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TOP LEFT: Slater Goodman '18 (far right) and Sigma Pi seniors at the senior lacrosse tailgate in spring 2018, hosted by Jarett Wait '80. TOP RIGHT (L-R): (front) Steve Bergh '79, Jolene Kraker (Cornell '77), Sandy Kraker '74, Landon Budenholzer '19, Sam Barnum '19; (back) Pete Wright '77, Jim Franz '77, Mark Sullivan '77, Alec Jautz '22, Ari Perlmutter '19, Jack D'Agostino '19. MIDDLE: holiday party (L-R): Sam Barnum '19, Ian Atkinson '20, Cameron Peterson '20, Jet Hardie '21. BOTTOM: fall formal 2018.

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KITCHEN AND DINING FACILITIES UPDATE

By **Steve Pirozzi '80**

The Dining and Learning (D&L) project is now at the stage where the final punch-list items are being identified, discussed, and addressed. There was an unexpected delay, caused by a mistake in the manufacture of the new dining room exit door, so that the door needed to be re-manufactured. Once all details are finalized and the pending work is completed, we will negotiate final costs and make final payments to the contractors.

The renovations and improvements of the D&L project are being used and enjoyed by the undergraduate brothers (and alumni and family visitors). The brothers have embraced the new grab-and-go area, taking full advantage of its amenities and availability. Undergraduate brothers' comments and reactions have been overwhelmingly positive and appreciative. Alumni will be pleased to know that the bar area has resumed being a social hub within the Pi house.

The Pi house now has two videoconferencing centers. The alumni board is also exploring opportunities to engage with the community by offering the use of these new technological amenities to other Cornell constituents during winter and summer breaks.

We have made good progress toward fully funding the D&L project, but we still need to raise a little more than \$200,000. We ask all of you to please consider making a donation through the Mu Chapter website (sigmapic Cornell.org) or by using the postage-paid envelope enclosed with this newsletter to help us meet our funding goal.

Each pledge class completes its own pledge-class project. The recent construction and renovations presented an option for an unexpected new pledge-class project: conservation and restoration of the old bar's countertop. When the renovation and repurposing of the old bar area commenced, we believed it was important to save the bar's countertop, which is a previous pledge class's project. We don't know which specific class created the bar countertop, so we would love to hear from those alumni who were involved in its crafting and installation (write to me at spirozzi1@nyc.rr.com).

Initially, we were not sure how the bar countertop could continue to be useful within the house, so we asked the undergraduate brothers. They believed it best to use the bar countertop for its intended purpose, but in a different location. So, this year's pledge-class project was to build and install a service counter, using the restored old bar countertop, for the Beach. We are grateful for the work of the recent pledge class to honor and extend the gift and work of a previous pledge class!



CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- + More than **\$521,000** has been raised out of the \$650,000 project goal
- + Mu Chapter's Educational Foundation has committed a \$60,000 grant toward the project
- + More than 200 alumni have already contributed
- + 100% of undergraduates have already contributed
- + Construction was completed in summer 2018
- + Building and renovation work includes upgrades to all kitchen and meal-service equipment, the new Adolphus "Dolly" C. Hailstork Dining Room, and the new Learning Commons
- + Rooms, spaces, and equipment can still be named in honor of a class, oneself, or in memory of a brother
- + Many alumni have made contributions in memory of brothers **Jim Keene '57**, **Reber Carroll '75**, **Mark Hausknecht '75**, and **Ed Finnerty '82**
- + The new facilities have received excellent reviews from the undergraduate brothers



REMAINING NAMING OPPORTUNITIES:

As of April 2019

- + Kitchen (\$100,000)
- + Dining and Learning Commons (\$100,000)
- + Grab and Go (\$75,000)
- + Bathroom (\$25,000)
- + 60-inch Gas Range with Oven and Griddle (\$11,000)
- + Lighting (\$10,000)
- + Table and Chairs for Dining and Learning Commons (\$7,500)
- + Digital Media Equipment (\$7,500)
- + Steamer (\$6,000)
- + Food Slicer (\$3,500)
- + Under-Counter Freezer (\$1,700)
- + Split-Pot Gas Fryer (\$1,500)
- + Cappuccino Dispenser (\$1,500)
- + Hands-Free Sink Unit (\$1,000): 2 opportunities

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LEADERSHIP GIVING LEVELS:

- Major Benefactors:** \$10,000 or more
- Leadership Gifts:** \$1,000–\$9,999
- Supporters:** \$999 and under

Please consider making a gift to the Dining and Learning campaign!

Contributions can be made online using a credit card through Sigma Pi's website (www.sigmapicornell.org/150-DiningLearning.asp#Xdonate), or you can mail a check to the address below and write "Dining and Learning Campaign" in the memo field .

Mail checks to:

Dining and Learning Campaign
 Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity
 P.O. Box 876
 Ithaca, NY 14851-0876



DONOR SNAPSHOT

Total Raised as of April 5, 2019: \$521,961

THE TOP TEN FUNDING CLASSES:

1978 (\$173,200)	1981 (\$30,451)	1982 (\$12,775)
1979 (\$61,111)	1977 (\$22,801)	1983 (\$8,900)
1980 (\$53,050)	1985 (\$22,700)	1971 (\$5,475)
	1960 (\$15,420)	

Don't see your class represented? There are still opportunities to fund rooms and equipment! Opportunities can be funded as a group or class, and pledges can be made over three years. Show your brothers what Sigma Pi means to you. Check out our website for details: www.sigmapicornell.org/150-dininglearning.asp.



HONOR ROLL OF CONTRIBUTORS

As of April 5, 2019

Major Benefactors (\$10,000 and up)

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	Matthew Harrison '89	Alexander Feldman '17		
		Danny Janeczko '17		

Mu Chapter Facilities Update

Nico Capalongo '20 took the initiative to put together a comprehensive summary of Mu Chapter facilities, such that one option could be renting space during the quiet months of summer. For more information, please write to Alumni Treasurer **John Haggerty '78** at jjh56@cornell.edu.

Available options for rental and event use include...



The Learning Commons

A brand new 24/7 dining and learning common space provides a self-serve area, featuring an assortment of prepared sandwiches and snacks. The dining area can seat 120 patrons and has a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen connected to it.

In addition, The Learning Commons provides the social experience of studying and snacking in a designated Cornell-wifi-enabled educational section of the dining hall. The Learning Commons features two 55-inch 4K televisions and one 44-inch 4K television, in addition to bluetooth speakers, Skype-enabled videoconference equipment, mountable projector screen, and a programmable lighting system.



Amenities

- Two parking lots (30 spaces)
- Two fire places (located in the west and east lounges)
- Rooftop deck and front porch
- Fire alarm/security system
- Key-pad entry system
- Scuttle attic
- Basement laundry
- First-floor library with retractable video conference/presentation center (two 45-inch televisions)
- The Richard Cahoon ('77) Tech Center, with a television with videoconference capabilities
- Proximity to campus: within walking distance to West Campus, central campus, and Collegetown.
- Wonderful view of Libe Slope and the clock tower; directly across from the slope



Lodging Features

16 bed / 4 full bath (7 total showers), 2 half-baths.

Lower Level: 5,341 square feet, 2 bedrooms (2 Double), commercial kitchen, dining room, 1½ baths (half bathroom is ADA compliant), pantry, rec. room, grab-and-go dining area, laundry, utility room.

