

*Save the Date*  
For the Mu Chapter  
Centennial Celebration:  
*September 5–8, 2013*

Mark your calendars and plan on attending. The **Mu Chapter Centennial Celebration** in September 2013 will be an event you won't want to miss!

The planning committee is forming and welcomes your suggestions for the event. If you would like to join the committee, or have ideas about the celebration that you'd like to share, please contact Jim Keene '57 via email at [jkeeneiii@aol.com](mailto:jkeeneiii@aol.com).

**Today at  
Mu Chapter ...**

Visit the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi online at [www.sigmapicornell.org](http://www.sigmapicornell.org)!

The "Today at Mu Chapter" page provides up-to-date information about the house and the actives. The new "Meet the Board" section allows you to get to know the alumni board through their personal biographies. You can also use the website to find other brothers, network, and share news of your own.

And don't forget to visit the Event Calendar. Details for Reunion Weekend 2012 will be coming soon!

## Mu Chapter Is Blooming This Spring

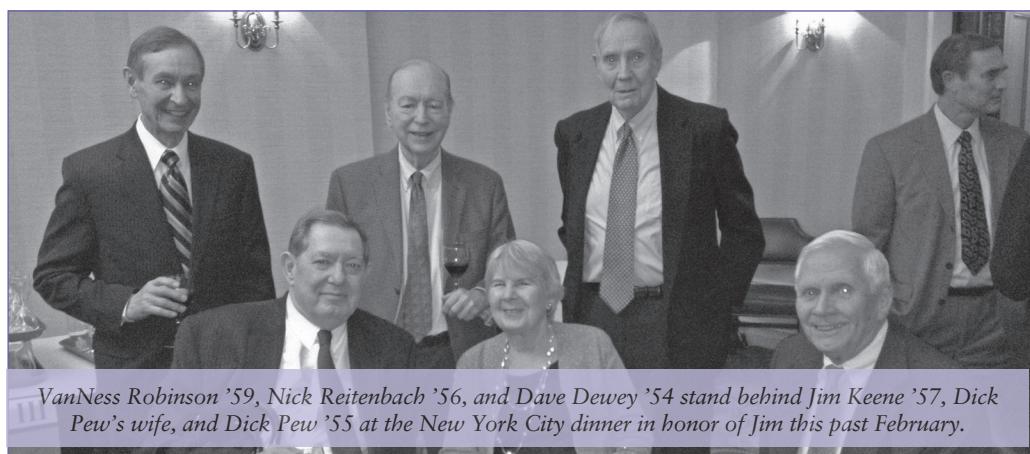
By Sage Zachary Smith '13

The spring semester has brought a number of great things for the brothers of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter. The energy coursing through the house has been outstanding, with all of the brothers returning to the house a week before classes to participate in Rush Week. After a successful seven days of meeting freshmen at smokers and evening events (including a very competitive casino-themed night), we extended bids to just 22 of the estimated 400 guys who visited our house. Of those 22, 13 men accepted bids to become associate members of the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi. We are very excited, as this incoming class is a diverse group of young men that seem to embody the qualities of Sigma Pi, and who will undoubtedly contribute a great deal to the success of the fraternity.

This semester has been full of chapter highlights, including the Career Development Weekend in New York City, our Super Bowl party, the brotherhood pool tournament, and many more. It has been an extraordinarily mild winter, and spring has come early to bless Ithaca with some (shockingly) warm weather. This has led to many

impromptu brotherhood gatherings on the Beach and front porch, and has everyone in high spirits. Despite the daunting tasks of school, the thriving Pi House has provided the brothers with a welcome distraction.

This is a very exciting time to be a Sigma Pi at Cornell. With the addition of the associate members, we are now a full house for the first time since 2007. Having all four classes represented lights a fire in the house and has everyone enthusiastic for the semester to come. Brotherhood dinners are held every Sunday through Thursday, providing us all with an excuse to interrupt our busy schedules and spend quality time together. In addition, our pursuit of the intramural All-Sports Trophy and philanthropic endeavors further encourage brotherhood bonding, which allows our house to grow tighter with each passing day. I encourage alumni to come visit and witness this progress firsthand, share stories, and celebrate all that Sigma Pi has done for each one of us. I hope to see or hear from you soon, and thank you so much for your continued support of our brotherhood. We are so lucky to be a part of it, and we will ensure that it continues to flourish far into the future.



