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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Brothers, Family, and Friends of Mother Mu,

On behalf of the active chapter, I hope this letter finds you well. It has been a pleasure serving as Commander of Mu Chapter thus far, and I look forward to the remainder of my term as we work to grow and excel here on River Road. This year, we have continued our long history of excellence and leadership, not only within the Greek system, but throughout campus and the greater Athens community as well.

This past fall, we initiated 39 candidates (our largest initiate class in chapter history) into the Legion of Honor, extending the legacy of Mu Chapter to 2,732 initiates and retaining our status as one of the largest and most respected fraternities on campus. We have members actively involved with IFC, Freshman Greek Leaders, and Relay for Life, as well as high levels of community service and outreach. The strength of Mu Chapter and its most recent initiate class can be attributed to our tremendous alumni base and recruitment committee. All candidate recommendations submitted by alumni are valued, and our recruitment committee takes a careful look at each one. I would like to thank the alumni for their continued support of Mu Chapter and their involvement in the recruitment process.

Continuing its strong focus on philanthropy and service, Mu Chapter again exceeded the standards set forth by nationals this year. Brothers volunteered their time at the local food bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Extra Special People, just to name a few. On April 28th, we hosted the 4th annual Classic City Bowl to raise funds for local charities. We played the brothers of Kappa Alpha and even though the outcome of the game was not what we had hoped for this year, the event brought in over \$16,000 and we hope to raise even more

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this coming year. Thank you to all who contributed to this year's success and came out to Clarke Central for the game.

The Chateau is in great shape, as we have recently hired a landscaping company to upkeep the outside of the house, and I can proudly say that we boast the best house in Greek Park.

We look forward to the upcoming Fall semester and the good that Mu Chapter will do not only for Sigma Nu, but for the University of Georgia. I would also like to congratulate Mu's very own **John Hearn (M 2000)** on his upcoming Regency. I know I speak for the entire chapter when I say that we appreciate everything he has done for Mu and the National Fraternity. Best of luck to you, John! I hope to see everyone up in Athens this Fall, please feel free to come by the house whenever you please! The door is always open. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Fraternally,

Nick Barlow

Nick Barlow

M 2662



FORMAL

CHARLESTON, SC



For 2018, Mu Chapter's formal was again held in Charleston, South Carolina. On Saturday February 13th, the brothers enjoyed an oyster roast set to live music on the rooftop venue of the Carolina Ale House in downtown Charleston. Throughout the weekend, brothers roamed the streets of downtown Charleston, walked the white sand beaches of the Charleston coastline, and enjoyed some of Charleston's finest seafood restaurants. The ambiance of the South Carolina Aquarium made formal a night to remember.

The night ended with the classic tradition of Formal Awards. Notably, **Edward Lloyd (M 2613)** won Brother of the year for his continued involvement and dedication to the chapter. **Hayden Sumlin (M 2716)** left with the accolade of Athlete of the Year and **Megan Dohrn** was named this year's sweetheart. Looking back, we will cherish the memories made that weekend and as always, we look forward to making new ones at next year's formal.

FORMAL PHOTOS

2018

CHARLESTON, SC



Captions:

A.) Brothers **Cameron Fearon (M 2719)** and **Cole Smith (M 2702)** with their dates.

B.) Brothers **Conner Day (M 2687)** and **Charlie Goldman (M 2681)** with their dates.

C.) Brothers **Landen Benson (M 2667)**, **Alex Landry (M 2673)**, and **Ryan Mulkey (M 2686)** posing with their dates at the Aquarium.

D.) Brother **Hayden Sumlin (M 2716)** enjoying the oysters at the Carolina Ale House.

E.) **Hayden Sumlin (M 2716)**, **Tom Phillips (M 2724)**, and **Fred Sager (M 2703)** at the South Carolina Aquarium.



COMMANDER'S DINNER

BONES RESTAURANT

On January 11, past Commanders and guest alumni met at Bones Restaurant in Atlanta for the 13th Annual Commanders dinner celebrating the transition of leadership over Mu Chapter from former Commander **Ross Uhlar (M 2642)** to the current Eminent Commander **Nick Barlow (M 2662)**. This Commander's dinner gives past Commanders the chance to instill their leadership knowledge upon the incoming Commander while dually giving them a chance to hear the chapter's current progression through the incoming Commander's State of the Chapter Address.

