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Jon Broder '91 and Dolly enjoy the brothers banquet.

Alumni Secretary Urges Alumni To Visit At Upcoming Events

Greetings from Ithaca. As you can see from the other articles in this issue of *The Muse*, the house is moving along fine. Our new executive board is working hard, and many plans are in full swing for this spring, summer, and fall. Speaking of future plans, I hope to see as many alumni as possible at our upcoming events. It was good to see so many younger graduates at the annual beach party, but I'm hoping for an even larger turnout at Spring Weekend, Cornell Reunions, and next fall's Homecoming. Cornell Reunions this year will be held from June 7-10 and should be an enjoyable time. Although it seems far away, plans are well under way for Homecoming this fall. The date for this will be October 27, and the game will be against Brown. I am hoping to build on the great success of last year's Homecoming. Look for details of the weekend and how to reserve hotel rooms (we have a limited number already reserved) in your mailboxes soon. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the house (730 University Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850) at 607/272-8767 or at 607/273-5631.

Our thanks go out to Stu Strumwasser and Howie Epstein for organizing the bung reunion that took place in New York City earlier this semester. This and other events have given us a lot of optimism for the future. Good luck to all, and I hope you can stop by the old Pi-house sometime soon.

Brian Cannon
Alumni Secretary

New Executive Council Elected

So, we woke up one fine Sunday morning and proceeded to invoke the sacred rituals that assure our eternal life. I'm speaking of the yearly house elections that act as the rite of passage, entrusting the secrets and mysteries of Sigma Pi to a new executive council. This past February 4, a new group of Pi-men assumed power on a platform of conscientious democracy. Miguel Ferrer '91 was elected sage; Jon Broder '91 emerged as treasurer; Chris DePippo '91 is the social chairman; Brian Cannon '91 is our alumni secretary; and Pat Young '91 is Dolly's new steward. In addition, Mark Langdon '91 had already assumed the office of vice president and was busy planning our Orchid Ball, which took place on March 9.

The house has been on an emotional rollercoaster this semester because of the changes to the rush system. Although we didn't emerge as the largest house on campus, our 1990 pledge class has already shown itself to be a very tight unit that will guide this house in the critical years ahead. They are a varied class, with members from Hawaii, California, Brooklyn, and New Jersey. Nonetheless, we are currently on a tremendous joy ride as the pledges learn all there is to really learn.

As we prepare for what should be a long, warm spring season, the wit, clever asides, and spirit so familiar to all Pi-men have begun to rear their hibernating heads. Following a trend of increased environmental awareness, many brothers are organizing park/gorge cleanups and charity work this spring. These efforts should lead the way among the Greeks. Look for details of these meaningful activities in the next *Muse*.

On a sad note, Dolly and the members of the house were forced to accept the sudden loss of Dolly's akita puppy. He passed away during Christmas break from an unexpected virus and left us all saddened when we returned from break. Fortunately, Dolly now has a new puppy, Yoko, whom we are glad to welcome to the Pi-house.

I hope that alumni can stop by in the months ahead and pay a visit to us here at the house. Until then, best of luck to all.

Miguel Ferrer '91
Sage

Dates To Remember . . .

Cornell Reunions — June 7-10, 1990
Homecoming — October 26-28, 1990
Cornell vs. Brown

Pi-Men Create New Office

With the acquisition of a new foosball table early on this spring, it wasn't long before the intense foos competition forced our new sage to create a new office: commissioner of foos (57th counselor). As the first commissioner took office, a foos league quickly took shape and since has developed into pre-dinner, end-to-end, earth-shattering, fast-paced action. The league consists of 10 competitive, two-man teams, each playing an 18-game schedule. The leaders at the spring break, halfway point are Dan "Pass to angle" Smalls '92 and his teammate, Vince "Robofoos" Vallojo '91. We're expecting the competition to build throughout the remainder of the season, climaxing in late April with the postseason tournament.

Marshall Gilinsky
Commissioner of Foos



The brothers hang out at the bar, which was renovated by last year's pledges.

Spring Sports Start Strong

As the new sports chairman, I'm happy to see the excellent athletic condition that the brothers are in. I've noticed a new-found enthusiasm for Sigma Pi sports. Second semester sports include volleyball, hockey, skiing, inner tube water polo, and bowling. Softball, box lacrosse, and wrestling are still to come.

