



# Rho-Kappa Sr.

## Teke's PK Alumni Association Newsletter

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### FRATER NEWS & BRAGS



▷Rumor confirmed! Shawn Marshall PK75 married Melanie Yowell last year, reception was on the *American Rover*. (from Left to right, Mike Miller PK137, Bo Johnson PK69, Shawn&Melanie, Bill Flanagan PK65, Brian Wilson PK144, Andrew "he does exist" Smallwood PK18) Photo compliments of Brian Wilson, more on [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com) (under scroll).

**STEVE WERTZ** ▷Steve Wertz PK52, after 14+ years of professional contract administration, has switched vocations. He is now going to professionally race his Honda Shadow. Just kidding, that's a rejected logo he is working on for his new career as a full-time realtor, affiliated with Weichert in Leesburg, Loudoun County on the web at [www.stevewertz.com](http://www.stevewertz.com).

▷Jim Monihan PK 123 wed Abbie Martin (ΑΔΠ at Longwood) on December 31, 2002 (sorry I was unable to obtain a photo).

▷Grant Hayes PK145 is currently bartending part-time while waiting to hear if he is accepted for an MBA program at University of Richmond, of Virginia, or of Notre Dame.

▷Greg McMahan PK59's daughter Caitlyn won her school spelling bee and went to the Henrico County Public School's Spelling Bee. She made it to the 4th round, pretty good for a third grader!

▷Robert Clater PK11 has a Radio Talk show Saturdays from 3 to 5 called Coons America Talk Show on FM 106.7 WJFK. For y'all not from Northern Virginia (Nova), this is not some extremist broadcast, Coons is actually a huge car-dealer up in Nova, and it is a show about cars.

▷Noah Wood PK31 bought a condo in the Hollywood Hills beneath the Hollywood sign not to far from the Hollywood Reservoir and Beachwood Canyon. No he is not an actor, he has a real job with a law firm.

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### Spring Weekend at Longwood

Saturday April 12, 2003

Teke Election & Business meeting  
2:00 p.m. at Macadoos



As usual we are trying to combine all the fun of Longwood Spring Weekend with a short meeting for Teke. It is also our election day: Is there an office you always wanted as an undergrad, but could never get? Do you have an idea or a vision for the future of our Association? This is your opportunity. Answer the call of uncle Zeke, volunteer



I Need YOU in TKE!

Our Alumni Association  
seeks Candidates for the  
April 12, 2003 Election  
Answer the Call!

for TKE. Contact [Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com](mailto:Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com).



As many of you already read on [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com) and the *Teke Magazine* (Winter 2003, p. 16) the Alumni Association's Toys for Tots party collected no less than 109 toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. By doing our part we helped the Marines "distribute 12.9 million new toys to over 5.7 million needy youngsters" (Foundation news release, 02-11-03). Many thanks to the fraters who came like the Wisemen all bearing gifts, thanks to the fraters who gave even though they could not make it, thanks to the donors of our annual gift giving campaign who allowed us to bank roll half the party, and very special thanks to our hosts John Devaney PK60 and Andy Hight MO553. Because of these two brothers the Association hit the ground running. John & Andy offered the PKAA a turn key party, complete with location, bountiful food, classy drinks, servers and their wonderful and generous friends.



## FRATER NEWS & BRAGS (Continued)

▷ Jason Blount PK21 caught a 30+ pound Striped Bass (aka Rockfish) off the Virginia and North Carolina Coast in February, while entertaining a couple of clients in February. Jason was also a hero for a day when he brought Jim Fowler of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom with two lion cubs, a leopard and a python to his daughter Jordan's School. (Sorry those pictures were too fuzzy)



▷ Mark PK129 and Michelle Cole transferred back from Durham, NC to Richmond. Both are working for First Union/Wachovia they are currently living with fraters Andy Hicks PK142 who just moved from Nova to the Richmond West-End and Adam Kozuch PK 151 who moved up to the "good side of the river" ☺ and manages a Gap store.