Mu chapter is proud to have started the Commanders Dinner tradition and the icon passing of the Commander's Pin represents the continuation of the over 145-year legacy of Mu Chapter. We hope to continue this great tradition as it remains a testament to dedication that activates share for Mother Mu.

We are proud to have the state of the chapter in Nick's hands and excited to see what his leadership will add to the Legion of Honor and Mu Chapter.



ALUMNI MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

WILL OWENS & WELLS ELLENBERG

The alumni mentorship program offers brothers career, academic and life advice through pairing with an alumnus currently working in their prospective career field. More importantly, the program connects actives with older brothers who they can reach out to for advice, perspective and support.

For freshman **Will Owens (M 2699)**, **Wells Ellenberg (M 2400)** was the clear match. Wells shares a similar upbringing to Will, as he too hails from St. Simons Island, Georgia. Wells even attended Frederica Academy, the same high school Will's brother, **Josh Owens (M 2689)**, attended. For reasons like this, Will and Wells have been able to connect on a more personal level.

While the mentorship program focuses on making career connections between alumni and brothers, Wells has gone beyond this by helping Will with his educational career at the University of Georgia. Last semester, Will had doubts about pursuing a business major and found himself questioning if he wanted to pursue a pre-medical degree instead. However, after hearing about how much Will enjoyed his Management 3000 class, Wells helped Will better understand the value proposition of a business degree, using his own career at a Fortune 150 company as an example. Ultimately, Will would like to work in Corporate Management in Atlanta.

After finding his own career success through his relationship with alumni like **Robert Durham (M 1650)**, Wells stressed how networking with alumni could benefit Will's career search. Through his relationship with Br. Durham, Wells was able to connect with notable UGA alumnus Earl Leonard (creator of the Terry College of Business' Leonard Leadership Scholars Program), who helped Wells land an internship with Coca-Cola that kick-started his career. However, Wells sees Mr. Leonard as less of a professional connection and more of a friend and mentor: "Over the years, Mr. Leonard has shared with me advice that could only be learned from a long and distinguished career like his. I have been able to share some of that same advice with Will through Mu Chapter's alumni mentorship program, including the importance of being the hardest-working person in the room; learning as much as you can; building meaningful relationships with friends, colleagues and mentors; and looking for every opportunity to give back and support others." - Wells Ellenberg

Similar to how Wells has been able to stay in touch with career mentors like Br. Durham and Mr. Leonard, Will hopes to stay connected with Wells and continue to learn from his advice: "Wells is a real stand-up guy. He's helped me a ton this semester. I definitely want to stay in touch during college and keep up with him after graduation."

The connection that Will and Wells have made reflects the true goal of the mentorship program. Its purpose is not only to help brothers get jobs or internships through an alumni connection but also to produce a lasting personal relationship between active brothers and alumni.

Wells currently works for Southern Company as the Manager of Government Affairs.

Will is a rising Sophomore who plans to continue pursuing his undergraduate degree in business management.

If you would like to get involved as an Alumni Mentor, please contact **Brendan Boyle (M 2706)** at brendanb109@yahoo.com



4TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CITY BOWL

For our 4th annual Classic City Bowl, the brothers of Mu Chapter faced the brothers of Kappa Alpha's Gamma Chapter for the third year in a row. We can thank **Bennet Porson (M 2731)** for this year's hype video. After an exciting start to the game when **Kyler Duley (M 2721)** ran the ball for 60 yards followed by a touchdown producing hand off to **Colin Beecham (M 2694)** the next play, the boys in black and gold held the Kappa Alpha's team to 0 points in the first half.

However, Kappa Alpha came back in the second half to win the game 20-7. After starting quarterback **Tucker Shull (M 2629)** was injured in the first quarter, club rugby player turned football player **Riley Bishop (M 2713)** stepped up as quarterback and put forth a valiant effort in the game. The Chapter raised a 10th of the \$16,000 before ticket sales this year and we hope to raise even more the following year.