Main level: 4,388 square feet, 4 bedrooms (1 double/3 single), foyer, east and west lounges, game room, library, bath.

Third level: 3,058 square feet, 9 bedrooms (5 double/4 single), full bath, utility room.

Fourth level: 3,058 square feet, 10 bedrooms (4 double/6 single), full bath, utility room.

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



Instagram:

@cornellsigmapi



Twitter:

@CornellSigmaPi



LinkedIn:

/groups/Sigma-Pi-Mu-Chapter-Alumni-4734302

Report from the Alumni Treasurer

By John Haggerty '78

With the bulk of the kitchen and dining physical work behind us, we are working to complete the "punch list" items and determine the final amount due to the general contractor and related legal expenses. Payment of the final bills will require accessing the line of credit established for this purpose. It has been our goal from the beginning to minimize the amount of borrowing needed to complete the project, and with the help of many supportive alumni, we have been able to do just that. If you have not yet contributed to this amazing improvement to the house, or if you wish to help us "close the gap," now would be a great time to go to the website (sigmapicornell.org) and make a gift with your credit card! Every dollar donated will offset a dollar of borrowing and the associated carrying costs.

Last summer, we discovered a leak in the attic space above the third floor. Our facilities chair, **Liviu Rusu '98**, was able to contract for some temporary repairs, but it was clear that the roof installed in 1994 would need replacement soon. Estimates are being sought for the work. Once we have visibility on the final D&L project costs, we

will turn our attention to the roof. It might be that additional funds from the LoC will be needed to facilitate reroofing the house.

While the maintenance costs for 730 University Avenue continue to increase as the "new" house ages, we are still on solid financial ground. The house has been operated at near-capacity for the last several years, due in large part to the solid recruiting efforts of our undergraduate brothers. That, coupled with our decision some time ago to require two-year leases (typically living-in as a sophomore and junior), has stabilized rent income and allowed us greater visibility on future revenue.

We have also begun to explore options to generate revenue in the summer by leasing the house to Cornell for use as a conference venue. These talks are very preliminary, but there does appear to be interest. The logistics of leasing the house in the summer are not simple, but, to offset increasing maintenance costs, the effort is worthwhile. More on this will follow as we continue to explore the potential options.

Thank you for all your support of Mu Chapter. Please plan to visit the house if you are ever in the Ithaca area. The undergraduate brothers welcome you, and the house reflects their pride in being a Sigma Pi!



West Coast Alumni Dinners

Mu Chapter alumni are planning a series of **West Coast Alumni Dinners**. Alumni President **Jarett Wait '80** will be the speaker for each dinner event. Jarett will share updates about the current state of Greek life across the country and at Cornell, as well as current successes and upcoming initiatives at our **beloved Mu Chapter**.

(waynebuder@mac.com), **Steve Rosenzweig '79** (srosenzweig@comcast.net), **Randy Ottinger '80**, and **Mark "Woody" Childs '88**.

LOS ANGELES:

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at The Village Idiot on Melrose Avenue (\$75 per person; cash bar). Dinner Committee: **Craig Dewey '06** (craig.dewey@gmail.com).

SILICON VALLEY:

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Casual barbecue dinner (complimentary), hosted by **Quin Garcia '05** (garcia.quin@gmail.com) in Menlo Park.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at Pier 23 Cafe (\$75 per person; cash bar) on the Embarcadero. Dinner Committee: **Wayne Buder '79**

Thanks to all of the Mu Chapter alumni who are organizing and reaching out to other West Coast alumni to rally involvement. Be sure to view the photo gallery on sigmapicornell.org after the events! If this issue of *The Muse* arrives in your mailbox prior to the events and you would like to join, please contact the organizers of the pertinent dinner event; we would love to see you there!

Join Your Fellow Mu Chapter Alumni for Reunion 2019:

JUNE 6–9, 2019

Reunion weekend is fast approaching. The alumni board, in partnership with the undergraduates and reunion class leaders, are working hard to increase participation and to make reunion weekend a fun and memorable time back at the Pi house.

We are hoping for a big turnout and look forward to seeing you there!

If you plan on attending reunion, please register on our website (sigmapicornell.org). We will continue to update the website with event details, so check back regularly.

Want to know more?

Any questions, contact **Kurt Rasmussen '80** (rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net), Alumni Relations Chairman.

Please also visit the Cornell University website (alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion) to view its schedule of Reunion 2019 events, information on lodging, and additional contact and social media information. You can also view more information about special events and programs that are in the works for Cornell classes ending in 9 and 4.

Are you interested in staying at the house?

If so, please contact **Slater Goodman '18**, Resident Advisor. The undergraduates will be "running" Sigma Pi during reunion weekend like a bed 'n' breakfast. Those staying at the house will have fresh linens and towels. There will be housekeeping services to keep things tidy. The fee to stay at the house is \$65 for the weekend! (What a bargain!) The demand so far is high, so only a few rooms are left. Please take advantage ASAP! If you are confirmed to stay at the house, you can pay online on our website (sigmapicornell.org).

2019 REUNION CLASS AGENTS

Please contact Kurt Rasmussen '80 (rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net), Alumni Relations Chairman, if you do not see your class listed below and are interested in helping to rally brothers from your class.

Class of '74 (45th reunion): **Peter Muth** (pmuth@roadrunner.com)

Class of '79 (40th reunion): **Dave D 'Orlando** (ddorlando@comcast.net), **Wayne Buder** (waynebuder@mac.com), **Kevin Kruse** (kevinkruse@comcast.net)

Class of '84 (35th reunion): **Frank Sposato** (frank.sposato@lazard.com), **Dave Colville** (dcolville3@outlook.com)

Class of '14 (5th reunion): **Brendan Viña** (brendonv07@gmail.com), **Felix Tabary** (felixtabary@gmail.com)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 6

7:00 p.m.: Casual gathering on the front porch of the house.

Friday, June 7

12:00 a.m.: Golf with ΣΠ alumni at Robert Trent Jones Golf Course of Cornell University. Limited slots available. If interested, contact **Jarett Wait '80** (jwait@jfwaitadv.com).

4:00–6:00 p.m.: Happy hour, Pi house (BYOB).

6:00–8:00 p.m.: Pig roast dinner, Pi house (\$50 per person); visit the reunion page on sigmapicornell.org to register and pay (BYOB).

9:00 p.m.: Socializing, live music on the porch.

Saturday, June 8

8:30 a.m.: Yoga on the porch. Yogis, please bring your yoga mat.

11:00 a.m.: Skype video hang-out with classes of 1974–'75 in The Learning Commons.

4:30 p.m.: Sigma Pi Reunion photo, front porch.

5:00–6:00 p.m.: Happy hour on the front porch, followed by an interactive update on Mu Chapter with Alumni Board directors Jarett Wait, John Haggerty, Dave D'Orlando, Rob Novo, Steve Pirozzi, west lounge, Pi house.

6:30 p.m.: watch the Belmont Stakes live in The Learning Commons, Pi house.

9:00 p.m.: Socializing, live music in The Learning Commons, Pi house.

Sunday, June 9

Open schedule / departures

Contact your class agents (listed below left) for details about class-specific events.

