



# THE MUSE

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity  
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## Fund-Raising Update: Report From The Alumni President

Greetings, fellow alumni! A group of us has been quite busy in the last six months formulating plans for a major house renovation.

We plan to replace gutters, roof, and porches and purchase new dining room, east lounge, and west lounge furniture in order to restore the basic appearance and functioning of the house. The core of the renovation is to replace all bathrooms and plumbing by adding stacked bathrooms in an addition to the back of the house. This addition will reduce the cost of retrofitting plumbing into current cramped quarters. Also, the addition will allow for a badly needed fireproof staircase. Blueprint schematics for house renovation have already been drawn up by Pete Romeo '55. Most of the rest of this plan was created and roughed out by Jim Keene '57, Joel Van Wynen '61, and Rob Colbert '71, with assistance provided by Fred Peterson '71, Rick Rego '82, Bruce Kornfeld '89, and Michael Quaid '75. Thank you, brothers, for all your efforts!

We estimate that we will need to raise \$500,000 in order to fund these long-lasting improvements. We plan on sending a package to each alumnus by the end of the first quarter, outlining our plans in more detail.

We are in the process of setting up a network among the alumni in order to establish a fund-raising process. We have almost completed the selection of a class leader for each year. Each of these class leaders will be responsible for finding a current address for each class member. It is expected that each

class's leader will also serve as fund-raising chairman for his class.

If you have already volunteered in some capacity to assist in this fund-raising process, I want to thank you on behalf of all Cornell Sigma Pi brothers. If you would like to serve in some capacity, please give one of the alumni leaders a call:

Ford Fay '82: (W) 716/777-8025, (H) 716/654-7971

Rick Rego '82: (W) 212/308-0610

Jim Keene '57: (H) 402/558-8685

Joel Van Wynen '61: (H) 212/744-8671

Michael Quaid '75: (H) 802/878-6675

Herb Holden '63: (H) 315/568-9270

Nick Reitenbach '56: (H) 203/869-6639

A number of alumni have expressed to me the importance of Sigma Pi in their lives—in terms of character development, the friends they've met, and as the center of the wonderful and meaningful moments of the time spent at Cornell. Many of these same alumni have expressed a strong concern that Sigma Pi must remain independent in order to maintain the character that they are so proud to be associated with. Please join us in keeping this alive for all Sigma Pi brothers—current and future. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Fraternally,  
Ford B. Fay '82  
Alumni President

## Sage Provides Overview Of Mu's Fall Semester

Hello once again from your beloved Mu Chapter. Last semester proved to be one of historical importance as the house found itself at the center of various issues. Most important, the alumni board and a few outstanding alums spearheaded a drive to raise the necessary funds to renovate certain areas of the house as well as add new bathrooms and nine new beds. One look should be sufficient for anyone to understand that this wonderful old house is in dire need of help. Do the right thing; please contribute any way you can.

We spent the first half of the semester on social probation, unable to be the lively Pi-men that we are all accustomed to being. All this did was create a lot of tension that led to a  
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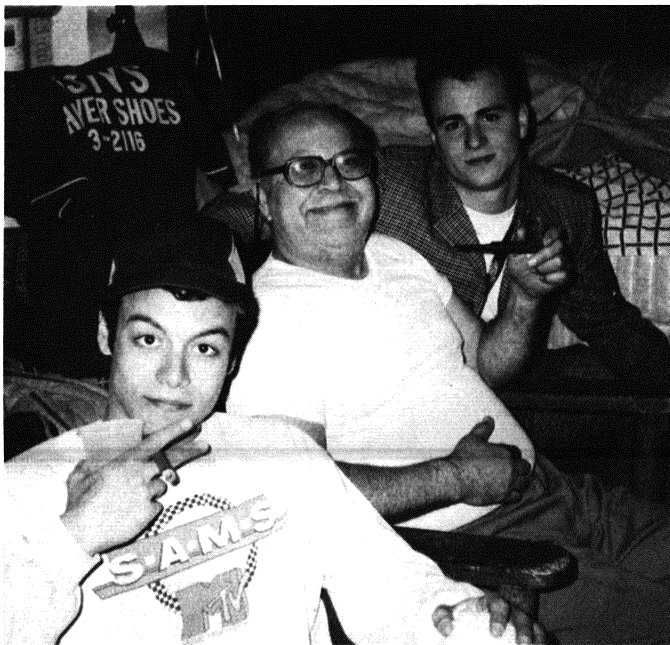
*Some things never change—Dolly at a brothers banquet.  
Can you guess the year?*

