

# The MUSE

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity at Cornell University

ITHACA, NEW YORK

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## Homecoming '89

### October 13-15

#### Friday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee house at the chapter house

#### Saturday:

11:30 a.m. Tailgate/barbecue at Schoellkopf  
1:00 p.m. Football kickoff, Cornell vs. Harvard  
7:00 p.m. Dinner/formal  
10:00 p.m. Casino night

#### Sunday:

10:00 a.m. Alumni board meeting at the house

**Mark your calendars now!**



*Bill Freedman '89, Dolly, and Steve Solomon '90 enjoy the pledge banquet.*

*See more Sigma Pi pictures inside!*

## Sage Sees Bright Future For Mu Chapter

The spring semester of 1989 has continued the trend of recent good fortune experienced by Sigma Pi. Recent aesthetic improvements to the house have enabled us to have a very successful rush and gain 22 pledges this semester. In addition, we have also managed to utilize our new and respectable appearance as an unexpected source of revenue by renting out our house to a sorority for their "Farewell, Seniors" extravaganza. The success of the Pi-house in all of its activities has propelled the Pi-house to a new level of recognition on campus.

This year, a large pledge class was viewed as a necessity for the house as we are graduating over 30 brothers. Fortunately, 16 of the 22 pledges are freshmen. Our pledge trainer, Jeff Lipsky '89, has kept the class very busy around the house and prepared them very well to become good Pi-men. I'm very excited about living in the house next year with these guys, as are the other brothers.

This past semester, our social calendar was unbelievably filled. Thanks to Social Chairman Bryan Happ '90, there were sorority parties every Thursday and events every weekend as well. The Pi-house rocked like never before. Perhaps the greatest success was Parents Weekend, which attracted the largest crowd in recent years. Parents of pledges and neophytes were present in

especially strong force. It was great to see this type of interest by the parents of the younger guys.

Our relationship with sororities has become surprisingly solid—so much so that this year we held "rock 'n' roll tea" for the first time with Sigma Delta Tau Sorority and raised over \$1,500 for a local charity. It was good to see many recent alumni back for this event. The renting out of our house to a sorority was a great success, and we have since received several inquiries by other sororities regarding next semester.

In sports, we are doing better than even the most optimistic Pi-man could have predicted. We have been contending for titles in volleyball, softball, lacrosse, and, of course, Dolly's favorite—bowling. Coincidentally, the Doll seems to be as excited about the house as the rest of us. He is looking and feeling younger than ever. Early morning breakfasts with him just keep getting better.

The Pi-house is flourishing, and I encourage all alumni to come and visit and share the experience with us here in sunny Ithaca. I wish all Pi-men past and present all the best.

Bruce Glazer '90  
Sage

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### A Pi-Man In Paris

They say it's a small world, but that's not how it looks to me. From the top of the Eiffel Tower, I can barely make out my apartment in midtown Manhattan, and that's on a clear day. Ithaca, with its rolling hills (my home away from home) is beyond my sight. But the differences between Paris and Ithaca are not as distinct as one would imagine.

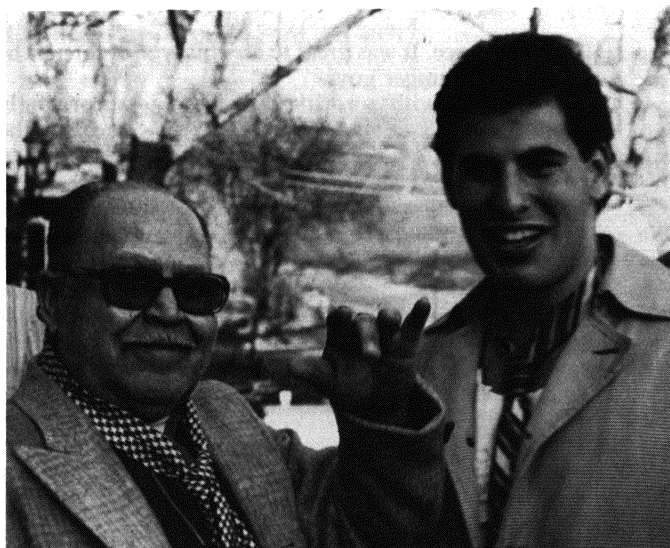
On a sunny May day I stroll along Rue Fourcroy, smiling at the lovely Parisian women, nodding my head to the frail Parisian men. I stop along the Seine to watch the water (which runs a little less swiftly than the water in Fall Creek Gorge). My lunch, a croissant and jam, brings memories of Doll's Dell floating back to me. Homemade French preserves are sweeter than Dolly's sliced lunch meats, but not as filling.

