

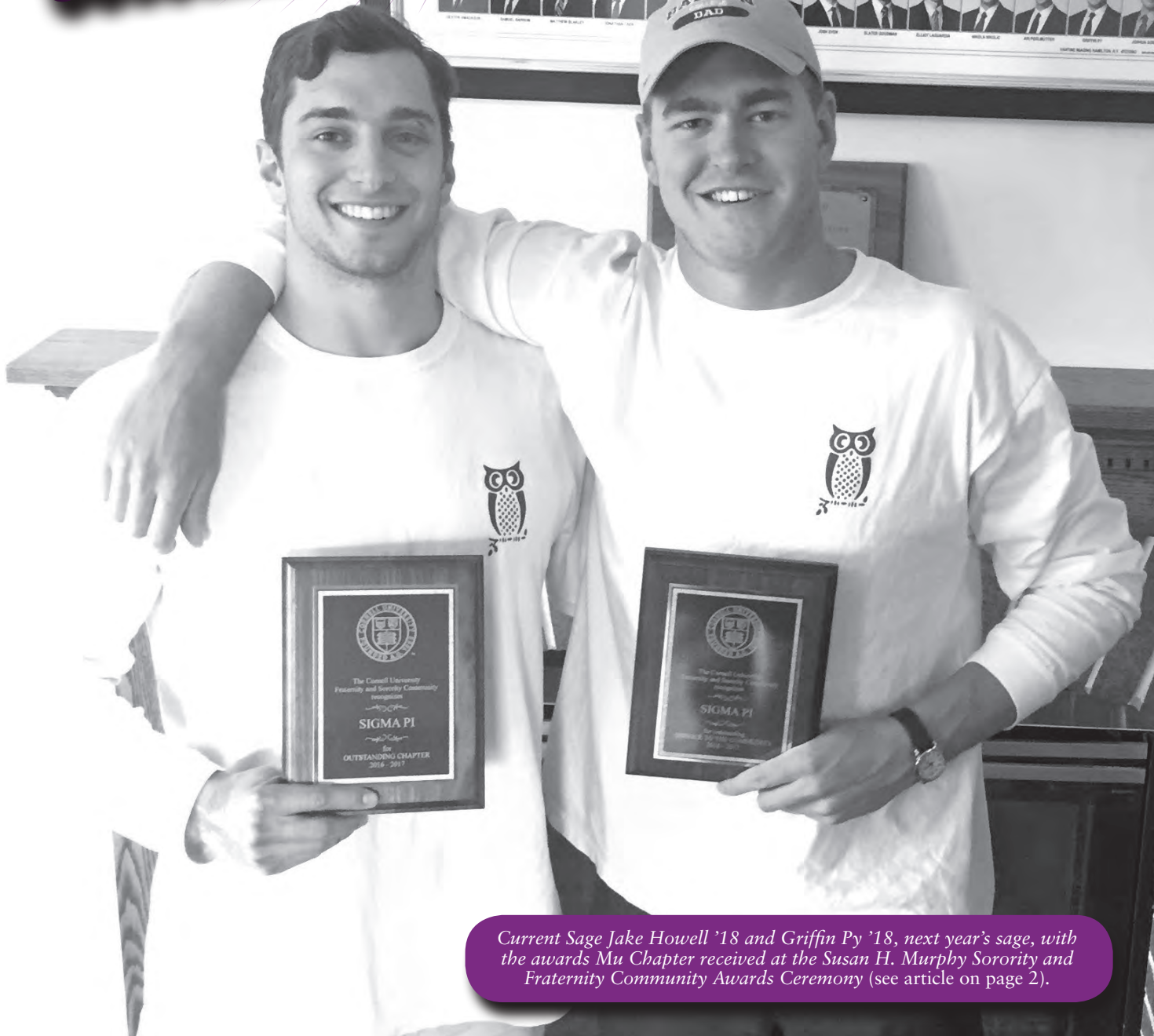


Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity

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## Mu Chapter Awarded OUTSTANDING CHAPTER and OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Current Sage Jake Howell '18 and Griffin Py '18, next year's sage, with the awards Mu Chapter received at the Susan H. Murphy Sorority and Fraternity Community Awards Ceremony (see article on page 2).

## 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.



**Facebook:**

[facebook.com/groups/250850591718094](https://facebook.com/groups/250850591718094)



**Instagram:**

[@cornellsigmapi](https://www.instagram.com/cornellsigmapi)



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# 2016-'17 Greek Community Awards

By Jake Howell '18 (Sage)

Sigma Pi is proud to announce that we were recognized for two major chapter awards at the Susan H. Murphy Sorority and Fraternity Community Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 30. Mu Chapter won the Outstanding Chapter Award, as well as the Outstanding Service to the Community Award. The panel that voted for the winners was composed of the student leaders from the Greek Tri-Council and administration members of the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life (OSFL).

