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## Sage reports on strong, focused Mu



**By Jacob Slowik '09**  
Sage

I address you as the current Sage, brimming with pride at the work our brotherhood has accomplished over the past semester.

Only about three months ago did we officially receive word that Cornell would allow Mu Chapter to operate as a fraternity again, and the actions of our members have certainly made good on our promises to the IFC and to the university.

The entire brotherhood came together to host rush week activities this January. Despite not having the benefit of any fall semester activities and despite IFC-imposed restrictions, we were able to exceed our own expectations and are proud to announce a pledge class of 14 outstanding men. The work of the brotherhood was tremendous and will serve as a blueprint for future rush weeks to come.

The 14 new members are fully committed to the renewed vision of the fraternity that our brotherhood developed during the past year's rebuilding process. A number have taken leadership positions in campus organizations, such as the New Member IFC, Hotel Ezra Cornell, Student Agencies, and the

ROTC program. They have demonstrated drive and dedication, and the current brotherhood has laid the necessary groundwork for a strong future brotherhood; I am confident that they will continue to elevate our fraternity in the coming years.

In addition to rush and pledging, the brotherhood has also excelled in service and philanthropy. Mu Chapter successfully partnered with sororities

Alpha Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, and

Kappa Alpha Theta in hosting an Ithaca SPCA fundraiser, a bowling tournament to benefit the FirstBook charity, and our annual car wash to benefit the American Cancer Society. Additionally, nearly the entire brotherhood came together for our fourth successful Tompkins County Highway Cleanup.

I am a firm believer in the adage "actions speak louder than words," and I am confident that our brotherhood's actions have proven that good men make up this fraternity and, more importantly, that these good men are worthy of the right to be called your brothers. But don't take my word for it. Come by and see for yourself! I encourage all of you to stop by the Pi house and get to know these extraordinary men—whether it is during alumni weekend this coming fall or anytime during the year.



## Mu remains philanthropically strong



**By Jeffery Bowser '10**  
Spring Philanthropy Chair

While it has been a busy semester, the brotherhood has been actively engaged in philanthropic efforts.

The year started with a cleanup of Valley Road, in the Town of Caroline, with the assistance of Nicholas T. Long '68. On March 8, 2009, a group of brothers volunteered at the Tompkins County SPCA in a joint philanthropy event with the sisters of Alpha Phi. Volunteers took all of the resident dogs for walks and spent time entertaining cats.

In addition to these commitments, we created a charity campaign focused exclusively on helping close

the education gap in Tompkins County elementary schools. All of our fundraising benefited the Cornell Chapter of First Book, an organization whose mission is to provide new books to disadvantaged children. Through our Ballin' for Books three-on-three charity basketball tournament and Bowling for Books, we managed to put more than 300 new books into the hands of K-12 students in the local community. The event was organized in cooperation with the sisters of Sigma Delta Tau. After our second highway cleanup of the year, we plan to have one additional fundraiser in May, a carwash with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

All in all, it has been rewarding to come back to the house after a troubling period and have the opportunity to work constructively to improve our surrounding environment.

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# Mu nets 14 outstanding new members



By Zachary Zelikovic '10

After a very successful rush week, 12 freshmen and 2 juniors signed bids with Mu Chapter and began the pledging process. This year, the educational process will be focused on learning Sigma Pi tradition and history, as well as on-campus leadership and participation.

In the midst of a somewhat unstable period of time in Mu Chapter's history, we are doing our best to make sure they understand the importance of fulfilling brotherhood obligations and helping to make Sigma Pi a large presence on Cornell's campus once again. With the help of our live-in adviser, Doug Finnan (Alpha, Vincennes '01), who spent many years working for Sigma Pi national, we are incorporating more of the traditions that are used in pledging across all Sigma Pi chapters.

We are also planning on having a formal initiation this year, something that hasn't occurred in recent past.

As part of our goal to have 100 percent on-campus extracurricular participation, each pledge was required to join an activity or club of his choice and become an active leader in that



Grant LaFontaine '10, Andrew Chatham '12, Anthony Quintal '12, Robert Dicker '12, Aaron Klein '12, Dan Lopez '12, Tyler Ramsden '12, Matthew Dorazio '10, Gregory Malamut '12, Sean Fuoco '12, Daniel Kendra '12, Jason Nordlicht '12, and Benjamin Diaz-Ordaz '12.

group or club. So far, our pledges have joined such activities as the New Member IFC Board, ROTC, Hotel Ezra Cornell, and the club bowling team. Our hopes are that their pursuits will give them a new outlook on the Cornell community and strengthen the bonds between Mu Chapter and the campus at large. The pledges have also been asked to plan a series of philanthropy events that will assist worthy charities and organizations in the Ithaca community.

