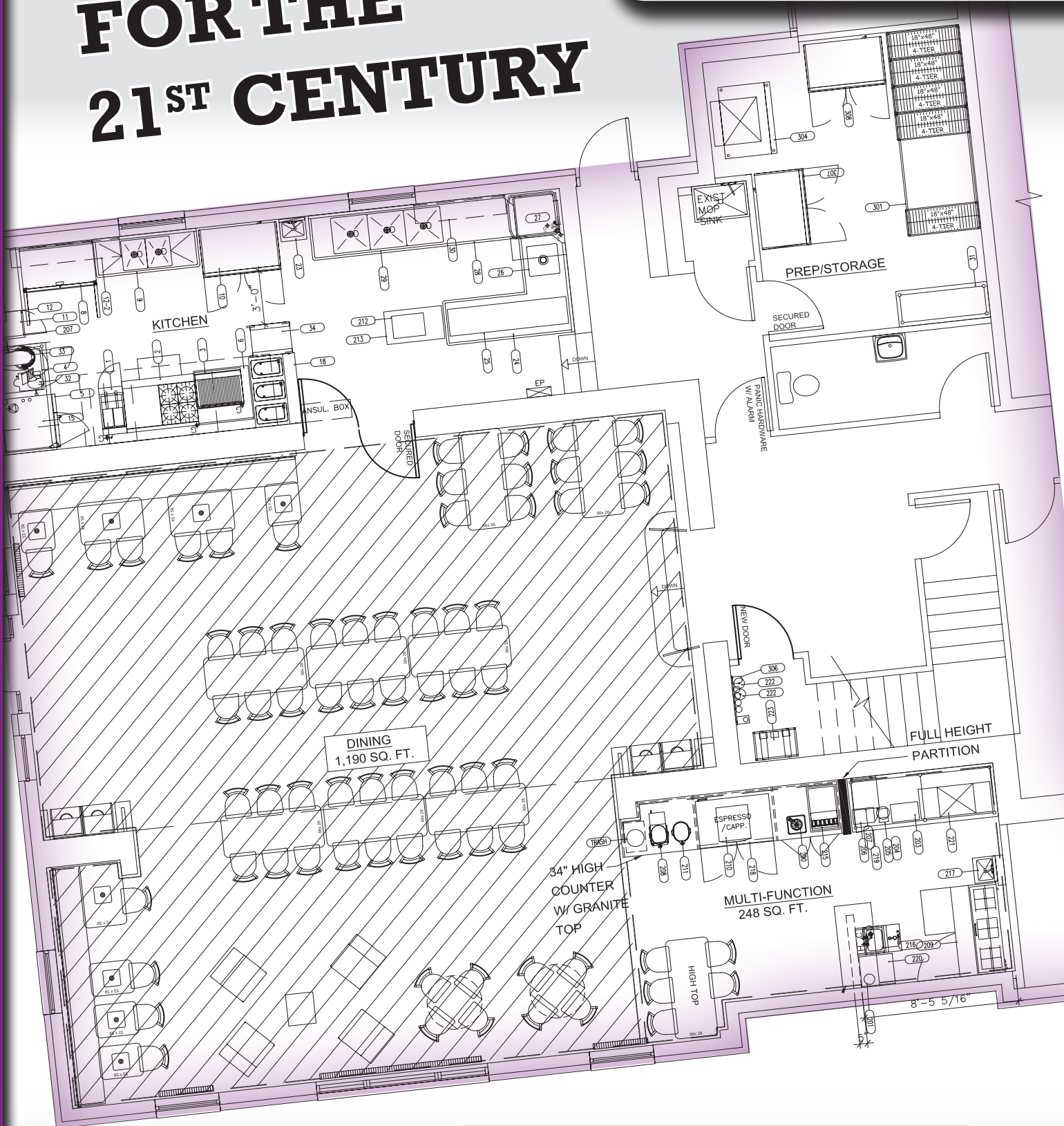




DINING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Redesign concept for Sigma Pi's kitchen and dining room. See the article on page 2 and the brochure accompanying this newsletter.

Mu Chapter Website & Social Media Outlets



The Alumni Board continues to invest in enhancing our social-media outreach.

The Mu Chapter website:

- increases the ability for our alumni to stay connected and to be kept up-to-date
- has a robust section for our undergraduate brothers to enhance new member recruitment
- has a section for parents to find the information they need, whether their son is a current or prospective member
- has better support for mobile devices.

If you haven't visited the site, please go, check it out, and register for the members-only section to gain access to the full range of content.

In addition, the alumni board is keen to make the most of existing social media channels. Please visit our current social media outlets.



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@CornellSigmaPi



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Kitchen and Dining Committee Report

By **Brian Finneran '81** and **Steve Pirozzi '80**

The alumni board launched a strategic initiative to develop a comprehensive plan focused on modernizing and enhancing the kitchen and dining facilities of Sigma Pi. A committee consisting of alumni industry leaders and undergraduate leaders was formed.

In order to gain a better understanding of the issues around kitchen and dining, members of the committee (**Brian Finneran '81, Steve Pirozzi '80, Alexa Bosshardt '82, Greg Vojnovic '85, Kevin Kruse '79, and Dave Williamson '77**) conducted multiple on-site visits to review facility infrastructure, to meet with undergraduate leaders, and to review dining and sanitation conditions. Additionally, a comprehensive survey with current undergraduates and the class of 2015 was conducted in November 2015. A total of 53 responses to the survey were received, the majority of which were by current brothers.

Based on the survey and K&D Committee members' visits, action was taken to improve the overall hygiene and to address some potentially hazardous conditions. The importance of having a modern and well-designed kitchen and dining facility is a priority for the fraternity in terms of recruiting the highest quality students to the house. In addition, healthy high-quality meals being available on a flexible time schedule is also a strategic priority.

