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What are we? Who are we? Does it really matter?

I have served as your alumni president for 18 years. In those 18 years, I have seen a lot happen to Mu Chapter.

I have had the duty to: lead the alumni board to act to close the house as it was unsafe for habitation; lead a fund drive to raise the money to renovate the old house; see the house burn as renovation work started; settle with the insurance company and chair the committee of three that selected an architect and contractors to rebuild the house and supervise the work; deal with a membership that went very much astray, thanks to drugs, reducing the membership to two brothers and eight pledges; work with and support the brothers who remained as they rebuilt the house; monitor the physical plant on a yearly basis to ensure all required maintenance was performed; to preside over a recent membership review process which resulted in the resignation or expulsion of 40 percent of the members; to work with the undergraduate members to regain Cornell recognition and lastly to guide alumni involvement with Mu Chapter to insure that we continue and that we prosper. That's a lot of activity and a lot of work. Involved was a lot of disappointment and frustration.

Many committed alumni have served in official capacities and worked in all these activities as members of the alumni board and the Young Alumni Council and as simply concerned advisers and supporters.

As I look back on 18 years I ask myself "Is it worth it and does it really matter?" As one muses over those questions it helps to remember what we are. We are a brotherhood that has prospered now for 96 years. We are an organization that has survived the Great War of 1918, the depression of the 1930s, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and the recent threats created by the behavior of our members. Many similar organizations that seemed more important, better financed, and more prestigious than Mu Chapter are long since gone and are but a distant memory. Perhaps we should conclude that there is something special about us that makes us hard to destroy.

What we are stems from who we are. We are a somewhat motley mix of folks who call each other "brother." Our band includes some very special people

who have passed through and left their mark—men like Harry Specht, Tommy Thompson, Al Koehl, Otto Burger, Frank Abbott, Joel Van Wynen and David Lefevre. Add to that list the scores who are still with us and continue to make Mu Chapter a priority in their lives. I get to see many glimpses of the ongoing living camaraderie among our 1,000 living members—the Curtain Bluff reunions of the men of the '40s, the Pro-casticup event that brings together the men of the '70s and '80s, the ongoing fun of "Name that Pi Man," as well as the many smaller reunions, backyard barbecues, and other events where Pi men gather. What a wonderful thing it was when hundreds of Pi men came together to provide for Dolly Hailstork.

Who are we? We are Sigma Pis, and we are proud of it. The association has a magical chemistry to it—we are brothers!

The majority of our brothers will not make many visits to Ithaca. Many will make none. It's nice to have a place to come home to for those who do. Even if there were no house to visit and no students to meet, the relationships already established would endure. So why does it matter? Why not succumb to fires, drugs, and bad behavior? The answer for me lies in the description of what and who we are. Too many fine young, middle-aged, and older men created and maintained something special because they thought it mattered and no temporary external or internal forces are going to be allowed to destroy it.

A group of young alumni (men in their 20s and early 30s) have stepped forward in a group we call the Young Alumni Council and are actively working to ensure that the bridge from the past to the present rests on firm foundations. Come to Ithaca. Meet and get to know the current group who are setting out to rebuild. Walk across that bridge from the past to the present—perhaps the present will meet you half way.

Knowing what and who we are ask the question "does it really matter? The answer is yes.

James H. Keene III '57
President, Mu Chapter Alumni

From Mount Olivet to Lois Lane

By **Jeremy Philips**

Mount Olivet Cemetery goes uphill
at least six or seven stories
there weren't cubicles when their
stones were engraved
with numbers like
1816 and 1942

Off of Lois Ln. on 79 S. a trail
runs sharply downhill
and it is slippery and you must
lean in to the mountain
so recommends a hiker
who sunbathes nude on a rock

A television set that is black
stares and reflects black
murky light and has sharp white
teeth and lunges forward to take
a bite, it recedes—his bite—
it was a false attack

There are at least 300 microwave sets
on a single road, each one more tired than
the next from seeing nothing all day
long, save a couple tired murmurs
and the prick of a finger with 3:30
High Start

The light on the mahogany desk
hunches a few centimeters
more today, it did get some
sunlight but black metal
was not designed for that.

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And so the page turns...



