SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday August 14th, Stonehouse Golf Club will host our annual Lambda Chi Alpha Golf Outing. Stonehouse is located just off Interstate 64 at Exit 227 (Toana), west of Williamsburg. We have reserved 10 tee times starting at 10:00 and continuing every 10 minutes until 11:30. The cost will be \$80.00 per player and include your round of golf with cart, boxed lunch and prize money. You are responsible for buying your own beverages, but I will make sure the course brings in extra inventory to cover our usual consumption. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place, longest drive (The Ben Reece Award), and closest to the pin. Each team is allowed to bring one guest and if you need help finding a team we can put one together for you. If you sign up but fail to show or give less than three days notice you will still be responsible for paying your entry fee, so don't oversleep. Last summer we filled the event, so if vour foursome wants in, call or email me TODAY. I need the names in your group so the carts can be marked appropriately and also if you require an early or late tee time. Please contact me ASAP so your group doesn't miss out. Stonehouse Website:

http://www.traditionalclubs.com/stone/

Wes Owens, <u>wesowens@earthlink.net</u> 804-262-2443, 804-921-3614

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Mike Whaley got engaged since the last issue. We don't have the details, but I'm sure you'll hear about it if you make Mikes A List

GIVE US THE SCOOP...

If you have any information, pictures (electronic .gif or .jpg images preferred), or comments you would like to add to the Link, please contact a board member at one of the following email addresses:

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House Renovation Fund Raiser

I hope things are going well with

everyone. We have made quite a bit of

progress on the House. The entire

renovation of the exterior should be

completed within the next couple of

weeks. Early pictures of the house

renovations are included in this issue of

The Link. We are installing all new

replacement (continued on next page)

By Wes Owens

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I apologize for the delay in sending out the Link. I have changed jobs and have been blessed by the birth of our second child, Anna Campbell Ege. She was born on April 15th. In addition to our new addition, Al Hering and his wife had the birth of their first child on June 21st, Al, Jr. Rumor has it that Al has already increased his candy budget and is searching for a car seat for the "VW bus". Also, Al has volunteered to take the midnight feedings and goes head to head in a beer versus milk battle with his son. Congrats Big Al.

We have not had a link since last spring, but we continue to stay busy. The main focus of the last several months has been to finish the house renovations. The actives departed in May and work began quickly. The

Whaley for taking the lead on getting the final phase of the renovation completed.

renovations. The actives departed in May and work began quickly. The scope of the renovation has been increased to include new siding, windows, gutters and a new roof. The total cost is expected to exceed \$20,000. This will be the final phase of the extensive renovation that began two years ago. Assuming a normal life (and not too much wear and tear from the actives) the new structural improvements should be good for another 20 years. No other major renovations are required. A special thanks to **Wes Owens** and **Mike**

I also want to thank **John Densmore** and **Jim Johns**. John was very helpful with figuring out the materials and supplied us the siding and windows at a discounted rate, which saved us a ton of money. Jim Johns met at the house several times and donated materials that included the foam board that goes on before the siding and some of the composite decking for the front porch. He also helped pick out the siding and colors. These guys exemplify the brotherhood and the renovations would not have been possible without their help. Thanks John and Jim.

Finally, I am sorry to report that on July 11th **Turtle** lost his two-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family and loved ones at the time of his death. Our prayers go out to his family. The newspaper announcement read as follows:

EITT, THOMAS HENRY - age 56, of Knoxville, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2004 while surrounded by his family. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Disciple Sunday School Class. Tom was Store Manager of Parisian at West Town Mall for the past four years and worked for the Saks Department Store Group for the past eleven years. He was a graduate from Virginia Tech and the first charter member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Preceded in death by: his parents, Col. Herbert E. and Carmel Eitt. Survived by: his loving wife of 33 years, Helen McQueeney Eitt; daughter, Terri Eitt of Reston, VA; siblings, Mark and wife Elizabeth and Robert and wife Candy; Virginia Costello and husband Neil; uncle, John Michael White; mother-in-law, Veronica McQueeney also as well as a host of in-laws, out-laws, nieces and nephew.

Turtle, we will miss you and are thankful for all the time we had together.

In Zax, Collins - SL 293

See you at the Summer Golf Tournament

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(House Fund Raiser continued): windows, new siding, a new roof, new decking on the front porch, and new gutters. We got most of the material at cost from a couple of brothers in the industry, and Mike Whaley has done a great job of contracting the work at a discounted rate to a Blacksburg subcontractor. The total cost for the renovations will exceed \$20,000.00. To date I have gotten about twenty-five pledges for contributions totaling over twelve thousand dollars from some very generous brothers. We need more help! Please make your Dotson Cup donation early this year, and please give till it hurts. Remember that the more you give the more you get for free at Homecoming. You can send your donations directly to me at 2401 Wedgewood Avenue, Richmond VA 23228. I will notify Proctor of all donations to make sure everyone gets proper Dotson credit. If you want to use a credit card just give me your card #, type of card, & expiration date. Thanks for your generosity.

HOMECOMING 2004

By Wes Owens

This year's homecoming festivities are scheduled for the weekend of October 16th, and will mark the 46th Anniversary of Sigma Omega Tau/Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Last year's Homecoming weekend was one of our best ever, and there is no reason to believe that this year's event won't be even better.