The brotherhood decided to have meals prepared on the chef's off days by hiring an outside vendor. The Pi-house kitchen must

have capacity to prepare and serve lunch and dinner for approximately 40 brothers 210 days during each year. The kitchen provides evening and late-night food choices on a daily basis. Additionally, the kitchen must be able to provide meals for up to 180 people at least four times a year for formals and date nights. There are also at least four large parties, consisting of 200+ people each, and approximately 40 mixers each year.

The K&D Committee has recommended changes to the kitchen, storage room, and dining room and has proposed a new multifunctional education space in the old bar area. The bar area today is not utilized by the undergraduate brothers, given the change to the legal drinking age, as well as changes to the social and party scene at Cornell. The university has been designing and building multifunctional student gathering spaces in a number of buildings on campus. The flexibility of these spaces provides students with an area for group study, collaboration, and an opportunity to have coffee and snacks, similar to a Starbucks model. A 3-D rendering of the proposed space can be seen either by clicking on the link at the Sigma Pi Mu Chapter website or by going directly to www.dropbox.com/sh/axnojyyc12c4ssz/AACti0ui2-iTKIeqn_LvFChra?dl=0.

A presentation to the Alumni board is slated for late November. The funds to execute the plan will be raised independently of all regular funds budgeted for upkeep and maintenance of the fraternity.



Brothers Enjoy Another Exciting Year

By Jake Howell '18

Sigma Pi kicked off the 2016–2017 school year in August with an overwhelming feeling of excitement and pride in our brotherhood. Most of our 47 brothers returned to Cornell in time for O-week and classes, but 13 of us decided we did not want to leave and lived in the house over the summer.

We had a tremendous summer here in Ithaca, highlighted by the June alumni Reunion and a patriotic 4th of July celebration at the house. We really enjoyed meeting the 60+ alumni brothers who returned to the house for Reunion Weekend. It was incredible to see how many of you travelled all the way to Ithaca to reunite and reminisce on your days in Sigma Pi.

This year, we took the first fall pledge class in recent history. The IFC mandated participation in fall recruitment this year, meaning every fraternity had to participate in the IFC-sponsored recruitment events and open their houses for smokers. Twenty houses took a fall class, and eight houses, ourselves included, decided to take their first fall pledge class in recent history. By bid day on September 14,

we had recruited a host of sophomores who had demonstrated a high quality of character, and whom we thought would make a great impact on Sigma Pi. We made the decision to extend 10 bids. Eight signed; their names are **Brian Barr, Jack Daly, Connor Duffy, Clouse Lee, Aaron Lauer, Chris**



Parking Lot Party 2016

O'Dore, Onur Saglam, and Alex Santoriello. They are all sophomore transfers, with the exception of Onur Saglam, who was a spring admission as a freshman last year. They were initiated on Sunday, October 16. The house is confident that this group will be an excellent addition to Sigma Pi.

This semester has been chock-full of social and brotherhood events, and we have some very exciting events ahead on the calendar. We started off the year with the annual Sigma Pi Parking Lot Party in the bottom parking lot, which was co-sponsored by five other fraternities and six sororities. Brother **Alex Rodriguez '18**, has recently become a popular DJ on Cornell's campus, amassing an impressive Soundcloud following, and obliged to dominate the turntables for the entire event. It was a great way to celebrate our return to school with the Greek community. Over homecoming weekend, we had our formal on a ship, *Seneca Legacy*, for the second year in a row. Many alumni from the recent graduating class of 2016 accompanied us on the boat, and much fun was had. We are all looking forward to

the Sigma Pi Career Event on November 10–11, as well as attending the Syracuse vs. FSU football game as a brotherhood on November 19.

Our fraternity continues to be a leader on campus in regard to philanthropy and community service. College Mentors for Kids (CMK) has seen incredible growth and recently added Cayuga Heights Elementary School students to the program. Over half of CMK's executive board are members of Sigma Pi, including the president, **David Dellapelle '17**, and 43% of the brotherhood participates in the organization. **Drew Lord '18**, the vice president for university and community relations for the Interfraternity Council, recently organized this year's Greeks Give Back, which *The Cornell Daily Sun* named the "most successful day of service in Cornell history". **Alex Stotter '18** and **Abdo Dergham '18**, our philanthropy chairs, are organizing a Battle of the Bands fundraising event for October 29 to benefit the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, which supports the folks who lost everything in the flooding this August.

I am very proud of how much energy the brothers have brought to the fraternity so far this semester, especially the minor board officers and my fellow executive board officers. Sigma Pi is an exciting organization to be a part of right now, and we are all looking forward to continuing the positive trend of growth and leadership we have seen already this semester.

Homecoming 2016 Recap

By Chaz Byrnes '18

Homecoming 2016 was a success for Sigma Pi and Cornell in general. We kicked off the day with a mixer with SDT on the beach. Everyone was dressed up in their finest Homecoming apparel. While the mixer was very fun, I think the brotherhood enjoyed seeing the alumni who came back to visit the Pi house.

We were fortunate that many of the

younger alumni from the class of 2016 were in attendance, picking up right where they left off last spring. Immediately following our mixer, we had an alumni and undergraduate barbecue on the front porch.

Uppercrust, our new weekend food purveyor, sent one of their chefs to cook for us. We had hotdogs, hamburgers, and pasta salad. After the barbecue, many brothers headed to Schoellkopf Field to see Big Red defeat Yale for a 2-0 start to the season.

Meet Our RA

By Alec Charbonneau '16



Hi everyone! My name is Alec Charbonneau '16, originally from central Ohio. I am a Masters of Engineering Management student. I recently graduated with a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Cornell University, where I was also a brother of Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi. After graduating in May, I am hoping to live in Manhattan, working in consulting.