As tradition, the proceeds from the game went to the philanthropies of the three largest sororities in attendance in a 70/20/10 split. This year, the funds raised went to the Make a Wish foundation (Chi Omega), Breast Cancer Education and Awareness (Zeta Tau Alpha) and the Children's Miracle Network (Phi Mu). We would like to thank all sororities that participated and hope to see their support again next year.

As the Classic City Bowl remains Mu Chapter's biggest philanthropy event, the brothers spent a great deal of time preparing for the event. With help from our Football Operations Committee members; **Christian Keeney (M 2633)**, **Will Reagan (M 2602)**, **Tucker Shull (M 2629)**, and **Rory Horde (M 2652)**, and **Connor Dillion (M 2620)** the brothers held weekly practices and developed plays to prepare for the game. Brother **Ryan Mulkey (M 2686)** also played a pivotal role in preparing for the Classic City Bowl this year by doing everything from arranging with Clarke Central High School to use their field, reaching out to alumni for fundraising, and heading game day operations.

The chapter appreciates all who sent in donations or came out to the game to support us. This event would not be what it is without your support and for that we are thankful.



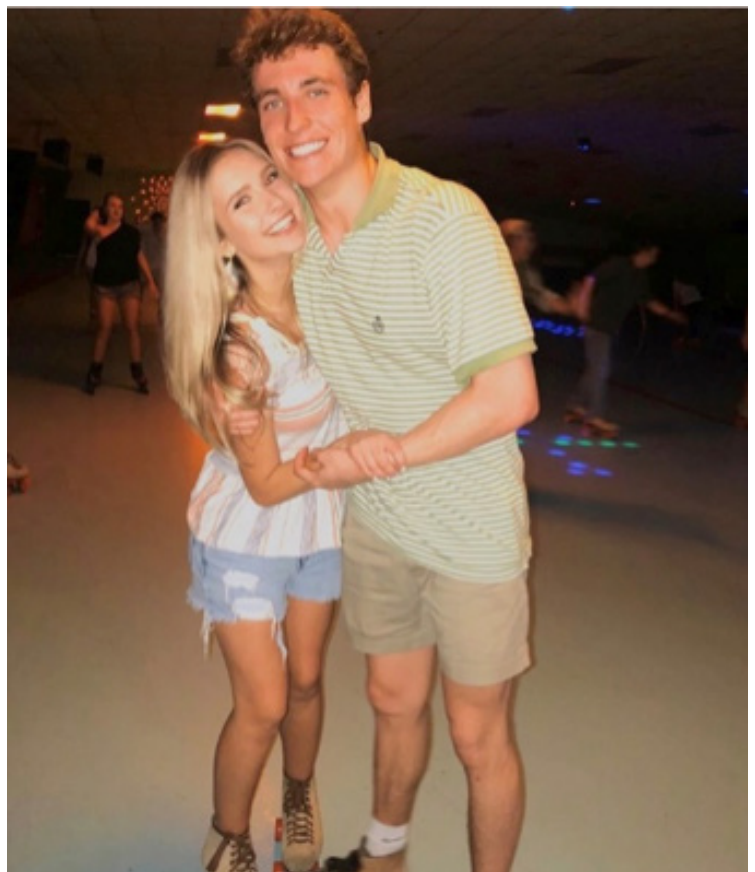
SKATING DATE NIGHT

2018

ATHENS, GA

The brothers decided on having this spring's date night at Athens Skate Inn, the local skating rink. As this was the first time we have decided to have a skating date night, some of the brothers were apprehensive as to how it would turn out. Those doubts were quickly forgotten after a memorable night at the rink.

The night consisted of open skating with the brothers and their dates and ended with a competitive race around the rink. The race was neck-to-neck until the very end but brother **Kerrigan Arnold (M 2691)** walked away the winner followed closely by **Jared Horde (M 2732)**. While there may have been a few slips and falls here and there, everyone made it back in one piece. After the success of our inaugural skating date night, the brothers look forward to adding this event to our annual social calendar.



