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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

April 1, 2014

Brothers, Family and Friends of Mother Mu,

The Actives on River Road hope this letter finds you doing well with your summer in full swing. Once again all is well on the Athens front, Mu Chapter has had an excellent year here in the Classic City. The 2013 – 2014 school year has provided us with the opportunity to initiate 34 men into the Legion of Honor. We now have 2587 initiates. We are still the largest fraternity on the University of Georgia Campus. As you will see from the newsletter there is no shortage of fun at the New Chateau.

First and foremost the Chapter would like to extend a huge thank you to the White Rose Society, Mu Chapter's Mothers' Club, for hosting the G-day game tailgate and for the goodie bags during finals week. The Chapter would not be able to do all that we do without the support of our parents and alumni, but especially our Moms. Thank you!

Academically and socially we have had a great semester. The Chapter finished placed among the top Fraternities on Campus in grades securing us great football seats for 2014. Socially we have had a banner year highlighted by the White Rose Formal in Charleston, South Carolina, and Mountain Weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which has become affectionately referred to as Luxury Cabin Weekend. Other highlights include thirteen socials with some of the best Sororities on campus included Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa (which I believe some of our Alumni know better as the Snakey K's), Phi Mu, and Chi Omega.

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This past November, Brother and Lieutenant Commander Sean Gilrain, M 2486, was elected as our eighth consecutive member on the Interfraternity Council Executive Board. Sean's election continues a pipeline of leadership that should stay consistent in the Chapter as we continue to groom excellent candidates for Executive Board positions. We also continue a strong position in Student Government with four of our Freshman starting their role in governing at UGA. The Chapter's success also reaches into club sports. Currently we have Snakes slithering on the Lacrosse field, swimming in the Water Polo tank and riding on the Wakeboard team.

I am proud to say that in the 2013 – 2014 school year Mu Chapter has done a fantastic job of upholding the legacy left to us here at the University of Georgia. As we look to summer we are all excited to see what the 66th Grand Chapter in Nashville (July 16-20, 2014) will hold for us. Please reach out if I can ever be of any assistance to you. I look forward to seeing everyone this fall for Dawgs football!

Fraternally,

Jeff Brum M 2478
Eminent Commander, 2014

COMMANDER'S DINNER

JANUARY



In January, Mu Chapter held its annual Commanders Dinner at Bone's Restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia. All prior commanders (and guest alumni) joined Mu's current Commander, **Jeffrey Brum (M 2478)**, for drinks and dinner. Those present enjoyed reminiscing on days spent on River Road from 1940 to the current day. The dinner is hosted by prior Commanders with the purpose of introducing the new Commander and providing him an opportunity to provide an update of the Active Chapter. The prior Commanders provide words of wisdom (and some wit) and support and challenge the current Commander to serve the Chapter with vision and courage.

The Commanders Dinner originated at Mu in 2006 and is now emulated (but never duplicated) by Sigma Nu chapters throughout the Nation. Many thanks go to Vice Regent **John Hearn (M 2000)** and Mu's Alumni Advisor **Michael Barry (M 2071)** for organizing yet another successful event.



PHILANTHROPIC SNAKES

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Whoever said two good ole' South Georgia boys were good for nothing? Brothers **Alex Croy (M 2480)** and **Garrett McCorkle (M 2479)** have recently overhauled the chapters' philanthropy fundraising practices. The two Fall 2011 initiates from Jesup and Hinesville, Ga., respectively, have raised the bar when it comes to Mu Chapter's charitable endeavours.

After being appointed Co-Philanthropy Chairmen in January, the two went to work on achieving their lofty \$10,000 semester fundraising goal. With the help of many other brothers, the partnership worked with girls from each of the seventeen sororities on campus to host Mu Chapter's first ever "Sorority Soccer Showdown". The event featured music, food, a cash raffle, and of course, soccer. Following the event, Brother Croy had this to say, "The tournament was a great success and raised a lot of awareness for our cause. Hopefully this has set a precedent and will be something for us, as a fraternity, to build upon for years to come".

A team from Kappa Alpha Theta won the tournament, beating Pi Beta Phi by a score of 8 to 6. The Brothers awarded trophies to both the team from Theta and Pi Phi. Participants also received a t-shirt. (See our Facebook page for more pictures.) A great time was had by all.