The weather harks back to Ithaca. Blustery and cold in the morning, the sky is soon split by shafts of light that play along the ground as if to highlight points of interest. One, I note, falls on the Louvre. While the classical collection there is more extensive than the Johnson Art Museum, so is the admission fee. I guess you do get what you pay for.

A weekend trip to Bordeaux and wine country brings sensory delights to the palate. I enjoy a nice New York State wine like the rest of them, but the drinking age is lower here. Besides, the Collegetown bar scene pales in comparison to the cafes and squares of the Latin quarter. I must admit, I'm meeting more Americans here than I did back home.

I have been here nearly four months now, and I'm pleased to say a little of the French *joie de vivre* is beginning to rub off. I hope to bring a little of it back home with me. I leave you all with this one last comparison: The architecture of Paris reminds me of the Pi-house itself: dusty and old, but steeped in tradition, brilliance, history, and charm.

Bonjour,  
Joshua David '90



Hello, Dolly!

## Dolly Still "Cookin' " In The Kitchen

Another year draws to a close, and all is well in the kitchen. Of late, the brothers are enjoying a refreshing new variety of meals combined with some of Dolly's favorites ("barm," "rats," etc.). The presence of such a large pledge class has made for some truly memorable and enjoyable meals.

Dolly has been in excellent spirits and has, as usual, kept himself busy. He single-handedly made the Parents Weekend formal a tremendous success by cooking a delicious meal for the entire group of 120 and making the parents feel good about the environment their sons have chosen. Furthermore, he still bowls three nights a week, including the traditional Sunday night "Bowling with the Doll."

Dolly looks forward to seeing as many alumni as possible at events such as Homecoming Weekend. I feel that your attendance at these events is an excellent way to keep him feeling good about what he has accomplished at Sigma Pi.

Steve Solomon '89  
Steward

## "Bowling With The Doll" Tradition Continues

This past semester, the Pi-men continued the long-time tradition of "Bowling with the Doll" on Sunday nights. Deftly wielding his ball and his one-liners, the Doll led the expeditions to Helen Newman Lanes and managed to show us younger guys a thing or two about the fine art of bowling. Flanked by the regular crew of Pat "No Spare" Young '91, Dave "Nice One Birddog" Bertenthal '89, house sweetheart Jen "Jan's Up" Dwyer, and me, Dolly bowled more easygoing games than he did in his weekday league (in which he and his partner made the state finals at Niagara Falls, New York).

There were also many alumni guest appearances at Helen Newman Lanes this past semester. Such Pi-house bowling legends as Michael Weissman '88, Steve Muson '88, and Dan Gerson '88 came up from New York City to try one more shot at beating the Doll at his own game. The Doll, however, wouldn't bow under pressure, and, using his skills "honed in the 1880s," outbowled all comers. We hope that these friendly Sunday night showdowns with the Doll will continue for many years to come.

Brian Cannon '91

## Dollars Make Sense

The house is stable financially and in better condition than it has been in some time. As I hope many of you will see at Reunion Weekend and Homecoming, the new doors and carpet remain in excellent condition. In addition, the television room, bar, and attic stairs have all been redone by the pledge class of 1989.

As always, the support of the alumni is essential. Although there are good things happening at the Pi-house, many improvements are still needed. In order for us to accomplish some of the more expensive work, we will need your further support. Come visit us soon and see for yourselves how hard we are working.