FALL RUSH

AUGUST 11, 2018

Fall rush is in progress as we work toward building our candidate class by early August. Although Campus (IFC) rush does not begin until August 11th, Sigma Nu (like most fraternities at UGA) holds a dynamic Spring and Summer rush program, to ensure the Chapter is able to connect with as many potential candidates as possible. We can better associate with the rushees and ensure that they are a solid match and continue the success of Mu Chapter.

Some of our most noteworthy recommendations have originated from our alumni, so we emphasize the importance of alumni involvement in rush. If you know about any young men bound for UGA in your general area, please send us their names and contact information. You can submit this data online at our site:

www.ugasigmanu.com.

It is never too soon to start enlisting the next era of “Leaders with Vision and Courage.” Due to the competitiveness of rush, the faster we get recommendations, the bigger advantage we have in rush. If you are interested in hosting a dinner, golf outing or other recruitment event to provide new and noteworthy experiences for rushees, please get in touch with one of our Recruitment Co-Chairs: **Corey Soper (M 2684)**, **Cole Smith (M 2702)**, **Will Morris (M 2664)**, **Colin Beecham (M 2552)**, **Sam Parker (M 2711)**, and **Will Owens (M 2699)**.

We will have our annual rafting trip the weekend of June 8th which we gladly invite rushees to come join us on. Our Atlanta Recruiting Day event will be held in Atlanta June 10th. Recruiting Day will be instrumental in finding potential candidates, as many incoming UGA students alongside those from Gamma Alpha (Georgia Tech) and Theta Kappa (Georgia Southern) will be in attendance. In prior years, our remarkable alumni in Charlotte, Washington DC, Atlanta, Monroe, and Savannah have extended “the helping hand” to help significantly diversify our recent candidate classes.

We are proud that when we highlight our alumni involvement in rush, we can prove it with excellent results. Thanks in advance for helping us reach our recruitment goals.

If you have any questions about Fall rush, please contact **Nick Barlow (M 2662)** at muchaptercommander@gmail.com or **Corey Soper (M 2684)** at (678)-362-9069.





ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

ATLANTA, GA

Each year, Mu Chapter sends its newly elected Executive Council and committee heads to Atlanta to meet with the Alumni Board to plan and discuss plans for the year. The meeting gives brothers a taste of what corporate board meetings feel like. This year, alumni **Joel Stern (M 2297)**, **Nathan Whitmire (M 2318)**, **Buck Dixon (M 2326)**, and **Michael Barry (M 2071)** attended. Representatives of the executive council included **Nick Barlow (M 2662)**, **Christian Keeney (M 2633)**, **Rory Horde (M 2652)**, **J.P Boyd (M 2715)**, **Alex Landry (M 2673)**, **Evan Kellams (M 2674)**, **Brendan Boyle (M 2706)**, **Hunter Dye (M 2650)**, **Corey Soper (M 2684)**, and **Ryan Mulkey (M 2686)** at the Concourse building in Atlanta to welcome in each brother to his new respective role. Over the course of the meeting, each brother briefed the council about the state of the chapter (based on their perspective positions) and what plans they have in store for the chapter this spring. Throughout the meeting, our alumni took the opportunity to advise, constructively criticize, and complement the brothers for their plans. With the help of the alumni, the brothers were able to establish a comprehensive schedule for the semester based on “S.M.A.R.T.” goals. As a chapter, we would like to thank our alumni for willingly taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with us every year for our Alumni Advisory Board meeting; we are very appreciative of your help and support.

ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT:

ALUMNI: We send out the Mu News twice a year –once via email (in the Spring) and once in the Fall (regular snail-mail). If we don't have your current email address, we can't send you the News. Take just a few minutes and update your information on our website ugasigmanu.com. We do not share your information with anyone (even other brothers). We want to keep you informed with everything happening on River Road.

ALUMNI: Have news to share? Go to: www.ugasigmanu.com and update your information.

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ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

In March, we started our Alumni Speakers Series. The program gives notable alumni a chance to come back and visit the Chateau, reminisce on their time as an active brother, and even instill a valuable life lesson or two on the chapter.

