1998: 40%
4. Spring 1980: 33%
- Fall 1977: 33%
5. Spring 1981: 29%

OLDEST PLEDGE CLASSES GIVING

1. Fall 1959
2. Fall 1960
3. Spring 1965

THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 DONORS!



Alumanah, Ernest	Spring 2012	Moebes, Trey	Spring 2000
Bagby, Gaines	Spring 1977	Moeller, Trey	Spring 1990
Borders, Thomas	Fall 1959	Newport, Chris	Spring 1998
Courtwright, Chris	Spring 2002	Payson, David	Spring 1968
Crowe, David	Spring 1976	Pons, James	Spring 1998
Craig, Jock	Spring 1989	Quintero, Raul	Spring 1985
Culver, Jeanne		Roane, Josh	Spring 1991
Flynn, Tyler	Spring 2004	Rooney, Patrick	Spring 1976
Gardner, Wayne	Spring 1986	Rousselot, Lee	Spring 1980
Gillette, David	Spring 2008	Shiels, Frank	Fall 1977
Good, Ken	Spring 1987	Shiels, David	Spring 1980
Goodall, Greg	Spring 1976	Sigman, Scott	Spring 1990
Grace, John	Spring 1983	Southerland, David	Spring 2000
Hill, Cody	Spring 2000	Stein, David	Spring 1966
Jennings, Steve	Spring 1965	Trainer, David	Spring 1991
Kleberg, Tres	Fall 1960	Vallerie, Jim	Spring 1993
Kohlhausen, Gareth	Spring 2009	Walker, Tristan	Fall 1992
Little, Brad	Spring 1990	Wiseman, Tarpon	Spring 1990
Lowenthal, Andy	Spring 1980	Woodard, Allen	Spring 1990
McAdams, David	Spring 2004		

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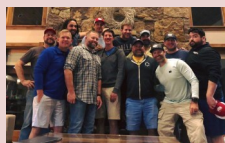
FANTASY FOOTBALL MADNESS

It turns out that having an annual event each year to conduct an in-person fantasy football draft has become something of annual tradition for several generations of Lancer Alumni. We're not sure if the goal is to get the best results for the fantasy draft or if it's a huge excuse for a guy's weekend and to relive the glory days (embellished of course over a lot of beer). Here's some pics of the 3 groups that coincidentally met in Colorado on 3 different weekends for their draft.

90's Lancers



Early 00's Lancers



Late 00's Lancers



AN UPDATE FROM THE LANCER FRATERNITY PRESIDENT

By: Dupri Grimes, Spring 2017

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I want to start off by thanking everyone for the support you have given us over the last academic year. The club was in crisis at many points, but your generosity and guidance helped us turn these challenges into incredible growth and learning opportunities. The biggest highlight of last year was the goal of winning the annual Standards Competition that takes place between all the Fraternities on campus. This was a large step forward for the club's image and campus involvement. We also added four new members for the 2018 pledge class: Sam Gustafsson, Stuart Kinsey, Darryl Ooi, and Nick Verchere, diversifying our current membership. Additionally, we graduated only one senior, Jake Gorczyca, leaving us with 13 active members this fall. This year's actives are involved in many other on-campus group such as four members competing on the football team and five on Trinity's rugby team.

The club had a very successful summer this year (ask anyone who attended the retreat for more on that) and we hope to carry this momentum to the school year. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the Alumni Retreat held in July. We had the opportunity to meet new alumni and come together as generations of brothers to create some long-term goals. Our goals can be summarized as follows: Improve diversity, Grow and Maintain Scale, Be Leaders, and Be Respected. We brainstormed several ways to achieve these goals and will begin to take steps to achieve them this semester.

Rush for the new class begins this month and we have multiple events planned in order to scout new members. We are planning on a putt-putt golf tournament with the Betas, pizza eating contest at CiCi's pizza, and the final event at the home of an alumni. We hope to host more events, but will need additional financial assistance. Donations can be made to the Lancer Fraternity by visiting our website: BengalLancerFraternity.com, through PayPal by: [PayPal.me/BengalLancers](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/BengalLancers), or by Venmo (username: @adamgrenny). Any amount of money would be helpful and very appreciated! We plan to bring in a class of only the best men on campus to continue the Lancer legacy!

