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Hats off to Webby

by Bob Christian

"May we have pure hearts that we may approach the ideal of perfect brotherly love." We say these words every Sunday night at the chapter meetings and sometimes I wonder if we really know what perfect brotherly love means? We pride ourselves on the close bond that we share as brothers, but why does such a bond exist? There's one man that every Lambda Chi Alpha from this chapter knows and loves. He has shown us how to love people unconditionally and he stands for what we all strive for in life . . . an inner happiness. The man I'm speaking of is Webby Noblin.

As our philanthropy for many years now, Webby has given the brotherhood something to work towards. He's the true meaning of 'perfect brotherly love'. For nearly two years, the brothers have visited Webby at the Fairview Adult Home in Pulaski County on a weekly basis. We've also been fortunate enough to have him at a few football games, the annual Christmas party, and the White Rose Banquet. Webby celebrated his 59th birthday on April 5th making him one of the oldest living Mongoloids in the nation (the average life expectancy of an individual with Down Syndrome is 40 to 45 years). I'm sure that Webby's zest for life and his ability to overcome many hard times can be attributed to the love that the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha have shown towards him.

Many of the alumni may not be too familiar with the Fairview Adult Home where Webby currently resides. The home

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5
Commencement

May 26
Spring Picnic
Brookmeade Sod Farm,
Ashland, Va.

July 7
Summer Gathering
Fat Daddy's Beach House
78th & Atlantic, Va. Beach

September 8
Lambda Chi Homecoming
(Tech vs. Bowling Green)

is set up for individuals that are able to perform most daily functions by themselves and it has been a great place for Webby for some time now. Unfortunately, Webby's health has not been as good as it has been in the past and he will no longer be able to stay at this particular home. The good news is that Webby will be moving back to Blacksburg into a special home on South Main Street. The home will be able to provide the special attention that Webby needs at this time in his life and will also allow the brothers to visit him more than once a week.

From the old days of Sigma Omega Tau, to the current days of Lambda Chi Alpha, Webby has been a constant throughout all the years that have passed. So stop, take a few minutes out of your busy day, sit back, close your eyes and remember some

White Rose Banquet

by Rob Reece

Our annual White Rose Banquet has once again come and gone. It was held on Saturday, April 7 at Tom Terrific's in Radford. As always, it was an evening to remember for all. Doc Benoit and his wife joined us for the occasion, and both seemed very appreciative of the good time we showed them.

Webby also attended our formals, reminding everyone what the true backbone of our fraternity really is. Once again, he led us in grace before dinner, as well as showing us all the "Kool-Aid" sign before the night was over. Webby was in good spirits all evening, and looked the best we have seen in quite a while.

Dave Torell, our formals coordinator, did an excellent job bringing the evening together. He put a lot of hard work and time in to insure that everyone had a great time. The night ran smoothly, with the exception of the usual bathroom "mishaps" that accompany formals every year. Good job Dave, you have left us with a hard act to follow.



(Senoir Chip Pennington (Left), Webby (Right) at formals).

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of the laughter, some of the tears, and all of the emotion and love that Webby has given to our brotherhood. Remember the old familiar Kool-Aid sign, the never ending smiles, the not so short prayers (AMEN WEBBY!!! AMEN!!!), the hugs, and the love and joy that glows from Webby's face. Finally, think about how much better the world would be if we all loved each other unconditionally, the way Webby loves all of us. Hats off to Webby Noblin... the man that has shown us what perfectly brotherly loves really stands for.

The President's Report

by Wayne Nystrom, Alumni President

At our Alumni Board meeting at the end of March, we had four active brothers attend. As a class of '69' alumni, it's great for me to personally learn first-hand about the state of our fraternity (which continues to be excellent). More importantly, it's truly inspiring to see the spirit of brotherhood span whole generations of brothers (yes, some of these actives were not even born when I graduated from Tech).

As you'll hopefully read elsewhere in this newsletter, your alumni board settled on several important dates:

- * The Spring Picnic is May 26th. It will be held, as it has been for the past twenty or so years, at Louise & Ginger Brooking's sod farm just outside Ashland, Va. If you haven't been to Spring Picnic yet, make plans now to attend.

It's a great outing which has gone from a raucous, racy Camptown Race party to a real family affair, with fraternity brothers of all ages competing in volleyball, croquet, and bullshitting. Details about this event are being mailed to everyone shortly, but make plans now for a great road trip to the Brookings on May 26th.

- * Our Summer Gathering is set for July 7th at our cottage in Virginia Beach. This is becoming a "must attend" event, so get your calendar out now and make plans for a day of fun and sun in July. It's another great way to renew old acquaintances and make new friends among your fraternity brothers. We'll be sending out more info about this event as the summer approaches.
- * Our fraternity Homecoming is September 8th (NOT the Tech Homecoming date). We've received an overwhelming endorsement for scheduling our fraternity homecoming on an "off"

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weekend (Tech plays Bowling Green on Sept. 8th). We're already in the planning stages for this homecoming weekend, and we're sure it will be one of the best we've ever had.

