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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Greetings Brothers, Alumni, and Parents,

I want to express my appreciation for your continued support over this past year on River Road. I've thoroughly enjoyed my term as Commander and am excited about the future of our chapter. As we look back on the year, it is my pleasure to highlight some of our accomplishments, as well as provide a preview of our exciting future.



Our Chapter is very proud to have completed a very successful candidate program (e.g. pledgeship). We initiated 33 new brothers in October and are extremely excited about their potential. During their candidacy they were mentored by both active older brothers and by alumni volunteers. They each served a total of 15 community service hours (approximately 500 hours combined) while also winning us the "Most Spirited Organization" in AOPi's "Take a Walk in Her Shoes" philanthropy to raise awareness about sexual assault. Many of these young men have already been involved with Student Government Association, Freshman Greek Leaders and other various academic and leadership organizations on campus. Most importantly, they came together as a group and have built long lasting friendships and memories. Their results have set the bar high for the next group of incoming freshmen!

Our inaugural "Classic City Bowl" philanthropy football game was a huge success. A team of 30 brothers played Pi Kappa Phi in a full pads, high school style football game at Clarke Central High School. The contributions raised were dispersed amongst three different philanthropies including Breast Cancer Awareness, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and St. Jude. Although the score of the game was not in our favor, we did raise over \$15,000. We had close to 1,000 attendees and expect to double that number this upcoming year. Please keep a lookout for further information regarding the "Classic City Bowl" to be held sometime in March. I also want to give a special thank you to all our participants and donors. You were crucial to the success of our philanthropy and we thank you!

Our campus involvement and academics continue to be top class across the board. We have maintained a 3.39 overall brother GPA, while also having leaders active on the executive boards of various campus organizations such as The Inter-Fraternity council, Miracle, and Dean Tate Honor Society. All of this could not have been achieved if it wasn't for the steadfast commitment to excellence and the active mentorship upon which our culture is built.

Though we work hard, we are able to save some time to have fun. This semester, we had eight socials with sororities including ADPI, Kappa Delta and Chi-O. We held our annual "Kick-Off" party before the first football game featuring "Dem Franchise Boys." In addition to those parties, we also had a bowling date night, semi-formal and our annual Wine and Cheese date night (or more commonly known as "Tour de Franzia"). Currently, brothers are looking towards a fun Spring as we plan for our three night formal in Charleston, South Carolina, a luxury mountain weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and our famous spring party, "Shakedown," all of which have always been great successes in the past.

Again, our chapter is grateful for the support of our Alumni and Parents. We hope everyone who attended our Parent's Weekend (including alumni) were able to catch a glimpse of how exceptional it is to be a brother at the Mu Chapter of Sigma Nu. I look forward to continuing to be a resource for our younger brothers (especially since I've squeezed out an extra semester)! Max Brandon, the new Commander of Mu Chapter, is a great leader and is surrounded by an exceptional team. I am confident that they will only continue and grow our strong legacy at the University of Georgia.

Fraternally,

Leigh Stowe Mu 2542

BBA, Finance (Expected 2016)





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

After a wildly successful inaugural Classic City Bowl this past spring, Mu Chapter has continued its strong philanthropic presence in the Athens-Clarke County area during the fall. Active brothers participated in several community projects throughout the city including a highway clean-up, sorting food at the North Georgia Food Bank, partaking in the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” fundraiser, and much more. For their first project as a group, members of the newly elected executive committee were pleased to head over to the Athens Boys and Girls Club to assist with the Halloween festivities. Newly elected Lieutenant Commander **Mitch Fenbert (Mu 2563)** had this to say about his time at the Boys and Girls Club, “This city has given so much to the chapter and myself, and it’s an honor to be able to give something back in return. It’s amazing how much of a difference you can make in someone’s life with a little bit of generosity. We had great time with the kids and I look forward to helping out in the future.”

With the fall semester winding down to a close, the men of Mu Chapter will begin preparing for the 2nd annual Classic City Bowl benefiting the MS Society in April, where they hope to surpass expectations on the field as well as in fundraising efforts. Last year we raised \$17,000 and had over 800 attendees join us for the inaugural event. We will build upon our success and hope you will make plans to come watch the Chapter bring the Classic City Cup back to River Road. For more information please check out our Classic City Bowl Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/classiccitybowl>.

