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OKTOBERFEST RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

We are coming up on the annual gathering at Longwood University known as Oktoberfest. The TKEPKAA meeting will be at 1 PM at Macadoo's downtown. The weekend is full of other events. It also happens to be the Decade of the 90's Homecoming. Here is a short schedule:

Friday, October 3rd

- 1:30 PM Longwood Golf Tournament (4 man captains choice)
- 5-8:30 PM Fat Ammons Band plays Riverside Park (Alum Tent)

Saturday, October 4th

- 11 AM Alumni Brunch (\$10 in dining hall)
- 1-2:20 PM Q&A session on Longwood
- 2-7 PM Bands on Lankford Mall
- 2-6 PM Alumni Biergarten at new Lancer Café
- 5-7 PM Oktoberfest Picnic on Lankford Mall

Sunday, October 5th

- 11:30-1 PM Brunch at Dining Hall (\$4.50)

Get more info at www.longwood.edu.

Of course, look for an active social event on one or both nights.

FRATER NEWS & BRAGS

- ▶ Mark PK129 and Michelle Cole are expecting their first child on 3 January, 2004. Congratulations!
- ▶ Alan Carrier PK175, who graduated in May, is moving to Winnetka, California (near L.A.) for a job in insurance.
- ▶ Darren McCauley PK27's son, Cody, passed his Standards of Learning with advanced proficiency even scoring a perfect 600 on the math portion. Darren credits his wife Amy for passing on the good genes. Bravo Cody!
- ▶ Jim Monihan, PK123 obtained his real estate license and is working for RE/MAX Gateway in Chantilly, VA.
- ▶ John Monihan, PK133 moved to a new Townhouse and rejoined the Army with 229th Engineers National Guard.
- ▶ Rob Johnston PK111 married Maggie in a (secret?) ceremony on September 12, 2003 in Paris... Virginia.
- ▶ John Schlesinger PK8 proposed to Jeannie Sedensky and she accepted! Marriage will be in Summer 2004.
- ▶ Jason Blount is back from a week at the Gila National Forest. He is doing a great with his company Cold Harbor Financial Services (he just renamed it) he won a trip to the World Series (again!) and to British Columbia.
- ▶ Sebastian Völcker PK15 is hosting a *Wine Festival* on Saturday October 25, 2003. Info: www.CloverForest.com



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5:30 pm



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Coming up this Holiday Season is the Second Annual Tau Kappa Epsilon Rho-Kappa Alumni Association Toys for Tots Holiday Party benefiting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. On Saturday, December 6th, Fraters John Devaney PK60 and Andy Hight MO553 (George Mason) are hosting a toy-raising party at their house in Sterling. The festivities begin at 5:30 PM. Food and beverages will be provided by both John and Andy as well as the Alumni Association, TKEPKAA only asks that you bring one or more unwrapped toys to benefit Toys for Tots or gift cards for the patients of the Whitman Walker Clinic of Greater DC. Last year, a total of 109 toys and \$460 worth of gift cards were collected. John and Andy live at 715 West Holly Avenue, Sterling, VA. Directions and hotel information can be found on www.TKEcentral.com.

Teke Summer Fling Recap

-by Sebastian Völcker

"The Alumni came together for Summer Teke Fling 2003 at my home in beautiful Goochland. As always we had a nice array of dishes brought in by the attendees while the Association supplied the burgers and chicken and the various soft and hard beverages. We all enjoyed the opportunity for catching up on old times. The horseshoe tournament saw tremendous amount of trash talk especially from Koners the Heckler. Some were baffled by the double elimination system devised by Doug. Wicked suggestions that such a system was set-up so that Doug's could



complete his trifecta (adding bronze to his silver and gold trophies) were unfounded as it obviously ended in failure, better luck next time. Warren Hicks who had never played teamed up with Brian Littman and they mastered

Bronze, Andy Hicks, John "Balls" Peterman and Ellery Bradley won silver (There was a mid game substitution there). And Carol Blount trounced the competition carrying her and hubby Jason to the gold! May be we'll ban girls next time -- just kidding -- one should note that she received no special treatment and threw the same distance as the boys. Just a whole lot better, way to go Carol.

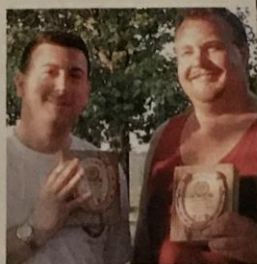


Pictures for the Fling are up on www.TKEcentral.com (follow the links). Thank you all for coming, special thanks to John Schlesinger and Doug Shamblen for last minute set up, which included the unpleasant task to wash the Peafowl droppings off the porch and to Big D for bringing the Giant Grill and for cooking and to the other cooks as well (Mark Cole &c).



Also impressive dedication from fraters Devaney, Hight and Lipford who managed to attend the Teke Fling in Central Virginia and the Monihan Wedding Reception in NOVA, both held on the same day! Teke Fling next year could be at Jason and Carol Blounts's abode"

The TKEPKAA Summer fling held at The Völcker residence of Snowden, in Goochland County, VA, on July 26th. Ed.



Gift Giving 2003 Thank You Donors!

