



# Rho-Kappa Times

## Teke's PK Alumni Association Newsletter

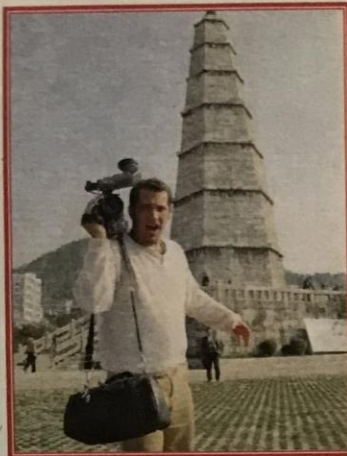
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The Alumni Association is Fifteen years old.

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### FRATER NEWS & BRAGS

▷ In December 2003 Kenny Strawn PK63 put on his hat as Producer/Director/Camera/Editor and went to China to make *Behind China's Great Wall* a documentary on the cultural exchange between Sarasota, Florida and the Chinese cities of Beijing, Guiyang, Zunyi and Dunyun. Kenny's documentary was seen on the PBS station WEDU in Florida.



▷ Mark PK129 and Michelle Cole had a late Christmas delivery: Jenna Marie Cole arrived on December 28, 2003 at 12:17 am. 7 lbs, 4 oz; 19.5 inches- healthy as can be.



▷ Meet Miles Tanner Clements at 13 weeks pictured with Jabba (his proud papa) and his very first beer -- a locally brewed Schlafly Wheat, mind you...no Beast Light for this kid! Miles was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 5<sup>th</sup> to Frater Michael PK3 and Priscilla Clements weighing in at 6 pounds and 10 ounces. A confirmed breast man and hedonist, some things never change... they just pass to the next generation. Frater Michael PK7 and Michele Estes are the godparents.

▷ Brandon, Mike PK7 and Michelle Estes' son -- the baby many of the Alpha, Beta and Gamma classes babysat, played with, or tried to feed alcohol to (JABBA!) during the 2 years he attended Longwood with us -- is graduating from Midlothian High School and will attend West Virginia University in the fall. (Mike is about to undergo surgery for some herniated disks, so him keep in your thoughts).

### Teke Fling!!

- Saturday 17 July 2004 -

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Tekes and friends came to the home of John Devaney and Andy Hight for the Second Annual Toys for Tots Party. The buffet and bar was, as always,



impressive, the company of course delightful as it was composed of many fraters. The felling of the great Christmas Tree provided some excitement to the party and a lot of jesting (sorry John).

But how well did we do? We did wonderfully well, granted the winter storm kept some away but we still collected **One Hundred and Forty-Three Toys** for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and **\$335** in gift cards for the patients of the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia. Of course we could not have done it without the help of the Arleen Samuels and Girl Scout Troop 920 who started us off with 68 Toys!



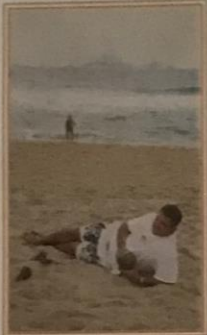


## FRATER NEWS & BRAGS (CONTINUED)

▷ A Rho-Kappa Times scoop: *Frater stops at nothing to raise money for the Cure for Cancer*. Old PK 1 (in the cowboy hat) raises hundreds of dollars as one of the "Queens" of the Relay for Life in 2003.



▷ Grant Hayes PK145 completed his first semester of his MBA at the University of Richmond with a 3.91 GPA. And then went to the beach in Brazil to recover from the intellectual strain (actually trip is part of curriculum & mostly work).



▷ John Schlesinger PK8 is to wed Jeannie



Sedensky in Providence Rhodes Island on July 9, 2004. John and Jeannie have already purchased their new home there and John has left the field of technology education for the high-tech private sector. Jeannie said that John was perfect!!!!

▷ John PK2 and Sharon Pastino (who are stationed in Germany) took a family vacation to Italy (in Pisa).

▷ Jason Blount PK21 and Ozzie Smith eating breakfast in Ft. Lauderdale, FLA last year at the World Series. ESPN commentator Smith was a Hall of Fame shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals.



▷ Coxswain Brian Wilson PK144 USCG is assigned to Cape Cod. Dorian Tinaro-Wilson will wrap things up in Norfolk before joining Brian.

## ~ John Monihan in Iraq ~

### Duty, Honor, Country: TEKES IN THE MILITARY

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CPT John Monihan, U.S. Army, was happy to leave Ft. Dix, NJ and is now stationed in Northern Iraq.

MAJ John Pastino, U.S. Army, in Germany (MEDCOM Contracting Center - North Atlantic).

Coxswain Brian Wilson, U.S. Coast Guard, serving out of Norfolk.

