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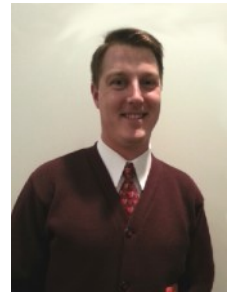
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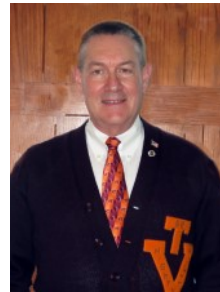
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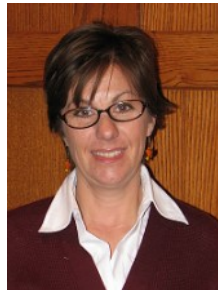
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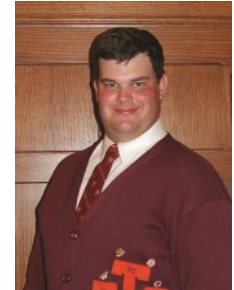
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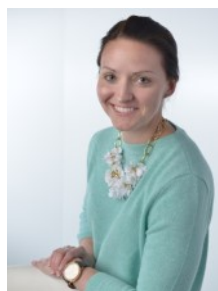
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

A Bigger Band and a New Coaching Staff !

Recruiting of the upcoming Freshman Class of 2026 is going well. July 5, 2022 saw the Corps of Cadets reinstate the Corps orientation for our incoming Cadets. It had not occurred the previous two summers because of Covid restrictions.

We helped the recruiting effort by paying for four Highty-Tighties to be part of the orientation staff each day to enlighten and influence musicians entering the Corps to join the Band and receive our NEW 2 year signing bonus (formerly called a Freshman Stipend).

We currently have 68 incoming freshmen signed. Our largest incoming freshman class in over 10 years has Sr. Chief Jim Bean and his Cadet leaders quite excited.

This year's Highty-Tighty Homecoming will be similar to last year 2021. Our football team's opponent on October 15th is the University of Miami.

The parade will again be at 7pm on Friday evening October 14th. We plan to have a shorter parade this year and encourage each of you to join us at the beginning of the parade (or for our older or challenged alumni please join in as we begin down Alumni Mall in front of the Upper Quad).

We will again practice on Saturday morning on the drill field with the current Highty-Tighties for the pre-game show. Depending on the announced game time, we hope to proceed to the 2nd floor of Dietrich Hall for our luncheon after practice. You should by now be able to register for the parade, practice, luncheon and pregame show.

On May 6 we had a good turnout for our first ever VTCC golf outing in Riner, Va. at the Auburn Hills Golf Club. The Highty-Tighty Annual Giving Fund was the recipient of the funds raised. We had many prize-winners and we had guests for Raleigh, Charlottesville, and the surrounding area. Thank you to all that participated.

This fall semester the Band will be housed back on the Upper Quad together in the Pearson Hall facilities. We expect to have about 130 members in the Band this year. We had an excellent Senior class graduate in May. Their leadership and energy led our band members to an outstanding year. Read President Emeritus Bert Kinzey's article to see just how good their year ended.

In August we will begin the same monthly recruiting meetings that we began last year. With that continued emphasis on time, contacts, expense, emailing, texting, and summer orientation we will now hope for 60+ incoming freshman Highty-Tighties each successive year.

We cannot thank Lt. Col. Rewa Mariger, VTCC Admissions Officer Greg Anderson, HTA Board members Gary Jackson and Dave Williams, Sr. Chief Jim Bean, and our summer orientation HT's enough for their time, sacrifice, and effort in bringing in this best class in years for fall 2022.

If you have not yet given to our Highty-Tighty Annual Giving Fund(#877055) this calendar year, please consider doing so before the Holidays and year end.

Your continued support has helped make the Band stronger.

See you at Homecoming October 15th.