Joseph Cohen '90  
Treasurer

## Rush Changes Proposed

*We thought that alumni would be interested in reading this account of Cornell University's proposed rush changes, which appeared in the April 18, 1989, issue of The Cornell Daily Sun.*

By **JONATHAN LOTSOFF**

Formal fraternity rush will now take place only in the spring semester and "informal" fall rush will become a thing of the past if the Interfraternity Council (IFC) accepts the rush schedule proposed last night by its council of presidents, said Joseph M. Toscano '90, IFC president.

In addition, the council of presidents proposed that freshman males not be banned from fraternity parties as they were last fall, Toscano said. As in past years, rush will again be "dry" in accordance with the New York state law mandating a drinking age of 21 years, he said.

Toscano said that although there will be much debate within the IFC over the proposed rush schedule, he expects it to be approved.

### Rush Deferred

Cornell's Board of Trustees decided in 1969 to defer formal rush to the spring semester in the hope of giving incoming freshmen "an opportunity to get adjusted to a very rigorous environment," without being distracted by the additional pressures of rushing a fraternity house, said Randy S. Stevens, director of Greek life.

Since then, however, fraternities have avoided the trustees' mandates through a technicality that allowed them to recruit freshmen in the fall using an informal rather than a formal rush, Toscano said.

The IFC decided to strictly adhere to the trustees' orders when informal rush became more and more formal, he said.

"We decided we were going to follow them. It's about time we become a responsible organization," Toscano said.

The IFC will again strictly prohibit all fraternity parties for the first few weeks of spring rush as it did this year, he said.

### No Freshman Ban

However, the IFC saw no need to ban freshmen males from fraternity parties, as the University did on Sept. 12 last year, much to the chagrin of many fraternities and freshman alike, Toscano said.

Administrators lifted the ban 10 days later under fire from both students and the IFC, which maintained that the University pressured it into banning the freshmen.

The ban was initially instituted because University officials were becoming concerned by the number of freshmen being invited to fraternity parties and informal rush events, Stevens said.

### 'Undermining Orientation'

The parties were "distracting and undermining the whole orientation process," he said.

In addition, the IFC has proposed to set up a continuing series of general Greek awareness seminars, designed to "promote the Greek system as a whole, not just the individual chapters," and to make incoming freshmen "more aware of what rush is," Toscano said.

Once rush guidelines are approved by the IFC and submitted to the administration, the IFC hopes the University "would not touch our system anymore" since "we're no longer breaking rules," Toscano said.

*It is with deep regrets that The Muse announces the loss of Dolly's dog, Mishka. Brought into the house by Chris Garavanti in 1975, Mishka loyally provided friendship for the Doll and gave the brothers many hours of pleasure. Mishka will be fondly remembered by all and will be sadly missed.*

## Sigma Pi Helps Community

Once again, the brothers of Sigma Pi have helped out the Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC) by raising money through "rock 'n' roll tea." This year, the event raised \$1,500 for GIAC. GIAC is a place where children less fortunate than we are can go for recreation and learning.

To attract people to the outdoor concert, we hired two very popular local bands: Bernie Milton and Group Effort. Two of the members of Group Effort, Howie Glatzer '87 and Rich Lobofsky '87, are Sigma Pi alumni. The band is releasing its first album in July. Another alumnus was present, Nick Reitenbach '56, who, upon his return to Sigma Pi, found music and a good time. Mr. Reitenbach felt compelled to share the wealth and called his good friend Dick Avazian '59. The event was a huge success, but, more importantly, it helped a charitable organization meet its financial needs.

Alan Rosen '91  
Alumni Secretary

## Pi-House Sports Teams On Top

Hello, sports fans! The Sigma Pi sports teams of 1989 have embarked on a successful season. Our basketball team was off to a great start as Gary "Sky" Rezak '89 and Steve Scherzer '89 led the three-point bomb squad. Unfortunately, an injury to center Tim "Stretch" Camuti '90 derailed our championship hopes.