There was so much enthusiasm for volleyball this semester that I was forced to enter a team in the independent league as well as the fraternity league. Both teams have made explosive starts this season. Led by its captain, Doug Cohen '92, and pledge Forest Starr, the volley team has perfected its strategy of setting up Tim "Spike" Camuti for the point-winning shot. Coach Dolly has molded his Sigma Pi bowlers into fierce competitors. Pat Young '91 and Brian "Cosmo" Cannon '91 provide a striking combination with Chris Papouchis '91 returning after a nagging injury to help the team. Sandy Doti '92 and Brian Hession '92 set an all-time Sigma Pi record. They each recorded a 233 in the victory over AGR fraternity. The old record was set by "Stony," who bowled a 232 against TKE.

The Sigma Pi hockey squad posted its best record in years, advancing to the semifinals before being disqualified because of a third-period "skirmish" in that game. Pledge Derek Harrison provided the team with blinding speed while Bruce Glazer '90 used his long arms and quick hands to chalk up the goals. The Sigma Pi water polo team, led by Adam "Aqua" Galowitz '90 and Jamie "Clubber" Relihan '92, swam its way to the quarters before losing in a tough match to Psi U. In skiing, our team, consisting of Chris Hansen '91, Marshall "Alpine" Gilinsky '92, Dan Smalls '92, and Bryan Happ '90, claimed third place in the competition.

After spring break we look forward to outstanding performances in box lacrosse and softball. I have outlined an off-season training program that the athlete brothers will be using to stay in shape.

Joey Hellerstein '92
Sports Chairman



Sigma Pi's Spring Weekend, May 14, 1955.

Pledges Are Working Busily To Redo Main Floor Of House

As the Pi-house rolls into the spring semester, the financial health of the house is, as always, an important issue. The membership of the house declined this past year when we graduated 30 worldly, cultural Pi-men. However, due to the bursar billing system that was developed about two years ago, the house has been able to collect on the house bills of the active brothers. As a result, we are doing fine with our everyday needs.

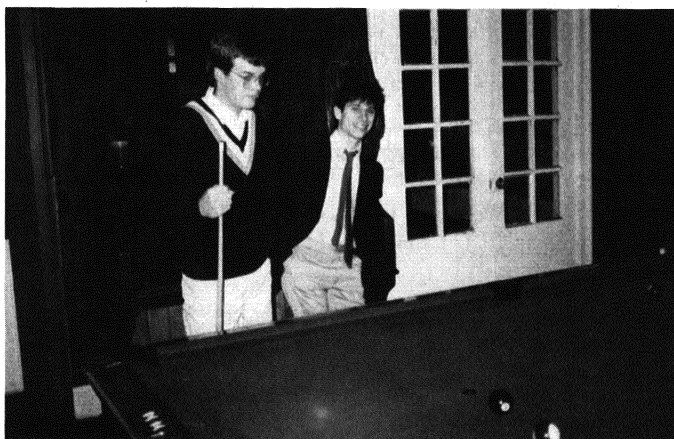
However, the beloved white house is old, and each year we encounter another physical problem beyond our control. For example, our second-floor bathroom has been closed due to plumbing problems, the furnace had to be replaced, and the sidewalk in the front of the house had to be redone by order of the city of Ithaca. The current financial status of the house does not allow us to pay for the repairs mentioned. The alumni have offered some support, but soon a crisis could face the house. A huge fund-raising effort is in the planning stages, which would certainly prevent the crisis that I am referring to. Therefore, as treasurer, I ask the alumni to continue to support the house.

On a positive side, our pledges are busily working to redo the entire main floor of the house. Also, the excitement at the house is at an all-time high, and, with continued support from the alumni, I can only envision great things for the Pi-house in the future.

Jonathan Broder '91
Treasurer



Steve Solomon '90, Dolly, and Dolly's new akita puppy, Yoko.



Jeff Chauger and Tim Camuti in the soon-to-be-new pool room.

Rush Nets Good Men; Social Calendar Remains Full

Spring has finally returned (thank heavens), and, as usual, the arrival of spring to Cornell means the arrival of a new pledge class at Sigma Pi. This year's formal (and only) rush was exhaustingly long—three weeks, to be exact. But regardless of the IFC's changes to rush policy, we brothers emerged unscathed, managing to attract a group of very cool men. So, if you drop by these days, and we hope you will, you can be sure to find our eager-to-please pledges, all on a quest to learn the "secrets and mysteries," all feverishly toiling day after long day on their pledge project.