Other fundraising practices this semester included a Silent Auction during the 'G-Day Chapter Tailgate' and a 'Friends and Family of Mother Mu' letter and online donations campaign. When asked about his experience as Philanthropy Chairman, Brother McCorkle responded, "It has undoubtedly been a large undertaking, but has also been an experience that I would say tops my list of collegiate accomplishments. We were able to raise a great deal of money for the MS Society and look forward to continuing this event in the future."

Mu Chapter chose to raise money for the MS Society due to many brothers having family and friends who have been diagnosed with MS, in particular, Freshman Chase Griffin's father (M 2568) Charles Griffin (M 1889). The chapter wanted to show its full support to the Griffin family.

As of April 15, the Chapter had raised over \$5000 for the MS Society. If you would like to Make a contribution to our efforts, please visit the MS Society's donations page at

<http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/ugasigmanu>



FORMAL

2014

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



Mu Chapter enjoyed an unprecedented three-day formal in Charleston, South Carolina, held during Martin Luther King, Jr weekend. Planned by Social Chairs **Landon Bean (M 2490)** and **Anthony Monico (M 2500)**, the weekend included an upscale dinner on Friday night at a few different restaurants, Saturday oyster roast at Tabouli Grill, and a black-tie event on Sunday night to cap off an exciting weekend.

The main event included heavy hors devours. Brothers then danced with their dates to the Motown style music of the band Sir Laurence and First Class. Worthy Commander **Ben Booth (M 2460)** was named Brother of the Year. Also, Miss Jacqueline Tate was named as sweetheart for the second year in a row. Many brothers usually describe formal weekend as the best weekend of the year!





MOUNTAIN WEEKEND

PIGEON FORGE, TN

Mountain Weekend 2014 should have been called Luxury Cabin Weekend. Timber Tops mountain resort in Pigeon Forge, TN was home to 100 brothers and dates over the weekend. The cabins the chapter rented were a far cry from roughing it. Complete with hot tub, pool table and flat screens the 2014 experience was quite different from the no door, no window, no running water Mountain Weekend experience from 2013. During the day on Saturday, the boys from Mother Mu descended onto the town of Gatlinburg to take in the sights. Popular activities included mini-golf, the Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum and the Duke's of Hazard Museum. Everyone managed to escape without a henna tattoo. Brothers Hudson "Coochie" Jerles, Connor Beecham and Jeff Brum took an Olde Tyme photograph that is now proudly displayed in the living room.

A big thanks goes out to Brothers Anthony Monico and Landon Bean for planning the weekend. A wonderful time was had by all in a weekend that is sure to become an annual tradition for Mu Chapter.



NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

COLE GRAHAM

Cole Graham (M 2572) is a freshman Finance major from Jacksonville, Florida, where he attended Episcopal High School. He is shown here with his sister, Betty Ann Graham, at her Debutante Presentation Ball.

Cole serves as the Chapter's Brotherhood Chairman, organizing fun events for brothers such as paintball outings at Athens Paintball and a brotherhood golf tournament to be held at Lane Creek Golf Club in the Fall. When asked why he pledged Sigma Nu, Cole replied "During my recruitment, I felt like I had been a brother for years. Not only did the brothers make me feel welcome, but also they made me feel like a part of something bigger than myself." This Summer, Cole will be a Recruitment Co-Chairman, continuing in making incoming freshman feel at home on River Road.

An avid fisherman, Cole enjoys spending his free time on the water. When not on the water, Cole is in the air working to obtain his pilot's license.



SPRING INITIATES

2014

Mu 2584	Alexander Rhett Malcom	Franklin County High School	Hartwell, GA
Mu 2585	Joshua Michael Gish	Upton Lee High School	Thomaston, GA
Mu 2856	Trace Williams Schuepbach	Camden County High School	St. Marys, GA
Mu 2587	Thomas Anthony Fernandes	Blessed Trinity High School	Alpharetta, GA



AN ALUMNUS RETURNS

RIVER ROAD

In November, **Kip Adams (M 1610)** spoke to the Chapter regarding his experience at The University of Georgia. Mr. Adams shared stories about his time at the House as well as many of the social events put on by the Chapter. More importantly, Mr. Adams shared how the Fraternity affected his life after college, and also how the connections that he made while in Sigma Nu led to his current job and his wife! Mr. Adams is a Director with Glaxo Smith Kine. Mr. Adams imparted great wisdom regarding how to take the lessons learned at Mu Chapter into the real world. Thanks Kip Adams for taking time to make an impact on River Road!

