



THE MUSE

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Marshall Gilinsky '92 visits the pyramids.

Pi-Man Spends Semester Exploring The Middle East And Europe

Ever since I've been at Cornell, I've hoped to spend a semester abroad in Israel. Last fall my goals were realized when I studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Since the curriculum was less demanding than Cornell's, I was able to engage in a variety of tremendous experiences in Israel, Europe, and the Middle East.

While taking a break from my studies in Jerusalem, I went on a three-week expedition to Germany. Before seeing a concert in Frankfurt, I happened to run into two fellow Deltas from the Mu Chapter—brothers Dunkiel '92 and Bluestein '91. I thought to myself, "We Pi-men are everywhere." Our reunion was quite enjoyable, and we all had a great trip.

During another adventure in Egypt, I came across an ancient monument inscribed with a peculiar hieroglyph. Luckily, due to my background in archaeology, I was able to decipher the find. Strangely enough, the translation read: "Dolly's great! He makes us chocolate cake!" Sure enough, this confirms my hypothesis that the Doll's recipe dates back to the third millennium B.C.E. (I have reason to suspect that his pucks are of a similar age. Unfortunately, at the time of printing, the carbon dating wasn't back from the lab.)

My time abroad was surely time spent extremely well. In case anyone is curious, the conflict in the gulf had no effect on me, other than to strengthen my faith in Israel. It's nice to be back with my friends here in Ithaca, and I'm proud to report that the "bung" has never looked as unstable. Take it slow...

Marshall Gilinsky '92

New Executive Council Elected

As another semester comes to a close here at the Pi-house, Mu Chapter continues to move forward. The new year brought a fresh look to the executive council. Those elected to carry on the proud tradition were Sandy Doti '92, our new sage; Seth Morris '92, financial wizard in charge of the money; Bob Wynne '92, the social chairman; Marc Rosner '92, our alumni secretary; and Andy Dwyer '92, who, in his first week as steward, totally remodeled the kitchen himself. In addition, Dan Appelbaum '91 has already assumed the office of vice president and organized the most successful date night in recent history.

On the subject of successful events, I hope to see a large alumni turnout at this year's Spring Weekend, Cornell Reunion, and next fall's Homecoming. Cornell Reunion this year will be held from June 6-9 and will prove to be an enjoyable time. We are hoping as many people as possible can make it to Ithaca this summer. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the exec board members at the house (730 University Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850); the number is 607/272-8767. See you this summer.

Marc Rosner '92
Alumni Secretary

Mark Your Calendars For Homecoming 1991

October 19 — 1:00 p.m.



*Come help us
cheer the Big Red
on to a victory
over Harvard!*

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Andy Dwyer '92 gets psyched for the beach party.

Sigma Pi Alumni Write

GORDON T. SLUSSER '40 is retired but keeps busy playing golf and traveling. "I would like to hear from all the fellows from our pledge class. Come and see me if you get this way." "Sam's" address is 333 Riverview Dr., Thiensville, WI 53092

LOUIS J. CONTI '41 stays in touch with W. P. MATTHEWS '41, F. R. HAVERLY '42, BEN KELLOGG '40, RICHARD HUFF '44, and HOWARD HULFORD '44. Lou writes, "All is well with them. I'm looking forward to my 50th reunion in June." Drop him a line at 185 Barra Lane, Inverness, IL 60067.

Architect JAMES S. LYMAN '69 pens, "After 14 years with a large Chicago firm, I've taken the 'entrepreneurial' road, starting my own consulting business that works with facility managers and designers to assist them in using computers in their work." He continues, "Best of luck in efforts to fix up the house." Contact Jim at 911 Linden Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091.

WILLIAM H. AHRENS '76, an assistant professor at North Dakota State University, has three boys—Ben (7), Mitch (3½) and Russ, who is a newborn. "Rookie" sends his "greetings to Doll." Send your greetings to him at 2017 9½ St. N., Fargo, ND 58102.

Writes KENNETH D. BALICK '83, "I'm looking forward to
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Sigma Pi Remains In The Race For The All-Sports Title

There was a time during the '80s when Cornell's fraternity leagues were dominated by an elitist few. Well, that era seems to have come to an abrupt halt. Increased parity has arrived, and the Sigma Pi athletic program has vaulted into contention for the ever-so-elusive All-Sports title.