CPT James Eugene Monihan, U.S. Army, Field Artillery, Inactive Reserves.

LCpl Ryan Bonney, U.S. Marine Corps, Active Reserves.

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(RPG) and the now infamous Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) targeting the convoys, making the task of the 276<sup>th</sup> - keeping the power plants running - that more challenging. John lives in a "connex" which is basically a cargo container with AC and electricity, a step up from tents (see picture). You can read John's Iraq log on [www.monihans.com](http://www.monihans.com) and send letters and care packages to our brave ladd:

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In early December 2003 Captain John Monihan PK133 was called to active duty with the Virginia National Guard's 276<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion. After a few months getting ready in New Jersey(!?), and a few days in Kuwait, the 276<sup>th</sup> has been in Mosul, Northern Iraq since.



Cpt Monihan and Lt Wheeler in Kuwait

John is the signal officer for the Battalion and getting all the communications up and running at the onset was quite the task. John has been on patrol and on convoys and while the situation is a lot calmer in that part of Iraq, there are regular attacks, from mortars, rocket propelled grenade



MAJ Zollar and John inspecting RPG damage



## FRATER NEWS & BRAGS (CONTINUED)



▷The Warren Hicks PK77 family welcomed Carolyn Anne on June 7, 2004, 9:01 AM at St. Mary's Hospital.

▷Kenny Strawn PK63 & Fiancée Michelle in the nose bleed at the Stanley Cup for the victory of the Lightnings.

▷Steve PK52, Keri & Patrick Sebastian Wertz have moved south to: 12012 Sidlaw Hills Lane, Chesterfield, VA 23838, Tel: 804-748-0308, email: steve@stevewertz.com

▷John Benton PK76 and his lovely family are moving to: 1617 Fairfield Green Rd, Richmond, VA 23238, 804-740-0753.



▷While fraters in Northern Virginia and points South were busy battling the cold weather. Patrick PK112 and Kendra Wright were lounging on the beaches of Jamaica, enjoying

the sunshine, and Red Stripe beer. They also completed the Shamrock Marathon in Virginia Beach in 5h 16 mm on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. It was their first marathon ever. (This was the woosy excuse he used for not coming to the BOA meeting).



▷Jeff Elmore, after several years of teaching English in South Korea, is giving GED courses at the Louisa's women's prison. He is looking forward to also teach the really dangerous ladies who are only allowed to use crayons so as not to harm anyone!

▷Steve PK70 and Jennifer Mahr had a baby boy in August of last year! Ryan Mathew was born on the fourth at 8 lbs 10 oz.

▷Stuart PK9 and Mara Hallett and their boys are about to move to a new home.

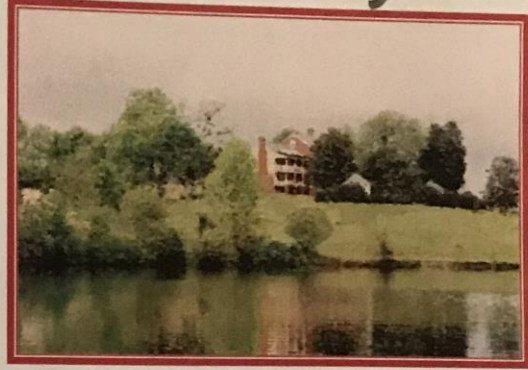


▷Sebastian PK15 and Deidre Völcker are the proud parents of eleven bouncy lambs, six boys and five girls which included three sets of twins. Deidre assisted with the delivery of two of the moms and everybody made it. One of the boys is named "Dick

Couture" in honor of our late Longwood Professor.

▷Bill Flanagan PK65 has had a baby in February (sorry no details)

## Summer Teke Fling 2004!



*You know what is missing in this picture? You!*

**You** are cordially invited to Summer Teke Fling 2004 at Clover Forest Plantation, the premier Rho-Kappa Alumni Association event of the season.

As customary the Association will furnish the refreshments and the "grillables" and you bring your favorite covered dish or dessert.

Bring a lawn chair for you and a friend. The much anticipated horseshoe tournament is in its fifth year (!), firmly anchoring itself as a Teke tradition! You might want to pick your partner early ☺ and if you are new to the game you might want to check on the house rules of the PK tournament [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com).

We will have volley-ball of course and some (new) water splashers too.

This year as we are near water we'll have a "Big Fish" contest -- catch and release -- with a \$25.00 prize for the longest fish (Courtesy of Steve Wertz). Length of fish needs to be verified by a partial brother. Contest is open to all ages and genders. The fish has to be caught in the Clover Forest Pond. There is one paddle boat and if you use it be sure to wear the life preserve.

