



Rho Chapter Alumni Association

West Virginia University



Rho TKE Alumni Newsletter

February 2007

Message from the President

Fraters

This coming April's Red Carnation Ball (RCB) celebrates the first anniversary of the Rho TKE Alumni Association. At our first Alumni meeting in April 2006, we elected Alumni Officers and Chairmen. The 1-year terms come due this April.

Nominations are being accepted for all offices and chair positions. Announce your interest today. Mid-March, we'll send out an official on-line ballot with all candidates, and Alumni will be asked to vote. Those elected will be notified of the result just before the RCB.

If you'd like to get a sense of a particular role's tasks or time commitment, feel free to contact either me or the current officer. Ideally, we'll have a mix of generations in the officer ranks. The time commitment is manageable even for young professional with kids. See the website for officer contact details www.rhotkealumni.org.

UP FOR VOTE

- President
- Secretary (Communications/Web)
- Treasurer
- Events Chair
- Fund Raising Chair (Fund raising vendor liaison and events)
- Membership Chair
- Housing Chair
- Scholarship Chair

Please send me a reply by March 16th if you would like to be considered for one or several roles and I'll get your name on the ballot. Replies should be sent to scottchatelain@sprintmail.com.

See you at RCB!

Scott Chatelain - P693
Alumni Association President

Events

Red Carnation Ball

The actives have worked very hard and have made arrangements for RCB to be held the weekend of Saturday April 21st, 2007 in Morgantown. Below are details for anyone planning on heading up. There will be a golf outing and an alumni meeting, so everyone is encouraged to attend and support the local guys and reunite with alumni.

Friday, April 20th:

- * 5pm-9pm - Red Carnation BBQ at TKE house
- * 9pm - Party At De Lazy Lizard

Saturday, April 21st:

- * 9am-10:30am - Current Officer/Board Meeting
- * 12pm-6pm - TKE Golf Tourney at Lakeview Golf & Spa Resort (Spa packages available for significant others)
- * 6:30-9:30pm - Red Carnation Ball including Dinner and Awards Ceremony (Cash Bar)
- * 10:00pm - After Party at De Lazy Lizard

Sunday, April 22nd

- * 9:30am-12pm - New Officer Strategy Meeting
- * 9:30am-3pm - Golf For Those Interested

NOTE: There will be buses to Lakeview from downtown to get to dinner and back to De Lazy Lizard after events at Lakeview conclude.

Cost:

We currently have 10 rooms reserved at Lakeview. They are 99\$/night Tax Exempt. Golf at the Mountainview Course is \$29/18 holes or \$20/9 holes. Lakeview Course is \$69/18 or \$34/9. The cost of the RCB events is \$50 per person. We are hoping to reach our goal of 250 attendees. With 60+ actives including anticipated pledge class of spring 07 and dates, we need to shoot for 60 alumni to attend. It is a lofty goal, but with 185 at last years, we can do it!

If you will be attending make checks payable to Tau Kappa Epsilon. Send payment to before March 22, 2006 to Ben Peebles, 692 N High Street, Morgantown 26505.

If you haven't filled out the survey already, please let us know if you will be attending RCB this year by filling out the online survey at the link below:

<http://www.rhotkealumni.org/survey/index.php?sid=8>

Homecoming / Football Schedule

The Mountaineers open the 2007 campaign on Saturday, September 1, at home against Western

Michigan. Other home games are against East Carolina, Mississippi State, Louisville, Connecticut and Pitt. Three games - Maryland, Louisville and Pitt - are already slated for national television. Homecoming will be the weekend of Saturday Oct. 20th, so start planning your hotel accommodations early.

Note: starting times will be announced at a later date.

Sat., Sept. 1, Western Michigan, Parents' Day

Sat., Sept. 8, at Marshall

Thurs., Sept. 13, at Maryland

Sat., Sept. 22, East Carolina

Sat., Sept. 29, at South Florida

Sat., Oct. 6, at Syracuse

Sat., Oct. 20, Mississippi State, Homecoming

Sat., Oct. 27, at Rutgers

Thurs., Nov. 8, Louisville, Mountaineer Day

Sat., Nov. 17, at Cincinnati

Sat., Nov. 24, Connecticut

Sat., Dec. 1, Pitt

West Virginia begins spring practice on March 5. The Gold-Blue Game is set for Saturday, April 7, at Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium; kickoff will be 12:30 p.m.

Yours in the Bond,

Jonathan Auch, P.963

Events Chairman

Strategies & Goals

The officers have been hard at work planning and outlining the strategies and goals for 2007. Overall, the strategy for 2007 is to increase involvement and contribution to the Rho Chapter Alumni Association by establishing the Alumni Association as a recreational and professional connection point. We will enrich the lives of alumni member and active members by enhance the methods and frequency of alumni contact and providing compelling reasons to connect with fellow alumni and contribute to the Alumni Association. Each officer has outlined measurable goals for his respective office for the coming and a few of these goals are outlined below:

Secretary:

- Partner with the Membership Committee to increase the total # of working email addresses on our alumni@rhotkealumni.org email list by 20% with a stretch goal of 30%. Currently total of working email addresses is 155. Target goal of 20% would equal 186 addresses. Stretch goal of 30% would equal 201.

