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PLEASE COME VISIT US FOR:

# HOMECOMING OCT. 24-5-6

## THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fellow Primen,

How are things in the real world? Here in Ithaca, the newly renovated stately Sigma Pi manor is preparing for another fun-filled year! Last May I was fortunate enough to be elected Sage. I entered this office with three important credentials - I am lucky enough to be from Pittsburgh, I'm a hotelie, and of Serbian descent. Not many of our past Sages possessed these fine qualities. Luckily, I'm surrounded by a group of high quality officers from the Vice President on down to the Herald.

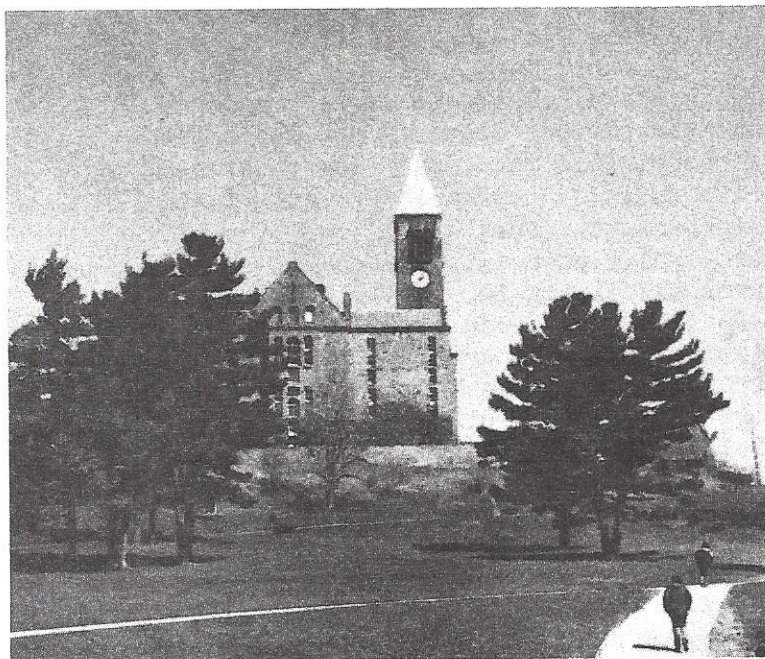
To complement this solid group of officers we have a physically impressive house. As many of you are aware, this summer the house was remortgaged and the money used to bring the house up to par with fire safety codes. Other cosmetic work was done. Consequently, the house is looking quite impressive! This task could have never been accomplished, however, without the efforts of Rob Colbert ('71) and Fred Peterson ('71), who I nominate for Mu Chapter Alumni of the year. Myself and all the brothers are very grateful for their help.

Financially speaking, the House is meeting all of its bills, but we are having some problems with outstanding housebills. Treasurer John Altmeyer has several ideas to combat this problem. With house approval they will be implemented during the year.

The amazing Hailstork is still the wizard of the kitchen. He recently lost a few pounds so the women are swarming over him even more than usual. He wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to his pension fund. Dolly, myself and all the brothers are looking forward to seeing you this fall.

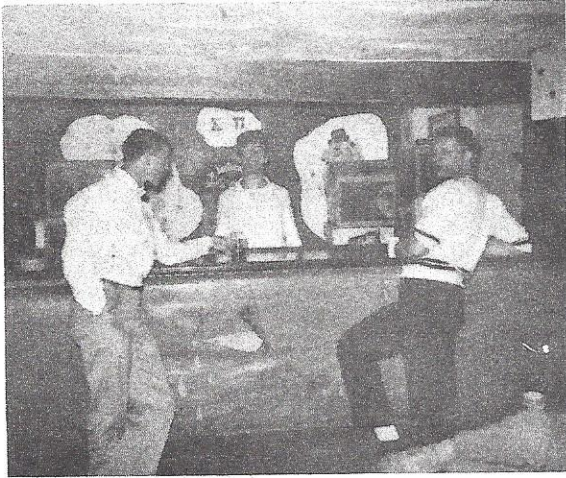
Fraternally,

Nicholas Vojnovic  
Sage



Far above Cayuga's waters we're  
waiting for your return!

## TREASURER'S REPORT



The Grotto Bar in its earlier years.

