

# The Muse

MU CHAPTER OF SIGMA PI FRATERNITY - CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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SUMMER 2003

## **TWO GREAT REASONS TO COME BACK TO CORNELL AND SIGMA PI:**

### **Zoltan Reunion • October 4**

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### **Homecoming • October 25**

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## **Mu Chapter Chosen As Cornell Chapter Of Excellence**

There is a dramatic change in the future of student life at Cornell. An initiative began several years ago to enhance "the Cornell Experience." This initiative involves both programs and living units. The first phase of the multi-year change is complete in that all the freshmen are now housed in special dormitories on North Campus. This community of freshmen is intended to increase the bonding among the freshmen and to have them in one place where freshmen programs can be better implemented.

The second phase is the completion of the new West Campus to house upperclassmen. The University Halls buildings will be torn down, and a new community will replace them. Each of the new buildings (probably not any more appropriate to call them dorms!) will be both living and learning facilities with resident faculty, dining, and programs. They will be coed. They will house approximately 300 students each. In a word, they will function like a big fraternity or sorority!

This transition in student life must include the Greek system! A special pilot program has been set up called "Chapters of Excellence." Cornell has selected nine Greek organizations to participate in this program. Only fraternities that are already considered good were selected. The point of the pilot program is not to make good chapters out of mediocre or poor chapters but to work with already strong organizations to develop a program (over two years) that can be used for the Greek system overall. Mu Chapter is honored to be one of the nine selected! Of the nine, five are fraternities: Sigma Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi, and Chi Psi.

Cornell has organized a staff of professionals to work with the chapters. Those chapters, which take the program seriously and work to make it work, will emerge better off than before. The Chapters of Excellence participants will share ideas and programs with each other. Membership in Sigma Pi, if we work at taking advantage of the program, will be a richer, deeper educational experience than before. As a fraternity we have a lot going for us already; we don't give anything up in this program. We add depth and dimension to the fraternity experience. When the first Cornell upperclass living and learning units begin operating, we already will be offering all the advantages that the new

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## **Reunion Weekend A Big Success; Homecoming On The Horizon**

*While events are always on deck, we love to have alumni stop by any time*

The past few months have been quite active with the alumni. As Devan mentions in his article (page two), over a dozen actives flew out to Colorado to spend spring break in Crested Butte with Jim Keene '57, Dave LeFevé '60, and Jim Palmer '60. It was a great time, and we managed to find time to discuss ways to improve some of the current issues facing our expanding house. Upon our return I was excited to see the alumni directory finally come to fruition. Alumni can now access an electronic directory of all living members of the fraternity simply by entering the esoteric word as a password.

The month of April began with Alumni Weekend, and we were happy to see a number of recent alumni make the trip back. It was a good time, and the more relaxed format seemed to be a success.

We ended April with Greek Awards, at which Dave LeFevé won the Distinguished Alumni Service award. Jim Keene and the undergrads managed to keep secret the fact that Dave would be given the award, and we were happy to see the surprise on Dave's face when he won. Planning ahead, Jim Keene and I arranged to have a dinner with about 40 of the actives and about 10 other guests at a dinner at the Station Restaurant to honor Dave. It was a special night—a night that has even more significance now that we know it was his last Sigma Pi gathering; however, I am sure that anytime his Sigma Pi brothers gather, Dave will still be there in spirit.

During the last couple weeks of school, we also got to see Bill Strusz '73 stop by for an evening, as he had been down at the ILR school for the day. This is a perfect example of how excited we are to see alumni stop by if they are in the area. Please, don't hesitate if you are ever in Ithaca to stop by the Pi house and hang out.

Finally, we were happy to see everyone for Reunion Weekend. A number of alumni from '53, '73, '63, '83 and '88 showed up, as well as a few from all the class years from '48 through '93. A number of alums stayed in the house, and it was a busy and exciting weekend. Evan

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## Hard Work Earns Recognition

As the semester wound down at Mu Chapter, everyone sighed with relief. Although it was long and arduous, this semester was an exciting one. Some of the myriad of achievements this semester are: initiating 28 new members, sweeping the Greek Awards, enjoying a new, bolstered brotherhood program, and completing the Gold Standard. Of course an article of this size can only begin to encapsulate life at the Pi house, but I will attempt to relay some of our shining moments.

