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ALUMNI SUPPORT FUND HITS RECORD MARK!

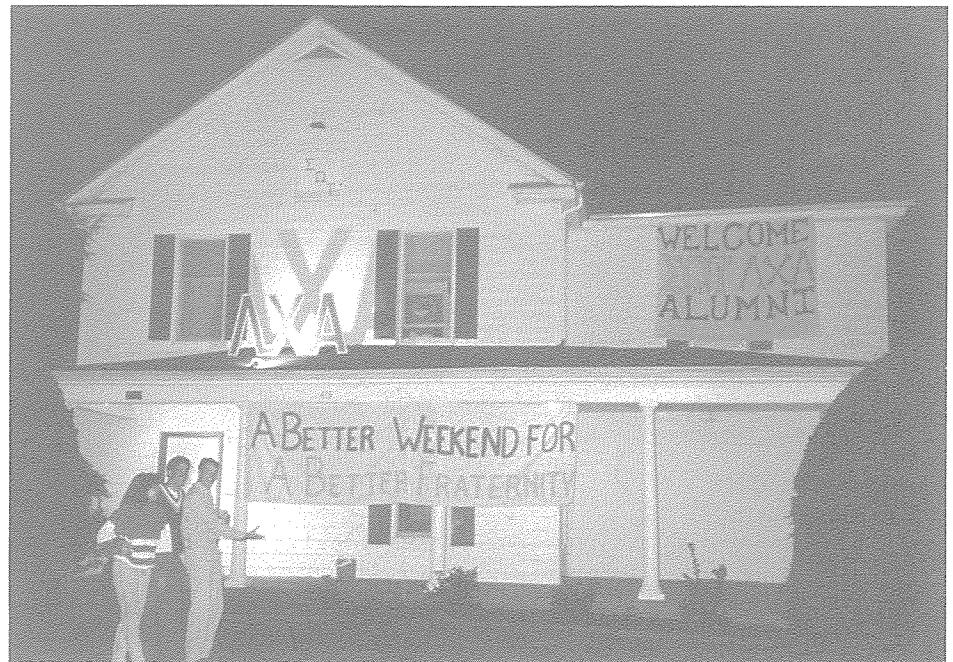
by Tim McDermott

Once again and with tremendous alumni giving, the Alumni Support Fund has attained a record \$7,165.72! This represents an increase of 15% over the previous year. With 11 new donors, the fund received gifts from 74 brothers and one little sister. Out of the 74 donors 63 were at the Dotson Cup level.

This tremendous support has helped enable our fraternity to become one of the best fraternities on campus today. By freeing the active fraternity from the expenses of the alumni communication program, liability insurance for the house, and by providing scholarships and house improvement funds, active funds are left available for needs which directly benefit the undergraduates. Consistent alumni support is but one area which enables Lambda Chi Alpha to become the envy of many other fraternities and sororities on campus today.

This year, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Chapter has decided to initiate a contingency fund with gifts secured through the Alumni Support Fund. While we will continue to fund the programs we have in the past, this new initiative will enable us to not only provide funds for current support, but also, begin a program for future financial security.

Thanks to all who have supported the Alumni Support Fund this past year, and the many who have been consistent



The House never looked better. Unfortunately, the pictures have!

givers for several years. Our truly ANNUAL donors are the brothers who provide the foundation of support upon which rests the success of the Alumni Support Fund.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

by Wayne Nystrom

Your fraternity is in excellent shape on all fronts.

- * Alumni contributions of over \$7,000 set a new record this year.
- * We awarded almost \$1,000 to two actives for the Benoit and the Feathers scholarships.

- * All Alumni functions were well attended.
- * The fraternity house is still standing.
- * Webby still knows how to give the "kool-aid" sign.
- * Doc Benoit continues to provide personal guidance to all of us.
- * The actives win awards on campus, glowing reports from the national fraternity "auditors", and friends among alumni.
- * Alumni communications, including newsletters, special notices, directories and personal contact among brothers is especially strong.

Thanks to everyone for keeping the spirit of brotherhood alive.



Tailgate tent on Saturday before the game (Paul Prideaux, left, and Mike Hall).

A GREAT HOMECOMING

by Joe Kincheloe

The 1989 Sig Tau, Lambda Chi Homecoming dinner was the most emotional banquet that I have ever attended. It seems that there was sadness along with joy. Webby Noblin's very poor health, and the loss of one of our past presidents brought tears to everyone's eyes.

There were also tears of joy when we had the opportunity to give of ourselves by raising over \$400.00 in alumni donations during the game to purchase a new wheel chair for John Tizen. John gives so much of himself by coming to Homecoming every year, and displaying the strength of brotherhood that helps to make our fraternity one of the strongest at VPI.

Again this year the Dotson Cup was blessed with generous contributions bringing the cumulative total to over \$45,000.00 since the program began. What a grand way to celebrate this

milestone with the award of this years Dotson Cup going to Curt Dotson's wife, Audrey, for her donations and enthusiasm. If Curt could have been there, he would have been celebrating with us, making us laugh as he did for so many years as a brother and also as an active alumnus. Those of us that knew Curt, and even the newer brothers that did not, could feel his spirit with us at Homecoming.

