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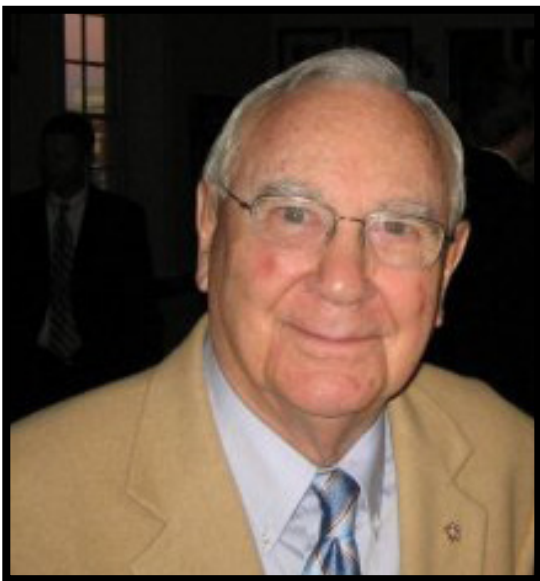
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Dr. Verner Franklin Chaffin



Alumni Dr. Verner Franklin Chaffin

Dr. Verner Franklin Chaffin, Mu 621, was initiated in to Mu Chapter in 1937. Earlier this year on September 26th, he celebrated his birthday with family and friends at a catered event in Athens. During the event, Vice Regent John Hearn presented Dr. Chaffin with a framed resolution from the High Council honoring his years of exemplary service to Sigma Nu Fraternity. Throughout his time as an active member of the chapter, Dr. Chaffin was instrumental in moving the chapter into the first French Chateau on River Road. As he recalls there was struggle in finding a location for the Sigma Nu home on the University of Georgia's campus. With the support of fellow Sigma Nu's Governor Eugene Talmadge, Senator Walter George, and Attorney General Preston Arkwright, Mu Chapter had plans to build on

294 South Lumpkin Street. The plans to build at this location used some government funding. While reviewing the blueprints the Secretary of the Interior blew the whistle on Mu Chapter's new house stating that a University building needs to serve all of the University community and not just the brothers of Mu Chapter. This sent that Chapter back to square one. Dr. Chaffin helped to find the plot of land on River Road that Mu Chapter would eventually call home. "One of my favorite memories of my college years was the dedication at River Road. The event represented all of our hard work to find a new home," remarked Chaffin in a recent interview with Brother Sam McKinstry, Mu 2543. Dr. Chaffin was elected as the first commander in the new Chateau.

Dr. Chaffin was a third year law student when Pearl Harbor struck in 1941. Having registered for the draft in 1939, Dr. Chaffin, along with several other brothers, was called into service in the Pacific. He learned Japanese and was placed into the Naval Intelligence Service. He was also called into duty during the Korean War and continued using his intelligence and language skills for the Navy. Dr. Chaffin can still speak Japanese today.

After World War Two, Dr. Chaffin finished law school at Yale University. He went on to become a "Double Dawg" as professor at the University of Georgia after a ten year stint at the University of Alabama. Dr. Chaffin taught several Mu brothers, including Judge George Hearn III, Mu 1048. "Dr. Chaffin taught me that opportunity in law and in life typically favors those who have paid the price of proper preparation. He is a man who can count

DR. VERNER FRANKLIN CHAFFIN (CONTINUED)

his life by successes and honors, not years,” said Hearn of Dr. Chaffin. When asked what it was like to teach some of his own fraternity brothers, Dr. Chaffin said that “It was a true privilege to teach some of my own brothers. While they knew that I would help them in any way that I could as a professor, they knew that we would all live up to our commitment to Honor.” During his time as a professor, Dr. Chaffin was asked many times to chaperone dances and other events at the Chateau. Dr. Chaffin recalls one dance that he chaperoned. “I attended a dance that was held with all of the brothers at the house on River Road. Before midnight, I announced that the party needed to wrap up and then left. I woke up in the morning to a phone call from the Dean of Students, William Tate, telling me that the party had gone to three in the morning and that I was on chaperone probation!”

Dr. Chaffin is still an active force within the chapter; many of the active brother’s have heard stories of his lifelong commitment to Mu Chapter. Dr. Chaffin learned many lessons during his years spent with Mu Chapter such as learning to succeed in life by living out the Creed. He believes that Mu Chapter is unique to many other chapters on campus in that it has “the ability to inspire people and prepare them for the rest of their lives. While you may leave Mu Chapter, Mu never leaves you.”

Active or alumni, all men are proud to call Dr. Verner Chaffin one of our brothers at Mu Chapter.

