

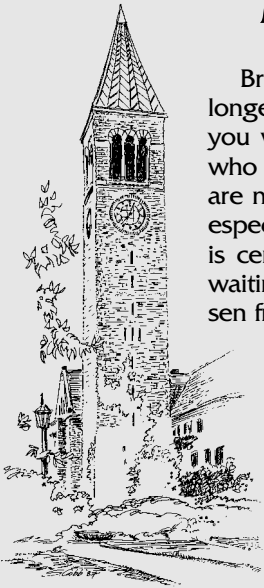
The Muse

MU CHAPTER OF SIGMA PI FRATERNITY - CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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Come Back For Alumni Weekend 2001! March 30 – April 1



Brothers, it's that time of year again. The days are growing longer, the snow is melting, and in a few weeks a number of you will return to campus for Alumni Weekend. Those of you who have not been back to Mu Chapter for Alumni Weekend are missing out: this is a great time to get back to the hill, and especially to Sigma Pi. Unlike Homecoming, Alumni Weekend is centered around Sigma Pi. We have a lot of exciting news waiting for you here. We have 15 new pledges who were chosen from a rush class of over 200 men. We also have more final plans for the McGraw Place construction project.

The weekend festivities will begin on Friday with an informal cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m. For those of you arriving Friday night, this will be very relaxed—just a chance to stop by, meet some brothers, and see the house.

We are exploring various possibilities for events during the day on Saturday, such as a meeting with Suzy Nelson,

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Chapter President's Report New Executive Board Sets Goals For 2001

The Pi house is a very busy place this time of year, and brothers are involved in numerous activities. Some of our seniors have solidified their plans for next year, with many joining the job force and quite a few continuing their education in graduate schools, law schools, and medical schools around the country and at Cornell. There are a few brothers abroad for the semester in Spain and in London. There is one brother who is spending the semester in Washington, DC, as an intern in the Supreme Court. This internship is highly sought after, but only awarded to two people in the country. Two brothers have decided to go into business together and are running a successful company on the Cornell campus. Finally, five brothers are on a research team being funded by the government to explore the mission to Mars for NASA. In addition to all of this, we also have 15 new pledges eager to learn everything there is to know about Sigma Pi.

As the new sage of Mu Chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the new executive board for 2001. My name is Steve Cerritelli, and I am extremely excited about this upcoming year. I am from

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The new executive board. Back row: Max Jaeger, treasurer; Steve Cerritelli, sage; Adam Brown, vice president. Front row: John Scagnelli, alumni secretary; Dave Rapasadi, secretary; Tim Altier, herald.

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Come Back For Alumni Weekend!

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the associate dean of students in charge of fraternity and sorority affairs, and a private bell concert atop the McGraw Clock Tower. At 5:00 p.m. we will meet at the house for a cocktail hour, and then dinner will be served at around 7:00 p.m. After dinner, we hope you will stay around for more cocktails and some songs. On Sunday morning, our cook, Patrick, will put out a continental breakfast at around 11:00.

This will be my third Alumni Weekend, and let me tell you that it is a great event. The actives are always very excited about this weekend; we love to meet those who have come before us, and we hope to see more of you return this year. For those of you who have not been back in a while, let me assure you that the house is looking better than ever. And if you are planning to return to the hill, we hope you will call up some of the brothers from your era and encourage them to come, too.

We would like to get an accurate head count for dinner, so let us know if you are coming by sending me an e-mail at jrs52@cornell.edu or calling me at 607/277-2329. We will reserve a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn just off the Commons for those of you who would like a room; if you'd like to stay there, give them a call at 607/272-1000 and tell them that you are with Sigma Pi. We look forward to a great weekend.

Fraternally,
John R. Scagnelli '02

New Executive Board Sets Goals For 2001

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Denver, Colorado, and a junior in the hotel school. After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in the franchising industry. I served as treasurer on the executive board last year and have also held the position of steward. I am an avid skier and huge sports fan. In addition to my duties as sage, I will also be part of the judicial board on the Interfraternity Council.

Adam Brown, the new second counselor, is a sophomore studying electrical and computer engineering. In addition to his academic pursuits, he works as a lab operator for Cornell's public computing facilities. During the fall 2000 semester, he served Mu Chapter as the rush chair. Adam enjoys playing soccer and football and is an avid Cornell hockey fan. His hobbies include reading, writing poetry, and traveling. He plans to spend this summer applying his studies at Cornell to the real-world working environment as an engineering intern.

Max Jaeger is the new third counselor for Mu Chapter. Having served as house steward for two semesters, he finds the position of treasurer a natural progression. Max is an economics major in the college of arts and sciences but hopes to pursue a master's of engineering in operations research after graduation. An avid sports fan and athlete, Max was a member of the Cornell lightweight crew during his freshman year. However, his current athletic endeavors are limited to fraternity intramurals these days. His family resides in Alexandria, Virginia, about 15 minutes outside of Washington, DC.