Editors Note: The finances of the Lancer Fraternity and the Lancer Alumni Foundation are held separate and are not commingled. Donations to the Lancer Foundation do not result in direct monetary donations to the Lancer Fraternity. The donation instructions provided in this article are to the Lancer Fraternity, and are not tax deductible. If you would like to donate to the Lancer Foundation, please visit www.bengallancer alumni.org.



Bengal Lancer Actives on Jersey Day, August 2018

THE ORIGIN OF THE BENGAL LANCERS

By John Grace, PC Spring '83

The Great Depression of the early 1930's was hard on Trinity University. Delivering a second blow, cotton prices collapsed. These two economic catastrophes hit Trinity especially hard. Many families could not afford the "luxury" of sending their children to college. Those that could, often struggled to stay current with their tuition payments. Enrollment dropped, and with the loss of students, there was a loss of revenue. The school struggled to meet its financial obligations. To make ends meet, the board of regents dipped into the university's small endowment. Teachers abandoned the school after being asked to "voluntarily" contribute a portion of their salaries back to the endowment. The university granted payment extensions and waivers to hard-pressed students, but it was not uncommon for students to go home for a visit, then never return to Waxahachie. Enrollment dropped to just 209 students.

In 1934, Trinity President John Burma tendered his resignation, declaring that he was tired of being a "beggar" forced to "live out of a suitcase." To make matters worse, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools placed Trinity's accreditation status on probation. Trinity was on the verge of collapse.

To succeed President Burma, Trinity's Board of Regents appointed Raymond Hotchkiss Leach. President Leach would be taking office facing almost insurmountable obstacles. Declining enrollment. The loss of faculty. Finances in shambles. President Leach's failure would mean the end of Trinity University.

In an unusual move, President Leach spent several months in Waxahachie, visiting the campus *incognito*. He mixed and mingled with administrators, faculty, and students. Everyone assumed that he was a school supply salesman, a potential faculty member, or a school inspector. He asked everyone he met to tell him about the school and to describe its problems. The subterfuge worked: everyone unloaded on him. He quickly learned the frustrations, fears, and problems faced by the university. He also identified potential leaders.

In one of his first moves, President Leach turned his attention to the declining student enrollment, particularly the university's inability to retain freshmen. Many arrived over the Summer, then left the campus before classes began in the Fall. President Leach recognized the need to quickly bring the freshmen together into a cohesive group. He needed to find a way to make them become "Trinity Tigers." He called a meeting with the student leaders he had identified in his undercover investigation.

President Leach called on three freshmen, Fred Dickson, Mac Satterfield, and Joe Wood, to form a new campus organization, charged with bringing

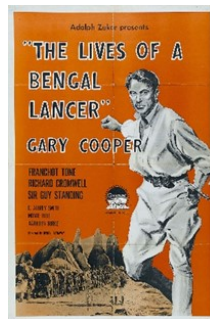
the freshmen class together. Mac was the Freshman Class President. Joe was his Vice-President. Fred was one of Trinity's star athletes and was one of the most popular men on campus. The purpose of the organization was, "...to keep the Tiger Spirit an omnipresent and active reality on campus and to make this spirit a never-failing shadow of the Tiger Team." President Leach gave the three young men permission to "haze" the freshmen in order to bring them closer together... not an uncommon practice at northeastern and Ivy League colleges of the day.

The first order of business for Fred, Mac, and Joe was to come up with a name for their new club. They toyed with using something based on the Trinity Tiger mascot...specifically, the Bengal Tiger from India. As it happened, one of the top movies of the day was an adventure story, based on a book by F. Yeats Brown, which told the story of three British cavalry soldiers fighting in northwest India in the early 19th century. In the movie, Lieutenant Alan McGregor, played by Gary Cooper in his first major role, was in charge of newcomers to the unit. He welcomed two new soldiers to the 41st Bengal Lancers, Lieutenant John Forsythe and Lieutenant Donald Stone. Stone happened to be the privileged son of the unit's commander.