By **Seth Mosner '10
Sage**

A new chapter in our his-
tory. A new brotherhood. A
new *Muse*. It has been a year
uncharacteristic of Mu Chap-
ter's storied history. I address
you as the newly elected Sage in a time of de-
finitive and necessary change in our undergrad-
uate brotherhood.

What transpired and why, however, is today
of lesser importance than who the men are
who now compose our chapter, the enduring
Sigma Pi ideals that they have come to symbol-
ize, and the progress made that will mark their
legacy as undergraduate members.

The undergraduate brotherhood has con-
centrated upon rebuilding itself from the inside
out throughout the fall semester. We share a
cultural direction with alumni that emphasizes

developing an interested member, genuinely in-
vested in one's fellow brother and the perpetu-
ation of Mu Chapter's sustainability as an elite
organization.

Good men make up this fraternity; individu-
als who yearn to cultivate a bond with you, their
fellow brother. I have come to appreciate those
inherent similarities that define one's experi-
ences as a Pi-Man. It need not be spoken, but it
transcends time, makes brothers out of men
who would otherwise have no association or
who vary in age to be more appropriately grand-
father and grandson.

As the brotherhood begins to write the
newest chapter in our fraternity's history, we be-
lieve it imperative to communicate who we
are—the men that will change the course. This
Muse is, therefore, concentrated upon introduc-
ing you to our members, their thoughts, and ex-
periences. As we begin anew as a chapter, we
urge you to similarly turn the page....

Brother interns at Beijing games

By **Jon Delikat '10**

This summer I interned with NBC Sports at
the Olympic Games in Beijing. From witnessing
Michael Phelps win his record-setting eighth gold
medal live to being at the Opening Ceremonies
to helping NBC broadcast the most important
Olympics to date, my time in China was an unfor-
gettable experience.

I had been to Beijing once before, in 2003,
but from the moment I arrived this summer, I
was amazed by how much the city had changed.
From the miles of new highways and subway
tunnels to the new hotels and shopping centers
to the hundreds of thousands of newly planted
trees and flowers all around the city to the count-
less Olympic posters, banners, slogans, murals,
and advertisements: It was clear Beijing had un-
dergone a huge transformation and that the Chi-
nese had attached great importance to the
games. China spent an estimated \$43 billion on
the Beijing Games. By comparison, the 1996
games in Atlanta cost the United States only \$2
billion.

Interning for NBC, the company in charge of
broadcasting China's coming-out party to the
world, was an intense experience. NBC set and
met ambitious goals for its Olympic coverage,
broadcasting 2,900 hours of live coverage—more
live coverage from a single Olympics than the
total of all previous Summer Olympics com-
bined—so there was plenty of work to be done. I
worked as a "runner," assisting NBC employees
both at the International Broadcast Center and at
the various sporting venues throughout the city
whenever they needed an extra hand. I was
placed on a new job every day, which helped
vary my experience and keep things interesting.



Jon Delikat '10 in Beijing.

I did a great deal of translation work for NBC as
well, which was an incredibly rewarding way for
me to use my Chinese, which I've been studying
for two years. Aside from work, I was lucky
enough to attend a number of top sporting
events, including the men's basketball and
women's beach volleyball gold medal matches.

Overall, I couldn't have asked for a better ex-
perience in Beijing this summer. I had the incred-
ible opportunity to both enjoy and take part in
the production of one of the most important and
exciting events in China's modern history.

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China and Asia Pacific Studies (CAPS) major.
The CAPS program, created in 2005, combines
four years of academics, intensive Chinese lan-
guage training, and one semester each of
China-related externships in Washington, D.C.
and Beijing to train students in the foreign af-
airs, history, politics, language and culture of
the world's largest emerging economy.*

From Paris Hilton to sand dunes: A tour of the Dark Continent



By Sam Miller-Little '09

I stepped off the plane from London to Johannesburg, South Africa bleary eyed and clueless ...that the girl standing ahead of me in the customs line was Paris Hilton. Only when the paparazzi started snapping pictures of the girl walking out behind me (I thought they wanted me at first) did I realize the company in which I was traveling. This outlandish arrival emerged as a portent for the rest of my five months of driving across sub-Saharan Africa. I managed to bumble into countless otherworldly scenarios, humorous exchanges, and good fortune while still enduring my obligatory share of terrifying situations and worrying moments.

