

## Dolly's Initiation

During the weekend of October 21, over 100 Mu Chapter alumni returned to Cornell to pay homage to Aldolphus C. Hailstork III. Alumni from over 60 years of the Sigma Pi brotherhood returned to Ithaca for three days of tribute to our newly initiated brother. Stories and memories were shared, and Dolly was given a (somewhat) traditional initiation from an assembly of 12 past sages of the Pi house. I know I speak for all of the active brothers when I say that the weekend was the highlight of our year as we got to interact with those who experienced the Mu Chapter lifestyle in the years before us.

A professional photographer documented the event. See photos inside, on pages four and five. More photos are available on the Mu Chapter website at [www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org).

## Volunteers Needed!

Jim Keene '57 has volunteered to organize and plan for the upcoming Mu Chapter Centennial at Cornell.

The goal is to make this an event that entices a large number of alumni to travel to Ithaca to celebrate and renew the bonds that have kept us strong for almost 100 years.

Jim is looking for volunteers who would like to be a part of the planning group, or persons who have ideas to share on how to make the centennial a memorable event. Contact Jim at [jkeeneiii@aol.com](mailto:jkeeneiii@aol.com)

## Mu Chapter to Honor Alumnus: *Thank You, James Keene III '57*

By Alex Rawitz '13, Sage

Mu Chapter will gather in New York City on January 26, 2012, to celebrate James "Jim" Keene III '57, who has served Sigma Pi for over 50 years. He has tirelessly pursued the improvement of the brotherhood, and it was his lone efforts that, on numerous occasions, sustained the chapter during times of need.

Jim pledged and was initiated in the fall of 1953, and over his years in the house he served as house manager, rush chairman, first counselor, and sage (twice!). He initiated the idea of expanding the dining room and, as a committee of one (with help from Harry Specht), saw to its completion.

When it came time to expand and renovate the chapter house, Jim led the charge on raising the funds. After the house burned down, he remained committed to preserving the integrity of the house's design. He conceived the McGraw Place Project, which expanded the fraternity's property in a land swap with Cornell, and the Beach Project, which has made the house an incredible place to live.

During his 20 years as president, Jim was also responsible for the reorganization of the alumni board, its ongoing professional management, and the diversity of its members by garnering participants from all eras. With the assistance of Director Steven A. Hobbs '80, he also helped create the Mu Chapter Educational Foundation.

These are just a few of the highlights in Jim's long career serving Sigma Pi, and they are the impetus for the planned honorary dinner. The dinner will be an addition to the Seventh Annual Sigma Pi Undergraduate Career Event, which has brought undergraduates to New York City for the past six years to network Mu Chapter alumni, who can help the students with their resumes and interview skills and give students a chance to shadow alumni professionals.

The honorary dinner is planned for **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012**, and will take place at the New York Athletic Club on 7th Avenue and



James "Jim" Keene III '57

59th Street. As part of the program there will be a high-quality dinner booklet, within which alumni may publish messages of support and thanks to Jim, photos, and other memories. For information on making a submission to the booklet, please contact Kurt Rasmussen '80 by email at [rasmussen26@att.net](mailto:rasmussen26@att.net). We sincerely hope that many alumni come to show their appreciation for Jim this January. Without his continuous support of Mu Chapter, it would not exist today. I think we can all agree that the chapter is too important and inspiring of a place to consider such a tragedy. We owe Jim an abundance of gratitude. Thank you, Jim!

### RSVP BY DECEMBER 1, 2011

Register online at [www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org). Tickets are \$175 per person. We encourage you to register online, but if you do not have internet access, or prefer to send a check, please make your check payable to: Sigma Pi Alumni Fund, Mu Chapter. Use the enclosed return envelope to return to: Alumni Records Office, Sigma Pi, PO Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851. Please indicate on the check that it is for the Jim Keene dinner. If you have questions, feel free to contact our alumni records office at (607) 533-9200.

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# Sage Praises the Special Bonds of the Mu Chapter

By Alex Rawitz '13, Sage

This semester has been filled with great experiences. With three years of undergraduates represented in the house, the sentiment of brotherhood has grown more widespread among the brothers.

