



Rho-Kappa Sr.

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Our thoughts are with the families of the victims of the vicious terrorist attacks in Pennsylvania, Washington D.C. and New York

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★ BEAUTIFUL AMERICANS ★

"[...] Americans showed a deep commitment to one another, and an abiding love for our country. Today, we feel what Franklin Roosevelt called the warm courage of national unity. This is a unity of every faith, and every background."

President George W. Bush, National Cathedral

▶ RUN, FRATER RUN ◀ Going the Extra mile for Charity

John Devaney (PK060) is upholding one of the three cardinal principles of Tau Kappa Epsilon: Charity. This year John decided that he was going to participate in the Marine Corp Marathon in Washington D.C. to raise money for the Whitman-Walker Clinic, the leading provider of AIDS services in Washington, D.C.



Running a marathon is no small undertaking for an athlete, let alone for a frater who is far from his fit Longwood days. John took on the challenge and as of late August 2001, he had run over 500 miles and covered 20 miles in 5 hours and 15 minutes. Impressive, but here is the catch he needs to cover the 26 miles and 385 yards in the same time he ran 20 miles. Failure to pick up the pace would mean that he cannot cross the 14th Street Bridge before it reopens to traffic and therefore forfeit the race. Also because he is a charity runner he leaves a half hour behind the pros! For those of you, familiar with our Nation's Capital the course goes from the Marine Corps memorial, to the Pentagon and through Pentagon City, back past the Marine Memorial, across the Potomac, meanders through Rock Creek Park, to the Lincoln memorial, past the White House around Capitol Hill and back to the Lincoln Memorial, to the Jefferson Memorial, again over the Potomac to the Pentagon and back to the Marine Corps Memorial. Phew! John hopes to raise \$2,800 - HIV medical care for one person for one year - for the clinic this year. You can go to www.AidsMarathon.com and click on "Sponsor a runner now" to help John reach his goal (runner number 457).

▶ FROM THE PRYTANIS ◀

On Saturday, August 18th, Rho Kappa Tekes from around the world gathered at Frater Völcker's "Snowden" for fun and fraternity. An exuberant T-K-E is extended to Sebastian and Dee Dee for hosting this unpredictable bunch. A special thanks goes out to Frater Wertz, as well, for his coordination efforts!



TKE Fling 2001, Horseshoe Champs
Big D, Titanium Russ, The Hug, Special 'K', Jabba and Stefan

Just one week later, 14 actives began settling into the rigors of the academic year. It will be a rebuilding year for Rho Kappa, but what a grand start these gentlemen have enjoyed! The Greek Awards Banquet - postponed from Spring semester due to the April 24th fire - was held on September 9th. The Chapter received awards for Most Improved G.P.A. (coming from last place in the previous year), Highest Fraternity G.P.A. (2.83), and Fraternity Service (literally blowing the competition away!) Individuals were also recognized. Frater Alan Carrier was initiated into Order of Omega and Frater Mike Forden was selected as Outstanding Fraternity Chapter President. The actives are working hard with foci on image improvement and recruitment. Efforts so far this semester include chapter room improvements (new paint), organizing rush (anticipated yield of 10 new members - increase of 71%), and the commitment to work with the Alumni Association to develop a Board of Advisors.

Make no mistake, however, our junior Fraters certainly will not risk the chance of being identified as "all work and no play." A celebration to welcome new men into our Fraternity will be held on Saturday, September 22nd (following "Bid Day") at 401 2nd Avenue in Farmville at the home of Fraters Mauch, Hescok, Imbert and Strand. Also, a weekend of revelry is in the works for Oktoberfest Weekend on Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th. Though complete details are not finalized, a "kick-off" cook-out by "the wall" on Madison Street will get festivities underway on Friday at around 5:30 p.m. Alumni Fraters are welcomed and encouraged to come and enjoy, but please recognize and abide by the policies of Longwood College and the laws of Commonwealth of Virginia, particularly as they relate to the use of alcohol.

The health and success of our Chapter depends upon way that we present and "control" ourselves on campus! It's a matter of LOVE for our Fraternity, CHARITY toward the institution that

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► **FROM THE PRYTANIS** ◀ (CONTINUED)

provides our Chapter with facilities and support, and ESTEEM for the blood, sweat, and tears invested by those with whom we share the Bond.

Oktoberfest Weekend will not be filled with beer and brotherhood alone. As an Alumni Association, we also have work to do, decisions to make, and plans to put into action. Alumni and actives, alike, are invited to come and share opinions, thoughts, and effort for the good of the Fraternity on Saturday, October 6th in the Stallard Board Room (Lancaster 215). Enter Lancaster (the old library) from the front into the Gallery – look to your left and you will see the Stallard Board Room. It is directly across from the Office of the President. Our Alumni Association meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. (well after the parade and the Midway opens – but before evening activities get geared up.)

The Alumni Association agenda will include standard business such as planning for upcoming events with a focus on participation by alumni and actives, a presentation of budget figures with a fund-raising report, an undergraduate Chapter report with an update on rush, and a Prytanis report on happenings within the Grand Chapter. Also discussed will be ideas and committee development for initiatives to incorporate as a non-profit organization, to develop on-line voting for alumni through TKEcentral.com, to improve educational programming for actives, and to recruit, organize, and stabilize knowledgeable and responsible advisement for our undergraduate chapter.

Please set aside the time to attend this meeting and to involve yourself in the future of our Fraternity. Your contribution will be gratifying for you and appreciated by the 189 Rho Kappans with whom you share the Bond of Tau Kappa Epsilon...the Fraternity for Life.

► **GENEROUS FRATERS** ◀
The 2001 Annual Gift Giving Campaign

The fundraising campaign was a tremendous success not only did the Association break the thousand dollar barrier by raising \$1251.12 .but we beat our highest level of participation to date with 26 generous donors.

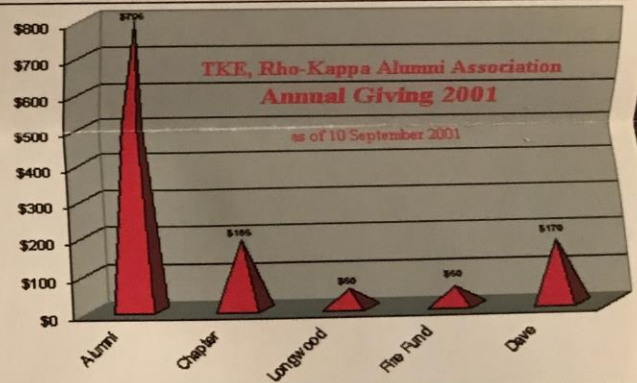
Your donations to Longwood -- \$50 Longwood Fund, \$50 Fire Fund, and \$170.00 to the David Buchanan Scholarship -- will be made during October Fest, hopefully directly to President Cormier. Thank you again fraters for your fantastic response.

2001 Donors (by Scroll)

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- Anonymous donations, \$26.12

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Alumni Meeting
 Saturday, October 6th
 2:00 p.m.
 Stallard Board Room
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