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Homecoming 2016

Georgia Tech - November 12, 2016

Make plans to join us for the weekend of November 11 - 13 for Homecoming and the 58th Anniversary of our founding and watch the Hokies take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The Athletic Association has still not yet announced the game time, so full details of the weekend will be available on Friday evening at the house, but here is the run of show as of this moment:

Friday

- Golf Tournament at Blacksburg Country Club. Mike Whaley is serving as tournament director. Please contact him directly at michael@topofthestairs.net or phone number is 540.320.3993 for tee time and other details. \$60.00 per player.
- 6:30 pm - Dinner at the House. Mike Whaley will once again prepare our traditional buffet of BBQ, Brisket, Beans, Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Cookies, Brownies, Chips & Dip. The cost for this southern meal is \$ \$15.00 per person. BYOB

Saturday

- 10:00 am - Alumni Meeting with [Elections](#). Please plan to attend this important meeting as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our founding in fall 2018.
- TBD - Virginia Tech vs Georgia Tech - Tailgates and game. If you would like brothers to stop by your tailgate location, please announce it at the house Friday night.
- Dinner - on your own

Sunday

- Stop by the house on your way home to greet brothers you may have missed on Friday and Saturday.

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

**** Election 2016 ****

No, not that one! The more important, or at least less stressful election is for the officers of the Alumni Chapter. Current officers were elected at Homecoming in Fall 2011 and have now completed five years of service. There are a number of significant issues confronting the fraternity over the next several years including our 60th Anniversary Celebration in 2018, recruitment of a new High Pi (Chapter Advisor), re-establishment of our web site, creation of a local Alumni Advisory Board to support the High Pi, and active chapter, and active/alumni communication and programming. The current officers will not stand for re-election so a group of brothers must step forward to lead the alumni chapter.

This promises to be a non-contentious election and something we can all look forward to, but we must have brothers who will support our fraternity and accept this responsibility. Elections will take place during the 10:00 am Alumni Meeting on Saturday, November 12, at the house.

Your attendance is vital to our future.



Alumni News

Carl O. Belt, Jr. '68 ΣΩΤ received the Pinnacle Award from Frostburg State University Foundation recognizing his nearly 24 years of continuous service to the university as a member of its Board of Directors.

Barry Buschow '72 ΣΛ25 and his wife Kathy served as Grand Marshals for the 2015 Falls Church Memorial Day Parade. Barry previously received the Spirit of Falls Church Award from the Village Preservation and Improvement Society. Barry has retired and he and Kathy are living in Boston, VA.

Jonathan Ceaser '97 ΣΛ391 has opened a Burn Boot Camp, a fit community focused primarily for moms and women, location in Richmond's Short Pump area.

Frank "Willy" Harksen '79 ΣΛ93 was recognized by the Virginia Local Government Management Association's as the top deputy county administrator in the state.

William D. "Bill" Jenkins '63 ΣΩΤ was recognized by Early American Life Magazine as

one of the best Windsor Chair Craftsmen in the nation. The competition included judges from National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, and Winterthur Museum. Bill was among six artisans recognized with this honor. His chairs appeared in the 2008 HBO mini-series, John Adams.

Louis Molinini '00 ΣΛ432 spent a week fishing in Manaus, Brazil with a group that caught 2,417 fish, including 515 caught by Louis and his dad.

Michael "Mike" Moorefield '73 ΣΛ31 welcomed a new addition to the Lambda Chi family when he and Brenda Hicks were married in September.

Jason Thomas '04 ΣΛ468 and his wife Jenn welcomed a son, Ellis, to their family in April.

Michael "Mike" Whaley '96 ΣΛ423 plans to open Bottom of the Stairs this month. Everyone should stop by to celebrate Mike's latest restaurant at Homecoming.

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Daniel W. Etzold '71 ΣΩΤ, 9/4/47 - 11/21/15, Nazareth, Pennsylvania. Dan is survived by his wife Sarah. The family requested gifts in lieu of flowers be sent to the National Stroke Association 9707 E. Easter Lane, Suite B, Centennial CO 80112. Condolences may be conveyed online at <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Daniel-W.-Etzold-103034959>.

Gordon Mapp '68 ΣΩΤ, 3/21/46 - 10/12/16, Charlotte, North Carolina. Gordon is survived by his wife Sarah. Condolences may be conveyed online at <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Gordon-A.-Mapp-104035616>.

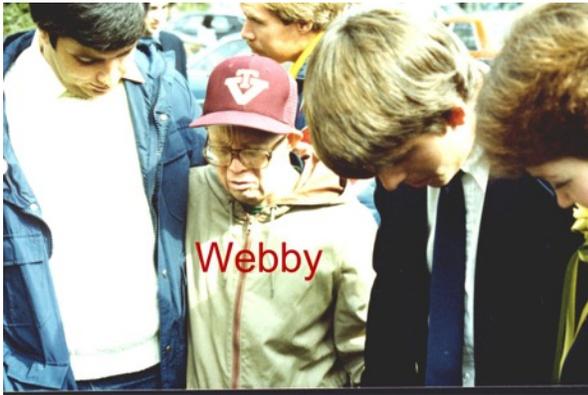
Jeff T. Shiver '97 ΣΛ408, 3/10/75 - 9/13/16, Charleston, South Carolina. In lieu of flowers, the family requested gifts be made to your local Humane Society or a charity of your choice. Survivors are his parents, John and Gail Shiver of Fort Mill, South Carolina; brother and sister in law, Brad and Lindsey Shiver and nephew, Brayden Shiver of Raleigh, North Carolina; uncles and aunts, Mike and Debbie Landers of Round Lake Beach, Illinois, Steve and Nancy Shiver, Jamie and Gena Shiver of Valdosta; aunts and uncles, Sheila and Leroy Southall of Hahira, Janice and Gary Oliver of Lake Park, Sandi and Timmy King of Greenville, Florida. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Guy and Kathy Landers and paternal grandparents, Ewell and Maxine Shiver. Condolences may be conveyed online at www.mclanecares.com.