A huge thanks to our philanthropy chairs **Logan Purvis (Mu 2595)** and **Tyler Haaland (Mu 2614)** for their leadership this fall, as well as the brothers of Mu Chapter for their willingness to serve their community.



SPEAKER SERIES

ATHENS, GA

If you know you will be in Athens sometime this spring, consider signing up for the Alumni Speaker Series. We would love to have you come share career advice and stories from your time at Mother Mu with the newest crop of brothers. We will work around your schedule.

So far this fall, we've welcomed former Eminent Commanders **Wells Ellenburg (M 2400)** and **Jeff Brum (M 2478)** who spoke with the chapter about the importance of meaningful involvement on campus and in the Chapter. They reiterated to the candidates that their time at Mu Chapter will be filled with opportunity, and gave tips on how to go about forming their own legacy. **Bobby McMillan (M 2313)** came to share the story of the re-founding and the significance of Mu Chapter with the new candidates. His words demonstrated the importance of brotherhood, perseverance, and vision as they pertain to living a life of honor. **Scott Chappell (M 1952)** spent one morning imparting words of wisdom with business majors aspiring to enter into corporate finance. He fielded questions about his experiences as a businessman and discussed different potential avenues of success for upcoming graduates. **Tom Greene (M 1964)** made a presentation taking points from his book *The 77* to elaborate on his career and discussed proven ways that brothers could begin constructing their life after college. And last but certainly not least former Mu Commander **Ronnie Waller (M 1141)** came all the way down to River Road from Gainesville, GA to tell tales of the Chapter's storied past. Mr. Waller's willingness to come speak to the current brothers proved to be a beautiful testament to the lasting brotherhood found across generations of Mus.



Ronnie Waller speaks to the new initiates about his time on River Road

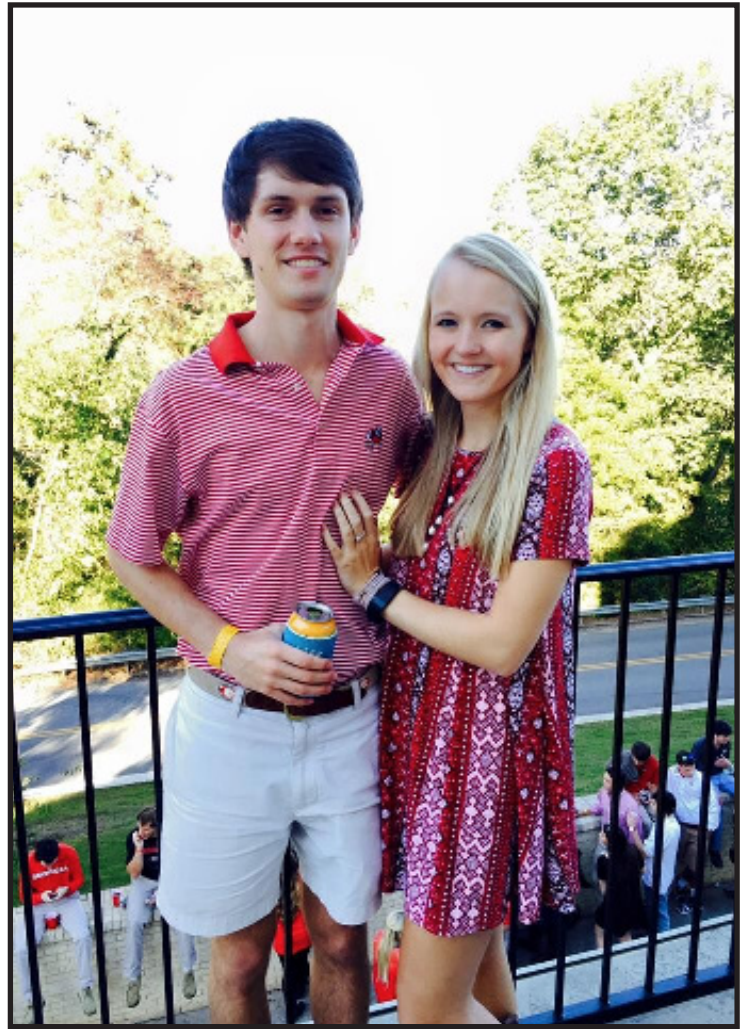
If you are interested in participating please e-mail our recently elected Commander **Max Brandon (M 2579)** at Maxwell.f.brandon@gmail.com or newly elected Lieutenant Commander **Mitch Fenbert (M 2563)** at mitchfenbert@gmail.com. We appreciate your continued support!

