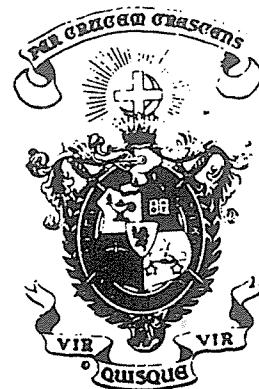


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HOW ABOUT WEBBY

by Todd Dunbar

Although things come and go through time, one person that will always remain constant is Webby, and the love and happiness that he brings to the fraternity. Every time he is present at a function, or when someone mentions his name it is easily seen how much he means to the fraternity.

Webby has been keeping pretty busy since last spring. He moved from the home in Radford to the Fairview Adult Home in Dublin. There he is able to get more medical attention, if needed, and still live in a productive environment. He had no problem adjusting to the new environment and needless to say, he has made many new friends.

Webby is still the Hokies most dedicated fan, to the delight of the hot dog vendors. He was able to go to all but one game this season. He was even able to outlast a few of the younger brothers at Homecoming. He made the early morning meeting, the game, and the anniversary dinner before falling asleep on the way home.

At one point in the fall he was having some trouble breathing, but the nurses finally decided he was just trying to get attention. Keep up the good work Webby. In early December, Webby came to the Christmas party and was overjoyed when Santa Claus stopped by to visit with him. Presently, Webby is doing fine and getting ready to see the Hokies play basketball this weekend. We all hope that his good health remains with for many years to come.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5
Commencement

May 13
Spring Pic Nic/Camptown Races
Brookmeade Sod Farm,
Ashland, VA

July 8
Summer Gathering
Fat Daddy's Beach House
78th & Atlantic, VA Beach

October 28
Lambda Chi Homecoming
(Tech vs. Tulane)

PAST HOMECOMING

by Dave Head

Homecoming 1988 marked 30 years of brotherhood for Sigma Omega Tau/Lambda Chi Alpha. As all homecomings are, this year's celebration was a time to reminisce with old and new friends, and celebrate the great bond we all share. However, because of the 30th anniversary this year's Homecoming weekend seemed a little more special.

Four Sigma Omega Tau brothers participated in a Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Initiation on Friday. These brothers were: Benny Burkett, "Nuggett" Dunn, John "Funky" Funkhouser, and Tom Wall.

The Second Annual Golf Tournament was held, however, we're still searching for the winner. Anyone with information on the victor please contact Bob Bragg. In another puzzling tournament, it has been rumored that Joe Kincheloe weasled his way into the record books as the winner of the second annual One Man/No Competition Tennis Tournament.

Bob Bragg received the L.G. Whitlock Cup for Best Alumnus. Bob is definitely a deserving candidate as he has given two great years to our chapter as Alumni President, and he almost lost his job making sure Homecoming '88 was a success.

The subject of this year's Alumni Cheek Award was Kyle Jones volunteering to speak in favor of Bob Bragg, but instead, bad mouthing him in a futile effort.

1989 VIRGINIA TECH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 18 Cincinnati (1PM)
20 East Tenn. St. (7:30PM)
25 @ Cincinnati (8:05PM)
27 South Carolina (9PM)

Mar. 1 @ Florida St. (7:30PM)
4 Memphis St. (1PM)

Ticket Office: (703) 961-6731 Toll Free
in Virginia: (800) 225-2197 P.O. Box
158, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060



Newly initiated Alumni: "Nugget" Dunn, Tom Wall, Benny Burkett, and John "Funky" Funkhouser. —Congratulations!

The Delta Delta Delta sorority celebrated Homingcoming with us this year and helped make the tailgate one of the best ever. The tailgate was set up next to the duck pond with plenty of beer and food for everyone.

The banquet dinner was held at the Sheraton Red Lion Inn Pavilion. Although some brothers had to go down to the main hotel to eat, everyone had a great time. Benny Burkett and Nuggett Dunn, two charter members of Sigma Omega Tau, shared with us some SOT history. Butch Weber and Joe Kincheloe brought tears to many of our eyes as they described how special Webby is to us. As always, Webby attended the game and dinner and said his traditional prayer to start off the feast. Ryan Mingo proudly received the Doc Benoit Scholarship.

Tim McDermott put together a time capsule to be opened at the fraternity's 50th reunion. Its contents included such items as a credit card, a sock, a joint, and even a bra. The evening culminated in a lot of dancing and fun. For the few who could keep going, the

celebration lasted into the wee hours of the morning back at the house, finishing off the last remaining keg.