We are proud to have kicked off the series on March 26th with a visit from **John Hearn (M 2000)**, former Mu Chapter Commander and National Regent-Elect of Sigma Nu. John spoke as to how he achieved success in his own life through goal setting and how brothers could similarly apply goal setting in their own lives. Furthermore, John opened up about how much of an impact this chapter and the Chateau had on his past, ultimately shaping him into the man he is today.

On April 9th, we welcomed **U.S. Marshall Jack Bentley (M 2022)** for his first visit back to the chateau since his time as an active brother. With over two decades in law enforcement under his belt, Jack informed the chapter about the dangers college students face in the digital age and explained how law enforcement has changed with the prevalence of social media and the internet. Jack also told stories from his time in the chapter as well as his early day as an officer working in zone 6 of Atlanta. In many ways he expressed how the relationship he had with his team members paralleled the bond he still shares with his fraternal brothers.

We were fortunate to have also had **Chris Green (M 2367)** speak at chapter on the topic of Controversy with Civility. From his experience in the public sector, Chris enlightened the Chapter about ways to approach controversial topics with candor in this day and age. Since recently Greek life has been tied to topics of controversy, Chris's talk was especially pertinent to the chapter. Chris explained how the brothers could effectively reduce the number of controversial situations the brothers face through holding each brother accountable for their actions.



Captions: A.) **U.S. Marshal Jack Bentley (M 2022)** (center) with the chapter along with **Michael Barry (M 2701)** and **Joel Stern (M 2297)**. B.) The brothers listening to **Chris Green (M 2367)** speaking at chapter. C.) **John Hearn (M 2000)** Speaking at chapter



THE 68TH GRAND CHAPTER

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Plan to join fraternity brothers from across North America in Washington, D.C. this summer for the 68th Grand Chapter, Sunday, July 1 - Thursday, July 5, as we conduct important business and enjoy fraternal fellowship.

The 68th Grand Chapter program will include:

- State of the Fraternity Address
- Swearing in of the next National Regent John Hearn on the evening of July 3rd
- Pilgrimage to Lexington
- Sigma Nu Honor Luncheon
- Maddox Honor Lecture
- Gala Awards Banquet
- And much, much more...



On July 3rd the next National Regent, **John Hearn (M 2000)**, will be sworn in.



For more information:

<https://www.sigmanu.org/events/grand-chapter>

ALUMNI UPDATE

MENTIONS

Chase J. Smith (M 2394)- Graduated from Emory University's Goizueta Business School with MBA, May 2018. He will be moving to Denver Colorado to rejoin Deloitte Consulting as a Senior Consultant starting in July.

Tommy McConnel (M 2401)- started working as a copywriter at Arnold Worldwide, an advertising agency in Boston, on 5/1/17. While with Arnold, he has been writing and creating advertising for Jack Daniel's.

Nick Hendricks (M 2298) - got married August 3rd of last year to Lauren DeBarge.

Paxton Campbell (M 2312)- was assigned the role of Executive Officer at his National Guard unit in September 2017 and is getting married on July 14th to Katherine Troxler.

Robert Crosby (M 2390)- getting married in Athens on July 21st to Alexandra Pedrick after a year engagement.

Kyle R. Christopherson (M 2337)- is finishing his residency in Anesthesiology at the University of Tennessee Medical Center this June. Afterwards, he will be moving to Albuquerque for a yearlong fellowship in Pain Medicine at the University of New Mexico.

Wells Ellenberg (M 2400)- started his new job as Governmental Affairs Manager at Southern Company in Washington, DC.

Noah Mink (M 2887) and his wife Rachel welcomed their 2nd child, Sophia Grace ("Sophie"), on March 6, 2018.

George E. Ward, Jr. (M 2308)- graduated with an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in June 2017. Since then, he has started working as a Consultant with Bain & Company in Atlanta

Greg Hanley (M 2352)- married Lauren Vonderheide last December and in March he moved to Sunyvale, California to start his new job as a Sales Engineer at Google.