Chuck Rowell HT '71
President, HTA





DIRECTOR'S DOWNBEAT

Unprecedented Number of New Recruits

It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for fall semester and the return of this year's chosen cadre. Since we have had an unprecedented number of new recruits, the fall cadre will be extremely busy in their efforts to train and indoctrinate our new band freshmen. At the time of this writing, we had over 60 prospective Highty-Tighties signed up for band. This can be attributed to our spring recruiting drive led by Cadet Banning Jones who not only narrated but wrote and directed the successful HT recruiting video. Additionally, he

led a letter writing/phone call campaign with his staff, resulting in these much needed numbers. The staff, specifically hired for HT recruiting during summer orientation, was led by C/ Hunter Lambert and provided remarkable efforts from fellow HT's, Morgan Hendrickson, Nathan Guevera, and Jake Scott. Their outstanding contributions combined with alumni support from Gary Jackson, Dave Williams, and Chuck Rowell resulted in one of, if not the strongest, entering classes. While the instrumentation is far from perfect, we were able to secure many much needed trombones and trumpets.

We can all be proud of our Highty-Tighties and their work from the spring semester. The band walked away with many awards including a Virginia Tech community of the year award from residential



*Highty-Tighties Perform in the 2022 Mardi Gras Parade
In New Orleans*



SENIOR CHIEF JAMES BEAN

We Can All Be Proud of Our Highty-Tighties

life, winner of the Eager Squad competition as well as the Individual Eager award, won by freshmen drummer Alan Russell. Other recognition includes: 2nd place in the Platoon Tactical Challenge, 3rd place in company athletics, and individual awards to Band CO Brett Nutter (Lacy O. Brumback Award for Commander of the Year) and Fall section commander Olivia Asuncion (Caitlin M. Hammaren Award, Distinguished Service to a Residential Community). Other highlights from this spring included our participation in the Governor of Virginia Inauguration parade in January and the Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans. Both parades were well attended and we were given much exposure to both spectators and television viewing audiences.

This fall should be a very exciting time for the Highty-Tighties. With the arrival of our freshmen class, we will reach members in the band that will equal or exceed our pre-Covid numbers. Additionally, our new commander, Will Albertson should prove to be an exceptional leader and has some great ideas for the band this year. Our new drum major, Trey Gustafson has already been tried and tested with a pregame ceremony at the spring game and is dedicated to sharpening our skills in military marching.

As usual, I would like to thank everyone's contributions to the band this year. Just looking at the success of our recruiting drive proves what band alumni and current band cadets working together can accomplish!

James M. Bean, Senior Chief, USN (ret.)



Game Day Shot of The Highty-Tighties From Last Fall





Development Update



Support the Highty-Tighties

I would like to provide you with a few positive updates since the Spring edition..

First, there were 2 new Highty Tighty specific ELS Scholarships created in FY22 that will be able to financially support cadets this upcoming year. Also, there are now over 20 HT Specific Scholarships in the Corps, and Highty Tighty specific Endowment values increased for FY22 by an average of about \$4,000-\$6,000.

The Schaeffer Endowment Fund continues to need funds in order to maintain the \$1,000 stipend that each incoming band freshmen and sophomores receive. This fund is attractive to prospective band members, so there is always a need to maintain this great asset.

The Highty-Tighty Annual Giving Fund (Fund # 877055) is growing and doing very well and has grown by over \$100,000 in the last year. This fairly new fund has allowed for the band to have additional money available should there arise a specific need that is not endowment related. The Brick Program is still ongoing, and this is the perfect way to contribute to the Annual Giving Fund. When an individual gives to an operating fund in the amount of \$2,500 (that is not part of an endowment), they get to have their name on a brick style plaque that will go into the new Corps Leadership and Military Science (CLMS) building. This donation can be given all at once, or broken up over a five year period. Please contact Sandi Bliss if you are interested in

taking part in this, and having your name in the CLMS just like you signed your name in the bricks on Lane Hall when you graduated.

