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FRATER NEWS & BRAGS



John Schlesinger, PK8, and a few fish caught on the Chesapeake Bay. The largest one earned him a trophy citation from the State of Maryland. He also won the TKE alumni horseshoe tournament. His school (Jefferson) was voted one of the top 100 technology middle schools in the nation. And since he is the "technology boy" he accepted the award.

Russ and Stephanie Hancock moved to their new house in late July 2002.

John Monihan PK133 bought his first home in Ashburn, VA. Is engaged to Kathleen Higgins, a Longwood Sigma-Kappa, and is getting married in May or June of 2003 in the Eastern Caribbean.

John PK2 and Sharon Pastino and the children moved to Landstuhl, Germany

Chris Beach PK160 and Alfreda Warren married Oct. 19, 2002.

Mike Forden PK170, and Brandy Clements will get married May 4, 2003. They live in Richmond.

Steve Wertz PK52 has taken a new job as director of Contracts with Cexec.

Kenny Strawn, PK63, was in Northern Virginia from Florida on business and visited with fraters. (Advising Devaney and Hight on the purchase of a giant television among other things).

Michael Clements was interviewed and pictured in the Times Dispatch about student housing at Longwood.

Unconfirmed rumor has Shawn Marshall, PK75, married.



**U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE
&
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PK, Alumni Association**

Saturday 14 December 2002

Starts at 5:30 pm

715 West Holly Avenue

Sterling, Virginia 20164

The Longwood Tekes have done community service for as long as they have been in existence, more often than not outshining all even the service fraternities. However this is the first time that the Alumni as an Association will gather to do good once again!

Darryl Morris ran and was elected this year for the newly created office of Alumni Hypophetes/Philanthropy. He brought the excellent idea that the Association should support the Toys for Tots program of the Marine Corps Reserve.

John Devaney and Andy Hight generously offered to share their established annual Toy Raising party for the Whittman Clinic with the PK Alumni. Tekes will collect the Toys on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and John and Andy will collect the Gift Cards on behalf of the Whittman Clinic.

This party is intended for all: it is scheduled after Longwood finals so that the actives can come and early enough so that parents may bring their children. Check www.TKEcentral.com for directions, hotels &c. Come numerous.

Charity for Kids, Esteem for Marines, Love of TKE.

Red Carnation Ball 2002



Picture captured from the actives' website

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FRATER NEWS & BRAGS (Continued)

▷Frater Gregg, PK107, Baird rolled through town in October. He appears to be in good shape being that he is now participating in such physically grueling events such as Triathlons. He was hosted by his little brother Gray Lipford, PK113, who treated Gregg to an evening of "spinning" (that crazy stationary cycling stuff). Lunch the following day was with your truly. We spent the time catching up on life after LWC as well as the trials and tributes of living in an oversized Texas town (a.k.a. College Station) that is home to one the largest universities in the nation.
John Benton PK76.

▷John and Patti Benton announce the birth of their second child, Margaret Mae on June 21, 2002 at 9:29 am weighing in at 6lb 15oz and 20.5". And John has a new Job!



◁For being one of Mutual of Omaha's top guys, Jason Blount PK21 (left) went to the World Series (again!). Pictured here with George Brett (right) of the Kansas City Royals (1999 Baseball Hall of Fame).

▷Stuart PK9 and Mara Hallett brought home Conner Michael Hallett a brand new baby Boy born at 4:30 Am on September 14, 2002. Stuart also landed a contract to provide doors for 900 (!!!) new Dollar Tree stores opening this and next year, counting 5 to 7 doors per store!

▷Jon Powell, PK126, left Worldcom in July and now works for the Rosen Law Firm in Raleigh, NC (and loving it!).

▷Jimmy Bell, PK149, is PK's first lawyer, he has obtained his J.D. from Regent University and passed the Virginia Bar this Summer. He is working with Bean and Associates in Farmville and is moving into his new house mid-November. Jimmy is also Rho-Kappa's new advisor.

▷The wedding of Brian Wilson PK144 and Dorian Tinaro was a lot of fun, October 5, 2002. For pictures of the bride go to www.TKEcentral.com



▷Thomas C. Miles Xi-Chi 104, donated Teke flags he silk-screened himself to our Association and just recently the Teke banner you see in the Wilson wedding picture. Just for being a Teke! Cool no?

▷Terry Higgins PK092 ran his 4th Richmond Marathon (4h20m) and was cheered by fraters Devaney PK60, Lipford PK113, Grant PK145, and Hight MO553.

▷Sebastian PK15 and Deidre Völcker have launched Clover Forest Plantation as a new wedding venue in the Richmond area.
www.CloverForest.com

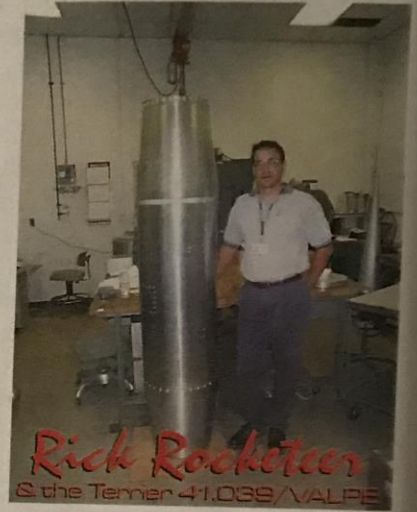
I am not a Rocket Scientist... But my Brother is!