On Friday, March 6, the brothers and pledges

of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter went on an overnight camping trip. A number of the pledges were trained in orienteering and acted as group leaders, helping their fellow pledge brothers hike the trail and make it to the endpoint intact and enthused. The trip afforded the pledges ample time to simultaneously bond and sharpen up on their outdoorsmanship.

Mu Chapter is proud of its 14 new pledges and looks forward to having its alumni congratulate them on their upcoming initiation.

## Brother helps spearhead philanthropy effort at Cornell



By Ian Postman '10

Rock and Wrap it Up! is a poverty-relief organization that helps the less fortunate by recovering unused food and assets and donating them to homeless shelters. What began as just a local hunger relief effort—collecting and redistributing prepared but unserved food from local concert halls, catered events, and restaurants—has slowly turned into a full-scale program with a national pick-up schedule and shelter database, as well as a variety of food and asset recovery programs.

I was lucky enough to get involved with Rock and Wrap it Up! during high school and have since brought it to Cornell. While we've been able to collect food from Cornell and Ithaca concerts, we've been unsuccessful in accomplishing our primary goal—the donation of Cornell Dining and Catering's respective leftovers. These two organizations throw out hundreds of pounds of food per week, but are unable to donate their food due to administrative red tape (further exacerbated by the economic downturn).

When faced with this disappointment, we reacted quite imaginatively: Instead of unsuccessfully focusing on food, why not focus our

efforts on assets, such as warm winter clothing and toiletries?

And that's just what we've done. Cornell's Red Key Athletic Honor Society has been consistently donating its toiletries from the winter travel season, and we're holding a clothing drive with the help of Student Agencies and Cornell.

If you're interested in helping out in either your hometown or the Cornell community or are just interested in the program, please feel free to contact me at [ian.j.postman@gmail.com](mailto:ian.j.postman@gmail.com).

## Alumni, stay connected through Mu Chapter's website

By Giorgio Piccoli '07

Sigma Pi Mu Chapter now has an address on the web—[sigmpicornell.org](http://sigmpicornell.org) was designed with the goal of connecting brothers who currently live in the house with alumni, friends, and family of the Mu Chapter and the Cornell community.

The website features information concerning our history, events taking place in the house, updates from alumni, and important communications. It also provides the opportunity for alumni to reconnect with those with whom



they have lost contact, search for alumni in specific careers fields, make a gift to the Heritage Foundation, and pay dues.

Recently, we have been able to upload composites from 1979 and for each year from 1981 to 2009! If you have composites that you would like to post to the website, please send a copy to Sigma Pi Fraternity, Mu Chapter, P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876.

Since its launch, the website has allowed brothers to revisit the Pi house at any time, through just the touch of their fingertips. But the site is more than just

a virtual portal; it's a way for all of us to remain connected to a place we fondly remember and to the people who helped shape our lives today.

If you have not already, take a moment to visit the site, and if you have any news or pictures that you'd like to share, send an e-mail to [giorgio.a.piccoli@jpmchase.com](mailto:giorgio.a.piccoli@jpmchase.com) or use the submit news feature in the member section of the website.

Just like our experience at Sigma Pi, the success of the website ultimately depends on participation from all of you.

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# Mu brothers take Dublin by storm during study abroad

By Chad Caplan '10

During the fall 2008 semester I was able to take advantage of Cornell's excellent study-abroad program. Through the ILR School I applied to spend the next three months studying at the University College of Dublin in Ireland. The experience was better than I could have hoped.

Ireland is a beautiful country, boasting natural wonders, friendly people, and a completely unique culture. Living just outside the city in Rathmines, I had the best of both worlds. The shops, restaurants, landmarks, and pubs of downtown Dublin were only a short walk away. While on the other side of town, UCD offered interesting classes with a distinct European perspective. Professors were extremely knowledgeable and engaging, and the coursework perfectly supplemented what I had been learning at home.

Weekends were a great opportunity to get out to the countryside, with Blarney Castle, the Aran Islands, and Glendalough providing trips I will never forget. Lastly, as the hub of major European

airline Ryan Air, Dublin provided a great base to explore the rest of the continent. Short excursions to Barcelona, Paris, Geneva, and Milan will always stay with me. Overall, it was an incredible experience, and I highly recommend it to anyone looking to see the world, take stimulating coursework, and immerse themselves in a beautiful country.

By Patrick Ryan '10

My experience abroad in Dublin exceeded any expectations I had entering the endeavor. There are so many aspects of the semester that stand out in my mind, but undoubtedly one of the strongest reasons for my positive experience I credit to my suitemates.

While they were not Pi men, the two New Zealanders and one Chilean offered cultural insights not available in classes above Cayuga's waters. The camaraderie forged between the four of us from different parts of the world reinforced the powerful benefits of being a part of the Sigma Pi brotherhood back at home. Fortunately, when the



Chad Caplan '10 and Patrick Ryan '10.

international flavor became overwhelming, I had a fellow brother abroad in Dublin as well. We were able to see many of the most famous cities of the world—an opportunity I did not know I would ever have.

