



# The MUSE

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity at Cornell University

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## Over 40 Alumni Return To Make Homecoming '87 A Success

For all of you alumni who missed it, the 1987 Homecoming was a memorable one. Over 40 alumni, dating back to the class of 1951, made the trip to Ithaca to celebrate Homecoming in true Sigma Pi style. The weekend started on Friday night in college-town. The streets and bars were packed as old and new friends greeted each other. Such notable Sigma Pi alums as Marc Rothenberg '87, Jeffrey Corbin '87, Chris Selland '86, Scott Braunstein '86, Brenden Murphy '86, and Charlie Bevilaqua '86 (soon to be Ensign Bevilaqua) could be found in Ruloffs and elsewhere throughout college-town. The party continued at the Pi-house, where a coffeehouse took place. The partying and reminiscing continued into the early morning hours as neophytes Brian Yen '89, Jeffrey Lipsky '89, and Tim Camuti '89 provided musical entertainment.

On Saturday morning the alumni board meeting was held. Elections took place, and discussion was held on the problems that the house is currently facing. Some notable alumni at the meeting included Nicholas Reitenbach '56, Gilbert Barker '51, and John Christoforo '77. Rick Rego '82 retained his chairmanship on the board along with Ford Fay '82, his assistant. During the meeting the current brothers in the house were able to air their concerns and problems to the people most able to help in solving the problem. These problems are discussed in the treasurer's address. Any further information can be obtained either by contacting the house or by contacting alumni at the next meeting.

After the meeting, everyone adjourned downstairs to enjoy Doll's Del and to greet additional alums who were arriving. Such infamous alums as Tom Owens '83, Tim Hawes '82, Jim Horn '79, Brad Croke '81, Gary Derck '81, and Nick Cardascia '85 provided some interesting stories from the past. Then it was off to Schoellkopf to watch the Big Red (they're actually pretty good now) face Harvard, and what a game it was. The Red squeezed out a come-from-behind victory in the last minute of the game to gain sole possession of first place in the Ivy League.

That night, Dolly went all out and whipped up a great dinner for all of the alumni and brothers to enjoy. "Rats" (chicken cordon bleu, for those who don't remember) was served by an able-bodied "wait team," much to the chagrin of many. In true Pi-house fashion the dancing and partying once again continued until the morning hours. The weekend came to an end on Sunday morning with "brunch with 'the Doll,'" as everyone said goodbye to "the Doll" and to friends and made their way back to the real world. On the whole, the weekend ran smoothly, and most people said they had a great time.

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## President Reviews Year To Date

Sigma Pi is having another great year, with a strong neophyte class and the return of 13 older brothers who were away last semester. Joining the neophytes in the house are Treasurer Bob Pearl '88, Social Chairman Stu Strumwasser '88, Vice President Mark Wood '88, former treasurer George Rocklein '87, and myself. I must, however, give credit to neophyte Bryan Yen '89, who has almost single-handedly kept the house "rocking."

The neophytes have been working hard to keep the Pi-house clean. Their positive attitude is evident in rush, which is off to an amazing start. A tremendous amount was accomplished at the first rush meeting. Mush Braunstein '89 is doing a fine job as rush chairman, with strong support from the B-hole and college-town annexes.

"The Doll" is looking good and feeling good; he seems as happy as ever. When he's not out fishing with his kitchen boy, bowling with the brothers, or drinking bloody marys at the Glenwood Pines, he can be found in his room watching TV. Dolly told me that he loves you all and wishes you the best.

Sigma Pi sports teams have really put it all together this year. The soccer team has already clinched a playoff spot, with victories over Sigma Nu and Sigma Chi. The football and tennis teams have also been successful on their way to earning All-Sports points. The only real setback came in golf when Bob Pearl '88, that master linksman, ran into difficulty at the seventh hole.

The social calendar is full, with events every weekend. Join us, and come back to see the Pi-house. Take care and be well.

Michael Weissman '88  
President



*Our Homecoming dinner was full of surprises!*

## Our Sigma Pi Alumni Write

We congratulate JOSEPH A. WITZEL '21 on his 60th wedding anniversary. Send best wishes to Joe at 105 Eden Rd., Stamford, CT 06907.