David Rapasadi is very excited to be the new secretary of Mu Chapter. David has served as academic chair since becoming a member last spring. He is a sophomore in the agriculture and life sciences school majoring in food industry management. He is from Skaneateles, New York, a small town just west of Syracuse. David has a sister who is a freshman here at Cornell.

John Scagnelli is the new alumni secretary. He is a junior from Nyack, New York, and is a pre-med student studying human development in the human

ecology school. John has previously been social chair and philanthropy chair for Mu Chapter. He was also a rush director for the Interfraternity Council this past year. He is on the Cornell sailing team and is an avid sailor on the Long Island Sound. As alumni secretary, John plans to increase alumni involvement and is hoping to plan an alumni event this summer in New York City.

Tim Altier is the new herald for the year 2001. Tim is from Rochester, New York, and is a sophomore in the college of arts and sciences. He is studying biology with a concentration in marine biology. His hope is to live someplace tropical after graduation. Tim's focal point this semester as herald is the composite project. He is asking for any alumnus with a composite to mail it to the house so that he can enlarge it and frame it in hopes of having a complete collection soon with which to adorn the walls of the house. He thanks you in advance for your participation and your interest in the aesthetic enhancement of Sigma Pi at Cornell University.

These new members of the executive board are eager to serve Mu Chapter to the best of their abilities. Our goals for the next year include improved officer reporting, both within the chapter and nationally; more philanthropic events; greater involvement in campus activities; and maintaining a positive environment within the house.

As sage, I am confident that my new role will present me with many challenges and rewards. I am told that this experience is like no other, and that has definitely been true for my first month in office. I am eager to see Mu Chapter's development throughout this coming year.

I look forward to seeing many of you again during Alumni Weekend, as well as meeting alumni whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. If you do not make it back for the weekend, I hope that you will stop by the house whenever you're in town. Feel free to contact me at slc31@cornell.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Fraternally,
Steve Cerritelli '02

When you move, be sure to send us your new address!

Meet Our 15 New Pledges

Shyam Sankar is from Orlando, Florida. He is a freshman electrical engineering student. He works for an Internet startup company back home called Zero-Chaos, which provides businesses with tax-free, independent computer engineers.



Evan Andrews is from Lakewood, New York. He is a National Scholar in the industrial and labor relations school. Evan is on the sprint football and ski teams here at Cornell.



Joel Hernandez is a Cuban-American, born and raised in Miami, Florida. He is a freshman in the hotel school. He hopes to use his future hospitality knowledge to own and operate several nightclubs in Miami. He is very active in sports, was captain of his varsity high school basketball and track teams, and is a huge fan of professional basketball and football. He loves to travel and plans on having a home in Monaco one day.



Adil Ahamed is from Vancouver, British Columbia. He is double majoring in economics and Near Eastern studies in the arts and sciences school. Adil keeps himself busy at Cornell; he is in Cayuga's Waiters, the Arts and Sciences Ambassador Program, and the Cornell Consulting Club.



Douglas Higgins, a freshman in the hotel school, is from San Diego, California. While getting a hotel management degree, he is pursuing an interest in ecology and sustainable development. He hopes to merge these two interests in the development of a five-star resort in Costa Rica, incorporating green technology and employing the local people in all operations.



Mark Harrison hails from Larchmont, New York. A freshman in the college of arts and sciences, Mark is majoring in English to pursue his love of writing. He is a diehard Yankee fan and a coxswain for the freshman heavyweight crew team.

Paul El-Meouchy is a Lebanese-Canadian from Montreal. He is a sophomore in the college of arts and sciences, double majoring in economics and biology. He volunteers as an HIV test counselor at Gannett Health Center. He displays his love for the wilderness as an instructor for Cornell Outdoor Education and as an active hiker, rock climber, and ice climber.



Evan Gilbert is from Fayetteville, New York, just outside of Syracuse. He is a sophomore transfer student who is studying applied economics and management in the college of agriculture and life sciences. At home, Evan owns and operates his own business. Through Evan Gilbert Enterprises, he designs and constructs residential landscapes and installs patios.



Matt Liba graduated from Mount Lebanon High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was a pole-vaulter on the track team. He is currently a freshman in the engineering school. Matt likes to ski and play the guitar.



Cory Sinclair is a freshman from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He is studying government and psychology in the arts and sciences school. He is a member of Cornell Tradition, writes for the *Cornell Daily Sun*, and volunteers at a local nursing home. His ultimate aspiration is to be president of the United States.



Hernan Donoso was born in Santiago, Chile, and is now living in Cos Cob, Connecticut. He is a freshman in the school of hotel administration with a concentration in resorts and entertainment. Hernan loves animals and the outdoors and would love to train dolphins someday.



Kris Ledbetter is a freshman in the school of hotel administration. He lives just outside of Lake Tahoe in Stateline, Nevada. He was born and raised in Lake Tahoe and loves all outdoor activities, including sailing, camping, hiking, and, of course, skiing.