The brothers are honored by the recognitions, having doggedly pursued excellence in all facets of Cornell life this academic year. Sigma Pi boasts a cumulative GPA of 3.57. We sit fifth on the GPA leader board of fraternities and third out of fraternities with more than 30 members. Our brothers participate in an astounding amount of campus organizations. We have brothers involved in Student Agencies, business

fraternities, athletic teams, the Cornell Orchestra, the self-driving bike team, the Baja racing team, Cayuga's Watchers, student government, the Interfraternity Council, and many other organizations.

Chief among Sigma Pi's on-campus involvements is College Mentors for Kids. Nearly every brother has, at some point, participated during their tenure at Cornell, and over half the brotherhood currently participates. College Mentors for Kids has had a profound impact on the Ithaca community, and it continues to grow and improve as an organization. Every year, over 100 new elementary-school students are paired with their Cornell student mentors. We have heard tremendous feedback from both the schools and the parents whose children benefit from our service.

Sigma Pi will continue its commitment to our community and to Cornell. We are proud to accept these awards and would like to thank the Cornell Greek community for recognizing us.

## CORNELL REUNION

### JUNE 8-11, 2017

The following brothers are leading the effort for their respective classes. Please contact them for details.

**1977 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** Michael Anderson ([manderson1201@gmail.com](mailto:manderson1201@gmail.com))

**1982 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** Gerry Leape and Ford Fay ([gleape@pewtrusts.org](mailto:gleape@pewtrusts.org); [fordfay14@aol.com](mailto:fordfay14@aol.com))

**1987 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** George Rocklein ([grocklein@comcast.net](mailto:grocklein@comcast.net))

**1992 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** Marshall Gilinsky ([mgilinsky@andersonkill.com](mailto:mgilinsky@andersonkill.com))

**2007 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** Trevor White ([trevor.white@sthrower.com](mailto:trevor.white@sthrower.com))

**2012 5<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** Aaron Klein ([amk282@gmail.com](mailto:amk282@gmail.com))

### Make your reservations now!

To sign up, go to the online enrollment website at [www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion).

Please contact Alec Charbonneau ([aleccharb21@gmail.com](mailto:aleccharb21@gmail.com)) if you would like information about staying in the house. Please note that, during Reunion Weekend, the bottom floor of the Pi house will be unavailable due to work on the kitchen and dining room. However, the rest of the house will be available, including use of the bedrooms for accommodations.

After Reunions, the house will be closed for the rest of the summer.

# Kent Sheng '78 Kicks Campaign into High Gear!

By Stephen Pirozzi '80

**Kent Sheng '78** has exhibited enormous generosity by funding the main dining room on behalf of the class of '78, in honor of the great Dolly Hailstork. Through a lot of tireless work from our campaign board, our class representatives, and the current brotherhood, we are now closing the preconstruction phase of this project. Here are a few highlights on the ongoing processes:

- After only three months, we raised approximately half of our \$650K goal!
- We entered the construction phase of the project.
- The layout and equipment composition of the kitchen, reorganized bar area, and educational commons have been finalized.
- We have begun assessing contractor bids.
- After a presentation to the alumni board, we finalized our design decisions.
- We sent out the equipment list to supply companies, who have begun bidding.
- We created a subcommittee, which is dealing specifically with design and execution of the educational commons.
- We are regularly consulting with the undergraduate brothers and the entire K&D Committee regarding all aspects of the project.
- We are thrilled to announce a new naming opportunity; two bathrooms are available for funding.

## Timeline:

- May 19:** Contractor bids due
- May 26:** Contractor selected
- May 30:** Demolition begins
- August 4:** Completion of project
- August 18:** Brothers return to the house
- August 22:** Cornell classes begin

"Couldn't be happier to contribute to the project with the addition of the Jeremy DB Kraker Soda Dispenser."

—Federico Castellucci '07



*Kent Sheng '78 announcing his gift to the Dining and Learning Campaign.*

"As the parents of three Sigma Pi brothers, we would like to show our support for the fraternity that has enhanced/is enhancing their Cornell experience."

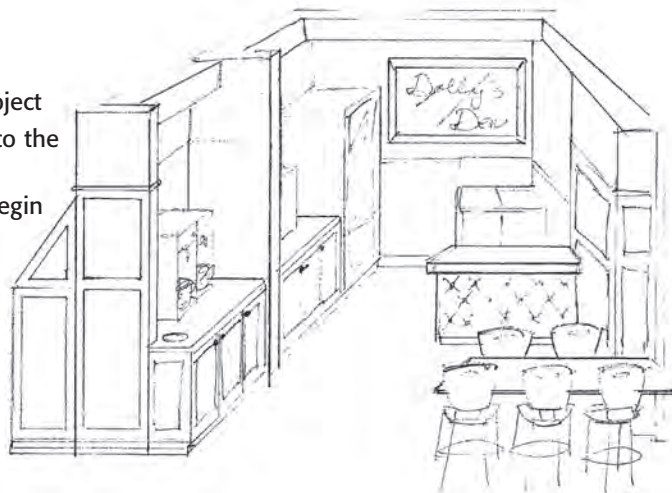
—Amy and Howard Goldman, parents of Nate '14, Zac '18, and Lucas '20.