As far as improving our image on campus is concerned, our house went above and beyond anyone's wildest fantasy. Beginning with one of the most successful recruitment efforts in house (and Cornell) history, we continued to strive for excellence in all areas, even when some would think the new member education process with 28 new members would be too much to handle. Well, I speak for everyone when I say there were those times when it seemed like too much; but it was those times that we pulled together and triumphed—proving that we deserve to be considered an outstanding Greek organization. Our efforts did not go unnoticed; Cornell recognized us with the Most Outstanding Chapter Award at this year's Greek Award Ceremony. Although the award came on a wooden plaque, the real award for me was seeing the faces of the brotherhood beaming proudly. This marked not the end of our celebrating, but the beginning. Dave LeFevé was also honored with the prestigious award for Distinguished Alumni Service, recognizing his countless contributions to the fraternity over the years. Paul El-Meouchy '04 was crowned with the Outstanding IFC Man Award, rewarding him for his incredible leadership and service within the council. Alex Deyle '06 won the award for Outstanding New Member, recognizing him as exhibiting

the most leadership of all new members.

The awards came as a wonderful surprise, but the truth is that we here at Sigma Pi don't work for awards. We work hard because we love the brotherhood. We care about improving the house, because we care about each other. When we aren't doing school work or participating in one of the plethora of events we (as a house and individually) partake in, we are relaxing with each other. We have movie nights (we saw *Old School* and *The Matrix*, both in groups of about 50); we go paintballing; we take trips together (about 15 brothers took a week-long trip to Crested Butte this spring for skiing and relaxation while others went on road trips together); and we ended the semester with a weekend camp-out, where we pitched a few tents, cooked some food, and told stories by the fire.

As I sat down in my chair by the fire, a feeling of peace came over me. Maybe it was the steady warmth of the fire, maybe it was the constant lull of the waves lapping against the shore, or maybe it was just the serenity of my surroundings seeping into me. I think it was more than any of those; it was the feeling I get from Sigma Pi. Most of you reading this know the feeling of which I speak. It comes from knowing you are part of the brotherhood. Although you've seen brothers in embarrassing moments, you've also seen brothers pull together in times of need, brothers stay up all night helping each other with work, and brothers drive to pick up another in the middle of the night. These things make Sigma Pi what it is and help to create the bonds that make us brothers. The feeling I got at the campsite is hard to put into words, but I think most of you have felt it, too.

Fraternally,  
Devan Musser '05  
Sage

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Cornell units will offer. With increased social, intellectual, and cultural content the fraternity will be a very attractive alternative to the Cornell units. Houses that do not add these dimensions may find themselves at a disadvantage at rush time—if we implement the program well it will be a definite rush advantage.

There is a cost associated with the pilot program. The selected participants are asked to commit to raise money from their alumni to defray a part of the cost. Mu Chapter has committed to raise \$15,000 in each of two years for a total of \$30,000. We are seeking commitments from our alumni to meet this commitment. Any gifts to meet our Sigma Pi commitment would be tax deductible and made directly to Cornell University. Any such gifts qualify for all donor recognition programs. If you would like to help or would like more detailed information before making a commitment, please contact Jim Keene at 402/396-2227.

Jim Keene '57  
Alumni President

## Pledge Sees Friendships Flourish At Sigma Pi

When I returned to Cornell to take part in rush week, I had no intention of pledging. The only reason I came back was to enjoy a week of stress-free fun with my friends before classes started. When the week started I planned out my days and nights according to whichever houses were having the best events. I soon noticed that I was spending most of my time at Sigma Pi. There was something about Sigma Pi that kept bringing me back. I believe that a lot of it had to do with the other freshmen I kept seeing there—guys I had met first semester through classes, sports, or just through other friends. In addition to the freshmen, I found myself becoming

close with a lot of the brothers. Through the smokers and mostly the activities at night I met a lot of guys who gave me really strong feelings about the house.

By the middle of the week I was “suicide rushing” Sigma Pi. Through spending time at the house I had formed close friendships with a group of guys I either hadn't known or only partly knew the semester before. I began to fear that without a bid to Sigma Pi I would lose touch with these new friends.

It has been over three months since I signed my bid to Sigma Pi, and I don't know what my life would be like if I hadn't. I have developed friendships with some of the great-

est guys I have ever met. I am confident that I have found my place at Sigma Pi, a place where I can continue to grow and enjoy the friendships of my brothers.