It seems that every year Homecoming gets better and better, thanks to all of the hard work, planning, and the opportunity to meet new brothers as well as see old brothers again.

ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

by Todd Dunbar, High Alpha

Well, the fall semester is over, and speaking for the brotherhood I feel it

was very successful. In early fall we initiated 11 new brothers (we are now at sig lam 291) and took on 10 new associates (one of which will be the dreaded #300) after a very successful rush. This will bring our size to about 60 active brothers and associates.

Before I go further about the rest of the semester, though, I have one piece of information from late last spring. At the Greek Awards Banquet, "Doc" Benoit received the award for being the outstanding Faculty Advisor at Virginia Tech, an award that he well deserves and is long overdue.

I feel that right now the fraternity is very well balanced in all areas of fraternal life. The recent changes in alcohol policy and risk management have challenged us to make our parties as fun as in the past. I think we have succeeded and invite all of you to come out to a party and see for yourself. Any of you who attended Homecoming would probably already agree.

We are also continuing to excel in sports and academics. Overall, we finished fifth in points for the sports



Webby misfires on the Kool-Aid sign! (Webby, center, Tim McDermott, left).

trophy and we also won the annual Greek Decathlon. Our chapter grade point average continues to be in the top 5 among fraternities.

We have just completed elections for the next year and have a very qualified High Zeta. The new High Zeta is:

High Alpha - Bob Christian
 High Beta - Dan Moler
 High Gamma - Rob Speeney
 High Tau - John Polishuk
 High Kappa - Bill Laughlin
 High Delta - Rob Reece
 High Phi - Alan Camlet
 High Sigma - Dave Deneroff
 High Epsilon - Ron Hodge
 High Rho - coRho's Chris Kolkhorst,
 Jon Bruce

Spring semester should be very busy for us. We have a full calendar of events including rush, formals, and initiation. If you are ever in town come by the house, we would really enjoy seeing you.

HOMEcomings BRIEFS: INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW . . .

- Fat Daddy ridicules big eaters, keeps the food for himself. Keep it up and you can join Jim Baker in Minnesota.
- Anthony Shultz joins Frank Beamer in watching the game on T.V.. Those were great binoculars Anthony tried to sneak into the game.
- Special prosecutor to be named in Kincheloe scandal. Kincheloe wins tennis tournament again! Something just ain't right.
- Jimmy Hedrick leading contender for Alumni Secretary. Announced candidacy one year in advance.
- All ladies have been required to wear blue dresses to next years homecoming dinner. You had to be there!
- Because he couldn't find his bathroom in his motel room, John DeBell, while only in his underwear, went outside and pecked on Audrey Dodson's sliding door. (She helped him find his bathroom!)

— Webby steals the show! Applaud and he will make a speech. AMEN WEBBY!

A Word of Thanks . . .

- * Special thanks to Chris Kolkhorst and Bob Bragg on their great planning to pull off another very successful homecoming.
- * Jeff Ryan has done a great job on the past newsletters! We appreciate his hard work in making the newsletter into a better one with the production of each issue. Thanks Jeff!

A New Editor . . .

Congratulations to Jon Bruce on being named the editor of the Link. Jon is a sophomore majoring in Building Construction and was initiated into Lambda Chi last fall. Best wishes to Jon as he takes the reigns over from his big brother, Jeff Ryan.

Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Chapter at Virginia Tech

FY 1989 Givers

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Seats on the 35 yard line!

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Dennis D. Parsons
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Richard A. Prestwood
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Lee P. Quillen
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William D. Turman
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John A. Windsor, III
Mark S. Zitz

Notable News . . .

A special committee will be named in the near future to search various avenues of honoring Webby Noblin. Webby is a vital part of our organization and we want to find avenues of keeping his works alive in our fraternity for many years to come. If you have strong feelings about serving on this committee please contact: Roger Howery, 244 Summit Way, Roanoke, Va. 24014.

FEATHERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

It's been four years since Scott Feathers left us. Scott was twenty-two, just married, and ready to attend his first Homecoming as an alumnus when an accident at his job took his life. Such is the tragedy of his death.

But Scott's legacy lives on. This year, a group of alumni, many of whom attended Tech with Scott, initiated a scholarship in his honor. It was agreed that donors to the fund would make an additional gift beyond their normal Dotson Cup contribution to the fraternity. The proceeds were combined to make two awards this year.

Chris Munk, from Flemington, New Jersey, received the first scholarship during the White Rose Banquet. Chris Kolkhorst from Richmond, Virginia, received the second award at the Homecoming Banquet. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academics, fellowship, and leadership—all qualities which Scott Feathers exemplified.

For further information on the Feathers Scholarship, please contact Scott Tidey, (305) 482-0292.



25 Alumni/Spouses take over Crickett's Friday night for dinner.



Hair for Chris—a moustache for Bob.

ALUMNI UPDATE

You will find an Alumni Information Update form enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes of your time and let us know what is going on in your life. If that's too boring, tell us something about your brother's life.

You do not even have to tell the truth. Lie if you please. This newsletter is sometimes the only method we have of finding out about the brotherhood. Take that minute tonight, fill it out, and return it to: Bob Bragg, 4 Carriage Hill, Blacksburg, Va. 24060



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