



# TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Mu Omega Chapter Newsletter

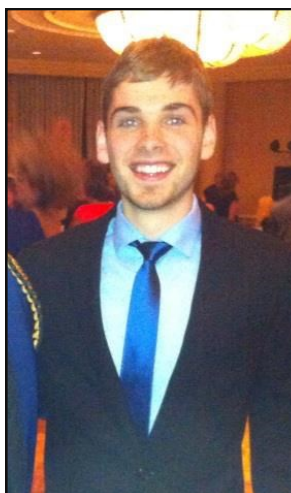
Summer/September 2013

## Conclave 2013– DC

A Reflection by Kevin Canty

It doesn't matter how many times somebody tells you that "Tau Kappa Epsilon is a fraternity for life", it really takes an event like conclaves to drive that idea home. When nearly 1,000 active Tekes from all over the US and Canada descend upon the nation's capitol over the course of four days, that sentiment is proven to be true time and time again. There aren't many other situations in which one could meet former federal prosecutor and former member of the United States House of Representative Bob Barr, Steve Forbes, and the TKE International sweetheart all at the same time.

No matter what corner you turned, you were bound to run into fellow fraters, or even members of the grand council. Throughout the course of the four days, we were given the opportunity to learn from more experienced fraters about things like professionalism, and rush techniques. No matter what stranger you talked with, you always knew that you held the core values of TKE in common with that person. All in all, Conclaves 2013 was a great experience for a Teke to undergo and learn from with fraters from all over.



Kevin Canty

### THE TEKE

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# Red Carnation Ball 2013

Summer 2013



Brandon Kim, Cliff Halt, and Tim Ngyuen

## 2013 Sweetheart

**Logan Wettle**

**ΓΦΒ**



Logan “ATL” Wettle has been a close friend of the fraternity since she came to Mason in 2009. She currently is a senior and majoring in Community Health.

Logan said she was completely shocked and honored that the fraternity chose her to be our sweetheart, and looks forward to being as involved as she can with the chapter, and improving our relations with Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

This year, the Red Carnation Ball was held at the Marriot Hotel in Fredericksburg, VA

## RCB Award Winners

Top Teke— **Jose Aguimatang**

Love, Charity, Esteem— **Trevin Dunn**

Prytanis Award— **Zach Dale**

Most Athletic— **Dom Shoejaie**

Most Likely to Succeed— **Mitch Gilman**

Pledge Mom— **Tigre Jade Fortune**



*Left: Tigre Jade Fortune and Brett Sutterley*

# Calender of Events

September 2013

## SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> LABOR DAY	<b>3</b> CLASSES BEGIN	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RUSH BBQ
<b>8</b> FFL INDUCTION	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> RUSH WEEK- BEGINS	<b>16</b> LAZER TAG	<b>17</b> HARD TIMES	<b>18</b> DODGE- BALL	<b>19</b> HOUSE BBQ	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SMOKER DINNER	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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# 2013 IFC Softball

One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for TEKE– By Trevin Dunn

Yet another academic year has been put behind the brothers of the Mu Omega Chapter. We faced many trials and tribulations as a chapter academically, socially, and financially, but as expected, we came out of it with a stronger bond and love for our fellow Fraters. There is so much that can be said about what we've accomplished this past school year, but what personally impacted me the most was our underdog run to becoming 2013 IFC Intramural Softball Champions. The road to champions wasn't easy, but the season really put into perspective the growth and development that our chapter has seen.

## The Past

Lets start out with a question for all of you Alumni Fraters reading this piece right now... When was the last time TKE won ANY A-League sport on campus?

It was a question the team asked one another when the playoffs started. All that anyone could remember was the lack of commitment we contributed as a chapter when participating in previous years' IFC sports. This served as motivation for us to show the other Greeks that we're not what they think we are. We ARE a force to be reckoned with.

## The Present

There were days before the season started that we got together AS A TEAM and ran full-blown practices. We fielded, hit, fielded, hit, and fielded some more until we decided as a whole who would play what roles for the team. Our lineups on game days were organized and our offense balanced. We knew from the end of game 1 that something special was to be done this season, and we proved it by bringing home the championship!





## The Future

In my eyes, the best part about the season was getting a glimpse of what the younger Fraters had to bring to the table. Their commitment and dedication to something that is still brand new to them was indescribable. The power hitting by Frater Shojaie (2/3 HR over the fence on the season!) and Frater Kopp (Championship Game MVP) boosted the morale of the entire chapter who was out at the games supporting the team. These 2 younger Fraters, along with their pledge brothers, have shown the grandpa brothers that they have what it takes to be catalysts for this Fraternity. They have the ability to continue to better our reputation on campus and take Mu Omega to the top.

