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65TH GRAND CHAPTER

Mu Chapter receives its second consecutive Rock Chapter Award

Nine collegiate members and six alumni from Mu Chapter were in attendance at the 65th Grand Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, held July 4 - 7 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Alumnus Bobby Woods (Mu 2300) led the Grand Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance during the Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday. Woods, an Army Captain and Airborne Ranger, was gravely wounded when his platoon was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan in 2010.

Later that evening, Mu Chapter was awarded its second consecutive Rock Chapter Award, which is the highest honor bestowed upon collegiate chapters by the Fraternity. To be eligible for the award, a chapter must achieve and maintain excellence across a broad range of areas of chapter operations including service and philanthropy, brother and alumni development, recruitment and manpower, governance and accountability, and campus leadership. Mu Chapter was one of nine to receive the award, out of over 170 collegiate chapters nationwide.

On Thursday, alumnus John Hearn (Mu 2000) was unanimously elected one of four Vice Regents and will serve a two-year term on the Fraternity's High Council, or Board of Directors. Moreover, Hearn was named the Alumnus of the Biennium, an award given to the alumnus "whose active participation in the affairs of the Fraternity has been a noteworthy example, and whose persona traits, demonstrated leadership, involvement, and overall achievement mark him as one who has contributed to the excellence of Sigma Nu."

In addition to serving as a longtime advisor to Mu Chapter, Hearn chaired Task Force Hopkins, a committee of the Fraternity's best operators charged with creating the Best Practices Library, a collection of hundreds of best practices from collegiate chapters nationwide.

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Collegiate member Wells Ellenberg is named Sigma Nu's Man of the Year, a title which recognizes excellence in leadership.



Alumnus Robert Durham waves farewell after completing his two-year term as the 62nd Regent of Sigma Nu Fraternity.



Mu Chapter announces the creation of the Robert E. Durham Medal of Excellence in honor of Regent Durham's vision and courage.



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65TH GRAND CHAPTER (CONTINUED)

He was joined in this endeavor by alumnus Michael Barry (Mu 2071), another longtime advisor to Mu Chapter. The two also served as Grand Sentinels during the past biennium, and Hearn chaired the Chapter Eternal Committee for the Grand Chapter.

During the Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, collegiate member Wells Ellenberg (Mu 2400) was named Sigma Nu's Man of the Year. The award is given to the collegian who has demonstrated excellence in leadership. Ellenberg follows in the footsteps of two previous Man-of-the-Year Award recipients from Mu Chapter: alumni Tom Johnson (Mu 1232) and Stuart Smith (Mu 1821).

In addition to serving as the immediate-past Commander of Mu Chapter, Ellenberg is one of four Collegiate Grand Councilmen on the Fraternity's High Council. He recently completed a one-year term as the sole voting student member on the University of Georgia Athletic Association Board of Directors. Additionally, he was named the 2012 Patrick Hues Mell Leadership Scholar by alumnus Luther Lockwood (Mu 1901), who chairs the University of Georgia Foundation scholarship endowment.

Finally, alumnus Robert Durham (Mu 1650) concluded his two-year term as Regent, or National President, of Sigma Nu. Under his leadership, collegiate chapters were reminded of and expected to uphold their "Obligation to Excellence." In order to help them do so, Regent Durham appointed Task Force Hopkins and announced the creation of the Best Practices Library. In addition to his exceptional State of the Fraternity report, a record nine chapters received Rock Chapter Awards this biennium, further testament to Regent Durham's vision and courage.

To recognize the outstanding work by Regent Durham throughout his membership in Sigma Nu, the active chapter announced the Robert E. Durham Medal of Excellence. The award will be given each semester to the graduating senior "who, through his vision and courage, consistently demonstrates a commitment to excellence, and whose actions on behalf of Sigma Nu Fraternity and the University of Georgia provide a worthy example for others to follow." At Grand Chapter, Regent Durham was presented with a framed medal, which was minted in the United States on the same press as the Congressional Medal of Honor.

2012 GAME BALL RUN

Mu Chapter raises thousands for American Heart Association

The “clean, old fashioned hate” of the Georgia-Georgia Tech rivalry once again took the form of a competitive philanthropic event between Sigma Nu’s Mu and Gamma Alpha Chapters.