Mu Chapter Calendar

November 26, 2016
Frozen Apple Hockey
 New York City

January 6–8, 2017
2017 Mid-Year Leadership Conference
 St. Louis, Missouri

January 7, 2017
Cornell Cares Day

February 3–4, 2017
Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference
 Baltimore, Maryland

March 7, 2017
Cornell Silicon Valley Conference
 San Francisco, California

March 11, 2017
Pacific Coast Shootout (Cornell-Virginia lax)
 Costa Mesa, California

April 22, 2017
Bert Harrop '61 Honorary Dinner
 Ithaca, NY

June 8–11, 2017
Reunion Weekend
 Ithaca, NY

Chapter Welcomes Eight New Brothers

By **Shailen Doshi '19** and **Griffin Py '18**

This fall, Sigma Pi recruited eight new members for its inaugural fall pledge class. New members **Jack Daly '19, Connor Duffy '19, Brian Barr '19, Onur Saglam '20, Chris O'Dore '19, Clouse Lee '19, Alex Santoriello '19, and Aaron Lauer '19.**



Jack Daly is a China and Asia-Pacific studies and economics double major from Locust Valley, New York, interested in pursuing a career in investment banking. He transferred this semester from Penn State.

Connor Duffy is an AE&M major from Minneapolis, Minnesota, interested in investment banking. He transferred from Pomona College after his freshman year.



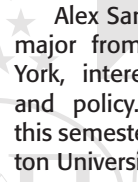
Onur Saglam is an econ and information sciences double major from Coram, New York, interested in consulting and politics. He transferred from Stony Brook University last semester.

Aaron Lauer is a sophomore ILR major who



transferred from NYU this semester.

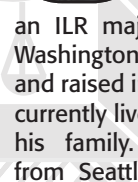
Clouse Lee is an AE&M major from Staten Island, New York, who transferred from Borough of Manhattan Community College and is interested in investment banking.



Alex Santoriello is an ILR major from Brewster, New York, interested in finance and policy. He transferred this semester from Binghamton University.



Brian Barr is an ILR major from Northborough, Massachusetts, who transferred from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



Lastly, Chris O'Dore is an ILR major from Seattle, Washington. He was born and raised in Hong Kong and currently lives in Seattle with his family. He transferred from Seattle University this semester and is interested in pursuing a career in finance.

More recently we have turned our attention to spring rush and are looking forward to meeting potential new brothers in the coming months in anticipation of rush week.

Demographics Show Undergraduate Diversity

By **Chaz Byrnes '18**

As brothers of Sigma Pi, one of the things we cherish most about our house is its rich diversity. I believe that diversity stems from our creed, which we strive to live out every day. During recruitment, we look for new members who will contribute and bring an interesting perspective to the brotherhood. At the beginning of the semester, I sent out a poll to collect information about undergraduates' on-campus involvements, hometowns, majors, and other interests. This is what I found:

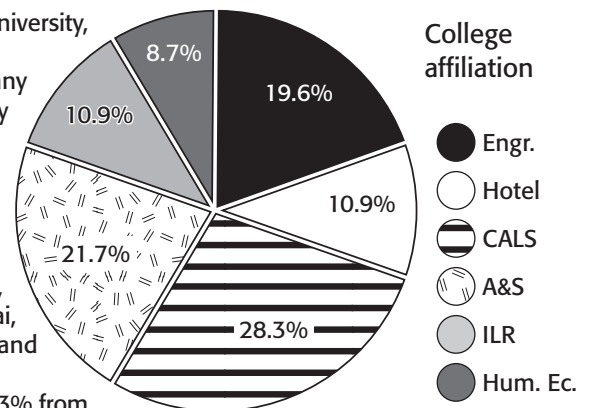
We currently have 54 brothers in the house (eight of whom were newly initiated). There are 16 seniors, 19 juniors, and 19 sophomore brothers, 31 of whom live at 730 University Avenue. Sigma Pi Mu Chapter has transfers from University of Maine, Bentley University, Lehigh University, Trinity College, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Binghamton University, Penn State,

Seattle University, Stony Brook University, and Pomona College.

Furthermore, we hail from many different places across the country and around the world. While most brothers are primarily from the Northeast, Mu Chapter does have brothers from the Chicago and Cleveland areas, California, Colorado, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida, as well as Shanghai, China; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Caracas, Venezuela.

In terms of colleges, we have 9.3% from the hotel school, 22.2% from A&S, 27.8% from CALS, 16.7% from ILR, 16.7% from engineering, and 7.4% from CHE (major information can be accessed with the link below)

More importantly, we have a very active brotherhood in terms of on-campus involvement. Here is a brief overview: 14 brothers are involved in College Mentors for Kids, four brothers are involved in Cayuga's



Watchers, three brothers are involved in the IFC, and four brothers have held upper-level positions at Student Agencies, Inc., in Collegetown. We also have brothers who do cutting-edge research, participate in Division I athletics, and are members of various business fraternities on campus.

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Educational Foundation Looks Forward to a Promising Academic Year

By Justin Bredahl '17

The Educational Foundation started off the fall semester by awarding **Andrew Walsh '17** the David Harrop Memorial Scholarship for academic excellence and commitment to Sigma Pi. The foundation kicked off fundraising activities by running a phone-a-thon in late October, with the goal of raising funds for plaques commemorating deceased brothers whom we don't want to forget. The College Mentor for Kids program continues to grow and has expanded its program this fall to add a second elementary school, the Cayuga Heights



Elementary School. With this addition, 40 more young Ithaca children will experience a mentor relationship and curricular-based activities on the Cornell campus. The foundation is proud to be making a difference in the lives of 120 at-risk children and 160 college students; both groups are gaining so much from this wonderful program.

The foundation also wishes to recognize **Jake Howell '18**, **Slater Goodman '19**, and **Alex Stotter '18** for the CribZ video: www.facebook.com/slopemedia/videos/10153359074978078/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED, which potentially can raise \$1000 for the foundation.