Wes Robinson (M 2373)- married Alyssa Gale of Johns Creek on April 28th of this year. He has also been selected to this year's class of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership.

Reed Halterman (M 2341)- proudly become the father of Reed Halterman II last August. Over the past year Reed received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award for the Graduate School at Augusta University and graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree from the University of North Florida. He then started his new job as Assistant Professor of Nursing Anesthesia at Augusta University's College of Nursing.



ALUMNI UPDATE CONT.

MENTIONS

Andrew Klemm (M 2349)- On August 26th, Andrew married Hannah O'Neil from Charlotte, NC and this April he Co-Founded SKLOne LLC., a Management Consulting firm.

Alex Bradford (M 2317), Andrew Laarhoven (M 2333) and Chris Green (M 2367) were selected to participate in the inaugural class of the Zell B. Miller Leadership Academy.

Maximillian Gutierrez (M 2392)- is getting married June 2nd to Elinor Avant and plans to start the one year MBA program at Emory's Goizueta Business School in May 2018 (anticipated graduation May 2019) after working in commercial real estate for 7 years.

Bobby McMillin (M 2283)- got engaged Christmas Day to Virginia Heppner of Vienna, Virginia.

Chase Jackson (M 2284)- got engaged to Jennifer Burke of Clearwater, FL in March. They are planning to get married in Rome, Italy in the summer of 2019. He also purchased a new home in Jacksonville, FL in June 2016.

Andrew Laarhoven (M 2333)- was appointed Chief Financial Officer of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice in October.

Buck Dixon (M 2326)- had a baby boy March 21st with his wife Leah. His name is William Hale Dixon and he was born at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital.



ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT:

ALUMNI: Are you interested in speaking with the Chapter in Athens? We are always looking for alumni who are interested in spending 30 or 45 minutes speaking with the Chapter.

Drop us a line via the website at www.ugasigmanu.com or contact Commander Nick Barlow at muchaptercommander@gmail.com

HONORABLE MENTIONS

SPRING 2018

Riley Bishop (M 2713)- will be working in Houston, Texas as an intern at UBS Financial Services.

Evan Kellams (M 2674)- Was elected president of UGA men's water polo club. He also was re-elected Secretary of UGA motorsports (Society of Automotive Engineers) for the second consecutive year.

Luke Miltner (M 2685)- led the Chapter's "D- Group", a bible study that helps brothers come closer to Christ while making stronger bonds with their fellow brothers at the same time.

Grant Metts (M 2688) and **Will Morris (M 2664)**- spent this Spring semester abroad at Oxford England studying through UGA's Oxford Program.

Logan Purvis (M 2595)- has been working for Senator Johnny Isakson as a Public Policy Fellow in Washington, DC.

Connor Dillon (M 2620)- accepted a position in Charlotte with Vanguard, one of the world's largest Investment management companies.

Charles Peroyea (M 2672)- will be working as a forestry intern with Manuel Forestry in Louisiana this summer.

Garrett Boden (M 2717)- has continued his involvement in the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as Engineers without Borders.

William White (M 2683), **Alex Taylor (M 2677)**, and **Conner Day (M 2687)**- enrolled in a Maymester abroad in Australia this summer.

Kerrigan Arnold (M 2691)- secured an internship with Northwestern Mutual in Buckhead, Georgia as a college financial representative.

Ryan Mulkey (M 2686) - worked for the Terry College of Business as a special events intern, as an intern, he also planned the Georgia EO, the largest non-academic event hosted by UGA.

Christian Keeney (M 2633) and **Nick Barlow (M 2662)** will be working for Aon Corporation. Christian will be working for their sports and entertainment division while Nick will be working for their construction division.

Johnny Spratt (M 2644)- was hired by Arthur J Gallagher Co., a risk management and insurance brokerage in Atlanta.

Michael Herbert (M 2653)- covered the Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, Colorado, presented by Department of Defense. The event consists of multi-sport competitions for injured U.S. Veterans. Michael will also work for the Red and Black as a sports editor and return this fall to cover the UGA football team and serve as assistant editor for the sports desk.

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