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22nd Annual Spring Picnic

Saturday, May 18

1:30 p.m. – ?

at

Brookmead Sod Farm, Ashland, VA

hosted by

Louis and Ginger Brooking

White Rose Banquet

by Matt Redford

Lambda Chi Alpha formals were held this year on March 30, 1991. Sixty-seven brothers, four associates, three alumni, and almost all the little sisters took part in this year's festivities. It was truly a great time for all who attended.

Doctor Robert Benoit was honored by the brotherhood with a new briefcase for twenty-five years of service as faculty advisor to Sigma Omega Tau/Lambda Chi Alpha. This year will end his twenty-fourth year and next year he will step down, but we are thankful to have had him for so long, considering that the average tenure of a faculty advisor is two years.

The event was held at Tom Terrific's in Radford and, like last year's, buses were provided so that no one was given the slightest opportunity to drive drunk. Mac McFarland organized the event this year and I think everyone who attended will agree it was very special. Dr. and Mrs. Benoit both said how much it reminded them of the past.

As I am sure most of you know, Webby passed away in the fall. Over the years he has given the invocation before dinner at formals. I decided to give a short speech in memory of our dear friend who showed us the truly important things in life—brotherhood.

This year's annual Noblin Cup Award went to Jim Ludwig. Other awards were as follows: Sports—Dan Moler, Best All Around Brother—Bob Christian, Most Involved—Steve Stombres, and Most Dedicated—Jim Ludwig.

Of course, this year would not have been complete without the twenty minute slide show that contained slides from at least six years ago to the present. The little sisters also gave the brothers their annual gift—a brand-new grill for the deck. All the seniors were recognized and there was plenty of dancing and partying for everyone. All in all, formals was a great success, a real time of bonding. I can't wait until next year's.

Summer Gathering!

Virginia Beach
July 6, 1991
12 Noon-???

at
Wayne and Chad
Nystrom's
108 78th Street
(between Atlantic Ave.
and the ocean)
BYO Everything



Homecoming '91

Mark your
calendars!
October 18-20, 1991

Virginia Tech
vs.
Univ. of Cincinnati

Actives' News

by Steve Stombres

Lambda Chi Alpha has had a very eventful semester. Although university sanctions prevented us from participating in any social or athletic events, we maintained our prominence on campus by focusing our efforts on different aspects of fraternity life. We sponsored fundraisers, such as a Valentine's Day rose sale, which raised \$900 and a mountain bike race which raised \$300. The proceeds, along with alumni contributions, paid for the 1991 house renovations. Several improvements have already been completed. The chapter spent \$400 on replacing the basement ceiling and spent over \$2,800 on our new two-level deck. More house renovations are being planned for early fall 1991.

The brothers also have remained active in the community. This semester Lambda Chi Alpha raised several thousand dollars for the Roberta Maxie Fund and organized the Carol Christian Post Polio Syndrome Fund. We have continued our weekly visits to the Fairview Adult Home and held bingo night for the residents.

The officers and sanctions committee have been dealing with the university since January and have not only met all judiciary requirements satisfactorily, but gone above and beyond that which the judicial committee asked us to do. We sponsored the "Double Vision" program, an alcohol and hazing seminar, in which over 500 pledges and associates campus-wide participated. We have also scheduled hazing presentations for other fraternities and sororities on campus to do away with hazing ignorance among Greeks. The university returned our social and athletic privileges on March 7 and that midnight madness party will be one not soon forgotten by anyone in attendance. On March 30, we had another successful White Rose Ban-

quet although we missed the company of Webby and soon-to-return Marine Tim Kerrigan.

Spring 1991 has been one of consistent improvement. Although we started out on probation, the true character of our fraternity was apparent. Since then we have been nominated for IFC awards including most improved chapter. In a few short months our accomplishments have returned us from probation back to our place as the best fraternity at Virginia Tech.