Alumni Speaker Series Returns

By David DellaPelle '17

After two successful semesters, the Sigma Pi Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series is back. Last year, we featured many influential alumni who graduated before 2000. This semester, we are hoping to mix in more alumni from recent years to speak to their experiences. We believe these Pi men will have a lot of recent advice that is relatable and actionable to share with the brotherhood, and we feel the undergraduates will take away much from the sessions.

Our first speaker this year was **Ben Dreier '15**, an associate product manager at Uber. On October 13, Ben talked to 12 brothers extensively (for over an hour) about his experiences at Cornell, Microsoft, and Boosted Boards. He mainly focused on Uber, where he is a product manager and has a lot of autonomy over the Uber Eats app, which is essentially a start-up within Uber focused on food delivery. He spoke about what it's like to work for such a successful technology company, as well as the process for getting an internship or job offer at one. Lastly, Ben spoke about some of the innovations he has seen in the tech industry; he has had a wealth of experience for someone who graduated just two years ago.

If you are interested in being a speaker in the spring semester, please email David DellaPelle at djd259@cornell.edu.

Andrew Walsh '17 Awarded David Harrop Memorial Scholarship

By Justin Bredahl '17



The David Harrop Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was recently awarded to **Andrew Walsh '17**. The scholarship fund was generously created by **Bert Harrop '61** and his wife Valberta Harrop CU'61, to recognize academic excellence and service to the Cornell community.

Andrew Walsh is from Long Island, New

York, and posts an impressive GPA of 3.98. He maintains this academic excellence while also balancing a continued participation in College Mentors for Kids, where he has been involved for three years and currently serves as treasurer. In the coming summer, Andrew will begin his career at Barclays as an investment banking analyst in the industrials group.

Congratulations to Andrew for his outstanding performance and contribution to the community.

Brandon Choi '16 Awarded Adolphus C. Hailstork Prize

By Fernando Cevallos '17



Brandon Choi '16, former treasurer and herald, was voted by the undergraduates as the Class of 1980 Adolphus C. Hailstork Prize Brother of the Year Award recipient for 2016. Brandon constantly demonstrated what it means to be a brother of Sigma Pi, through his numerous selfless acts throughout his past four years as a leader of Mu Chapter. Brandon strove to make every brother's experience in the house special, and for that, the brotherhood was keen to

recognize him with this special award.

Brandon served numerous roles in the fraternity since becoming a member (treasurer, herald, academic chair, and philanthropy chair), always giving to the house while expecting nothing in return. Brandon was always the first to volunteer to do any brother any favor. His service, leadership, dependability, and love of Sigma Pi set him apart and set a very high bar for all undergraduates to aspire to. Brandon wholly deserves this prize, and we cannot thank him enough for his dedication to Mu Chapter and his future service to our country. Congratulations, Brandon!

Demographics Show Diversity in the Undergraduates

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A bunch of brothers are musically inclined with 7-10 who can play the guitar or piano and at least one DJ/poet/music producer. Brothers are also financially responsible, with about 15 who have part-time jobs. Please refer to the link below to see more information regarding our involvements; this is by no means a comprehensive list.

It is clear that Sigma Pi Mu Chapter is not only diverse in terms of race but also in terms of our majors and extracurriculars.

Feel free to take a look at our data here: docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CyFxAokcscSnVzBtUYWHApB3_KVMPc_30zkqRQDQHm/edit?usp=sharing.

Bert Harrop '61 To Be Honored

By Justin Bredahl '17

In 2007, the Mu Chapter Educational Foundation was founded through the generous initial donation of **Bert Harrop '61** and his wife, ValBerta, CU'61. To honor Brother Harrop, his generous donation, and his ongoing commitment to Sigma Pi, there will be a celebratory dinner at the Pi house on April 22, 2017. Bert Harrop himself, along with many notable alumni and current brothers, will be present to celebrate the progress of the foundation and Bert's lifetime contribution.

Bert's ongoing dedication to Sigma Pi continues to be critically important to the foundation, which has had a significant impact on the brothers of Sigma Pi and the Ithaca community. One of the foundation's initiatives was providing seed money for

the establishment of College Mentors for Kids on the Cornell campus. The organization works with underprivileged children in the Ithaca area, pairing them with college students to act as mentors and to demonstrate the importance of higher education. Currently, 23 of the 56 active Sigma Pi brothers are involved with the organization. This includes the president, **David Dellapelle '17**; the treasurer, **Andrew Walsh '17**; and three other members of the nine-person executive board.

Many brothers speak about the lasting impact the organization has had on them personally and professionally. We all look forward to sharing our experiences and honoring the contributions that Bert has made to the Sigma Pi brotherhood.

Mark your calendars now to visit Ithaca on April 22, 2017.



Undergraduate e-board meeting with alumni directors to kick off 2016–2017 school year

Chapter Seeks Championship

By Josh Sones '19

In my first term as intramural sports chair, I could not be happier with the success of all of our teams so far. My main goal this year has been to field teams in as many sports as possible in order to earn crucial participation points towards the All-Sport Championship.

As we approach the end of the fall semester, we have already had teams compete in 6 out of the 7 available sports—more than any other fraternity on campus. Our soccer and beach-volleyball teams are currently gearing up for playoffs, while our flag-football team is looking to become back-to-back champs after winning the title last season. Earlier this semester, juniors **Colin Roche '18** and **Alex Rodriguez '18** earned first place in the nine-hole doubles golf meet with a score of -2. If we can keep up the participation and success of our teams throughout the rest of the year, we should have a pretty good chance at winning our first house championship since 2012.



Parents Weekend 2016

Sigma Pi Mentoring Launches Its Third Year

By David Golding '18

This year, we launch the third year of the Sigma Pi mentor program. As a reminder, we strive to match undergraduate brothers with alumni of similar academic and career interests. This year, we have had an unprecedented number of undergraduates indicate a desire to participate in the program, with 32 out of 48 current undergraduate brothers signed up. We are working on making the mentor/mentee matches over the next several weeks and plan to launch the program by Thanksgiving.