Nearly thirty runners from Mu Chapter met the Gamma Alpha Chapter at the Historic Gwinett Courthouse in Lawrenceville, Georgia. They each then took turns running the game ball for one or two miles at a time, led by police escort, until they eventually completed the seventy-mile journey to Sanford Stadium in Athens.

This year’s event was organized by Mu Chapter Philanthropy Chairman Chris Brandus, a junior journalism major from Alpharetta, Georgia. “I have always enjoyed this event, and it was a true honor to help organize everything this year,” said Brandus. “I am proud of Mu Chapter for lending a helping hand to those in need.”

Each chapter raised money through donations from individuals and small businesses. This year, Mu Chapter is set to raise \$10,000 for the American Heart Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to building healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. The donation will be made through the Fraternity’s partnership with the Paul “Bear” Bryant Award, which is given annually to the top NCAA head football coach.

Though the rivalry was heated, both chapters hope to continue the event for a fifth year in 2013. If you would like to make a donation to the American Heart Association, please contact Chris Brandus at (770) 598-2212 or chrisbrandus@gmail.com.



The Mu and Gamma Alpha Chapters meet at the half-way point in Lawrenceville, Georgia. (Photo courtesy of the Gwinett Daily Post)



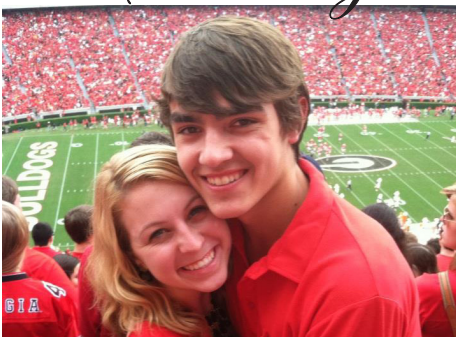
Runners from Mu Chapter sprint through downtown Athens toward Sanford Stadium. (Photo courtesy of the Athens Banner-Herald)



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FALL 2012 INITIATION CEREMONY

On Sunday, September 30, Mu Chapter initiated twenty-nine Candidates into the oldest continually-active chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity:

Mu 2516	Logan Paul Crooks	Hartwell, Ga.
Mu 2517	Noah Thomas Anderson	Roswell, Ga.
Mu 2518	Boyd McKenna Wilson	Acworth, Ga.
Mu 2519	Joseph Michael Brittain	Gray, Ga.
Mu 2520	Lee Talbot Williamson	Monroe, Ga.
Mu 2521	Alexander Caille	Dunwoody, Ga.
Mu 2522	Maxwell Lawrence Van Dresser	Roswell, Ga.
Mu 2523	Adam Jude Corwin	Hinesville, Ga.
Mu 2524	Timothy Jackson Taylor	Richmond, Va.
Mu 2525	Kane Robert Davis	Roswell, Ga.
Mu 2526	David Luke Stanaland	Bogart, Ga.
Mu 2527	Stephen Thomas Scott	Marietta, Ga.
Mu 2528	Cayman Cyrus Sotudeh	Bethesda, Md.
Mu 2529	Logan O'Neal Duncan	Monroe, Ga.
Mu 2530	John Blake Snellings	Atlanta, Ga.
Mu 2531	Trevor Paul Evans	Richmond Hill, Ga.
Mu 2532	Matthew William Di Leo	Cumming, Ga.
Mu 2533	John Daniel Forrestal Jr.	Atlanta, Georgia
Mu 2534	Daniel Wills Reiter	Dunwoody, Ga.
Mu 2535	Hunter Edward Garrett	Watkinsville, Ga.
Mu 2536	Jake Scott Reid	Monroe, Ga.
Mu 2537	Andrew Michael Greene	Virginia Beach, Va.
Mu 2538	Erik Scott Petrina	Alpharetta, Ga.
Mu 2539	Andrew Garrett Grice	Columbia, Sc.
Mu 2540	Joshua Philip Morgan	John's Creek, Ga.
Mu 2541	Tyler Dustin Jones	Carrollton, Ga.
Mu 2542	Edward Leigh Stowe	Pine Mountain, Ga.
Mu 2543	Samuel Edwards McKinstry	Dunwoody, Ga.
Mu 2544	Mitchell Allen Massengill	Bainbridge, Ga.

