



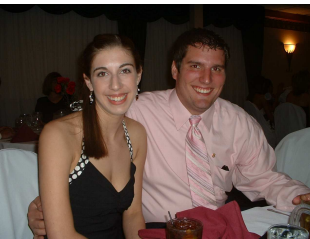
## May-June 2007 Rho TKE Alumni Newsletter



### Message from the Alumni President Matt Brady

#### RCB

With the recent Red Carnation Ball weekend and second annual alumni association officer elections still in the rearview mirror, I truly feel that the direction in which our organization is moving is the right one. At RCB which was held at Lakeview Golf and Spa resort this past April, we had over 200 guests in attendance including 30 alumni. An after party was held upstairs at Justin Byers P.967 bar on High Street, which in true TKE fashion lasted to the wee hours of the morning.



For those that couldn't attend, [pictures from the weekend](#) have been posted our website. I want to take the opportunity to thank every active and alumni that were involved in hosting the most successful RCB weekend that I can remember! I would also like to extend a special thank you to Frater Ted Evans P.464 who drove all the way from Richmond, VA to attend RCB this year. Read Ted's profile later in this newsletter.

#### Our First Year

Over the past year we accomplished a great deal. Everyone who played an active role in making happen should be very proud. Below are a few major accomplishments from the previous year that I would like to share with everyone:

- Elected 8 officers
- Established board of 30 alumni
- Gained official charter with TKE Nationals Organizations
- Collected dues and scholarship donations from 60+ members
- Built online network of over 150 active alumni

#### Goals 2007-2008

In setting the goals for the coming year we would like to accomplish for the chapter in, two priorities are at the top of the list;

1. Increasing donations to the Rho TKE Scholarship Fund held by Nationals
2. Working towards getting a new house built at 692 North High Street.

Gary Welch-Bass II, our Scholarship Chairman, has set a goal of raising \$2000 this year, which would be a %33 increase over what we raised last year. In addition, initial discussions are underway between Rho TKE and the WVU Foundation come up with a plan to have a new TKE house build. Further details regarding both initiatives can be found below.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming summer retreat event.

Matt Brady – P945

Alumni Association President

## New Alumni Officers

At the alumni meeting held each year during RCB weekend we instate the new officers elected via online ballot. This year he had over 60 alumni cast their votes online. We would like to announce new 2007-2008 Rho TKE Alumni Association officers which are listed below. Thanks to everyone that stepped up and took a leadership role this year.

- Secretary: Scott Chatelain P693
- Housing Chairman: Dave Tawney P699
- Scholarship Chairman: Gary Welch-Bass II P775
- Vice President: Joe Janosik P891
- Fundraising Chairman: Tom Hutton P941
- President: Matt Brady P945
- Treasurer: Jonathan Auch P963
- Membership Chairman: Garrett Schneider P1024
- Events Chairman: Eric Dinger P1047

Go to the Rho TKE Alumni to see bios and photos of the officers.

## Upcoming Events

Several events are upcoming that will allow you to connect with alumni brothers. Make sure your email is up-to-date in the alumni database, and look for more event information about a summer golf event and regional events in upcoming emails.

### Vote for Summer Event

Our events chairman, Eric Dinger P1047, is already working on plans for a summer alumni retreat and sent out an online survey with potential retreat locations and activities, so please make sure and cast your vote if you are planning on attending. Please complete a survey even if plan not to attend.



### Regional Plans

Two regional events are currently planned. Frater Dan Long is organizing a Washington Nationals game sometime in June. If you will be in DC in June, contact him at [rdlong0051@hotmail.com](mailto:rdlong0051@hotmail.com). Eric Dinger is also organizing Pirates game Pittsburgh for a series against the Cubbies in the 2nd weekend in July.

### Conclave

Several Rho TKE Alumni are planning to attend the National TKE Conclave in Las Vegas Riviera Hotel, August 5-8. If you are considering attending, link to [http://www.tke.org/member\\_resources/conferences/conclave/](http://www.tke.org/member_resources/conferences/conclave/) for conference and hotel pricing and schedules, and contact [Edinger@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:Edinger@mix.wvu.edu) to talk it through and find out who else is going.

### Homecoming

Matt has been speaking with quite a few people that have been reserving hotel rooms already for homecoming. The buzz is already building around the alumni homecoming event scheduled for the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. I know some folks have already booked rooms at the Hotel Morgan downtown, so if you are considering attending make sure you book your hotel rooms early. If you have any suggestions for any regional or scheduled alumni events please make sure and let [Eric Dinger](mailto:Eric Dinger) know.