# President Reports on the Mu Chapter in New York City

By President Zachary Smith '13

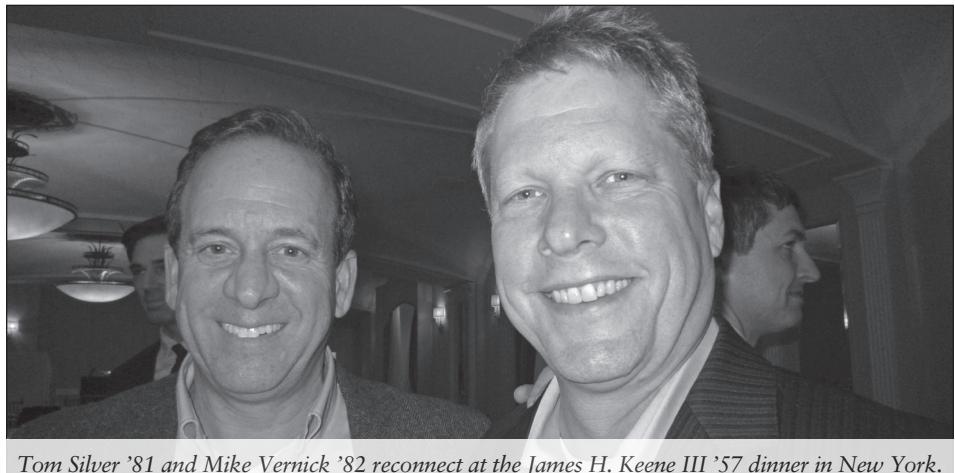
Following Rush Week, 10 undergraduate brothers were given the wonderful opportunity of attending the annual Sigma Pi Career Development Workshop that is hosted by Mu Chapter Alumni in New York City. Events ranged from resume critiques to interview preparation and shadowing alumni on the floors of the New York Stock Exchange. Mu Chapter actives walked away from the workshops with valuable new experiences and perspectives, making it incredibly beneficial for all involved.

The highlight of the weekend was the dinner to recognize and thank Alumni Board President Jim Keene '57 for his dedicated service to the fraternity. Hosted at the New York Athletic Club, alumni representing each decade from the 1950s until now attended to show their gratitude for what Jim has done for our chapter. He has dedicated nearly 60 years of service to the fraternity, allowing Mu Chapter to grow and thrive as the entity it is today. Jim has left marks spanning from the expansion of the dining room to the Sigma Pi Mu Chapter Educational Foundation, and along the way he has formed special

bonds with undergraduates that have translated to great friendships and respect.

The James H. Keene III, Class of 1957, Sage Endowment was established to fund the cost of the undergraduate sage's living expenses while he is a resident in the house, in hopes of encouraging senior leaders to remain in the house. In addition, a portrait of Jim was presented at the dinner, and it is now

proudly on display in the West Lounge of the Pi House. It was a truly great experience, and many thanks to Jarett Wait and all others that contributed their valuable time to make it happen. It was extraordinary to see the overflowing support that was on display during the ceremony, and it is a true testament to the strong and everlasting bonds of brotherhood that span generations.



Tom Silver '81 and Mike Vernick '82 reconnect at the James H. Keene III '57 dinner in New York.

## Executive Board Reports on State of the Chapter

### *Building Brotherhood*

By Brotherhood Chairs Brendon Vina '14 and Rohan Siddhanti '12

This past semester at Sigma Pi has been one full of fraternity and unity amongst the brothers of Mu Chapter. This has been exemplified through the brotherhood events we have held. This includes everything from annual activities, such as the house billiards and darts tournament, to new activities suggested by brothers themselves, such as dinners at Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, and Glenwood Pines. Each event works to unify brothers of the chapter in different ways, whether it is in a large group setting or a more personal one. The largest event facilitated by the brotherhood chairs is Sigma Pi Mu Chapter's Parents Weekend. This event allows the parents of brothers to get a taste of the spirit of the house and experience what being a member of Sigma Pi is truly about for a weekend. Parents Weekend at this chapter has been extremely successful in years past and we hold very high expectations for the upcoming one this month.

### *Mu Chapter Chases the All-Sports Trophy*

By Intramural Chair Greg Malamut '12

As I approach the end of the second semester of my senior year, I look at this opportunity writing my final Muse article as a chance for reflection upon my position as intramural chair. Fortunately, I have been elected and have served as the intramural chair every semester since I was initiated (with the exception of while I was abroad). This position has taught me a lot about leadership, organization, and brotherhood. Through intramural sports, I have had some of my most memorable experiences as a Sigma Pi. Whether it is a positive memory like winning the basketball championship in Bartels over Chi Psi or a memory like losing in the flag football playoffs, knowing I have my brothers to support me is what has made the experiences worthwhile. There is no feeling quite like going out on the field with your brothers, competing for however many minutes, giving it everything you have, leaving everything on the field, and then coming

back home to 730 University to hang in the Pit, where we all talk about the game.