I'd like to end by saying something to the guys in my pledge class. For the most part we have only known each other for four short months, although it may feel like it's been much longer. I'm sure we'll share lots of great times together in the next three years of being brothers.

Fraternally,  
Alex Deyle '06

## Area Accommodations

The following hotels have rooms blocked off for Sigma Pi during the Homecoming Weekend:

### Embassy Inn

10 blocked rooms  
607/272-3721

Location: One mile from campus on Route 366

Rate: \$45-\$85

- Rooms must be booked by September 30

### Clarion Inn

15 blocked rooms  
607/257-2000

Location: One mile from campus

Rate: \$165

- Rooms must be booked by September 19

### Grayhaven Motel

5 blocked rooms  
607/272-6434

Location: One mile south of Ithaca on Route 13

Rate: \$115-125

- Rooms must be booked by September 15
- Continental breakfast included
- Pets may be allowed with request
- \$100 fine for smoking
- Reserve #3528

*When booking for other weekends, please refer to this website:*

[www.visitithaca.com/  
places\\_to\\_stay.html](http://www.visitithaca.com/places_to_stay.html)

# HOMECOMING WEEKEND

## October 24-26, 2003

*Come celebrate with your brothers at Sigma Pi!*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, October 24

4:00 p.m. — Informal open bar at the house  
*Come by, check in, have a drink.*

*Those of us who don't have other plans will go to dinner as a group with some of the undergraduates.*

#### Saturday, October 25

Pregame — Try the Sigma Pi tailgate on Alumni Field  
*This is strictly a young man's cup of tea, but try it—you might qualify!*

1:00 p.m. — Football kickoff, Cornell vs. Brown  
*Sign up on the response card so we can get tickets together.*

5:00 p.m. (postgame) — Annual meeting of the fraternity, west lounge of the house  
*Reports by alumni and undergraduate leaders and election of the board of directors. Don't miss this; it is important and informative and will last no longer than one hour!*

6:00 p.m. — Cocktails followed by dinner  
*There will be a fun program, partly planned and partly not. Make a speech if you choose!*

After dinner — Drinks and fellowship in the west lounge

*Return the response card to:  
Matt Maloney, 730 University Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850*

## Alumni Weekend A Big Success; Homecoming On The Horizon

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Gilbert '03 and I organized what ended up being a very successful package deal for those who stayed in the house.

In other news, I would like to extend the invitation to a couple of fall events at the house. I am happy to inform everyone that Zoltan will be performing a reunion concert at the house on October 4, 2003. Zoltan was a rock band composed roughly of guys in

the classes of '74 to '76, including Tom Garr, Sandy Kraker, Reber Carroll, Mark Cunningham, and Peter Phillips. We're hoping that a number of the guys from these years as well as others will be able to make it back up to the house for the concert, and we will be sure to throw a great party for the occasion. Also, make sure that you mark your calendars for Homecoming Weekend October 24-26, 2003. We have blocked off

hotel rooms at a few Ithaca hotels for the fraternity. (Information about this appears above.) We hope to see many new faces, as well as our familiar ones. Either way, you just can't miss this October at the Pi house. It's going to be an exciting month.

Fraternally,  
Matt Maloney '05

## Sigma Pi Contributes Two Leaders To Interfraternity Council

Sigma Pi has continued its active involvement on the Interfraternity Council this year, holding, yet again, two positions on the executive board. My little brother, Michael Taylor '05, took on the position of vice president of university and community relations, and I was elected president.

We got off to a bit of a rocky start with formal recruitment numbers that were very unevenly distributed. While some chapters, such as Sigma Pi, did very well with their recruitment numbers, a lot of other chapters did not get close to the numbers they were hoping for. Furthermore, our social policy was really being pushed to the limit with catering companies disappearing so fast that events had to be canceled—and it's not clear how much longer the last catering company will be around.

However, the IFC board, which is comprised of some very dedicated officers, is working diligently to meet these challenges. We are currently in the process of putting together a recruitment CD-Rom, which will go out to all the freshmen, giving them information about the Greek system. Furthermore, a recruitment committee was formed to work on including more events geared toward recruitment during the fall.

In addition, we are working to bringing

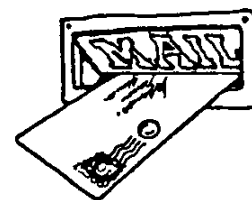
Greek Week back to campus. The hope is to have it in August, just after orientation week, when the weather is nice and everyone is excited to be back. IFC is working closely with Panhellenic and MGLC (Multicultural Greek Letter Council) toward this goal.

