



# Rho-Kappa Times

## Teke's PK Alumni Association Newsletter

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Friendship, the distinguishing glory of man. John Adams

Summer  
2003

### FRATER NEWS & BRAGS

▷ Russ PK 135 and Stephanie Hancock had a baby girl, Madison Elizabeth Hancock on January 21, 2003. She was born at 9:19 pm at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. She weighed 8lb. 3oz. and was 20½ inches long. **Congratulations!**



▷ Coxswain Brian Wilson PK144, USCG, completed the Boarding Officer Course top of his class and received the Jonathan D. Scotchmer award, the top honor at the United States Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement School in Yorktown, VA.

▷ Terry PK92 and Jennifer Higgins should be getting a baby right around the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2003. **Congratulations!** For funny new parents stuff see their site: [www.jenandterry.com](http://www.jenandterry.com)

▷ John Benton accepted a position as a Business Analyst with LandAmerica Financial Group.

▷ John Schlesinger PK8 was accepted into Virginia Tech as a Doctoral Candidate for Instructional Technology.



◁ Ricky W. Stanfield PK13 received his Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering from Catholic University of America in May 2003.



▷ John Peterman PK132 set the bar for romantic engagements pretty high by proposing to Leslie Stenson, AΔII, on a recent trip to tropical Aruba. She said yes.

▷ Rob Johnston PK111 is talking in the royal first person these days -- we -- now that he is engaged to Maggie. They met through their love of horses (Really! Rob plays polo! Maybe he is a Hamster in disguise?).

▷ Kenny Lee Strawn PK63's *Candé Coated Dreams* received Honorable Mention in the Category Short Film at the 2003 Tampa Bay Film Festival!



### Teke Fling

Saturday July 26, 2003 11:00 am

Teke Fling 2003, the reunion of the Summer, the occasion for Tekes, family and friends to come out for a day in the country. There are new lambs for the kids to see and our newest addition is Caesar the Peacock. We will hold our now Fourth Annual Horseshoe Tournament (see picture of last year's trophies) had other outdoor fun.



#### Schedule

(I know, how Teutonic)

11:00 AM Arrival

12:00 Lunch

2:00 Group Picture

2:30 Horse Shoe Tournament Begins, after that we shall see how the day goes.



Additional directions are on [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com) (there are also a number of green Clover Forest signs marking the way). Adult beverages and soft drinks will be on hand. Bring a chair and a covered dish or dessert. Last year Shawn Marshall, Mike Miller and Bill Flanagan came in a huge RV and camped overnight in style (tents are allowed too!).



### Important Upcoming TKE Dates

- Saturday, July 26, 11 AM- TKE Fling at Snowden
- Friday-Sunday, October 3-5 -Octoberfest and TKE Alumni Association Meeting, Longwood University
- Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Toys for Tots Holiday Party at John Devaney and Andy Hight's house in Sterling, VA

## FRATER NEWS & BRAGS (continued)



Sebastian Völeker, John Schlesinger, Douglas Delmar Shamblen, Carla Marie Piscitelli, Steve Wertz

▷ Douglas Delmar Shamblen PK10 tied the knot with Carla Marie Piscitelli on June 14, 2003 on the banks of the Rappahannock River.

▷ Grant Hayes was accepted with a full scholarship to the MBA program at the University of Richmond. He is recovering nicely.



▷ Bo Johnson suffered a sport's injury while playing in his softball league. A ball popped him in the eye, the wound required eight stitches. Bo is doing fine and the ladies will be relieved to hear that pretty boy Bo will have little scarring from the injury.

▷ Mark PK129 and Michelle Cole moved into their new house in Hanover County (near Atlee, VA).

▷ Ellery Bradley PK1 was spotted in drag (!) by Darryl Morris PK171 at the Relay for Life at Lee-Davis High School. Ellery was taking part in a contest called "Queen of the Relay" to

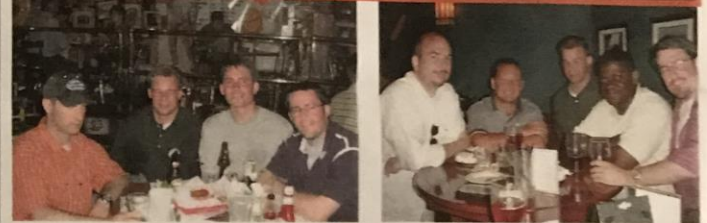
raise money for the American Cancer Society. He did very well raising \$350 that day bringing his total contribution to the Race for the Cure this year to \$1120. Goes to show that a Teke stops at nothing for charity.

