

The Muse

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Sage Reports On State Of The Mu Chapter

We returned from our summer hiatus to Ithaca and the Pi house, which is now 64 members strong after the large class of 2005 graduated and moved on to the next stage of life.

As for the current undergraduates, we are back to balancing fun and school after a great break. The Sigma Pi men were all over the country this summer—working in New York City, Miami, and California to name a few—as well as all over the world in Australia, China, and Europe. Coming back to school provides us with the new challenges, and we are excited about the possibilities for Sigma Pi.

As a brotherhood, we have established new goals for this fall semester with the intent to improve all areas of operation—ranging from academic to physical house maintenance.

In November, we brought Ted Kooser, the current US poet laureate and a recent Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry, to Cornell for a weekend as a gift to the university. (See related story, page three.) Saturday night was a private affair here at the house for brothers and dates. Sunday saw a small session at the Alice Cook program house, and on Monday there was luncheon for distinguished faculty and administrators at the Johnson Museum, as well as a public reading and discussion that evening at the Statler Auditorium.

For those who missed it, we celebrated Dolly Hailstork's 90th birthday in September with a fantastic turnout. We also welcomed back many of the recent graduates, as well as older Pi men, to our annual Homecoming tailgate and formal dinner. We, as an undergraduate group, are very thankful for the continuously outstanding support we receive from all of you.

The brotherhood itself is as strong as ever, and we strive to be active and

involved in both campus and community organizations. We will be missing Alex Deyle '06, president of IFC, and Michael Taylor '05, city councilman, as their terms end this semester. We are looking to have younger men step up into similar roles and continue our tradition of dedication to Cornell and Ithaca.

As my term as sage comes to an end in the coming weeks, I look back at the year of 2005 with retrospective insight. I had my challenges, fears, and worries about an organization such as our fraternity. As I—and the rest of the brotherhood—overcame various obstacles, I began to see the bigger picture and the value in Sigma Pi as an institution and as a classroom. There are things that I know I've learned here that I could not have learned anywhere

else. And I'm sure the same goes for any past sage or any brother from any year.

There were times when the going was rough, and there were times when I was sure life could not get any better; everything serves as a purpose. Sigma Pi gives us opportunities not available to just anyone, and I could not be more thankful for that. And on that note, I would like to thank the undergraduate brothers and every other man who at one time grew up in the Pi house. Without your support, my job would have been impossible. With great honor, I can say that I am proud to be a man of Sigma Pi.

Fraternally,
Craig Dewey '06
Sage



Members of the class of 1980 enjoy one of Ithaca's many gorges during reunion.

Brothers Celebrate Dolly's 90th Birthday

It seems like yesterday we were eating veal barm, sloppy Bobs, and hanging out in the kitchen with Dolly while he chewed on a spent stogie.

A lot of those memories came flooding back last month when 80 alumni brothers representing every decade since the 1960s converged on the Pi house to celebrate Dolly's birthday. Dolly was celebrating his 90th, and he looks great. He still bowls, and he remembers virtually every Pete (and girlfriend) to ever walk through his kitchen.

Festivities started Friday evening as the current brothers hosted a cocktail function for alumni. The highlight of the weekend was the barbecue on the porch

with Dolly as the center of attention. Undergrads and alumni danced to reggae music late into the night. The weekend finished with some alumni hanging out with Dolly at the Pines.

The undergrads did a great job of hosting us, and Wood, Flake, Pearl, Weiss, and Miguel did a fantastic job planning the event. Personally, Frank Sposato and I got the full effect of the weekend by bringing sleeping bags and crashing in the TV room. We got to hang out and share stories with a great bunch of in-house brothers. If you haven't been back to the house in a while, take a trip and get to know some these guys. You won't regret it.

Speaking of trips, I was also lucky enough to attend the 10th annual Myrtle Beach Procrastipup. Every Columbus Day weekend, brothers gather in Myrtle Beach for three days of golf, wings, beers, and stories. This year, we had 16 attendees, and we had a great time despite wet conditions. We are always looking for new brothers to join us, so if you are interested, drop me an e-mail, and I'll add you to the Procrastipup mailing list.

Finally, check out <http://www.pi-man.org> for pictures of these events.

Michael Vernick '83
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Homecoming A Great Success

Once again, the Pi house hosted its Homecoming events on the weekend of October 15. It was great to see many alumni who had not recently been around and to be able to reconnect with them and share new stories.

Friday night, the house held a small cocktail hour in which a few alumni stopped by to share drinks with the undergraduate brothers and enjoy their time spent together reminiscing about the old and catching up on the new.