## The Sigma Pi Kitchen: A Model Of Efficiency

Greetings from the kitchen of Sigma Pi. Another semester has gone by, and my term as steward draws to a close. During the past year, it has been fulfilling to see positive trends in both the kitchen and the house. Dolly's new dog, Yoko, has matured and grown even more (if that's possible), and the Doll himself has been in great spirits. The new pay scheme for kitchen jobs, implemented under my stewardship and run by the treasurer and assistant treasurer, Forrest Starr, has been a great success and has created even more efficiency in the kitchen.

Dolly is to be thanked for his tremendous job in preparing over 120 steaks and creating, once again, his legendary banana cream pie for this past Homecoming. Doll hopes that each and every one of the alumni who attended enjoyed his meal, and we all hope that you will return again next year. In general, all's well in the kitchen, and it is with reluctance that I prepare to pass on the office of steward to another eager brother.

Patrick Young '91  
Steward



*Dolly holds court in his room.*

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## What SP Means To Me...

It is probably not wise to wear fraternity letters in Europe. Walking up to class on a cold English morning during my semester abroad, sporting my faded Sigma Pi sweatshirt, I was greeted with a rather unexpected reaction. Instead of the looks of admiration and respect that were always elicited by the golden letters emblazoned across my chest as I proudly strode across the Cornell campus, at the University of Exeter I was merely asked one simple and curious question.

"Pardon me, but are you from Greece?" The question was asked in a thick Devonshire accent.

"Why, do I look Greek?" I answered uncomprehendingly.

"Well, those letters..."

"Ah. That's my fraternity."

"Indeed, what's a fra-fraternity?"

"Well, basically, it's a fellowship of kindred minds united in brotherhood to encourage chivalry, give money to GIAC, and save the swamplands."

"Oh, I see; so it's kind of like that movie I saw the other day, *Animal House*, I believe it was called."

"Exactly."

But this exchange was more than idle cross-cultural chit-chat, more than an intercontinental exchange of lives and lifestyles. It was a catalyst that drove me to ponder, so far from home, exactly what this institution is that we call Sigma Pi. And as I compared these two entities—the British Isles and the Mu Chapter—its meaning became apparent.

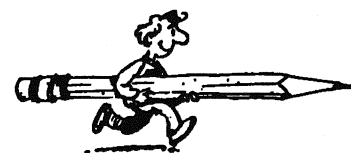
To begin with, the thick, stodgy English cuisine may be more filling than a Thursday night dinner at the house but lacks the subtle nuances of flavor and texture that can be culled only from Doll's kitchen. And though a British pub may offer hundreds of hearty ales, stouts, and lagers, throughout all of my travels I failed to find even one "seat of happiness" that is always kept warm for me, like the one downstairs on University Avenue. And though watching aggressive World Cup soccer and skull-splitting rugby is certainly entertaining, it is by no means a match for the spirit, the finesse, and the splendor of the Sigma Pi football squad exploding to yet another undefeated season.

There is little left, then, that needs to be said. The British Isles and continental Europe may indeed have much to offer by means of culture, music, and art. But it will be a sad day in Pi-house history when the *Mona Lisa* hangs instead of Doll's picture, half-smiling down on the east lounge.

Dan Applebaum '91

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## Alumni Interest On An Upswing

As my term as alumni secretary winds down, I am pleased to see an upswing in alumni interest in the house. Beginning with last June's successful summer reunion and continuing to our recent Homecoming, a lot of alumni have visited and had a good time at the old Pi-house. I hope that any of you who haven't visited will do so in the near future. The house and the bar are always open to our alumni, and you all are welcome.

Homecoming this past November was a great success. Those who attended the game saw Cornell crush Brown. The rest of us enjoyed the tailgate, complete with "Doll's Dell." The formal that night was also a success. I'd like to thank the alumni who donated to the house at this event; we really appreciate your continued support.

On the subject of fund-raising, we are in the primary stages right now of a long-term plan to raise enough money to renovate the house. This may seem like an especially large project to undertake, but the house really is in dire need of it. Although the day-to-day expenses are well taken care of, we, as actives, cannot generate enough capital to make these much-needed improvements. This is the first really organized drive we have started in my time as a brother. The alumni board will be contacting everyone with details. I hope that you will remember your good times and experiences at the Pi-house and contribute generously.