We definitely need more alumni mentors. If you would like to become a mentor, please contact Rob Novo '79 or

Tom Silver '81 at robn1979@gmail.com or tsilver10359@yahoo.com. It is not that time consuming, and several mentor/mentee relationships have fostered beyond the undergraduates' graduations and into the early stages of their careers. Please consider becoming a mentor regardless of your age, your year of graduation, or the stage of your career.

Also of note, the 12th annual Sigma Pi Career Event in New York City is scheduled for November 10–11. Feedback from this event continues to be outstanding, both from undergrads and alumni. This year 15–18 undergraduate brothers are planning to attend. The event kicks off with a networking dinner on Thursday night of alumni and

undergraduate brothers. Friday, alumni in a variety of fields host interested undergraduates at their firms. This year, a sampling of the industries in which alumni are hosting undergraduates at their firms include investment banking, wealth management, human resources, law, hospitality, healthcare, and information technology.

Many thanks to alumni who participate in the mentor and career event programs. The undergraduates are extremely grateful for the opportunity to interact with alumni for career advice, networking opportunities, professional advice, and general fellowship. If you aren't doing so already, please consider becoming involved in these programs.

Annual Meeting & Election of Alumni Directors

By Jarett Wait '80

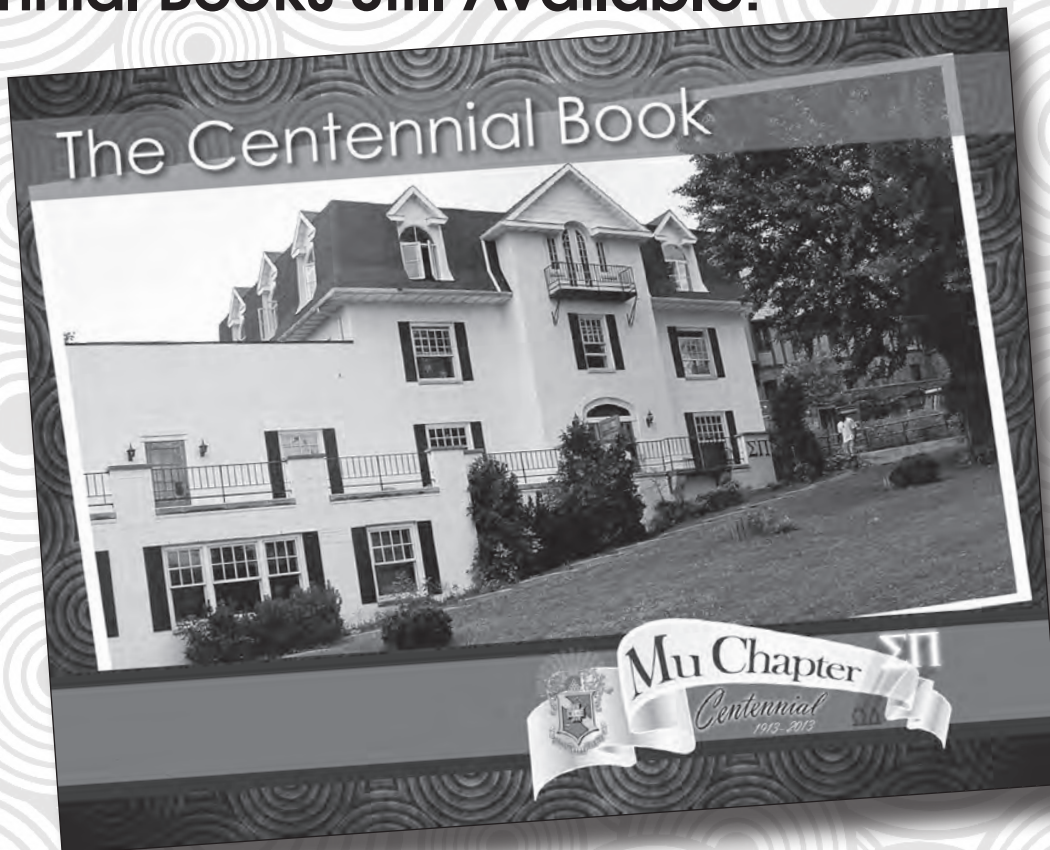
The annual meeting of Mu Chapter was held on Thursday, September 29. Once again, the alumni board made an increased effort to garner alumni proxies submitted electronically, which would provide the alumni corporation the needed quorum to conduct the annual meeting in accordance with our bylaws. **I am happy to report that we received 142 proxies, representing 14% of our active membership.** Thanks to all who participated.

Elections for alumni directors were held, and, by unanimous vote, the current alumni slate of directors was re-elected for another year. The alumni board also re-elected its current slate of officers for another one-year term: Jarett Wait '80, president; Kurt Rasmussen '80, vice president; John Haggerty '78, treasurer and faculty advisor; and Steve Ryan '77, secretary.



Members of the alumni and undergrad e-boards, August 19, 2016 (left to right): Steve Pirozzi '80, Alec Charbonneau '16, Sanjay Banda '18, Chaz Byrnes '18, Patrick Wang '18, Jake Howell '18, Bill McGrane '18, Pete Wright '77, Jarett Wait '80

Centennial Books Still Available!



Copies of our 100-page Centennial Book can still be ordered. The commemorative tome contains features on the history of the Pi house, Rock and Roll Tea, the Road Rally, the Shellhorn and Long Award, the Dong on the Ice, etc. It is brimming with over 40 pages of photos of Centennial Weekend! To get your copy, please send a check for \$70 to: **Kurt Rasmussen, 12002 Hollyhock Dr., Fishers, IN 46037.** Please include your mailing address and allow six weeks for delivery.

Get Involved with Sigma Pi! Join a Committee of the alumni board.