Tyrel Whilden is a freshman from Douglas, Georgia. He is a freshman in the college of arts and sciences and is currently studying philosophy. In high school he lettered in four varsity sports, and he enjoys running, hiking, and skiing.



Jesse Corburn is from Highland Park, New Jersey. He is a sophomore in the arts and sciences school, majoring in government and Near Eastern studies. He is involved in several community service groups on campus. In Jesse's free time (if that exists at Cornell), he likes to paint and sculpt.



Rami Bitar is a sophomore in the engineering school studying electrical engineering. He is from Lebanon and speaks fluent Arabic. He is an avid soccer player and enjoys weightlifting.



*We welcome these men
to our **BTH** brotherhood!*

The Muse Mailbox

Although he found his schedule rather full during his 65th reunion last June, EARLE R. ELMER '35 did find time to slip off to the Sigma Pi house and have a short beer with several people there. Still hale and hearty at age 87, Earle makes his home at 7124 Ducketts Lane, Apt. 303, Elkridge, MD 21075.

WILLIAM R. BROCKWAY '50 wrote in January that he was heading down to Florida at the end of the month to play baseball in Fort Myers. He's the father of nine children and grandfather of 13. Send greetings to Bill at 12907 The Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21742 or at billb51949@aol.com.

Writes MICHAEL LEIGH '52, "Having moved to Colorado in late 1999, we are comfortably settled in our spacious new home, enjoying the new western lifestyle and proximity of our children and grandchildren. Would welcome contact from any Mu classmates in the area." Mike's new address is 7692 Estate Circle, Niwot, CO 80503.

DAVID A. DEWEY '54 (5 Wooddale Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830) retired last March from Trust Company of the West after a 42-year career in law, finance, and marketing. He was looking forward to spending last New Year's Eve on Cape Cod with brothers DOUG PARKER '56, FRED JENSEN '54, and DICK PEW '55, adding, "I believe we all owe JIM KEENE '57 an everlasting debt of gratitude for his leadership and much hard work in saving the fraternity."

Vice president of unique homes for RE/MAX Classic in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, G. KURT DAVIDYAN '57 can be reached at 298 River Rd., Gladwyne, PA 19035 (gkdavidyan@yahoo.com).

Traveling and playing golf are favorite retirement pursuits of ROBERT W. STEVENS '59, who resides at 925 Beach Rd., #112, Sarasota, FL 34242. Send e-mail to Bob a rwstevens@worldnet.att.net.

JAMES R. UNCKLESS '66 will be returning to the hill in July for the wedding of his daughter, Amy, and Marc Gallagher, both '94 Cornellians, at Sage

Chapel. Drop him a line at junkles@rochester.rr.com or at 44 Potter Place, Fairport, NY 14450.

C. EDWARD KEMP '68 wrote to inform us that we'd made a mistake in the last issue of *The Muse*. On page two, the individual identified as ROBERT NOVO '70 in the second row of photos is actually "Kemper" himself. Our apologies to both! Ed's address is 3 Kinghorn Dr., Falmouth, MA 02540 (eds330@aol.com).

With two daughters in college, one on an athletic scholarship, RICHARD L. CAHOON '77 decided to quit his job at Dunlop and move to Cleveland as part owner of a new venture. He writes, "Love Cleveland, always have; hate Buffalo, always will." Stay in touch with Dick at dickc@dealertire.com or at 2330 Ardleigh Dr., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106.

Employed by Lehman Brothers in New York, JARETT F. WAIT '80 can be reached by e-mail at jwait@lehman.com. He lives at Bristol Plaza, Apt. #8K, 210 E. 65th St., New York, NY 10021.

Between travels abroad, JEFF S. SHAUGER '91 has kept busy sculpting wood and stone on the coast of Maine. Write to him at P.O. Box 19, Brooklin, ME 04616.

JASON HALIO '93 (jasonhalio@hotmail.com) reports that he recently moved to Boston, "where I handily beat ANDREW DWYER '92 in a backgammon tournament." Jason works for Goldman Sachs and lives at 346 Beacon St., #10, Boston, MA 02116.

Mail reaches MATTHEW PENS '00 at 23 Colonial Rd., Stamford, CT 06906 (mdp13@cornell.edu).

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We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

IRVING P. BROWN '42, May 24, 2000

LOUIS L. WILLIAMS III '43,
September 20, 2000



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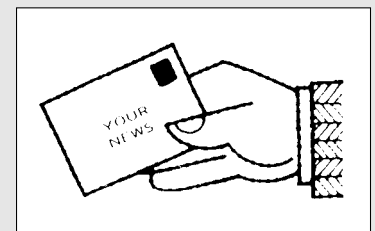
www.career.cornell.edu/ccs, the alumni link and Career

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for more information.

Send It Along!



Brothers keep in touch over the years and miles and learn each other's personal and professional news when they take a moment to return the alumni newsform. Send yours along to the address on page two.