Scholarship:

- Bring the "Nationals" scholarship fund from \$6000 to \$8000 by year end, and \$10,000 by the end of 2008.

Events :

- Host a 2007 Summer Golf event at Frater Al Martine's golf community in Southern, WV.
- Double attendance at regular Morgantown-based events or RCB, and Homecoming Football Game. Grown from estimated 25 alumni at RCB to 50, and estimated 40 alumni at Homecoming to 80.

Membership:

- Sponsor an alumni "telethon", in which a team of active TKEs attempt to contact all alumni on record and classify them as "validated address", "invalid address", "not contacted", or "deceased".
- Make sure all graduating seniors are in the fold in advance of graduation.

A complete list of all of the strategies and goals for Communication, Finance, Scholarship, Events, Membership, Housing and Fundraising can be found on the Alumni Association website at the link below:

<http://www.rhotkealumni.org/alumni-goals-2007.htm>

Chapter Update

Next year we will have 19 brothers occupying the 15 rooms in the TKE house and experiencing new adventures in group living. The house does need some repairs, but we have been managing to stay up to code. Justin Byers has expressed interest and begun developing a plan to raise the two lots at 692 N High St and construct a new house with 18-22 rooms based on several 3 bedroom apartments built on two floors. There would be several common party and game rooms, a television room and a chapter room. Ensuing weeks will tell whether this plan will happen over summer 2007 or 2008.

Having just competed in the 2007 Sigma Kappa Pool Tournament Philanthropy supporting Alzheimers Disease, Ben Peebles and Mike Ocello came in 2nd in the pool tournament and Frater Steven Blackburn was named Sigma Kappa Violet Man, the sorority's sweetheart. Overall we won the philanthropy which strengthens our resume for Best Fraternity on Campus.

Our Best Fraternity on Campus application was submitted on Friday February 23rd. The next step is an interview process that will be held in March and the award will be presented in April. Elections for officers will be held on Sunday April 1st. Retreat for the pledges will be April 14th and they will be initiated the following day.

Scholarship

First I would like to thank all fraters who stepped up and donated to The Rho Chapter scholarship Fund. We started with \$5000.00 in our fund in the December of 2005, and as of December 2006 we had \$6500.00 in our fund.

GREAT JOB FRATERS!! At RCB this year we will give out two \$250.00 scholarships. Which will drop the fund down to \$6000.00.

Our goal is to eventually be able to give out two \$500.00 scholarships on a yearly basis. To get to this goal we need fraters to give every year to the fund, so that we can reward fraters from the undergraduate chapter for their hard work in school and their dedication to our Fraternity. This year I am asking each frater to open his wallet and give at least \$20.00 to the fund. If we can get 100 of us giving at least \$20.00 then we can reach this years

goal of raising the fund to \$8000.00. This will also get us closer to our goal of \$10,000.00 by the end of 2008.

For those of you who don't know about the scholarships: Alumni for the past six years have awarded two fraters at RCB with awards. The awards are named for two fraters who during their college days passed into the Chapter Eternal. Robert Butcher and Phillip Tennant were two frater who believed in TKE and bled crimson lake cherry and pure silver grey. As a fellow frater of this great fraternity I hope that this program will continue for many years to come, and with your help it will.

So please continue to donate if you have in the past. And for those of you that haven't donated before join the others and help continue this honorable program.

If you wish to talk to me about how the scholarships are awarded you can reach me at wbas775tke@msn.com. Please put TKE scholarship in your subject title.

Yours in the Bond,
Gary Nolan Welch-Bass II
P775, Scholarship Chairman

Spread The Word

We are currently only distributing this newsletter by email only, so we could use everyone's help in spreading the word about the Rho TKE Alumni Association. Please forward this e-newsletter on to any Rho TKE's that you have email addresses for. In addition for those who keep in contact with non-internet/non-email reachable TKE's, we could use your help in sending out this newsletter to three or more of your closest TKE friends. If they don't have email, please print and send via US Post. I bet they would appreciate hearing from you and from the Rho Chapter Alumni Association.

If you do receive this newsletter and have an email address we would love to hear from you. Please send us an email at alumni@rhotkealumni.org and we can get you signed up to receive future announcements and newsletters. If you don't have an email address, but updated contact information to pass along or would like to get involved by joining the alumni association please reach out to the fraters below via phone.

Scott Chatelain – Alumni Association President (703-728-9381)

Joe Janosik – Alumni Association Membership Chair (412-855-2324)

So make plans to attend an Alumni Event with three or more of your closest TKE friends by spreading the word!

Online

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

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I _____, am making a donation to "The Rho Chapter Scholarship Fund" in the amount of _____.

Mail to: Tau Kappa Epsilon
TKE Educational Foundation
Indianapolis, IN 46268

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I _____, am making a dues and/or housing donation to "Tau Kappa Epsilon Rho Chapter Board of Control, Inc." in the amount of _____.

Mail to: Samuel R. Cross, Treasurer
14104 Valleyfield Drive
Unit. #5
Silver Spring, MD 20906

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