WHO WILL BE THERE:

Steven Sanford '73	Jarett Wait '80
Bill Strusz '73	Michael Vernick '83
Steven Booth '74	David Colville '84
Ted Chen '74	Frank Sposato '84
Casey Forbes '74	Howard Braunstein '89
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Wayne Buder '79	Mateo Hernandez '14
Dave D'Orlando '79	Andrew Luzzi '14
Andy Kantor '79	Omar Nijem '14
Kevin Kruse '79	Tom Riccardi '14
Larry MacLennan '79	Wassim Sanhaji '14
Keith Molof '79	Felix Tabary '14
Chris Olie '79	Jerrell Torres '14
Curt Quantz '79	Brendon Viña '14
Steve Pirozzi '80	Slater Goodman '18

James H. Keene III Memorial Library Dedication at Homecoming 2019

Mark your calendars for Homecoming: October 3–6, 2019.

Mu Chapter will officially dedicate the **James H. Keene III Memorial Library** at the Sigma Pi house, on Saturday, October 5, 2019, during Homecoming weekend. The ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the newly renovated Hailstork Dining Room and The Learning Commons.

Stay tuned to sigmapicornell.org for more details to come. You can also contact Alumni Relations Chair Kurt Rasmussen '80 (rasmussen.kurt@comcast.net) for more information.



Lyft IPO: Andrew Ross Sorkin '99 and John Zimmer '06 Share Sigma Pi Connection

John Zimmer '06 is the president of Lyft, Inc., an on-demand transportation company, which he founded with Logan Green in 2012. Lyft had its initial public offering (IPO) of stock on March 29. **Andrew Ross Sorkin '99**, co-anchor of CNBC's *Squawk Box*, interviewed John and his colleague Lyft co-founder, Logan Green, on the occasion. During the interview, Andrew mentioned Cornell and Sigma Pi during an exchange with in-studio co-host Joe Kernen:



John Zimmer '06

better-looking. He's doing much better.

Joe: Just an observation, but who's counting anyway?!

Andrew: Yes, who's counting?!

Lyft facilitates over one million rides a day, primarily via its smartphone app. John worked for Lehman Brothers after college as



Andrew Ross Sorkin '99

a real-estate finance analyst. While there, he met his future Lyft co-founder, Logan Green. The pair launched Lyft in 2012 after John had moved to Silicon Valley. John has received numerous accolades in the business world, including being named in the *Business Week* list of "America's Best Young Entrepreneurs" and the *Inc. Magazine's* "35 Under 35." John graduated first in his class at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration.

Andrew Ross Sorkin '99 is a co-anchor of CNBC's *Squawk Box* and founder and editor-at-large of DealBook, an online daily financial report published by The

New York Times. He joined the Times staff in 1999, leading its coverage of various multi-billion dollar mergers and acquisitions, including the largest takeover in history, Vodafone's \$183 billion hostile bid for Mannesmann. In 2001, Andrew started DealBook, an online service of The New York Times that compiles and curates business reporting and editorials from credible online authors and analysts.

Joe: Andrew, did John go to Cornell?

Andrew: John is a **Cornellian**—not only a **Cornellian** but [also] a **Sigma Pi** guy. We were actually in the same fraternity, [though] not at the same time. Then we met each other, I don't know, about seven to 10 years ago.

Joe: Well, he's much younger and doing much better than you.

Andrew: He's doing much better, yes. He's

reporting and editorials from credible online authors and analysts. During the Wall Street banking crisis, he authored *Too Big to Fail: The Inside Story of How Wall Street and Washington Fought to Save the Financial System—and Themselves*, which received multiple awards and accolades. He is also mentioned in the fictional narrative of the penultimate episode of *Breaking Bad*, in which his persona is noted as having authored a critical op-ed about the show's characters Gretchen and Elliott Schwartz. During his college career, he was the vice president of Mu Chapter.

Pagapalooza 2019 Introduction to Diversity and Inclusion

By Dave D'Orlando '79

The northeast Mu Chapter alumni continued the tradition of Pagapalooza over St. Patrick's Day weekend in Stowe, Vermont. This annual event was held despite the absence of our northeast kingdom spiritual leader and event creator, Larry "Pags" Paglierani '78. While Pags was enjoying his northwest sabbatical and shoulder replacement in Bend, Oregon, we skied and hiked Stowe's wintry offerings while weathering unseasonable rain and ice. Despite our arthritic (pre-replacement) knees, sore shoulders, torn ACLs, and broken toes, we had a wonderful group of wives with us who made sure we did not act our age.

The cooks in the crowd prepared a sumptuous traditional Irish corned beef dinner, and the musicians in the group jammed into the night. We dined and sampled at Lost Nation, Alchemist, and Von Trapp.

We're looking forward to 2020 when Pags returns!

By Chris Cavanaugh '21, Diversity and Inclusion Chair

As the academic year comes to a close, I am happy to report on the great experience Brother **Elvis Wambua '20** and I have had acting as the diversity and inclusion (D&I) chairs of Sigma Pi. Our position is responsible for fostering a house culture that emphasizes open-mindedness, personal development, and cultural exchange.

This semester, we came into the position with some great initiatives planned, and to our delight, they were very well received by the entire brotherhood. As chairs, we implemented the publication of weekly newsletters. These messages often include favorite quotes, relevant current events, and suggested D&I related topics to ponder over the course of the week. The D&I meetings, which we now hold weekly, were the most exciting additions of the semester. We discuss the topics mentioned in a given week's newsletter.



This semester, we have discussed topics such as sexuality, socio-economic status, and religion. Elvis and I are both very excited about the amazing response the house has shown toward these meetings, and I am sure they will continue to serve as an outlet for educational and productive conversation among the brotherhood.

In the future, I hope to see the diversity and inclusion position reach out beyond the Mu Chapter brotherhood. There are currently plans to expand our weekly meeting to involve individuals outside the fraternity, which could be a great opportunity both to increase the diversity of voices heard in our conversations and to improve the overall brotherhood experience.

Elvis and I have thoroughly enjoyed the position of diversity and inclusion chairs. We are extremely proud of the initiatives that we took this semester and are excited about the expanding importance of D&I across campus.

An Interview with Slater Goodman '18: The “House Dad” of 730 University Avenue

By Chris O'Dore '19

A Brief Background on Slater:

Slater Goodman is from San Juan Capistrano, California. He is in the College Scholar Program, writing an honors thesis in Australian history and literature. At Cornell, Slater has been a brother of Sigma Pi, a member of the Orientation Steering Committee, and a key member of the men's varsity swimming team. Slater is also an avid photographer, and one of his



Slater Goodman '18

photos is featured in the 2018–2019 Cornell Calendar for the month of March. After graduation, Slater will be assuming the role of director of content at Table Rock Management in Laguna Beach, California. He will be working with his older brother, Spenser.

What are your roles and responsibilities as the RA for Mu Chapter?

At the end of the day, the RA is responsible for keeping everyone safe and for maintaining the physical property that is the house. It's helpful to think of the RA as a backstop or a safety net. If everything is functioning as it should, I really don't have much to do on a daily basis.

Every morning, I will usually go downstairs and have a conversation with our chef, Pat, and same thing with Becky our housekeeper. They'll let me know if they have any issues or if something is broken or needs to be fixed. It's a good way to sort of take the pulse of the house.