SATURDAYS ON THE RIVER

2015

While this tumultuous football season will go down in history as Mark Richt's last dance, the men of Mu had no trouble finding ways to enjoy fall Saturdays in Athens. Thanks to the revamped tailgating experience organized by Social Chair **Eamon McGoldrick (M 2553)**, the Chateau became a central hub on game days.

What a spectacle it was to see Mu alumni young and old flock to the house in a sea of red and black to return to the place where so many friendships were forged. They say there's nothing quite like a Saturday in Athens, and there's no better place to spend it than Mother Mu!



Game Day in Athens!

BROTHERHOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT

BISHOP, GA



For the third consecutive year, the brothers of Mu Chapter came together to do battle on the links of Lane Creek Golf Club in Bishop, Ga. The two-man scramble drew a record number of participants, with over 50 brothers in attendance. In an unprecedented move, the talents of UGA Club golfer **Andrew Grice (M 2539)** and former Stetson University golfer **Blake Snellings (M 2530)** paired up to form a superteam whose determination for a championship rivaled that of the 1980

Bulldogs. While the team of **Max VanDresser (M 2522)** and **Drew Green (M 2537)** played their hearts out to the tune of a 32, their efforts were ultimately in vain as they fell just one stroke short from tying the record setting 31 of Grice and Snellings. The legality of such superteams in future competitions has already been brought to the attention of brotherhood chairman **Daniel Raps-Huffman (Mu 2558)**. While the scores of the remaining contestants were a bit more colorful, it was the great Ben Hogan who said “Golf is not a game of good shots. Golf is a game of bad shots.”

After the tournament was over, brothers congregated on the back porch at Lane Creek for dinner and awards. The winning team took home a steakhouse gift card, while the last place finishers received a sizeable portion of dog treats. The event again exhibited the strong brotherhood at the heart of Mu Chapter. Several of the four-somes included members of four different pledge classes. A huge thanks to **Dan Raps-Huffman** and Lane Creek Golf Club for hosting the event.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

LOGAN DUNCAN



Logan Duncan (M 2529) from Monroe, GA received his diploma this December, marking an end to his illustrious three and a half year journey at the University of Georgia and Mu Chapter. Logan graduated with a degree in Finance accompanied by certificates in Legal Studies, Personal and Organizational Leadership, and Business Professionalism. During his time at UGA he demonstrated excellence within and without the walls of Mu Chapter.

Externally, Logan compiled quite the list of accomplishments. He was selected to several prestigious finance-oriented student groups including the Student Managed Investment Fund (a value focused \$350K+ portfolio for the UGA Foundation), Apollo Society, and the Institute for Leadership Advancement. In his first year at UGA, Logan was selected to the Dean William Tate Honors Society and achieved the highest honor a freshman may receive in recognition of demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. He served as a member of the Student Government Association and was even the Treasurer for UGA's Men's Club Water Polo team.

As a Mu, Logan served his brothers to the fullest possible extent. He was selected as his Pledge Class President during his candidacy and never looked back. Over the next for years on River Road, he wore the hat of Chaplain, Involvement Chairman, External Social Chairman, and Treasurer. At the most recent Affirmation of Knighthood Ceremony, Logan was able to share some parting words with his brothers, encouraging them to strive for excellence and to leave Mu a better place than when they found it. When asked about why he decided to join Mu Chapter he replied, "I realized that Sigma Nu had the best balance of a great social atmosphere while being academically focused and career oriented."