With our support these current and future band members can continue to strive and understand what it means to be a Highty-Tighty. If you are interested in providing financial support, please contact Sandi Bliss (at srbliss@vt.edu). It truly does make a difference!

Thank you to all who have been supportive, and we look forward to another great fall of being Highty-Tighty Alumni, seeing the Corps of Cadets excel, and see Upper Quad expand to greater heights!

Deeds Not Words

Scott D. Beman HT '01
Vice President for Development



The image above shows the plaque mentioned in the article which is created from an image of a Lane Hall brick.

FROM THE COMMANDER

Will Albertson

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the commander of the Highty Tighties for the fall semester of 2022. I began playing the trumpet in middle school and on through high school. When I discovered I could continue my playing at Virginia Tech with the Highty Tighties, I didn't hesitate to be a part of this esteemed band. I was born in Blairsville, Georgia, and lived most my life in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. I was drawn to Virginia Tech for the beautiful campus, opportunities that the corps of cadets and ROTC provide, and the Ocean Engineering program.

This semester we are expecting one of our largest incoming freshmen classes in a great number of years, with 67 confirmed at the time of writing this. This will also be the first fall semester that the band hasn't been split in many years. This means the overall unity that the entire band strived to put in place this semester will continue to be built upon and strengthened through the training of the incoming freshmen class as one company. In addition, the band will be moving to the newly established 4th battalion—playing a major and valuable role in helping set the culture within it. Then of course there are the football games. This season we have six home games scheduled, and with one of the largest bands we've had in some time, I am looking forward to the different drills and performances they bring.

Last semester I served as the company First Sergeant and was extremely proud to be a part of everything the band worked so hard to achieve. This semester, it is my number one priority to continue to run with the

momentum that the entire company set in place last spring. In order to achieve this goal as a band, we must be willing to put in 100% effort. We will strive for excellence in every facet while carrying an attitude of determination, resolve, and positivity.



*Highty-Tighties at Change of Command
Spring 2022*

There is much the band has to look forward to this semester. We must remember there will always be challenges that lie ahead of us. Working together as a unit, our strength and perseverance will not only allow us to overcome any obstacles we may face, but we will grow from those challenges as well.

The days ahead will provide great opportunity for my fellow bandsmen to develop as leaders, build comradery, and make unforgettable memories. It is our goal as a band, to ensure this standard of excellence continues now, and well into the future of the Highty Tighties, here at Virginia Tech.

Will Albertson

Highty-Tighty Commander

Fall 2022





Note from President Emeritus

Reasons To Be Proud

The past two years have placed incredible demands on the Highty-Tighties while depriving cadets of some of the great and rewarding experiences that are a normal part of the experience of being a member of the regimental band in other years. During the fall semester of 2020, the Highty-Tighties did not even enter Lane Stadium, much less preform at a football game. They could not march in their usual formation for much of the time, and they could not play and practice together as they normally would. Many other changes had to be made and activities had to be cancelled and discontinued in order to protect cadets and staff from COVID.

Living in Blacksburg and watching the Highty-Tighties over the past two years has provided me with some perspective as to what all of the cadets have had to deal with and overcome as they faced the additional challenges brought on by the pandemic. But even my proximity and interaction with the Highty-Tighty cadets most assuredly did not reveal all they were dealing with. However, I can tell you that the leadership of the band over these past two school years has been outstanding, and the spirit of all of the cadets remains generally strong. Certainly, the pandemic has taken its toll with higher-than-normal attrition for a number of reasons, both directly and indirectly, and there is more to do in getting all aspects of the Highty-Tighty experience back to what it should be with full participation in all activities in which the band is usually involved.