### PROMINENT PI-MEN

Once again the brothers of Sigma Pi dominate all aspects of campus life:

#### Varsity Sports

- 50's Football - J. D. Ross, Steven Kern, Carlos Santiago
- Baseball - Jon Pettee, Mike Vernick
- Ski Team - John Altmeyer (Captain), Dave Knapp, Dave Reich
- Basketball - Neil Rothouse
- Track - Jim Draddy (Captain)
- Lacrosse - Mike Cooney
- Wrestling - Bobby Wirth
- Rugby - Mike Rantz

#### Other Areas

- John Mennel - Campus Council Member
- Ken Balick - Noyes Center Policy Board
- Mitch Goodkin - Circulation Manager, Cornell Daily Sun
- Brian Finneran - Banquet Manager, Statler Hotel
- Tom McHugh - Weekend Supervisor, Statler Hotel
- Gary Derck - Chairman, Board of Directors, Student Management Corporation
- Barry Weiss - N.E. College Representative, Ariola Records

The national economy is in tough shape, as all of you certainly know. Yet Sigma Pi is doing its best to remain financially strong. The large size of our brotherhood permits us to withstand unexpected financial difficulties which have driven many another house off the hill. New policies have been instituted both this year and last to reduce outstanding house bills to a minimum and put an end to the house's ever-present arrears burden.

The new mortgage has naturally increased our monthly mortgage payments greatly, but this increase has been budgeted for. Increases due to inflation have also been included in the 1980-81 fiscal budget. A substantial raise in rent and chapter dues, effective September 1980 will provide the added income to meet these expenses. In addition we are nearing the end of a long battle to insure that all our taxes have been paid and will continue to be paid. Our long term improvement plans have now switched focus from fire safety to kitchen appliances, as we watch our refrigerator and stove wobble on their last legs.

Overall, Sigma Pi's financial situation is looking up. Yet, I must extend a plea for alumni help. Many alumni (mostly recent graduates) still have outstanding house bills - some of them quite sizeable - which are seriously denting our cash flow. I would hope that these brothers either contact me or respond quickly with remittance when they receive my forthcoming letter. In addition, I would ask that all alumni make a sincere effort to pay for all Homecoming reservations, meals and football tickets before they leave Ithaca on October 26th. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming.

John Altmeyer  
Treasurer

will never forget late night bar functions, Creeker runs, or the always bodacious road trip.

Sigma Pi is also going through its typical phase of trying to smooth up its act in the sorority department. In my 4 years, Sigma Pi has always remained above the petty social scene sometimes stereotyped about the greek system - and always will. To jealous greeks on the hill, Sigma Pi is sometimes accused of being "followers" not "leaders". But this is because these greeks do not understand the true concept of brotherhood. Pi-men are, and always will be, unique and respected individuals on campus.

Although the 1980 Pi-man may not be as wild or crazy as past Pi-men, they are still trying to keep up their reputation as major beer consumers, walking crime waves, and general madmen. Past Pi-men would appreciate the resurgence in bar functions.

Obviously, you can never expect to return to the same Pi-house you left behind. Yet there are many pleasant memories that a return to Sigma Pi will certainly evoke. By increasing our communication with alumni and contacting previously uncontacted alumni, we hope to see more and more alumni return to the house where they spent some of their most wild, crazy and unforgettable years.

Tom Cherner  
Vice-President

#### SOCIAL NEWS

Once again the brothers and alumni of Sigma Pi can expect a social schedule which far outshines that of any other fraternity on the hill! This fall will see many of the traditional Sigma Pi social events, along with several new additions. Football weekends, happy hours, and after-hours parties will occur periodically throughout the term. The newly remodeled and enlarged SIGMA PI BAR will get heavy use during these events, as the Pi-house takes full advantage of the gorgeous new additions to the infamous "ETERNAL TAP".

Although much of the calendar is being arranged, there are several important social dates to make note of:

September	19-20-21	First Football Weekend
	26	Bunghole Party
October	3- 4- 5	Football Weekend (Music by High Treason)
	24-25-26	HOME COMING
	31	Halloween Party (Music by Kentucky Moon)
November	(in planning stages)	
December	6	Christmas Formal
	7	Brothers Banquet

As I mentioned above, HOME COMING falls on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of October this year. Festivities begin at 9:00 PM FRIDAY the 24th with a coffeehouse in our newly refurbished dining room featuring the acoustic sounds of Straubing and Carlyle. Then on Saturday afternoon the amazing BIG RED football team tackles Dartmouth in the traditional Homecoming Football game. Screwdrivers and Bloodymarys will be served prior to the game and will be available to warm the Pi-house contingent's cockles through all four quarters. A formal dinner will be served that evening, preceded by the usual open bar and after the sun sets, the dice will be rolling and Roulette wheels turning as Sigma Pi presents its annual Casino Night. A high-stakes card game will take place in the grotto for all you hard-core poker players. And of course, the open bar will continue to flow throughout the night.

Remember that Alumni are always welcome at any and all Sigma Pi Social Events. If you cannot make it to Ithaca for Homecoming, stop by the bar anytime, night or day. I'm sure you'll find many a Pi-men there to reminisce and have a drink with.

For more information on Homecoming or any other social events, please write or call myself or the Alumni Secretary, Gary Derck. We'll be glad to send you a finalized social calendar.