With that said, I'd like to share our progress in this semester's intramural sports: We are currently in first place for the All-Sports Trophy. In case you do not know, all of the fraternities compete against one another and receive points for performance and participation (different sports have different scoring weights). The last time Sigma Pi won this award was in 2005. At the moment, we are undefeated in basketball (for the second-consecutive year) and in the middle of an intense playoff push where we are looking to repeat. Junior Karan Bhatia had an incredible table tennis run and achieved second place. Senior Aaron Klein led us to an undefeated bowling season, but unfortunately, our team came up short in the playoffs. For the remainder of the semester, brothers will be competing in softball, horseshoes, tennis, badminton, and kickball. Please wish us luck as we compete for the All-Sports Trophy!

# Goodbye, Sigma Pi Seniors!

*Best of luck to the graduating class of 2012!*

## Andy Chatham

Andy will be working in either Las Vegas or New Orleans upon graduating.

## Dan Kendra

Dan will be joining the management development program with Vail Resorts.

## Aaron Klein

Aaron will be staying at Cornell to work on his Master of Business Administration.

## Dan Lopez

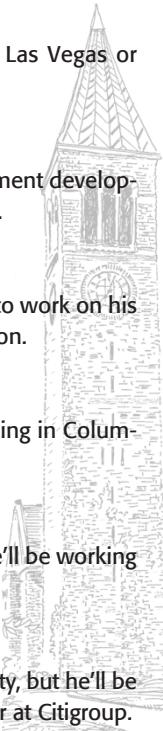
Dan hopes that he will be teaching in Columbia after graduation.

## Greg Malamut

Greg will not be too far away; he'll be working for UBS in New York City.

## Jason Nordlicht

Jason will also be in New York City, but he'll be working as an investment banker at Citigroup.



## Chuka Osakwe

Chuka, too, will be working in the Big Apple with Greg, Jason, and (possibly) Johnny. He will be working in production management.

## Tony Quintal

Tony will be working as the director of financial analysis for Quaker Steak and Lube restaurants in Sharona, Pennsylvania.

## Rohan Siddhanti

Rohan will be working for the Exeter Group in Boston, Massachusetts.

## Johnny Simpson

Johnny will either be working on Long Island, in New York City, or in Los Angeles.

We don't yet have news for **Robert Dicker, Sean Fuoco, John Parker, or Tyler Ramsden**, but we wish them, and all our seniors, the best of luck! Remember us fondly and return to the house to visit as often as you may!

# Welcome, Pledges!

**Anthony Alvarez** (Paris, France)

**Benjamin Dreier** (Los Angeles, California)

**Alexander Eacker** (Brooklyn, New York)

**Alvaro Galan** (Larchmont, New York)

**Bennet Heidenreich** (Zurich, Switzerland)

**Mateo Hernandez-Ysasi** (Miami, Florida)

**Jacob Laufer** (Manhattan, New York)

**Henry Morris** (San Diego, California)

**Michael Moyal** (Manhattan, New York)

**Aram Shrestinian** (Andover, Massachusetts)

**Preston West** (Washington, D.C.)

**Nathan Winans** (Ithaca, New York)

**Nicholas Wint** (Queens, New York)

# Executive Board Reports on State of the Chapter (cont.)

## *Chapter Has a Busy Social Calendar This Spring*

**By Social Chair Jeffrey Baker '14**

This semester has undeniably been one of the most successful that we have had in years. With the addition of 12 new members to the Mu Chapter, the brotherhood has become increasingly tight knit, which is apparent by the amount of fun that we have at every event. Although the newly established IFC rules have presented a challenge to the Greek system, Sigma Pi has not only accepted the rules, but we have taken a leading role among all fraternities in hosting entertaining events that do not put the Greek system at risk. We

have hosted several dinners with sororities.

Our relations have improved with almost every sorority on campus, and our new members have adapted terrifically into the Sigma Pi culture. I am incredibly excited for the end of the semester as Orchid Ball and Slope Day approach and am confident that Mu Chapter will continue its upward trend toward outstanding sorority relations and hosting fun events. As my second term of being social chair ends, I congratulate the brotherhood on an absolutely incredible year, and I look forward to continuing the momentum we are currently experiencing next fall.

