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Rho TKE Alumni Newsletter

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You're reading the first edition of the Rho TKE Alumni Newsletter. This is the initial step in the effort to launch an alumni association for the West Virginia University (Rho) Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

In the last month of networking with Alumni, we've re-connected with many brothers, and have made great strides in bringing the contact list up-to-date. It has been great talking with guys I hadn't spoken with in years, and meeting others I haven't met before. We have brothers from Morgantown to Shanghai.

Matt Brady (P 945) has been an absolutely instrumental in jump-starting the Alumni Association. He built a new website and alumni database. There you can keep your own contact information updated, search for you best friends, find upcoming alumni events, and see classic and recent photos. Check out the new website: www.rhotkealumni.org. All alumni with a known email address have been added to the alumni@rhotkealumni.org email distribution list as well. This email address can be used to long lost brothers and find out who will be attending upcoming events and football games. Please send any new or updated addresses to this address. And thanks to Matt.

Our first face-to-face Alumni event will be the Red Carnation Ball in Morgantown, April 21 & 22. Call your brothers and make plans to attend. The First alumni meeting will take place before the ball. See cost and details below. Join us and make this first official Alumni event a successful one.

- A message from Scott Chatelain (P 693, 1983-5)

ACTIVE NEWS

- The brothers cleaned-up in fall rush. They rushed 24 guys and initiated 19 in November. That's the largest pledge class on campus this semester, and the largest TKE rush in a while. I met the new brothers in November, and was very impressed with high caliber of the bothers and new initiates.
- Teke's are still living on Fraternity row high atop of High Street. The house is in the midst of a transfer of ownership. Alumni brother, and partial owner, Justin Byers (P968, init 1995) is in the process of buying the TKE house outright. Justin has committed to making improvements to the most critical needs. Congratulations Justin on buying the house. We look forward to years of good relations between actives and owner.
- The active brothers would greatly appreciate donations in the form of checks or couches. If you'd like to sponsor an active to help with living expenses, or help in the general housing fund, please send a check to the TKE house with a note telling how the check is to be used. Likewise, if you have couches or chairs in fairly-decent condition, the brothers are always in the market for newer furniture. If you care to donate, contact the active brother Ben Peebles. Contact him at bpeeples@mix.wvu.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Events Committee will need a fast start, as our first planned Alumni Event will be in April. We'll be planning a weekend of events leading up to the Red Carnation Ball. Mark your planner for a road trip to

Morgantown April 21 & 22.

7:00 **Friday Night: Barbeque at the** TKE house.

9:00 Saturday morning golf Evergreen (or TBA)

1:00 Lunch/ Alumni Meeting TKE house

6:00 Cocktail Hour at the TKE house

8:00 RCB at the Lazy Lizard (Justin Byer's business) on High Street.

The cost of the RCB events is \$50 per person; make checks payable to Tau Kappa Epsilon. Send payment to before March 15, 2006 to Ben Peebles, 692 N High Street, Morgantown 26505.

Naturally, we'll meet up at football game this fall, but I'd be interested to hear your ideas on regular events you'd like to see, dates or games of significance around which you'd like to plan events. Connect to the "Rho TKE forum" and let me know your ideas. You'll need to set up an ID and Password, but then you'll be good-to-go.

Find the Rho TKE Forum at: <http://www.tke-rho.com/rhoforumv3/index.php>. Reply to my question about alumni event, or start your own string. Alternately, if you have ideas, contact me directly at scottchatelain@sprintmail.com.

BE THE BOARD

Are you interested in being more actively involved in the Alumni Association? There will be opportunities to be a member or the Alumni board, or on a committee. Get in on the ground floor as we build the association

- **Board Member:** 10 members. Meet 3-4 times a year, drive activities of the alumni association, allocate alumni funds and advise on actions of Active members. Within that, there will be President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Liaison to Active Chapter.
- **Committee Chairmen:** Envision having:
 - Events Committee to plans 3 alumni events per year
 - Alumni Records Team
 - Communications Team for newsletters and website
 - Others???

How do I get involved?" You ask. Give Scott Chatelain at call at 703-777-8947 or email scottchatelain@sprintmail.com.

FAST-FWD TO NOW

The alumni records are about 80% validated from re-colonization in 1983 up to recent grads. If you know the whereabouts of any alumni, please send emails, phone numbers, and/or addresses of those you have. Either update the database on the website, or contact Rick Blair with your address lists or current information blairs2@verizon.net.

- Matt Brady (P945, init. 1993) is living in northern Virginia with his wife and two boys, working as a Network Engineer at Cisco. Contact him at mattbrady7@yahoo.com.

- Paul Rudman (P756, init. 1984) lives in "the OC" with his two daughters (14 & 10). He works at Cannon USA and regularly attends concerts with his former Cal State Fullerton TKE brothers. He has some great old pictures of the 1984 Air Band concert. Contact him at ecoratt@juno.com.

- Ryan Herr has started his own food business in Shanghai and has been living there for 2.5 years. He has several store sites there and enjoys the culture differences. RHerr@UrbanChoiceFoods.com

- Eli Jaghab (P723, init. 1983) lives in his hometown of Garden City, NY with his wife and 2 daughters, and works with his father and brother in their law firm. EliJagLaw@aol.com.

- John Cadorette (P928, init. 1993) is living in Philadelphia, and works in Finance unit at PNC. Contact him at john.cadorette@pnc.com.

- Rick Blair (P721, init. 1983) works as a CPA and shuttles his daughters to soccer games. He lives in Maryland not far from Annapolis. Blairs2@verizon.net.

What's your story? Drop me a line, and I'll feature you in the next "FAST-FWD TO NOW".

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Become a member of the board or committees. Contact scottchatelain@sprintmail.com.
- If you have some web-design experience and would like to build on Matt Brady's excellent work, help turn the active and alumni sites into primary communication and marketing tools. Contact mattbrady7@yahoo.com.
- Contribute to the active TKEs. Make checks out to Tau Kappa Epsilon, Rho Chapter. Mail to 692 High St., Morgantown, WV 26505, and note how the check is to be used. Ways to contribute:
 - House Fund: For repairs, updates and short-falls
 - Scholarship Fund: General pool for brothers in need.
 - Sponsor a TKE: Adopt a new initiate. Perhaps financially for TKE dues or school costs, but also to act as big brother and mentor.

ONLINE

- Alumni Site: www.rhotkealumni.org
- Forum Site: www.forums.tke-rho.com