Finally, a committee comprised of presidents and social chairs met to discuss alternatives to the catering system. We drafted a BYOB (bring your own beverage) proposal whose principle has been widely accepted by different governing bodies at Cornell. We are currently working out the details of the policy, including its enforcement, but the hope is it will be ready for implementation in the fall. This policy aims to eliminate hard alcohol from fraternity functions that are not catered, but allows the chapters to have beer and wine at their own events, where the guests bring their own. The purpose is to create a safer environment for social events.

Finally, on the IFC report, hazing overall in our system is on a steady decrease. The number of hazing incidents has declined as well as the degree of hazing. Chapters really seem to understand how pro-brotherhood events can be a much better tool for pledging than degrading hazing events.

With one more semester left, I really hope to finalize the social policy, to rework the IFC

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*The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address on page two.*

constitution and modify the positions, so that next year's board will be able to work even more efficiently. Additionally, I hope to work toward building a Greek community rather than just a Greek system. Hopefully, we will continue to see Sigma Pi contributing to the Interfraternity Council next year.

Fraternally,  
Paul El-Meouchy '04

# Zoltan Reunion

Saturday, October 4, 2003

During the mid-'70s, the rock band Zoltan began as a Sigma Pi "house band" and progressed to hundreds of fraternity and club appearances throughout the Northeast. Their performances were marked by stage shows and music by Jethro Tull, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Aerosmith, The Who, J. Geils Band, as well as some originals.

In preparation for a reunion party on October 4, 2003, the members of Zoltan have gotten their chops in shape and are fired up and ready to go. Spread the word and mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this. This will be a great opportunity to come back to the house, have a great time, and share some of the old war stories. (This is a home football game weekend, too.)

#### Zoltan is:

Reber Carroll .....*Bass, Vocals*  
 Mark Cunningham.....*Guitars*  
 Tom Garr.....*Drums*  
 Sandy Kraker .....*Lead Vocals, Flute, Harp*  
 Peter Phillips .....*Drums*

With special guest appearances and late-night jamming for all.

## Snapshot of This Year's Seniors

Here's a snapshot of what some of this year's seniors will be doing this fall:

**Drew Vogel** will be working next year in Fairfax, Virginia, for the Exxon Mobil Research and Engineering group as a process engineer. Drew was the former tech social as well as president of the highly Republican "I love libraries and big backpacks club."

**David Rapasadi** is taking a year off before attending law school. The former secretary and academic chair, he has several opportunities in the works, all of which are top secret and illegal in 48 states.

**Jesse Corburn** will be doing Teach for America in New York City. He plans to teach impoverished children the true meaning of Christmas.

**Bryan Rivard** will be working as a mechanical design engineer in Groton, Connecticut, for General Dynamics—Electric Boat. He will be working on the "CVNX—Next Generation Aircraft Carrier." If anyone has any idea what this means, please contact the alumni secretary with a suitable translation for the rest of the English-speaking world.

**Tim Altier**, the former worthy herald, will be spending this summer as a TA at Shoals Marine Lab for two courses. He also will be working at his golf club, Oak Hill, as it prepares for the PGA championship in August. After that, he hopes to start an environmental job somewhere in the Northeast. No doubt that he will be flashing his fancy

"two shoes" all over town.

**Shyam Sankar** will be attending Stanford Engineering pursuing a master's degree in management science and engineering. After creating a computerized rush program for the house and putting together several brotherhood events this semester, we had no doubt that he would go on to great endeavors. We just assumed it would involve buying out the billion-people, billion-dollar goldmine known as India, but hey, there's still time.

**Tony Lancaster** will be staying in Louisville for the next four years as he will be attending the University of Louisville Medical School. Tony was a major contributor to the Sigma Pi intramural success as well as a very dedicated brother, and no doubt continues to make us proud by continuing the new precedent of Sigma Pi brothers going to med school in the United States.

**Matt Cantlon** will be returning to Lehman Brothers where he worked last summer. He will be entering a cave and leaving three years later.

**Evan Gilbert**, our former house manager and alumni secretary, will be supervising Aldi supermarkets in upstate New York. We predict that their inventory of deer meat and deer-related snack foods will increase exponentially within his first six months.