As an undergrad, I was house manager and philanthropy chair, so I am still pretty involved with the minor board position holders. Having been around the house for four years, I have seen basically every possible iteration of what an executive board or a minor board might look like and what works well and what doesn't work quite as well. Ultimately, I am a resource for the position holders and there to be the “bad guy” if need be.

On a more fun note, one of the most exciting aspects of being the RA is getting to run reunion. This year, reunion will be **June 6–9**.

Last year's event was so much fun. We had the most alumni come back to campus that we have ever had; over 70 brothers, including

30 brothers who stayed in the house, came back. We had some 2013 graduates rooming

together on the second and third floors, even some 1978 graduates doubled up, and they loved it! For them, it was like being back in the Pi house as undergrads. It was so much fun to have that group of brothers from across four decades back at the house. To me, that shows what being a brother is and, more specifically, what it means to be a Sigma Pi. To see the camaraderie and stories shared across the brotherhood

stretching more than 40 years is really special, and I can't wait for this year's reunion.

You mentioned working with the minor board in your role as the RA. In comparison, what is your relationship with the alumni board? And also, how do you interact with the sage?

Sitting between the alumni board and the executive board, I act as the conduit. I am a communicative figure between the two and am there to make sure things are running smoothly at the house. There are things a typical undergraduate brother in the house doesn't need to be too concerned with day-to-day, such as fundraising for our pending roof repairs and other projects. I am involved with the conversations, conference calls, and other discussions surrounding projects like that, but I can also

I encourage people to come talk to me when they have any sort of issue or just need someone to talk to. Being able to help the guys with their problems is definitely one of the benefits of having been here for a bit...

provide feedback regarding the needs and interests of undergraduate brothers.

With the executive board, I am there to support them. Often the executive board will have to make decisions that might not be popular but need to be made. I am there to back them up. I think this is a very important aspect of my job. The sage position, in particular, can be very isolating at times, because you don't get too much credit when things go well but get an earful of complaints when something goes wrong. I think it's reassuring to have the RA by your

side in those situations, and I am happy to be in that position to provide that support and to be right there with them. I've had the pleasure of working with two great sages, **Griffin Py '18** and **Alex Ewald '19**, and I've learned a lot from both of them.

You talked about your relationship with younger guys in the house, and it reminds me of how mentorship is an important aspect of Sigma Pi. For me, personally, you've been someone whom I have looked up to as a mentor. But for you, who has been your mentor during your time as a Pi man? And what advice would you give to prospective mentors?

As an undergrad, one of my biggest influences was **Connor Riser '16**. Even now, he is still someone that I am very close with. He really loves and appreciates Sigma Pi, and he's been someone I have relied on and who has helped me appreciate day-to-day interactions with the guys. Being the RA is a constant learning curve. You have to figure out how to manage different situations and how to handle things that come up; I'll be the first to admit that more than half the time you don't do it optimally. Each time I've been placed in a tough or new situation, Connor has always been someone willing to listen and give advice.

Beyond that, I have also utilized a past network of RAs, from my first RA, Mike Liebermann, to **Alec Charbonneau '16** to Jon Morello, an alumnus from the Eta-Gamma Chapter at Hofstra and the RA during 2012–'13. They've each been incredibly helpful when I've reached out. I can call them up and say, “Hey, this is happening. Do you have any advice on how to deal with this?” Personally, I've spent quite a bit of time talking to them, and I hope for future

RAs that I can also be a resource. Having done the job for two years, you learn so much semester-to-semester. It's a steep learning curve, but really beneficial.

Regarding the mentorship aspect of being the RA, I really love it. I encourage people to come talk to me when they have any sort of issue or just need someone to talk to. Being able to help the guys with their problems is definitely one of the benefits of having been here for a bit of time and the two gap years I've taken. My hope is that

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people are able to come talk to me about their problems, as I have done with people I looked up to in the house in my first few years. But at the end of the day, the most important thing that I can do for someone is just listen. To be someone who is willing to listen and to actively listen: it's meaningful because, half the time, people just want to be heard, and it can be so cathartic to just talk about something. More often than not, you'll find the solution to your own problem by just talking about it out loud. But for me, if I can actively listen to someone's problem, grievance, or whatever it is, and the better I can listen and not talk, the better I can mentor him or her toward a better outcome.

Talking about learning semester-to-semester: what are two or three lessons you are taking away from your time as an RA? And what is a piece of advice you would give to the next potential RA?

I think the RA experience has been incredibly beneficial, and to a larger extent, any major leadership position experience in the house can be applied to a greater working environment. If you can learn to motivate people to do things when you don't have power over their position or salary, I think you can manage almost anyone. The big question is always how do you inspire people to do things that they might not want to do? I'm referring to cleaning or kitchen duties and tasks like that. In the end, being able to navigate interpersonal relationships has been a big takeaway from my time as an RA, and I am constantly learning about that. That has been one of the most beneficial things.

Earlier this year, I read *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, and I wish I had read this book earlier in my life so that I could have applied it sooner. Albeit some of the things in the book are pretty obvious things, but if you're not constantly thinking about them, then you're not constantly applying them. I think that, for anyone who takes on any leadership role, especially the RA role, utilizing some sort of guide like that and thinking about how you can apply those concepts is imperative. One of the biggest things day-to-day is to take a deep breath and think about how someone else is viewing the situation? Trying to put myself in their shoes and then trying to navigate the situation that way, I've found so much more success by doing that rather than by just simply reacting to a situation. Thinking, "This is how it should be done... Why aren't people doing it this way?" is easy. But thinking about how others might

approach a situation is difficult and takes longer but, in the end, yields better results.

So, transitioning to more personal questions, what's next for you post-Cornell?

I am going to be the director of content at a social media management and production company in California. I will be working with my older brother, Spenser, at our company Table Rock Management. I used to want to be a professor, and I still could, but I've found that this career allows me to pursue all the things that I love about academia: constantly learning, constantly being challenged, and figuring out how to approach issues in different ways. With videography and photography, I get to experience those same qualities, but in a way that allows me to do more and in a format that more people can enjoy. I mean, maybe my parents will read my thesis, but when I get to make videos that capture experiences, it not only allows me to create something unique but also to make others feel empowered by watching it. Plus, I get to travel a lot and work with my brother who, while we might butt heads every now and then, is my best friend. I am very excited for this opportunity and to explore different avenues of production. Videography and photography work at Cornell, as well as the RA position, have allowed me to be financially independent, and that's a pretty cool thing. I'm almost done paying for school, but tips are still appreciated!

So, what's one of your favorite memories from being in the house?

I think my favorite memory was reunion last summer. Having all these guys come back to campus and wanting to spend time with not only guys in their class but from every class, just because we are all Sigma Pi brothers, was awesome. They all really appreciated the effort I went through to make the house into a bed and breakfast for the weekend. One brother who was back, **Stephen Yanchuk '08**, was one such man. Even after reunion, we still text each other every now and then just to say "What's up?" and check in. That experience, to me, really exemplifies what it means to be a brother, especially beyond the four years spent here. I'm really looking forward to the next chapter of life, to staying involved with Sigma Pi after graduation, and to keep coming back every five years.

What are your thoughts on the new Kitchen and Dining facilities and the Learning Commons?