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For those who come to town early for golf, the debauchery begins Thursday night at TOTS. The annual Lambda Chi Alpha Golf Tournament will be Friday morning at Blacksburg Country Club. After the golf tournament we will go to The Hokie House to hook up with arriving brothers, and then to the fraternity house for happy hour and check in. The tent, food, the outdoor bar, and the tables and chairs we had in the back vard of the house last year was a big hit, and we plan on having a similar set up this year. The exterior House renovations will be completed by Homecoming, and the open house/happy hours will be the focal point for homecoming activities. The Friday night party will be closed, and feature live music from the 70's and 80's.

Homecoming 2004 Schedule

Thursday, October 14th T.O.T.S.'S 10:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.

Friday, October 15th Golf Tournament 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Hokie House Happy Hour 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Cocktails & Check In At The House 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Alumni Party At The House 9:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.

Saturday, October 16th Tailgate Party At T.O.T.S 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 A.M.

VA Tech Vs. Florida A & M 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Happy Hour At The House 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Actives Saturday Night Party At The House 9:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.

Sunday, October 17th Get Out Of Town!!!

Saturday morning starting at 9:00 we will all meet up at T.O.T.S for our alumni meeting (including elections) and a catered tailgate. The football game Saturday is against Florida A & M. The Kickoff time for the game has not been announced, but since it is also VA Tech Homecoming it will probably be an early afternoon game. We are attempting to obtain 75 tickets (lots of brothers have their own), but as of now the university says there are no available tickets. Welcome to the ACC and big time football! Whatever tickets we are able to obtain will be available on a first come first serve basis. After the game we will meet back at the house and toast another Hokie victory.

This is a non banquet year, so (continued page 5)

(Homecoming article continued) everyone will be on their own for dinner Saturday night. After dinner it's back to the house for the actives party for the alumni. We are entertaining several options on how to expand on this year's events to make them even more enjoyable to the brotherhood and our guests. Please feel free to email me with any of your suggestions or ideas.

The alumni board and the actives are working hard to make this years Homecoming our best ever, so register now and plan on attending. Please fill out the enclosed homecoming registration/payment form and return it along with a check paying for the party fee and football tickets (if applicable) ASAP. If everyone takes the time to prepay it will cut down on the hassle of having to collect money that weekend. We also need your credit card number to hold your hotel room (thirty five have been reserved), but you will pay for your room when you check out.

Mark October 16th on your calendars now, and start spreading the word. Please email Wes Owens with your suggestions, questions, comments, and most importantly your reservations at wesowens@earthlink.net.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ken Proctor

Well, its that time again, my annual pre-Homecoming wrap-up as we sweat through summer waiting for fall and football season to start again. As you may, or may not know, we are trying to make the outside of the House match the inside of the House this year. That is to say, not look like its falling apart.

Thanks to many of our Brothers, we have the wheels in motion to make that happen before the LCA/SOT Alumni decend on Blacksburg once again this fall like the Cicadas in my back yard this spring. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000.00 in donations to pay for these renovations.

This is where the fun part begins. We are counting on your donations to make this face-lift happen. Think back on how much much you enjoyed the house as an Active and how much more you like having a place to come back to each Fall. Maybe

you've had a good year, maybe you haven't but we appreciate anything and everything you can spare.

Thats the end of my ramblings, I want to thank each of you who've already made your donation, and thank each for you in advance for yours. See you in October (I'll be the drunk one).

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STATE OF THE HOUSE

The exterior renovations to the house are in full swing and are a couple of weeks from completion. The house looks great. We have all new windows. The new roof is on. The siding is just about done.



We also put composite decking on the porch up front. We still need to put gutters up and finish the siding. We have had a lot of help from Alumni. **Jim John** has

basically been a consultant for the job and has gotten us a lot of material at just above cost. Wes **Owens** has consulted and interpreted what needed to be done and has raised additional funds. John Densmore has also been very helpful. We were able to purchase the windows at below cost from him and the siding very inexpensively. This project would have been considerably more expensive without the help of these brothers. As always. I would like to thank all the brothers who continue to contribute money year after year. It is these contributions which continue to make it possible for us to take on projects like this. It shows the strength and dedication that we have as a brotherhood to continue to support the active chapter, the alumni association, and to continue to return and gather in numbers year after year. I look forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming.

Thanks Again, Mike Whaley Zeta House Corporation



34TH ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC RECAP

by Wes Owens



Despite a less than promising weather forecast, close to a hundred alumni, wives, kids, dates, and actives gathered again at the Brooking's country estate Saturday April 3rd for the annual Spring Picnic. Things got started around midday and didn't die down 'til well after dark. The weather turned out O.K. and everyone had a great time. The BBQ was expertly prepared by Louis, and as usual Ginger was an awesome hostess. Although we never got motivated enough to play softball, the

horseshoe pit and volleyball court stayed busy all day, several brothers tried their luck fishing, and thanks to a strong showing by the actives and their dates a new standard in beers consumed was established.

This year's picnic was a real family affair with kids everywhere. Mathew Tidey and Deaton Owens even made their four month old debuts and definitely enjoyed all of the attention. Special thanks to **Scott Tidey** and **Louis** and **Ginger Brookings** for putting together another great day. If you've never been to spring picnic or if it's been a while since you last attended, you should really try making it next year. It is a blast!

House Renovation - In-Progress Photos







Got Email?

We have over 580 Active Alumni, of those; we only have email addresses for about 190. To Update your email today, send AL Hering an email @ hering allan@bah.com



Lost!

We have incorrect street addresses for 85 Alumni. The names of those that we have lost touch with are listed in the table to the right. If you have the contact information for any of these alumni, please send it on to hering allan@bah.com or let these slackers know that we have lost touch with them.

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