The next Alumni Meeting and weekend of events will be at the WVU Homecoming the weekend of Oct. 20, 2007. For more details on the upcoming schedule contact the events chairman Eric Dinger [Edinger@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:Edinger@mix.wvu.edu).

## Scholarship Report

At the 2007 RCB we awarded \$500.00 total in scholarship money to Patrick Curry (Robert Butcher memorial winner) and Peter TenEyck (Phillip Tennant memorial winner). Both fraters were very happy and surprised by the awards. I want to thank those fraters who took TEKE to heart and stepped up and made gifts to our scholarship program. Their generous donations made it possible for us to honor our most recent winners.

At this past RCB the Alumni Association gave out our two annual memorial scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each. The previous six years we gave out two \$150.00 awards. So this year we are starting with a base of \$6000.00 and our goal is to raise at least \$2000.00.

Year	Increase Funds	Scholarships Awarded
2000-2005		2x\$150
2006	\$1,500 (\$5,000 → \$6,500)	2x\$250
<b>2007 Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000 (\$6,000 → \$8,000)</b>	<b>2x\$500</b>

The plan for this is to get at least 100 alumni to give \$20.00 to our scholarship fund. And if 100 of us give at least \$20.00 we will achieve our goal of \$2000.00. Please step up this year and help make us strong. We currently rank 40th with nationals in amount of scholarship money donated and I think we can do better.

All alumni who have been out of college for more than seven years think back to when you where an undergrad. I'm sure we can all think of someone we knew that wouldn't join TKE because of their parents saying no. Could things have been different if we had a scholarship program that awarded well rounded hard working fraters. Think if we had a program that awarded us \$500.00 or a \$1000.00 for our hard work.

Would you have done anything different to make yourself a better student or a harder working Teke than you already were? I know we did a great job without the program but we are TEKES and should always strive to make things around us better. Remember Charity, Love, and Esteem.

Send donations to:

- 1) Teke Educational Foundation at 8645 Founders Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268. It is very important to put on your check if sending to nationals pay to the order of TEF RHO Chapter Scholarship Fund.
- 2) Scholarship Chairman, Gary Nolan Welch-Bass II P775 at 12 Monument Ln, Morgantown, WV 26508
- 3) Alumni Treasurer Jon Auch at 1206 19<sup>th</sup> St., Vienna WV 26105

To find out more about the process for awarding our Memorial Scholarship awards, please email Gary at [wbasp775tke@msn.com](mailto:wbasp775tke@msn.com) (please put TKE in the title), or call me at 304-376-2277.

YITB, Gary Nolan Welch-Bass II, P775  
Scholarship Chairman & Chapter Advisor

## Our Newest Tekes & Teke Sweethearts

Please welcome **Dylan Brady** born to Dena and Matt Brady (P945, 1997) on Friday, May 11, 2007. Weight 6 lbs 10 oz, and length 20 inches.

**Egidio Tommaso Simonelli** who was born to Nicole and Jose Simonelli (P1008, 2002) on May 10, 2007. Weight 6 lbs 15 oz, and length 20.5 inches.

**Hannah Lynn Wolfe** was born to Tara and Bob Wolfe (P997, 2002) on Jan 16, 2007 in Rock Hill, SC. Weight 5lbs 11 oz, and length 18.75 inches.

## Financial Targets

We've had a recent shift in fundraising goals. We had planned to take on a "house purchase" fund, but the Alumni Association is exploring housing options, and until exact needs are known, we are focusing on shorter-term attainable goals.

**Scholarship Goal:** Raise \$500 by Homecoming (Oct. 20) for scholarship funds, which would put us well on our way to achieve our yearly goal of \$2000.

**Rush Incentive:** Create a rush incentive plan with a payout based on the number of rushees that pledge TKE Rho chapter. \$50 per rushee who becomes initiated. If actives rush and initiate 20 this Fall, we'll give \$1000 toward Spring rush

The purpose of each of these goals is to promote and ensure the survival of Rho TKE. The more money we can provide the actives in scholarship, rush and housing funds the more attractive TKE will look to rushees as well as the parents of prospective pledges.

The best way to help is to pay the \$20 membership 2007 dues, and add another \$20. Be sure to specify on the check or Paypal where you want the money to go.

If your intentions are good, but your financial situation isn't, we are in the process of setting up a monthly auto-deduct program with Paypal to let you subscribe with an amount of your choosing. Look for an email in June to introduce the auto-deduction enrollment.