Forsythe was an ordinary, working-class soldier. The three men came from very different backgrounds, but the rigors of war brought them together, teaching them to overcome their differences and to pledge their lives to supporting their comrades... the Bengal Lancers. This was the inspiration Fred, Mac, and Joe needed, and Trinity's Bengal Lancers were born.

One scene in the movie left a big impression on the three freshmen: The three Lancer heroes are captured by a ruthless Indian warlord, who tells them, "we have ways of making men talk." He then casually orders the Lancers to be tortured by having their fingernails torn off. Despite their agony, the two older Lancers refuse to talk. The younger Lancer cracks and reveals what he knows about his fellow soldiers. As a result, the remaining Lancers are attacked and defeated. From this example came the Lancer tradition of secrecy. Better that one Lancer endure agony and temptation than for his brothers to be betrayed by his weakness.

The Bengal Lancers grew out of necessity in the dark days of the Great Depression as the brainchild of Trinity's then-President, Raymond Leach. The organization helped unify the student body at a time when Trinity's future was anything but bright. As the club grew in prominence, the student body became more cohesive...finally becoming "Trinity Tigers." Enrollment stabilized and the university gained a strong financial footing. President Leach's plan worked, and the club he inspired is one of the reasons Trinity exists today.



VINTAGE JERSEYS RECREATED!

As many of you know, around 1989 our long-time supplier of Lancer jerseys went out of business. With it went the only source of the vintage style jersey that many of us know and love that has the red, white, and blue colors associated with it. Practically every Lancer from 1989 onwards did not have the traditional style jersey. The club did make due with jerseys that were every bit as "red" as the older style. However, some Alumni have never stopped looking to bring back the old style. Fast forward to 2018 and Matt Shatzkin (Sp. '89) has done the yeoman's work of finding a vendor that can almost exactly custom create the beloved jersey style, pictured below.

The Lancer Foundation will be providing all of the Active Lancers with their own vintage style jersey with their names sewn on the back during Alumni Weekend this year. The first jersey created was in honor of the late Spencer Street (Sp. '86), and it will be presented to his widow Joni Street.

If you would like to purchase your own vintage Lancer jersey with your name on it, please visit www.bengallanceralumni.org/jerseys



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LANCER ACTIVE-ALUMNI LEADERSHIP RETREAT HELD TO DEFINE LONG TERM GOALS, STRENGTHN RELATIONSHIPS

By: Brad Little, PC Spring '90

This past July, Leadership from the Lancer Fraternity and the Lancer Foundation met at the home of John Mace (Fall '68) for the annual Active-Alumni Leadership retreat. Lancers across 50 years gathered to share ideas, develop plans for the future, identify areas of change, and most importantly build relationships and temper the bonds of the Fraternity and the Foundation.

Unlike in year's past, this year included a series of focused working sessions to lay out a formal set of long-term goals that were formally ratified by both the Foundation Board and the Fraternity among their respective members.

The event was kicked off by Trinity University President Danny Anderson, and frankly this may have been the first time the President of the University has addressed the Lancers directly since the founding of the club. We were honored to have President Anderson in attendance and his words of encouragement meant a lot to both Alumni and Actives. As a token of our appreciation, Dr. Anderson was presented with an original copy of *The Lives of a Bengal Lancer*, and he also received the second Challenge Coin to be given out (see adjacent article on Challenge Coins).

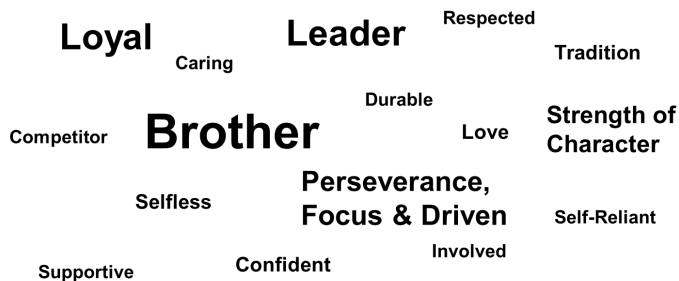


The participants broke up into four different work groups to tackle some tough challenges facing the Fraternity. The teams settled along four major themes: **Diversity, Growth, Respect and Leadership**. Each group developed a 3 year plan with measurable milestones for improvement and to track progress over time. As a result of these sessions 4 key goals were agreed that the participants felt would strengthen the Bengal Lancer Fraternity and make it an important part of the Trinity University community. Those goals are shown

below.

