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Home Again (And It Feels Great!)



What a year 2009 has been for Mu Chapter! In just under 315 days, the Mu Chapter brotherhood realized a number of significant accomplishments, not the least of which included its return to River Road and occupancy of one of the finest fraternal homes in the Nation. Over 350 of your alumni brothers stepped forward with financial commitments at all levels to ensure that Mu could return home to a home second to none. The pride that exudes from the new home is second to none. If you've been to the house (which over 500 did on the August 29th Grand Opening weekend), you've seen lots of smiles, lots of people taking time to wander throughout the 11,000 square feet (and 2,000 square foot patio) discovering new highlights and old memories of time spent on River Road. It's a hive of great activities, ideas and leadership (and probably more than a few pranks, conspiracies and other nefarious events).

From an opera-

tional standpoint, the house corporation is working hard with our Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen Verner Chaffin (M 621) and Ben Hall (M 1360). Brothers Chaffin and Hall have worked tirelessly over the last year to lead the Capital Campaign during one of the most trying economic times that our Nation has ever faced. We are hopeful that you will act now to help conclude this effort on a positive note. Our final payments are due to UGA by December 31. If you have not given, please do so today. We need \$20,000 to complete the Campaign.

The house is full, including the excellent service by second year law student (and former Mu Commander) Bobby McMillin as the live-in "advisor". With academic year leases for each of the brothers and a waiting list for living in the house, we do not expect any challenges in keeping the house a 100% capacity.

Moving into any new home results in some lagging improvements and this move is no exception. Chiefly, installation of the permanent donor wall in the alumni room

(Winter 2010), installation of the bedroom and Pit donor appreciation plaques (Winter 2010), installation of all composites by UGA housing (Winter 2010), acquisition of 2 large hallway rugs, acquisition of 3 large (20x15) area rugs for the alumni room and great room, and installation of shutters on the exterior of the house (Spring 2010). Pending the final payment to UGA, we also look forward to some further enhancements to the dining room and alumni room by alumni brothers who have come forward with an interest in sponsoring those finishes. If you can help with any of these items, please let us know!

We welcome your attendance, input and participation. The Chapter is an excellent group and we would encourage you to meet and interact with them at the soonest possible moment. Mu Chapter succeeds because of you. Thank you for your continued support of time, resources and leadership.

- John A. Hearn (M 2000) and R. Michael Barry (M 2071)

State of the Chapter

By Commander Clayton Cox, M 2305

Fall semester of 2009 has been one unlike any other for Mother Mu as we finally made our long awaited return back to the Chateau on River Road. The beginning of the semester welcomed back many brothers of our chapter's proud past at the Grand Opening celebration. Saturdays between the hedges brought back the feelings of old as alumni and actives both enjoyed the great tailgates on River Road.

The chapter remains a powerful force on campus, extending the Interfraternity Council executive board streak into a fourth year with the election of Phil Rosen to Vice

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President of Public Relations. In addition, newly initiated brother Wells Ellenberg was elected President of the Freshmen Council. Brother Chris Sanders continues his term as the President of the Society for Management Information Systems which further proves the widespread strength of the chapter's campus leadership.

Mu also continues to be a leader on the national stage as the chapter hosted the entire High Council of Sigma Nu in October. Regent Joe Gilman and Mu's own

Regent-Elect Robert Durham brought others members of the High

Council over from Atlanta to visit the beautiful new house. The visit was a first for the High Council as the entire body has never paid a visit to a single chapter house in the national fraternity's history.

All the benchmarks and milestones achieved this semester further prove the staying power and strength of our chapter. Mother Mu has always been the standard bearer of both UGA and the national fraternity system. Through over a decade of trials, Mother Mu reclaimed her title as the best fraternity at the University of Georgia.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or needs of assistance.

Mu Continues to Raise Money For St. Jude's By Wes Robinson M 2373

On September 11th, 2009 the brothers of Mu chapter teamed up with the men of Sigma Nu from The University of South Carolina (Delta Chapter) to continue a long-standing Delta philanthropic tradition. Delta chapter has been participating in the event known as The Gameball Run for over twenty years, but for the first time in just as long, teamed up with the University of Georgia.

The event takes place annually the day before the South Carolina vs. UGA football game. The event

kicked off at William-Brice Stadium in Columbia, South Carolina with each brother of Delta chapter running a mile before handing the ball off to another brother. Once Delta chapter reached Augusta, Georgia the Gameball was handed off to Mu chapter. Two Georgia State Patrol Officers, as well as a charter bus containing the Mu brothers, escorted the runner with the ball on their 90+ mile run from Augusta back to Sanford Stadium. Fellow students who had read about the event in the university newspaper greeted the

Brothers with applause as they ran down Broad Street on their way back to the stadium.

This year Mu chapter raised more for St. Jude's than ever, holding various fundraising events including bowling tournaments, food sales, and corporate sponsorships. At this point Mu is proud to be able to donate over \$5,000 to the children's research hospital. Both chapters look forward to working together to continue this long-standing fundraising tradition.

Meet a New Brother: Wells Ellenberg

Hometown:
St. Simons Island

Major:
Political Science, History

Interests:
Golf, Fishing, Politics,
Traveling, Scuba Diving



Freshman Wells Ellenberg, our most recent pledge class president, is not wasting any time becoming a leader on UGA's campus. He has joined up with both UGA HEROs and UGA Miracle as a philanthropist and has recently earned a spot on IFC's newly formed future

leaders institute. In addition, he was recently elected President of SGA's freshman forum, a division of SGA that accepts only 100 freshman per year. Wells will enter training next semester to be on the University Judiciary and he plans to attend law school after his time at UGA. He looks forward to being a trial lawyer or judge and also is considering entering the political realm.