## *Actives Strive for Academic Success*

**By Academic Chair Nichollas Dawson '14**

Here at Sigma Pi, we strive to uphold the highest standard of achievement in the classroom, a quality that is clearly demonstrated by the rigorous dedication with which the brothers of Mu Chapter pursue their scholarly en-

deavors. As academic chair, I have tried my best to facilitate this already present ethic, and my efforts have been met by general enthusiasm and appreciation. By organizing chapter study sessions, and requesting the funds for a house external hard drive, we will be able to more effectively learn and share with one another.

## *Philanthropy Report*

**By Philanthropy Chair Nate Goldman '14**

This semester, Sigma Pi has been very active with philanthropy as we continue to strive to positively impact the Ithaca and Cornell communities. After holding a successful 2011 spring talent show, we are continuing Cornell's Got Talent as a Mu Chapter tradition this spring. Again, ticket sales will go towards the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Additionally, the audience will be able to donate money to the foundation via text message during the show. Brothers of Sigma Pi and members of other Greek fraternities and sororities will be participating in the show.

In addition to Cornell's Got Talent, Sigma Pi will be entering teams in the Relay for Life event at Cornell, where the entire Cornell Greek community participates together to raise money for cancer research. The philanthropy events continue to be an excellent way for brothers to bond over great causes, and Sigma Pi continues to lead the Greek system in its service to the community.

# mu alumni send their news & notes

"I am fully retired from land surveying as an engineering partner at S.H.W. & S. Land Surveyors PC, in Southampton, New York," writes **John I. Holden '43**. "I enjoy taking short walks, and my wife, Bernice, and I feel good—just some minor aches and pains. I don't travel far from home, but I hope to make it to my 70th Reunion in 2013. My daughter or my son will drive us up!" Keep in touch with John by writing to him at 185 Elm St., Southampton, NY 11968.

*Will any of John's class of 1943 brothers be joining him for their 70th Reunion in 2013?*

**Douglas M. "Doug" Parker '56** has a new email address! Drop him an electronic "hello" at dmparker74@gmail.com.

*Baby Boomers, return your newsforms and let your brothers know what you're up to!*

**H. Laurance "Larry" Fuller '60** is employed at the Primacy Business Center in Naperville, Illinois. Get in touch and catch up with him via email at hlaurancefuller@gmail.com.

*Class of '62 brothers are reminded to begin making plans for their 50th Reunion this upcoming June! Visit [www.sigmapiccornell.org](http://www.sigmapiccornell.org) for details.*

The alumni board would like to introduce and welcome its newest members, **David D'Orlando '79** and **Brian Finneran '81**! Email David at ddorlando@comcast.net; email Brian at b.finneran@iecgny.com.

In December 2011, **Eli P. Litt '97** updated us on his new address and email. Get in touch with him at 5 E. 22nd St., #26D, New York, NY 10010; elitt@hotmail.com.

"I've finally completed all of my medical training."

## Deceased

**Ralph C. Schutt '41**  
October 3, 2011

**Theodore S.M. Ranneft '48**  
September 27, 2011

**Richard G. Clark '51**  
No date was provided.

**John H. McDonald '52**  
October 10, 2011

**M. Perry Chapman '58**  
December 8, 2011

**Fredrick L. Walter '60**  
October 5, 2011

reports **Jonathan P. Coll '01**. "So, I am currently working as a radiologist in Santa Barbara, California. Any Pi men are welcome to visit!" Contact Jonathan if you're ever in the area. Write to 902 W. Pedregosa St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101; or send him an email at coll.jonathan@gmail.com.

**John T. Szczepanski '02** has a new email address. Stay in touch with him by emailing jski02@gmail.com.

*While all Mu Chapter alumni will be welcome, and recent graduates are sure to enjoy visiting the current actives, it would also be nice to have a good turnout from the brothers of the class of '87 for their 25th Reunion this year!*



After attending networking events in New York City, actives joined alumni at a dinner to honor Alumni Board President James Keene '57 for his years of service to the Mu Chapter.

## NYC Networking

The 2012 Sigma Pi Career Day included a three-hour tour of the New York Stock Exchange organized by Don Motschwiller '80, managing partner of First New York Securities LLC. In addition to hosting the undergraduates at his office, Don arranged for them to meet Mad Money's Jim Cramer! Meanwhile, another group of actives attended a session on "A Career in Law," hosted at The Hearst Corporation. Recent Sigma Pi graduates Josh Goldman (an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore) and Sean MacGregor (an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate Meagher & Flom), shared their experiences working at two of the nation's leading law firms.