Community Outreach

Teacher reaches out to his alumni fraternity

Brother Byrd Garland (Mu 1132), a 1970 graduate of UGA, taught a course on Wills and Interstate Succession as an adjunct professor of law at Mercer University Law School in the Fall 2013 semester. Brother Michael Weldon (Mu 2294), a 2010 graduate of UGA and current 3L at Mercer Law, had the privilege of meeting Mr. Garland and establishing the Mu Chapter connection with him while taking his class.



Alumni Byrd Garland and Michael Weldon together at Mercer.

After UGA, Mr. Garland graduated from Mercer Law in 1973. He has maintained a general practice of law in Jackson, Georgia ever since. In addition to his law

practice, Mr. Garland served two terms as a member of the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Georgia and keeps an active role with his church, Jackson United Methodist. Married for forty-four years, Mr. Garland and his wife have four grown children.

Mr. Garland has a proud Mu Chapter legacy. His grandfather, William E. Watkins (Mu 132), was a member of the Class of 1900. Mr. Garland continues to keep up with old fraternity brothers on a regular basis.



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Parent's Weekend

November 8-9, 2013

On November 8th-9th, Mu Chapter held their annual Parents and Alumni Weekend. The Chapter held a dance at The Georgian Hotel. Brothers brought their parents as well as a date to the event. The next morning, all enjoyed a catered tailgate and live music before kickoff against Appalachian State. Many thanks to all parents and alumni in attendance.



Brothers Anthony Monico, Hudson Jerles, and Garrett McCorkle pose with Polly Jean Turrentine.



Peyton Smith and his parents.



Alex Croy, his sister, and parents.



All alumni and their wives in attendance.

Alumni Reunion

Brotherhood After College

Some may say that brotherhood is strongest during your collegiate years, but Mu Chapter at the University of Georgia may say otherwise. This past June, George Hearn (Mu 1048) and his wife Betty, hosted the annual Mu Chapter Alumni get together known as “Mu Chapter’s Greatest Generation”. The event took place at Fair Weather Farms in Monroe, Georgia. There was catered food, photographs, and fellowship shared between all of the old friends in attendance. Each attendee was also given a print of the old French Chateau which burnt in 1996. Many brothers spent the whole weekend at Fair Weather Farm’s visiting and making up for lost time with brothers from around the Southeast. Brothers came from Georgia, Florida, and the Carolina’s to attend the event. 80 brothers and spouses, along with two collegiate chapter members were present at the event. Among the collegiate members in attendance was Commander, Ben Booth (Mu 2460) who delivered the State of the Chapter address informing the alumni of the chapter’s recent accomplishments and future goal’s. Booth recalled the event as being “one of the best demonstrations of brotherhood” he had ever seen.

The continued commitment to Mu Chapter and to fellow brothers of the Legion of Honor makes this event truly special. Events such as these happen every year between Mu

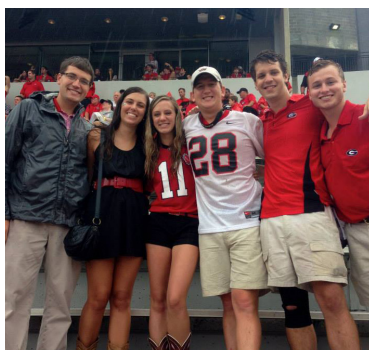
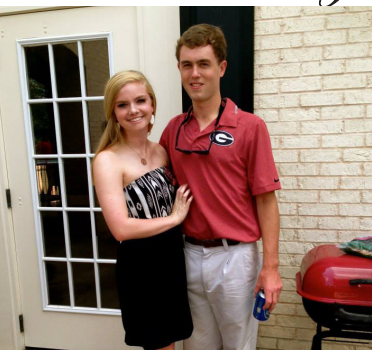
ALUMNI REUNION (CONTINUED)

Chapter alumni. In years past, the “Greatest Generation” has taken this event to Lake Burton and many other locations across the state of Georgia. This event is a prime example of how Sigma Nu is a brotherhood for life that does not end once you graduate from college.



All past and present Commanders in attendance.

Saturdays in Athens



Brotherhood For Golf

Alumnus George Hearn, Mu 1048, has a phrase very familiar to the brothers of Mu Chapter, that is that “Brotherhood for life.” On Sunday, October 20th, Mu Chapter took that phrase and added a new twist, “Brotherhood for Golf.” The Chapter held its inaugural brotherhood golf tournament at the Lane Creek Golf Club in Bishop, Georgia. The event was a two-man scramble and was won by Brothers Hudson Jerles, Mu 2488, and Jeff Brum, Mu 2478.