Alumni News

Michael Moorefield, '73, has been named vice president of the agricultural business unit at Rubbermaid Commercial Products, Inc. Leading the unit, he will be directing all domestic and international marketing, product development, and domestic sales functions of that business. Mike and his family live in Winchester, Virginia.

Ronald L. Temple was re-elected to the Arlington Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and re-elected Vice Chairman of the Board. Ronald is President of CRT, Inc. of Arlington, Virginia.

Bryan Monaghan and **Jeanne Johnson** were married on April 20, 1991, on Long Island, New York. Eight brothers made it to the wedding.

Bill and Tricia Comer had a baby girl, Sara Sheppard. Sara was born on January 91.

Congratulations to everyone!

Spring Picnic

A 21-Year Tradition Continues

Dear Brother,

Make plans now to bring your entire family to our 22nd Annual Spring Picnic on Saturday, May 18th.

Let me be blunt with you! Dennis Parsons (our Alumni President) "volunteered" me to organize this event (along with the help of many other brothers), so...don't even be thinking about coming up with a bunch of lame excuses for not attending. We've worked hard to select a convenient date. We're giving you plenty of advance notice. This truly will be a family event (just keep reading). And, even if you haven't been back to a fraternity alumni event for awhile, I personally guarantee that many of your closest brothers will be at the picnic.

So get busy!!! Check YES on the form below and drop it in the mail to me TODAY. We're expecting a large crowd of old and young brothers. See you and your family on May 18th.

Sigma Beta/Yours in ZAX,



Wayne Nystrom
(aka "Fat Daddy")

What To Bring

Besides your family, some lawn chairs, blankets, and softball gloves, please bring your own main course for your family and bring either a covered dish (salad, beans, fruit, veggies and dip, etc.) or a desert to share with others. Jim Hedrick is bringing a gigantic gas cooker (he has to pull it behind his car) so you can cook burgers, dogs, chicken, steak, ribs, etc.

The charge of \$5 per adult covers beer, soft drinks and ice; children are free. (We'll be collecting "at the door.")

Picnic Agenda

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| 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. | Arrive at the Brookings'; renew old acquaintances; show off children; practice volleyball, croquet, horseshoes; meet new fraternity brothers |
| 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. | For the kids: egg toss, tug of war, wiffleball, trampolene, horseshoes
For the adults: volleyball tournament, croquet tournament (Kinchloe, bring your own trophy!) |
| 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. | Alumni vs. Actives softball game; kids' activities continue |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner begins |

Committee Members

Special thanks to the Spring Picnic Committee for getting it all together!

Jim Hedrick
Butch (Webby) Webber
Anthony Schultz
Louis Brooking
Gus Gee
Willy Harksen

P. Wayne (Pigmy) Andrews
Eddie (Big E) Holcombe
Tom (Turtle) Eitt
Neil Snellings
Wayne (Fat Daddy) Nystrom

Directions

- ☐ From I-95 at Ashland, Virginia, take Rt. 54 West
- ☐ Stay on Rt. 54 West for 6 miles (through Ashland)
- ☐ Look for the 1st farm after the South Anna River
- ☐ Turn right at the "Brookmead Sod Farm" sign (this is Louis and Ginger's farm)
- ☐ Follow the road up to the picnic site

Cut on dotted line and return to: Wayne Nystrom, 825 Arlington Circle, Richmond, VA 23229

☐ YES, I'll be there... # of Adults = _____ # of Children = _____

☐ no

Name _____

Phone _____

1991 House Renovations

The active brothers have completed two decks in the back of the house. The decks are adjacent to the house and overlook the backyard and the volleyball court. See the plans below. The brothers have also replaced the basement ceiling which was in bad need of repair. This is the first phase in the current house renovation plans.