The alumni board has created a committee structure to allow more active directors and interested alumni to serve on committees that oversee the operation of the fraternity. The committees will do the work that several individuals have done heretofore. We are always looking for new participants. If you are interested in joining a committee, please email Jarett Wait at jwait@jfwaitadv.com.

Committee assignments are made based on the following criteria:

- Preference of the board member or alumni as to the committee he would like to serve on.
- Consideration of required professional knowledge or equivalent experience.
- Desire to have a larger participation on committees of a general but important nature (brotherhood, history, and alumni relations).
- Membership determined by the bylaws of the fraternity (executive).

Executive Committee

The executive committee consists of the officers of the corporation and the chair of the legal committee. The executive committee serves as an advisory group to the president. When necessary, the executive committee may act on behalf of the board. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Wait '80 (chair)**, Rasmussen '80, Ryan '77, Haggerty '78, and McNamara '83

Facilities

This committee is responsible for the state of the fraternity house. Members will be expected to visit the facility often enough to be aware of physical problems and to see that remedial action is taken. They should be capable of recognizing problems. The chairman is responsible for monitoring and supervising the activities of the hired services performing maintenance. The committee will be responsible for identifying future expenditures to maintain the building and furnishings and to advise the board of such needs. Membership on this committee will require visits to Ithaca. FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Morrison '75 (chair)**, Haggerty '78, Frey '62, Keene '57, Wright

Insurance

This committee is responsible for monitoring the insurance coverage of the corporation. Members must be able to certify that

systems are in place to ensure that insurance is adequate and that premium payments are made on time. They will advise the board of any special conditions that could compromise coverage. The corporation currently pays a retainer to an Ithaca insurance agency's senior agent to assist in this work. INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **D'Orlando '79 (chair)**, Robinson '57

Legal

This committee advises the board as to legal concerns that might arise. This committee also ensures that all notices, filings, fee payments, etc. necessary to maintain the active status of the corporation within the State of New York are made. LEGAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **McNamara '83 (chair)**, Ryan '77, and Frey '62

Development

This committee works to facilitate adequate fundraising activity to ensure the financial needs of the fraternity. The alumni board as a whole will determine the financial goals of the fraternity. In the past, fundraising has been initiated in response to specific needs, such as the Heritage Foundation to help pay for the building we now occupy, the McGraw Place Project and the Beach Project, the poet laureate appearance, the Class of 1980 Adolphus C. Hailstork Prize, and the James H. Keene III, Class of 1957, Sage Endowment Fund. The development committee will also now be responsible for increasing alumni support of the Heritage Annual Fund. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Wait '80 (chair)**, Haggerty '78

Alumni Relations

This committee is responsible for monitoring the overt actions of the fraternity to connect with its alumni, including *The Muse*, the Mu Chapter website, and use of the Emerald. The committee should work to see that certain actions become traditional and predictable. Currently, the undergraduates appear to be unaware of any traditional practices, such as Homecoming and Reunion. Significant interaction with the active chapter's responsible members will be necessary to carry out the mission of this committee. ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Rasmussen '80 (chair)**, White '07, Dewey '06, Pens '00, D'Orlando '79, Vernick '83, and Rocklein '87

Brotherhood

This committee assists the president in ensuring that undergraduates take responsibly for the fraternity's actions, particularly rushing, pledging, and initiation. Currently, there is a committee of board members and undergraduates called the Committee of Seven that is performing this function. BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Pens '00 (chair)**, Morrison '75, Haggerty '78, Rasmussen '80, Finneran '81, Dewey '06, Keene '57

History

This committee was formed to research and compile the history of Mu Chapter and its members. The goal is to publish a book that tells the story of Mu Chapter and of the personalities that gave life to the fraternity. HISTORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Keene '57 (chair)**, Frey '62, Finneran '81, Haggerty '78, Rawitz '13, Alvarez '16

Nominating

This committee is tasked with identifying and recommending candidates for the alumni board. The committee will seek potential interested directors through discussions with other board members, members of the alumni, and active members and will make recommendations to the board concerning plans for succession for both executive and non-executive directors. NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **McNamara '83 (chair)**, Pens '00

Kitchen and Dining

This committee works with the house steward on the overall food and beverage strategy for the house, including the meal service plan, overseeing the house cook's role and performance in partnership with the RA, and monitoring the kitchen infrastructure. KITCHEN AND DINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Pirozzi '80 (co-chair)** and **Finneran '81 (co-chair)**

Technology and Social Media

This committee is responsible for managing the Mu Chapter web site, social media, multimedia, and technology infrastructure, with a priority focus on enhancing interaction between undergraduates and alumni through technology. TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Vernick '83 (chair)**, Silver '81, Pens '00



At the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Summit at the Times Building in New York City: Griffin Py '18, Chaz Byrnes '18, Jarrett Wait '80, Audrey Bryce '18 (house Sweetie Pi)

ATTENTION

Brothers from the Classes of the 1990s and 2000s

The alumni board is actively seeking representation from the classes of the 1990s and 2000s to be a part of the alumni leadership of our fraternity. We do not have any alumni from these classes currently on any of the alumni committees, on the alumni board, or on the board of the Mu Chapter Educational Foundation. We are keen to make sure we have leadership from these decades involved and would welcome brothers from these eras to get engaged. There are varying levels of time commitment involved, and we welcome anyone who could dedicate some time, expertise, and passion to the sustainability of Sigma Pi, Mu Chapter. If you're interested in exploring these opportunities further, please contact Kurt Rasmussen '80 (rasmussen_kurt@lilly.com), chair of the Alumni Relations Committee.

Sweetie Pis: Expanding on the Tradition

By Alex Rodriguez '18

Here at Sigma Pi, the history and tradition of the Sweetie Pi is something that the current brothers have worked on integrating into the social fabric of the fraternity. Today, we have a thriving circle of young women who are considered to be the closest and most fond of the brothers of Sigma Pi.