It's been great having the new kitchen and learning facilities in the house this year. For many of the alumni, reunion this summer will be the first time they get to see the completed project in person. Seeing the entire project come to fruition and being involved with the latter half of it was truly special. It's cool to know that the letter-writing campaign I run every spring yielded real results that benefited the project too! I'm honored to have been able to help out with the project, and it's a good feeling to see current brothers use the new facilities every day. I think it would be a great feeling to come back maybe 10-15 or even 20 years later and say, "Hey, I was there when these facilities were new, and I remember what it was like before."

Overall, I hope it doesn't go unnoticed that we have such a dedicated group of alumni who care enough to go through the process of ideation, fundraising, and implementation to create something for their brothers, even though they won't really get a chance to personally enjoy its benefits on a regular basis. I think that speaks volumes about the type of brothers that have been in this fraternity. It's incredible that we have raised more than \$500,000 so far and that we have individuals like **Steve Pirozzi '80** who have dedicated enormous amounts of their own time and stepped up to make sure this project was completed. It should not go unrecognized that we have the strongest alumni network and presence out of any fraternity on campus. At the end of the day, we have an alumni network that cares immensely, which is a testament to what it means to be a Pi man.



Slater swimming at the finals of the 2019 Ivy League Championships.

Congratulations and Thanks to Mu Chapter Class of 2019!



Hakim Ali: POST-GRAD PLANS: undecided; MAJOR: AEM; FAVORITE MU CHAPTER MEMORY: Oasis 2017.



Justin LaClair: POST-GRAD PLANS: medical school; MAJOR: biology; FAVORITE MEMORY: summer in Ithaca 2018.

Dexter Amadasun: POST-GRAD PLANS: medical school; MAJOR: biology; FAVORITE MEMORY: brotherhood dinners at the Pi house.



Elliot LaGuardia: POST-GRAD PLANS: landscape architecture, Michael Van Valkenburgh; MAJOR: landscape architecture; FAVORITE MEMORY: Oasis 2016.



Sam Barnum: POST-GRAD PLANS: investment banking, UBS; MAJOR: AEM; FAVORITE MEMORY: Orchid Ball formal.



Niko Nikolic: POST-GRAD PLANS: medical school; MAJOR: biology; FAVORITE MEMORY: Orchid Ball formal.

Brian Barr: POST-GRAD PLANS: consulting, EY; MAJOR: ILR; FAVORITE MEMORY: visiting Cuba with my pledge class.



Chris O'Dore: POST-GRAD PLANS: investment banking, Barclays; MAJOR: ILR; FAVORITE MEMORY: tours in Catherine Valley with brotherhood.



Landon Budenholzer: POST-GRAD PLANS: investment banking, Bank of America; MAJOR: hotel; FAVORITE MEMORY: Oasis 2016.



Ari Perlmutter: POST-GRAD PLANS: investment banking, MUFG; MAJOR: AEM; FAVORITE MEMORY: parking-lot party.

Jon Caen: POST-GRAD PLANS: undecided; MAJOR: human biology, health, and society; FAVORITE MEMORY: Oasis 2016.



Onur Saglam: POST-GRAD PLANS: corporate banking, Citibank; MAJORS: information science, Economics; FAVORITE MEMORY: visiting Cuba with my pledge class.



Jack D'Agostino: POST-GRAD PLANS: hotel management, Hillstone Restaurant Group; MAJOR: hotel; FAVORITE MEMORY: Omega Chi camping trip.



Alex Santoriello: POST-GRAD PLANS: investment banking, Bank of Montreal; MAJOR: ILR; FAVORITE MEMORY: brotherhood trip to a Bills game.

Jack Daly: POST-GRAD PLANS: undecided; MAJOR: government; FAVORITE MEMORY: wet week in 2017.



Josh Sones; POST-GRAD PLANS: software engineering, RiskVal Financial Solutions; MAJOR: computer science; FAVORITE MEMORY: Omega Chi camping trip.



Shailen Doshi: POST-GRAD PLANS: strategy consulting, Accenture; MAJOR: policy analysis and management; FAVORITE MEMORY: Omega Chi camping trip.

Josh Even: POST-GRAD PLANS: software engineering, Red Route; MAJOR: computer science; FAVORITE MEMORY: summer in Ithaca 2017.



Below, the 2019–2020 e-board officers (L–R): Travis Fristoe '21, Matt Pullano '21, Chris Cavanaugh '21, Omar Nesheiwat '20, Adi Ramachandran '22. Not pictured: Drew Mangan '21.

From the Desk of the Sage

By Alex Ewald '20

The spring semester was kicked off with a second successful rush campaign, led by chairmen **Jake Newschaffer '20**, **Omar Nesheiwat '20**, and **Max Cook '20**. A week full of events, highlighted by a trip to Turning Stone for a boxing match, culminated in the addition of 20 Pi men. Following bid signing, Herald **Justin LaClair '19** guided these young men, led by new-member president **Arthur Decker '22**, through the new-member education process and initiated them on March 1. Including the fall rush class, an exceptional 26 new members were welcomed into the brotherhood.

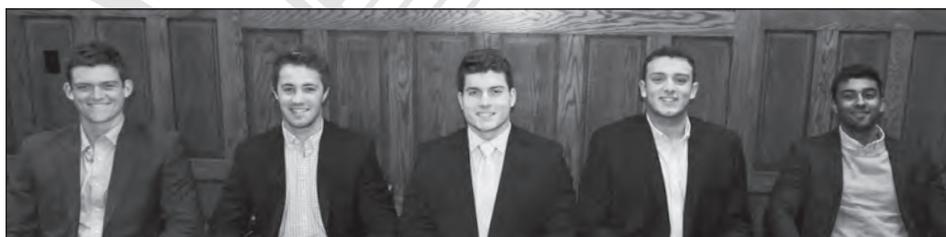
As always, Parents Weekend was one of the most anticipated weekends of the year. Brotherhood chairmen **Jet Hardie '21** and **Patrick Angle '21** planned out a full slate of events to welcome in the parents, including a steak dinner from our chef Patrick Spirawk.

Social chairmen **Alex Frank '21** and **Jacob Wigdor '21** mapped out a busy schedule at 730 University Avenue this semester, headlined by a performance from Hook and Sling and recent graduate **Alex Rodriguez '18** during welcome week. The chairmen closed out the semester with a brotherhood camping trip, Oasis, Orchid Ball, and other brotherhood events.

With new officers having been elected in April, there is a lot of excitement surrounding the future of the Mu Chapter and the positive trend that has been set in years prior. It has been a great year at the Pi house, and we have made great memories this semester, recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors.

Introducing the Mu Chapter E-Board for 2019–2020

- Sage:** Chris Cavanaugh '21
 - Vice President:** Matthew Pullano '21
 - Alumni Secretary:** Omar Nesheiwat '20
 - Treasurer:** Adi Ramachandran '22
 - Steward:** Drew Mangan '22
 - Herald:** Travis Fristoe '20
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Sigma Pi Serving the Community

By Sackett Terry '21 and Dan Sanderson '21

Sigma Pi had another productive philanthropic semester. We continue to send many brothers to College Mentors for Kids. Each meeting brings enjoyable memories for both the mentee children and the brothers of Mu Chapter. Along with College Mentors, we are excited as we send brothers to tri-council sponsored events, such as Tompkins County Beautification and Loaves and Fishes, an area hot-meals program for the homeless and low-income residents, on a weekly basis.