During the working session, attendees were also asked to post on a board what they defined a Bengal Lancer to be. Input came from both Actives and Alumni. There was a remarkable commonality in response, verifying that the shared values we all cherish are very much alive and well today, and at the core of the Lancer traditions.

The retreat by all accounts was a success, and put in place an important foundation to build on in the coming years.



Common values identified among Actives and Alumni during the Retreat

Bengal Lancer 3 Year Goals

- 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 2021
- 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

"Thank you @TheLancerAlumni Foundation and @TUBengalLancers for inviting me to give words of encouragement at your retreat. Your commitment to @Trinity_U traditions, community, and deep relationships make a difference. - Danny Anderson, President Trinity University via Twitter"

LANCER FOUNDATION INTRODUCES CHALLENGE COINS FOR THOSE GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN SERVICE TO B/L, AND EACH OTHER

By John Grace, PC Spring '83

In recent years, Challenge Coins have become a popular way for organizations to promote themselves. The practice started with military units. In fact, the practice goes back to the Roman Empire. Roman generals commissioned coins bearing their likeness on one side and a regimental emblem on the other. They were presented to soldiers who distinguished themselves in battle.

The tradition continued through the Middle Ages. European noblemen used coins as gifts. They soon became a way for people to demonstrate their loyalty to one house or another.

During World War I, challenge coins were used to identify friendly forces. Legend has it that a wealthy American volunteer, fighting for the French before the United States formally entered the war, presented challenge coins to his squadron mates. He kept his personal coin in a leather bag which he wore around his neck. During one battle, his fighter plane was shot down behind enemy lines. He was captured by the Germans and stripped of his uniform and identification. Somehow, he managed to hang onto his coin. As fighting raged around him, he managed to escape and sneak back across enemy lines. He made his way to a French battalion, but without identification he was presumed to be a spy. The French were prepared to execute him on the spot. Luckily, he still had his coin. One of the French soldiers recognized the squadron insignia on the back and convinced the firing squad to wait until he could confirm the man's identity. When they learned that he was actually an ally, they apologized and gave him a bottle of wine.

The airman's use of his "challenge coin" to prove his identity, with a drink as a reward, became a military tradition. Now, when soldiers encounter one another, one soldier will produce a challenge coin, and slam it on the bar. If another soldier cannot produce his coin in response, he is expected to buy the first soldier a drink. On the other hand, if the challenged soldier produces a coin, the first soldier must buy him a drink.

During World War II, challenge coins were used as covert identification for "Wild Bill" Donovan's spies in the Office of Strategic Service...predecessor to the C.I.A. Working behind enemy lines, they could not have anything identifying them as military men. Instead, they carried what was otherwise an ordinary coin in the local currency. When two or more spies met up, they would ask for some change. Only they knew to look for a specific type of coin, with a specific date and denomination. Producing the proper coin identified its holder as a friend.

Bengal Lancers have been exchanging "challenge coins" for decades...we just didn't call them that. You may recall being given a shiny new dime by your Big Brother at the beginning of orientation. Lancer tradition holds that the dime is to be used only to call your big brother if you decide to quit. Holding onto your pledge dime is a sign of determination, strength, and perseverance.

The Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation has begun a new tradition, with the minting of the first alumni challenge

coin. On one side of the burnished bronze coin is the seal of the Foundation...our letters B and L separated by a lance tip, surrounded by the name of the foundation. On the reverse is the regimental sigil of England's Royal Bengal Lancers...the inspirational namesake of our club. The Lancers' skull-and-crossed-bones "Death's Head" supports a banner bearing the inscription "Or Glory" arrayed before two crossed lances with red and white pennants. Surrounding the Lancer Death's Head is our club's Latin motto: "Ductus, Fraternitas, Servitum," or Leadership, Brotherhood, Service.