The plan itself proved ludicrous from the be-

ginning. Two friends and I proposed driving from South Africa, up the coast of Namibia, through Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, and Tanzania to Kenya and then back down to South Africa along the coasts of Tanzania and Mozambique over a five-month period. The car would be equipped with a rooftop tent, long-range fuel tanks, a refrigerator, and water tanks so we would camp in the bush, select the most isolated, remote routes, and only enter cities once a week to provision.

We planned an itinerary for the first several nights, but left the rest of the trip up to improvisation. Our actions followed plan approximately not at all, as we learned on our first night that the government recently sold off our targeted national park camp site in a revenue-generating measure—such is Africa. There we were, nervously driving around just before dark (in Africa you do not drive after dark as that is when the bandits appear and

carjackings occur), looking for a place to spend the night. We stopped to ask directions to the nearest campsite, but the man immediately invited us to use his game lodge for the night. We accepted and spent our first night sleeping in chalets. Not bad for a failed plan—generosity and encounters like this continued throughout the trip.

After months of driving, one lesson clearly emerged: Necessity is the mother of everything and anything. Whether you find yourself stuck in a ditch with damaged steering, being approached at night by men with chains and clubs, or seemingly swallowed up by bureaucracy at a border crossing, you recognize that your forward progress or even survival depends on your ability to find a way out, and you find a way out regardless of the resistance or the difficulty of the task you face. Everything is impossible until you know how.

Brother finds academic, artistic path through Sigma Pi



By Gabe Long '09

When I came to Cornell I no idea what I wanted to study. I had thought about government and journalism and kicked around the idea of film, but I didn't really have a clue. Further, the film department would not allow me to take a class where I would actually get to make a movie

until the second semester of my sophomore year, so the prospects of a major looked dim.

In the spring of my freshman year, I was pledging Sigma Pi and it turned out that Brothers Craig Dewey '06 and Trevor White '07 were making a short film for the advanced production class. They needed production assistants, and I signed up.

I ended up spending as much time as I could on set and in the process figured out what I wanted to study—it didn't hurt that this helped me

get out of a few pledge class clean-ups.

Three years, many classes, and several short films later, I'm on the verge of completing the major. For my honors thesis, I'm writing and directing a 30-minute movie that will be shot in New York in January.

Looking back, I realize that it all started with the Sigma Pi connection my freshman year.

Brothers take business leadership positions



By Peter Cherubini '10

Student Agencies, Inc., America's oldest student-run corporation (1894), has been an incubator for Mu Chapter's aspiring business people. The firm, which owns six subsidiary businesses, generates over \$2.5 million a year in revenue, has assets valued in excess of \$10 million, and employs hundreds of students. These businesses include Big Red Shipping and Storage,

Hired Hands Moving Company, *The Cornellian* yearbook, Campus Promotions Marketing, New Business Development Team, and SAI Properties (all real estate from CTB through the bike rack including the residential properties above). The amazing thing about SAI is that the businesses, from hourly laborer to the president, are entirely student run. These students have full profit and loss responsibility for their respective divisions, making this experience a crash course in effective business management.

Mu Chapter has produced many leaders

within SAI, ranging from assistant managers to presidents. Brothers Hugo Genes (Campus Promotions and Hired Hands Moving Company), Tucker Whitcomb (Campus Promotions), Rob Olivieri (New Business Development), Nick Jette (Big Red Shipping and Storage), and Dave Gelinis (Big Red Shipping and Storage) have all managed different businesses within SAI. Brothers Seth Mosner, Gabe Long, and Jeff Bowser have also worked for the different agencies. Also, some of the most successful presidents of SAI have been members of Mu Chapter.

Former sage reflects on, offers advice to Mu Chapter

Interview by Govind Nagubandi '09

I recently had a chance to speak with former Mu Chapter Sage David Dewey '54. For those of you who are unfamiliar, David was Sage back when Jim Keene '57 was an undergraduate member of the fraternity in the mid 1950s.