By far the most memorable event of the semester has been Adolphus "Dolly" C. Hailstork (III)'s posthumous initiation into the brotherhood, for which over 100 alumni—all touched by his magnetic personality—gathered in Ithaca. The weekend reached its finale Saturday night with a catered dinner, touching remembrance ceremony, the initiation ritual for Dolly, and rocking tunes from Men with Big Hips late into the night.

The entire weekend was moving for both undergraduates and alumni as we discussed the many differences and (more importantly!) similarities between the Mu Chapter of 20, 30, or 40 years ago and the Mu Chapter of today. The most beautiful moment came when alumni and actives broke out in song in the

Memorial Library, joining together to sing the ever present "Pi Phi Song." We sincerely hope that our future alumni events are as well attended and carry the same energy.

Due to the phenomenal support of our alumni, the undergraduate experience continues to improve. We are looking forward to making better use of the educational fund to support the brotherhood's academic pursuits. The house is under continuous maintenance (and I mean this in the best possible way) and Chef Patrick has dramatically improved his performance this semester. Brothers now sit down for meals together twice a week, and we hope to expand the practice to more days in the future.

Unfortunately, despite having the largest membership in recent years, we have fallen short of capacity in the house due to an unusually large number of brothers abroad and living in Collegetown. The chapter had to make extra funds available to help pay for the shortfall, and although the situation is less than ideal, it is one from which we can learn and will certainly avoid

in the future. The long-time trend of seniors moving to Collegetown will slowly start to reverse when several seniors (myself included) continue to live in the house next year.

Going forward, the chapter is looking ahead to rush week and to becoming an even more selective house in terms of the quality of men we pledge and initiate. I am hoping that this spring we can have alumni back to welcome new members, so please stay on the lookout for announcements regarding initiation events.

I believe the other chapter leaders have outlined the house's progress in their respective areas, so rather than recap more of the developments around the house, I would like to take one more opportunity to thank the alumni for their continuous support of the house. I have felt their efforts particularly poignantly this semester, and I am personally (as is the house) indebted to many of them. Sigma Pi is an experience that makes Cornell special, and we hope to keep it that way for many years to come.

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## Beach Fund Honor Roll of Donors

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Zach Zelikovic '10  
\*Deceased member

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# The Executive Board Reports on the State of the Chapter

## *Academics*

**By Tom Riccardi '14, Academic Chair**

The Mu Chapter takes student responsibilities very seriously. Apart from the ongoing activities of the house, brothers continue their success academically. Brothers are fully committed to their grades, which represent the house as a whole. As academic chair, I have organized dedicated study times. These include library hours and quiet times in the house. It can often be difficult studying with varying schedules, and this will lead to more cohesive study schedules. Brothers will have the opportunity to help one another during these times, which will facilitate an optimal learning environment. Apart from these hours, the house continues to use the Sigma Pi Academic Database. Created by Ryan Haid, this has become an invaluable resource of information that includes course material such as notes, past exams, and textbooks. By taking advantage of these new additions, we will be able to further our academic accomplishments.

## *Philanthropy*

**By Harry Choi '14 and Nick Dawson '14, Philanthropy Chairs**

As a chapter, we are trying to become much more involved in the community this semester. On Halloween weekend, we have a group registered to participate in Cornell's annual "Into the Streets" event. Every year, the Ithaca community outlines several issues that they feel need to be addressed, and Cornell sends students to directly address these issues. We also have brothers involved with the Big Brother program and a soccer mentoring program in Ithaca.

Furthermore, we are currently in the process of planning our annual Pink Carnival. We host the Pink Carnival every year in order to raise breast cancer awareness on campus and raise money for the Susan G. Komen foundation. The carnival will include various games and athletic competitions, such as KanJam and cornhole. We will generate the majority of our proceeds through the sale of food and will be passing out pamphlets about the danger breast cancer poses in our society. This event promises to be a lot of fun, and the entire house is looking forward to being able to show up and support such a worthy cause.

