

Dear Robbie,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Ray Altman, Turnbull Award recipient at the University of Maryland in 1963. I am glad to share some thoughts with you at the request of Bob Scott.

Lacrosse was an integral part of my high school and college experience and provided an aspect of character building that cannot be taught or learned in the classroom. It was a tremendous honor for me to receive the Award, but I have never considered it to be mine alone— but a recognition that belonged to my entire team and coaches. I still feel that way today. My family actually accepted the Award for me because I was in New York at the North South game at the time of the presentation of the Award.

I recommend that you give your best to the game—consequently you will always be proud of your lacrosse experience. Enjoy the game, but get the best education possible, as it will pay dividends your entire life.

Lacrosse has been very good to me. I enjoyed every minute of my playing days and now have enjoyed many decades of great relationships with many people that I met through the game. I am certain that someday you'll feel the same way.

Ray Altman

Turnbull Award 1963
University of Maryland

[RHS Note: Ray sent me a copy of his Turnbull Award certificate, which I include here so that you can see the form it has taken over the years.]

PRESENTATION OF THE JACK TURNBULL TROPHY

Homewood Field, Baltimore, Maryland
June 7, 1963
Club All-Star Lacrosse Game

In memory of an all-time great lacrosse player, it is the privilege of the Mount Washington Lacrosse Club to award annually a trophy to the outstanding collegiate attack man to play on Maryland soil during the current season.

The Trophy is given in honor of Jack Turnbull, who gave his life in the service of our Country during World War II. Jack prepped at Poly; and, playing for Johns Hopkins, on this very field, became a first team All-American, an Olympian in 1932, and a member of the University's Hall of Fame of All-Time Greats. Jack Turnbull then continued his skillful play for nine years as a member of the Mount Washington Lacrosse Club. But Jack was much more than a highly talented lacrosse player. He was a perfect example of fine sportsmanship, an excellent team player, and a gentleman on and off the field.

The recipient of the Jack Turnbull Trophy is selected by all of the lacrosse coaches of Maryland college teams. Their choice of the outstanding attack man for the current season is Ray

Altman of the University of Maryland. Ray prepped at City College where his prowess earned him All-Maryland honor, the Kelly Trophy as the outstanding prep lacrosse player, and the Fitzpatrick Award for sportsmanship. Ray Altman graduates this month from the University of Maryland. Last year he was second team All-American in lacrosse, and he has been named the Atlantic Coast Conference's outstanding athlete at the University. Criteria for this honor includes scholastic achievement. The Maryland coaches have chosen well, and on behalf of the Mount Washington Lacrosse Club, and I know I speak for the lacrosse community; I extend congratulations to Ray Altman, and Dr. Faber, his coach at the University.

The presentation tonight of the Jack Turnbull Trophy will be made by Mr. Douglas C. Turnbull, Jr., brother of the late Jack Turnbull. Doug also is an all-time great lacrosse player, elected to the Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and an outstanding alumnus of Johns Hopkins. Doug played for the Mount Washington Club for thirteen years and was our coach for two years.

Ray Altman tomorrow is participating in the North-South College All-Star game at Lake Placid, New York. He has asked his mother, Mrs. Louise H. Helman, to receive his award for him. Mrs. Helman, we appreciate your proudness of your son.

George C. O'Connell

President
Mount Washington Club, Inc.