J. Webster Noblin Tribute

Recently, **Frank Koprivier '70 ΣΛ83**, sent a copy of the eulogy he delivered at Webby's funeral. In honor of our wonderful friend and neighbor, who departed us over 20 years ago, we reprint it here in his memory.

Members of the Noblin Family and friends:

We are gathered here to perform the "last service" that the living can render to the dead. We have come to pay our respects to one whom we were bound by the dream of sincere friendship, unfeigned love and simple truth;



One born as we were born, who lived as we now live and who for all the days of his life enjoyed family, material possessions and Earthly pleasures.

We come to bid farewell – to recall with lively recollection his virtues – while we bury all his imperfections beneath a sod that will soon mark his resting place.

Often we are reminded in solemn ceremonies of the great truth – that all who are born must die.

What mortal being standing on the threshold of infinity.... has not pondered what lies beyond the veil that separates the Seen from the Unseen?

What mortal being – responding to that mystical instinct that Earthly dissolution is at hand – has not contemplated what lies beyond the grave?

And what mortal being upon whom has descended that strange and serene resignation that life's journey is about at an end – has not thought about that eternal destination – and what might be there?

Centuries ago, the man Job, long blessed with many material and physical gifts, suddenly found himself sorely afflicted by every calamity that can befall a human

being.... sat with his companions and uttered the timeless, ageless question”

“When a human dies – will he live again?”

The falling leaves remind us that Winter will soon embrace the Earth in wintry sleep. Then comes the inevitable caress of Spring – also from the Hand of the Great Designer – to bring life and color, fragrance and beauty – to an eager Earth. It is the RESURRECTION of Spring! It is the answer to the ageless question of Job!

Surely he shall, as the day follows night. Surely as the stars hold their courses in the heavens. Surely as the crest of a wave brings its trough. This was his faith, a part of that mystical bond that binds us together to honor his memory. We look forward to the day when with clearer vision we shall know him in forms that never fade – in states that never change.

Today we know him in realization of health and enjoyment of the pleasures of this world. In a little while.... the ever-burning furnace of time will consume to ashes all that have life and vigor in this terrestrial sphere.

Once, but surely once, will come to each the call that takes a soul from Earth. We bow in love and humility to the natural ways of the world. The radiant flame of his life has been extinguished and he has crossed the silent River of Death. The light of his eyes has gone out... and his lips are forever silent.

No more will his counsel be heard – yet his wisdom will continue to aid us in our individual paths toward enlightenment.

His work among us is done; yet the results of his labor will continue through the years to come.

We will miss him from our midst – but will ever remember our association with him and ever keep in mind the obligations we owe to those who were near and dear to him.

As a token that the virtues of our Brother will dwell greenly in our memories, we deposit this evergreen sprig upon his body.

Farewell Brother – until we meet in the Eternal Home.

Treasurer's Report
by Danny Morse '03 ΣΛ467
Balances (9/30/16)

Alumni Chapter: \$8,130

House Corporation: \$15,400

Mortgage: \$65,000

413 E. Roanoke Street

This address is familiar to all of us. Over the years, we have seen a basement dug, the bar renovated - numerous times, bathrooms moved, walls removed, smoke detectors and fire suppressions systems installed, and thousands of brothers and guests that have called it home - sometimes for an evening and sometimes for years. Through it all, The House, has bound us together. Like all good homes, it has seen its ups and downs. Through it all, it stands the test to time. If its walls could talk, many of us would demand silence.

Recently, the house has been at one of the troughs of its history. Several alumni have stopped by when visiting campus and shared their concern over its disrepair. Certainly, this has been even more pronounced during summers when there are seldom brothers living there. In the past, the chapter has also experienced departing seniors who have left the house in disrepair. This past summer, the house experienced vandals that broke windows, wrote on windows, and damaged doors. This was reported to the police and increased patrols listed any damage in the late summer.

Several alumni, including the Alumni Chapter officers, have communicated concern over the state of the house to the active chapter and their officers have stepped up their oversight of the house, commitment to both its maintenance and improvement and have taken steps to ensure it is in great shape to welcome brothers who return anytime, but most especially Homecoming.

High Alpha Logan Shain is leading by example by living in the house and ensuring it is a home that all brothers can be proud of. The House is fully occupied this year for the first time in many years. With full occupancy, funding is increased for maintenance. He and the actives have been working with Mike Whaley to move through a punch list of repair improvement and communication is much better. He and the brothers look forward to welcoming alumni back at Homecoming and all alumni will take the time to visit the renovated upstairs as well. He assures us that all bathrooms will be fully stocked with toilet paper at Homecoming!

Photo Album



Friday afternoon on the New River - late 70s!

Brother Fuente Arrives at Tech



Tech's new head football coach, Justin Fuente IP - University of Oklahoma - is seen following a reception he hosted for the active chapter in Merryman Athletic Facility after his arrival and with alumni brothers at a reception in Richmond. Justin was initiated at Oklahoma before transferring to Murray State.

John Tizen '64 ΣΛ262 Remembered



Bruce Rogers '64 ΣΛ250
 John Harrover '64 ΣΩΤ
 Butch Webber '64 ΣΛ253
 Joe Kincheloe '67 ΣΛ247
 Jim Cole '65 ΣΩΤ
 John McLellan '63 ΣΩΤ
 Bill Jenkins '63 ΣΩΤ
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