Logan will be working full-time as a banking analyst for Raymond James in their tech services group starting in March on top of studying for the GMAT exam. Logan expressed great thanks to everybody who has supported him throughout his time as a Mu, and specifically mentioned the impact **Judge Hearn (M 1048)** had on his development as a leader. "I was taught by Judge Hearn among others to set the example and always strive for excellence through honorable means. Simply put, Mu has made me aspire to live a life dedicated to honor."

Congratulations Logan, thank you for your service to Mu Chapter and UGA. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.



Hunter Dye (M 2650), Jan Berland (M 2654), and Clay Milling (M 2627) and Christian Keeney (M 2633) were initiated in the presence of their fathers Michael Dye (Iota 1212), Jerry Berland (Gamma Epsilon 908), Clay Milling (Sigma 1583) and Sean Keeney (Sigma 1677)

INITIATION

OCTOBER 12, 2015

On Sunday, October 12th, Mu Chapter initiated thirty-three Candidates into the Legion of Honor. Mu is proud to now call these men brothers. Our chapter now has over 140 men- making Mu one of the largest on campus. A huge thanks to all the alumni in attendance.

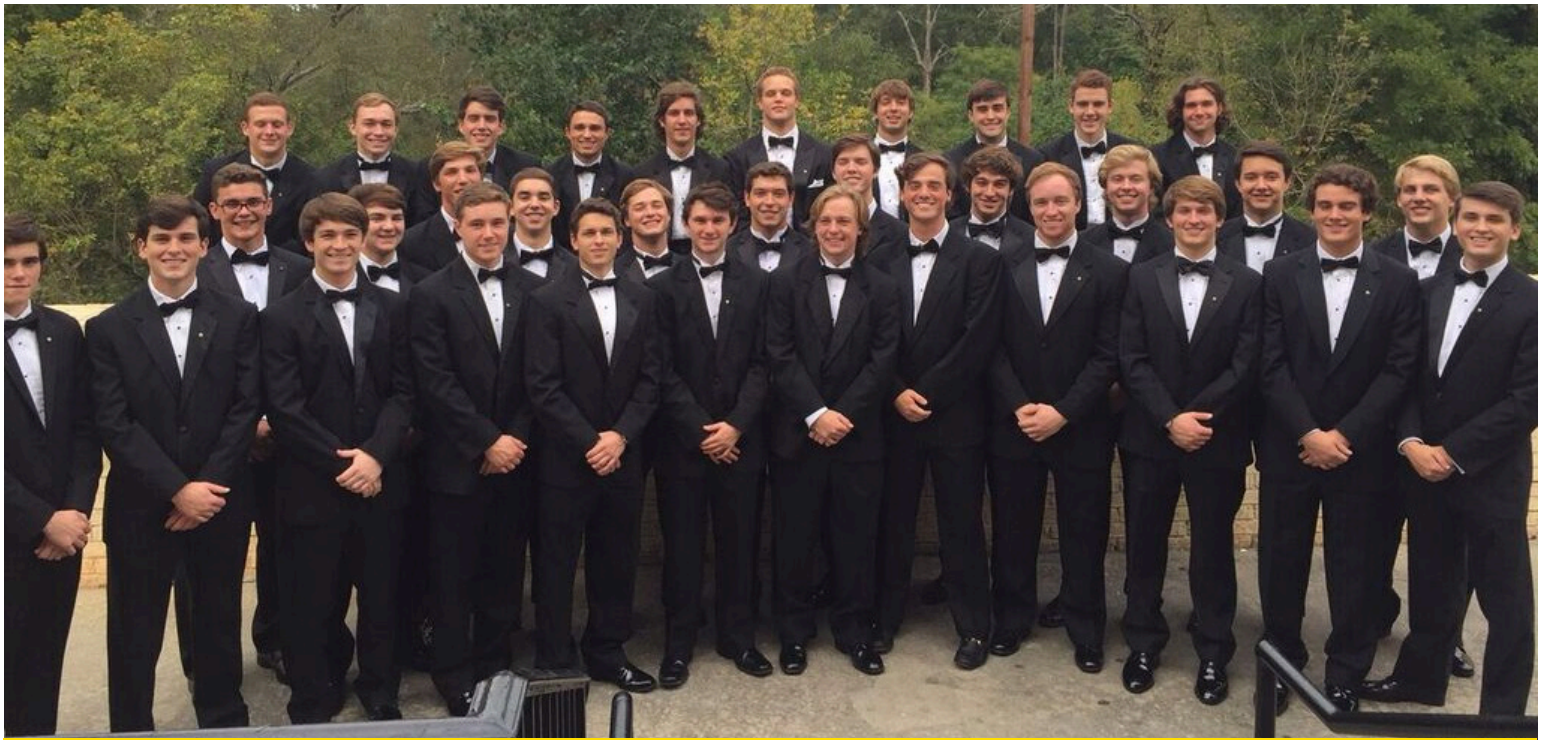


INITIATES

OCTOBER 12, 2015

Mu 2627	Robert Clay Milling	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2628	Eric Anthony Yakaitis	Roswell, GA
Mu 2629	Kenneth Tucker Shull	Monroe, GA
Mu 2630	Nicolas Loparco	Roswell, GA
Mu 2631	Alexander Joseph Massardo	Charlotte, NC
Mu 2632	Colin John Richard	Alpharetta, GA
Mu 2633	Christian Madison Keeney	Alpharetta, GA
Mu 2634	Andrew Tate Bumbgardner	Calhoun, GA
Mu 2635	Christian Charles Magnani	Harlan, KY
Mu 2636	Liam Asher Berg	Fort Worth, TX