A retired LOUIS J. CONTI '41 (648 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004) shares the following with us: "I was glad to see in the fall issue of *The Muse* that the house is still making its mark in intramural sports. I can recall my days in the house when BENJAMIN F. KELLOGG '40 ran the program. Ben was a super athlete who did not participate in intercollegiate sports due to his work schedule, but he made sure the brothers *all* contributed. My roommate, W. PAUL MATHERS '41 was captain and three-time all-American in football, but Ben would get him into the intramural program as soon as the season was over." He continues, "There used to be a lot of trophies around the house in those days. Some of them survived the army takeover of the house in '42-'45. Hope you still have them." Lou also writes that he has seen FREDERICK R. HAVERLY '42, ELMER J. TOLLE JR. '43, RICHARD J. HUFF '45, Paul Mathers, and HOWARD W. HULFORD '44.

"Nothing much new," writes JOHN D. MASTERS '45. John informs us that three of his four children are married and that he has three grandchildren. "Starting to think seriously of retirement in the next year." He also reports that he took "a *great* visit to the Isle of Shoals with the Cornell Club of New Hampshire group. Very interesting and worthwhile." John is vice president of the Chemical Fabrics Corporation and resides at 4 Winterberry Dr., Amherst, NH 03031.

The president of the Alamito Company, LORENZ K. MULLER '46 pens, "We're having fun with our five horses at the race track. My advice: Don't take betting tips from the owners; they don't know how their horses will perform." Lorrie also writes, "We were pleased to see letters from JOHN I. HOLDEN '43 and GEORGE C. GRUBB JR. '44. George brought back memories of washing pots and pans in 'the pit.' A great time was had by all, but thank goodness that's over." Keep in touch with Lorrie at 10032 Seward, Omaha, NE 68114.

Retiree JOSEPH W. CALBY JR. '51 resides at 5308 Winged-foot Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226.

A professor at the University of New Hampshire, LINCOLN C. PEIRCE '52 reports that he has been serving as science editor for the American Society for Horticultural Science ("*Hort Science* and the *Journal*") for the past three-and-a-half years. "Just had a textbook in vegetable crops published by John Wiley & Sons." Linc shares with us that both of his sons have earned their masters' degrees—"Lincoln III in fine arts from Brooklyn College and Jonathan in business administration from Babson." Drop Linc a line at 38 Coe Dr., Durham, NH 03824.

Chairman of the board of Chartwell & Company, KWAN T. MAO '64 receives mail at 430 N. June St., Los Angeles, CA 90004. He writes, "In addition to investment banking, we are now in publishing with two magazines: *Ranch and Coast* (as a West Coast *Town and Country*) and *Sierra Life*." "K.T." boasts that he has a new baby named Jennifer and that his oldest son, John, is attending Cornell this fall. "Jeffrey hopes to follow next year." Attention, those of you from the class of '63: "K.T." hopes to see many of you at next year's 75th reunion.

Pharmacist RICHARD W. KUBIAK '68 is enjoying Florida. "Couldn't have been a better move for me. The sun shines every day." Dick welcomes anyone from the class of '68 to visit him at 8281 Cedar Hollow Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33433.



Dolly and Mrs. Ford Fay, a Pi Phi alum, continue to maintain the special "friendship" we have between the two houses.

## What's Cooking With Doll?

Thanks to Dolly, this year's meals have begun deliciously, as usual. Barm started off the semester as usual, and, once again, Doll's Del is under way. This year we have instituted a new addition to the del—a third lunch boy. The third lunch boy's job is to drive brothers up to class after lunch. A brother can catch a ride with him at 1:15 p.m. and at 1:45 p.m.

An addition to this year's menu has been the return of ravioli for dinner. Its return was very well received, so I'm quite sure it is here to stay. Also, apple juice is now available at dinner so that Pi-men will be able to wash down those delightful victuals. After some intensive research I have found out that we can buy apple juice in the same bulk containers as milk and for the same price.

