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From: [TKE XOAA President](#)

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 2:15 AM

Subject: XOAA Update - Great News!

TKE Xi Omega Alumni Association

Dear Xi Omega Brothers and Little Sisters:

We have great news! **We have been approved for a loan to refinance the house!** The settlement is currently being scheduled for a date in the near future. That's one major milestone on our plan toward guaranteeing that the chapter will ALWAYS have The Barn.

Thanks to everyone who took part! This wouldn't have happened without the donors, the brothers and alumni who made calls and sent emails, the ones who worked to improve the house, the ones who filled rooms in the house, the BATI board and all the other volunteers that dedicated the last year to this effort.

Now that the "Losing the Barn" is off the table, we need MORE OF YOU to help. The next milestones in our plan are:

- Collect and finalize the down payment for the loan
- Conduct a reserve study and establish a reserve fund for emergencies and ongoing maintenance
- Pay down the principle to reduce the debt and improve cash flow
- Establish a capital fund for future improvements to the house

To those that have pledged a donation but not sent it in yet, please send it in immediately.

To those who have been waiting to see if we would succeed, please send in a donation or contact us. If you can't swing a lump-sum, we're developing DONATE-OVER-TIME options that will work for you.

The Barn is ours and we plan on keeping it forever. Celebrate this victory with us and get ready to join the continuing effort to make that happen.

Send in your checks written out to Blacksburg Alumni of TKE, Inc. (BATI) at:

BATI
c/o Tony Lovelace
508 Sandy Valley Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

TKE House Work Weekends

The next TKE House work weekend is Saturday, June 25, 2011. Contact Tammy Bagnato to indicate your intentions to be there.

Alumni Events

This summer, we hope to plan a Northern Virginia cook-out as well as a gathering at a Nationals game. Watch for updates. Anyone wanting to host an event in any other city or area (including NoVa), let me know.

Our 2011 Alumni Fall Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 at the TKE House. Virginia Tech will be playing in an away game at East Carolina University. We have discussed trying to have this picnic the same weekend as a football game, but logistically it is just too difficult. Hotels are very hard to get and are double the price per night of a non-football weekend - with a two-night minimum. Plus, we don't know the time of the game until about a week out making it very difficult to plan an event.

2012 Red Carnation Ball (RCB) is scheduled for the same weekend as the Spring Football Game, on Saturday, April 21, 2012. XOAA will be hosting this event again due the suspension of the fraternity. If you love Hokies football, you'll enjoy the Spring Game as 45,000 fans gather to watch the last practice session of the school year.

Chapter Update from Tom Kuhn

The chapter closed out the year on a high note. Over the last few weeks of the semester, the chapter's morale continued to stay high. The chapter is planning a strong return to campus in January of 2012.

In April, Chapter leaders met for a dinner meeting with a few members of the BATI Board to lay out their vision and goals for the chapter as a whole upon return to campus. The meeting successfully identified what they wanted the chapter to look like moving forward. Since that meeting, the chapter leadership has participated in two hour long conference calls with a few members of the BATI Board to further develop and discuss specific's goals and plans.

The chapter also has recently begun specific discussion with Aaron Pattison from TKE Nationals who will be handling Xi Omega's return to campus. Aaron is planning on spending 3 to 4 weeks with the chapter on campus at the beginning of the spring semester to aid them in recruitment, installing the blueprint, and helping them with whatever else they may need assistance in.

The chapter, even though they were suspended this year, still was able to perform 892 community service hours as a group which was more than any other TKE Chapter in Virginia. They also were able to donate \$4,817 (Majority of that coming from Mark Letenzi Bike

Trip Across the Country fundraiser). This amount also ranked us 1st in Virginia amongst TKE Chapters and is actually more than all the other TKE Virginia Chapters combined.

Finally, our intramural softball finished the season with only one loss.

The chapter has established - and continues to strengthen - the foundation from which to grow once the suspension is lifted. The active brothers sincerely appreciate the efforts made by BATI, XOAA, and all the brother and little sister alumni.

Yours in the Bond,

Tim Murray, #235, XOAA President

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