### **Schedule for Saturday 17 July 2004**

10:30 am Virginia Province Advisors meeting

11:30 am PK Board of Advisors meeting

01:00 pm Announcement of the fishing contest winner and Lunch begins

02:00 pm Group photo

02:30 pm Horseshoe Tournament

For Directions go to [www.CloverForest.com](http://www.CloverForest.com)

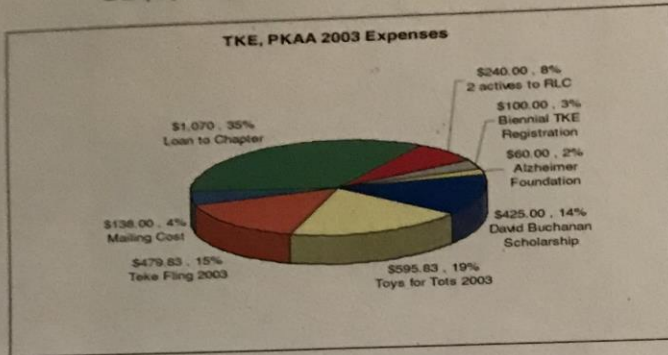
For additional information check "Calendar" on the Alumni side of [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com).

Thank you for taking the time to "RSVP" [Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com](mailto:Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com) or 804-457-3535 so that PKAA can plan adequately.





## The Alumni Association's Money



As you know, our Crysophylos, John Monihan PK133, was called to active duty in December 2003 and is now serving in Iraq (see page 2) and Steve Wertz PK52 has stepped up to the plate. The Alumni Association finances remains in the black with a positive balance in our savings account of over \$800 as of February 2004. It is important to note that in 2003, expenses far exceeded that year's income; PKAA received from you the donors \$1563.01 yet paid out a whopping \$3108.66!! Note that \$1035 of that is an outstanding loan to the chapter and even though the chapter has failed to make any of its payments to date it is still an "asset" of PKAA (It was \$1070, \$35 was assigned towards that loan by Alumni during the 2003 campaign). Needless to say, we cannot keep spending in this manner for very long, and to that end I would like to lay out the "2004 Alumni Challenge" to all of my alumni brothers, which will follow the summary of some recent cost cutting initiatives:

- To cut costs this past year, PKAA sent only one Active to participate in the TKE Regional Leadership Conference (2004, Charlotte, NC).
- The upcoming Teke Fling is going to rely on the RSVPs to more accurately estimate the food costs and thus avoid overbuying. The goal is to keep costs for the event to under \$400.
- We will be returning to two newsletters per year for the time being.

Cost cutting alone is not going to do it. If we want to keep up our current activities and possibly grow our charitable output, we need greater participation from the Alumni, and therein lies the "2004 Alumni Challenge". Last year 24 fraters donated, in 2001 we had reached an all time high of 29. I put out the challenge to all of you to stop right now, get out your checkbooks, and write a donation to the association. No matter how small the donation. \$5/\$10/\$50/\$100, it doesn't matter, whatever makes you comfortable. The goal this year will be at least 50% participation from the Alumni we are in touch

with. (You can also use Pay Pal, note that a percentage will be taken out of your donation by Pay Pal). For the remainder of the year, we would like to be able to:

- Increase our donation to the David Buchanan scholarship to the tune of \$440.
- Make a donation of at least \$100, hopefully more, in honor of Frater Ronald Reagan to the Alzheimer Foundation.
- Maintain and increase funding for our regular activities such as the Teke Fling, Toys for Tots, Actives to RLC, etc.

Now, in the year 15 of our Alumni Association, is the time to take up the "2004 Alumni Challenge". YITB,

Sebastian Völcker, PK15 PKAA Prytanis

## Rho-Kappa Tekes Actives and Alumni Form a Board of Advisors



Fraters greet the sunlight after a three hour meeting. Pict. by S. Völcker

On Sunday March 21, 2004 Actives and Alumni met in Frater Warren Hick's neighborhood club house in Chesterfield County. The Actives outlined the state of the chapter and brought the Alumni up to speed on the positive and the negative issues to be considered. Alumni and actives asked questions, offered opinions and ideas in a congenial atmosphere.

It was thus an informed Alumni membership that then moved on to form the Board of Advisors for Rho-Kappa Chapter. The following fraters agreed to serve: Scott Kasper, Prytanis ; John Devaney, Crysophylos ; Shawn Marshall, Epi-Prytanis ; Steve Wertz, Hegemon ; Jim, Monihan, Hypophetes ; Brian Wilson and Rob Johnston, Rush ; Gray Lipford, Histor.

There will be a board of advisor meeting at 11:30am before the Teke Fling officially begins. It is open to all.

If you want to help make the PK chapter the best in Virginia please contact Scott Kasper at [skasper@US.CHECKPOINT.COM](mailto:skasper@US.CHECKPOINT.COM)