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Alumni events - Renew bonds of brotherhood

- **Spring Game Tailgate - Saturday, April 25, 2015, 11:30 - 2:00 (Game Time)**

Chicken Hill Parking Lot, on the grass between Southgate and the lot

Bring your own refreshments and food

Light appetizers will be provided, grill available

- **7th Annual LXA Beach Party - Saturday, July 25, 2015, Noon - 5:00**

Enjoy an afternoon with brothers and guests at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront at 57th Street next to Wyndham Hotel

Bring your own refreshments

Beach games will be available

- **Homecoming - October 2 - 4, 2015**

Friday Golf Tournament, location TBA

Friday evening party at the House

Saturday Alumni Meeting & ***Officer Elections for 2015 - 2017***

Football Game: Pitt vs Tech, Game time TBA

Other events will be scheduled depending on registrants

Call the Days Inn at 540-950-1330 for rooms from the AXA block.

Please register for all events at: <https://squareup.com/market/lambda-chi-alpha-alumni-chapter-at-virginia-tech>

Actives win Phoenix Award

Virginia Tech and the University of Maine were the only chapters selected to receive the Phoenix Award during Lambda Chi Alpha's 55th General Assembly in Phoenix. This significant recognition is presented to a chapter that has made unusually positive strides in overall chapter operations for at least three consecutive years, taking into consideration improved membership size, depth of programming, and risk-free operations. Former High Alpha (chapter president) Joe Perry wrote, "The Lambda Chi alumni magazine came in the mail the other day and I saw that our chapter won the Phoenix Award for most improved chapter in the nation! I actually had to double check to make sure I read it correctly.

"I wasn't sure if the Alumni Board heard the great news, but I wanted to say thanks for everything. For a chapter that was on the chopping block less than a year ago, this obviously recognizes huge steps in the right direction, and it would never have happened without the tireless efforts of our alumni.

"None of it would have been possible without alumni and active officers joining in on conference calls and the alumni coming down for spring clean-ups and generally help keeping the undergrads in check.

Thanks again."

Joe Perry '14 ΣΛ644

Benoit Scholarship Awarded to Justin Woolridge

First funded in the late 1980s through gifts to the Alumni Support Fund, the Robert E. "Doc" Benoit Scholarship has returned this year. Named to honor Doc's long tenure as faculty advisor and mentor to countless brothers, the \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded to Justin Woolridge ΣΑ 630. Justin is a senior, double majoring in accounting and finance with an anticipated graduation date of May 2015. He currently serves the chapter as High Tau (treasurer), is active with intramural sports, and was captain for a Relay for Life Team. The fraternity has taught him that he has a duty to assist others in a time of need.

Doc was first recruited as our Faculty Advisor by Joe Kincheloe '67 ΣΑ247 in 1963 and he has been involved ever since. As an undergraduate at the University of Vermont, Doc was a member of Lambda Iota, founded in 1836, and still in service to the Burlington campus today. This scholarship was established in honor of

his selfless devotion to the fraternity, the compassion and care he has shown for our brothers, his mentorship of countless brothers who needed his leadership and sound advice, and his lifetime of academic pursuits. He also inspired several generations of runners.

While we all know Doc as our brother, his students and colleagues also recognize his academic excellence. He continues to teach today and has been recognized with numerous awards over the years, including Biology Department Teaching Award (1996), Biology Department Advising Award (1996, 1997), Alumni University Teaching Award (1984), Arts & Sciences Teaching Excellence Award (1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1984), Wine Award (2002). Doc served on the Academy of Teaching Excellence continuously since 1984. In 2002, he was also awarded the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Virginia Professor of the Year.

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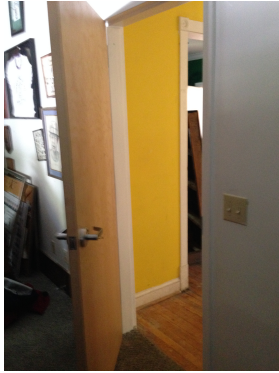
Summer Beach Bash 2014 by Ryan Bennis '06 ΣΑ507

The weather was fantastic for the 2014 Beach Bash at the Virginia Beach oceanfront.



We had the best turnout to date with over 40 brothers, spouses, and kids. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and hope to see everyone and more again next year.

House Repairs for Security and Durability



Thanks to brothers who have supported the Alumni Support Fund, the Alumni Chapter Board of Directors recently approved a \$7,000 bid to install new interior doors on all bedrooms, the Chapter room, and between the living room and front hall. These solid core wooden doors have secure locks and are mounted in metal frames.