If you've made it this far through this section, I thank you. This season meant far more than just wearing the invisible crown of IFC Softball Champions to the Fraters of our chapter. I could sit here and talk about this remarkable season long enough to fill the entire newsletter, but I'll sum it all up with this quote from Edwin Markham:

*"The crest and crowning of all good, life's final star, is Brotherhood."*

At the end of the day, we ARE a fraternity of one. We stand together, we fall together, we persevere together, and we succeed together. If there's ONE instance we remember from this season, let it be the incident at 2<sup>nd</sup> base involving Frater Leidenheimer (if you want the details, ask anyone who played/attended Game 3).

I LOVE the Fraternity.

YITB, #769 Hypophetes

Brett Sutterley 1B

Zach Connor P

Tyler Ammato 2B

Brandan Rutter C

Christian Price RF

Josh Yezzi 2B

Brent Morman LF

Reese Harter RC

Eric Stanley 3B

Dom Shoejaie SS

Trevin Dunn LC

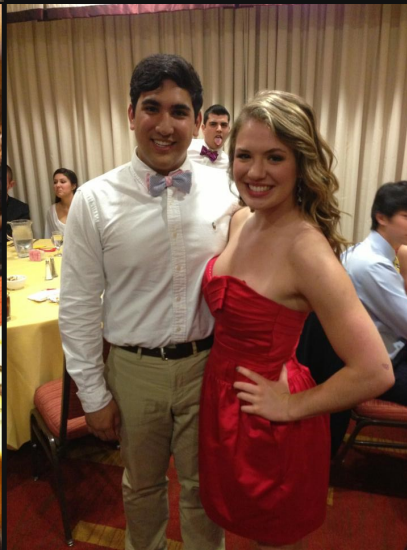
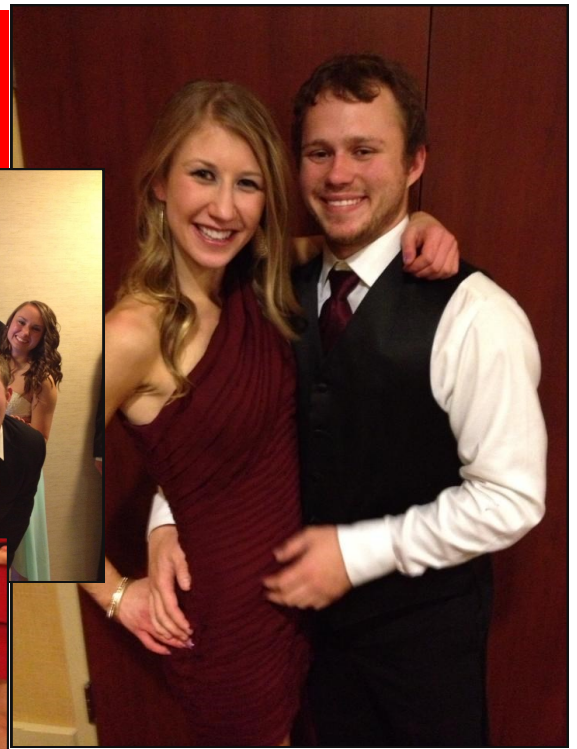
Justin Leidenheimer LF

Most Valuable Player

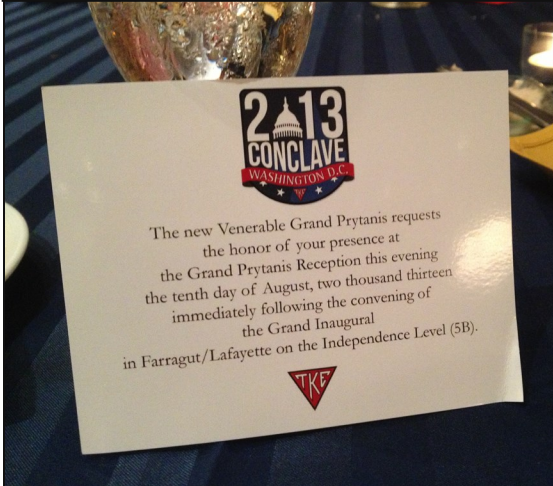
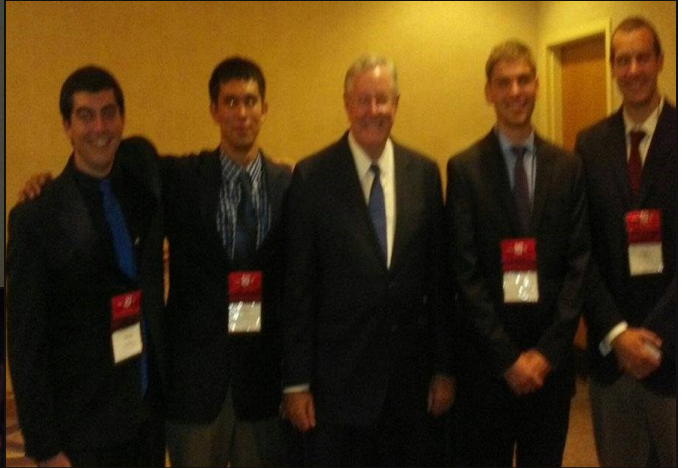
**David Kopp**