Many of the older brothers might recognize the name, as David's time at Cornell spanned nearly a decade—he received his BA '54, MBA '58, and LLB '59. I asked him how he felt about the recent turmoil in the fraternity and if he had any advice for the active members who came back:

"The fraternity is a very valuable institution

that is worth working for and saving. I encourage you all to work hard because the fraternity is significant in terms of student development. Once you get out into the job world, the most important thing you have to learn is to deal with people. The principles of the fraternity teach you to have initiative and to collaborate with each other. It is the ideal place to develop relationships and learn to interrelate with people. You all should look at it as more than a place to party, but also as a place that will cultivate relationships that will last you a life time. The experience of dealing with people going through common struggles is an important lesson to learn, and the camaraderie is important

in building your own character. The lessons you learn through struggles at the fraternity carry on into the rest of your life. It's hard to know exactly what you want to do when you graduate and you likely won't stay in the same job. I've had over 10 employers including the Air Force. You have to find something that you enjoy and hopefully it's something that you're relatively good at. Once you get your first job, work at it and meet other people. Twenty years after you start working, you will probably be doing something different; it might be related, but it might be different. You shouldn't be fearful or change or progress."

Mu Chapter brothers support Cornell's AguaClara project



By Jeff Bowser '10

Many of us take for granted our access to today's most commonly used utilities—including water, gas, and electricity. Most of the people reading this have probably never had to live without said utilities and can't imagine what it would be like if access were cut off.

This summer, I was able to get involved with such a lifestyle through Professor Monroe Weber-Shirks research project entitled AguaClara.

AguaClara is a civil and environmental engineering project focused on developing the most

efficient, economical water filtration process without the use of electricity. The project is currently focused on helping various cities in Honduras where citizens must filter their own water using home devices.

The technology behind the filtration plants is simple. They must be relatively close to a source of water and use gravity as the only form of power. Water is fed into the plant at a controlled flow rate, where it is mixed with a substance called alum. The water undergoes a rapid mix to distribute the alum evenly throughout the raw water. The water then undergoes a process called flocculation. It is passed through a series of plates as it travels up and down creating colli-

sions between dirt particles in the water. The alum decreases the overall charge of the particles and causes them to stick to each other upon collision.

After flocculation, the water is given time to settle in something called a sedimentation tank where the dirt particles fall to the bottom and clear water rises to the top. Chlorine is added to the clean water to prepare it for consumption before it is distributed to the town.

This project is an example of the many ways that Cornell is reaching out to the global community. To learn more about the project or to make a donation, visit <https://confluence.cornell.edu/display/aguaclara/Home>.

Enology major offers his take on a Long Island winery

By Evan A. LaNouette '10

As an enology, winemaking major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, one of the most rewarding and often exciting aspects of my discipline is exploring the wine market for new styles and wines to enjoy.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit Long Island's North Fork as part of a vineyard management course. I had been looking forward to this excursion all semester, as I had never before been to Long Island's wine regions. Fortunately, my anticipation was rewarded when we arrived at Bedell Cellars, where the class was welcomed by Bedell's CFO and current Cornell University PHD student Trent Preszler. Along with other members of the Bedell team, he gave the class a tour of their facilities, vineyard sites, fermentation rooms, barrel rooms, as well as their latest event and tasting pavilion—a newly installed 4,000-foot mahogany floor patio adjacent to Bedell's public tasting room equipped for celebrations of the arts or wedding receptions and cere-

monies.

The degree of professionalism was profound. Upon first impression, it was apparent that Bedell's goals reached beyond the bottle and its content to a standard that seeks to encompass the idea of quality wine making. From their presentation and atmosphere in the tasting room to their commitment to never compromising quality for quantity, Bedell

Cellars is truly Long Island's rising star. However, like vintages, not all seasons allow for the same finished quality as seasonal variation does dictate the production of Bedell's finest red blend, Musée.

Other than sharing a title with this magazine, Musée typifies Bedell's Cellars efforts as this red is a beautiful culmination of passion and experience that showcases why balance is the most important aspect of proper winemaking.