Dolly is happy to be back in his kitchen again doing what he loves best. For those of you who have forgotten Dolly's phone number, or just haven't gotten around to calling him, his number is 607/277-3298. He'd love to hear from you. Try not to call him on Wednesday or Thursday nights because he is in a bowling league, and, of course, on Sunday night he is out bowling with us.

Lloyd Jarkow '89  
Steward

## Alumni Return, continued

I would like to invite any alumni who were unable to make it up for the weekend to come up any time and see what is happening at the house. An informal donation drive is being undertaken by the board, under the direction of Rick Rego '82 and Nick Reitenbach '56. It was decided that, with the money they are able to raise, new carpeting and furniture would be purchased for the West Lounge, and new carpeting would also be purchased for the second and third floors.

Our alumni will continue to be involved in deciding to what uses gifts donated to the house will be put, because, in this way, the money is used most efficiently, ensuring the greatest benefit to the house. We are working hard to make the house one of the best on the hill, but, without renewed alumni support, we will not be able to meet this goal.

We hope to hear from you or see you soon and wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Jeffry Borgida '88  
Alumni Secretary

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## Pi Brothers Work Diligently To Attract Rushees

I know it's been quite a while since you've experienced the thrill of a Sunday afternoon smoker or a Monday night rush dinner, but I just thought I'd let you know how things are going this year in the Pi-house in terms of rush. For starters, there have been some drastic changes made regarding the policies of fraternity rush in the last few years, the most crippling of which has been the new policy of a dry rush. The drinking age has been changed to 21 in New York, making three-quarters of the students at Cornell under the legal drinking age. Whereas three years ago most freshmen were able to drink legally, now most students are not of age until their second semester, junior year, or even senior year. As a result, the fraternal system has adopted the state's policy regarding the consumption of alcohol, and fraternities are now expected not only to check for proof of age at all parties, but also to be sure that alcohol (yes, even beer) is not allowed to be served to any rushees.

What all of this means is that I am constantly looking for new ways to attract freshmen to Sigma Pi. Although the Pi-house is not one of those houses that attracts new members by its physical structure, our neophyte class has been working hard all year to get the house in shape for rush. More importantly, however, we have been working to show the freshmen that the brotherhood of Sigma Pi is a strong one. We have had a large number of members attend our smokers, dinners, and other rush events.

For our first smoker, we had just under 100 freshmen and sophomores show up to take a tour of the house. As usual, "bobs" and soda helped to make the afternoon go by quickly. The very next day, we had our first rush event, Monday Night Football (scabs of course). Rush dinners started the week after the first smoker, and Dolly is keeping busy cooking for 60 brothers and 20 rushees every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night.

In the next few months I have many events scheduled such as bowling at Ides with Pi Phi sorority, tailgates, and, of course, "booeey mongers." By our second smoker we intend to have around 250 rushees to look at. From this group we hope to obtain at least 25-30 pledges. I know there are at least that many potential Pi-men out there; in a few months we'll know for sure.

Mush Braunstein '89  
Rush Chairman



Mr. John Christoforo '77 and his wife enjoy the Homecoming dinner and festivities.

## Chapter Strives For Stable Ground

As you may or may not already know, our financial position is not very stable. This, however, is not due to our own current accounts receivable, but to a couple of other factors. Our current bills, with a few exceptions, are being fully paid. However, this just isn't enough money to cover all of our expenses. Currently, there are only 67 active members in the Mu Chapter. There is simply no way that we can put the burden of major improvements on these 67 people. We are able to keep the house running in decent financial shape, but the physical condition of the house, basically due to time, needs care.

I informed many of you this summer that by collecting old alumni accounts receivable we would be in much better shape. In case many of you were not aware over the summer I sent out letters to over 40 alumni who have outstanding bills totaling over \$30,000. With this money alone, we would be able to conduct significant repairs to the house. Following the mailing of this letter we heard from about 30 per cent of this group.

We are going to call all of the alumni from whom we have not heard. This process will cost the house even more money, so we ask those alumni to contact us so that the situation can be resolved. If, after this procedure, there is still a significant amount of money out there, we will be forced to turn to a credit collection agency. We sincerely hope that we aren't forced to this action, but the house has troubles, and we feel that it is important to solve them.