Visit the page "Today at Mu Chapter" at [www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org) for up-to-date chapter information!

## *Athletics*

**By Greg Malamut '12, Intramural Chair**

The brothers of Sigma Pi are once again competing against the other fraternities on campus in intramural sports. When I was elected intramural chair as a sophomore, I told the Pi Men that my goal was to win the Fraternity All Sports Championship, which we have not won since 2005. I decided to run for this position again as a senior because I believe we have a legitimate shot to take home the trophy. This fall, we are competing in many different sports including tennis, volleyball, golf, no-tap bowling, ultimate frisbee, dodgeball, and more.

One of Mu Chapter's highlights in intramural sports this semester is our undefeated soccer team. Another exciting highlight is our flag-football team, which always seems to have a trick play up its sleeve. Our volleyball team has a lot of great leadership and should be very competitive come play-off time. Make sure to track our progress as we go for the gold.

## *State of Brotherhood*

**By Aaron Klein '12 and Sam Hendrickson '13, Brotherhood Chairs**

This semester, the brotherhood has focused on organizing a number of activities outside of the house. Many of these activities are centered on taking advantage of the outdoors while the weather is still nice. We held a paintball tournament in which brothers were able to rent equipment and enjoy the sunny September weather. Other activities have included a camping trip over fall break and participation in the annual Ithaca Applefest on the Commons.

With the NFL season underway, we've enjoyed watching football games in the Pit on Sunday afternoons. Brothers frequently wear their favorite football jerseys around the house. To foster our competitive nature, the Pi Men organized a trip to Ralph Wilson Stadium to watch the Buffalo Bills play the New England Patriots. For some, this trip was their first time attending an NFL game. At the house, the biannual pool tournament is about to begin, and a brotherhood cornhole tournament is still underway. The pool table continues to be the focal point of daytime activities at the house; it allows brothers to socialize between classes and during lunch breaks.

Meals have had an important role in bringing the brotherhood together. House dinners are scheduled throughout the week, where the Pi Men can enjoy a fraternal meal together. Dinners at the Glenwood Pines Restaurant have become a favorite location for group meals and are organized monthly.

## *Social Activities*

**By Felix Tabary '14, Social Chair**

This semester, a new and tangible energy has taken over the house. There are several reasons for this renewal of strong and positive attitudes among the brothers. First, we finally have a full house with every class represented throughout the brotherhood, and our total brotherhood enrollment is 55. Second, the Inter-Fraternity Council of the university has provided us with a new set of rules that seriously limit freshmen presence at fraternities. This may seem like a constrictive measure, but it has forced us to revisit our typical social events with sororities, something that I believe we have improved upon since last semester. Finally, the social scene has changed at Cornell, and the idea of ranking fraternities has somewhat become obsolete as a result of the new IFC rules. Basically, this is the first year where big changes are implemented, meaning we have the opportunity to really make our mark on the new campus social scene.

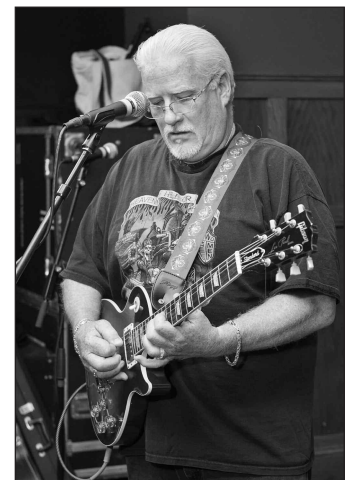
As stated earlier, Sigma Pi now has 18 new brothers, 16 of which live in the chapter house. My pledge class brothers may still be referred to as NIBS (newly initiated brothers), but I am pleasantly surprised at how big of a role we are playing in shaping the house, taking on roles such as philanthropy, brotherhood, academic, and social chairs, as well as house manager. I feel that the strong bond between the NIBs has renewed and strengthened the ties between all of the brothers, and we are now in the best possible position to continue our expansion over the entire social scene at Cornell.