With a little luck, this year's project will be a first-floor facelift including a fresh coat of paint on the walls and trim and a new finish on the old, yet beautiful wooden floor. Already the pool room floor has been sanded, stained, and sealed—with terrific results! Soon the rest of the first floor will follow suit, and the place will no doubt look like a million bucks. We're all very excited.

Despite the changes, not only to rush and our house but also to Cornell's party policies, our social calendar remains well stocked with fun-filled events for everyone. This semester's high-lights have included the traditional beach party extravaganza, complete with a reggae band, coconuts, pineapples, punch, and this year's twist—*real* sand (no more of this bricklayer mortar that turns to bricklayer mud when mixed with spilled drinks). The beautiful sand for this year's party came direct from Puerto Rico, the home of our current sage.

Only two short weeks after the beach party, Dolly led the troops to New York City for a small gathering of bungholians—past, present, and future. The bung fest, held at Greenwich Village's Hudson Har Bar, was craftily engineered by brothers Stu Strumwasser and Howie Epstein and drew about 50 Pi-men. According to bung landlord Bob Lower, Sigma Pi has been renting 626 Stewart since 1975. The reunion, then, marked 15 years of the bunghole experience, and fear not—the tradition remains afire as 12 new Deltas are preparing to sign the lease for the 15th time. Viva la bung!

Just a week later, you'll be surprised to hear, we all managed to dig up a date for the annual Orchid Ball. Held this year at Ithaca's Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, the ball was a success as Pi-men wined, dined, and danced with their dates all night long to the music of emcee Higgins.

Look for the following when we return from break: "booeo mongers" (which is no longer a rush function but now a pledge function), Parents Weekend, and, of course, the pledge banquet and the "rock and roll tea." This year's tea, part of Cornell's Greek Week celebration, was on Saturday, April 21. We hope that some of you were able to attend.

You can count on good things from the current executive council, and I look forward to passing on more to you in the next issue.

Christopher DePippo '91
Rush Chair
Social Chair

New Sweetheart Chosen

On March 9, at the Orchid Ball, Jackie Hoyt succeeded Liz Closter as our house sweetheart. After being presented with a bouquet of roses, Liz was thanked for being the sweetheart for the past year. We all appreciate the excellent job she did. Eager to start as sweetheart, Jackie says that she is looking forward to bowling with the Doll and claims that she already "loves Monday night barm."

Our Alumni Send News

Retired colonel WILLIAM BEDDOE '45 enjoyed a cruise from Acapulco, Mexico, through the canal with stops at San Blas, Curacao, Aruba, St. Martens, St. Thomas, and San Juan from October 28 to November 10, 1989. He plans to be in Ithaca for his 45th reunion in June. "See some of you?" The address for "Lefty" is 1109 Mint Springs Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324.

"Retirement is the big news," writes HOWARD P. KING JR. '47. "I took the big step on July 1, 1989, after 34 years and four months as director of dining services here at Virginia Tech." Howard was going to teach a three-week course called Food Service Systems in February, after which he hoped to be "RVing" in Wisconsin and Michigan. He and HANK DYLLA '46 keep in touch at Christmas time. Keep in touch with Howard at 1002 Oak Point Court, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

VINCENT G. CRANE '52 informs us that he turned his company (Airsides, Inc.) over to his three sons in January. He is looking forward to semiretirement at 200 White Hampton Lane, #722, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

"Still in love with Florida after three-and-a-half years," announces RICHARD W. KUBIAK '68. "Our recent cold snap over Christmas made me realize I could never return to the cold climate again. Enjoy your snow—you can have my share." When not working as a pharmacist, Dick enjoys scuba diving and the sun. "If ever in the area (8281 Cedar Hollow Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33433), please feel free to drop in. I'm in the phone book."

THOMAS C. HEISS '71 sends greetings from the Rochester Pi-men. He pens, "Those of us still in contact up here include WALLY KNOX '71, BILL STRUSZ '73, KEN YURGELUN '72, and STEVE SILBERMANN '72. All of us are family men and are climbing the corporate ladder. Wally, Bill, and Ken are at Xerox, Steve is at Kodak, and I am at VLSI Technology. TOM CHAPPLE '70 visits regularly from his home near Washington, DC, and ROY BROWER '72 stays in touch from Baltimore." Send a note to Tom at 165 Sawmill Dr., Penfield, NY 14526.