Each year, the brotherhood invites a class of their favorite friends to become Sweetie Pi members. The classes themselves are largely determined and shaped by the newest pledge class of the fraternity. This means that each pledge class of Sigma Pi has a corresponding Sweetie Pi class of their closest friends. In doing so there is a special connection created within each of

the pledge classes. Having these pledge classes is a fantastic way to help foster the long-lasting bonds between the brothers and the young women who they have known their entire Cornell experience. We also want to show our appreciation for the young women whom we, as a fraternity, value as people who impact and better our lives in and outside of the fraternity.

The brotherhood hosts social events and activities specifically catered to the Sweetie Pis. These events range from date nights to bonfires. In addition to these larger events, the brotherhood



Sandy Meek True '78, Alexa Bosshardt '82

also hosts biweekly Sweetie Pi dinners at the house, where brothers and Sweetie Pis come together to a sit-down meal, featuring themed refreshments and Chef Pat Spirwak's finest culinary dishes. These dinners have become some of the most enjoyable events for the brotherhood. Although the format of the Sweetie Pi might look a bit different than it did decades ago, the essence and relationship re-

mains as strong as ever. The meaning of the Sweetie Pi has evolved into a very special community and is something the brothers hold in the highest regard.



Mary Eagle '80, Mary Grady '79, Sandy Meek '78



Mom and daughter: Blair '17 and Alexa Bosshardt '82



Abby Ruhlman '78, Carol-Sue Strusz '73

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Procrasticup Travels to Pebble Beach

By Joe Ruocco '81

On September 23–26, 14 Pi men checked off one item on every golfer's bucket list by participating in a golf weekend like no other. The 33rd year of the Procrasticup saw this annual event travel to California, with rounds of golf played at Pasitiempo, Spy Glass, and, of course, Pebble Beach.

The weekend included incredible accommodations at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Many Pi-house stories were told and embellished upon, and great friendships and fun were experienced. Also, in the annual anchor match, the team of **Tim Hawes '82** and **Joe Ruocco '81** upset the team of **Dennis McNamara '83** and **Mike Vernick '83** to recapture the cup and return it to Florida after a multiyear absence.

The 34th year of the Procrasticup will return to the East Coast in the fall of 2017, with a venue to be determined. All veteran P-cuppers, as well as newcomers, are encouraged to attend.



Front: Tom Cherner '80, Eugene McKenna '83, Brian Finneran '81, Tim Hawes '82;
Back: Mike Feirtag '83, John Stewart '83, Mike Vernick '83, Jimmy Garr '82,
Tom Silver '81, Joe Ruocco '81, Steve Novak '83, Dennis McNamara '83,
Dave Coleville '84, Jonathan Hawes

Attention, Sigma Pi West Coast Alumni

Cornell will be playing lacrosse against the University of Virginia in the fourth annual Pacific Coast Shootout. The 2017 Shootout will take place on Saturday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m. (PST) at LeBarb Stadium on the campus of Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California. We are in the early planning stages of an alumni/family tailgate followed by the game. Further information on tickets and other logistics will be forthcoming. Look for additional information via email or on the Mu Chapter web site. **If you would like to be involved with helping to organize the event, please contact Kurt Rasmussen '80, Head of Alumni Relations, at rasmussen_kurt@lilly.com.**



Photo: Matt Riley

LEGACY ALERT!

Do you have a child or grandchild who currently is, or will be, attending Cornell as either an undergraduate or graduate student? We are keen to welcome legacies to Cornell and to invite them to the house. Please send his/her name, parent/grandparent name, college, and email address to Kurt Rasmussen '80, alumni relations chair (rasmussen_kurt@lilly.com).

CURRENT LEGACIES ON CAMPUS:

Class of 2017

Blair Bosshardt (Hum Ec): Alexa CU'82 & Kurt Bosshardt '83

Class of 2018

Charlotte Leape (Eng): Gerry Leape '82

Class of 2019

Jack Kantor (ILR): Andy Kantor '79

Jackson Cherner (Arts): Tom Cherner '80

Jack Burger (CALs): John D. Burger '80

Class of 2020

Carolyn Roche (Arts): John Roche '82

Friends Gather for Reunion Weekend

By Joe Ruocco '81

On June 9–12, 2016, over 70 Pi men, family, and friends gathered for Reunion Weekend at Sigma Pi in Ithaca. Anchor events for this classic multiclass weekend included a **horseless happy hour & dinner on the Pi house porch** on Thursday night, followed by a **Turkey & Elephants party, featuring Elephant Sound & DJ Bob Higgins** on Friday and a classic **Pi-house dinner with announcements** on Saturday, with amazing food provided by **Nick Vojnovic '81** and **Roger Levine '81**. Saturday night culminated with a **sandless beach party, featuring Howie Gordon and Men with Big Hips**, who rocked the basement of the house with special band members, including our own **Brian Finneran '81** and **Tim Hawes '82**.

Even with this jam-packed schedule, participants were also able to take part in activities outside of the Pi house, including the on-campus tents, a mini Procrasticup golf event, and Creeker and Pines functions.

Many thanks to the planning team, consisting of Nick



Jimmy Garr '82, Tim Hawes '82, Mike Vernick '83, Tom Silver '81, Tom Cherner '80, Nick Vojnovic '81, John Altmeyer '81, Gary Derck '81, John Stewart '83, Joe Ruocco '81

Vojnovic '81, **John Altmeyer '81**, **Gary Derck '81**, **Joe Ruocco '81**, **Miguel Ferrar '91**, and **Craig Dewey '06**. A special shout-out goes to the brothers living in the house for the summer for all of their help in making the weekend successful.

Mu Alumni News & Notes

"Best wishes to you all," writes **Fred Jensen '54**. "Thanks for sending the annual report to the membership. It sounds like the brotherhood is very active and reasonably successful in recruiting new members." Fred makes his home at 912 Main St., Apt. 301, Chatham, MA 02633. Email reaches him at fredjensen@comcast.net.