As I leave this office of alumni secretary and graduate from Cornell, I have great confidence in the future of the Pi-house. With active support from our alumni, future generations of brothers will continue to keep Sigma Pi at Cornell as strong as it is. On that note, I hope to see as many of you as possible visiting the house this semester; good luck to all.

Brian Cannon '91  
Alumni Secretary

## Sigma Pi Adapts To Policies

The 1990 school year started on a sour note as Cornell benched us during the preseason. According to the office of the dean of students, Sigma Pi had served alcohol to a minor, and we were on probation for the first half of the semester. But after two low-key months, we emerged as the foremost house at which to party on Cornell's beautiful campus.

After some minor adjustments to the new alcohol "policy," on October 20 Mu Chapter once again opened its doors to its screaming, fun-hungry fans. And included among the crowds, of course, were many fun-hungry rushees. Our first party, thrown with the assistance of our new partner in crime, Willie's Catering, was nothing short of a smash. Rock and Roll Chowder performed two terrific sets, and the place was packed.

Right after, we were able to secure the house's favorite band, Blues Traveler, for a concert at Bailey Hall to benefit the Finger Lakes Land Trust.

The first rush meeting, a.k.a. neophyte initiation, has been called the best in four years, and it served to bring back the spirit that slowly disappeared from our active brotherhood. Rest assured, however, that we've gotten it back and that we're all very happy.

This semester marked the return of the ever-incredible "boeey mongers." Attended by all of the brothers and about 15 rushees, the scene was classic. 'Nuff said.

New policy dictates that 20 percent of our social activities be non-alcoholic, so, in an effort to satisfy that requirement, we invited the women of Alpha Chi Omega to Thanksgiving dinner `a la Hailstork. Of course, the food was great, and so were we. They'll be talking about us for weeks to come.

Even with our probation, the semester has flown by and with it my last term as social chairman. It's time to let a rookie take over.

Christopher DePippo '91  
Social Chair

### 1989-'90 Honor Roll Update

This past summer you received an honor roll of members whose gifts to Sigma Pi were credited to the 1989-'90 operating year. Listed below are those alumni whose gifts in 1989-'90 were received after that honor roll was made up. We offer them our sincerest thanks. A strong Sigma Pi depends on your continuing support.

- Frank C. Abbott '42
- Wayne S. Buder '79
- James E. Garr '82
- Donald M. Gerhart '60
- Thomas J. Owens '83
- John R. Rumble Jr. '65



Actives pose in the east lounge at brothers banquet '90.

## Sigma Pi Brothers Campaign For All-Sports Title

Sigma Pi athletic teams are looking strong on all fronts this year thanks to strong participation from all of the brethren. This year, our campaign for the elusive All-Sports title began with flag football. The team was highly touted during the regular season, and it secured a berth in the playoffs.

Unfortunately, in the last game of the regular season, our quarterback, Jon "Grogan" Broder, fell to a recurring knee injury suffered last year in the softball playoffs. Without Jon at the helm, the team never really recovered. A bright point, though, was some good play by first-year men Bob "Bustin' Skulls" Wynne and Al "Sure I Can Snap" Youn. Our soccer team also had a fine year. Captained by Seth "Own Goal" Morris and supported by Chris "Crunch" Papouchis and Andy

"Long Shot" Dwyer, the team advanced far in the playoffs.

Led by Pat "Shoemaker" Young, the broomstick polo team had a decent year, ending the season at a respectable 3 and 1. Our only loss was to the members of Alpha Delt, who had brought their own horses. Our hockey team is shaping up well with returning players Derek Harrison, Brian Cannon, and me. With Derek "Puddle" Minihane between the pipes, we look to have a potential championship team next semester. Well, good luck to all Pi-men everywhere; keep in shape.

Joey Hellerstein '92  
Sports Chairman

## Sage Provides Overview

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week-long explosion beginning with the bung party and culminating in a return to our roots in "booeey mongers." From there on it was fabulous.