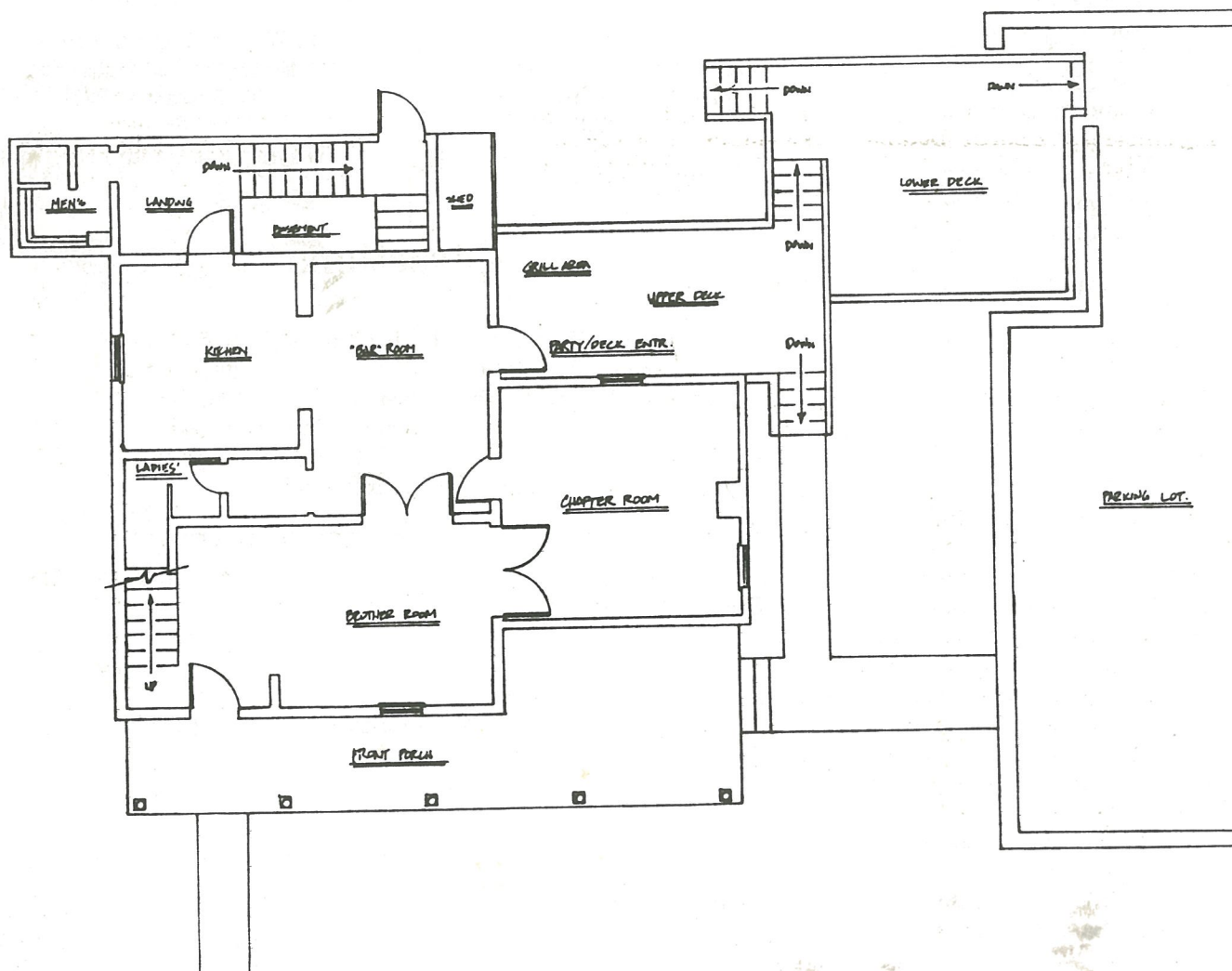
In the fall, a contractor will be chosen to begin the interior renovations. These plans include constructing a new entrance off the deck into the rear of the first floor, converting

the current living room into a Brotherhood Room, expansion of this room by eliminating the foyer, and connecting the Chapter Room to the new Brotherhood Room.