## Donor Snapshot

Total contributed to the Dining and Learning Campaign:

**\$337,446**

Number of donors: 187



*Artist's concept for the new Learning Commons*

## The Top 10 Funding Classes:

1978 (\$159,200)	1977 (3,400)
1979 (\$55,850)	1982 (\$3,150)
1980 (\$48,300)	1975 (\$2,100)
1981 (\$30,951)	2007 (\$2,100)
1984 (\$3,500)	1957 (\$1,250)

*Don't see your class represented?* There are still many opportunities to fund rooms and equipment! All opportunities can be funded as a group or class, and pledges can be made over three years. This is your opportunity to show your brothers what Sigma Pi means to you.

The following rooms and equipment are yet to be funded, either by individuals or by a class contributing together:

- **Kitchen** (\$100,000)
- **Dining and Learning Commons** (\$100,000)
- **Storage room** (\$50,000)
- **Bathroom** (\$25,000: 2 opportunities)
- Digital media equipment (\$20,000)
- Combi oven with six half-size sheet pan capacity (\$10,000)
- Lighting (\$10,000)
- 48-inch gas range with oven and griddle (\$8,000)
- Table and chairs for Dining and Learning Commons (\$7,500)
- Reach in cooler (\$4,400)
- Food slicer (\$3,500)
- Three-pan electric hot-food table (\$2,600)
- Under-counter freezer (\$1,700)
- Split-pot gas fryer (\$1,500)
- Cappuccino dispenser (\$1,500)
- Hands-free sink unit (\$1,000: 2 opportunities)

"I have so many great memories in that kitchen, and I hope the new kitchen can create more great memories for the undergrads."

—Quin Garcia '05

"Helping to memorialize The Great Doll!"

—Mark Barmasse '78

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# Chapter Honors Bert Harrop '61 with a Celebration Dinner

By Justin Bredahl '17

Saturday April 22 was a celebration of **Bert Harrop '61** and the many contri-

butions he has made to the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi. The day began with a luncheon with Bert Harrop, **Jim Keene '57**, **Paul Woolley '61**, and many of the undergraduate brothers. The main event of the day, however, was certainly the

three-course dinner held that night in the Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hotel. The undergraduate population of 80 brothers convened at the house and walked to the Statler, where they were greeted by the rest of the alumni.

The dinner was an experience that will not soon be forgotten by the undergraduate brothers and, it is hoped, by Bert Harrop. He was joined by his two daughters and close friends. **Tom Silver '81**, Jim Keene, and Paul Woolley opened the evening by discussing the many impacts Mr. Harrop's contributions have had on the Mu Chapter; most notable is the creation of the Educational Foundation. Furthering the legacy of the foundation, Mr.



*Bert Harrop '61 and his daughter at the celebratory dinner.*

Woolley presented a check to Bert in support of the Educational Foundation that will surely continue to positively affect the brotherhood. It was through the Educational Foundation

that Cornell's chapter of College Mentors for Kids was founded. Current and past presidents of the organization, all brothers of Sigma Pi, spoke about the impact of the organization on their lives and professional careers.

As the night came to a close, Bert Harrop spoke about his experience as a Pi man, reflecting on his passion for the house and the values it represents. It was a moving experience for the undergraduates, demonstrating that the brotherhood is a life-long commitment. The night closed with an open mic, with many brothers expressing their appreciation for Bert Harrop and his contributions. Sweetheart Sandy True, organizer of the dinner, also spoke about her experience working with College Mentors and how she has seen the brotherhood develop through it.

The brothers of Sigma Pi thank Bert Harrop for all he has done for the Mu chapter and the example he sets for his fellow Pi men.



*Tom Silver '81 discusses the impact Bert has had on the community.*

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# Facilities Committee Report

By John Morrison '75

The Facilities Committee met at the house for about six hours on February 24, with partial participation of the undergraduate house manager, vice president, and president. We inspected the common areas.

Over the winter break, the first-floor walls and ceilings were repainted, and the hardwood floors were sanded and refinished. All looked good.

Housekeeping looked better than in the past, with significant improvement in the condition of storage spaces. In the past, every storage space was so packed full of stuff that it was hard to get in the space. This time, we found the spaces to be well organized and in the best shape we've ever seen. Kudos to undergrad leadership for addressing this long-standing problem.

The most significant upcoming item, besides the Dining and Learning project, is the refurbishment of the second-floor bathroom, which we hope to have done this summer at a cost currently estimated around \$40,000.