This past school year was a welcome step back toward normalcy, although it was far from complete. The Highty-Tighties did return to Lane Stadium for football games, but as they did, neither the sophomore class nor the new freshmen had ever performed before a Virginia Tech football crowd. Many adjustments still had to be made, and the leadership of the band had to meet additional challenges that were beyond what they would have had to face under normal circumstances. Drum Major

Joe Topp and the performance staff did an excellent job in preparing and executing the shows as the band returned to the field.

During the 2021-2022 school year, under the leadership of Band Company commanders, Skyler Powell and Brett Nutter, and with the support of the entire senior class, the Highty-Tighties excelled in all they did, and we alumni have great reason to be very proud of what they accomplished under the difficult circumstances they faced. After returning to the field in the fall and completing a busy football season, they began their support of the women's basketball program. As they returned to campus in January, they looked outstanding in the inaugural parade for Virginia's governor, Glenn Youngkin. But there were other unit and individual awards as well. The Highty-Tighties won the award as the Virginia Tech Community of the Year, being recognized as the outstanding residential community on campus. The Caitlin M. Hammaren Award for Distinguished Service to the residential community went to Cadet Olivia Asuncion. The Highty-Tighties won first place in the VTCC Jaffe Eager Squad competition, and the VTCC





Bert Kinzey HT '68



*The Highty-Tighties perform at Commissioning Ceremonies and Change of Rank 2022
Photos copied from General Fullhart's Facebook Page*

Freshman Eager Individual also went to a Highty-Tighty. The band took second place in the Platoon Tactical Challenge, and they just narrowly missed winning the Beverly S. Parrish Gold Cord Award, coming in as a very close second place.

As we look forward to the new year that will begin soon, the recruiting is looking good with over 58 new freshmen already signed up as this is written. We expect the new freshman class to have well over sixty members by the time New Cadet Week begins. Under the leadership of Band Company Commander, Will Albertson, the band will continue to face challenges, but the new school year promises a continued return to normalcy as the pandemic is put in the past. But we should remember and acknowledge the outstanding dedication and perseverance that the Highty-Tighties displayed both collectively and individually in dealing with very trying and challenging times these past

two school years. They have given us reasons to be proud, and more importantly they maintained the foundation to build on as the Highty-Tighties move forward into the future.

We alumni need to do our part. During the pandemic, our contact with the cadets has been very limited. The alumni mentor program had to be seriously curtailed. But now we have the chance to be more involved and to support the Highty-Tighties financially and in other ways to help them excel and to have the very best possible Highty-Tighty experience.

Bert Kinzey, HT '68
President Emeritus, HTA



Alumni Events

First Annual Highty-Tighty Alumni Golf Tournament—Riner Va.



The first annual Highty-Tighty Alumni Golf Tournament was held on May 6 at the Auburn Hills Golf Club in Riner Virginia. CDR Nate Brown attended and included some complimentary comments about the event in his article (see page 15).

The photo collage above is just a sample of some of the shots taken members of the Commandant's Staff during this special day on the golf course.

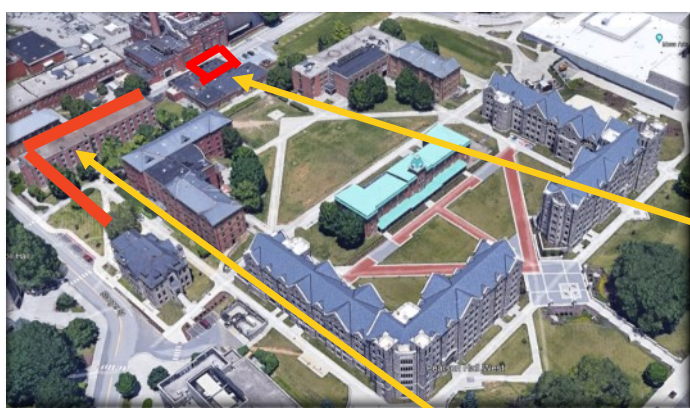
The first shot (top left) features our fearless leader president, Chuck Rowell accompanied by Sgt. Major Dave Combs, 3rd Battalion. Top right we see Gen. Tom Verbeck & Tom Biggs HT '71. Middle left—HT'71 Ron Joyce and friend and our Commandant of Cadets enjoying the day in the picture to the right. Bottom left we see Lt. Col. Travis Sheets & "Guns", 4th Battalion. Finally retired Chemistry Professor, Jim Viers takes a break in the golf cart between shots.



