



Alumni of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of  
**Delta Kappa Epsilon**  
 P.O. Box 18231, Richmond, Virginia 23226



August 15, 2003

Dear Alumni Brothers,

After tallying the votes from our bi-annual Board of Directors election, I am pleased to report that that against the always tough and well organized 'Unopposed' party slate, the nominated alumni tabulated below were elected unanimously to the new Board serving for the next two years.

DIRECTORS/OFFICERS (*)		
Position	Brother	
Board of Directors Chairman (Director) and Alumni President	Dan Johnson (Spring '74)	
Director and Treasurer	Mike Beam (Winter '85)	
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 beginning in July 2003. Final director slot is always filled by President of the active chapter of DKE at VT.		
BOARD COMMITTEES		
Committee	Co-Chairs	
Alumni-Active Mentoring Committee	Jack Hutcheson (Fall '69)	Dave Rayburn (Fall '94)
Alumni Outreach Committee	Dick Anderson (Winter '64)	Jim Daniel (Fall '84)
Strategic Planning Committee	Bert Burson (Winter '79)	Charlie Lloyd (Fall '68)
Undergraduate Scholarship Committee	Chuck Davies (Spring '68)	Jim Emery (Fall '85)

I would like to congratulate each individual on their election, but also thank them in advance for their service. In particular we would like to put a special thanks to Dick Anderson and Jim Daniel who were instrumental in essentially creating, leading, and maintaining forward momentum for the your DKE alumni organization moving forward over the past four years.

Your alumni organization is a registered, non-profit, entity that holds title to the fraternity house on 302 E. Roanoke Street. We have historically had an 'alumni organization' over the years that responded admirably in times of crisis. As a result the fraternity has survived suspensions, house fires, house condemnations and probations, not to mention a few lesser problems over the years. Hopefully we now have an organization that can stay ahead of the next crisis and provide ongoing continuity for the alumni. This takes a few things: some volunteers to organize things, financial support to keep the house going, a winning football team, but most importantly PARTICIPATION! And participation can be as simple as looking up your old DKE brothers and getting together for an occasional beer. After all, DKE is a social fraternity.

Our crown jewel remains the DKE house. The house is approaching 100 years since its original construction in the early 1900's and has served the DKE brotherhood for the past 35 years. When one converts the each fraternity year into the equivalent standard of seven normal years, which makes the DKE house the equivalent of some 300 years old. Having had the opportunity to visit Blacksburg, I stopped by the grand ole lady of 302 E Roanoke Street. The good news is that the house is still standing and that in itself is by no means a small accomplishment. But deferred and neglected maintenance continue to wreak havoc on *your* house. The roof leaks badly and needs replacement, wood rot repair and painting is long overdue, and the heating system is 30 years old just to name a few of the more pressing needs. These major repairs are long beyond the 'good old days' of contracting Ned Heller for a keg a beer and organizing a brotherhood work detail. Yes, brothers we need your continued financial support (and for those who contribute early in the year a chance to win a pair of tickets to every Tech home games is there courtesy of Dick Anderson). Now I won't go begging for contributions in the first newsletter I write as I am aware that all the big, big donors like to wait until football season to make a contribution anyway.

Of course, as I write this, we know that Virginia Tech has joined the ACC for the 2004/5 school year, a goal the University has sought for decades. This offers a bright future promise for the Hokies' athletic programs, and particularly

football. So, as we close out our last year in the Big East and what promises to be an exciting football season (undoubtedly now inspired with some new venom towards us from other Big East members), I hope you will come back for the three pre-game parties at the house. For this year's tailgates, we have chosen Texas A&M (a great non-conference game on ESPN on Thursday night), Syracuse (a great opponent on Homecoming weekend), and Miami (National Champions numerous times and in Blacksburg on cool November night on national television).

The following are the dates of the Virginia Tech home football games and the alumni brothers who were selected at random from dues paying members to receive a pair of tickets to the games indicated:

VT Opponent	Date	Tailgate	Alumni Ticket Winner (1 pair)
UCF	August 31, 2003	No	Mark Heberle
James Madison	September 6, 2003	No	Stephen Yee
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>September 18, 2003</b>	<b><u>Yes (3 hours before game-time)</u></b>	Graham Coleman
Connecticut	September 27, 2003	No	Bob Dreelin
Syracuse	<b>October 11, 2003</b>	<b><u>Yes (3 hours before game-time)</u></b>	Ben Robison-Hank Mattox (alt)
<b>Miami</b>	<b>November 1, 2003</b>	<b><u>Yes (3 hours before game-time)</u></b>	Willy White
Boston College	November 22, 2003	No	David Haskins

Also, below are reports from the Active President, Drew King, and our Treasurer, Mike Beam. In the next letter, I'll ask the Alumni-Active Mentoring, Strategic Planning, and Undergraduate Scholarship committees to present their report of objectives and goals.