**Chris Ringewald** is staying at Cornell to get his master's in city and regional planning. He made this decision after determining that

he could design a more comfortable European park to sleep in next time he visits.

**Dan Levy** will be working as part of the Financial Management Program of GE in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has already discovered that there is very little to do in Milwaukee, but he could always go to a Brewers game...That's baseball, Dan.

**Jason Klein** will be working as a risk management associate for PriceWaterhouse-Coopers in Stamford, Connecticut. You would think that this former social chair, treasurer, and pledge educator might have a clue what he is doing for them—but he doesn't. He hopes that it involves watching movies and eating candy.

This is only a partial list of the future plans of the seniors, but it is entirely possible that the others could be leading the blind on a trek through the Alps or teaching monkeys how to swear in sign language. However, we will never know for sure because I guess e-mail was too confusing a medium for response.

What we do know is that each and every senior contributed to the house in his own way. Some took positions in the house while others shouted the Sigma Pi name all over campus. The house has changed substantially since I pledged as one of 17, four years ago. I had a strange growth of facial hair on my chin, Alex Miranda had braces, Chris Ringewald refused to put a shirt on, and Greg Reese was older than I am now. We changed from a naive few then to the proud powerhouse we are now. It truly is amazing how in four short years, a house can flip-flop its reputation from bad to good, weak to strong, or from smelly to odorless. We have currently achieved upswings in all those respects. To all my brothers who remain undergraduates, I ask that you continue working to improve it in any and every way possible. There is always room for improvement, even as we relish our current successes. We have always strived to achieve more, grow stronger, and surprise people with who we are...much like the Transformers of our youth. Although we are not, to my knowledge, robots in disguise, we are a force to be reckoned with.

I digress, but the important point is that Sigma Pi is the reason we can look back at college in 50 years and say, "Hey, that's why I had a good time." A time machine will likely be built by then, so we can all go back and enjoy our experiences a second time around. In the meantime, I will keep a silver travel jumpsuit ready in my closet and my brother pin close to my heart. Keep in touch, brothers.

Fraternally,  
Jason Klein

## Another Sigma Pi Travels the Globe

I graduated in 2002 and, like many of my classmates, decided to forestall the inevitable by returning to college for a graduate degree. I had already accepted my place in the 2003 class of masters of engineering students when my father suggested an alternative: "Why don't you take a year off and travel some?" After two phone calls to the admissions office I had deferred my acceptance and begun planning for my trip. In high school I spent six and a half weeks cycling through Greece and Turkey, during which I had discovered that the best way to see a country is by bike. I wanted to see more of Europe, but I had never undertaken a solo trip of that magnitude before, so over the summer I took a practice tour from Seattle down to L.A. with a three-day pause in San Francisco to visit a couple other recent Sigma Pi alumni, Brian Weisenthal and Morgan Lang.

After returning home to Seattle I set out for London on September 3. The next eight months took me south through England over the English Channel and into the Loire Valley region of France. I cycled down the Atlantic coast to the Pyrenees Mountains just north of

the Spanish border. There I started a route known as the Raid Pyreneen, which took me from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean over 500 miles with more than 52,500 feet of climbing. I was climbing the same mountains that Lance Armstrong does in the most difficult stages of the Tour de France, only I was carrying 80-plus pounds of gear and traveling a lot slower.

Afterwards I continued down the Mediterranean coast of Spain, past the Strait of Gibraltar and up the Atlantic coast into Portugal. Once the Islamic holy month of Ramadan ended I visited Morocco for a few weeks before returning to Spain and settling down in Granada at the base of the Sierra Nevadas for the last three months of the trip. I had intended to see more of Europe, but after 600-plus miles I fell in love with the south of Spain and besides, winter isn't the friendliest time to be living out of a tent in the rest of Europe. I guess I'll just have to go back again to see the rest.

Fraternally,  
James Stangeland '02

# Alumni Mailbag

"I started working for General Electric on the Monday after commencement," writes FRANCIS R. FOWLER '36, "and kept on until they made me retire at 70, almost 50 years later. The first half of the time was in Schenectady, the rest in Philadelphia in what eventually became known as the space division—although the whole idea was science fiction when I started." In March, the Fowlers moved to an assisted living facility at 6445 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45459, near one of their daughters.