The Chapter’s brotherhood chairs, Alex Croy, Mu 2480, and Hunter Garrett, Mu 2535, took charge of all the logistics for the afternoon. The event brought together every current pledge class of Mu Chapter, and a variety of skill levels. “The golf tournament is something unique at Mu Chapter,” said Freshman Cole Graham, Mu 2572, “We have a ton of good golfers but the unwritten rule is that the good guys don’t team up so everyone has a chance to win and have a good time.”

Second place was highly contested - the one hole playoff came down to the last putt. The big brother, little brother team of Sam McKinstry, Mu 2543, and Mitch Fenbert, Mu 2563, emerged victorious after the team of



Brothers pose out front of the Lane Creek Golf Clubhouse after a day of golf.

BROTHERHOOD FOR GOLF (CONTINUED)

Sophomores, Joseph Brittain, Mu 2519, and Andrew Greene, Mu 2537, had some trouble in the woods.

After the tournament was over the brothers congregated on the back porch at Lane Creek for dinner and awards. The award ceremony included a wholesale store sized jar of pickles for the worst score and filets for the winners as well as good natured observations about everyone's golf game.

The event exhibited the solid brotherhood that exemplifies Mu Chapter. Several of the foursomes had brothers from four different pledge classes. One of the foursomes included an entire fraternity "family." Eldest family member and Commander of Mu Chapter, Ben Booth, Mu 2460, took on the day with his little brother Alex Croy, Mu, 2480, paired with Alex's little brother, Hunter Garrett, Mu 2535, and Hunter's little brother, Harrison Milford, Mu 2555.

The Sigma Nu expectation of Excellence was not apparent from watching some of the golf shots, but the strong bond of brotherhood was clearly evident throughout the day.



Interested in joining the fun? The Spring Tournament will be held in March.

FALL 2013 INITIATION CEREMONY

On Sunday, October 6th, Mu Chapter initiated thirty Candidates into the Legion of Honor. Mu is proud to call these men our brothers:

Mu 2553	Eamon Thomas McGoldrick	Arlington, VA
Mu 2554	Christopher Oran Cannon	Highland Park, TX
Mu 2555	Harrison Price Milford	Marietta, GA
Mu 2556	Thomas Heyward Hodges	Greenville, SC
Mu 2557	John Lelon O'Neal	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2558	Daniel Alan Raps-Huffman	Philadelphia, PA
Mu 2559	Patrick Joseph Miles	Louisville, KY
Mu 2560	Frank William Rogers	Fayetteville, GA
Mu 2561	Nicholas John Semeria	Alpharetta, GA
Mu 2562	Garrett Austin Lee	Brunswick, GA
Mu 2563	Mitchell Allen Fenbert	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2564	Benjamin Carl Davidson	Rome, GA
Mu 2565	John Robert Earl Hebert	Alexandria, VA
Mu 2566	Dalton Neal Boatright	Brunswick, GA
Mu 2567	Richard Murphree Ebersbach	Newnan, GA
Mu 2568	Chase Thomas Griffin	Tifton, GA
Mu 2569	Bradley Francis Kinni	Cairo, GA
Mu 2570	Calder Hutchison Maloney	Newport Beach, CA
Mu 2571	Donley Christopher Henson	Toccoa, GA
Mu 2572	James Cole Graham	Jacksonville, FL
Mu 2573	Calvin Bryan Jackson	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2574	Phillip Murray McCarthy	Washington, DC
Mu 2575	John Michael Sheffield	Kennesaw, GA
Mu 2576	Charles Durant Snipes	Charlottesville, VA
Mu 2577	Matthew Joseph Connor Stack	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2578	Samuel Lawrence Street	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2579	Maxwell Ford Brandon	Lilburn, GA
Mu 2580	Daniel Joseph Tarquinio	Atlanta, GA
Mu 2581	Zachary Alan Lanxton	Kennesaw, GA
Mu 2582	Allen Patrick Hetzel	Cumming, GA

Mu Chapter would like to thank those alumni that were in attendance at the ceremony: George Hearn III (Mu 1048), Charles Griffin (Mu 1889), Michael Barry (Mu 2071), Christopher Green (Mu 2367), Wells Ellenberg (Mu 2400 Alpha 593), and Cris Tarquinio (Eta Gamma 436).



The newly initiated pledge class and alumni in attendance.