Your alumni board also agreed to a request by the actives to match them on a dollar-for-dollar basis for money they intend to raise to construct a wooden deck on the back of the fraternity house. As most of you know, the alumni association, through its' House Corporation, owns the fraternity house — so we felt that a deck would be a great initiative of the actives. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

Your fraternity played a significant role at an important time of your life . . . keep that spirit alive today. I hope I'll see you at one or all of the upcoming events.

Benoit Scholarship

by Jon Bruce

Congratulations goes out to Charlie Knoll. Charlie was selected as this year's Benoit Scholarship recipient. He was presented with the award by Doc Benoit at our White Rose Banquet on April 7.

Charlie is a junior at Tech from Flemington, N.J. He is majoring in electrical engineering with an overall Q.C.A. of 3.2. Besides keeping his grades up Charlie is also very actively involved with the fraternity and currently resides as our Public Relations Director.

The Benoit Scholarship was for \$600 this year and with your support the award can continue to grow in the future. Once again congratulations to Charlie, his scholarship and dedication to the fraternity make him a well deserving recipient.

UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS MAY NOW BE EARMARKED FOR LAMBDA CHIALPHA

by Bob Bragg

Since coming to Tech more than four years ago I have seen some significant changes in the way the university treats fraternities. There is now an on-campus Greek Row with more houses to be built by next year. Our university president and VP for student affairs are alumni of fraternities and greek activities in general are supported by the current administration.

A significant policy change took place very quietly this year regarding greek organizations and the university's fund raising activities. This change will offer us the opportunity to do some new things which was never before possible.

Now, through the Virginia Tech Annual Fund, you may designate a gift to Virginia Tech for the benefit of the fraternity. The catch to this is that monies raised for Lambda Chi must be used for educational purposes. In our case, we may award the Benoit and Feathers Scholarships from gifts made to our account with the Virginia Tech Foundation.

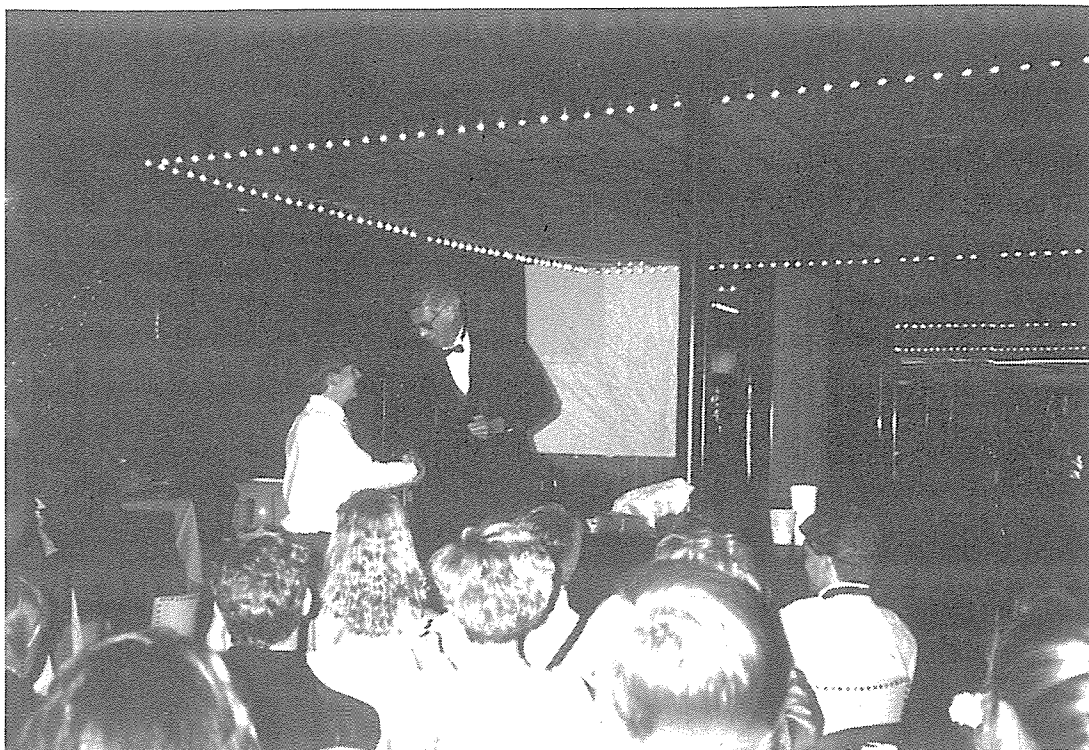
How will this benefit you? First, a gift to this program is tax deductible. Gifts to the Dotson Cup program are not legally tax-deductible because the local fraternity is not a legal charity. Second, you will be counted as a donor to the university and receive recognition for your gift. Third, if your employer has a matching gift program, you may multiply the size of your contribution to Virginia Tech and Lambda

Chi with a smaller personal investment. Currently, the Dotson Cup program cannot receive corporate matching gifts.