*Jack D'Agostino '19, Shailen Doshi '19, Griffin Py '18, Ari Perlmutter '19, and Connor Duffy '19 attending the Mid-Year Leadership Conference.*

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# Educational Foundation Mid-Year Leadership Conference

By Sanjay Banda '18

Over the weekend of January 6–8, Mu Chapter sent five brothers to Sigma Pi's Mid-Year Leadership Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri. There, the group sat in on lectures with the fraternity's national officers,

participated in small group discussions with regional directors regarding the duties for each executive-board position, and networked with brothers from across the country.

The conference was a terrific experience; the Mu Chapter brothers were able to share our best practices for our operations with

other chapters and were able to learn from the operations of other chapters. All brothers who attended were recently elected to serve on next year's executive board, and they are excited to implement what they learned at the Mid-Year Leadership Conference. Thank you to our alumni for enabling this experience.

# Mu Chapter Continues To Thrive

By Jake Howell '18 (Sage)

This semester, Mu Chapter has increased its positive momentum and continues to thrive here on the hill. We started off the semester on a positive note with rush week. The rush chairs, **Griffin Py '18** and **Shailen Doshi '17**, came in this year with a clear mission to improve the way we recruit new members. They successfully cultivated a sense of duty in the house to recruit the best pledge class on campus. The house's effort yielded a pledge class that the Sigma Pi community is extremely excited about. Mu Chapter gained 25 new members, 21 freshmen and four sophomores. They hail from a diverse array of hometowns, from California to Kenya. We are looking forward to watching our new members' mature into the next generation of leaders in the coming years.

Parents Weekend also highlighted the first few months of the spring. Brotherhood chairs **Connor Duffy '19** and **David Delapelle '17** cooked up a fantastic Parents Weekend, featuring a catered welcome reception in the West Lounge, a barbecue on the front porch, a cocktail hour with live entertainment, and, of course, Pat Spirawk's famed steak dinner. We had the pleasure of welcoming many new families into the Pi house. Many of them expressed gratitude and relief that their sons had joined such a strong organization.

I would like to take a moment to highlight the achievements of an unsung hero of Sigma Pi: **Josh Sones '19**, otherwise known as Slosh Jones (for reasons I will not get into). Jones '19 has been our intramural-sports chairman and vice president of sports operations for the past two semesters. He has ushered in a new era of athletics here at the Pi house. This year, Slosh has us sitting comfortably atop the fraternity intramural-league standings, having won championships in beach volleyball, golf, disc golf, indoor soccer, and ultimate frisbee. Appearances in the finals in soccer, table tennis, dodgeball, flag football, and basketball have also contributed to the unprecedented lead. Slosh has also contributed to a growing passion for basketball in the Pi house. This year, we had three full teams (30 brothers) participating in IM basketball, and we garnered the number-one seed going into the playoff. Unfortunately, the A team suffered numerous injuries in the semifinal game and lost in a tight championship game to a talented Phi Psi team. We will be back next year. Slosh will be retiring from his post at the end of the semester. Thank you for your efforts, Slosh; you will be sorely missed.

The brothers of Mu Chapter continue to be extremely involved on campus. Many of the familiar posts and organizations remain filled with our brothers.

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## Welcome New E-Board

The Sigma Pi brotherhood is proud to announce the newly elected executive board for the 2017-2018 academic year!

**Griffin Py '18**  
SAGE

**Jonathan Caen '19**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**Ari Perlmutter '19**  
TREASURER

**Connor Duffy '19**  
ALUMNI SECRETARY

**Shailen Doshi '19**  
STEWARD

**Jack D'Agostino '19**  
HERALD

**ΣΠ**



*The brotherhood gathered together before the Bert Harrop '61 honorary dinner.*

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## House Welcomes New Kitchen and Dining Facilities

By Zachary Goldman '18 (Steward)

There are few things that are more important to a group of young men than eating. Thanks to the hard work, forward thinking, and generosity of our alumni, the brothers of Sigma Pi have a magnificent new kitchen, dining facility, and dining experience to look forward to in the near future.

The Kitchen and Dining Committee, composed of alumni and undergraduate brothers, has a vision for a modernized dining facility that will enable proper hygiene and serve as a place for study and social gathering and as a powerful recruitment tool for the brotherhood. In this state-of-the-art facility, brothers will enjoy comfortable seating in an open environment, with access to grab-and-go options for coffee and food in the dining room. Meanwhile, Chef Pat Spirawk and the brothers will be able to navigate a much more sensible and updated kitchen design to more efficiently and safely prepare the Pi boys' favorite dishes. Ultimately, the kitchen and dining area should and will be places that brothers feel proud of and are excited to

study and spend time together in.