Saturday began bright and early in the morning with a Homecoming tailgate, which we co-hosted with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Everyone was able to manage to get out of bed and make it up to the football field parking lot around 11:00 a.m. Once everyone was there, the laughter and excitement was nonstop. Things only got better after we saw the Big Red destroy Georgetown in the game.

At around 6:00 p.m., VanNess Robinson '57 led everyone in the west lounge to our annual meeting. During the meeting, in which the alumni board was elected, everyone was informed of the state of the house. After the meeting adjourned, we once again shared some cocktails followed by a nice steak dinner made by the one and only Pat Spirhawk.

It was great to meet new alumni and reminisce with all the familiar ones. If you missed this year's Homecoming, we hope you can make it back for next years!

Trevor White '07
Alumni Secretary



Dolly is enthralled as he is surrounded by old friends.

Plan To Attend Career Day

New York City Event Slated For February 2-3, 2006

For the past two years, the undergraduate brothers have ventured to New York City for a career-building workshop hosted by Jarett Wait '80. Each year has been a tremendous success, and all of the current undergraduates greatly appreciate the opportunities given to them through such an event.

If you are currently an alumni living

or working in New York City and would like to offer a new perspective to the career weekend, please contact Jarett Wait at jwait@lehman.com or me at tbw9@cornell.edu.

Thanks,
Trevor White '07
Alumni Secretary

Brother Sends His Greetings From Iraq

Greetings from Al Asad, Iraq! I am currently serving in Iraq as a flight surgeon—during September and October—with a USMC CH-46 "Sea Knight" reserve helicopter squadron from Norfolk, Virginia. The unit is operating out of a former Iraqi base and expeditionary airfields supporting Marine Corps and Army initiatives throughout the theatre.

As a civilian, I have served as a flight surgeon at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas since 1994, where I was supporting the space shuttle and international space station programs.

I have been blessed with over 21 years of combined active and reserve duty supporting numerous Marine Corps and Navy units. Currently, I hold the rank of Navy Captain, assigned as wing surgeon to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, which is headquartered in New Orleans. I am responsible for the coordination of medical support to USMC reserve aviation units throughout the United States.

Early September in Iraq was exceptionally hot—112 degrees Fahrenheit upon my arrival. It has been cooling down in October. There is sand...sand...sand...everywhere! But it's not the Pi house "Beach Party."

The constitutional referendum took



Joe Dervay '80 in Iraq.

place October 15. We trust this "troubled part of the world" will continue to move forward.

I am exceptionally honored to be serving with such a superb group of Marines. I have decided to start a new branch of the Pi house... Mu Chapter "Iraq!"

Joe Dervay '80



The Class Of 1980 Holds 25th Reunion

This past summer, the class of 1980 held its 25th reunion at the Pi house. In total, 20 brothers from this class—and many wives and children—showed up to rekindle friendships and share memorable stories.

The event started off with dinner at the Pines on Thursday night. Friday consisted of lots of activities with the Cornell reunion, as well as visits to the gorge, hanging out on the porch, a picnic lunch at the house, and a barbecue Friday night.

Attendees included: John Alkaya; Rick Bosshardt; John Burger; Luc Chabot; Tom Cherner; Joe Dervay; Alan Douglas; Neil Douglas; Pete Dreyfuss; Dave Feldbaumer; Jon Fordin; Wayne Forman; John Haggerty '78; Steve Hobbs; Larry Kantor; Tony McManus; Kurt Rassmussen; Jay Sacco; Mark Sherwin; Theon Smith; Doug Uyeno; Jarett Wait; and Dolly Hailstork. Special guest appearances included Staz; Felicity (CQ's wife, voted alumni sweetheart); Maura (Barstow's wife); and Nancy Brass.

The Cornell reunions committee noted that this was one of the largest returning alumni classes from any of the previous reunions.

Trevor White '07
Alumni Secretary

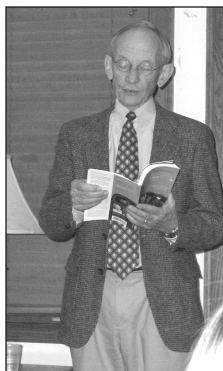
Sigma Pi Brings Poet Laureate To Cornell

On the weekend of November 12, Sigma Pi had the unique opportunity to invite United States Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize Winner Ted Kooser to Cornell.

The event was made possible by generous alumni donations and hard work on behalf of the brotherhood, alumni, and the Creating Chapters of Excellence Program.

On Saturday evening, we hosted a date event at the Pi House that included a nice catered buffet and bar, followed by an informal discussion and poetry reading with Mr. Kooser, and Sunday's main event was dinner and discussion at the Alice Cook Program House.