Musée' was last produced in 2005 using a classic Bordeaux formula of 78 percent merlot, 17 percent cabernet sauvignon, and 5 percent petite verdot all from grapes produced at Bedell's Estate and Wells Road vineyards. The nose

of this red blend is filled with dark berries such as plum, blackberries, currants and pomegranate, while Oak barrel aging emphasizes classic vanilla, toast, cocoa and spices to add complexity. Medium to full in body, Musée is most noticeable in the mid-palate and has a silky texture that finishes with lingering flavors of roses, berries, and cedar. This wine will make an excellent cellar wine and is said to age well for the next 10 to 15 years

Most of Bedell's Musée is sold within the state of New York, either out of their facility two miles northwest from Cutchogue Village or through wine retailers in New York City. However, you can also directly purchase Musée from Bedell website for \$75 a bottle

A good glass of wine, like any experience, should leave you with a sense of discovery and accomplishment—discovery, to reflect the emotion of a new-found pleasure, and accomplishment, to reflect your new-found understanding of wine and the cultural potential it poses.

I encourage all of you explore Long Island and hopefully Bedell Cellars so that you too can experience all that New York's wine regions have to offer.



Mu Chapter brothers gather for a photo.

A look at the Chapter Council of Young Alumni

Group of recent alumni work to make connections with, bridge gap between undergraduate chapter and Mu alumni

By Kyle Kozora '00
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Fellow Brothers,

My name is Kyle Kozora, Sigma Pi Mu class of 2000 and a former Sage. I was a member of the second pledge class that came through the house after the fire and the "house cleaning" that took place in the mid-'90s.

Rebuilding the chapter was something that we took seriously and participated in every day, from pledging through graduation. The importance of taking this effort seriously was engrained in us by the surviving brotherhood and the alumni who were participating in the efforts.

It was our mantra. It was our challenge, and we rose to it. The results of our struggle were well worth it. Mu Chapter over the next 10 years became one of the largest, most desirable, and influential houses on campus. It was always a great source of pride for me to tell stories to people I met after college about Sigma Pi and what we accomplished there.

Helping bring Sigma Pi from an unknown house with a brotherhood of less than 20 to a campus powerhouse with almost 100 members each year is still one of my greatest achievements. Then, when I knew the house was strong, I foolishly assumed that it would always stay that way. I stopped going back. I didn't go to alumni events. I skipped Homecoming. I assumed that a large house was a healthy house. I was wrong.

There is no one thing that led to the overall complacency and deterioration of the brotherhood. I am sure the actives and the alums were disappointed in how things went over the past two years for their own different reasons. The one critical aspect that I felt I could positively influence in the future was to counteract the anti-alumni sentiment that was pervasive in the active brothers of Sigma Pi. This sentiment was mentioned over and over again during our brotherhood review rounds that I participated in.

It occurred to me during these reviews that the reason we had come to this level of distrust was because we no longer knew each other, nor did we see each other as being on the same team. In contrast, during my time in the house, no matter what happened to us we were close enough to members of the alumni board to see the benefit that positive involve-

ment with the alumni had for the brotherhood. We also worked with them closely enough to realize that their goals were ultimately our goals, even if our methods of achieving them differed.

The continued interaction between brothers in the house and alumni from all over the country prevented hostility from building up and breeding bad blood. It just wasn't possible. We certainly didn't always agree, but we knew we could come to the alumni board if we ever had a problem or were faced with a challenge that affected the house. I wanted to bring this type of constructive interaction back into the culture of Sigma Pi.

The alumni board wisely involved many brothers from the years that I was in the house in the review process that occurred at the start of this school year. The enthusiasm and dedication from the recent graduates was nothing short of inspiring. This was a new kind of alumni involvement. No longer was the mantle of responsibility being borne exclusively by the members of much older classes. We had members less than five years out of school rising up and taking responsibility for this institution that they still loved. I felt strongly that if we could get a group of these recent alumni together, we could bridge the gap between college students and "older alums." Together, we could find a way to relate to each other like never before.

Jim Keane '57 and I have spoken at length about this since the start of the semester. He asked me to form an "organization within our organization" to bring together the next wave of alumni to both guide our active members in the rebuilding process at hand and to begin to tap younger members to prepare them for long term involvement in our fraternity's leadership.