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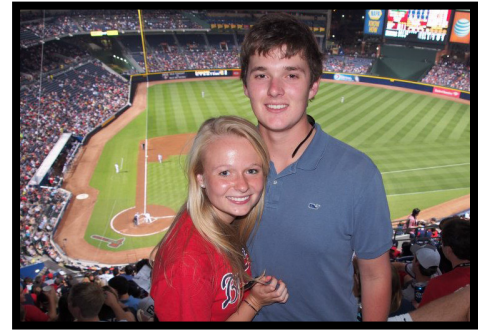
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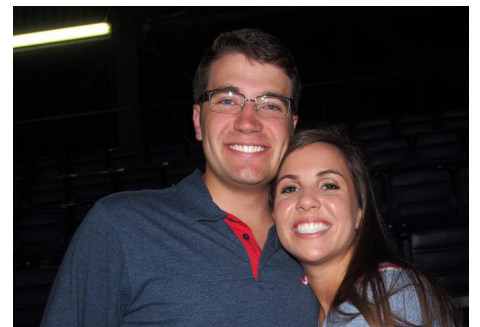
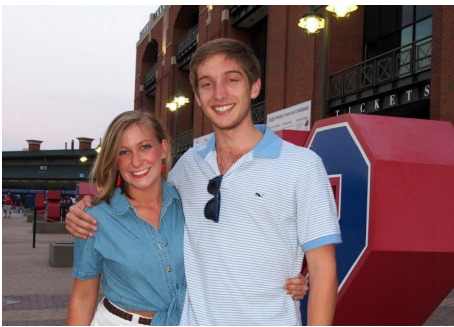
Braves Date Night

Braves vs. Royals

On April 16th, over Mu Chapter held an Atlanta Braves Date Night. Over 100 brothers along with their dates made the trip to Turner Field to see the Braves take on the Kansas City Royals. In an exciting game, the Braves beat the Royals 6-3. A fun time was had by all.

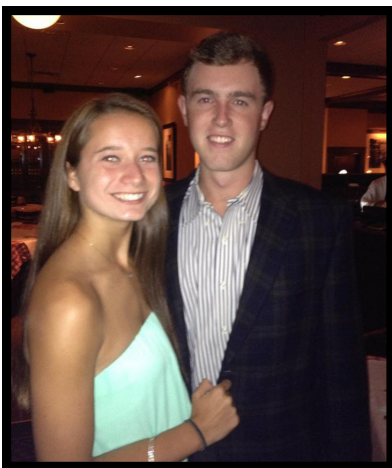


Braves Date Night



New Brother Spotlight

Freshman Mitch Fenbert (Mu 2543) from Druid Hills, Georgia



Mitch Fenbert is a freshman Accounting and International Business major from Druid Hills, GA, where he attended The Lovett School.

Mitch served as the treasurer for his pledge class and currently serves on the Student Government Association's Freshman Forum program: a program dedicated to teaching freshmen members leadership skills that can be used in organizations throughout campus.

Mitch pledged Sigma Nu for several reasons. First, he had heard of Mu Chapter's reputation on campus and knew that he would fit into it well. Also, Mitch wanted to honor his grandfather, who was initiated as a Sigma Nu at the Delta Epsilon Chapter (University of Oklahoma).

Mitch has played golf for most of his life and looks to try out for the UGA club golf team next fall. He is also an Eagle Scout, an avid pianist, and enjoys hiking and being in the outdoors.

Honorable Mentions

Junior **Jason Howard** was selected to be the Director of Finance for the Student Government Association.

Sophomore **Boyd Wilson** was selected to serve on the Fundraising Committee for UGA Miracle.

Juniors **Wes Roberts** and **Sean Gilrain** were selected for membership in The Terry College of Business's elite Corsair Society.

Sophomores **Jackson Taylor**, **Max Van Dresser**, **Leigh Stowe**, and **Cayman Sotudeh** were selected to participate on the IFC's Sophomore Leader's Circle.

Alumni **Nathan Whitmire** and **Christopher Green** conducted LEAD sessions with the Fall 2013 Pledge Class.

Freshmen **Phil McCarthy** and **Charles Snipes** joined sophomore **Cayman Sotudeh** on UGA's club lacrosse team.

Senior **Davis Mastin** was named the recipient of the AT&T Student Leadership Award and Scholarship.

Juniors **Sean Gilrain**, **Mac Morrison**, and **Jeffrey Brum** were selected to join the prestigious Order of Omega, a Greek Honor society.

Freshmen **Calder Maloney** and **Sam Street** were selected for SGA's Freshman Focus program.

Freshmen **Matt Stack**, **Chase Griffin**, and **Mitch Fenbert** were selected for SGA's Freshman Forum program.

Recent alumnus **Wells Ellenberg** was awarded an Alpha Affiliate badge number (Alpha 593).

Junior **Sean Gilrain** was elected as the Interfraternity Council's VP of Administrative Affairs. Sean is Mu's 8th consecutive man to serve on the IFC Executive Council.

2014 Rush Recommendations

Mu Chapter is constantly looking for new men to join our ranks. If you are aware of any UGA men that will be rushing second semester or fall semester, please send us their names and addresses.

We also have an online recommendation form at www.ugasigmanu.com.