The committee has made tremendous headway and the vision—now a very attainable goal—of this kitchen and dining makeover is not far from being realized. Currently, the Kitchen and Dining Committee is finalizing floor plans and working to evaluate bids and different options for contractors to get the job done. However, as planned, the project is still on pace to be completed by the end of August when the brothers return for another semester on the hill.

There is still a part for all families of undergraduate brothers and Sigma Pi alumni to play in executing this vision. Thanks to the generosity of the undergrads' families and alumni, about half of the budgeted money has been raised. To raise the other half of the money, we need the help of all Sigma Pis. Please visit [www.sigmapi.cornell.org](http://www.sigmapi.cornell.org), where you can learn more about the details behind this vision and how you can help. We look forward to rolling forward with this project and continuing the proud tradition of our Mu Chapter, from which we have all gained so much.

## Spring Brings Social Events

By Brian Barr '19 & Jack Daly '19 (Social Chairmen)

This spring has been a busy time for the brothers of Sigma Pi. Morale has been high, and we have seen in the new freshman class a return to the storied vigor of old and a fresh new wave of optimism toward events.

Six-ways, parties sponsored by six fraternities/sororities, have been set up and enacted with great enthusiasm, and great numbers of partygoers have filled our dining facilities. What better way to send off the beloved kitchen and dining hall than with a series of big bashes, you might ask? Fiestas of every sort have been planned, and Sigma Pi's larger events, like Oasis (May 6), now have a class of 25 strong and healthy young men to usher in a new era of cheer. The atmosphere could best be described as electric, as the seniors get ready to leave the party life forever and enter the tedium of real adulthood. The sprightly new freshman class has restored a sense of youth into Sigma Pi's social scene as they embark on the journey of a lifetime of brotherhood.

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## Mu Chapter Continues To Thrive

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**Drew Lord '18** was elected IFC president for 2017 and **David Golding '18** currently holds the presidency of College Mentors for Kids. Many of the undergrads have continued to hold positions at Student Agencies. **Lucas Goldman '20**, **Jack D'Agostino '19**, and **Alex Santoriello '19** were selected to be the managers of the successful Hired Hands Moving Company for the coming year, and **Jack Daly '19** was hired as a manager for Big Red Shipping and Storage. **Alexander Wood-Thomas '18**, our vice-president, has emerged as a leader on the Baja racing team, one of the top racing teams in the country. Two freshmen, **Jake Miola '20** and **Richard Greenbaum '20**, have been honored as Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars. This is only a sampling of the many brothers who hold leadership positions on campus. Mu Chapter brothers continue to leave a positive mark on the Cornell

community year in and year out.

Our contributions to community service this spring have been consistently strong. Every week, we send two brothers to Loaves and Fishes, a local soup kitchen. Over half of our brotherhood participates in College Mentors for Kids, as usual. We

also had a good showing at Greeks Give Back, where we sent several brothers to help out Habitat for Humanity. Theta and Sigma Pi teamed up again for our annual philanthropy beach-volleyball tournament on May 5. **Will Murphy '18** and **Slater Goodman '19**, our philanthropy chairs, have led the effort.

As we near the end of the semester, the outgoing executive board will begin training and mentoring the incoming position holders. Our recent elections yielded a fantastic new group of leaders in the Pi house. We will have a senior sage living in the house next year: **Griffin Py '18**. The other e-board position holders are Vice President **Jon Caen '19**, Treasurer **Ari Perlmutter '19**, Alumni Secretary **Connor Duffy '19**, Herald **Jack D'Agostino '19**, and Steward **Shailen Doshi '19**. They are a promising group of leaders in the house, and we look forward to watching them continue the success of our organization.



New brothers sitting on their newly created "lifeguard stand."

# Drew Lord, IFC President

By Jake Howell '18 (Sage)



In November, **Drew Lord '18** was elected the president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) for 2017. While this was a great honor, no one in the brotherhood was surprised. Drew

has shown incredible leadership ability in his time here at Cornell, as well as the drive to succeed in the positions that he has held.

In 2016, Drew showcased his leadership skills as the president of Cayuga's Watchers, a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization promoting safe parties and healthier social gatherings in the community. Cayuga's Watchers anonymously assures sober parties with the goal of making them safer for everyone. They train all of their employees in the ways of intervention. They have successfully intervened in hundreds of potential sexual assaults, unsafe alcohol consumption, and violent incidences in the past year alone. Drew did a masterful job of leading the organization, and his impressive track record helped him win the election for IFC president.

Drew has also served as a tour guide, a TA, and a writer for *The Daily Sun* and is a Cornell Ambassador. He is a member of the Order of Omega honor society, Mortar Board senior honors society, and Quill and Dagger.

Thus far as IFC president, Drew achieved record high recruitment numbers in the spring, record-breaking service numbers, and has implemented new programs like Men's Mental Health Week and the Summit on Sexual Assault.