▷ On August 1st @ 9 P.M. on The Learning Channel (TLC). Mark PK68 and Staci Thompson, and Michael "Chris" Dunn PK99 will be featured on the hit television show *While You Were Out*. Watch as Staci secretly has the master bedroom decorated while Chris keeps Mark busy in Harper's Ferry rafting and biking.



**PKAA made the Longwood Magazine!**  
After the *Teke Magazine* (Winter Issue 2003) we made the *Longwood Magazine* (Volume 4 no. 2, p35) with our Toys for Tots Party. Pretty cool!

## Greater Richmond and NOVA Monthly Gatherings a success!



The monthly ritual of gathering at local watering holes in the Greater Richmond (GRIC) and Northern Virginia (NOVA) now in its second year is a proven success.

GRIC Tekes meet the last Thursday of the month at 7 PM at a location determined by the popular vote of those attending the prior Gathering. If you want to have it at your favorite spot, show up and vote for it! The NOVA Tekes usually get together on the last Tuesday or Wednesdays around 6 PM. To find out where the next gathering is go to the Alumni side of [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com) and click on Calendar. The events are also announced on the Rho-Kappa Listserve. If you are like Michael Hart allergic to technology call a frater with internet access he'll help you out.

## RHO-KAPPA FORUM ON-LINE

By Sebastian Völeker

In August 1998 the PKAA joined the world wide web. At the onset the website was not much more than a bulletin board where yours truly would post frater information gleaned from various sources. The introduction of the Listserve by Rob Johnston PK111 where one e-mail address allows you to communicate with all the fraters at once was another communication milestone. It forced the website to evolve from posting platform to become the memory of the PK Teke. Now thanks to Steve Wertz PK52 the Longwood Tekes have yet another way to communicate with an on-line forum where PKs can discuss all sorts of topics from current events to one's favorite actress, and believe you me it is an opinionated crowd we have here. One can access the forum by clicking on the *Forum* button on the Alumni side of [www.TKEcentral.com](http://www.TKEcentral.com).

## FRATER NEWS & BRAGS (continued)

▷John Monihan, PK133, married Kathleen Higgins, a 1996 Longwood graduate and a Sigma Kappa, on June 4th in ST Thomas, Virgin Islands. Their wedding included a week long Caribbean cruise with family and wedding participants. John and Kat honeymooned the following week in Nassau, Bahamas. Congratulations to the new couple.

▷Congratulations to the New Longwood Graduates! Alan Carrier PK175, BS degree in Liberal Studies, minor in Economics, Matt Hescocock, PK179 sorry don't know his degree, Seamus Webb, PK181 BS in Biology and Chris Strand, PK183 BS in Liberal Studies, minor in Communications.

▷Stuart Hallett received another Eagle award which is given out to salespeople with at least \$2.5 million in sales for the fiscal year. Stuart turned in \$3.3 million in sales and ranked fourth in the entire HCI/Craftsmen company of roughly 25 branches and 500 employees. His branch also won the "Most Outstanding" branch award for the third time in four years.

▷Congratulations to Steve Wertz PK52, he is the chairman of the committee for his High School reunion. He is also awarded the bonehead award for scheduling the reunion at the same day as the Teke Fling, he might have to share this award with John Monihan who apparently scheduled his wedding reception that day as well.

### ▷From Rho-Kappan Sr. to Rho-Kappa Times ◁

The PK Alumni Newsletter changed names retiring the geriatric sounding *Rho-Kappan Sr.* for a more classic *Rho-Kappa Times* which received 60% of the votes in a poll on the Rho-Kappa Teke Forum. The *Rho-Kappa Alum* came in second with 30% of the vote.