Personnel director for XEROX, WILLIAM J. STRUSZ '73 reports that he moved back to Rochester in the fall of 1988, after four years in Chicago. He and his wife have three girls—Sara, Jodie, and Carol-Sue. Bill pens, "Saw BERT HURLBUT '74 in Pasadena. He and wife Becky are raising a son. BILL DAVIS's ('71) wedding was well-attended by Pi-men last summer." The home address for Bill is 94 Mountain Rd., Rochester, NY 14625.

WILLIAM H. AHRENS '76 writes, "My wife, Peggy, and I moved back to North Dakota in 1985, after three years on the faculty at the University of Delaware. Peggy works at home with our two boys, Ben and Mitch. I do research and teach two courses in weed science. We enjoy North Dakota very much—the people, the wide open spaces." The new address for Bill is 2017 9½ St. North, Fargo, ND 58102.

Residing at 1199 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128, are Amy and DONALD E. MOTSCHWILLER '80. They have two children—Maxwell (born January 13, 1987) and Melanie (born February 23, 1989). Donald works as an investment banker with Presidential Capital Corporation.

BRADFORD L. CROOKE '81 proudly announces that he and Debbie were married on November 25, 1989, with several Pi-men in attendance. "They included JOHN ROCHE '81, TIM HAWES '82, GERRY LEAPE '82, TOM CHERNER '80, MIKE VERNICK '83, JOHN ALTMAYER '81, and LARRY PAGLIERRANI '78. In addition, Debbie and I rented a ski house with

TONY McMANUS '80, "Pags," and JACK WELCH '78 at Sugarbush, Vermont." Send congratulations to the newlyweds at 7A Keith Circle, Woburn, MA 01801.

Announcing his plans to marry Kathleen Farrell this spring is HERBERT JAY ERNST '81. He pens, "I work at Shearson Lehman with WOODY JAY CORNELL '81 and JARETT WAIT '80. I see DEAN HARWOOD '87 often, who works at Tudor Investment Corporation. Other Sigma Pis working 'downtown' are, MIKE RANTZ '81 (Goldman Sachs), JIM DRADDY '81 (Yamaichi Securities), and JOHN PETTEE '81 (Morgan Stanley)." Get in touch with Herbie at 23 West 73rd St., New York, NY 10023.

ROGER M. LEVINE '81 reports that his job keeps him traveling quite a bit. "If anyone living in the western U.S., Canada, Chicago, Pittsburgh, or Florida areas would like to partake in any wine tasting at local establishments, let me know. I've been able to see THOMAS McHUGH '81 and his family and GARY DERCK '81, and recently spoke with NICK VOJNOVIC '81 in Atlanta, who recently had a boy. BRAD MOLOF '81 is living in Austin." Contact Roger at a new address of 721 LaSalle Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215, or phone 716/835-2678.

"I have been happily married for nearly five years," announces BARRY P. WEISS '81. "My son, Harrison, celebrated his one-year birthday on February 9. I am senior vice president of Jive Records in New York. Our main artists include Billy Ocean, Samantha Fox, rap groups DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince, Kool Moe Dee, Boogie Down Predictions, and Too Short." Barry keeps in contact with CARY GOLDBERG '81, GARY WAGNER '81, and HOWARD GORDON '81. Write to Barry at 555 North Ave., Apt. #14V, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.

DENNIS P. McNAMARA '83 is an attorney and receives correspondence at 31-65 29th St., #1, Astoria, NY 11106.

"I am still in my residency, training to be a heart surgeon," reports JOHN S. SCHOR '83. "I still have about four more years to go, and am working like a dog (100 hrs./week)." John planned to be in Israel in February, with plans to meet up with CARLOS SANTIAGO '83, MIKE VERNICK '83, and possibly TODD SHIGEKANE '83. John sends his congratulations to MIKE FEIERTAG '83, who is in residency in orthopedic surgery in Miami and who got married in October 1989. Drop a line to John at 1000 Quayside Terrace, #T-11, Miami, FL 33138.

WILLIAM W. HOPPIN '85 provides us with a new address of 456 Ruthven St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

Reach TIMOTHY B. HARTMAN '86 at a new address: 47626 Hoyt St., Fremont, CA 94539.

"I'm enduring my first year of law school," writes DEAN S. ASOFSKY '88. "I am also contemplating a run for Congress in 1992." The address for Dean is 240 Mercer St., #2006, New York, NY 10012.

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We regret to report the death of
ROBERT J. LEHREN '51 on October 9, 1989.

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