These coins cannot be purchased...they must be given. The first Challenge Coin was given to John I. Mace, in recognition of his lifetime of service to our organization. The second coin was given to Trinity President Danny J. Anderson, in honor of his support and respect. Other coins have been given to people who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the Bengal Lancers, such as through service on the Foundation's Board of Directors, as an Alumni Advisor to the club, or as a Life Member of the Foundation.

The coins may only be given in person, hand-to-hand. Recipients may keep their coins...or pass them on to someone who has demonstrated extraordinary service or sacrifice in support of the Bengal Lancers. If you encounter someone who possesses a Lancer Alumni Challenge coin, you should acknowledge that you are in the presence of a person



John Grace presents the first two Challenge Coins to John Mace (Fall '68 left) and TU President Danny Anderson

who has gone above and beyond for our club, demonstrating the true meaning of B/L. It is suggested that you take a moment to strengthen and temper the bonds of your fellowship with this person, and honor them with a drink and a handshake.



GREAT MEMORY: LANCERS RALLY AROUND INJURED BROTHER

By: Jesse Villarreal, Sp. '69

In November 1971 the Lancers were playing the Thetas in flag football. I was lineman that night playing next to John Mace. We had a formidable line that year. During a play I believe John Mace blocked a Theta and knocked him down and he landed on my leg. I sustained a torn medial collateral ligament in my left knee. While at the emergency room I found out that my parents neglected to tell me I no longer had health insurance. I had to go to an orthopedic surgeon



and was told I needed surgery. I remember going back to Trinity and the

Lancers were practicing as I came up on my crutches. Jim Pillsbury came up to me and I started crying because I did not know how I was going to pay for the surgery. I had the surgery a few days later thinking I was going to go on a payment plan to pay for it. After the surgery, I was released from the hospital and I was in my apartment when Knox Gilmore came up and presented me with a check of over \$7,000 to cover the cost of the surgery. He said the Lancers rallied around a money raising effort to help me out. They had a car wash and got the University behind them along with donations from Lancer alums. I was shocked at the gesture and have always been so grateful to my Lancer brothers. I feel the sense of giving and rallying around causes is something the Lancers will always be known for. I still cannot thank the Lancers enough for what they did for me.

In B/L, Jesse
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PLEDGING FINALLY PAYS OFF FOR FRANK SHIELS



By: Frank Shiels, PC Fall '77

rize many things, such as all the presidents and all of the pledge classes over the previous 20 years. At the time, I thought this was stupid busy work. Fast forward to 1995. I had been summoned by my boss to listen to a loan request. As I entered the room, the man introduced himself as Dale Byers. There was something familiar about this name, but I could not place the guy. As he was giving his loan request,

During pledging in the fall of 1977, the actives made us

my mind was racing through my mental Rolodex, trying to retrieve the file where I had this information. Finally half way through this guy's presentation, it hit me. I blurted out: "You are a Bengal Lancer and pledged by yourself during the fall of 1972!" Dale was flabbergasted of course and wanted to know how I knew this information. Perhaps he thought I was doing a thorough investigation as a good banker, but I told him the truth. That when I was a Lancer pledge, I realized the importance of memorizing this valuable information because it would come in handy one day! Yeah right.....

Frank Shiels is a Senior Vice President of Corporate Lending at Frost Bank in Fort Worth, TX, and Vice President of the Lancer Foundation

ALUMNI WEEKEND IS OCT. 19-21!! MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW !

If you haven't already it is not too late to make plans to be at the Trinity Alumni weekend. Stop what you are doing and make your plans now! We have a great lineup planned for this year, and for the first time ever there will be tailgating at the football game. **The Lancers will have a tent and, yes there will be beer and food available.** Come out early before the game and tailgate with the Lancer Alumni. Saturday evening is the Alumni Party for both Beta and Lancer Alumni and Actives. It will be held at the Tribeca Restaurant.