When it became clear that there was support for both the creation of such a group, and also the active participation in it from members of my age group, I happily informed the alumni board of this and they asked me to make it official. As such, the Sigma Pi Mu Chapter Council of Young Alumni was formed. We are: Kyle Kozora '00; Matthew Pens '00; Evan Gilbert '03; Paul El-Mouchy '03; Adam Brown '03; Matthew Maloney '04; Josh Katcher '04; and Nicholas Kruczynski '01.

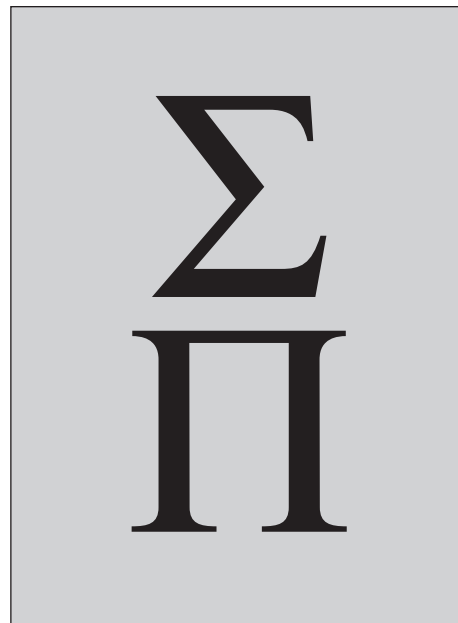
Our purpose is clear and could not be simpler. We are to function as a liaison between the active student body and the alumni board.

We are also determined to increase participation in events by younger alumni and to create as much contact as possible between the actives and alumni continually throughout each semester.

We have actively pursued these ends since the young alumni council formed. We have had several conference calls to plan our involvement in the coming semester, and six of us joined the actives for their first organized event in over a year to celebrate Thanksgiving together in Ithaca at the house. All of the actives attended, and we had a wonderful meal prepared by our former and hopefully future chef Patrick Spirawk.

Our fraternity is back on track. The active members that remain are all committed to the responsible recreation of our chapter. They have welcomed the involvement of my new group and their cooperation with us to date is to be commended. I have faith that they will bring our house back to where it belongs: Amongst the best fraternities at Cornell. I will do my part and my brothers that have taken up this challenge will do theirs. I ask you now, and will continue to ask you for the rest of my days, to stay involved in Sigma Pi. Anyone reading this from the class of 2007 to a brother who hasn't seen the West Lounge in 20 years is needed.

Your support is as important now as it ever was. If you wish to get involved in my small part of that effort, please let me know. We have much to do next semester, and you all would be a welcome addition to the cause.



mu alumni send their news & notes

Charles W. Ahrend '51 writes, "Retired from farming, county board of supervisors, etc., and have moved into an apartment at Virginia retirement community. Still play golf every chance I get and still active in church and civic organizations. E-mail address is webbq4u@myvmrc.net" Send Chuck postal mail at 1491 Virginia Ave., Apt. 201, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

"Have finally hung up my spikes," writes **William R. Brockway '51**. "I stopped playing baseball after many years after I turned 80 last March. Decided if I played all those years without injury no use chancing it now. My wife, Cass, and I keep busy keeping track of our nine children and 17 grandchildren. We expect a great grandchild in February! We went on a cruise in France last spring and expect to go again this spring to celebrate Cass's 80th birthday." Keep in touch with Bill at 12907 The Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21742. E-mail him at billb51949@aol.com.

"I just returned from a three-week stay in Shanghai, China," writes **Fred O. Jensen '53**. "Even though I grew up in New York city, I was overwhelmed by the immensity and intensity of Shanghai—a population of about 18 million, more skyscrapers than New York City and Chicago combined, with extensive construction underway in preparation for a World Expo and Fair in 2010. My traveling companion and guide was my new partner, Barbara Rothenburger, who lived and taught at two Shanghai-based universities during the years 1984-1998. We visited faculty at three university campuses in Shanghai and saw the emphasis being given to education by the Chinese government." To find out more, write to Fred at 110 Lake Shore Dr., Chatham, MA 02633; fredjensen@comcast.net.