We would like to sincerely thank those alumni who attended the Initiation Ceremony, including: Bill House (Mu 980), George Hearn III (Mu 1048), Robert Durham (Mu 1650), George Hearn IV (Mu 1845), John Hearn (Mu 2000), Michael Barry (Mu 2071), Bobby Woods (Mu 2300), Nathan Whitmire (Mu 2318), Chris Sanders (Mu 2339), Charles Bullock (Mu 2439), and John Forrestal (Gamma 903).



The Hearn Family celebrates three generations of Mu Chapter initiates.



Daniel Forrestal with his father John, an alumnus of the Gamma Chapter at Duke.

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Sam McKinstry serves as Alumni and Parent Relations Officer for Mu Chapter.

NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Freshman Sam McKinstry (Mu 2543) from Dunwoody, Georgia

Sam McKinstry is a freshman accounting major from Dunwoody, Georgia, where he attended the Marist School.

Sam is currently serving his first full term as Mu Chapter's Alumni and Parent Relations Officer. Earlier this year, he was also selected as one of only fifteen freshmen to serve on the Student Government Association's Freshman Board, which functions as the representative body of first-year students at the University of Georgia.

When asked why he joined Mu Chapter, Sam cited several factors. "First, Sigma Nu has a great reputation and a strong record of campus and community involvement. Moreover, I saw myself making friendships that would last a lifetime. Finally, alumni involvement in the recruitment process made me realize that my fraternity experience would last well past my four years in college.

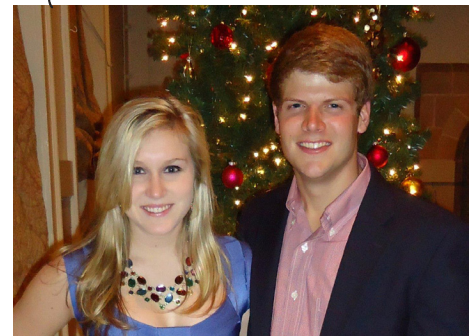
Sam enjoys playing golf and tennis, and watching the Dawgs play on Saturdays. After graduation, he hopes to serve as a corporate financial officer.

Parents Weekend



Mu Chapter hosted its annual Parents Weekend on November 2 - 3 before the Ole Miss game. Families enjoyed live music and dancing at the Georgian Hotel in downtown Athens before a catered tailgate on Saturday sponsored by the White Rose Society.

East West Semi-Formal



On November 30, Mu Chapter held an end-of-the-year semi-formal at East West Bistro in downtown Athens. Brothers and their dates enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing to conclude the fall semester.

Honorable Mentions

Alumni **Lee Parker (Mu 574)**, **Eugene Methvin (Mu 991)**, **Thomas Mann (Mu 1050)**, and **Harvey Chandler (Mu 1082)** entered Chapter Eternal.

Alumnus **Terry Stephens (Mu 1719)** donated several pieces of photography to the Chapter house, including a signed piece by Coach Mark Richt.

Alumni **John Hearn (Mu 2000)**, **Michael Barry (Mu 2071)**, **Michael Weldon (Mu 2294)**, **Joel Stern (Mu 2297)** and **Nathan Whitmire (Mu 2318)** participated in Mu Chapter's Alumni Speaker Series.

Senior **Rob Davis (Mu 2422)**, who has accepted an offer to serve as a Teach For America corps member, received the Interfraternity Council Scholarship.

Junior **Cody Mauldin (Mu 2443)** was elected IFC Vice President of Recruitment.

Sophomores **Jeff Brum (Mu 2478)**, **Sean Gilrain (Mu 2486)**, **Austin Brenner (Mu 2495)**, and **Anthony Monico (Mu 2500)** were named to the IFC's Sophomore Leaders Circle.

Sophomore **Sean Gilrain (Mu 2486)** was selected as IFC Recruitment Chairman.

Freshmen **Alex Caille (Mu 2521)** and **Sam McKinstry (Mu 2543)** were selected to serve on the Student Government Association's Freshman Board.

Freshmen **Jackson Taylor (Mu 2524)**, **Logan Duncan (Mu 2529)**, and **Daniel Forrestal (Mu 2533)** were selected as IFC Freshman Greek Leaders.

Freshmen **Logan Duncan (Mu 2529)**, **Jake Reid (Mu 2536)**, and **Drew Greene (Mu 2537)** were selected to serve on SGA's Freshman Forum.

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