Alumni Weekend 2018 Agenda:

Friday October 19th

- Lancer and Betas Converge on Bombay Bicycle Club when they make it to town

Saturday October 20th

- 10:30 AM B/L Tailgate at Prassel Lawn by EM Stevens Field. There will be a tent, food, beer, beverages.
- 1:00 PM Trinity Football Vs. University of the South (Sewanee)
- 7:00 PM Alumni Party at Tribeca Restaurant 4331 McCullough, Olmos Park TX

If you would like to list your pledge class reunion details on the BLAF web site or need help publicizing it to your pledge brothers, please email secretary@bengallanceralumni.org. We can support your pledge class reunions through email, social media, etc. Just ask! Reunions in 2018:

Spring 2013—5 Years	Spring 88—30 Years	Fall/Sp 63—55 Years
Spring 2008—10 Years	Fall/Sp 83—35 Years	Fall/Sp 58—60 Years
Spring 2003—15 Years	Fall/Sp 78—40 Years	Fall/Sp 53—75 Years
Spring 1998—20 Years	Fall/Sp 73—45 Years	Fall/Sp 48—80 Years
Spring 1993—25 Years	Fall/Sp 68—50 Years	



For additional info on the official Trinity University Alumni Weekend Agenda please visit <https://new.trinity.edu/alumni/alumni-weekend>

7 QUESTIONS WITH U.S. REP. MIKE MCCAUL, SPRING 1981

The Lancer Foundation was able to catch up with Mike McCaul recently to get his take on the Lancers.

How did you end up going to Trinity University?

I wanted to go to a small, liberal arts school in Texas and Trinity is consistently ranked by U.S. News as one of the top academic institutions.

How did you learn about the Lancers and what attracted you to the club?

I liked that the Lancers were both athletically and academically accomplished.

Are there any lessons / experiences from being a Lancer that have helped you as a member of Congress?

How to form relationships with people who have different beliefs than me.

What are some of your best memories of being a Lancer?

Some of my best memories are the friendships I made while a Lancer, which have lasted a lifetime.

What advice or lessons learned can you recommend for today's Lancer Actives?

Find your passion and purpose in life and pursue it with every ounce of energy you possess.

If you could travel back in time to your freshman year at Trinity and give yourself one piece of advice

what would it be?

I would tell myself three things: you are there first and foremost to get a well-rounded education, enjoy the friendships because they will last forever, and always remember what you do today can impact you for the rest of your life.

Any final comments you would like to make for the Lancer Alumni?

As Teddy Roosevelt said, it is the man in the arena who deserves the credit. He fights the good fight, and while he doesn't always prevail, it is being in the arena that counts. It is better to live the life seeking greatness than the timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. This speech is what got me through my first campaign.



Mike McCaul is the U.S. Representative for Texas's 10th congressional district, serving since 2005. The district stretches from Austin to Houston. Since the beginning of the 113th Congress, he has been the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security. He is a member of the Republican Party. Mike pledged Lancer in the Spring of 1981, and graduated in 1984. In 2016 he was named as the recipient of the Trinity University Distinguished Alumni Award.

LANCER SIGHTINGS (SOME OLD SOME NEW)



Great pic sent by John Mace showing Bengal Lancers around Scott Taliaferro's (PC Spring '73) plane around the Spring of 1973.



Lancer Active Joel Holmes (Sp. '17) was named a 2018 All American by DIII Football magazine. Way to represent Joel ! You make us proud



Andrew Clavenna (PC Spring '94) and Jon Ruff (PC Spring '96) crushed out the long and hot ride on the Hotter'N Hell Hundred in Wichita, TX this Summer. They rode 100 miles in over 100 degree heat.



McCaul, Marvin, Lewis, and Shiels leaving Murch on the Way to dominate on the flag football field in the early 80s



Lancers at the Chi Beta Epsilon Chili Cook off October 1985. Looks like "Sheep Thrill" is on the menu. Not sure if this one was a winner, but no doubt fun was had. Left to right is Karl Thomsen, Jay Curtis, David Kozan, Arthur Tor McCann, Tray Wyman, Doug Marvin, and Bill Lewis

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? Its 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:

- Improve networking and fellowship among the Lancers that have graduated from Trinity University
- Create better awareness of Lancers and their families in need
- 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.
- 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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