New Construction on Upper Quad

New Residence Hall and Corps Leadership and Military Science Building

Things are changing fast on the upper quad that we all have fond memories of from our High-Tighty days at Virginia Tech. The purpose of this article is to just give you a glimpse of what was and where it is in August of 2022. Here is the what was from Google Earth. That's the upper quad be



fore the current construction got started. The new residence hall is being built where Femoyer Hall is in the photo and wraps around the corner to form an L shape in front of Major Williams. Here is a shot taken August 4 looking at the new building right along the line of sight of the yellow arrow above.



Here is another shot from the front, looking at the corner in the L shape.



The Corps Leadership and Military Science Building is under construction here. The shot below, once



again, taken along the line of sight of the yellow arrow. Note the power plant stack in the background.

There is much to see here and limited space to show it but you can see lots of photos and additional information on General Fullhart's Facebook page as well as the Tech website at <https://www.facilities.vt.edu/planning-financing/campus-construction-projects.html>

Come to Homecoming, Y'all, you won't recognize the place!



Alumni Relations Update

The last two years hampered our ability to participate in events as normal, but alumni are able to get back together. Local mentors met with new cadets for a donut social this year and will be meeting cadets more on campus in 2022-2023 as conditions allow.

This year, we were able to have our picnic, the Scott Judd Memorial Picnic, with the current Highly-Tighties in April following the Spring board meeting. Thanks to all the alumni who attended and helped by purchasing picnic items, bringing grills and cooking. All alumni and bandsmen are invited to this picnic to socialize and relax before the cadets need to focus on exams

In August, alumni assisted with new cadet move-in, meeting parents, handing out water and answering questions. The band had a difficult year in Eggleston, but alumni were there to greet them and assist during their arrival at the dorm. Parents consistently express their thanks that alumni are able to help make move-in less stressful.

GunnyFest was another success, in spite of having to get creative with the catering. Thank you to those alumni who contributed to help make it happen. A few of you exceeded all expectations. The party couldn't have happened without some of those heavy-hitters.

If you have not already done so, please join the Highly-Tighty Alumni Facebook group and register to receive the Half Notes email. Events and activities for the alumni are posted to the Facebook group and also mentioned in the Half Notes.



Chuck Rowell cuts the first piece of cake for Scott Judd

2022 Football Schedule

6 Apr	Spring game
2 Sept	@ ODU
10 Sept	Boston College
17 Sept	Wofford * Corps Reunion
22 Sept	WVU
1 Oct	@ UNC
8 Oct	@ Pitt
15 Oct	Miami * HT Reunion
27 Oct	@ NC State
5 Nov	Ga Tech
12 Nov	@ Duke
19 Nov	@ Liberty
26 Nov	UVA