**MIKE MILLER, PK137**  
(IN THE OVAL, THE BIKE AFTER THE CRASH)

▷ Mike W. Miller PK137 is training for the amateur racing circuit, if all goes as planned, look for him next year on the WERA or Championship Cup Series tracks. He suffered a spill earlier this year on the wet circuit at Alton, VA. A spin out at 120 mph over 200 yards left the driver bruised but undaunted. The bike will need a lot of work to be ready for Easter racing. Mike is raising repair funds by selling his 2001 Honda SuperSport CBR F4i. For additional info e-mail him at [bloaker@yahoo.com](mailto:bloaker@yahoo.com).



▷ Kenny Lee Strawn PK63 is showing *Candé Coated Dreams* at the Tampa Bay Film Festival Saturday April 26, 2003. Last December was the first public showing. Over 150 people came to Twilight nightclub and took part in the *Candé Coated Dreams* experience. The guests met the cast and crew, took a chance on the slot machines for prizes and were entertained by dancers, fire-eaters and bongo players. They were surrounded by the sights and sounds of the movie, as the music, light show and special effects took the multi-sensory movie experience to a new high. *Candé Coated Dreams* was met with overwhelming enthusiasm from the cross section of film lovers, music lovers, and party lovers in attendance. Now this movie short (23min) written, produced and co-directed by Kenny is a finalist at its first film festival, the DVD will also be available at that venue for the first time. For additional information go to [www.candecoateddreams.com](http://www.candecoateddreams.com) and [www.tambayfilmfest.com](http://www.tambayfilmfest.com).

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## BEEF'S MOVIE ROUNDUP



How's it going? Well, it's that time of the year when we honor last year's best films while showing this year's cruddiest. I have not seen much in the last month that was very good. My biggest disappointment was *Old School*. When I first heard the premise of the film, a group of thirty-something guys moving near a college campus and starting their own fraternity, I thought "This will be a comedy classic!" Boy, was I mistaken. Even though it had a couple of laughs and Will Ferrell's performance as Frank "The Tank" was decent, it just did not live up to my expectations. We could get a few of ourselves together (myself included), move back near Longwood, and film a documentary that would be a hundred times funnier than this stink-bomb. Save your money, and just watch *Animal House* again.

As for current DVD's, I must recommend *One Hour Photo*, starring Robin Williams as a department store photo clerk who goes psychotic and becomes obsessed with an unsuspecting family. Generally, I'm not a huge Robin Williams fan, but he makes an excellent psychopath. He also played a crazed killer in "Insomnia", but his character in "Photo" was much more disturbed, and far more interesting. I hope he will continue to do similar roles in the future.

The Oscars are this month, and though most of it leaves me indifferent, I'm usually interested in who is "Best Actor," "Best Actress," and "Best Picture." I have not seen all the movies and performances that have been nominated, but from the ones I have seen, here are my picks. For Best Actor, Jack Nicholson in *About Schmidt* (I think it should have been nominated for Best Picture, as well), for best Actress, Diane Lane in *Unfaithful* (I have not seen any of the Best Actress performances, but I have heard that Lane was sizzling hot in the movie, and she is not too hard on the eyes, so that is good enough for me.), and for Best Picture, *Gangs of New York*, but I'll be happy if *The Two Towers* wins, too.

Well, that's it for me. Go out and see a couple of movies, and if you see anything good, drop me a line.

Y.I.T.B., Beef Birdsong PK62

## Chapter Cocktail Party

Saturday April 19, 2003 at 9:00 p.m.  
Cocktail party will be held at the Hitching Post.  
Cost: \$25.00 per couple all you can drink beer.  
Transportation provided by FAB (Farmville Area Bus).  
For information and to RSVP call Matt Hescoock (540) 272-4299.

Do you want to write for the Rho-Kappan Sr.?  
Do you have news for our next issue?  
Contact [Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com](mailto:Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com)





## Hallo from Deutschland

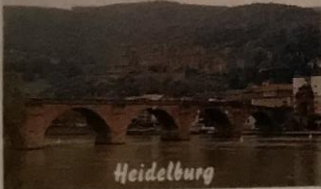
Major John Pastino, US Army, PK2, his Wife, Sharon and their sons Alex and Mathew, are in Germany. Here is his letter from Weselberg that's in the Rhineland-Palatinate close to the Franco German border, not far from Strasbourg for the geography buffs out there.