## PK Alumni Association for 2003

At our biannual business meeting held at Longwood during Spring Weekend the following PK Alumni Association officers were elected:



Sebastian Völcker PK15, Prytanis (President).  
Stefan Harris PK148, Epi-Prytanis (Vice-President).  
John Monihan PK133, Crysopholos (Treasurer).  
Clay Hughes PK81, Grammateus (Secretary).  
Darryl Morris, PK171 Hypophetes (Philanthropy).  
Gray Lipford PK113, Histor (Historian & Editor).  
Will Birdsong PK62, Pylortes (Sergeant at Arms).

*Other Tekes important to Rho-Kappa are:*

Jimmy Bell, Esq., PK149, Chapter advisor since 2002.  
Michael Clements, PK3, Board of Advisors.  
Brian Bishop, PK195 Chapter Prytanis (President 2003).  
Herb Huser, BΓ194, Teke Grand Province Advisor Virginia.  
Sebastian Völcker, PK15 Province Advisor PK Longwood.  
Rob Johnston PK111, Listserve Guru.  
Steve Wertz PK52, Forum Handler.

## Gift Giving Campaign 2003

It is that time of the year again where we pass the hat. We have not just yet become a non-profit, John Monihan PK133 is working on it but getting married does lead to distraction. In all likelihood we should be non-profit by the end of the year, but no promises. If done by the end of the year, we'll send out letters for your taxes, the deduction would be for amount over a certain threshold, say fifteen dollars, we'll have to figure out all the nice legalities of it all when we are there.

Some changes to the donation card, the David Buchanan Scholarship has a place of honor in our hearts of course. Last year, we the Alumni Association, were able to donate \$415.00 to the scholarship, it would be great if we could at least match that and may be break the \$500 mark. We also thought to add the Alzheimer Foundation. TKE International pledged to raise \$240,000.00 in three years to honor Frater Ronald Reagan who suffers from this terrible condition. All donations designated for the chapter will go to repay the loan the Chapter undertook with the Alumni Association for the foam machine.

Thank you for your support.

### Rho-Kappa Board of Advisors CALLING ALL INTERESTED FRATERS!

Please contact JABBA aka Frater Michael Clements  
at [mclement@longwood.edu](mailto:mclement@longwood.edu)  
type **BOA** in the subject line

Some Fraters believe that a Board of Advisors is not necessary unless there is a House. Nothing could be further from the truth! As it's name implies, the **Board of Advisors** is just that; a group of volunteers who provides advise and direction to a Chapter. While housing is important, the paramount purpose is to advise the collegiate members on all aspects of Chapter operations.

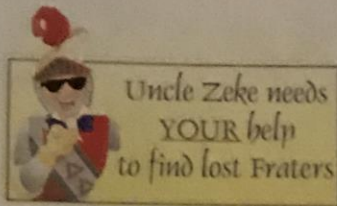
The Chapter Board of Advisors is the corporate Board of Directors for the Chapter, and, as such, has responsibility for property in the name of the Chapter. Another prime function is to be sure all efforts for advising and supporting the Chapter are fully integrated

Positions available on the Board of Advisors and abbreviated responsibilities include:

**Board Vice Chair** - Public relations: written Public Relations Policy; Bylaws: written; reviewed/updated annually; coordination of Chapter Committees; Risk Management: written Risk Management Policy. Works with Chapter Epiprytanis and Chapter Pylortes.

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## OUR MEMBERSHIP



The other day I was e-mailing with Frater Hartwig AY14, he told me that his association was missing 45 alumni out of 400 and he and his brothers were pulling all

the stops trying to track these down. Our membership is at 112 members. What that means is that the PKAA has the mailing addresses of that many fraters plus a few friends of PK out of a total scroll of 212 (we have 21 actives) so we are missing a bunch of fraters. I tend to rely on my memory to catch the fraters that are not on the mailing list and obviously that is not working, just the other day John Bridgeforth was at our monthly get together and I did not remember he was not on my list. This is but one instance and there have been many more. Lambda Upsilon has made the search for fraters a team effort and it would be great if we could do the same. From now on, the list of missing fraters will be posted on the website, so that all can see who is not accounted for. Listed below are our missing fraters, some like our recent graduates are just temporarily missing I am sure, but others like John Winston, Jett Driver, Walter Alford, Cherry Hill and many others have been off the radar screen for quite some time. Let the motto Fraternity for Life ring true for Rho-Kappa. I am open to any suggestions on how to grow our membership numbers. If every frater can account for his little and big brother we should have everybody rounded up for the Holiday party on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Hope to hear from many of you with addresses and suggestions. YITB, Sebastian PK15. [Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com](mailto:Sebastian@SnowdenHill.com).