Right Center, Catcher

# RCB/Beach Week/Conclave!









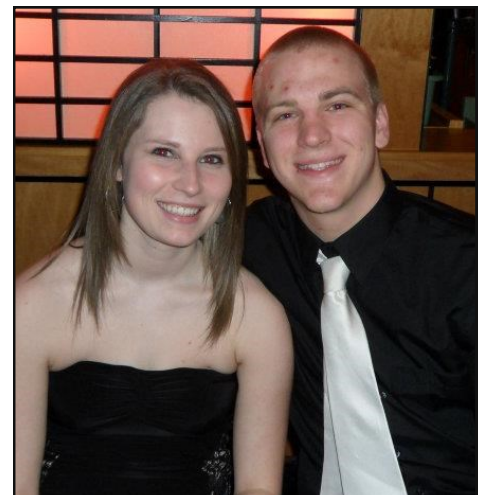
# A Look Ahead– Fall 2013

By Zach Conner, Hegemon

At the end of the 2013 Spring semester Mu-Omega welcomed five new members and bid farewell to 8 Gamma Etas. Coming into Fall, our chapter is prepared to embrace the challenge of filling the void in our active numbers. We also face the challenge of mastering a new RUSH format. On September 3 (3 weeks prior to RUSH week), all IFC fraternities will be allowed to give out bids - this will make RUSH more competitive than ever. Fortunately, we have established a dominant presence on campus that is backed by a brotherhood like no other. Using these two tools, Mu-Omega has high expectations for new-member recruitment.

Anything short of 20 Candidates would be a major disappointment. Our chapter is about to take off and become the top Fraternity on campus, but this cannot be accomplished without a superb pledge class. I've learned a lot from last semester and have never been more confident in my ability to foster a strong pledge class. I will be making big changes in a couple key areas. For starters, I will be holding Big Brothers to a higher level of accountability through the "Big Bro Committee" - I intend to get Big Brothers back to mentoring, not mothering. I will also be putting a lot more effort into educating. Along with the rest of E-Board, I'm going to run a seminar for the active chapter on how to effectively teach our Candidate members. Furthermore, I have essentially made a TKE Knowledge lesson plan that will reinforce the knowledge with background information and practical applications to everyday life. My meetings will be treated like a class where the learning of TKE Knowledge will be of the utmost importance - the importance of good academic performance will be reinforced here as well. With the Chapter's effort and dedication, as well as increased Alumni involvement, expect Gamma Omicron to be a force to be reckoned with for many years to come.

Yours in the Bond,  
Hooch 821





# TEKE WEEK– FALL 2013

Preview of our Biggest Event of the Year!

October 21st- 26th

## **Monday–**

Egg Peg

*North Plaza*

## **Tuesday–**

Percent Fundraiser at Panda Express

*On Campus*

## **Wednesday–**

Head Shave for St. Jude

*North Plaza*

## **Thursday–**

Date Night Auction

*At Arlington Social Haus*

## **Friday–**

“Picnic for Patients” BBQ and Raffle

*Chapter House*

## **Saturday–**

Alumni Football Game!

*On Campus*

This fall semester, Mu Omega will be holding one of the biggest events we’ve had in years, **TEKE WEEK!** The week will consist of several events, with the purpose of fundraising for **St. Jude** and **Reagan Alzheimer's Association**. In addition to this, we will have several brotherhood events throughout the week.

-The general schedule for the week is listed to the left, and more details will come as we start the semester (**GMUTauKappaEpsilon** facebook page)

-If you are interested in donating or being involved in any way, contact **Christian Price** (histor.muomega@gmail.com)

Or **Cody Lanman**  
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-The money you donate will go towards to costs for the week such as the items being raffled, the Egg Peg, the BBQ, and directly to the charities. We have set ourselves a goal of **\$5000** for St. Jude.