So far, we have received a grand total of \$1405 in donations from 23 fraters. Considering we have 120 alumni, honoraries and friends on our mailing list that is about a 19.2% giving ratio. For each category, the money will be distributed as follows at the request of the donors: Association Expenses \$885, Active Chapter \$35, Dave Buchanan Scholarship \$425, and the Alzheimer Foundation \$60. The official closing of the campaign will be at the business meeting during October Fest.

This year we looked through our donor records going back to 1999 and it was remarkable how many of our fraters have been repeat donors -- see number in parenthesis, the * marks fist time donor. Thank you so much for your continued dedication and sustained generosity. You Rock! Jason is this year's top donor.

- John Benton PK076 (5)
- Ellery Bradley PK001 (5)
- Will Birdsong PK062 (2)
- Jason Blount PK021 (3)
- Mark B. Cole PK129 (2)
- John Devaney PK060 (5)
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- Gray Lipford PK113 (5)
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- Greg McMahan PK059 (3)
- John Monihan PK133 (4)
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- Patrick Wright PK112 (5)

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Tax-Exempt Status

Alumni Association Crysophylos John Monihan, has been working on tax-exempt status for our Association. There has been no new movement on the paperwork since John has been busy with his military exams, his marriage, his move &c. John has contacted a tax attorney to assist in this matter. John intends to have this task completed by the end of the year.

Alumni Tekes of Virginia Helping out "Nationals"

by Sebastian Völcker, Province Advisor for PK

August 3rd, TKE National representative Herb Huser meet with regional TKE actives and Alumni at the Smokey Pig in Ashland, VA. As some of you already know TKE International has rethought and redefined its management of the 275 Teke chapters. Headquarters is transferring parts of its managing responsibilities from Indianapolis to the various regions managed by volunteers. Virginia and its six active chapters form one Province under the leadership of Herb Huser as Grand Province Advisor assisted by five (for now) Province Advisors. It is hoped that the new approach will make TKE International through its volunteers more accessible to the chapters. And it is also hoped that more frequent visits (at least three per year) will allow for greater and more convivial communications between the chapter and headquarters.

A fringe benefit from the formation of the Teke Virginia Province is a greater interaction between members of different chapters that could possibly lead to the creation of a Central Virginia Alumni Association which in turn could become instrumental in bringing back the fallen Teke Chapters of UVA and VCU. All of this is still in its infancy and I thank Mark Cole and Darryl Morris for coming out to the Province Advisors meeting held in August to hear first hand some of these new developments.

From the desk of the Hypophetes: by Darryl Morris

On August 3rd Sebastian Völcker, Mark Cole, and I met with Herb Huser, the Grand Province Advisor and several representatives from the other VA chapters at the Smokey Pig in Ashland. We discussed a new idea for helping the active chapters with guidance and support. Nationals is trying to create a new system to better provide for the chapters' needs. TKE nationals wants alumni to volunteer for Regional Advisor positions. As a Regional Advisor you would work with individual chapters within a designated region. You are there as a liaison to nationals. You advise the chapter by national guidelines and the chapter comes to you with its concerns. The chapter gets the benefit of someone close in proximity to them and hopefully someone familiar to them. Nationals gets to save on finances and manpower. The alumni get an opportunity to be involved and maintain an active role in national activities. We also discussed the possibility of trying to start a new colony at UVA. Revitalize ourselves there and clean up our image. As for the Smokey Pig, I was not impressed. Most everyone else seemed to like it well enough. (I'm with you Darryl, I think I got food poisoning! Sebastian)



Teke Gatherings: GRIC at Hops↑, Nova at Hooters ↓.



State of the Chapter

My first official Teke Province Advisor visit to PK to take in the state of the chapter. Membership took a larger than anticipated hit, in addition to the four graduating Tekes, six fraters did not return to campus this Fall. On the plus side this leaves a tightly connected group of 19 fraters ready to take on the challenges ahead.

The chapter room was invaded by black mold over the Summer and as a result of the sanitation effort all the chapter's furniture got tossed out. At least the chapter will not have to worry about protecting furniture during the October fest foam party. BOA Chairman, M. Clements, is looking into the possibility of having the school replace the lost furniture with Benches. The cherry on the cake is that Hurricane Isabel poured in additional water delaying the reopening of the chapter room. There is even talk of evacuating the guys from the hall because of the toxic combo of mold and cleaning chemicals

PK is a chapter that pays its bills, there are no outstanding debts to headquarters. While I was there the guys had just received the Teke insurance bill for the year (\$3,300.00!). So if anyone has fundraising ideas pass them on. Fall Rush with the normal ban on rushing freshmen is not looking promising (12 potential rushees registered, this is for the whole school). The guys were able to use the Java Hut on the South Cuningham roof for Rush.

In conferring with Chapter Prytanis Brian Bishop I recommended that all the fraters participate in at least one non-fraternity related organization on campus for the opportunity to befriend upperclassmen who might have overlooked fraternities when Freshmen. Added benefit: increase Teke visibility on campus and making Greek Leadership and Greek Service Award an easy win. Also earns points for Chapter Standard Test. YITB S. Völcker

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