



Rho-Kappa Senior

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► FROM THE CRYSOPHYLOS ◀

The 1999 Rho-Kappa Alumni Association Giving Campaign should be considered a success. For the first time, we conducted an organized fund raising campaign to benefit the alumni association and, eventually, the undergraduate chapter. Numerous Fraters donated their hard-earned money to the association and for this we thank you. A list of donors by giving club is included in this newsletter. Of course, any and all donations will still be accepted and recognized throughout the course of the year. To date, we have received \$840.00 in donations to the Association from twenty three generous Fraters.

I coordinated the campaign this year with assistance from Michael Clements, Scott Kasper, Darren McCauley, Jason Blount, and Sebastian Volcker. All donors to the Association should have received a personal thank-you from one of the committee members. If you did not, we apologize for the oversight.

As the campaign progressed I looked forward to coming home each night and looking through the mail to see which Fraters had responded. As the number of donations grew and the pile of checks got larger I thought I would pass out a few awards related to this year's campaign.

The "Most Interesting Check" award goes to John Devaney for his TKE crest checks. Or was that the Grand Seal????

The "Hen-Pecked" or "Yes, Dear" award is shared this year by Ellery Bradley and Doug Shamblen whose wives wrote and signed their donation checks. Who wears the pants in these families????!!

A special thanks goes to Rob Blumel who sent us a donation even though he isn't a Rho-Kappa alumnus. Rob is a Teke from Virginia Tech who has worked in an advisory capacity for the undergraduate chapter.

The "Computer Geek" award goes to Walter Alford and Bill Flannagan for their computer-generated checks.

The "Most Illegible Signature" award goes to the artist formerly known as Scott Kasper. Close seconds were Gregg Baird and Walter Alford. (No wonder Walter has a computer to write his checks. The man is practically illiterate)

The "Mr. Sensitivity Award" goes to Steve Mahr for his nauseatingly darling Puppy Dog checks.

Along with each donation we asked for a suggested use for any monies donated to the undergraduate chapter. Of the responses we received the most constructive was "Betterment of Rho-Kappa" while the least constructive was probably "beer and roofies".

Thank you all again for your donations to this great cause that means so much to each of us. Money can't buy love but it certainly helps. I will miss you all Spring Weekend but hope to see you soon and, at the very latest, in October.

YITB, Stuart Hallett, PK 9

► T'WAS A GRAND OLE PARTY ◀



Picture by John Benton

The Centennial Party held at Beef's aka 205 Steak Club was a smashing success. Were I able to find my notes I could tell you exactly how many Alumni fraters and significant others attended. Between the "old" and the "new" guys we easily had over fifty Rho-Kappas. A big thank you to Will (PK62) for having us at his restaurant and putting up with our last minute changes. Hopefully he did okay with us, he did fantastic by us; thanks Beef!!

We also had a good meeting before hand, very well run by Ricky (PK13). Bill Flanagan (PK65) and I had been hoping for one of our entertaining-fun-filled-three-hour-marathons, but the meeting lasted under an hour and half which for "the old guys" is pretty amazing. Elections were held, Ricky was confirmed as Prytanis, Steve Mahr (PK70) continues as Teke Fling coordinator, Stuart (PK9) is the Crysophylos/Fund raiser Chairman, I think Jason is the Epi, as for myself, I finally got the position I always wanted: I am the Histor! Much more happened at the meeting and you can look forward to a recap of the high points by Ricky who serves as his own Grammateus if you come to Spring Fling 99.

It was fun to see all gathered, we are pretty much the same as we always were, yet some brothers can still be full of surprises: can you imagine Pooky (PK2) getting his kicks by entertaining kids at birthday parties? Well he does, he dresses up in a funky get up and makes balloon animals! Thank you all for coming I look forward to seeing even more of you during Spring week-end.

YITB, Sebastian, Histor, PK15

► SPRING FLING 1999 ◀

Date: 17th of April, 1999
 Location: Wilck's Lake Island. Across from Pizza Hut.
 Time: 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm

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Dear Fraters:

The time was chosen to accommodate spring weekend activities...This will allow brothers and families to partake in most of the on campus events. It will also allow the actives to at least attend part of the Fling also.

The menu will be standard picnic items, of which I have already arranged. If there are any special requests, I of course will be open to them.

Lastly, the Wilck's Lake facility, does not allow alcoholic beverages. Call me 804-758-2149 or E-mail me smahrty@oasisonline.com for questions, suggestions and to let me know if you are coming so that I may buy enough food & drinks.

YITB, Steve Mahr, Fling Chairman

► PRITANIS REPORT ◀

In keeping with the objectives I set for myself, as presented to you at the Centennial Celebration Alumni Association meeting, I would like to report on the status several initiatives. Coordination between the various association officers and chairmen has been very good. Each officer and chairman is actively contributing time and effort towards the execution of their duties. Communication between the officers has been good. As I constantly monitor e-mail traffic, it appears that communication among the rest of the Alumni is growing. I have not called as many Fraters as I had hoped to, but I am working on this. I encourage everyone to contact someone you haven't spoken with for a while and say hello!



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The Alumni Association is firmly connected with the Active Chapter's Board of Advisors. Mark Cole, Mohammed Stwodah, and I attended the meeting of the Board in January, along with faculty representation. We reviewed the revised Chapter By-Laws, budget and spending plan, and the Associate Membership program. We approved these plans subject to final corrections by the Active Chapter Officers. I anticipate the next Board of Advisor's meeting to occur in the Fall.

The second ever Career Skills workshop by the Alumni for the Actives, is set for Wednesday, March 24. Jason Blount and I will cover career topics including time management, leadership, personal finance and debt, and job search/interviewing questions. A weekday evening was chosen for the workshop to maximize participation of, and impact on the Actives. The Actives will be presented with the Alumni Database of careers, that many filled out during the Centennial meeting. Don't be surprised if a budding Active, wanting to enter your career field, gives you a call for advice.

I am in the process of preparing the agenda for the next Alumni Association meeting to be held at the start of the picnic during Spring Weekend. Minutes for the January meeting will be available for inspection during this meeting. Several orders of business will be covered including issues tabled at the last meeting, new financial plans, activities for the summer and fall, and other new business.

I want to thank all the Alumni Officers and Fraters for keeping up with Fraternity activities, participating in events, and keeping in touch with each other. I look forward to seeing many of you in April.

YITB, Ricky W. Stanfield, Prytanis, PK-13

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The "Most Generative Award" goes to Steve Alford for his many donations. Puppy Dog checks.
Always with each donation we asked for a suggested amount to be donated to the undergraduate chapter. For the semester we counted the most contributions was from the Rho-Kappa, while the least contribution was probably from the faculty.
Thank you all again for your donations to this great organization. We hope to see you at the picnic and buy your own "Yes Dear" award. I will have you all during the picnic and you will see the very future in