## BOARD OF ADVISORS (continued)

**Board Secretary** - General correspondence; reports and forms required by the International Fraternity. Works with Chapter Grammateus.

**Board Treasurer** - Finances: written Financial Policy; budget; contracts; collection of dues, fees, etc.; payment of bills; conduct audits. Works with Chapter Crysophylos.

**Board Membership Advisor** - Membership recruiting: written year-round Membership Recruiting Program. Works with Chapter Membership Chair.

**Board Service Advisor** - Volunteer and community service: written Service Program. Works with Chapter Service Chair.

The Alumni Association Prytanis, Campus Advisor, Board Chair, Chapter Prytanis and Chapter Crysophylos also maintain critical functions on the Board of Advisors.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Frater Michael Clements at [mclement@longwood.edu](mailto:mclement@longwood.edu) with BOA indicated in the subject line.

## TAU KAPPA EPSILON...THE FRATERNITY FOR LIFE!



### Looking for these Alumni

Walter N. Alford Jr. PK033  
Eddy Alvarez PK 079  
Robert Donald Baker, Jr. PK 067  
John Henry Bellflower IV PK 017  
David M. Boyd PK 093  
Kevin Michael Boyle PK 153  
John Bridgeforth PK 172  
Jonathan Brooks PK 185  
Lyonel Richard Codding PK 072  
Troy DeWees Davenport PK 110  
Matthew Christopher Day PK 152  
Scott Thomas Douglass PK 154  
Jett Driver III PK 005

Sterling Edwards PK 184  
Jeffrey A. Elmore PK 089  
Jefferey William Bryon Ensor PK 161  
Zach T. Fisher PK 136  
David J. Gordinier, Jr. PK 134  
Robert Hammerschmidt PK 103  
Timothy G. P. Hansen PK 104  
Robert A. Hardy PK 146  
Eric Haupt PK 094  
Matt Hescoock PK 179  
Christopher Allen Hill PK 105  
Matt Hines PK 174  
Damon Howell PK 159  
S. B. Huntington PK 166  
Doug Jones PK 115

Robert Bradford Jones PK 164  
Michael Kozuch PK 169  
Michael J. Leggiardo PK 119  
George B. Lodge, Jr. PK 143  
Kyle S. Marion PK 006  
Kenneth O. McConnell, Jr. PK 130  
David Meadows PK 080  
Brandon Scott Morris PK 150  
William Robert Overstreet, Jr. PK 83  
Brian Peter Passerini PK 162  
Marcus Lee Paxton PK 078  
Terry Peele PK 039  
Andrew Polster PK 147  
Terrome DaShawn Reid PK 158

Ben Rogers PK190  
Darryl Wayne Shifflet PK 029  
Robert S. Smith PK 035  
Trevayne Friend Smith PK 138  
James O. Spevak PK 054  
Dan Steele PK191  
Chris Strand PK 183  
Gianni Venturi PK 034  
Todd W. Vogel PK 127  
Bryan Clayton Wallin PK 087  
Seamus Webb PK 181  
Mark Williams PK 173  
John Winston PK 030  
Sam St Phard (Centenary College)

### No addresses for these honoraries:

Arthur Alexander PK 156  
Walter Alford, Sr PK 048  
Robert Clinton Clater, Jr. PK 042  
Donald Douglas PK 046  
Wade Douglas PK 047

Richard Holmes Dunn PK 108  
Allen Ray Hill PK 109  
Basil Harvey Johnson, Jr. PK 073  
Peter Kasper PK 056  
Donald C. McCauley, Sr. PK 053  
Aubrey B. Merchant PK 043

William Robert Overstreet, Sr. PK 096  
Chris Ozard PK 168  
Mike Passicus PK 188  
Keith D. Roots PK 122  
Thomas W. Sawyer PK 141  
Michael Sheffield PK 044

Stanley J. Smith PK 049  
Erv T. Spevak PK 057  
Michael Martin Valenzuela PK 157  
Joey Vincent PK 194  
Robert Wasinger PK 098  
Noah Edward Wood, Jr. PK 045