Concerning the new IFC rules regarding freshmen at parties, I believe that measures towards change were necessary. It may be that freshmen will never have the same experience at Cornell again, but, as a prominent and active member of the Greek system, Sigma Pi has the responsibility to act as a leader in the implementation of this change. Whereas some houses have thrown freshmen-oriented parties that put the entire Greek system at risk, Sigma Pi has been extremely well guarded against such mistakes. Although we may lose some presence in the freshmen crowd, we decided that we would gear our efforts toward respecting the rules in order to avoid trouble, while still having a great time with all sorts of sororities. At the end of the day, it isn't worth risking the Greek system, and there are other ways to meet and recruit freshmen.

I am already excited for Slope Day at the end of this academic year because I know it will be an amazing day during which we will fully realize how much our efforts have paid off. It may still be too early to tell, but I am positive that we are on the right track!

# Mu Chapter Honors Dolly Hailstork ...

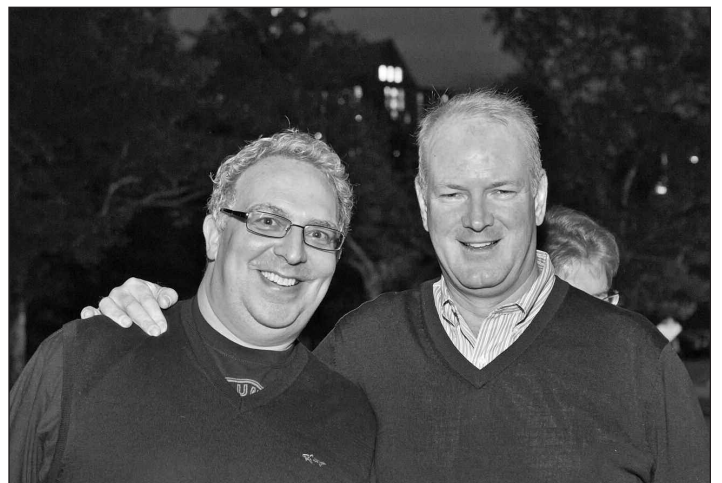
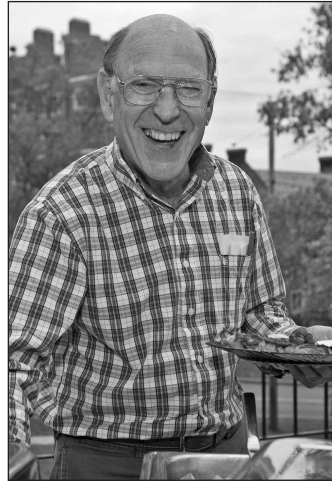
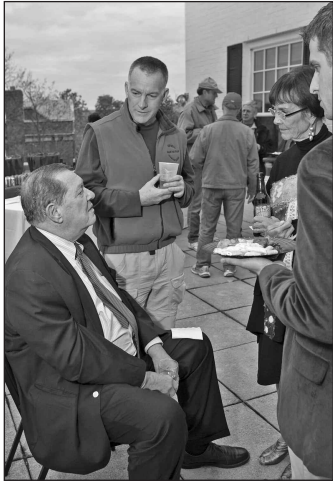
*Alumni from across the generations returned to 730 University Avenue to remember our beloved Adolphus C. Hailstork III and posthumously initiate him into Sigma Pi.*



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# ... Photos from Dolly's Initiation Weekend

*Alumni gathered with family and friends to reconnect. More pictures can be seen on our website at [www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org),*



# mu alumni send their news & notes

**Michael T. Leigh '52** enjoyed reading the spring 2011 *Muse*. However, he has a slight correction—his eldest son, Chris, the bicycle-racing attorney, practices in Jackson, Wyoming (not Jackson, New York), in case anyone needs some legal services. Reconnect with Mike by writing to 2525 Taft Dr., Apt. 304, Boulder, CO 80302.