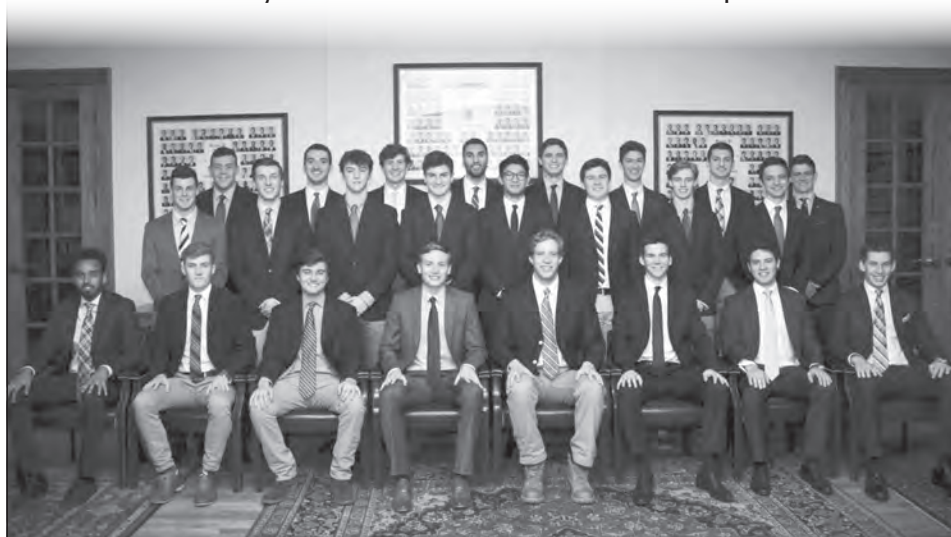
# Rush Brings in 25 New Pi Men

By Griffin Py '18 & Shailen Doshi '19  
(Recruitment Chairmen)

This spring, we took an extremely strong pledge class of 25 new Pi men. Hailing from Denver to Kenya, Arizona to Costa Rica, and Santa Monica to Manhattan, this group of men who joined our house during rush exemplifies all of the values and principles that this fraternity holds dear.

It was an extraordinary effort to have such

a successful rush week, with much credit to the brothers of this house. The experienced seniors, devoted executive board, and newly initiated brothers from the fall pledge class all gave Herculean efforts to make this a successful rush campaign. The new guys successfully completed the new-member education process and are now highly contributing members of Mu Chapter. We look forward to the great things to come from these members and from the chapter as a whole.



*The spring initiates, gathered in the West Lounge.*

# Brothers Commit to the Community

By Slater Goodman '19 & Will  
Murphy '18 (Philanthropy Chairmen)

With Philanthropy Chairs **William Murphy '18** and **Slater Goodman '19** at the helm, Mu Chapter's philanthropy has gone through a revolution over the last six months. The goal has been simple: be among the most active and involved philanthropic organizations on campus.

The brotherhood's regular and substantial commitment to College Mentors for Kids has only intensified. Brothers have found numerous ways to get involved

through volunteering their time as mentors, participating in fundraisers, and holding executive-board positions. Our fraternity was even able to donate \$500 to College Mentors for Kids, which was won through an IFC Cribz video competition.

Additionally, the service element of philanthropy has

been strengthened within the house. Over the last two semesters, brothers joined together with members of Alpha Phi sorority to work at Loaves and Fishes, a soup kitchen in Ithaca. They also volunteered their time at the Ithaca ReUse Center and were regular participants in the IFC-sponsored Greeks Give Back initiative. We also look forward to once again playing host to and co-sponsoring Kappa Alpha Theta's beach-volleyball tournament, Rock the Casa, which benefits CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates.

At the core of reaffirming Mu Chapter's commitment to the Cornell and Ithaca communities, though, is the revitalization of Sigma Pi's Altruistic Campus Experience Project (ACE Project). For the last three months, Murphy and Goodman have been working closely with the vice president of Student and Campus Life, Ryan Lombardi, to figure out where the resources of the fraternity will best be applied. We anticipate that these meetings will yield an exciting new element of Greek life philanthropy, with Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi leading the charge!

**GET TO KNOW...**  
**ANTHONY AND JAMAL**

**Anthony, mentor**  
Freshman, studying Chemical Engineering and Law.

**Jamal, little buddy**  
Cayuga Heights 1st grader, interested in math and technology.

**What is College Mentors for Kids?**  
"An opportunity to make a small but meaningful positive impact on a young person's life. It means the world to me to have this opportunity." -Anthony

**What is your favorite College Mentors memory or activity?**  
"I love every day at College Mentors." -Jamal

**What is your favorite thing about your mentor/mentee?**  
"My little buddy is very compassionate. He will make small sacrifices to help himself and others. He is a great listener and always respectful!"



## Remembering Robert Carroll

By Sandy Kraker '74

**Robert "Reber" Carroll '75** of Westlake Village, California, passed away suddenly but peacefully in his home on March 11, 2017 at the age of 63. He attended Lawrenceville School in his teenage years and received his EE degree at Cornell in 1975.