It was only four years ago that the house almost went under. We have fought our way back to shaky ground, but our goal is to gain stable, if not prosperous, ground. We are trying to increase the membership and better our maintenance procedures. We ask that you do your part and pay any outstanding bills or make a donation, and we thank you if you already have. Every little bit helps.

Bob Pearl '88  
Treasurer

### Elections At Homecoming

#### Mu Alumni Board

Rick Rego '82 — 212/308-0610 — Re-elect  
 Ford Fay '82 — 716/475-8019 — Remaining  
 Dennis Ehrenberger '83 — 216/494-4103 — Remaining  
 Gil Barker '51 — 518/585-6705 — New  
 Nick Reitenbach '56 — 212/661-2400 — New

### Late-Summer Contributors To 1986-'87 Donor Roll

In early August we tabulated a list of Sigma Pi alumni who had made contributions during our 1986-'87 operating year, which runs from September 1 thru August 31. Those names were published in an honor roll with our first mailing this fall.

Following the tabulation of that honor roll we received additional gifts from the brothers listed below. These were credited to the 1986-'87 year. We want to express our appreciation to these brothers. Your help means a great deal to Sigma Pi.

Frederick J. Bassette '76  
 Benjamin Blackburn '29  
 Thomas L. Chapple '70  
 William E. Ford '73  
 Richard G. Frey '62  
 Howard Goldfarb '83

Blake A. Kemper '76  
 Walter L. Knox III '71  
 John C. Perrollaz '54  
 Andrew P. Robbins '85  
 Lawrence A. Vranka Jr. '85  
 Arthur E. White '66

## Even More Sigma Pi Alumni Write

An account manager for Exxon Chemical, GLENN A. MAZZAMARO '77 boasts, "Our first child was born on Christmas Eve 1986." Noting that several Pi-men keep in touch and compare notes on the births of their children, Mazz reports that three other alumni from the class of '77 have had children since June 1986: CHARLES CLARK '77, CRAIG F. BINETTI '77, and CHRIS J. GARAVENTE '77. Send greetings to Mazz at 506 Breck Court, Benicia, CA 94510.

Environmental engineer MARK BARMASSE '78 reports an address of 136 Hog Hill Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424.

Congratulations to JOHN J. HAGGERTY '78 on the birth of his first daughter (Aislinn Brooke Haggerty) on March 25, 1987. He pens, "Further indication that after years on the move we have found a home in the Boston area." Hags works as an area relations manager for General Electric, and his wife, Robin, has a legal practice. Send them best wishes at 45 Beach St., Foxboro, MA 02035. "We'd love to hear from other Boston area alums."

TODD P. HASSELBECK '78 reports an address of 266 Wethersfield St., Rowley, MA 01969—telephone: 617/948-2783 (home), 617/465-1902 (work). The director of North American marketing and sales for Standard Telephones & Cables-Australia, Todd informs us that after graduation he joined ITT, and in 1981 he moved to Australia to start a new ITT division to sell and support business communications systems. "The two-year assignment easily stretched to nearly six, as life in Sydney, Australia, is nothing short of fantastic." He adds that while he was in Australia, he had two visits from CHARLES CLARK '77 and wife Marie, but that WAYNE S. BUDER '79 visited him in Australia one month after he returned to the U.S. Todd, wife Barbara, and their two children are now living in New England, and he is working to import Australian "high-technology products" to North America. "Any Pi-men interested in selling telecommunications, computer, or software products 'down under,' please give me a call." He also requests, "Tell Dolly that Barbie sends a hug, and I was very sorry I could not come to his bash."

Advertising executive WAYNE S. BUDER '79 (1700 Beach St., #206, San Francisco, CA 94123) pens, "After two-and-a-half years as account supervisor on Clorox Corporation business, I was assigned as supervisor on Chevron Corporation, a \$40 million account." Over the Fourth of July, Wayne saw TODD P. HASSELBECK '78, CHARLES CLARK '77, and MARK A. SULLIVAN '77. He reports that he has also seen Maura and LARRY W. BARSTOW '79, who have a baby girl, and DAVID C. D'ORLANDO '76, who has received a promotion.