Things look better, however, in softball. Our team is currently 5-0 as it enters the playoffs, led by power hitters Chris Depippo '91, Joe Cohen '90, and Eric Gordon '89. The defense has been solid, led by Pat Young '91, Bryan "Cool Papa" Yen '89, and Bruce "Flake" Kornfeld '89.

As for tradition, Dolly could look proudly at the Sigma Pi bowling team this spring. Bringing an undefeated record into the finals, Bryan Happ '90, Steve "Kojak" Woods '89, Billy Freedman '89, and Andy Sherman '89 lost a close one 2,112-2,089.

Lastly, the lacrosse team, led by Guy DiPietro '89, Alan Rosen '91, Wilbur Holden '91, and Darren Biddel '92 and with excellent goaltending by Brian "Cosmo" Cannon '91, are 4-1 and headed for the playoffs. As you can see, the Pi-house sports teams are doing well.

Andy Sherman '89  
Sports Chairman

## Pledge Class Prepares For Initiation

The year 1989 brought 22 pledges to Sigma Pi. This large and diverse pledge class has completed pledging and, as of this writing, is preparing for initiation.

Throughout pledging there were meetings every Thursday night. Each week the pledges took their quizzes, handed in their interviews, and reported all kidnaps. Their pledge project consisted of renovating the entire TV room without altering the familiar set up. They also improved much of the bar area. As part of the project, a long-awaited drainage system was set up. Each of the pledges experienced phone, work, and kitchen duties, as have all brothers of Sigma Pi. Together they drank at the songs function and worked hard on the president's kidnap, the pledge banquet, and "rock 'n' roll tea."

As initiation approaches, we wish the pledges the best of luck and remind them that only those who are truly worthy will become brothers.

Jeffrey Lipsky '89  
Pledge Trainer

## WE HEAR FROM OUR SIGMA PI ALUMNI

Retiree **ARTHUR L. NASH '27** is active as a volunteer at the Paoli Memorial Hospital and in the curatorial division of The Brandywine River Museum. Art suffered a heart attack recently but hopes to get back to playing golf at The Hershey's Mill Golf Club, where he lives on the 16th green (235 Chatham Way, West Chester, PA 19380). Art is also a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. He keeps in touch with **DICK MOLLENBERG '27**.

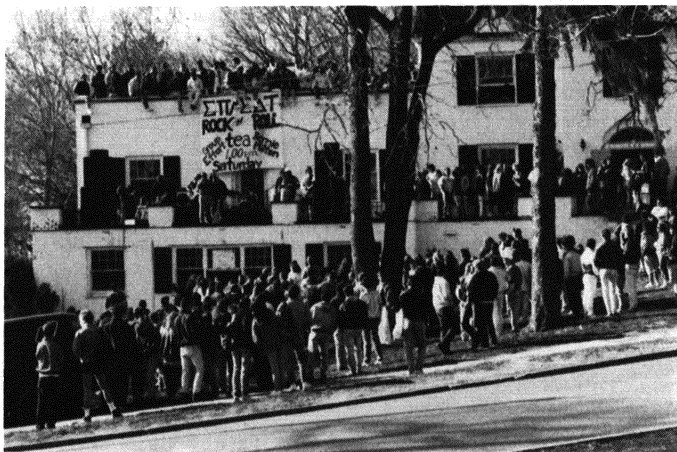
"Goofing off, mainly," writes **JOHN D. MASTERS '45**. "What I really need is a mailing address for **ROBERT A. KNAPP '45**. If you have one, please send it to me at 4 Winterberry Dr., Amherst, NH 03031."

**JIM KEENE '57** has started a new company in Omaha, Nebraska, and is hoping to acquire existing businesses. Jim and his wife, Ruth, recently joined approximately 100 other Cornellians on a tour of Antarctica. Write to "J. H." at 720 North 57th Ave., Omaha, NE 68132.