Joe Ruocco  
Social Chairman

## SIGMA PI INTRAMURALS

Last year, Sigma Pi sports made a strong bid for the All-Sports Trophy, finishing 3rd among a field of 51 houses. This year we anticipate an even-better showing! Beginning with touch football, the Pi-house has an experienced core of returning veterans. Coach Dennis Ehrenberger is optimistic about the upcoming 1980-81 season. Soccer is another fall sport in which Sigma Pi is always among the front runners. Last season the booters took a hard fought 2nd place, much to the dismay of the squad. 75% of the starters will be returning this fall, however, and we look forward to an awesome performance.

Lacrosse is regarded as a tradition at Sigma Pi and last year the Laxers proved their worth by going all the way to earn the University Championships with a 10-0 record. Coach Brian Finneran has no doubts that the Sigma Pi stickmen will repeat last year's stellar performance.

One title that seems to be eluding the Pi-house is the coveted Intrafraternal Hockey Championship. Although we always go into the season with high hopes, inevitably injuries take their toll. "Not this year," says 2nd year coach Mark Barmasse. "We feel our skates have what it takes to go all the way!"

To sum things up, Sage Vojnovic and myself are extremely optimistic about the 1980-81 sports program. The brothers are confident that Sigma Pi will once again be one of the hill's top sports powerhouses.

Brian Finneran  
Athletic Director



Sigma Pi Lax - University Champions

## ALUMNI NEWS

Regretfully, I must relay the news of the recent death of brother Edward J, Kreuser, MD ('31) on August 21, 1980 after a three year struggle with cancer. Dr. Kreusser practiced OB-GYN until one month before his death, having "hung out his shingle" after getting out of the Army at the end of WWII. He is survived by his wife, Marian, daughter Karen, and son Edward. The brotherhood offers its condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of this fine man.

I would also like to inform you that Sigma Pi has made "improved alumni communications and services" one of its main goals for the 1980-81 school year. I assure you that I will do my utmost to improve all forms of communication between the house and the alumni - keeping mailings both timely and interesting. I am also available and more than willing to supply you with current information concerning any or all of your fellow Pi-men. But I cannot hope to do even a mediocre job if you do not fill out the last sheet of this edition giving me both your current address and the current

## FROM THE KITCHEN

The Sigma Pi kitchen opened the 1980-81 season on September 8th. Thanks to the diligent efforts of several alumni, the kitchen, as well as the rest of the house, received some much-needed renovations. Specifically, the entire floor area of the kitchen and dining room was retiled. Not only is this an aesthetic improvement, but it also makes the kitchen a cleaner, more sanitary place to operate.

Our Treasurer, John Altmeyer, and myself have developed a new budgeting system for the kitchen. We feel that this new budget, along with the 15% raise in meal prices passed at the most recent house meeting, will allow the kitchen to operate in the most efficient way possible, while serving excellent food to the brotherhood.

Dolly is better than ever -- abusing everyone when he's in a bad mood, abusing everyone even more when he's not. He still sneaks off to go fishing whenever he can, and spends the rest of his free time maintaining his image of being an ever-present threat to every female on campus. All in all, it looks like a great year for the Sigma Pi kitchen. I hope to see all of you real soon. Please stop by and grab a bit of Dolly's good old home cooking.

Tim Hawes  
Steward

## RUSH IS THE WORD

1980 promises to be another strong rush year for Sigma Pi. With the addition of a well-rounded and unified neophyte class and the beautiful, newly-renovated house, Sigma Pi should have no trouble bringing in another "bumper crop" class.

The "old favorites" rush functions will be back:

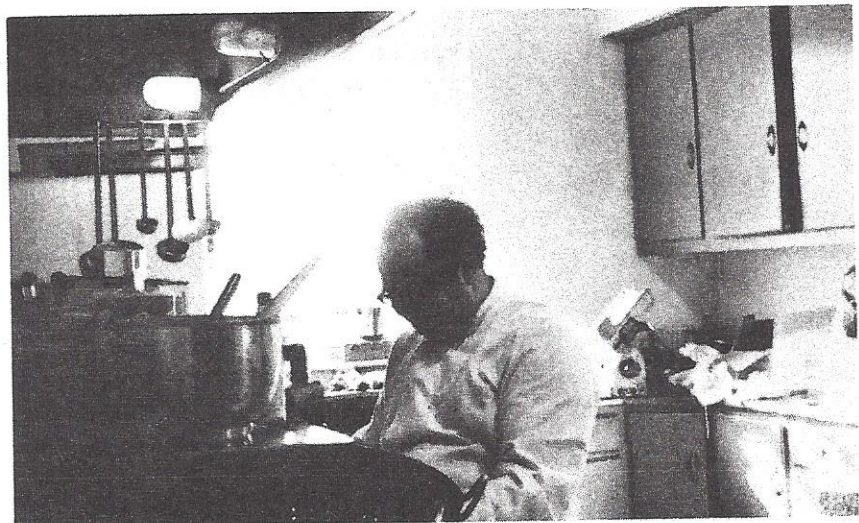
- Ide's bowling, beer & pizza functions
- Flogellating Reverberator, Boeeymonger and other related wild parties
- Monday-night football functions