Writes CURTIS A. QUANTZ '79, "We see and sail with WAYNE S. BUDER '79 regularly, and, with the recent additions of MARK D. SHERWIN '80 and STEVEN M. ROSENZWEIG '79, the San Francisco Bay Area contingent is growing." Greet "C.Q." at 3486 Cooper Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

Happily employed in Boston as the director of marketing for the American Management Company, RANDALL J. OTTINGER '80 shares with us that he is playing and winning tennis tournaments. He adds that he has seen ANTHONY R. McMANUS '80. Get in touch with Randy at 23 Temple St., Apt. #5, Boston, MA 02114.

DOUGLAS F. UYENO '80 reports that since he moved to San Francisco three years ago, he has run into WAYNE S. BUDER '79,

DAVID A. SMITH '82, and BRADFORD L. CROOKE '81. "I also saw ROBERT J. M. PRATT '82 at a Cayuga's Waiters reunion in Bonaire last winter. He's doing well at Westin-Calgary and is happily married to an English sweetheart named Nicole." Send mail to Doug at 625 Scott, Apt. #504, San Francisco, CA 94117.

In April 1987 landscape architect GARY S. DERCK '81 penned the following: "Still hanging loose with my toes in the sand. Had to buy a bigger house to accommodate the 'ziggy poo' alumni who get that regular hankering for spring break madness. Recent guests included 'Bossy,' 'Brownie,' 'Crookie,' 'T.C.,' 'Babes,' Garr, Hawes, 'Leaper,' Ruocco, Sacco, Sherwin, and other villains wanted in several states of confusion." "Derckage" continued, "I'm getting married in June to Pam, a PhD psychology major who has adopted me as her thesis project." Drop Gary a line at 820 SE Ninth St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

HOWARD J. GORDON '81 reports a new address of 555 North Ave., Apt. #5D, Ft. Lee, NJ 07024.

Physician JON R. ZIRN '81 informs us that he began his residency in internal medicine at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center on June 21, 1987. Send words of encouragement to Jon at 1303 York Ave., Apt. #4H, New York, NY 10021.

An attorney of maritime law, KURT E. BOSSHARDT '83 shares with us that he and Alexa celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on June 19. Send best wishes to them at 215 12th St., New Orleans, LA 70124.

Surgery resident MICHAEL A. FEIERTAS '83 (1111 Crandon Blvd., #C406, Key Biscayne, FL 33149) writes, "On May 10, Mother's Day, JOHN S. SCHOR '83 and I graduated from the University of Miami Medical School. Two more 'ziggy poo' doctors—can you believe it? We're both training in surgery, John at the University of Miami and me at NYU."

Working for the Peace Corps, STEFAN NACHUK '85 reports, "I live in a sleepy village of 180 souls, near the border of Guinea-Bissau. I've been here about 19 months now, and I'm starting to wonder what it's like to live in a country where everybody speaks one language. (Senegal has seven.) I can't say that I'm working for an investment bank (There are none.) or play golf (none of that either), but that gives me all the more time to talk about crops and weather and drink tea and watch the world go by." He continues, "I'll be leaving on vacation soon and will meet up (after traveling through Malo, Niger, and Benin) with Brother GARY M. WILDER '86 in Lome, Togo, in late October. He's doing about the same thing I am and says that he hopes to complete five new wells this year." Write to Stefan at B.P. 47, Kolda, SENEGAL (WEST AFRICA).

"The life of a nomad continues," pens ANDREW P. ROBBINS '85. Andy reports that he now receives mail at 306 Haverknoll Dr., Rochester, NY 14606.

### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

CLARENCE F. ACKERKNECHT '19, January 1, 1987  
 ROBERT N. CHAMBERLIN, May 9, 1987  
 DEAN D. CRANDALL '22, May 8, 1986  
 KENNETH K. HACKATHORN '23  
 NORMAN C. KIDDER '21, July 14, 1987  
 CLAIR C. McELHENY '29, January 5, 1987  
 LELAND R. POST '23, September 2, 1986  
 EDWIN C. ROSEBERRY '29, December 22, 1985  
 ANDREW C. WINTRINGHAM '19, February 10, 1987