Soon after joining the house, his bass-guitar playing led pre-Zoltan bands in creating agonizing noise from the Pi house grotto. He ultimately formed Zoltan in September of 1973, which he led until it disbanded in December of 1975. He was the consummate band leader and professional, always taking on the important tasks: getting the right musicians, practice sessions, set lists, electronic repairs, job bookings, dealing with booking agents, and overall management of Zoltan. Reber always did it with talent, grace, tact, and humility. Zoltan played a total of 317 gigs in the Northeast, achieving widespread success under Reber's leadership.

After Zoltan, Reber continued his success in the music industry. He moved to LA and became an engineer for Capitol Records, then moved on to Warner Bros. Records, and eventually became president of Amigo Studios. He worked with many notable artists, such as Fleetwood Mac, Prince, Van Halen, and Neil Young. He also founded his own computer company in 1982, National Microcomputer, which grew into Digicomp Networks. He continued playing in several bands in California and

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## What's Next for the Graduates of 2017?

**David DellaPelle '17:** people advisory-services consultant at Ernst & Young

**Samuel Adam Schreiber '17:**  
*undecided*

**Andrew Walsh '17:** investment-banking analyst at Barclays

**Sam Strang '17:** real-estate development analyst at Deutsche Bank

**Steven Siegel '17:** strategy and operations consultant at Deloitte

**Agustin Martinez '17:** entry-level engineer at Turner Construction

**Fernando Cevallos '17:** leveraged-finance analyst at Morgan Stanley

**Alexander Feldman '17:** development associate at CRC Companies

**Benjamin Capasso '17:** corporate credit-investment analyst at Guggenheim Partners

**Jonathan Wu '17:** MEng in electrical and computer engineering

**David Kogan '17:** *undecided*

**Alexander Yablonovich '17:** real-estate finance analyst at Citi

**Daniel Janezco '17:** MEng in biological and environmental engineering

**Justin Bredahl '17:** SUMMIT Leadership Development Program at The Plaza

**Bill McGrane '17:** rotational program at AmeriCorps

## LEGACY ALERT!

Do you have a child or grandchild who currently is or will be attending Cornell this fall 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 '82 and 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 '84

#### CLASS OF 2021

**Bryan Fuchs** (Eng): Rob Fuchs '80  
**Uno Wait** (Hotel): Jarett Wait '80



# 1980 Mini Pi-House Reunion

By Rick Bosshardt '80

Our great country has an incredible diversity of scenery and terrain, from snow covered peaks to lush forests and rivers, to the dry desert of the Southwest. Being able to explore these interesting and fascinating locations with backcountry airplanes and to organize a **mini Pi-house reunion for the class of 1980** at the same time was totally awesome!

One of the most spectacularly different and truly stunning areas of the country is what is known as the Canyonlands area of southern Utah, near the cities of Moab and Canyonlands. It is almost impossible to adequately describe the varied terrain, rocks, ridges, canyons, and colors that make up this part of the country.

Add to that a relatively new backcountry pilot, Nealbo (**Neal Douglas '80**), and a complete *neophyte* of a flying passenger who has never been west of the Mississippi—let alone *camping*—Raz (**Kurt Rasmussen '80**), with their intrepid and “scrambling” guide and author of this piece (yours truly), and you have the recipe for a fabulous four-day adventure for part of the class of 1980!

What is also almost impossible to convey is the fabulous playground that this area offers to a backcountry pilot! As a result of the mining boom of the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there are over 70 documented backcountry airstrips concentrated in this relatively small area!

On the appointed day, after picking up Raz at the Phoenix airport with his newly acquired camping gear (more on that

later), we all met up at Deer Valley Airport, north of Phoenix.

Our route of flight was directly north and thru the Zuni Corridor of the Grand Canyon. For those of us who have flown over the canyon before, and for our neophyte Raz, who has never seen anything higher than a 50-foot hill, the view was nothing short of spectacular! Flying in formation and opening my window and door, Raz was able to lean right out and get some awesome pic-



*Kurt Rasmussen '80, Neal Douglas '80, and Rick Bosshardt '80 in front of Neal's plane in Southern Utah.*

tures of one of the seven wonders of the world, and also get some great formation flight pictures of Nealbo's plane.

We camped at a remote oasis of large cottonwood trees and a running stream, which had a small dirt strip to land at and which seemed totally out of place in the vast landscape of red rocks and desert. Using that as our base camp, we flew out for the next several days, exploring the areas

and getting great pictures.

I had assigned Raz to visit his local REI store prior to coming, and he showed up with a decent tent, a very thin (quarter-inch, maybe) mat, and a sleeping bag rated to 50 degrees.