William M. Kreglow III '62 has a new address: 696 San Ramon Valley Blvd., #356, Danville, CA 94526. Our email address for him is wmkreglow@sbcglobal.net.

Retired attorney **Hugh W. Snyder '65** has had a long and distinguished career. With degrees from Cornell (AB and MPA with distinction), Harvard (EdD), and Temple (JD), he has worked with First National City Bank (now Citibank), the Bureau of International Commerce, the Institute of Public Administration (NYC and Saigon), Development Alternatives, Inc. (Washington and Botswana), George Washington University, and the Manlius Pebble Hill School, among others. After earning his JD in 1990, Hugh served as an attorney with the City of Philadelphia's law department from 1990 until he retired in 2006. Write him at 84 Ashton Way, West Chester, PA 19380; doccrim80@yahoo.com.

"I continue to serve as a firefighter and engineer for the Hondo Fire Department in Santa Fe," reports **John Boldt '70**. He and wife, Barbara, spent five weeks earlier this year traveling through Spain and Portugal. He adds, "I am into week 10 of recovery from surgery for a torn rotator cuff and biceps muscle." Wish him well at 71 Camino Pacifico, Santa Fe, NM 87508, or boldt505@gmail.com.

Make note of this new address for **Kent Sheng '78**: 1706 Whitney Lane, Allendale, NJ 07401. Email him at crownsandpounds@gmail.com.

Randy Ottinger '80 has written a new book: *iInnovate: A guide for engaging in the innovation economy*.



The research-based book, which is now available on Amazon, is a primer about innovation, entrepreneurship, and the innovation economy. To make it accessible to a broad audience, the book is presented as an al-

legory. According to Randy, the inspiration for the book came from advising tech entrepreneurs, millennials looking for their first jobs, baby boomers in mid-career transition, and others interested in the innovation economy. Randy is also the author of *Beyond Success: Building a Personal, Financial, and Philanthropic Legacy*. His blog posts and articles have appeared in *Forbes*, *Chief Executive* magazine, and *The Financial Times*. In addition, with the support of the University of Washington, he has published studies that deepen our understanding of business innovation networks and community ecosystems.

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Don Motschwiller '80 and Barry Weiss '81

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(1841 W. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040; rjottinger@lmmradvisors.com)

Andrew Ross Sorkin's '99 television drama series, *Billions*, starring Paul Giamatti and Damian Lewis, premiered on Showtime in January! The series is loosely based on the activities of Preet Bharara, the U.S. attorney for the southern district of New York, and has already been re-



newed for a second season. Sorkin was recently interviewed in *Vanity Fair* about the creation of the hit series. Read the full interview online at www.vanityfair.com/news/2016/01/billions-showtime-andrew-ross-sorkin-brings-wall-street-drama-to-tv. Find out more by writing him at sorkin@nytimes.com.

"A lot of good life changes to report in the last year," wrote **Andrew "Drew" Vogel '03** a few months ago. "I married Laura in Houston, Texas, in October 2015 and celebrated with **Anthony Peldunas '03**, **Evan Gilbert '03**, and **Matt Cantlon '03**. We are expecting the first addition to our family this October. We also relocated from Chicago to St. Louis for my job this past spring, so please drop me a line if you find yourself in St. Louis." Drew's new address is 1604 Featherstone Dr., St. Louis, MO 63131. Or send email to andrew-vogel@yahoo.com.

Alan Chan '06 has just launched a new company, Joy (joy.co), the first interactive photo album. Alan is the co-founder and CEO. Previously, he was the founder and CEO of Bread, an advertising technology company that was acquired by Yahoo in

2013. Prior to Bread, Alan founded two other companies, AboveGround and Arbitrage, and worked in venture capital at Summit Partners and Anthos Capital. You can contact Alan at chanalan@gmail.com or at 1788 Clay St. #312, San Francisco, CA 94109.

The president and co-founder of the on-demand ridesharing platform Lyft, **John Zimmer '06** released a 14-page document on Medium entitled *The Third Transportation Revolution: Lyft's Vision for the Next Ten Years and Beyond*. In the article, John states that by 2021, autonomous vehicle fleets will account for the majority of Lyft rides and that by 2025, private car ownership might be an anachronism in major U.S. cities. Zimmer feels that these changes



in transportation will ultimately give society "the chance to redesign our entire urban fabric. Cities of the future must be built around people, not vehicles." Read the full article here: medium.com/@johnzimmer/the-third-transportation-revolution-27860f05fa91#.ti5e4vriy.

"I recently moved to Encinitas, California," announces **Sam Miller-Little '10**, "where I'm running an organic sports drink company—check out 1051 Organic Hydration in your West Coast Whole Foods!" Sam adds that **Brian Lederman '10** is a frequent house guest and that anyone in the area should feel free to give him a shout "if you want to catch up or are simply interested in healthier, cleaner hydration." (sam@drink1051.com; 330 West E St., Encinitas, CA 92024)

Hank Morris '15 is an associate of hotel development with the Sydell Group in New York City. Congratulate him at 255 McKibbin St., #514, Brooklyn, NY 11206, or hcm42@cornell.edu.

Deceased

Corles M. Perkins '42

March 21, 2016

Robert H. Olson '46

July 20, 2010

Arthur M. Jaggard '51

July 17, 2016

Kevan M. Green '64

July 12, 2016

Richard H. Lloyd '69

July 15, 2016

Honor a deceased brother with a memorial plaque; visit sigmapicornell.edu/150-giving-memorial.asp



Aaron Klein '12, a business development representative with the Chicago Cubs, holding the 2016 Commissioner's Trophy

Please help us find lost and deceased brothers by contacting us at the address or email below. The alumni board is keen to reach out to a deceased brother's family and express our condolences for their loss and our loss of a brother.