Brothers are also looking forward to our largest philanthropic event of the semester, Rock the CASA. This year, our chapter, Kappa Alpha Theta, and seven other fraternities are co-sponsoring the event. We are excited for the day of beach volleyball in our parking lot and the monetary donation to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

We actively are continuing to become more involved on the Cornell campus and within the Ithaca community, and we look forward to all that is to come for Mu Chapter philanthropically.



Pablo Melesecca '22 with his little buddy from College Mentors for Kids.



Sammy Malhotra '22 spending time with his little buddy during College Mentors for Kids.

House RA for 2019–2020: Connor Duffy '20

By Connor Duffy '20



I am thrilled to be the RA for Mu Chapter next year. Brotherhood has been a driving force in my development as a young man, and I greatly look forward to working as the RA to protect and grow the brotherhood of Sigma Pi.

Before my transfer to Cornell, I played football and lacrosse at Pomona College in Los Angeles and served as the commanding officer of my all-boys military high school in Minneapolis. My other involvements on campus include the Russian language club and College Mentors for Kids.

Like many other undergraduate brothers, I have career experience in financial services, and I will be working in investment banking in New York City after Cornell.

I expect next year to be another phenomenal year for the Pi house. Given my involvements as pledge-class president, brotherhood chairman, and secretary, I am very comfortable with the operations of the house, and I have strong relationships with the undergraduate brotherhood. We have a diverse, enthusiastic group of men, and the brotherhood continues to strive to set the example for the Greek life community at Cornell. I am happy to speak with any members of the Mu Chapter community and can be reached at connorbrettduffy@gmail.com. Roll Pi!

Meeting and Exceeding Cornell's New Standards for Greek Life

By Ian Atkinson '20, Vice President

With Cornell University President Martha Pollack's new initiatives and policies, which were implemented at the beginning of the year, the house has adapted well to follow these policies. As risk manager, I worked with social chairs and the executive board to rewrite our risk-management guidelines. The brotherhood has received these new policies well, and we have worked together to protect the house during social and brotherhood events. After this transitional year, I see a lot of progress being made in the house to follow President Pollack's new policies and the new alcohol policies that are soon to be implemented by Sigma Pi International.

As the house adapted to the changing

climate around the Cornell campus, we created new positions and increased the importance of positions created last year. This year, we added a second health and wellness chair to increase our focus and awareness on mental health. We also added a scholarship chair, who identifies scholarships from Cornell IFC and Sigma Pi for which brothers might be eligible.

Last year, the house added diversity and inclusion chairs to the minor board. This year, IFC required that every house have diversity and inclusion chairs who attend weekly meetings. Our diversity and inclusion chairs moderate house discussions once a week on a variety of topics, ranging from changing social norms to socioeconomic status and its influence on Cornell's Greek life.

Undergraduate Brothers and Chef Enjoy the New Kitchen and Dining Facilities

By Alexander Schmack '20

This has been an exceptional year for the kitchen and dining experience at Sigma Pi. The brotherhood has greatly enjoyed the new facilities, and we are very pleased with and grateful for the way the project turned out. The grab-and-go area is a great place to get late night meals, and it is an excellent means and location to catch up with brothers stopping by throughout the day.

We are also all very pleased with the new recipes our chef Pat Spirawck has been preparing in the new kitchen. This semester, Pat and I tried to introduce a new meal every Monday, bringing cuisines from all over the world to the house: everything from Mexican tortilla soup to German currywurst. It has been a pleasure serving as the steward this semester, and I look forward to continued enjoyment of the kitchen and dining facilities by the whole brotherhood.

Mu Brothers Boast High Academics and Campus Involvement

By Alex Ewald '20, Sage

Mu Chapter continues to strive toward a standard of excellence here at Cornell, finishing the fall 2018 semester with a cumulative 3.41 GPA, among the highest at Cornell for the semester.

Our brothers continue to participate in a number of ways across campus, through organizations such as Student Agencies, business fraternities, athletic teams, Cayuga's Watchers, consulting clubs, Interfraternity Council, and, of course, College Mentors for Kids.

I would like to highlight a few Sigma Pi leaders on campus:

Peter Gribizis '21 is the current president of Student Agencies, leading the way for another successful year for the organization.

Alex Tucker '21 has taken the role of activity director for College Mentors for

Kids, paving the way for more Mu Chapter brothers to enter the program with him.

Max Mailman '20 has been named captain of the squash team for the next school year.

Chris Cavanaugh '21 has been selected to join the IFC judicial board.

The brothers of Sigma Pi will continue Mu Chapter's commitment to our community and to Cornell, and we look forward to the new opportunities for growth in the coming semester.



Student Agencies dinner (L-R): Forest Colerick '20, Harry Drabzal '20, Lucas Goldman '20, Peter Gribizis '21.

Parents Weekend

By Jet Hardie '21 and Patrick Angle '21

With a bout of bad weather during the days leading up to parents weekend, we were graced with clear blue—albeit frigid—skies as parents of the Mu Chapter Pi men arrived on Cornell's campus. This meant we were able to take advantage of the beautiful Ithaca surroundings and activities over the weekend from Friday, March 22, through Sunday, March 24. A majority of parents arrived during the day on Friday and were able to spend quality time with their sons ahead of the events scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday morning, a brunch was hosted at the house, during which all parents could enjoy a light yet filling meal with their sons and get to know other parents and brothers whom they had yet to meet. After the brunch and with the excitement of a bright day in Ithaca, the group went to a variety of local food and beverage establishments. Brothers and their families made the most of the conditions and good company ahead of the evening events.

Everyone made their way back to the Pi house for a social hour. With golden oldies playing in the background, everyone took the time to meet people they hadn't met during the day. After the social hour, we were fortunate to enjoy a delicious steak dinner, cooked by our long-time chef, Pat Spirawck. As always, dinner was a special time for seniors to tell us about their future plans, inspiring the newest pledge class. It was an special evening for everyone.

Parents Weekend was a great opportunity for us to open our home as a stand-up group of young gentlemen. We thank all of the parents and brothers who contributed to the atmosphere, especially the parents who came to the Pi house for the first time. Meeting each other's parents, forming new friendships and connections, is so valuable, and the atmosphere of Parents Weekend is unique to Mu Chapter. We want to say thank you to all the parents who were able to come to campus and to enjoy this weekend with the brotherhood. We look forward to meeting more of you as our time at Cornell progresses.



Brother Evan Fischhoff '20 and family.

Spring Educational Speakers Series

By Adomas Hassan '20

Nicholas Ornitz '16: Making the Most of One's Sigma Pi and Cornell Experiences

The undergraduate brothers of Mu Chapter had the pleasure of hosting **Nick Ornitz '16** as the first presenter of the spring Educational Speaker Series. Nick is a Mu Chapter alumnus from the class of 2016. He studied chemical engineering with a minor in sustainable energy systems. Within Mu Chapter, Nick was involved as the rush chair ('14), tech chair ('15), alumni secretary ('16), and co-founder/VP of finance of College Mentors for Kids ('13-'16). After graduating in 2016, Nick joined McKinsey as an analyst in its Stamford, Connecticut, office. He currently works as an engagement manager, focusing on work within McKinsey's energy and



Brothers conversing with Nick Ornitz '16 via web cam during the Educational Speaker Series.

advanced industry practices. Nick will be starting an MBA at Harvard Business School in September.