How do I make my gift? Simply respond to any Virginia Tech Annual Fund appeal and indicate that your gift should be designated for the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Your check should be made to the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc.

Will I receive Dotson Cup recognition? Unfortunately, the answer is no. The Dotson Cup program supports improvements to the house, the house contingency fund, and our chapter's communication program. Contributions sent to the Virginia Tech Foundation cannot be used for this purpose. We ask that you continue to support the Dotson Cup program to help us fund these critical needs, and consider making an additional gift to the Virginia Tech Annual Fund for Lambda Chi Alpha.

The university offers club recognition to donors making gifts of \$100 or more. Matching gifts count toward your recognition. Donors of \$100 or more receive a special Virginia Tech paperweight; Donors of \$1,000 or more receive a four pound hand-cut Hokie Stone. We hope you consider taking part in this program soon.



(Doc Benoit Congradulating Charlie Knoll)

Sweetheart

by Jason Packwood

Congratulations to Mary Bowman. The honor of Sweetheart was awarded to Mary at this years White Rose Formal. Mary's spirit, enthusiasm and involvement make her a well deserving choice for the title. Besides being a little sister of LCA, she is also a sister of Alpha Phi Sorority. From Virginia Beach, Virginia, Mary is majoring in Liberal Arts and plans on graduating this May.

In this fall Mary hopes on moving out west, to Colorado, and join alumni Jeff Ryan. Whatever the future has in store for Mary and Jeff, we wish them the best of luck, plenty of snow, and hope they will return in the years to come.

Homecoming '90

"Bowling Under the Lights"

SEPTEMBER 8, 1990

VIRGINIA TECH vs. BOWLING GREEN

by Tim McDermott

Following the success of last year's Homecoming and with the enthusiastic recommendation of the vast majority of alumni, we have once again moved the fraternity's Homecoming off of the university's Homecoming date. This year, due to food services problems, we have selected the Bowling Green game on September 8 as our Homecoming date.

This will be an exciting weekend with the added attraction of watching Virginia Tech play a very strong Bowling Green team under the lights on Saturday night. That's right, this a night game and we are counting on some serious partying Friday

night from the "more senior" alumni who will not have to awaken at such an early hour Saturday morning! While we realize this is only week after Labor Day Weekend, we were simply unable to secure catering commitments anywhere in town for any other game. Furthermore, we were concerned about the ability to obtain block room reservations.

While further details will be forthcoming in July with a registration mailing, please note that we currently have made the following arrangements:

Golf and tennis tournaments.

Party at the house on Friday night.

Alumni meeting - time to be established.

Tailgate dinner party by Custom Catering at the Duckpond around 4:00 p.m.

Football - 7:00 p.m.

Back to the house - anytime after the game.

We have secured a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn in Christiansburg. Reservations will be accepted for these rooms with the July registration mailing.

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We also will reserve as many rooms at the Marriott as we are able. For those of you who will assist us in this, please call the Marriott at 703/552-7001 immediately after 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 1990. This is the first date that the hotel will accept reservations for fall football weekends. Reserve as many rooms as possible and notify us of any rooms you have not promised to other brothers when you respond with your reservation. Typically, the Marriott has a 30 day cancellation policy and we will know by then if we need to release any rooms.

This promises to be a spectacular weekend and we hope all alumni will return. The active chapter is inviting their parents which will add to the festival.

Alumni Information Update

- Mark Zitz - Promoted to president and treasurer of Bell Atlantic Financial Services, Inc. and Bell Atlantic Network Corp. in Wilmington, Del.
- Ronald Temple - President CRT, Inc., Arlington, Va.
- Pat Fisher - Engaged to Laura Erkenbrack, Stone Mountain, Ga.
- Aster "Cat" Sizemore - Restaurant owner and football official in the Southeastern Conference, Hazard, Ky.
- Debbie Bella, RD. - Clinical Nutritionist, Charlottesville, Va.

Notes from the Editor

- Any SOT alumni that would like to be initiated into Lambda Chi Alpha please write to: Hi Rho / Lambda Chi Alpha
413 E. Roanoke St.
Blacksburg, Va. 24060
- I would like to hear what you would like to see in your newsletter. Any suggestions? write:
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413 E. Roanoke St.
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- Special thanks goes out to Bob Bragg. Without Bob, the newsletter would never get done. Thanks Bob!



(The Rookies, Having A Blast At Formals)