## Dues

Annual dues are due now for the 2007 fiscal year. They remain reasonable \$20 and are payable by check or Paypal. Donate more and specify funds to scholarship funds or housing. Dues go toward chapter operations, social events, active member scholarships and housing. Join the over 50 members in good standing and pay on-line today.



For more details about [paying dues](#), and scholarship funds in the "Fundraising" pull-down menu.

## Grow Membership

Join the celebration. TKE Rho Chapter Alumni Association celebrated its first year of existence at the Red Carnation Ball April 2007. The Alumni Chapter is recognized by the TKE National Organization, created a reliable database of alumni, and created an active officer and Board of Trustees.

If you are a former West Virginia University TKE, search the database under "Alumni Search", find your WVU TKE friends and update your contact information to receive the quarterly Alumni Newsletter by email.



Contact the current membership chairman, Garrett Schneider to learn how to join the alumni association and be part of future Alumni Events: [gschneid@gmail.com](mailto:gschneid@gmail.com).

## TKE House Update

Over the past few years there has been a concerted effort by WVU and Student Affairs to address current issues facing the Greek system. In the Fall of 2004, the Task Force on Greek Life was created by the University focusing on fraternity housing being sub-standard, numerous city code citations issued, alumni expressing concerns about low membership numbers, and lack of institutional support for the fraternity system. A laundry list of goals and initiatives were created by the task force including building a Greek Village on top of the hill near Belmar Avenue, which would be modeled after the University of South Carolina, the University of Maryland and others.



The Greek Village appears to be a long way off but it does show that the University is committed to improving the Greek system at WVU and is willing to work with all current and future Greek organizations on campus.

For anyone that has visited the TKE House at 692 North High Street in recent years, you have witnessed the condition that the house is currently in. Additionally, many of you have seen the new Kappa Alpha house on the hill that was completed through a partnership between the local KA chapter, the KA alumni and the WVU Foundation.

In an effort to explore the housing options available to our chapter, preliminary meetings have been held between Rho TKE, House owner Justin Byers, Alumni Association officers, and the WVU Foundation. The outcome of those meetings was positive. All parties see an opportunity to work together to provide a new, safe house on the hill that will remain Rho TKE for years to come, which is the ultimate goal. Additional updates will be provided in future newsletters as more progress is made.

## Alumni Profiles

### Jared Riel P1045

Jared Riel is P1045 and pledged TKE in the fall of 2001



"After getting my undergrad from WVU in 2005, I went on to Xavier University in Cincinnati and graduated with a Master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. I am working for a global management consulting firm in Cincinnati, but I am looking for jobs in other locations.

I am 24, not married; and have no kids that I know of.

I like visiting Morgantown, going out, meeting new people, playing basketball, playing tennis, working out, hanging out with the girlfriend, reading, crossword puzzles, attending and/or watching NFL, NBA, and MLB

### Ted Evans P464

Ted Evans is P464 and pledged TKE in the fall of 1960



"I am currently 68 years old. I am married. I have two children. My son is a Chinese linguist in the US Army, a career soldier. My daughter is a Veterinarian. I have one dog, a Miniature Schnauzer named Fritz.

I graduated from WVU in 1964 with a BSME degree. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in Virginia. I finally had the opportunity to get the references I needed and I took the test in 1994 and passed the first time.

- My career started as an Assistant Research Technologist with American Enka Corp. in

games. My favorite team is the Boston Red Sox.

The best memories of WVU are T.B. Tuesdays with Jake and Hissem; 30-pack Thursdays with Alex; running the beer pong table with Joshy, Ben, G-Spot, or Billy Rush; but I have to say the best times of all were the ones when all the guys were together like RCBs or retreats.

Asheville, NC, from 1964 to 1968.

- Hercules Inc in Oxford, GA, as a Project Engineer from 1968 to 1972.
- Hercules Inc in Covington, VA, as a Senior Project Engineer from 1973 to 1981.
- Philip Morris USA in Richmond, VA, as a Project Manager from 1981 to 2001.
- I retired in 2001 after a minor stroke.

My current interests are photography and traveling. We have been to 49 of the 50 states and to about 10 foreign countries. My wife says that I spend too much time on the computer. I have a TiVo unit and I record old movies and some shows to watch.

One of my fondest memories of TKE came shortly after I pledged TKE in 1960. We had a pledge party with Gamma Phi Beta and I met a little girl. She was short, probably less than 5 feet tall, but she was a lot of fun and we dated that whole school year. We went to dances and parties and other events. We had a great time. The next fall, she didn't come back to WVU. I don't remember her name, but I'll never forget the good times we had."