By Sebastian Völcker

I never thought I would ever be able to say that to someone but it is true. Our fraternity brother Ricky W. Stanfield PK13 is a genuine Rocket Scientist!

This year Ricky, his wife Theresa and their children Jessica and Sam left Fredericksburg for Chincoteague on the Eastern Shore. Still with Northrop Grumman, Ricky is now Senior Engineer on the NASA Sounding Rocket Program (NazzRock for short) at Wallop Island.

In the picture you see our "Rocketeer" with the middle experiment section of the Terrier 41.039/VALPE. The nosecone (back right corner) goes at the top - I know, Duh - some other cylindrical sections go on the bottom, then the rocket motors. The entire stack will be over 11.6 meters (38 feet) long. The Terrier will travel 116 km (72 miles) at a peak velocity of 5140 km/hr (3190 mph!) which is about Mach 4.3 or over twice the top speed of an F-16 Jet fighter! It will reach an altitude of 140 km (87 miles), the inner reaches of the Ionosphere - I had to look that up. All in about 65 minutes. If all was as scheduled the Rocket went aloft 8 November 2002. As for the payload it is military so it is not for us to know what it does. This is one of 5 rockets to which Ricky is currently assigned too, in addition to several other rocket engineering projects.



Beside being a husband and a dad, Ricky is also working on his PhD he just turned his dissertation and is gearing up for the orals, so he is quite busy and reluctantly stepped down as our Grammateus.

TEKE FLING 2002, WAS A SUCCESS



The fling was well attended. Building on past experience The food was ready at a reasonable time and the horseshoe tournament actually ended before sundown! Pictured here the Champs.

Gift Giving 2002 Thank You Donors!

By John Monihan, Crysophylos

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's fundraising campaign. We had a great drive, raising almost \$1400.00. Currently, we have a balance in our Association account of approximately \$2918.00.

We had 24 generous donors, most have donated in previous years, and we so appreciate that rock solid loyalty. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new contributors. One new donor stands out because he is not a Teke: Aaron Schwiegert aka "Coach" remembered us at the Founders Club level! Our "Mr. Moneybags" award goes to Bill Flanagan for contributing the most of any single frater. Thank you Bill!

This year the contributors made it possible to make a loan to the Chapter to hold the reservation for RCB, to celebrate with our annual Teke Fling, to give \$130.00 to the chapter and to **donate \$415.00 to the David K. Buchanan Scholarship** - thus marking our love for our departed Frater and asserting the positive character of Social Fraternities at Longwood.

In the first newsletter of 2003, I will include a complete breakdown of our 2002 actual budget and our 2003 projected budget. Things I'm hoping to accomplish next year are to move our account to a bank with a wider coverage area, set-up a tax-deductible foundation that we will donate funds through, assist the chapter in replacing missing/broken ritual equipment, and surpass the amount we collected in this year's funds drive. Finally, I'd like to thank Mike Estes for his many years of service as our Alumni Association Crysophylos. He's done an outstanding job, and for that, we all thank you! If there are any questions, concerns or suggestions, I can be reached at tkepk133@aol.com or through the listserv.

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BIG BEEF'S MOVIE ROUNDUP



How's it going, guys? As I am the resident movie nut around here, Sebastian asked me to write a few words about some movies to lookout for, some playing now, some on DVD (or video, for those of you who are still in the stone-age), and some that are coming over the holidays.

Currently playing: You should check out *Jackass*. Yes, there is no story or plot. Yes, it is gross-out humor. Yes, there are no big actors. It may not even qualify as a movie, but it is the funniest damn thing I have seen in a long time. It is not one for the kids (or wives, perhaps), but it is worth checking out. It will make you think twice about Matchbox cars.

Punch-Drunk Love, with Adam Sandler, is also good, but do not go in expecting a typical Sandler film. Even though his character reminds me of Bobby Boucher in *The Waterboy*. He is much darker and intense, the film is quirky and unusual. All I can say is that it is a strange and entertaining love story.

One more movie that I saw recently was *Auto-Focus*. This is a movie based on the life of Bob Crane, who, when he was not playing Col. Hogan on *Hogan's Heroes*, was indulging in pornography and kinky sexual orgies. Aah, what a life, except that he is eventually murdered, and to this day, the murder remains unsolved. Overall, a serious drama, but it does have some funny moments (a speech on breasts, and a pick-up line involving a watch). Of course, I was the only person in the theatre laughing. What can I say, I have a warped sense of humor. It may be hard to find, but if you can, go see it.