The ice hockey team returned from winter break sharp and focused as ever and made a Cinderella run through the single-elimination tournament, eliminating defending champion Sigma Chi along the way. The team's offense was sparked by sharpshooting Derek "The Rocket" Harrison, while Derek Minihane was a stalwart between the pipes. Next year looks promising with the return of Joey "Godfather" Hellerstein expected to add depth and scoring to the Pi-house squad.

The Pi-house fared equally well in basketball. A spirited and talented team, featuring a pressure defense and a high-powered running game, made the playoffs, finishing second in a competitive division. Strong three-point shooting by YoungSoo "Money" Cho and the devastating inside punch of Mark "Dance" Corigliano were the keys to the team's success. The cagers made the final four before being ousted by a taller Delta Upsilon team.

These and other sports, such as skiing, have kept the Pi-house in the thick of the race for the All-Sports points lead, and coming up are two of the house's strongest events—lacrosse and softball. If you live in the Ithaca area, you can keep up to date on Pi-house sports by tuning in to 93.5 FM, WVBR, and listening to Dave DeCecco's show, *Sports Roundup*, Sundays at 6:30.

Seth Morris '92
Sports Chairman

A Pledge Relates His Experiences At Sigma Pi

I decided to pledge Sigma Pi because I liked the brothers in the house more than those of the other fraternities. But as a pledge, I am now learning that there is much more than entertainment involved in becoming part of a brotherhood. The single most important requirement is a sense of responsibility.

The pledge project and other group duties provide the necessary opportunity for pledge unity and concordance. Our map responsibilities give the pledge class the opportunity to demonstrate loyalty and commitment to the house and brotherhood.

When we complete all of these responsibilities to the Sigma Pi brotherhood, then we will have attained the same level as all of the brothers in the house, and we will have earned our own undeniable place in the house and the right to call ourselves brothers of Sigma Pi.

Warren Weinstein '94

Let Us Know What You've Been Up To!

Return The Enclosed Newsform Today!

We Thank Our 1990-'91 Donors To Date

Thanks to the many Sigma Pi brothers listed below, our annual dues program is off to a fine start since its kickoff in September. If your name isn't included in this distinguished and most appreciated group, you will find a contribution envelope included in this mailing. Please take a moment to send along your check so that your name will be on our year-end roll of donors.

William H. Ahrens '76	Dennis P. McNamara '83
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"A Clean Kitchen Is A Happy Kitchen"

Barm, pucks, rats, T-bulk, and jizz are the staple foods of a Pi-man's diet. Such traditional meals remain in the Doll's vast repertoire of culinary delectables, but, with the coming of spring, menu changes have swept through the Pi-house. Aided by his right-hand man, Chris Hansen '91, Dolly and I have brought back favorites like Monday night garlic bread, lasagne, as well as several Spanish and Mexican cuisine additions. Just as the motto of the Sigma Pi kitchen states, "A clean kitchen is a happy kitchen." The kitchen is running efficiently, thanks to the organization of our assistant steward, Forest Starr '93. His implementation of a new sanitary code has brought the kitchen through yet another beach party weekend to peak cleanliness.

After enjoying the fruit of Dolly's labor all week, many of the brothers look forward to Sunday night bowling with the Doll. Dolly takes great pleasure in training his bowling disciples and often speaks of a future bowling reunion with alumni and active brothers alike. He sends his best to all. So eat hearty, brothers; just remember one thing, "No signee, no eaty."

Andrew Dwyer '92
Steward

Sage Recounts Recent Events

Despite more stringent regulations and binds on fraternities around Cornell, Sigma Pi surges into its 74th year of existence. The Pi-man of the '90s is well abreast of the fraternal modifications about him, and is, therefore, better equipped to slip through the ever-changing system.

A fine example would be our ability to groom the pledge class of 18 into "possible" future brothers. The efforts of one Larry "Ice" Ireland has this job proceeding rather well. The pledge project has begun, interviewing is in full effect, and everyone's favorite gameshow, CYOT, smashed all Neilson rating records.