**RICHARD BOERNER '59** reports that **KEN RAND JR. '60** and his wife, Lois, attended his 50th birthday party. Richard also talked with **BILL KREGLOW '63** before Bill's recent marriage. He also keeps in touch with **KWAN TAI MAO '64** and went sailing with **PHIL GROSSE '65** last spring. He adds, "I really enjoy the old party weekend pictures in *The Muse*." Richard's address is 17 Cedarwood Lane, Saddle River, NJ 07458.

At the start of the new year, **C. EDWARD KEMP '68** and family joined the families of **MICHAEL HANDY '70** and **BOB INSLERMAN '67** at the home of **BERNIE NEENAN '70** in Liverpool, New York. During the weekend, Ed, Mike, Bob, and assorted children journeyed to Ithaca and the Pi-house, where they were surprised by Dolly coming up the stairs with his kitchen knife, apparently startled by someone's entry on New Year's Day. "Once he realized we 'belonged,' we all had a friendly visit," writes Ed from his home at 3 Kinghorn Dr., Falmouth, MA 02540.

An engineer for DuPont, **CRAIG F. BINETTI '77** resides at 17 Carriage Path, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.



The "rock 'n' roll tea" was a huge success.

After being promoted to the position of national sales director of Dunlop Tire Company, **DICK CAHOON '77** and family moved to 110 Parkview Dr., Grand Island, NY 14072. "All is well, kids are growing big, and I'm getting old."

The senior vice president and director of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, **CHRIS GARAVENTE '77** is also father to Buddy, age two. "I am looking forward to getting back to the Pi-house soon." Drop a note to "Hooch" at 120 Shawnee Path, Millington, NJ 07946.

**TERRY JOHNSEN '78** began working at Malt-O-Meal Company in September 1988. "Remember to keep eating that hot cereal during the cold winter months!" Terry is still working toward his master's in food engineering. He and his wife, Claudia, had their second child, Thomas Mark, on January 28, 1989. Their first, Erik Dieter, turned two last February. Terry is interested in hearing from Pi-men in his area and in Chicago and San Francisco, where he does business often. Contact him at 4358 Bear Path Trail, Eagan, MN 55122.

Congratulations to **LUC CHABOT '80**, who became the proud father of identical twin girls in May 1988. Emily and Elise are younger sisters to Monique (2). Luc recently spent four weeks in Norway doing some hydrodynamic research work "but managed to squeeze in some time skiing in Norway and Sweden and a weekend jaunt to Paris." Send best wishes to Luc at 2128 Pinehurst Dr., LaPlace, LA 70068.



**JOE DERVAY '80** has left active duty as the flight surgeon on the aircraft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy* and is now completing an emergency medical residency in Washington, DC. Before leaving the Navy, "Dash" flew a navy A-Y Skyhawk into Syracuse and had lunch with **TOM OWENS '83**, who is in Syracuse Air Guard (see photo). Visit Terry at 2928 South Buchanan St., Apt. A-1, Arlington, VA 22206.

**JON PETTEE '81** writes, "My most recent intellectual pursuits include a night out to see female boxing in New York City with **JAY ERNST '81**, **DEAN HARWOOD '81**, and **MIKE RANTZ '81**." Send mail to Jon at 103 West 75th St., Apt. 3, New York, NY 10023-1813.

Dairy farmer **JOHN D. ROSS '83** reports that he has two daughters—Kristie, who'll soon be four years old, and Abbie, nine months. "The farm keeps me busy and makes it tough to get away." Over Labor Day weekend last year, "J. D." enjoyed a visit from Jennifer and **STEVE KERN '83** and **MIKE VERNICK '83**. "If you're ever in northern New York," writes John, "stop in and see us at Ross Rd., Box 323, Lowville, NY 13367. Tell Dolly I've got a trout pond just waiting for him."

Reporting a new address is **JEFFRY M. BORGIDA '88**: 11 Kilsyth Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

### DECEASED

We regret to inform you of the death of the following alumni:

**JAMES M. ARNOLD '27**  
**HENRY E. HARTMAN '19**  
**JAMES H. WOOD '32**