We have settled into our new home in Germany and are adjusting to a different culture. We live on the economy, renting a 3 level duplex in the village of Weselberg. (Pronounce "W" as "V"). Weselberg is about 10 minutes from Landstuhl where I work. There are a lot of farmers in the town. The cows they own live right next to their houses and some only have a wall between them and the cow pen so the heat penetrates through the wall and helps keep the family house warm.



The Pastino Boys in front of a Smart (The smallest car from Daimler Chrysler)

I'm the Chief of the Europe Regional Medical Command Contracting Cell located on the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's Installation. My wife Sharon is a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse working in the medical center and my two boys



Heidelberg

Alex (8) and Matthew (6) go to a Department of Defense School located on the installation with me. So we're all close together and once and a while we have lunch together.

Alex and Matthew have adjusted well to their new environment and school. They both played soccer this fall on base. As the holidays neared, we went from soccer parents to "Play" parents. Alex auditioned for a play and had the part of "Hobie" in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Over 80 children auditioned for 28 parts. We were very proud of him. Play practice and show times have been really time consuming, but worth the effort. I was also involved in the play running the lights.

Alex and Matthew love to visit our village *Backerei* (Bakery) and *Metzgerei* (Butcher.) The bread is fresh and melts in your mouth. The meats on the other hand are different. The sausage and bacon hangs on hooks in the store waiting for customers to buy it. The boys love to go to the *Backerei* and then to the *Metzgerei* for some hard salami to put on their bread. They are definitely Italian! Sharon and I like to sample the beer and wine. We live close to the Rhine Valley that is famous for its wineries. The Christmas season and cold weather



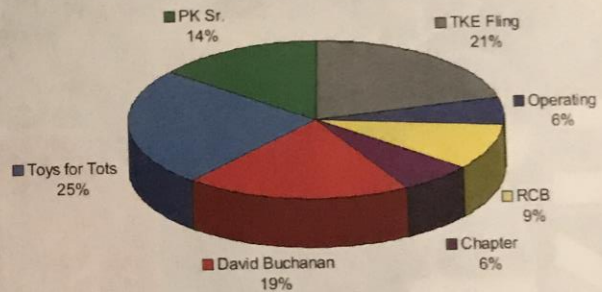
brings "Gluwein," which is a mulled wine served warm. It helps take the chill of winter away and is very tasty.

We bought a used BMW that we cruise the autobahn in daily. Our van is nice, but doesn't have the get-up and go like the BMW. Matthew calls it the "German Car." It is made with German Spec's, so we won't be able to bring it back to the states with us. Europeans love to drive fast...it didn't take us long to pick up that habit.



## CRY\$OPHYLOS' Report by John Monihan

As we begin to push through another year, we should be thankful for all that TKE has provided for us. Now, the PKAA is looking to provide as well. In the next few months, PKAA Educational Foundation (name tentative) will be filing for non-profit status, so that all monies collected for the PKAA-EF will be tax-deductible. This should be completed in time for the Annual Funds Drive. For those that are interested, I am providing an expense report of how we spent our monies last year.



- Rho-Kappan Sr. Newsletters - \$300.00
- Alumni Association Operating Expenses - \$120.00
- TKE Summer Fling - \$444.00
- RCB - \$800 Loan \$200.00 Gift
- Dave Buchanan Scholarship - \$415.00
- Toys For Tots Party - \$521.00
- Active Chapter Gifts - 130.00

Since the New Year, we have paid out \$240.00 to send actives Alan Carrier PK175 and Kenny Turner PK 200 to the Teke Regional Leadership Conference held in Arlington. Major expenses this year will be the TKE Summer Fling and the Toys for Tots/X-mas party. The chapter has made a request for assistance with the Safe Sex and the Caribbean Soul parties this year, which from what they say, should be awesome. We have approved a secured loan to the chapter for the purchase of the foam machine that will be used for the Safe Sex Party this Spring Weekend. Cost is approximately \$1070.00 and will be repaid, interest-free, over the next two years. For all those who wish to assist the chapter in repaying this, we will apply all donations to the chapter during the fund drive to the repayment of this loan. So remember, start saving those pennies, because the Annual Funds drive will be coming this Spring!