Peter P. Romeo '55 writes, "After graduation married Marietta in June 1956. Entered military service as a second lieutenant and, accompanied by wife, spent two years at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, initially attending Army Ordinance School specializing in ordnance technical intelligence (had a ball learning military Russian in a six-week crash course). Completed two-year stint as CO of ordnance technical intelligence detachment and fathered first two of six sons. Wife and I managed one daughter after five boys. Son number six came as a surprise 10 years after the 'first family.' Such a surprise is highly recommended—best athlete, academic achiever, master of fly fishing, compe-

tent auto mechanic, and cancer research scientist. Retired as a senior principle of large architectural firm in 1995 and doing architectural work as a sole proprietor until last year. Wife retired as a child protective services trainer and examinee from New York State last year. Since my 'final retirement,' I've been busier doing volunteer work. Too busy to grow or feel old; the mind is a wonderful thing to keep lubed. Other accomplishments (with some help with wife of 52 years): 11 grandchildren (soon to be 12) and three great grandchildren. Regretfully have not kept in touch with Mu brothers in spite of many fond memories. Will make a sincere effort in 2009 to be a more active 'inactive.' **Jim Keene '57** should be canonized for his leadership of the noble band of men, Mu of Sigma Pi alumni. My deepest gratitude for his stellar example." Write to Pete at 309 Canterbury Rd., Rochester, NY 14607. Send him e-mail at ppromeora@yahoo.com.

C. Edward Kemp '68 writes, "I'm enjoying semi-retirement, helping out as a broker at my wife's real estate agency, driving my 2003 BMW M-3 convertible and 1965 Ferrari, and regularly attending AA meetings. (I tell people I drank my life's quota at Cornell!) My oldest daughter, Lynsay, is living with her husband, Shane, in Waterford, Ireland, and I became a grandfather to Olivia this past April 30. My younger daughter, Julia, left Target Corporation in Minneapolis last March and is searching for a product design position. In the meantime, she traveled to Europe, did some private design projects, and is spending two weeks in Florida, deeply involved with the Obama campaign." Write to Ed at 3 King Horn Dr., Falmouth, MA 02540; eds330@aol.com.

Peter E. Wright '77 writes, "While I work in Syracuse as the Natural Resources Conservation Service state conservation engineer, my wife, Barbara, was ordained and called to serve the Presbyterian church in Scipioville, New York. So we moved from our hometown of Homer to Auburn. Still very interested in developing relationships with you all." Send Peter greetings at 112 Walnut St., Auburn, NY 13021; pew2@cornell.edu.

George W. Rocklein '87 writes, "As a fun diversion, I created a little website where Pi men can upload and share their favorite photos from their days in the Pi house. You can also comment on them and rate them: sigmapimoments.com. For

you younger guys, this is all simple, since I'm sure your photos are already in digital format and sitting on a hard drive somewhere ready to be uploaded. For some of us older guys, this is slightly more complicated since it involves finding actual printed photographs, scanning them, and then uploading them. However, it's great to finally get those fun old photos out of the drawer or closet and then post them for all to see. (Note to younger guys: Prior to the year 2000, we used to use this stuff called 'film' in our cameras. Some of us also once used a device called a typewriter, but now I digress.)" Write to George at 944 Timber Ln., Lake Forest, IL 60045; grocklein@comcast.net.

"After completing my third season with High Desert Mavericks, I've been promoted to general manager," writes **Timothy R. Altier '03**. "I'm learning a ton every day, and it's more responsibility than I've ever had (even more than being the intramural chair). To my fellow brothers in the sports business, I'll be looking for opportunities back in the northeast within a couple of years, so please keep me in mind and e-mail me to touch base." Write to Tim at 65 Mitchell Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534; taltier@hdmavs.com.

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We regret to announce the deaths of:

Kenneth H.B. Cudmore '41
May 2, 2008

Jacob M. Johnsen '48
February 22, 2006

Robert G. Furbeck '50
September 17, 2006

Eric F. Jensen '51
January 3, 2003

Robert L. Weibly '57
November 2006

Joseph R. Tuckosh Jr. '65
December 12, 2006

Donald G. Kurtz '66
September 1, 2007

Alexander I. Holiat '06