On DVD: If you do not have it already, get *Spider-Man*. As you know it is based on the Marvel comic (Peter Parker bitten by a genetically altered spider gains super powers). I enjoyed the movie in the theatre, but I appreciated even more when I saw it on DVD. Of course, it is loaded with extras, so you will have hours of additional entertainment. The kids will definitely like it, and I think you will, too.

The Sum of All Fears is also out on DVD. I was surprised when I saw this in the theatre because I didn't think it would be as good as it was. Based on the novel by Tom Clancy, it deals with a terrorist attack on Baltimore, which leads to the U.S. almost starting World War III. It has a good mix of action and drama. Even if you are not a Tom Clancy fan, you should be entertained with this one.

The Holidays: The one that I am waiting for is *The Two Towers*, the second part of the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy. *The Fellowship of the Ring* was one the best movies last year, and from what I've seen of it so far, this movie will rock! Also coming out is the tenth film in the Star Trek series, *Star Trek: Nemesis* (following the odd-even rule of *Star Trek* films, even-numbered being good and odd-numbered sucking, this one should be decent), *The Gangs of New York*, the latest film from Martin Scorsese (maker of *Taxi Driver*, *Goodfellas*, and *Casino*), and last but not least, *Die Another Day*, the latest James Bond film. In this one, Bond fights some unknown villain, but it stars Halle Berry, so who the hell cares! If I get to see her buck-naked in this one, it's all good.

That is all for now. Check out a few films over the holidays, and if you have any comments or recommendations, send me an email ogre7734@aol.com and let me know.



Beef Birdsong PK62

From the useless knowledge file

By Rob Johnston PK111

So rather than going blithely along like the happy Hamlet that I normally am, I have decided, at the suggestion of our most esteemed brother and friend Sebastian, to write a less than concise editorial. 'What's your topic, oh master mind of all things that are useless?' you ask ... well today's lesson will be mathematical in nature. So take this article to the little boys room and prepare for some learnin' or confusion (if I succeed in my intent).

Have you ever wondered why there are 5280 feet in a mile? Have you ever looked at your speedometer and wondered how much faster the Europeans must think they are driving on their highways (autobahn, autostrada, autopista or autoroutes) with their high flatulent kilometer per hours. Have you ever wondered what it all means? Well, have you?

Probably not, until now ... or not since you were in high school (if you graduated in the 80s) when the school systems threatened to go metric on you the following semester as you were leaving for summer break. Only to never bring the topic up again when we got back to school in the fall. Well, here is your brain fodder for today:

Mile comes from the Latin word *mille* which was the approximate number of paces involved in the Roman legion's stroll to conquer their next spot of land in the name of establishing some form of spa town for the lifestyles of the Roman and famous. So, there are 1000 paces in a *mille* or mile. With that, it is historically assumed that a Roman legionnaire could cover 5 feet at a standard pace (2.5 feet in a step). With a little math you get 1480 meters in a mile. Which is a 424 feet short of the currently assumed number feet in a mile. So obviously it is not for historical affection that we measure the current mile. No, it wasn't until 1592 when the British decided to make the calculated distance official, there are 5280 feet in a mile or 1609.344 meters, for those keeping count. However it was the French, in 1790, who began to use the meter as the need of universal interpretation of distance was important for reasons of commerce. Imagine the 'ye old moving company' that charged by the mile in merry old days of yore. The biggest moneymaker would've been in Britain where a mile was



considered 5000 feet or 1524 meters. The Irish pulled the longest mile with 2048 meters; the French had 1949 meters in their mile followed by the ever-frugal Scots with a whopping 1814 meters. See the problem now... if money doesn't make the world go 'round it is used to establish a measurement for it at the least.

So if it is money that made the change and the US being kings of those things monetary, why is it that we are left standing along side of Burma and Liberia as being the only countries that have not taken the red pill in over 410 years? Well, it hasn't been without trying ... In 1790 Thomas Jefferson proposed the decimal based measurement system. We came close to taking the red pill, until 1982 when our own Frater Ronald "Dutch" Reagan killed the metric system from being adopted. Then again in 1996 congress gave the construction industry the wave off on adopting the universal measurement.

What does this mean to you? Likely nothing at all (except if you consider that it was your tax dollars that paid for NASA to smack the side of Mars with a 165 million dollar ball of metal in 1999) ... but it was fun getting the chance to exercise my use of history and literary skills instead of drinking myself in to oblivion with my "borrowed" German beer steins (2 liters by the way). Isn't it interesting that we buy Gallons of Milk yet Liters of Soda? Is it because the dairy farmers aren't hip enough to get with the new math?

To end my little essay: Did you know that there are 6,076.115 feet in a nautical mile? There are 3 miles in a league, so Jules Verne went 60,000 miles under the sea (ok, drink much??). FYI, the deepest depth in the world is only 10,924 meters deep or approximately 7 miles and is located in the Marianas Trench, specifically, the Challenger Deep. But credit to his creativity, they did not know the how deep the oceans were in 1887. Now to test if you have been reading this article carefully, there are 43,560 feet in an acre, how many square feet are in a hectare? Hint: a hectare is 10,000 square meters.



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