The brothers have been working hard to contribute to these renovations. They held a mountain bike race last fall which raised \$300 for the project and they sold roses on Valentine's Day which added another \$900. Each active brother and associate has contributed \$10 apiece. Finally, the actives contributed their time and labor ... they built the entire

deck (should we really walk on it???). The fraternity needed money only for the materials but that is only the beginning phase.

You recently received a brochure soliciting funds for these construction projects. Any contribution to these worthwhile projects will not count towards your Dotson Cup contribution. The fraternity has received contributions from 22 alumni already! They are still in need of more alumni contributions so that the next phase can begin in the fall. So get your contributions in soon.



Meet Your Alumni Board



From left to right: Eddie Holcombe, Wayne Nystrom, Tom Hanley, Dennis Parsons, and David Head

The current Alumni Board was elected at the last Homecoming and serves until 1992. It consists of the following officers: President—Dennis Parsons, Vice President—Eddie Holcombe, Secretary—Tom Hanley, Treasurer—David Head, and Immediate Past President—Wayne Nystrom.

Our Alumni President, Dennis Parsons is a 1981 graduate majoring in Education. He lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia and is currently the Assistant Principal at Spotsylvania Vocational Center. Prior to that, he taught marketing education at Fort Chisolm High School in Salem, Virginia. He met his wife, Linda, in Salem and they have a 9-year old daughter, Coralyn, and a second child due in September. He has been active in fraternity activities and affairs, starting as an active brother and continuing as an alumnus.

Eddie Holcombe graduated in 1978 with a degree in Business Administration—Finance. He lives in Virginia Beach with his wife, Anne, and their three children, Ashley (8), Andrew (5), and Alex (3). He is an associate with W. B. Jackson and Associates, an insurance and securi-

ties firm in Norfolk. Eddie's chief duty as Alumni Vice President is maintaining the financial health of the alumni association.

Tom Hanley graduated in 1973 with a degree in Geology. He attended Syracuse University where he received his Masters' in Geology. He worked as a research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey until 1986 when he went into private industry working as a software engineer. He plans on returning to geology this fall after course work in groundwater hydrology and contamination at Oklahoma State University. He lives in Falls Church, Virginia with his wife, Terry, and their two children, Catie (8) and Jamie (5). Tom serves as Secretary of the Alumni Board and is editor of *The Link*.

David Head graduated in 1989 with a B.S. in industrial engineering

and operations research. As an Active brother, he served as Chapter President and Alumni Secretary. After graduation, he began working as a management information systems consultant for Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C. David, who serves as the Alumni Treasurer, currently lives in Centreville, Virginia, a suburb of Northern Virginia.

Wayne Nystrom, class of 1969 with an Industrial Engineering degree, is currently President of Information Technologies Corporation (ITC) in Richmond. ITC provides business services and computer systems to law firms throughout the country. Wayne has been involved in launching several companies involved in the business uses of technology. He was also formerly a management consultant with Ernst & Young. Wayne is a ham radio operator (call-sign is W4VGD), racquetball and squash player, and enjoys boating and snow skiing. He has two sons—one a second year student at UVA and one a sophomore in high school. Wayne's wife, Chad, is a marketing manager with IBM and has been working there for the past 10 years. (Well, someone in the family needs a steady job!) Wayne serves as our Immediate Past President.

Your alumni board serves the Sigma Omega Tau and Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Brothers; in other words, ...you. If you have anything to discuss with the Board they will be happy to hear from you. Their home phone numbers are on page 6.

From the Editor—Articles, alumni updates, questions or comments are most welcome and encouraged. They should be mailed to Tom Hanley at:

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Calendar of Events—1991

Spring PicnicMay 18

**Summer Gathering
VA BeachJuly 6**

**Homecoming
BlacksburgOct. 19**

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