Upcoming Events

- **New Cadet Move-In - August 11, 2022** - Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. Please email Nate Brown at vtccalumni@vt.edu, if you can help with new cadet move-in.
- **GunnyFest - Friday October 14, 2022** - Hilton Garden Inn, Blacksburg, VA. Following the Homecoming parade. We are working with the hotel to cater using their services once again. The cost for the in-room beer/wine has raised quite a bit and we may need to use the hotel bar. I will get more information out through the Half-Notes and the HTA Facebook Group as we get reservations nailed down.
- **Scott Judd Memorial Picnic** - 4:00 PM after the Spring HTA Board Meeting, Shelter Number 1, Blacksburg Municipal Park. As of now, the picnic will start promptly at 4:00 PM, since the town divides the rentals of the shelter that way.
- **Highty-Tighty Alumni Cape Charles Getaway - August 24-27, 2023**, Cape Charles, VA. Join fellow Highty-Tighty Alumni on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. There will be group activities and events organized around the Cape Charles area for the weekend of August 24-27, 2023. Details are still being worked out, but alumni will be biking, fishing, sailing, kayaking, and relaxing on the beach at various locations in the Cape Charles area throughout the weekend. Social events will include visiting Cape Charles Distillery and Cape Charles Brewing among others. Please join the Google Group to get more information as it is planned.
 - Sign in to Google Groups.
 - Search for the group:
 - At the top, click My groups and select All groups and messages.
 - In the search box, enter “hta-cape-charles” and press Enter.
 - Click the group name, “HTA Cape Charles.”
 - Click Ask to join group—Wait for an email confirming approval of your membership.

If you need assistance joining the Google group or need another way to receive information, contact Dirk McComsey at dirk.mccomsey@vt.edu

Homecoming (Reunion) 2022

So far, we only have confirmation of the dates for our Reunion festivities for 2022. This will be our game against the Miami Hurricanes where we hope to tame the ‘big wind’ down to a cool October breeze! We will continue with our new schedule that features the homecoming parade on Friday night rather than Saturday morning along with practice being moved from Friday night to Saturday morning on the drill-field. The annual meeting of the HTA Inc. along with our great feast of a lunch will follow practice. The specific times for all of these events won’t be finalized until two Sundays before Reunion. (Sept 25)

So mark your calendars for **October 14-15**. Also note that registration is now up and ready to go. You can register for the reunion which is free, the lunch before the game which is just \$16 and a great spread of food in Dietrick Dining Hall. In addition, you can reserve and pay for your new Highty-Tighty Alumni hat which is \$10. Then of course there are game tickets at \$50 — come and get ‘em! Homecoming is always a treat and this year should be no exception. October 14-15 is usually a great time in Blacksburg weather-wise with fall colors busting out all over providing a great setting for all of the pageantry that is Homecoming. Get yourself registered at <https://aimsbbis.vt.edu/HTReunion22> or go to the link at hightytightyalumni.org or just google it like everything else you need to know.

Football tickets are limited so get with it! — or as they say on hijacked airliners — Let’s ROLL!!



Alumni Recruiting

The Summer of '22 – A Turning Point in Recruiting

Since October 2021, a small, dedicated team of Highly-Tighty recruiters consisting of members of the Commandant's staff, the Admission's Office, and your Board of Directors, meeting monthly, has been working to reverse a downward trend in numbers of Highly-Tighty freshmen.

One of the major negative impacts to recruiting for the Band was brought on with the pandemic. The University was forced to pause the traditional summer orientation program. After two years without summer orientation the decision was made to replace it with a 3-day early return to campus for all freshmen for an on-campus introduction.

The lack of summer orientation impacted the Corps of Cadets significantly because the fitting and issue of uniforms is a lengthy and labor-intensive process. I believe that the impact reached further as orientation in years past has made parents our first line of retention. Parents, with their life experience, many times see the long-term value of the Corps and the Band in much sharper focus than their freshman. In July, under MG Fullhart's leadership, the Corps of Cadets initiated its own summer orientation program that has significantly improved the strength of the Highly-Tighties, and I believe will strengthen the entire Corps.

A standout feature of the Corps' summer orientation program was the number of Band Company cadets who worked for the Commandant as ambassadors for the Corps. To augment those cadets the executive committee authorized the hiring of 2 additional current Highly-Tighties to further enhance the workforce for the three weeks that the orientation program has run.

How successful has the program been? In mid-April there were 34 incoming Highly-Tighties, and as of today the last day of the Corps' summer orientation, there are 68 incoming Highly-Tighties. To say the program has been successful would be an understatement. It has been so successful that plans are already un-

derway for the Corps' summer orientation program next year.