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## mu alumni send their news & notes

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**Earle R. Elmer Jr. '35** celebrated his 95th birthday in July 2008. Earle lives in an assisted-living community and has one son and two grandchildren. Write to Earle at 6366 Forest Ave., Elkridge, MD 21075.

"Went to class reunion with wife, Bernice," writes **John I. Holden '43**. "Our son and daughter drove us up, and we stayed at the Statler. Visited the Sigma Pi house with Bernice. Am glad to see that things are getting back to Sigma Pi standards and appreciate all you have done to bring this about." Keep in touch with John at 185 Elm St., Southampton, NY 11968.

"Golfing, tennis, yacht racing, duplicate bridge, and what retired people do," writes **Kenneth R. Rand Jr. '60**. "We still spend the summers at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, where we see old friends. Lois and I are planning to attend our 50th at Cornell in June, along with some other Sigma Pi brothers." To find out more, write to Ken at 5 Marsh Elder Ln., Savannah, GA 31411; kenandlois@bellsouth.net.

**William A. Stevenson '63** writes, "Enjoying our two grandsons who live with our son and daughter-in-law, Aimee, in California. I hope to retire at the end of 2009 from my job as director of facilities (architecture) at URS Corporation. We still live in Grand Rapids but are looking to move to North Carolina." Send "Sandy" greetings at 1225 Winterwood Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

**Luc G. Chabot '80** writes, "For the last two years, I have been fortunate enough to be working on a domestic deepwater energy project in the Gulf of Mexico. This has allowed me to become a 'regular' at the yearly Procrasticup (a truly wonderful gathering of brothers). Otherwise, Janet and I go up to our place in Austin, Texas, to relax on weekends and frequent join up with **Jay Sacco '80** and Bridgette. With three daughters currently pursuing university degrees, we are now officially empty nesters." Keep in touch with Luc at 3210 Beachwater Dr., Katy, TX 77450; lgchabot@hotmail.com.

**Jeffrey D. Brown '80** writes, "Katherine, Annie, and I are still in Belgium, where we've lived sine 1999. Will started his first year at Columbia this fall. After being accepted there and at Cornell, he chose the bright lights over the gorges. I started my own consulting company in 2006, specializing in shipping, logistics, and supply-chain management. The departure from a corporate environment has given me an opportunity to be more involved in non-profit work. If any Pi guys find themselves coming to Belgium, please let me know." E-mail Jeffrey at jdbrown1@gmail.com. Send him postal mail at Torfeheidreef 17, Schilde 2970, Belguim.

"Have finally moved into our condo in Seattle after relocating here from Los Angeles a year ago," writes **Lawrence J. Kantor '80** (1521 Second Ave., #1401, Seattle, WA 98101; lkantor@us.ibm.com). "Miss the sunshine but love the

city and living downtown. Our only son is a sophomore at the University of Washington."

"I just finished sailing my Bell' Aventura from Connecticut to Texas," writes **John J. Sacco '80**. "Four of us sailed about 2,500 miles in two weeks. What a great trip." To find out more, write Jay at 7205 Holly Fern Cove, Austin, TX 78750.

**Christopher P. Hayes '06** writes, "I am moving to Italy for a two-year Boeing assignment at one of our partner sites. I'll be in southern Italy in the town of Grottaglie." Keep in touch with Chris by e-mail at cpjhayes@gmail.com.

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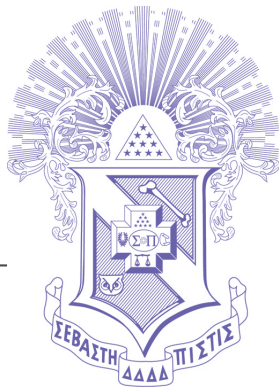
## deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

**Frank J. Loeffler '50**  
July 27, 2008

**Barry A. Bolay '68**  
October 13, 2008

**Brett M. Winson '78**  
January 31, 2009



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Kent G. Sheng '78  
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William J. Strusz '73  
Jan H. Suwinski '63  
Venceslaus James Vanicek Jr. '55  
Michael D. Vernick '83  
Jarett F. Wait '80  
Fredrick L. Walter '60  
Joshua A. Weinreich '82  
Clifford J. Wengert '53  
Harlan R. Wengert '49  
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William M. Clausen '05

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John J. Haggerty '79  
Eric R. Hamburg '85  
Christopher P. Jefferys Hayes '06  
Frederick C. Hoge '92  
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John E. Hough '37  
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Bryan H. Rivard '03  
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Liviu Victor Rusu '98  
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