Return To River Road: Grand Opening

On Saturday, August 29th, over five hundred guests gathered on River Road to witness the grand opening of the new chateau. Many traveled hundreds of miles to attend the momentous event and celebrate the end of the thirteen year journey back to River Road. A sense of homecoming and joy filled the halls as people bustled from one room to the next, and Mu's from every generation stared in awe at the new structure's beauty.



From the porch, actives and alumni listened intently to the speeches delivered from the patio below. Commander Clayton Cox delivered the opening comments and then gave the floor to Tom Johnson, Verner Chaffin, Ben Hall, John Hearn, and Michael Barry. Each of these devout Mu's shared some of their experiences of living in the old chateau and offered advice to those moving in to the new one. Following the moving words, Chaplain Andrew Laarhoven gave the invocation and

guests took their place in the barbecue line that stretched throughout the house.

Returning home to River Road means an immense amount to both the actives and alumni alike, and the experience of the grand opening was truly special for all in attendance. Seeing brothers from the age of nineteen to the age of ninety sharing the same glee and pride was a spectacle that is difficult to top. We are proud to not only open the doors to the new chateau, but also the doors to a bright future. The chapter thanks all whom made the trip to Athens for the event and hopes to see everyone again very soon.

By M. Buck Dixon M 2326

Military Veterans Visit Sigma Nu at UGA

By Drew Wheatley M 2310

2009 was another successful year for the Mu Chapter Speaker Series, as several successful alumni had the opportunity to speak with active brothers about topics such as leadership, patriotism and personal responsibility.

"The Speaker Series is a great opportunity for the active chapter to share experience, knowledge and fun with those who have come before them," said Alumni Relations Chairman Will McCorkle (M 2375).

On Monday, October 12, four Mu alumni who have served our country as members of the U.S. Military traveled to the new River Road Chateau to meet

the active chapter. Dr. Verner Chaffin (M 621) spoke of his experiences as a member of the Naval Intelligence team serving in WWII and the Korean War. Dr. Chaffin, a frequent guest of the Speaker Series, is the Dean Emeritus of the University of Georgia School of Law. In addition, Dr. Lee Parker (M 574), the sole surviving medic who served at D-Day, talked about his tour of duty in WWII.

Fellow speakers were Jon

McGavin (M 2036) and 2nd Lt. Robert Woods. McGavin was a member of the Air Force Reserve and served as a Forward Air Controller in the Gulf War. 2nd Lt. Woods, who graduated from the University of Georgia in 2008, is preparing for deployment to Iraq after recently completing Army Ranger School.



The Mu Chapter Speaker Series is an effort by the chapter to have alumni talk about their experiences at the University and beyond.

Yet Another Successful Spring Rush

By Andy Monk M 2366 & Tom Bellhouse M 2285

With our biggest pledge class in the past five decades, Mu Chapter has once again made a declaration of dominance on the campus of the University of Georgia.

We finished fall rush this year in spectacular fashion by recruiting 40 candidates. Our pledge class was the second largest on the University of Georgia campus.

"I think it comes down to setting a goal early on, working hard to

achieve it and commitment to purpose," said Rush Co-Chairman Andy Wiley Monk. "We even exceeded our early goal of 35 pledges."

Monk, along with fellow Rush Chairman Tom Wynyard Bellhouse and Chris Alexander, spent the summer making numerous phone calls, attending dinners and coordinating rush events. "The high yield was the result of a tireless effort by the entire chapter," Bellhouse said.

Throughout the Summer, Mu con-

tinued annual events in Atlanta, Savannah, and Charlotte that resulted in great success. Mu chapter worked to extend our reach throughout the Southeast by recruiting young men from South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and all throughout the state of Georgia.

In addition, we carried on our proud tradition of keeping Sigma Nu "within the family" by recruiting nine legacies, including three from within Mu itself.



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Congratulations to the Fall 2009 Initiates **Attention Brothers:**

Eric Tweedle	M 2396	Patrick Bennett	M 2416
Michael Matthesen	M 2397	Barrett Brannen	M 2417
Brian Russell	M 2398	Michael Patterson	M 2418
John Patrick	M 2399	Andrew Murdock	M 2419
Wells Ellenberg	M 2400	Farris Nolen	M 2420
Tommy McConnell	M 2401	Miles Gilbreath	M 2421
Andrew Fritze	M 2402	Robert Davis	M 2422
Ben Jordan	M 2403	Mike Rose	M 2423
Jason Franklin	M 2404	Daniel Hancock	M 2424
Jacob Hall	M 2405	Quentin Pasko	M 2425
Andrew Lacy	M 2406	Stephen Anderson	M 2426
Grant Emory	M 2407	Richard Scott	M 2427
Christian Conroy	M 2408	Drew Hecht	M 2428
Robert Radler	M 2409	Row Jerles	M 2429
Justin Valle	M 2410	Andrew DeRiemacker	M 2430
Richard Mazzolini	M 2411	Adam Carraway	M 2431
Eric Schimler	M 2412	Jim Murrell IV	M 2432
Graham Kellams	M 2413		
Brendan Gibson	M 2414		
Bryan Roberts	M 2415		

Please visit Mu's website online at www.ugasigmanu.com to update your personal information so that the Chapter can stay in touch with you. See this site also for details regarding upcoming alumni events, photos, and other announcements.

Also, we now welcome all rush recommendations through the website.