On behalf of the active chapter, I would like to thank everyone who came back. We had a great time and appreciate all your support. For those of you who could not make it, we missed you, but look forward to seeing you next year.

ALUMNI SUPPORT FUND SETS ANOTHER NEW RECORD

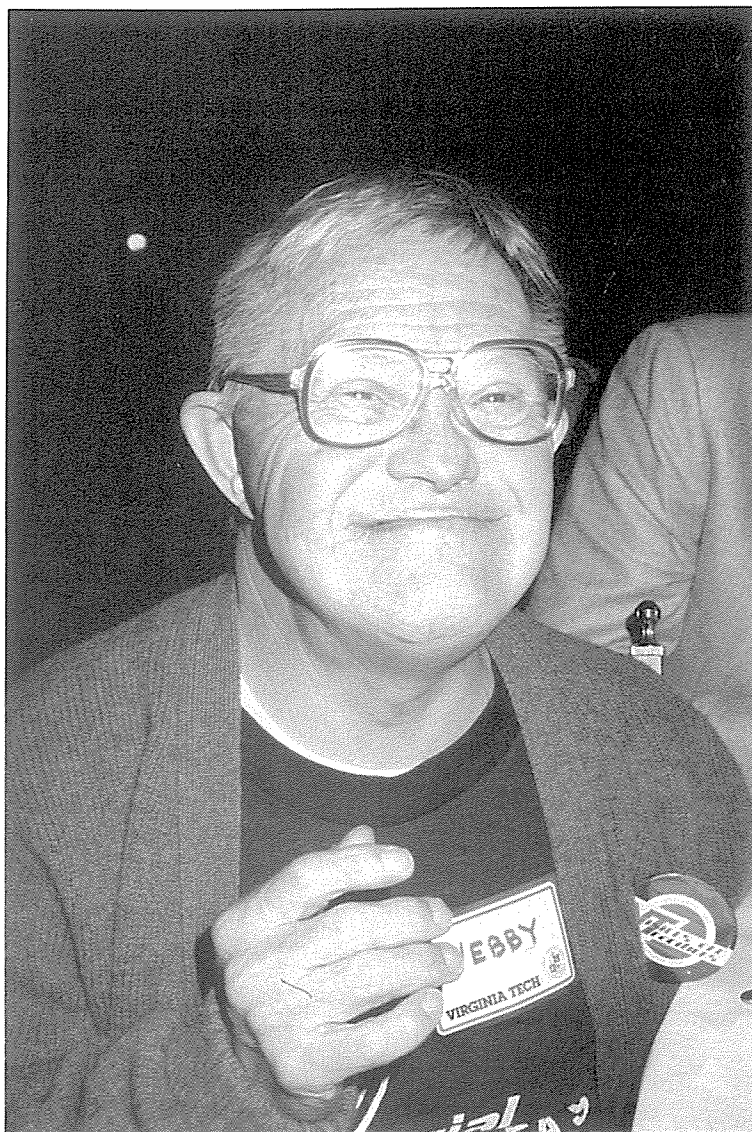
by Tim McDermott

Thanks to 66 brothers and Audrey Dotson Lawson, the Alumni Support Fund set another record during the last fiscal year. Just over \$6,670 was contributed from 67 donors! This is quite a record, particularly if it is compared to other fraternities on campus or other Lambda Chi Chapters around the country. Our thanks to

everyone who contributed to last year's fund. The support which you have so generously provided was especially meaningful during the celebration of our 30th year!

The gifts which are made each year to the alumni support fund enable the Alumni Chapter Board to provide vital support to the active chapter. There is no question that this support and alumni resources have helped enable the active chapter to become one of the best fraternities on campus today. Our continuing support will enable the fraternity to continue to build on its strength into the future.

Specifically, this year's donations once again funded the Robert E. Benoit Scholarship. An award of \$600 was presented to Ryan Mingo during the dinner at the 30th Reunion. As usual, "Doc" was on hand to present the award. Over the years this has become a very meaningful and attractive award for one of the chapter's outstanding leader/scholars. In the future, we hope to increase the amount of the award in the face of rising tuition costs.



Webby in good spirits at Homecoming.

In addition, the front porch deck was completely replaced with the help of funds secured through alumni gifts — and we mean completely. The joists under the deck were replaced and new TONGUE AND GROVE flooring was installed. The active chapter raised approximately half the cost of this long overdue renovation.

The other major project supported through alumni donations was yet another in a long series of improvements to the upstairs bathroom. As most of you remember, this is an ongoing project which seems to renew itself every four years or so. Something very cyclical about that timing!