Having relocated back to the US after some 20 years of working and/or living on the west coast or abroad, I am glad to be back in Virginia. After purchasing a home in the west end of Richmond in late 2002, I sent a change of address to Jim Daniel who later sent me a DKE directory and low and behold my neighbor across the street is a Deek! (Floyd Adams, or Puggy to his brothers, Class of '56). I look forward to seeing many of you this Fall and at events to come in the future. Speaking of events, one thing I would like to see is for more are more social gathering of Dekes particularly in the large metropolitan areas of Virginia. As a start, for those brothers in the Richmond area and who are not planning to attend the opening football game against Central Florida, and anyone else who wants to, are all invited with families and friends over to the Johnson house to watch the game. If you live in Richmond and haven't received an invitation already, please consider this it.

FFTHF,

Dan Johnson, Spring '74 - Class of 1977

**P.S. If you haven't paid your dues or made a contributions, or even if you just want to update your address or are seeking the address of another brother, please complete the enclosed card and return in the accompanying envelope (Official Address for Returns: Alumni of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, P.O. Box 18231, Richmond, VA 23226)**

**Messages from the Actives:** I am President for the 2003-04 academic year. The active Brotherhood is enthusiastic about the year to come and have undergone some positive changes. Improvements on the house are getting underway and the establishment of four new committees (Recruiting, Social, House and Fundraising) have already shown signs of benefits for our organization. We look forward to a great pledge class and the continued growth of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Virginia Tech. We've got 31 active brothers heading into this year. That number may drop to 30 depending on one brother who may not return to Tech this fall. There are five brothers living in the house. We are targeting for 12-15 pledges this fall. Our goal is to get our numbers up to the 40-50 in the next few years, and we are going to need a solid active membership to support this. The large amount of attrition we will have from the 19 sections and 1<sup>st</sup> year students. Not all of these will be graduating this year, but we will lose almost all of them by the following year. If you have any comments about the active chapter, the house, or generally, contact Drew King by e-mail at [miking2@vt.edu](mailto:miking2@vt.edu).

FFTHF,

Drew King, Active President

Jim Scanlon, Active Secretary

**Alumni Treasurer's Report**

Fellow Brothers,

Please find attached a snapshot of our current financial condition. We appear to be on track to meet our financial commitments for this year with Your Continued Support. As I've mentioned before, rising insurance rates have slowed our ability to fund larger capital projects for the fraternity, but with your continued support, and a growing Active Brotherhood, we will be positioned to take on these projects in the coming years. For those unfamiliar with the "Omega" line item, this references Omega Financial, which has been contracted by our organization to administer & collect monthly house rent and fraternity dues from our Active Brotherhood. Money collected by Omega is then deposited into the Alumni & Active checking accounts. The goal remains for these monies to cover the primary expenditures during the year (mortgage, property insurance, taxes, and liability insurance). Thanks again for your past and continued support of our Fraternity!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE ΣA CHAPTER OF DKE  
(DATA FROM SIGMA ALPHA PROPERTIES LLC INCLUDED)  
2003 AUGUST CASH FLOW SUMMARY - Prepared by Mike Beam

<b>CASH BALANCE @ 01/01/2003</b>		<b>\$6,449.77</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
CASH CONTRIBUTIONS/DUES (Alumni)	\$9,225.00	
OMEGA DEPOSITS/RENT (Actives)	\$9,340.11	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$18,565.11</b>
<b>EXPENSES &amp; OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
PROPERTY INSURANCE	(\$3,736.00)	
POSTAGE/MAILINGS	(\$1,147.59)	
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	(\$3,711.61)	
LEGAL FEES	(\$539.65)	
REIMBURSEMENTS		
	ACTIVES -	
	RUSH	
	(\$402.98)	
REAL ESTATE TAXES	(\$840.84)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES &amp; OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>(\$10,378.67)</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE @ 08/10/2003</b>		<b>\$14,636.21</b>
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>		
Projected Omega Deposits/Rent	\$7,000.00	
Projected Contributions	\$4,000.00	
		<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b>PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>		
Mortgage	(\$2,651.15)	
Legal Fees	(\$200.00)	
Liability/Risk Insurance 2003-2004	(\$10,000.00)	
Alumni Liability Insurance 2003-2004	(\$2,500.00)	
Postage/Mailings	(\$1,200.00)	
Reimbursements (3 Tailgates)	(\$1,050.00)	
Reimbursements (Rush)	(\$450.00)	
Real Estate Taxes	(\$840.84)	
		<b>(\$18,891.99)</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE ESTIMATED @ 12/31/03</b>		<b>\$6,744.22</b>

FFTHF,

Mike Beam - Alumni Treasurer