FRANK C. ABBOTT '42 reports that he enjoys seeing T. K. SMITH '61 frequently. "In fact, he and I recently teased \$460,000 from our advance giving group of 50 toward our overall campaign goal of \$750,000 for purchase of our first church facility for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boulder." Frank makes his home at 1250 Norwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80304.

DAVID A. DEWEY '54 retired for the second time in March 2003, this time from Federal Street Partners. Drop him a line at 5 Wooddale Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830.

Please note this new address for J. THOMAS HAINES '58: 332 Tioga Court, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tom-haines@comcast.net).

THOMAS B. HAGER '68 resides at 8298

Oak Hill Rd., Arkport, NY 14867.

"Besides the inclement weather, this winter has been an ordeal for me," writes C. EDWARD KEMP '68, who had bilateral total knee replacement surgery in January. Sciatica has complicated his recovery—"but at least I can still shift the six gears on my BMW M-3 convertible!" Brothers visiting Cape Cod are invited to get in touch with Ed at 3 Kinghorn Dr., Falmouth, ME 02540, or at eds330@aol.com.

RICHARD KUBIAK '68 is still enjoying pharmacy and the warm weather that brought him to Florida 17 years ago. Dick can be reached by e-mail at rwk923@adelphia.net and by "snail mail" at 8281 Cedar Hollow Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33433.

PETER A. CHASE '70 works for Clark Construction in Washington, DC, supervising the construction of office buildings downtown. His son, Christopher, has just graduated from Wake Forest, and his daughter, Stephanie, is a battalion engineer for the 94th combat engineers serving in Kuwait and Iraq. Write to Peter at 13 Cherbourg Court, Potomac, MD 20854, or at peterchase@comcast.net.

Stay in touch with VICTOR B. LEBOVICI '70 at vlebovici@wsglip.com or at 29 Farmington Rd., West Newton, MA 02465.



JARETT F. WAIT '80 enjoyed a night out at the Big East basketball championships with MIKE RANTZ '81, EDDIE BERLIN '81, and RANDY OTTINGER '80. Jarett's address is 28 E. 70th St., New York, NY 10021; jwait@lehman.com.

Contact JEFF PINE '84 at 53 N. Moore St., #4H, New York, NY 10013, or at jeff.pine@morganstanley.com.

Vice president of mergers and acquisitions at Credit Suisse First Boston, DEAN ASOFSKY '88 can be reached at dean.asofsky@csfb.com or at 200 E. 94th St., Apt. 1010, New York, NY 10128.

GIJS DE BOER '02 is a graduate student in the department of atmospheric science at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His address is 310 N. Prospect Ave., Madison, WI 53725; gdeboer@wisc.edu.

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of DAVID A. LEFEVE '60 in July and of ROBERT F. STEPHENS '48 on February 21, 2003.

## David A. Lefevé – In Memory

David A. Lefevé '60 died in July. A memorial service was held on July 29, 2003, in Alexandria, Virginia. Interment was on August 14, 2003, with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Fourteen brothers gathered in Alexandria to pay tribute to David. They ranged in age from the class of 1944 to the class of 2005.

David was a giant among the alumni leadership of both the national fraternity and Mu Chapter. He served as grand third counselor (treasurer) of the national fraternity and vice president of the Mu Chapter Alumni Board. Dave was one of three brothers who served on the committee who were responsible for the design and construction of the new chapter house. He spent many days in Ithaca working with Cornell and with the undergraduates. He looked forward with great relish to the time spent with the undergraduates. He was key in establishing the notion that as brothers we can learn from and enjoy each other regardless of age!



*Dave was one of several Mu alums who hosted a group of 14 undergraduates for a week-long ski retreat in March. He was the master chili chef—here happily preparing dinner for the group.*

David often remarked that his work in the rebuilding of Mu Chapter was the most important thing he had done.

In April, Cornell University awarded David with its Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

David's quiet humor was a joy to experience. He would often remark that "when you are being run out of town, with a little bit of style you can make people think you are leading a parade." David's sense of style and love of the fraternity put him at the head of the parade of those moving forward to improve, preserve, and enjoy the fraternity.

Well done and farewell, Delta Dave, and thank you!

*Ed. Note: A memorial fund in Dave's memory has been established. A special memorial plaque to Dave's memory will be installed in the Memorial Library of the chapter house. To contribute send your contribution to Mu of Sigma Pi, c/o Jim Keene, 740 S. 75th Street, Omaha, NE 68114.*