

Where are they now?

Dr. John Ruff

Dr. John Ruff, Beta-Psi 697, pledged TKE in the Fall of 1974, his freshman year. Frater Ruff stayed involved in TKE throughout his graduate studies.

Where do you call home? I'm from Peoria, IL, and moved back after my residency in 1985. I got my Bachelor's in 1978 and Master's in 1980, both from ASU. I went to podiatry school and had my residency in Chicago.

What do you do for a living? I am a podiatrist, and have had private practice since 1985.

Tell us about your family. My wife, Mary, is from Hot Springs and graduated from ASU in 1976. She currently teaches art and history in middle school. I have two sons. Jared is finishing Corpsman training in the Navy, and Jake is a senior at the U of Iowa.

Who do you remember most from your collegiate chapter and why? Not one individual but probably most of the seniors my freshman year. They put a good healthy fear into us and taught us the leadership and the responsibility that goes with it. My big brother, Mike Carter, helped me a great deal to get through that first year.

Do you have any advice for the future undergraduate chapter? Take it slow, make sure you get the right people and get a solid base to build on.

Why did you want to be a TKE in the first place? I came to ASU as a 17 year old freshman to play baseball but didn't know a soul. The fraternity gave me a home as well as about 100 instant brothers. It kept me in school. I didn't have much of a baseball career but I got two degrees, met my wife. The fraternity and ASU gave me a great foundation for the rest of my life.

Got any big plans for the future? Continue to be active in my community and profession. Still working on that golf game and as long as the knees hold out enjoy running and playing basketball. One of these days: spoil some grandkids.