Supervised by Mike Whaley

'96 ΣΑ423, CR Graves

Builders, Inc. did an

excellent job. Not only do

the doors improve the

living space, they provide

house brothers the ability

to secure their personal

property as well as improve the security of the house and Chapter room. From our perspective as alumni, this investment will prevent the periodic, if not constant, kicking-in of doors. As we move to a more professional, landlord/renter relationship with the cost incurred to repair all future damage to items that like these doors, will be assessed against the active chapter. These repairs, including the installation of two windows and some repairs to the downstairs floor, were completed over the summer in time for the new academic year.



active brothers, the
have been upgraded,

Inaugural Spring Game Tailgate

A small group of pioneers, including Doc Benoit, initiated a new annual alumni gathering on April 26 at Tech's Spring Game. Under a tent on Southgate Drive, brothers gathered in the Chicken Hill parking lot to celebrate brotherhood, spring, and Tech football. As usual, Mike Whaley served as resident chef with a great meal from Top of the Stairs. Make plans now to return to Blacksburg next spring when the weather is beautiful, hotel rooms are cheap(er), and football tickets are free!



Treasurer's Report by Danny Morse '03 ΣΛ467

Balances (2/18/15)

Alumni Chapter: \$8,460

House Corporation: \$7,500

Mortgage: \$71,915

Alumni Support Fund Donors (1/1/14 - 12/31/14)

Platinum (>=\$1,000)

George R. Camalier '67 ΣΩΤ

Matthew T. Marshall '98 ΣΛ420

John Windsor '77 ΣΛ69

Dotson (>=\$100 & <\$250)

Rob Beale '98 ΣΛ405

Matt Brooking '97 ΣΛ381

John Funkhouser '67 ΣΩΤ

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Eric Lohman '00 ΣΛ474

Jim Monahan '72 ΣΛ26

Danny Morse '04 ΣΛ467

Ken Proctor '00 ΣΛ416 (IMO John Serumgard '00 ΣΛ421)

Bruce Rogers '64 ΣΛ250

Anthony Shultz '81 ΣΛ107

Ron Temple '65 ΣΩΤ

Preston Wall '06 ΣΛ526

Gold (>=\$500 & <\$1,000)

Kurt Zuch '90 ΣΛ280

Silver (>=\$250 & <\$500)

Tim McDermott '77 ΣΛ64

Louis Molinini '00 ΣΛ432

Richard Prestwood '70 ΣΛ23

Alumni Chapter Board needs you!

Elections for officers for the Alumni Chapter Board of Directors will be held during this year's Saturday Alumni Meeting. All current Board members have served for at least four years, representing two consecutive terms. Some members have served longer. All strong, vibrant Boards share at least one characteristic: new ideas and enthusiasm. According to our By-laws, current Board members are required to place in nomination the names of two alumni brothers in good standing for each officer position.

Our alumni have been the consistent force that has helped our fraternity thrive for 57 years and we need brothers to serve in a leadership capacity that are committed to our future. Please consider contacting any of the officers below to inquire more about your ability to serve the fraternity and place your name in nomination.

Jesse Harris, President, drharris21@gmail.com

Louis Molinini, Vice President, louismolinini@yahoo.com

Danny Morse, Treasurer, morse.dp@gmail.com

Tim McDermott, Secretary, tmcdermott@me.com

Matt Brooking, Director, brooking_matt@hotmail.com

Eddie Holcombe, Director, eaholcombe@hotmail.com

Bruce Rogers, Director, brucerogers@newhopetel.net

Lee Smartshan, Director, lsmartsc@gmail.com

Mike Whaley, Director, michael@topofthestairs.net

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Alumni Support Fund
2015 Commitment Form**

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Email Address: _____

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Total Gift	Amount enclosed	Remaining Balance

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Signature	Date

(Gifts are currently not tax deductible; however, we hope you will make a gift regardless.)

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Home address: _____

Additional information:

Title: _____

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Please make checks payable to Lambda Chi Alpha – VT Alumni Chapter and return this form with your gift to:

**Danny Morse, Treasurer
752 9th Street, SE, #302
Washington, DC 20003**

To make a gift to this year's Alumni Support Fund, please mail in this form or point your browser to: <https://squareup.com/market/lambda-chi-alpha-alumni-chapter-at-virginia-tech>

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