The temperatures in the desert drop precipitously at night, and we experienced around 20 degrees each night! I have a nice Army-surplus bag that is rated down to minus 20, so I was snug in my tent the first night with just a T-shirt and shorts. I awoke at around 2:00 a.m. to hear Raz *moaning* over in his tent, something about being “so cold.”

What is a true Sigma Pi brother to do? I couldn't let a brother freeze to death, but it took me a half hour to muster up the courage (after hearing the moans intensify) to jump out and take him a big warm jacket that I wasn't using.

I woke him up at his tent door, and he recalls “hallucinating, seeing me standing there in shorts and T-shirt, handing him a big warm jacket, while he had *all* his clothes and jacket on in his bag and was still cold!” Needless to say, I felt better about helping him out, and I heard he promptly returned all his gear to REI on his return to Indy!

We had great talks around the fire and told many Cornell and Sigma Pi stories for the other guys with us. The “Dong” featured in many of the escapades, as well as road rallies and other crazy stuff we did.

If anyone else wants to come out for a similar adventure, Nealbo and I stand at the ready! (We figure the Crazy Canuck ought to feel right at home out there! How about it, Luc??)



*Neal Douglas '80, flying his new plane over the Grand Canyon. Photo taken by Kurt Rasmussen '80 as he hung out the window of Rick Bosshardt's ('80) plane.*

## Remembering Robert Carroll

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organized Zoltan reunion concerts at Sigma Pi in 2003 and 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Terry; his children, Meagen, Haley, Logan, Spencer, and Kelsey; his sisters, Linda Carroll and her spouse, Anne Dacy, Cristine “Crickie” Kimball and her spouse, Michael; many cousins, nieces, and nephews; his in-laws, the Brancato Family; and his beloved dog, Penny Lane.

We all mourn his loss so deeply, but we know he's already starting up one hell of a band in heaven.

Rest in peace, Reber: a bandmate to some of us and a brother to all of us.

# Mu Alumni News & Notes

A self-employed consulting psychologist, **Doug Soat '69** reports, "My wife, Lynn, and I just got back from an amazing month-long trip to Australia and New Zealand." In April 2016, they attended a "mini-Pi-house reunion" that brought together some '60s and '70s alumni and their spouses. It was held at Christine and **Denny Vrooman's ('68)** winery in Virginia. Other attendees included **Bernie Neenan '72** and his wife, Theresa; **Mike Handy '70**; **Bob "Berg" Inslerman '67**; **Ed Kemp '68** and his wife, Carol; Mary Jane and **Frank Canale '69**; and Mary and **Chris Hoerber '68**. Adds Doug, "We all had a great time and consumed 17

bottles of Denny and Christine's excellent wine." (dms oat@yahoo.com; 2600 N. River Bluff Dr., Janesville, WI 53545)

Reporting a job change, **Michael Linowes '84** is no longer with Paramount. He writes, "I'm head of business affairs for Alibaba Pictures, a subsidiary of Alibaba Group. Email him at mjlinowes@gmail.com. He makes his home at 1401 Hill St., Santa Monica, CA 90405.

**Nick Wint '15** is now a first lieutenant and platoon leader in the U.S. Army. Catch up with him by email at nickwint42@gmail.com. (68-17 Nansen St., Queens, NY 11375)

## Deceased

**John D. Masters '45**  
April 3, 2016

**Raymond L. Campbell Jr. '61**  
April 25, 2016

**Stephen E. Taylor '68**  
December 12, 2016

**Robert R. Carroll '75**  
March 11, 2017

*Honor a deceased brother with a memorial plaque; visit [sigmapicornell.edu/150-giving-memorial.asp](http://sigmapicornell.edu/150-giving-memorial.asp)*

## Alumni Gatherings



*Cornell lacrosse gathering in NYC to watch the Cornell-Syracuse game and Coach Moran book signing. Coach's book is titled It's Great to be Here! Pi men (Brian Finneran '81, Jim Horn '79, Jarrett Wait '80) with Coach Moran.*



*Gathered at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse to watch the Cornell vs. Syracuse lax game (left to right): John Haggerty '78, Robin Driskel '79, Jim Franz '77, Mark Sullivan '77, Jan Dougherty, Henry Dunnenberger '77, Willy Dougherty '75, Peter Wright '77, Jolene Kraker, Butci Sullivan, Sandy Kraker '74, and Emy Franz.*



*NYC alumni gathering, February 24. Tom Silver '81, Kurt Rasmussen '80, Brian Finneran '81, Eric Hamburg '85, Steve Hobbs '80.*



*Joe Ruocco '81, Tom Silver '81, Mike Feiertag '82, and Mike Vernick '83 at the Florida Grapefruit League Spring Training Mini-Procrasticup in Clearwater, FL on March 31, 2017.*



*Alumni board members Kurt Rasmussen '80 and Craig Dewey '06 plan the future of the fraternity from the Library Bar in downtown Los Angeles.*

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.