On the party front, Sigma Pi has been the host of some excellent bashes this semester. Live bands from the Kind to George Wesley and the Iriations have kept the parties rocking. Even sororities that we have had estranged relations with in the past can't help but "mix" with us. The reason for our success is Bob Wynne.

In terms of fraternal bonding, I see the house remaining tight as a whole. The dinner attendance has been outstanding to savor the exquisite meals of the Doll; the use of the official Sigma Pi handshake has become more prolific; and no one has missed a house meeting yet.

What does the future have in store? With the way things have changed since my freshman year, it's hard to speculate. However, the new, adaptive Pi-man will never be caught off guard and will ensure that Sigma Pi's reputation stays intact.

Sandy Doti '92
Sage

Adventurous Sigma Pi Brothers Study In Florence

The fall semester of 1990 saw the establishment of the new "Europad" brothers: Adamo "Lover" Bluestein, Brian "Haircut" Dunkiel, and Darren "The Juggler" Bedell spent the semester in Florence, Italy, studying various forms of fine arts. We quickly assimilated to the Florentine way of life, incorporating *multi cappuccini* and many bottles of fine Chianti wine into our rigorous study schedule.

We did somehow manage to enjoy some leisure time during our travels. Adamo's acoustic guitar talents quickly rocketed his career from street corners to venues like BeBop Cafe and the infamous Scorpione Bar.

Darren and I began to tire of playing bodyguard, protecting Adamo from the swarms of Italian groupies who would follow us back to our apartment the evenings of shows.

We had the unexpected pleasure of bumping into brother Marshall "All I can eat is pizza" Gilinsky in Frankfurt, Germany. After searching the city for the only kosher pizza place, we decided to taste the fine ales of this newly united nation. Luckily, German beer is priced for the working man's budget, so we were almost able to afford a full round of beverages.

By the time the semester was over, our primary concern was how to coax Adamo, who suffers from a severe fear of flying, onto the aircraft. His confidence was built on the fact that our pilot was a 1969 Sigma Pi graduate from Rutgers University. Pilot Georgio Renzi impressed us with a perfect landing. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Brian Dunkiel

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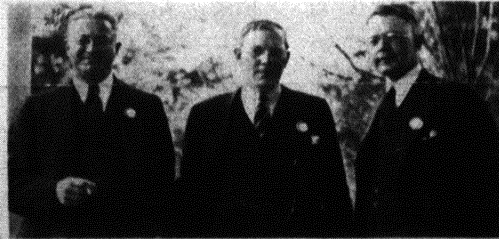
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Plan to Attend Mu's Twentieth Birthday!

Three Distinguished Visitors



MU WAS HAPPY to entertain these three alumni visitors last spring. All three, who were active in founding the chapter, are Jean P. Leinroth '12, Harry G. Specht '13, and William M. Beck '14.

Mu's Five June Graduates Now Spread Over Five States With Wide Range of Activities

Mu's five departing seniors have scattered over as many different states in the three months since graduation. Almost as varied are their jobs, ranging from air conditioning to child placing.

Robert L. Boyd, II, who transferred from Lambda last year, is now with the Westinghouse Company, Pittsburgh, specializing in air conditioning.

William C. W. Child went to work at Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., soon after graduation, and recently was promoted to the steward's department.

Stewart C. Smith is working at the Woodfield Children's Home, Bridgeport, Conn., reports that his job is extremely interesting, although he doesn't know whether or not it will be permanent.

John E. Hough is learning the porch shade and venetian blind business in his father's factory at Jamesville, Wis. He expects to be placed in the sales department in the near future.

Robert B. Trivett, Jr. is working with the G. W. Howe architectural firm in Philadelphia.

Three Alumni Marriages Recorded by Chapter

The chapter extends congratulations to three of its alumni members who have recently announced their marriage and engagement. They are Alfred A. Buerger '26, John P. Lamb '37, and Haskell H. Wescott '36.

Brother Buerger married Miss Marion Holway August 23 at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Jack Lamb is engaged to Miss Ruth Anderson, Cornell Tri-Delta, and will be married Saturday, October 30. At present, he is desk clerk at the Hotel Croydon, New York City.