Summer orientation was not the only recruiting initiative. Credit also goes to the rank and file of the current Band as they made telephone calls to prospective Highly-Tighties in the spring. Your alumni recruiting team backed this up by sending personal notes to all incoming cadet freshmen that played an instrument. When asked why they chose to join the Highly-Tighties many of this year's incoming freshmen commented on the interest that the Band and its alumni had shown in them.

With the returning upperclassmen the Band will easily exceed 100 musicians, but the real goal and the future is to be found in the Fall of 2025 and beyond. If we can maintain this recruiting initiative in the years to come the assigned strength of the Band should well exceed the numbers to keep the long-sought goal of 144 musicians in ranks for performances. Highly-Tighties we are mighty....

So, what's next? As in the past, each recruiting year stands alone, and recruiting for the fall of 2023 starts immediately. I suggest we start this recruiting year by watching the cadet led video "Meet the Highly-Tighties" at www.vtcc.vt.edu/band. Just click on the start button and enjoy the enthusiasm of the current Band. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Cadet Banning Jones HT-23, the driving force behind this video that has been viewed roughly 1 million times in the past 12 months – well done and done in the finest tradition of Highly-Tighty excellence!

Ut Prosim
Dave Williams
VP for Recruiting
Retention & Marketing



Alumni Director Nate Brown



“SNOWBALL”

Why would anyone in their right mind title an article “Snowball” for a summer publication that folks may be reading while cooling off after cutting their grass drenched in sweat?

And anyone that would use a picture of themselves in shorts and a short sleeve golf shirt as the accompanying photo for an article talking about a snowball is definitely “off their rocker.” But.... I got your attention, didn’t I?

So, to get right to it, the Snowball is a metaphor. As a small snowball rolls down a hill it collects more snow and becomes bigger and bigger. What started off as a small non-menacing and fragile compilation of snow can become a very powerful mass of snow that deserves attention, respect, and for others to get out of the way to avoid being crushed.

The accompanying photo is of me at the First Annual Golf Tournament that was hosted by Chuck Rowell HT’71 in Riner, Virginia. The event was extremely well attended, participants had a wonderful time, many “worms were burned”, and it also generated some funds for the High-Tighties. On paper, one would look at the funds raised as “interesting” and the fun that folks had as “nice.” But, let’s return to that small snowball at the top of the hill.

The successful event will spawn future events that more and more folks will want to attend... this fosters comradery, connections, and a “Lifelong Hokie Experience.”

The money generated helped fund current High-Tighty upperclass cadets to return to campus for orientation month in July where they were able to practically double the number of incoming freshmen destined for membership in the High-Tighties. So, when you look out 10, 20, 50, 70, 80 years from now at the Class of 2026 High-Tighties, what would it have been without that small snowball at the top of the hill? The small snowball was critical in ensuring that HT’26 was double what it would have been without it.... Now you can see how my metaphor works... and that I



Tiger — err — Nate Brown with His Putter

am actually not “off my rocker.”

Please don’t ever assume that even the smallest efforts supporting current HTs, mentoring freshmen, attending Alumni Events don’t have a huge impact on the future of our Corps, our High-Tighties, and our Alumni connections. I am continually impressed at all that HT Alums do throughout the year to maintain connections and support future HT Alumni. Keep up the great work and remember that even though what you are doing may seem small and inconsequential ...it is actually a small snowball that will have tremendous impact in the future!

I am really excited to see (and hear) the High-Tighties and the High-Tighty Alumni in FORCE at Homecoming / HT Reunion in October. Let’s set a record for attendance --- and let’s take over Worsham Field for the combined Alumni and Cadet High-Tighty Pregame Performance!

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Nate Brown, G’98
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REQUESTS TO ALUMNI

Very Important!

There are three things all Highty-Tighty Alumni need to do to help ensure you get the newsletter and stay connected with Virginia Tech and the Highty-Tighty Alumni, Inc.

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