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Basic Background

This being the first newsletter, I think its appropriate to write about where I've been, both figuratively and relatively, in order for readers to understand where I'm going.

I was born on June 17, 1985 to Denise and Shawn Kelley.

My parents divorced when I was six years old but I spent a lot of time with both and even lived with each for a period of time so I remain close to them today. As a matter of fact, my entire family is very close and I consider them some of my dear-

est friends.

As a kid, I dipped into several hobbies such as soccer, piano, painting, and modern dance. Nothing really stuck like horseback riding did. I was practically obsessed with horses and riding from age 8

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The Sisters That I Never Had

When every girl goes to college, it's a nerve-racking thing to wonder about whether you'll fit in and with whom. That was not a problem for me... I talk to everyone! I certainly did not see myself in one of those superficial sororities. Who did they think they were, anyways?

Well...here is my foot, and here is my mouth... now insert foot into mouth.

In Spring of 2004 I went ahead and rushed all of the sororities only because my parents said it would look good on a resume. I didn't mean to fall in love. But than again... when

do you ever mean to?

Sigma Kappa was the place for me. They were the beautiful, classy, goofy, "girl next door" types and I knew that was something that I wanted to be a part of.

Being a new member was a big Continued on page 4

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SU	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Moms Wedding
12	13	14	15	16	17 My 20th Birth- day!	18
19	20	21	22 Ryan's HS Graduation!	23	24	25
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and have never really stopped loving it although I cannot find a lot of time or money anymore to pursue it.

In high school I found something else that I truly enjoyed, cheerleading.

I got to incorporate dance with it which made it that much more appealing.

One of the most important things to know about me are my two best friends, Laura and Ashleigh. They are my world

and I attribute so much of my happiness to them!

Now I am a Sophomore at Radford University studying public relations and loving it!



Me and my two best friends, Ashleigh (left) and Laura (right) celebrating my birthday last year.

Daddy's Girl...



Me and my dad playing in the ocean together on a trip to Hawaii!

In classic princess style, I am a daddy's girl. Having said that, here is a short interview with the number one man in my life:

Q: Did I misbehave much as a kid?

A: Yes. You especially loved smacking the heck out of your younger

brother and stealing your mom's nice jewelry for your stuffed animals.

Q: Okay so I was bad, how would you describe yours and my relationship today?

A: Honey, you are one of my best friends today. I am so proud of you and

I feel like you are very open with me and that in return I show you a lot of respect... and shell out a lot of money. Love sure is expensive

A: Well you know they say love isn't easy! Love you Dad!

Appreciating Being a Princess

Being a princess is not the frilly, superficial stuff that it seems. It is also about being in a position to help others, which can often be even more rewarding than anything you can buy!

I really enjoy making other people's days brighter. I look forward to visiting a local retirement home with my sorority every few weeks. We play bingo with the residents chat with them and it really is

beneficial to both parties because we learn from one another.

Another thing I do with the sorority is cleaning trash off the side of a road now and then. The community comes up to us and tells us how much they appreciate it. Their thanks makes getting my precious princess hands dirty all worth while!

My favorite thing I do is being a pen pal to a US Marine in

Iraq. I write to him about the goings on in my life, as well as interesting US and world news that he may not otherwise hear. It gives him a good distraction while he fights for all of the princess privileges that I am here enjoying.

I know I have had a fortunate life and I enjoy sharing that fortune with others, as all young women in my position ought to!



Andy, my pen pal, on our trip to the Bahamas before he left to serve in Iraq!

Bon Voyage!

This past winter, I had the best vacation of my life! I went on a four-day cruise over the 2005 New Year with my grandmother and cousin, Stephanie.

I had been on a cruise before, but this was by far the best! The company really made the experience. My Grandmother and I are really close and she is a lot of fun to

hang out with because she is still 20 years old at heart! My cousin and I are not only close in age (she is 22), but also in personality. Needless to say, it was a fabulous "girls getaway."



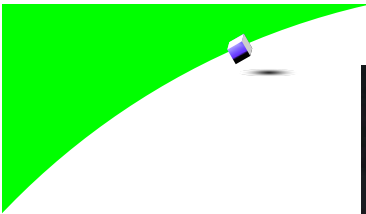
Me, My Grandma, and My Cousin at our New Years Dinner on the Ship!

The most magical thing about the whole trip was that we were on the ship for New Years. We got all dressed up and drank free champagne and danced the night away without the usual New Years worries such as drunk drivers.

Not only was it a fun and safe holiday, but a great way to spend time with and get closer to family!

My Favorite Quote

"Use things, love people, not the other way around" ~ Anon.



Sigma Kappa sisters goofing around at the sorority house!

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wake up call for me. The older girls taught me the importance of respecting myself and why having a large network of girlfriends can be one of the most valuable gifts you can give to yourself.

Sororities are not for everyone. However, I recommend that each young woman at least have an open mind because it could really improve one's quality of time in college!

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Right idea, wrong animal...

...I eventually got things right when I got older though! This is my first horse, Cavalier



When There's no Knight... Go for the Steed!

Being a princess, I have learned that a knight in shining armor is hard to come by.

Pets, on the other hand, are very reliable, and a lot of fun... especially when you can incorporate them as a hobby!

I have had a passion

for riding ever since I was very young. My very first time on a horse was bare-back on the fourth of July... what a memorable moment! Ever since then, I have been horse crazy. I have learned all styles of riding and I have even studied different breeds so I can

pick them out almost immediately!

Whether it be in a fancy jumper show, or galloping bare-back down a beach, riding gives me a lot of joy. Unfortunately, it is expensive... especially on a college budget, but I hope to pick it back up someday soon!