Mu 2637	John Michael Leuer	Columbus, GA
Mu 2638	Connor Francis Mikilitus	Carrollton, GA
Mu 2639	Nicholas Shields Randolph	Decatur, GA
Mu 2640	James Vincent Lally	Athens, GA
Mu 2641	John Sherrard DuBose	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2642	John Ross Uhlar	Roswell, GA
Mu 2643	Shane Patrick Gallagher	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2644	Jonathan Charles Spratt	Alpharetta, GA
Mu 2645	Nicholas James McVay	Alpharetta, GA
Mu 2646	Sterling Paul Benson	Athens, GA
Mu 2647	Andrew Spence Hollenstein	Carrollton, GA
Mu 2648	Alexander Dillon Kowalski	Smyrna, GA
Mu 2649	William Nicholas Steitz	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Mu 2650	Hunter Michael Dye	Berkley Lake, GA
Mu 2651	Landon Roberts Bennett	Columbus, GA
Mu 2652	Rory Durham Horde	Roswell, GA
Mu 2653	Michael Dale Hebert	Smyrna, GA
Mu 2654	Jan Andersen Berland	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2655	Gregory Reuben Harris	Alpharetta, GA
Mu 2656	Daniel Ryan Couper	Johns Creek, GA
Mu 2657	William Henry O'Neal	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2658	Evan Price Melioris	Johns Creek, GA
Mu 2659	Raymond Christopher Jarvis	Rome, GA





FALL RUSH

2016

As we move into the spring semester we will begin focusing our attention to Fall Rush as the rush team works towards filling our newest pledge class by the end of summer. Historically, some of our greatest recommendations have come from our alumni. You can help us assemble the next group of leaders with “Vision and Courage” by sending us the names and contact information of the leading men you know who plan on attending UGA this upcoming Fall. Please send all rush information online via our website: www.ugasigmanu.com.