"On April 10, 2007, my wife of more than 50 years, Marilyn Brady Jensen, died," reports **Fred O. "FOJ" Jensen '53**. "In 1954, at Sigma Pi's spring dance, Marilyn was selected to be queen of the dance. Now, three-plus years after Marilyn has passed, I have remarried (on November 13, 2010), and my new wife, Barbara Rothenburger, is a magnificent woman whom I have known for more than eight years as a fellow church member. Between us, we have a lot of family. Barbara has four married children and two grandkids. I have five married children and 10 grandkids. Now that's a gang!" Keep in touch with Fred by writing to 912 Main St., #301, Chatham, MA 02633.

**Nicholas Reitenbach '56** wrote to us in April 2011, and said he was looking forward to attending the class of 1956 Reunion in June. He was excited to see the house again and all the new features. Nick has been maintaining active contact with former brothers. Catch up with Nick at 15 Wyndover Ln., Cos Cob, CT 06807; nreitenbach@gmail.com.

Get in touch with **Michael G. Rantz '81** via his

new postal address at 330 Santa Rita Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

**William P. "Bill" Fisher '85** has new postal and email addresses! Brothers may write to him at 214 Royal Crest Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46814; or email bill.fisher@zimmer.com.

Brothers can reach **Thomas W. Keenan '93** at his new address: 29 E. 22nd St., Apt. 5S, New York, NY 10010.

**Gregory Korn '98** sends greetings from 20 West St., Apt. 19A, New York, NY 10004; gregkorn@gmail.com.

Get in contact with **Andrew R. Sorkin '99** via his new address: 118 W 79th St., Apt. 4B, New York, NY 10024.

**Giorgio Piccoli '07**, through his company Americanflat, is currently building a mosaic in New Orleans. The company recently held a sale at New York City's The Dressing Room Boutique and Bar, and during the sale, Americanflat committed to fully funding one inner-city beautification project for every 100 pieces of artwork sold. Contact Giorgio at 261 Broome St., Apt. 3H, New York, NY 10002; email giorgio.piccoli@gmail.com.

When **Giorgio Roccaro '07** wrote to us in April 2011, he said, "I will be graduating from SUNY Downstate Medical College on May 26, 2011 and beginning my residency training in

internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston this coming June. I will be moving to Boston where I can be found at 10 Emerson Pl., Apt. 12C, Boston, MA 02114. All premedical undergraduates and alumni should feel free to contact me at my email address (giorgio.roccaro@gmail.com) with any questions."

## Deceased

**Raymond N. Zimmerman Jr. '50**  
January 19, 2011

**Joseph W. Calby Jr. '51**  
September 5, 2011

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February 21, 2011

**Robert C. Carlson '61**  
September 6, 2011



## Cornell Annual Fund: Allocating Your Donation

Cornell University will soon be contacting most of you for contributions to the Cornell Annual Fund.

I just want to remind everyone that Cornell Annual Fund gifts may be allocated to more than one place. Those of you who are so inclined may designate a portion of your Cornell Annual Fund gifts to the Daniel F. Mahaney '79 Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each

year, a scholarship is awarded to a Cornell undergraduate student who has devoted himself/herself to the kinds of volunteer activities with the university unions that were so important to our brother, Dan, during his undergraduate years.

**This is not intended to be a solicitation to encourage donations to Cornell or to the Mu Chapter;** it is merely a reminder that you may want to designate a portion of your Cornell donation to the scholarship fund in Dan's memory.

To do so, simply indicate on the Cornell Annual Fund response card that this year you want all or a portion of your contribution to Cornell to be applied toward the Daniel Mahaney Scholarship. On the blank line in front

of the words "In addition, I would like to support," you should insert the dollar amount that you want to direct toward Dan's memorial scholarship; on the blank line below those words, you should write "Daniel Mahaney Scholarship Fund."

If you make your Cornell Annual Fund donation by phone instead, simply let the phone-a-thon caller know how much of your contribution to the annual fund you want specifically allocated to Dan's memorial scholarship.

Thanks to all of you who have supported this scholarship in Dan's memory over the years, and to all who do so now and in the future.

Jim Franz '77