Monday's program consisted of a distinguished-faculty and administrator luncheon on the top floor of the Johnson Museum, in which we had the opportunity to interact with professors, deans, and other school officials and to



promote the intellectual side of Sigma Pi. Monday's affairs concluded with a well-attended public reading and discussion at the Statler Auditorium.

Overall, the weekend was a great success and provided Sigma Pi with not only the opportunity to give to the Cornell community a world-famous author and poet, but also the chance to improve and develop ourselves academically.

Mr. Kooser's poetry is appropriately concise and delightfully insightful and could bring anyone of any age to a smile. The university and the brotherhood hope to continue these types of events, which serve to improve relations between the Greek system and the university, as well as intellectually enlighten us as individuals and Sigma Pi men.

Fraternally,
Craig Dewey
Sage

ALUMNI MAILBAG



Lorenz K. Muller '46 writes, "Sorry to see in *The Muse* that Bill Woodford '45 died, but I'm pleased to see that John Masters '48 is still reporting in." Write to Lorrie at 1211 N. 98th Ct., Omaha, NE 68114; mullerlm@aol.com.

Richard W. Pew '56 writes, "I'm still working part time at BBN Technologies in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I have made a career combining engineering and psychology to do research and development for systems that promote safety and ease of use. I have been married to Elizabeth (Westin) Pew '57 for 46 years, and we have three children and eight grandchildren." I enjoyed speaking with '55 classmates Dick Fischer, Fred Schuler, and Al Patane in the spring of 2005. I am in regular touch with perhaps one of our more illustrious brothers, Doug Parker '56. After a distinguished law career in New York and Washington (which included a long-ago stint in the White House Counsel's Office during the Watergate investigations), he retired to Cape Cod. In April, he published the definitive biography of the poet Ogden Nash." Keep in touch with Dick at 27 Wellington Ln., Belmont, MA 02478; pew@bbn.com.

Kenneth R. Rand Jr. '59 reports a new winter address of 5 Marsh Elder Ln., Savannah, GA 31411. Keep in touch with Ken by e-mail at kenandlois@

bellsouth.net.

"I will retire from Cornell's Board of Trustees after eight enjoyable years of service," writes H.L. Fuller '60 (Primary Business Center, 1111 E. Warrenville Rd., #257, Naperville, IL 60563). "I will remain active on the board of the lab of ornithology. We maintain an office and apartment outside of Chicago, but spend most of our time in South Carolina (winter) and North Carolina (summer). I remain active on several boards, including Abbot Laboratories and Motorola." E-mail Larry at nlhencke@earthlink.net.

"I'm into my 10th year as a labor attorney and vice president of labor relations for Medco Health Solutions," writes David R. Miller '71. "Both kids now graduated from college, but still pushing for 100 percent emancipation! I'm hoping a good group of '71s are planning on the Cornell reunion in 2006. I regularly get together with Dan Rider '69 for weekend outings and social activities." Write to David at 7 Clover Ln., Randolph, NJ 07869; drmiller@nac.net.

Luc G. Chabot '80 (3210 Beachwater Dr., Katy, TX 77450; E-mail: lchabot@houston.rr.com) writes, "I went to the class of '80s 25th reunion. Great time. Just like 25 years had not gone by. Many thanks to the organizers. I continue working around the globe as a specialist

engineering consultant for the offshore oil industry. My current assignment keeps me mostly in Malaysia."

Write to Mark R. Wood '88 at 108 Wooster St., #5d, New York, NY 10012; woody@bonamifilms.com.

Keep in touch with Mark D. Lonski '93 at PO Box 1386, St. John, VI 00831. Send him e-mail at darkstarfish@earthlink.net.

Noah C. Kanter's ('00) mother reports that he was awarded the Bronze Star for service in Iraq by the US Army. "He's with the 1-4 Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division (then northeast of Baghdad, now stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany)." Keep in touch with Noah by e-mail at nckanter@hotmail.com.

Arnoldas Giedrimas '01 writes, "Congratulations to Craig Huemmer '01 and his wife, Roxanne, on their recent wedding. Many of the brothers attended the event in January, and Eddie Perez-Cortes '01 and I were in the wedding party. It was great to see all the brothers and celebrate the newlyweds." Write to Arnold at 193 Stone Hill Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067; ag62@cornell.edu.

"Attending Stanford University's Management Science and Engineering Graduate Program for 2005-2006," writes Quin C. Garcia '05 (698 Menlo Oaks Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025; qcg2@cornell.edu).



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We regret to report the death of:

Francis R. Fowler '36

August 27, 2005