As a recent Cornell graduate, Nick was able to provide extremely valuable and relevant advice for the undergraduate brothers. Nick was very involved both on and off campus, so we spent much of the time discussing how to make the best of one's time as an undergraduate: in coursework, in extracurriculars, and within the Pi house. The influx of engineers in the new pledge classes, many of whom are considering a career in consulting, found the discussion to be especially valuable: how to navigate the engineering major and apply it (or any other major) toward one's career. Many brothers also expressed interest in attending business school, and they were able to gain insight and advice on how to best position themselves during their undergraduate careers.

The brothers took full advantage of the opportunity to ask Nick questions about his time in the house, advice for following in his footsteps, and how to make the best of their time at Cornell and within Mu Chapter. Nick's advice will undoubtedly be integral in navigating the rest of their college careers.

This session was hosted in the new Learning Commons, which immeasurably

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helped to facilitate its success. It allowed us to seat more brothers and use the multiple TVs to videoconference with Nick. We're thankful for the new facilities provided by our alumni and are looking forward to

hosting more speaker series events in the Learning Commons.

On behalf of the brotherhood, we would like to thank Nick for his time and the alumni for the new facilities that allowed us to facilitate this speaker series.

Meet the New Mu Chapter Educational Foundation Interns

The Educational Foundation internship positions provide undergraduate Pi men with the chance to contribute to the fraternity in a uniquely professional capacity. As an intern, one has the opportunity to act as liaison between the alumni and undergrads, in effect, connecting the brothers to the endless opportunities available to them, while enhancing the vision of the efforts made to keep the fraternity well-running. Typical responsibilities of the intern include authoring and curating articles for circulation in the fraternity's publications, facilitating professional mentorship for the brothers through the speaker series, and notifying alumni about educational requests on behalf of the brotherhood.

Harry Drazhal '20, Educational Foundation Intern

Harry is the incoming Educational Foundation intern for the 2019–2020 school year. As the current alumni secretary for Mu Chapter, he has had the opportunity to work closely with Mu Chapter alumni and is excited to continue doing so through this position.

Coming into the position, he has several goals he wants to accomplish by the end of his tenure. First, he wants to open up new fundraising avenues for the Educational Foundation. The foundation provides a number of benefits and services to the brotherhood and facilitates continued involvement in the Cornell community. Providing additional fundraising will be a key to helping the foundation grow. Second, he wants to ensure Sigma Pi Mu Chapter and its undergraduate brothers remain integrally involved and hold leadership positions within College Mentors for Kids on Cornell's campus. College Mentors is an invaluable asset to the Ithaca community, allowing our brothers to connect with individuals outside of Cornell, giving back to the community that has given brothers so much during their undergraduate careers. Using the position, Harry seeks to increase the involvement of the brotherhood and to bring the organization as a

whole to new heights. As the year goes on, he plans to continue adding to this list of goals and to contribute as much to the position as possible.

Harry is excited to take over for **Sam Barnum '19** as Educational Foundation intern and looks forward to what the position brings.

Adomas Hassan '20, Career Services and Mentorship Intern

As the career services and mentorship intern, Adomas has been planning the speaker series for the house, with both Sigma Pi alumni and greater Cornell community speakers, including representatives from Cornell Health. Speakers have been nominated on the basis of relevance to the newest pledge class's career interests, and they have been scheduled in line with relevant social events and semester breaks. In addition, Adomas has been working on revamping and reinstating the mentorship program with **Bennet Heidenreich '15** to make it an even more formidable resource for the undergraduate brotherhood.

In the near future, Adomas hopes to be able to revamp and improve the alumni database to make it more user-friendly and accessible for the brothers of Mu Chapter.

If there are any ideas or resources you would like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to Harry (hd292@cornell.edu) or Adomas (ah667@cornell.edu).

Laura Santacrose, Assistant Director of the Skorton Center at Cornell Health: "Intervene" Bystander Campaign

On March 19, the Mu Chapter had the pleasure of hosting Laura Santacrose, assistant director at the Skorton Center, for her facilitation of the "Intervene" Bystander Campaign in the James H. Keene III Memorial Library. "Intervene" is meant to educate about when and how to intervene in a problematic situation. The session educated brothers through a demonstrative video and a discussion-focused workshop. It draws upon **pro-social bystander intervention theory** and stresses the recognition of all members of a campus community as collaborative partners in maintenance of health and well-being.

The Memorial Library proved to be the perfect environment for the brothers and Ms. Santacrose to engage in a healthy discussion following the video. Brothers were eager to speak up about issues that they've recognized in the past, as well as how they've effectively dealt with them. Good Samaritan laws were a huge topic of discussion, and Ms. Santacrose was able to clearly break down the implications of the laws and the safest and most responsible ways to intervene in various scenarios.

The brotherhood is thankful for Ms. Santacrose's time in putting the program together and for facilitating the workshop. We learned a lot from the campaign, and content was especially timely, with spring break right around the corner. We look forward to partnering with Ms. Santacrose and Cornell Health in the future to host more workshops for our members.



Brothers working with Laura Santacrose during the Educational Speaker Series.



Spring 2019 pledge class.

Mu Chapter Welcomes 20 New Brothers from Spring Rush!

By Omar Nesheiwat '20 and Jake Newschafer '20

Brothers from all classes of Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi came together to make a strong effort during the spring recruitment cycle. Between the multitude of IFC events and informal brother efforts, the men of Sigma Pi met a number of quality prospective brothers.

Over 170 men were brought through our doors, making this an extremely competitive process. On the heels of our extremely successful fall rush process, the brotherhood was buzzing. Collectively, we put together an immense effort throughout the week to identify the quality of men deserving membership.

So it is with tremendous excitement that we announce our newest class of Pi men: PC '19. Our 20 newest brothers represent a vast array of interests and experiences. The class includes 17 freshmen and

three sophomores, featuring eight guys from New York, four from California, and four from outside the United States (England, Switzerland, South Africa, and Colombia). It is also a very balanced class across academic disciplines: six hotel majors, two AEM majors, two ILR majors, and a mix of CALS and A&S majors. Multiple Cornell varsity athletes and future doctors and engineers are in the class. These men undeniably make us a more diverse and complete brotherhood. We look forward to watching these men grow among our ranks and becoming everything a Sigma Pi man represents.

The welcoming of the spring new-member class was capped off with the James H. Keane III annual new-member dinner.

Complemented with six new brothers from the fall 2018 pledge class, we have welcomed 26 new members into Mu Chapter during the 2018–2019 academic year!

Why I Joined Sigma Pi

By Arthur Decker '22, Spring 2019 Pledge Class President



The spring 2019 Sigma Pi new-member class contains 20 students, 17 freshmen and three sophomores, of incredibly different backgrounds, pursuing a variety of degrees. There is representation from New York City in the class, but our birthplaces range from NYC to Courtland, Alabama, to Lausanne, Switzerland. Our studies include hotel administration, agricultural science, psychology, industrial labor relations, government, and business. The class comprises different men with different goals, many of whom I might never have met if not for Sigma Pi bringing us together. During the past few months, I have already learned much about every member of the class and seen them grow closer each day. It inspires me to call each one a brother and true friend.