And rush dinners will be held Monday through Thursday nights, so the rushes can get a taste of the Doll's homestyle cooking. In addition to these traditional activities, potential new ideas include:

- a cook-out at one of the local parks
- bus-trips to wineries, professional football games, or other "road trip" potentials

My assistants, junior Gerry Leape, and sophomore Timmy Henn, are working closely with me in preparing and motivating the brotherhood for the first rush smoker on October 5th. As a team we plan to insure that Sigma Pi's 1980 rush will reinforce our reign as "Best Damn House on the Hill". If you know of any Cornell freshmen who might make potential Pi-men please don't hesitate to contact me.

Tom Silver  
Rush Chairman



The mainstay of the Pi-house in action

addresses of any other alumni you know. Please take the time to fill out the form and return it promptly to me.

I join with Sage Vojnovic and the rest of the brotherhood in saying a special thank you to Rob Colbert ('71) and Fred Peterson (Derf '71) for the untold number of hours which they spent throughout the remortgaging and renovation process. My own note of personal thanks must be extended to all the alumni who worked on and with the Alumni board, for they helped me considerably. Despite my earlier pessimism, I can safely say that the undergraduate Pi-men now understand the importance of active alumni support and fully appreciate the many hours which these and other alumni have sacrificed!

Please note that Dolly's pension fund drive will reach its one year milestone this Homecoming. Current figures indicate that almost \$4,000.00 has been raised since last Homecoming. Adding this \$4,000 to the money set aside for Dolly in previous years (approx. \$10,000) leaves the man with a total pension of a mere \$14,000. With renewed commitment, however, we can easily reach our pension fund drive goal of \$500 per class (or \$10,000 total). Reaching this goal would boast Dolly's overall pension to close to \$20,000. Financial experts have been working closely with the Alumni Board in setting aside this money for Dolly in the most advantageous way possible. Please help by pledging your support to this man who has devoted so many years of his life to Sigma Pi.

Thank you for taking time out from your busy schedules to read this addition of the Muse, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or problems.

Fraternally,

Gary S. Derck  
Alumni Secretary  
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#### WHAT'S NEW

Frank Bowen ('25) should be an inspiration to all the duffers out there - he's still banging the little white golf ball regularly.

Ken Story ('33) recently added a new partner in his Construction Management firm and better yet his 7th grandchild!

Milton Chace, Carl Fabian, and Nick Reitenbach (all '56) have let it be known that they plan to tear up the Town of Ithaca this June (1981) when they return for their 25th reunion. All the rest of you 1956'ers why not join in the fun!

Robert Delaney ('58) has left the Air Force after 21 years in September 1980. Bob plans to remain in California (Agoura) for the next couple years at least.

Ed Butler ('63) was happy to hear that we had brought back the traditional Hurllothrumbo bash, especially since both he and Walt Laessing ('63) met their wives at the first Hurllothrumbo.

Jim Boland ('73) living in Fort Myers, Florida has found a new approach to life. He's decided to "retire now and work when (he) gets old and senile". His son Patrick is doing well at age 1 1/2.

John Stetson ('75) is quite pleased with his Boston engineering job. Stets was married last fall to Gwen Kugler, a planner for Digital, UVM '76) graduate, and ex-ski instructor.

Murray R. Wigsten ('78) remains true to his Sigma Pi Intramural form leading his Ipswich Raiders Lacrosse team in scoring with 24 goals, 13 assists. Way to go Big Wig!

Matt Kelly ('78) is engaged to Sharon Frederick and bartends at "The Oldest Hotel in America" - The Beerman Arms Inn in Rhinebeck, New York.

Why don't you let us know what's new with you, so we can pass the information on to your fellow Pi-men?!

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Please take a few minutes to fill out this form. We want to hear what is new with you so that the information can be included in the next MUSE.

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What's new with you, your family, your job, or anything else? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you hear from any of the brothers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please check the appropriate spaces and return immediately.

\_\_\_ I will be coming back for Homecoming Weekend, October 24, 25, and 26, 1980.

\_\_\_ I want \_\_\_ (#) football tickets.

\_\_\_ I want to be signed up for \_\_\_ (#) Friday night dinners.

\_\_\_ I want to be signed up for \_\_\_ (#) Saturday lunches.

\_\_\_ I want to be signed up for \_\_\_ (#) Saturday dinners.

\_\_\_ I want a double motel room Friday and Saturday nights.\*\*

\*\* Call Gary Derck at 607-272-9512 or 607-257-3275 for details about room reservations.

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