The semester also brought to a head our renewed efforts to be involved in the local community and do more charity work. I refer to the charity event/rock concert that Sigma Pi presented at Bailey Hall on November 27. Two up-and-coming bands from New York City, Blues Traveler and Spin Doctors, played to benefit the Finger Lakes Trust Fund, an organization dedicated to preserving the beautiful wild of the Finger Lakes area. The headlining band, Blues Traveler, is managed by Bill Graham, the famous rock impresario who manages the Grateful Dead and who has been a staple in the rock music world. The event was a rousing success.

The Doll is cooking happily as of now, possibly due to the special relationship he has developed with his numerous kitchen boys, led by the indomitable Chris "RPDH" Hansen '91 and including Jon Broder '91, Wilbur Holden '91, and Matt Cuddy '92. Some say the Doll is looking quite chipper

lately; we all know that it is mostly because of his pet, Yoko.

Quickly, I would like to note two things. First, the social atmosphere on campus is reeling from the new alcohol policy enforced by the university, which has effectively ended Pi-parties the way we all know them and love them. However, Chinese happy hours have since become more commonplace. Second, the house has begun mending its strained relationship with Sigma Pi National. We have not given up any ground but have gained more respect from them. It's only fair.

Finally, I would like to note the excellent effort by the brothers going out and meeting potential Pi-men. The rush system at Cornell has become tremendously encumbered by red tape, but it has also forced us to try harder. Under the watchful eyes of our rush chairman, Sandy Doti '92, we brought in a large number of men very interested in becoming a part of this exceptional fraternity.

So, without any further storytelling, I will bid *adios* and remind you all that things are truly looking good for the house. Our future burns brightly.

Miguel Ferrer '91  
Sage

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## We Hear From Our Alums

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Retiree C. RUSSELL CARR '29 enjoys reading news of Mu Chapter members in *The Muse*. "Rusty" is living at 478 Hammond St., Corning, NY 14830.

Send get-well wishes to WILLIAM B. FIRMAN '29, who is recovering from open-heart surgery, at 332 S. Ave. 60, #4, Los Angeles, CA 90042.

Write to ROBERT D. TYLER '31 at his new address of 20 Middleton Place, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

FRANK C. ABBOTT '42 continues to enjoy his work at WICHE in Boulder, Colorado. Frank resides at 1776 Garland St., Lakewood, CO 80215.

Reporting a change of address is JASON BARBER '46: 2001 Chatsworth Way, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

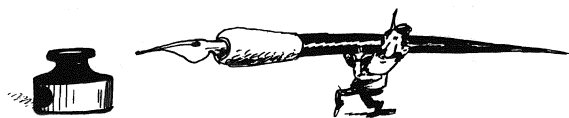
After 20 years of running a small engineering business, DANIEL G. CADIZ '51 is working part time as a resident engineer for the Vermont Agency of Transportation. "After 36 years in the same home, we moved 100 yards away (111 Prospect St., Bennington, VT 05201), but our five kids still found us, along with their wives and children!"

"My wife and I enjoyed the CAU trip to Kenya and Tanzania last January," pens JOSEPH W. CALBY JR. '51. When not traveling, the Calbys enjoy working for various charities and their home owners' association. The Calbys make their home at 5308 Winged Foot Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226.

Since his retirement from Rolm Corporation in 1982, LEO J. CHAMBERLAIN '52 has moved to Hawaii (P.O. Box 204, Captain Cook, HI 96704). "I am still married to Lee Schumaker after eloping at Cornell in 1951. We have two sons and two granddaughters."

(See more alumni news on pages five and six.)

## OUR MU CHAPTER ALUMNI WRITE



When he last wrote to us in May 1990, JOSEPH L. MAROTTA '55 reported that he was planning to attend his 35th reunion with wife Maureen, daughters Lauren (7) and Stephanie (5), and his mother-in-law, Eileen Cooper. Drop a line to Joe at 825 Orchard Lane, Muttontown, NY 11771.

DONALD G. RIDER '69 reports that he was alumni secretary for the Mu Chapter from 1968-'69. Now he has recently finished law school and has joined a small consulting company providing training and publications to federal agencies. Prior to his finishing law school, Don had a 16-year career with various government agencies. He also reports that DAVE HILLER '70 and wife Debbie visited him at 16904 Old Colony Way, Rockville, MD 20853, last March.