Finally, Alumni Support Fund money pays for the ongoing alumni communications program. Contributions provide for the cost of preparation and mailing of this

newsletter as well as the minimum of four other pieces of mail sent during each year. This includes the invitations to Spring Picnic, Summer Gathering, White Rose Banquet, the Homecoming Registration mailing, Alumni Support Fund Solicitations, and any other special mailings such as "Fat Daddy's" letter mailed with the January solicitation. We feel no other fraternity on campus can match this communications program. With over seven pieces of mail sent every year, we average a contact with our alumni more that every other month — and this is from a volunteer organization. This is all made possible because of your generosity!

The Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to all who contributed to last year's fund and hope to receive your continuing support in the year's to come.

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A NOTE FROM YOUR NEW ALUM PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers,

The other night I got to swapping stories with Butch Webber and Wayne "Pigmy" Andrews about our fraternity days. It brought back a flood of great memories, like . . .

- The parade we had for Webby down Main Street Blacksburg — fire truck, chief of police, and special visit by "Erwin Kennedy" (Webby's favorite politician).
- Steve Teel's surprise wedding celebration in the basement late one Sunday night as we all partied in our underwear.
- Chugging the "green monster" during hell night and being thankful when the lard and Ivory soap cocktail was finally served so I could "clense my palate."
- My pledge class standing naked out on I-81 (courtesy of the brothers) entertaining passing motorist while trying to get a ride back to campus.
- Toga parties (we were the role model for animal house), and Wallie Dryden's toga falling completely off during the party.
- Steve "Spoons" McPike getting his nickname by being such an accomplished failure at our regular Saturday afternoon game of spoons.

I always welcome the opportunity to get together with brothers and swap old stories. And they always seem to get better as the years go by!

Let's stay in touch with each other, young and old, and keep the spirit of brotherhood alive.

Yours in ZAX,

Wayne "Fat Daddy" Nystrom

Alumni directories are available for brothers interested in reaching out to fellow alumni, and they cost only \$5. Contact Cro Thayer, 328 Fairfax Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23507, (804) 623-5853, to purchase one.

WHITE ROSE BANQUET

by Jeff Ryan

Once again the White Rose Banquet is almost upon us, and this year's will be better than ever. The date is scheduled for April 8th which means warm weather and plenty strapless dresses. It will be held at Tom Terrific's and we believe the meal will be better than the meal at Homecoming (it certainly couldn't be any worse).

The active brothers would enjoy plenty of alumni attendance so let us know if you plan on coming as soon as possible. We will make all the dinner arrangements but ask that you be responsible for hotel reservations. For any additional information or dinner reservations contact: Jeff Ryan, 705 Montgomery St., Blacksburg, Va. 24060, (703) 961-0749. Don't miss out on all the fun and have to read about it in the next newsletter — MAKE THOSE RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!

Lee P. Quillen *
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'Bullshit" Cup *

ALUMNI NEWS

To everyone's surprise, Scott Hudson '82 was alive to celebrate his 30th birthday in November. Needless to say, the years have left their mark. Congratulations, Scuddy.

Hank Smith '69 has been named President of Becton-Dickinson, Biviers, FRANCE. Becton-Dickinson is one of the largest world-wide manufacturers of hospital supplies. Tres bien et bon chance, Henri.

Tim McDermott '77 is the new Director of Development for the School of Medicine, MCV. This move brings Tim back to Richmond where he will no doubt organize a Richmond alumni chapter for Sig Taus and Lambda Chis. Way to go, Tim.

Mark Zitz '82 has been named President and Treasurer of the Network Funding Corp., a Division of Bell Atlantic located in Wilmington, DE. Congrats, Mark! By the way, can we still call you "Buzzy?"

ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

by Pat Fisher

From here on out we're faced with a great challenge; our general fraternity has decided to reduce liability by severely restricting our fraternity's social program. Now is the time that these measures are in effect, and we believe we have started off with a good first step. Obviously, we have not stood the test of time, but we will.

On the lighter side of things, we came in a close second, for the second year in a row for the sports trophy. Last semester, we came in second in soccer and edged out Phi Kaps to win the football championship. And once again we have finished near the top of fraternity grade point averages. We're definitely pleased with our accomplishments but will never rest

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Everyone having a ball at the Homecoming tailgate.



The house in excellent shape for the 30th reunion.

with past success. The future holds a great many challenges for our young brothers.

Speaking of young brothers, we have a fine group of associates, close to completing their associateship. Leadership, enthusiasm, academics, athletic ability, and loyalty are all exemplified in these young men. Also, from our first rush, I expect to see many more fine associates to carry out Sigma Lambda Zeta's proud traditions.



A birthday memory for 30 year old Scott Hudson.

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