Campus (IFC) rush officially starts August 11th, but Sigma Nu (like most campus fraternities) holds an active Spring and Summer rush program. By starting rush sooner, we can get to know the prospective rushes better and ensure that they are a good fit for the Chapter. Our Atlanta Recruiting Day event will be hosted at the Capital City Club in early June (Thank you, **Robert Durham (M 1650)**) and includes our leading candidates, along with those from Gamma Alpha (Ga Tech) and Theta Kappa (Ga Southern). We also have several Braves games and golf outings planned throughout the summer. If you would be willing to host a dinner, golf outing, or other regional recruitment event, please contact one of our Recruitment Co-Chairs: **Allen Bagwell (M 2598)**, **Ross Uhlar (M 2642)**, **Austin Luckie (M 2623)**, **Vince Lally (M 2640)**, or **Landon Bennett (M 2651)**. Their contact information is located on our website. Hosted events can include as few as 3-4 brothers and 1 or 2 solid prospects and alumni, or more-size, scale and location are up to you. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help our men secure another great class. In prior years, our outstanding alumni in Charlotte, Washington DC, Atlanta, Monroe, and Savannah have extended “the helping hand” to make a real difference in our recruitment process. Other Chapters talk about their excellent alumni- we are proud to have ours actually involved in our rush process.

If you have any questions about rush, please contact Commander **Max Brandon (M 2579)** at Maxwell.f.brandon@gmail.com or Advisor **Michael Barry (M 2071)** at michael.barry@agg.com.

NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

ROSS UHLAR

Ross Uhlar (2642) is a freshman Mechanical Engineering major from Roswell, Georgia where he attended Roswell High School. Ross, pictured here with his family, has demonstrated impressive leadership potential throughout his first semester as a brother of Mu Chapter.

Already, Ross has begun to get involved outside the Fraternity. He is actively participating in the Freshman Greek Leaders program, which teaches its members invaluable lessons about effective leadership and networking skills. He also joined Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), an organization dedicated to serving the underprivileged of the Athens community, and looks to attain a leadership position in the future.

Inside the Fraternity, Ross' resume continues to grow. Due to his innate leadership skills and the respect he has garnered from his

brothers, Ross was elected Pledge Class President to lead his pledge brothers through the candidate process. When asked what lessons he learned throughout his candidature, Ross had this to say... "I learned that what will stick with me most throughout college will be the meaningful relationships I have forged with my brothers over this process. Guiding my closest friends through the candidacy, the trials and tribulations, and the unity that was created is something that I will never forget." Ross expressed that what drew him to Sigma Nu was the evident brotherhood demonstrated by the rush team as well as the reputation of Mu Chapter overall. Ross is excited about future leadership opportunities within the Fraternity and has expressed his interest in working as Philanthropy or Social Chairman.

This upcoming summer Ross will be taking online classes and working at Camp High Harbor where he hopes he can impart some of the lessons he has learned this year unto the campers. Professionally, Ross hopes to work as an engineer for a large firm in Atlanta and also has aspirations of earning a pilot's license.

Thank you Ross and keep up the good work!



Ross Uhlar with his family after graduating from Roswell High School in Spring of 2015

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 at 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.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ACTIVE MEMBERS

RJ Parrino (M 2549) has graduated from the United States Marine Corps officer candidate school. Congrats RJ! Keep making Mu proud.

Hunter Garrett (M 2553) will be heading up to Washington D.C. for an internship with congressman Rob Woodall this spring before graduating. Great job Hunter and thanks for your leadership on River Road over the past four years.

Logan Duncan (M 2539) graduated in December after being named president of the Dean William Tate honors society. Logan has accepted a full time position with Raymond James in their tech services investment group in Atlanta.

Cayman Sotudeh (M 2528) was elected team captain for UGA's club lacrosse team for the second year in a row. Mu Chapter has been heavily involved in the lacrosse team over the past few seasons under Cayman's Leadership.

Phil McCarthy (M 2574) and Matt Stack (M 2577) will be returning to Athens this spring after their semester long study abroad at Oxford University in England. Cheers mates.

Alex Croy (M 2480) has graduated after an illustrious career at Mu Chapter. Alex has accepted a full time position as Wholesale and Marketing Director with Onward Reserve in their Buckhead Office. Thanks for everything you've done for the chapter!

Hudson Jerles (M 2488) graduated the winter and will be working for his family farm, Pearson Farms, as an assistant for 2016. Hudson and his father, Mu chapter alum **William Jerles (M 1730)** will open their own pecan farm in 2017. Thanks for your service to Mu Chapter Hudson and best of luck in your endeavors.



2015 IN REVIEW