At the beginning of the semester, each member of our pledge class might have had a different idea on why he wanted to join Sigma Pi. From the closeness of the brotherhood to the academic and social interaction on a daily basis, Mu Chapter has an abundance of things to offer each of us. However, as we've grown closer and spent more time together, each of us has come to value our evolving friendships the most. We are all thrilled to be part of the brotherhood, and we only appreciate it more as we go.

Aside from academics and fraternity responsibilities, each member of the new class takes pride in his extracurriculars and community involvement and sees the merit in being a well-rounded individual in his collegiate career. Among us, there are two varsity athletes, a collection of club members and leaders, and even volunteers working for Cornell's 94th HEC conference. Though each member has a busy schedule, commitment to Mu Chapter and Sigma Pi is an important piece of each man's respective identity. We all aspire to be active members of the fraternity and active alumni later on, as we understand that Sigma Pi is not just a four-year program but a life-long bond that each of us will always aim to embrace. We were brought together just a few months ago, but we are already an ambitious group, ready to leave our mark on Mu Chapter for years to come!

MEET THE BROTHERS OF THE SPRING 2019 PLEDGE CLASS



Drew Mangan '21:
Westchester, PA; Hotel



Spencer Jimenez '22:
Greenwich, CT; Hotel



Jack Samett '21:
Piermont, NY; AEM



Jordan Jones '22:
Ann Arbor, MI; Hotel



Trevor Soule '21:
Berkeley, California; Psychology



Mikhael Macallister '22:
Bogotá, Colombia; Hotel



Nick Battisti '22:
Bethlehem, PA; Government



Sammy Malhotra '22:
Lausanne, Switzerland; PAM



Arthur Decker '22:
Queens, NY; Hotel



Pablo Melasecca '22:
New York, NY; Undecided



Alex Dworetzky '22:
San Francisco, CA; Undecided



Dillon Razler '22:
Long Beach, NY; HBHS



Bernardo Hammes '22:
Rye, NY; ILR



Mac Ritchie '22:
London, England; Undecided



Alec Jautz '22:
Rye, NY; ILR



Ben Rizika '22:
Needham, MA; Mechanical Eng.



Anders Jensen '22:
Rye, NY; Undecided



Will Roth '22:
Palo Alto, CA; Undecided



Simon Jimenez '22:
Greenwich, CT; Hotel



Stuart Thornton '22:
Courtland, AL; Agricultural Sci.

Mu Brothers' News & Notes

A retired architect, **Pete Romeo '55** writes, "I am truly privileged to be a Mu brother." Pete describes his "state of health" with some levity: "Ticker dependent on pacemaker (what a wonderful invention); hip replacement May 2016 (works like a charm, although field goal kicking ability has declined); cataract surgery procedure planned January 2019." He continues, "Spouse of 62 years still kicking, testy, and loving after rearing seven children. Adventurous cook and amazingly tolerant of yours truly." Among his hobbies are "still doodling on drafting boards and numismatics (attributable to youngest [42] and oldest [62] sons." In addition, Pete is lead tenor of his senior living community chorus—"five men and 18 women, which is approximate ratio of our Legacy at Clover Blossom community demographic." He lists his favorite chapter brothers as **John Riley '55, Gale Brooks '54, Dave Dirksen '53** (sponsor), **Pete DiConza '55, Dick Pew '56, Frank Conti '53, Bob Stevens '59, Jim Vanicek '55, Frank Sorochinsky '54, Vinny Crane '52, and Rick Knoblock '55** (but ended the list with ellipses). In closing he writes, "My goal is to attend my 65th class reunion in 2020. I continue to be grateful for my longevity; it's been a great trip!" Pete makes his home at 35 Paramount Lane, Rochester, NY 14610.

Congratulations to **Jarett Wait '80** on being selected as the 13th Annual CityLax Benefit honoree. A longtime board member of CityLax, Inc., Jarett is being recognized on April 29 for the strategic role he has played with the organization. A recent promotional message reads: "Simply put, Jarett's passion, dedication, and service have been instrumental in developing our lacrosse programs and educational opportunities for hundreds of student-athletes in NYC's public schools. We salute Jarett's outstanding leadership and generosity that have perpetuated our 13-year mission." Jarett is a longtime fan and supporter of the game of lacrosse. His two children played youth lacrosse with Docs NYC and continued playing throughout their high-school careers. He's also actively involved with the Cornell Lacrosse Association, mentoring student athletes.

"Well done and well deserved!" Send congrats to him at jwait@jfwwaitadv.com.

Gerry Leape '82 began a new role in January as principal officer at the Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, DC. He lives at 4517 45th St. NW, Washington, DC 20016. Gerry's email address is gbleape@gmail.com.

Now serving as a director at AlixPartners, **Larry Keane '99** can be reached at larrykeane@gmail.com. We have his home address as 6340 Trillium Dr., Waynesville, OH 45068.

Congratulations to **Jeremy Kraker '07**, who was promoted in April to account executive (retail and CPG) at Microsoft. Reach him at jeremy.kraker@gmail.com or 2825 Washington Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061.

A licensed attorney admitted to the bar both in New York and New Jersey, **Brody Ehrlich '10** has started a new position as vice president of finance and operations at AppGuard, Inc., a Blue Planet-works company. At AppGuard, Brody manages all administrative aspects of the business, including financial forecasting and budgeting, accounting, human resources, legal compliance, contract drafting and review, and various operations elements. Email congrats to him at behrl423@gmail.com.

Adam Cherubini '13 is now a vice president at Greensill Capital, "the market-leading provider of working capital finance for companies globally," according to its website. Get in touch by email at adam.cherubini@gmail.com.

In December, **Nick Wint '15** started work as a battalion S4 with the Army. Email reaches him at nickwint42@gmail.com.

Also in April, **Zach Gilbert '16** was promoted to associate M&A at iAnthus Capital Management in New York City. Catch up with him at zwg4@cornell.edu. Zach lives at 127 E. 30th St., Apt. 14B, New York, NY 10016.

Andrew Walsh '17 started a new position in March as a finance associate at Evercore. Send congrats to him at andrewfwalsh43@gmail.com.

From the Undergrads

Connor Duffy '20 was abroad for the spring semester to manage sell-side processes for an agribusiness company based in Russia. He can be reached at connorbrettduffy@gmail.com.

Deceased

Harold C. Mallery '52
July 9, 2018

Peter B. Taylor '55
December 10, 2018

C. Edward Kemp '68
October 28, 2017

Christopher J. Molinaro '94
June 18, 2018

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

Letter-writing Campaign

By Slater Goodman '18, Graduate Resident Advisor

The letter-writing campaign is an undergraduate fundraising initiative now in its second year. The campaign is designed to facilitate a stronger and more effective dialogue between Pi men past and present.

This spring, the Sigma Pi undergraduate brothers will write letters and send accompanying emails to over 750 Mu Chapter alumni. Funds raised from this campaign will be used to help finish funding the Dining & Learning project and for other necessary maintenance projects.

I am proud of the response that this campaign has produced over the last year and am excited to see it continue. It'll be great for future generations of Pi men to receive their yearly letter, look back fondly on their own letter-writing days, and feel a strong sense of pride in and connection to the current undergraduates. If you receive a letter, we would love to hear back from you!