Hank Wescott's engagement to Miss Gladys Godfrey of Ithaca was just announced.

October 30 Date For Celebration

Columbia Game Added Attraction For Week-end Significant To Sigma Pis

Cornell Sigma Pis will gather at the chapter house at 730 University Avenue, Saturday, October 30, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the granting of the chapter charter. Although properly speaking, Mu was twenty years old last May 18, both chapter and alumni felt that this fall presented a much better time for the meeting.

As an added attraction, the Big Red football team will meet Columbia in the annual game, which has been designated as alumni day on the Hill. Alumni who have been reading of Cornell's own "New Deal" will find it amply demonstrated by a veteran team that afternoon.

Extensive Program Planned

An extensive program has been planned for the week-end. Friday night and Saturday morning returning alumni are asked to register at the chapter house. A buffet luncheon will be served Saturday after which the chapter and alumni will attend the football game in a body.

That evening an informal banquet will be held at the chapter house, at which time charter members, founders, chapter officers, and just plain alumni will speak briefly and reminisce on events of the past twenty years. Otto M. Buerger '20, Grand Sage of the Fraternity, has been invited to serve as toastmaster for the affair.

Group Forty Years Old

Although Sigma Pi itself is only twenty years old, the foster group, the St. Lawrence and Jefferson Club, composed of students from those counties, was founded in 1895. With only small membership and occasional

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Brothers Conquer Bourbon Street

As always, Sigma Pi brothers were there when needed. Chris Hansen '91 was accepted to Tulane's law school and wanted to take a trip down to see the school. Derek Minihane '91 and Gordon Adelsberg '90 decided to join Hansen; the fact that it happened to be Mardi Gras week-end also helped.

The crew rented a Buick Century here in Ithaca and drove down to New Orleans. They got there Friday morning at 2:00 a.m.—in time to enjoy the Tulane bars that, for this week, would never close. After watching the sun rise and meeting many other travelers, they settled in for some much-needed sleep. This day, as with all the rest, involved questing for beads at all the parades. That night on Bourbon Street, Adelsberg was lost among the thousands of people wandering about. The next morning, Minihane and Hansen met at the "Century plaza"—a car converted into sleeping quarters for the week—with no sign of Adelsberg. Since Darren Bedell '92 was also down for Mardi Gras, the two remaining Pi-men headed to the parades to look for Bedell and Adelsberg. Bedell was never found, but Hansen and Minihane ran into Adelsberg that night on Bourbon Street. That same night, they also met up with another illustrious Pi-man, Eric Kabot '89, who was once again being ignored by one of the many beautiful women in New Orleans.

Each day was spent partying and questing for beads at the parades in the French Quarter. Then, at night, the Pi-men would give beads to young ladies. Before the trip was over, Adelsberg was lost again—this time for over two days. Many a sunset was seen from a barstool, and many a fellow Cornellian was run into during the festivities. On Fat Tuesday, we left sunny New Orleans, and the long ride home to snow-covered Ithaca began.

Chris Hansen '91
Derek Minihane '91

This is the way The Muse looked in October 1937. Back then, the editor was Theodore Robertson '39, the Cornell football team played seven games in a school year, and the big news was that 15 alumni had returned for commencement.

More Alumni Send Their News From Near And Far

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seeing many Pi-men at DENNIS McNAMARA's ('83) wedding. (Can you believe it?) Ken makes his home at 91 Remsen St., Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201.

Gym teacher and soccer coach AARON M. POLLOCK '88 lives with ALAN RIFFKIN '88 and keeps in touch with MARK WOOD '88, STEVE MUNSON '88, STEVE CHAFRAU '88, and DAN GERSON '88. Aaron receives mail at 2415 Franklin St., San Francisco, CA 94123.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

COLEMAN R. KOLTSCHE '69, January 2, 1991*
ANTON G. NOSEK JR. '25, November 22, 1990
WILLIAM B. PARSHALL '25, May 29, 1990
DONALD R. STEVENS '20, January 24, 1991

*Memorial donations can be sent to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 6182, San Francisco, CA 94101-6182.
