



Alumni of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of

Delta Kappa Epsilon

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Dear Alumni Brothers,

Well after being inundated with "nominations" (volunteers) for the DKE Alumni Association of Virginia Tech we have assembled another stellar slate of candidates. This slate will look very similar to the one previously nominated as our call for nominations has fallen largely on deaf ears. I would like to thank Charlie Munn for 'volunteering' to take on the Treasurer role. Charles takes over for Mike Beam who has served the alumni association in the role over the past four years and has agreed to assist in the transition of activities. Mike's final financial report is summarized below. There is still time for a massive write-in campaign but for now the executive board nominations consist of the following alumni who have agreed to serve on the Board, if elected. **Please return your votes on the enclosed ballot by June 27, 2003.**

DIRECTORS/OFFICERS NOMINEES (*)	
Position	Nominee
Board of Directors Chairman/Director & Alumni President	Dan Johnson (Spring '74)
Director and Treasurer	Charlie Munn (Fall '74)
Director and Secretary	Tom Overton (Spring '85)
Director (Alumni-at-Large)	Jack Hutcheson (Fall '69)
Director (Alumni-at-Large)	Jim Scanlon (Winter '76)

* 2-year term begins July 2005. Final director slot is filled by President of the active chapter of VT DKE.

In addition, we have non-executive board members serving your fraternity in a variety of committees and continue to try to build the momentum with the alumni association to carry us to another level of financial strength in order to fully renovate our fraternity house and insure that Dekes is around for another generation.

One past alumni event was DKE Weekend, which was historically held during the first weekend in May. This was an annual event that brought many alumni back to Blacksburg. However, with the academic calendar changes a few years back, this weekend is now been overrun by final exams. A highly successful "60th Anniversary" get together was organized a few years back and the response and turnout was excellent. We hope to be able to organize similar DKE reunions at least on a regular cycle, including the possibility of a 65th reunion during the Fall 2006. A winning football team regularly brings alumni back for the game. Unfortunately, a much smaller group of those alumni tend to come to the house. I want to remind those of you who attend VT football games that we host tailgates at the house several times each Fall, and I strongly

encourage you to attend one of these. You never know who you will run into or what memories you will rekindle. Likewise with the close proximity of several ACC schools, DKE tailgating for road games is just something that needs to be organized.

Now back to the director elections. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a voting slip for the DKE alumni executive board of directors. Please take the time to vote and provide us with your address information. Our database is always full of holes and we continue to try to keep it updated and current. If your address is still listed as 302 East Roanoke Street, it is time for you to update your file. You will note that we have conveniently added a 2005 dues and donation form. We have 50 brothers that have paid dues and made contributions this year and are looking to best our record of 130 contributors from last year. Actually, the first five dues paying contributors for this year were really stragglers from 2004 so if some of you make two separate contributions this year, we will report you twice to make the numbers look good.

In addition the following brothers have volunteered (or otherwise didn't indicate that they didn't want reenlist) to serve as board committee members and regularly take part in all board activities:

Dick Anderson

Bert Burson

Chuck Davies

Jim Daniel

Jim Emery

Jack Hutcheson

Temple Moore (new blood!) Charlie Lloyd

Dave Rayburn

Please indicate your support by voting for the directors and feel free to contact anyone of us listed to see how you may participate in serving the alumni association.

Now on to the news. On our quest for a major renovation of the Roanoke Street fraternity house we have engaged the services of Reynolds Architects Inc., a local architectural firm, to begin the design work. The first order of business is the zoning issue faced even with the front porch replacement done last fall. The job remains incomplete as the town zoning administrator ruled the front corner an "addition" to the house which is not allowed to any "non-conforming" structure. The Town of Blacksburg, with support from the University modified the zoning laws six years ago to prevent any house in Blacksburg to be used as a fraternity. The DKE house, as well as every other fraternity house located off campus at the time, are now considered as non-conforming use structures, but were grandfathered in under previous zoning ordinances. What this means is that any addition to a non-conforming structure would require the structure to be brought in line with current zoning standards and hence the death of a fraternity house. Notwithstanding this point, we believe the majority of the works planned are much needed repairs and maintenance of the existing structure. However, given the Town's initial ruling as to the porch reconstruction, we hope to get very clear indications as to what is allowable before we commence design work. In this regard, we are desperately in need of a pre-1977 vintage photo of the house which shows the front porch in its original configuration to support our case with the town. Any shot of the full front of the house should do the trick.

Now some amazing alumni news. On May 13th, the featured commencement speaker for the Virginia Tech graduation ceremony is none other than Dave Calhoun, CEO of GE

Transportation, and a VT-DKE from 1979. Brother Calhoun has had quite an illustrious 25-year career at GE since graduating from Tech, and among other things serves on the Pamplin Advisory Council at Tech. Now one can read about Dave Calhoun on the Tech website, but what if fails to mention is that Brother Calhoun ("Coon") really got his business start and managed his first profitable enterprise as Bar Chairman for the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in Blacksburg! Dave has agreed to take time from his schedule to meet with the actives and any alumni in town at the house on Friday, May 13, 2005 (from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.). So if you are nearby, or just need some spare parts for your Gulfstream jet engine, drop in and say hello and take the time to visit the house with a DKE done good.

We continue to try to update our mailing list. Please make sure you send any updates or news information to jadaniel@verizon.net.

FFTHF, Dan Johnson '77

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Messages from the Actives: Spring is always a great time of year in Blacksburg, with the changing weather, trips to the river, and summer just around the corner... As the new President of the active chapter I am very excited about the upcoming year. With eight graduating seniors and around 30 active brothers, we have a lot planned for the fall rush. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months and hopefully seeing you at the DKE football tailgates. Our website should be updated soon so feel free to give it a look and see what we've been up to at <http://www.vtdke.com>. I'd also like to invite you to participate in a survey that Virginia Tech Greek Affairs is conducting. The survey is web-based and located at the following link:

<https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1111813254893>

If you have any questions about the survey, you should call (843) 452-7068. If you have any questions for me feel free to contact me at jbroadbe@vt.edu. Thanks for your participation.

FFTHF, John Broadbent, Active President

Alumni Treasurer's Report: At the time of this newsletter, the Alumni account currently has approx. \$25,500 set aside in the House Renovation fund which will be used to support upcoming architectural work at the house. This includes monies from our 2004 Alumni donations marked for the house fund and the refinancing proceeds from last year. With regard to operating costs, we are halfway to our donation goal for the year. Deposits into the Alumni account from the Active Chapter, administered by Omega Financial, are on budget so far this year. It is important to note, that one of the keys to continued financial stability is a thriving Fraternity house with a full slate of active brothers living in the house. Our planned house renovations should help forward this goal. I encourage you dig deep and continue to support our Fraternity, and again thank you for your past support

FFTHF Mike Beam '85, Alumni Treasurer