PETER A. CHASE '70 of 13 Cherbourg Court, Potomac, MD 20854, writes, "While in Virginia Beach, where my daughter, Stephanie, was playing in a junior tennis tournament, we stayed with DENNIS VROOMAN '68 and

wife Chris. He gave us a tour of his new animal hospital. My life consists of too many hours at work supervising construction of downtown DC office buildings. All my free time seems to be spent as a spectator at Stephanie's (12) and Christopher's (8) sporting events."

Reporting a new address and a new job is RICHARD E. FISH '72. The assistant director of the office of laboratory animal medicine at the University of Missouri, Rick can be contacted at 7821 Southern Dr., Columbia, MO 65201. "I am currently unmarried but sharing life with a great lady. No dependents, except an ex-wife and an old MG."

Congratulations to proud parents Darlene and THOMAS M. GARR '76, who had their first child, Bradley Thomas, in December 1989. The family is living at their new home at 1390 W. Lawrence, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Drop a note to JAMES R. FRANZ '77 at 845 Allen Glen Rd., Owego, NY 13827.

The director of food and beverages at the Sands Hotel Casino and Country Club, DAVID G. WILLIAMSON '77 reports that business is great. "In my spare time, I enjoy water skiing, jogging, and stock car racing." Dave was planning a ski trip to the Argentine Andes last September. He welcomes visitors at 12 Greenbriar Rd., Marmora, NJ 08223.

Send mail to WILLIAM CAVANAUGH '78 at 35 Eastern Parkway, #6J, Brooklyn, NY 11238.

*(See more alumni news on page six.)*



*Sigma Pi IFC Weekend—March 1962*

## ... And Even More Alumni News From Our Mu Chapter Brothers

"All is well with my business and my family," pens MICHAEL REINER '78. "I visited STEVE ROBIN '78 at his restaurant in Orlando recently. He sends his best to all the brothers." Keep in touch with Michael by writing to him at 48 Lawrence Parkway, Tenafly, NJ 07670.

WAYNE S. BUDER '79 attended the wedding of STEVE ROSENZWEIG '79 last June near his home at 44 Darrell Place, San Francisco, CA 94133. Wayne was visited by WAYNE FORMAN '80 and wife Liz last summer. They were then joined by CURT QUANTZ '79 and wife Felicity for a day at Point Reyes beach. Wayne has also seen his big brother, TODD HASSELBECK '78, who was in San Francisco for business.

JAMES H. HORN '79 has two children, James Jr. (6—who loves foosball at the Pi-house) and Jillian (5). James can be reached at 10 Woodhull Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052.

Wedding bells rang for ANDREW L. KANTOR '79 and Susan Struth on September 2, 1990, in Tarrytown, New York. Pi-men in attendance included WAYNE BUDER '79, STEVE BERGH '79, DAVE D'ORLANDO '79, STEVE ROSENZWEIG '79, KEVIN KRUSE '79, and BRETT WINSON '78. "It was great to see all of the guys and their lovely wives together in one place. We had a great time." Andy left the practice of law to return to business school a few years ago. Since his graduation from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, he has been working as the associate product manager for L&F Products. Andy is making his home at 182 East 95th St., #11-B, New

York, NY 10128.

Congratulations to JONATHAN S. PETTEE '81 and wife Carol, who were married last January. The newlyweds are residing at 400 East 89th St., #9L, New York, NY 10128.

Reporting a change of address is KENNETH D. BALICK '83: 91 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201.

DENNIS P. McNAMARA '83 was among the many Pi-men who attended the wedding of JIM GARR '82 in Kansas City, among whom were TOM CHERNER '80, DAVE HAYNER '82, CRAIG DeLUCA '82, and Jim's brother, TOM GARR '76. Dennis is an attorney for Shea & Gould in New York City. Write to him at 31-65 29th St., #1A, Astoria, NY 11106.

Also tying the knot were CLIFFORD N. SIMON '86 and Karen Rosen in November 1989. Also getting hitched that month were DAVE HOGAN '86 and CHRIS SELLEND '86. A real estate developer, CLIFFORD is busy developing shopping centers throughout the Southeast. He reports news of fellow alumni: JOE SLESAR '86 graduated from Boston University with his JD/MBA and is working as a real estate consultant in Boston; and JOHN SIMSOM '86 is living in Maryland with wife Judy. They are expecting their second child this February or March. Send your greetings to Clifford at 1722 Druid Oaks Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Contact TIMOTHY DONOHUE '87 at 610 West 116th St., #34, New York, NY 10027.



*Sigma Pi Christmas formal—December 1979*