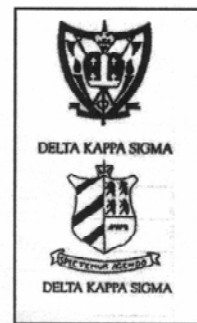




Alumni of the Sigma Alpha Chapter of  
**Delta Kappa Epsilon**

P.O. Box 18231, Richmond, Virginia 23226

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Dear Alumni Brothers,

For many of you on the East Coast it may seem like winter would never end. But the Spring Game, the last pledge class of the 2002-03 school year and the smell of beer from the DKE picnic remind us otherwise.

This spring brings with it the promise of a continuing bright future for the actives and alumni of Dekes. The active Brotherhood is strong in size, character and leadership. Your alumni organization is also in very good shape and is about to move forward with new members on the leadership team. I am pleased to report that when the call went out for new alumni to step up and help out with the running of our organization, you answered. Not since the crisis of five years ago have so many offered a helping hand. It has allowed us to increase the team's size with one additional "At Large" Board Member, create Co-Chairs for the four standing committees and begin the process of organizing local alumni groups. Below is the list of individuals who have been nominated for service on the Board or designated to serve as co-Chairs of our 4 standing committees. Each of these individuals has agreed to serve, including, with respect to the director/officer nominations, if elected. **Please return your votes on the enclosed ballot by June 27, 2003.**

DIRECTORS/OFFICERS NOMINEES (*)		
Position	Nominee	
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 sincerely thank those who agreed to run for office, those who stepped up as committee co-chairmen and local leaders and especially to Tom and Mike who have agreed to stay on in their positions as Secretary and Treasurer. And, I particularly want to thank Tom, Mike, Jim, Hank Mattox, Troy Turner for their service to the alumni organization and on the Board, as well as the active presidents with whom I've worked, including Berkeley Newton, Will Carter, Drew Pettit, and Dirk Whittaker.

Please don't let my optimism mislead you into thinking there are no challenges left and we can slip this baby into cruise control. Nothing could be further from the truth. All is well, but we are just at a stable state where true improvement and change can be implemented. Plans must be made, expectations raised and more energy directed at future goals for the chapter. This must happen if we are going to brake the five-year cycle of boom to bust. So it is not just the core group that needs commitment, but all of you in either time or money.

As my involvement with the board draws to a conclusion, I look back at four years which at times had its challenges. But, I walk away with great confidence and pride in our active and alumni groups, great memories and with the strongest feeling of brotherhood since I walked into the Main Street Deek House some 39 years ago.

FFTHF,

Dick Anderson, Winter of '64

P.S. As usual, the alumni group has purchased one (1) pair of season tickets to Virginia Tech's 2003 home football games. **We'll randomly select the names of alumni who pay their 2003 alumni dues (by July 11, 2003) and give a pair of game tickets to a Virginia Tech home football game for this coming 2003 season to each person selected.**