ALUMNI: Are you interested in speaking with the Chapter in Athens? We are always looking for alumni who can spend 30 or 45 minutes speaking with the Chapter. Drop us a line via the website at www.ugasigmanu.com or contact Commander Jeff Brum at jeffrey.brum@gmail.com.

We hope that you and your family will make plans to return to River Road on November 22nd, 2014 for our annual Parents and Alumni Weekend. The UGA football team will be taking on Charleston Southern over homecoming weekend. Join us for a catered tailgate along with live music! We hope to see you there!

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Freshman Phil McCarthy (M 2574) and sophomore **Cayman Sotudeh (M 2528)** began the 2014 UGA Lacrosse season as starting members.

Freshman **Sam Street (M 2578)** was elected as a Senator to the Student Government Association. Street is Mu Chapter's eighth consecutive member on SGA. Sam has also been accepted to serve as a counselor at Camp Glisson this Summer.

Sophomore **Max Van Dresser (M 2522)** was named as a Recruitment Co-Chairman for the Interfraternity Council. Van Dresser is Mu Chapter's third straight recruitment co-chairman.

Sophomore **Josh Morgan (M 2540)** is currently participating in a full time chemical engineering co-op with Noramco, part of the Johnson and Johnson family of companies.

Junior **Wes Roberts (M 2504)** was selected Head of Banking for the Corsair Society and President of the Blue Key Honor Society. In addition, Roberts was elected president of the Student Managed Investment Fund and has accepted an internship with Citigroup's Investment Banking sector in New York City. Last Summer, Wes interned with Credit Suisse in Atlanta.

Junior **Sean Gilrain (2486)** accepted an internship with BDCA Advisers, LLC in New York City and he was elected Vice President of the Corsair Society. Mu Alumnus **Scott Chappell (M 1952)** is a Managing Director with BDCA in Charlotte and New York.

Junior **Tripp Brooks (M 2501)** was elected to the executive board of the Student Alumni Council as the Events Chairman.

Senior **Richie O'Connell (M 2462)** was selected for membership in the Blue Key National Honor Society. **Mastin (M 2454)** is the former President of Blue Key.

"Hoose" Manager **Josh Morgan (M 2540)** was instrumental in getting a mural of the UGA stadium designed and produced for the house. The mural hangs in the basement – be sure to check it out on your next visit.



Senior **Jack Scherger (Mu 2468)** was recently highlighted by the Terry College for his efforts as a mentee with an Atlanta Terry Alumnus. Jack interned this summer with Dixon Hughes, where Mu Alum **Tommy Walden (M 1466)** is a Partner.

Senior **Trip Calloway (M 2458)** won AGD's "Mr Milledge" competition, with his unique version of "What does the Fox Say". You can check it out for yourself on YouTube.

YOUNG ALUMNI

MENTIONS

Chris Sanders (M 2339) is engaged to Olivia Lee Nail and will be married in September. Chris, formerly with Ernst and Young, has accepted a new job with GE Oil and Gas in Houston, Texas.

Buck Dixon (M2326), was recently elected the Editor-in-Chief of the Georgia State College of Law Law Review. Buck is currently working as a summer associate for Troutman Sanders LLP. Socks Dixon has also become engaged to Leah Barnett.

Alex Bradford (M 2317) was recently elected Chair of the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) Alumni Board of Directors for The University of Georgia.

Michael Weldon (M 2294), due to graduate from Mercer Law School in May, will begin working as an associate at Coleman Talley LLP (Atlanta office) in the Fall. Michael was also recently married to Cathryn Childs Weldon in Athens, Georgia.

Cory King (M 2358) was recently promoted to Senior Financial Analyst at The Home Depot Company in Atlanta.

Kyle Christopherson (M2337), currently traveling throughout Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam for 5 weeks, will begin his residency in Anesthesiology at The University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Tommy McConnell (M 2401) accepted a job with the advertising agency McGarryBowen in Chicago, Illinois. Tommy is the second recent Mu graduate to move to Chicago -- **Greg Hanley (M 2352)** is an Options Trader with Consolidated Trading.

Robert Crosby (M2390) recently began a position as an Account Executive at Soliant Health in Atlanta with their Pupil Services division.



Wells Ellenberg (M 2400) was awarded the NIC Distinction of Merit Award. Wells was selected for this award out of over 250,000 possible candidates. Currently, Wells is the Political Director for John McCallum's campaign to represent Georgia's 1st Congressional District in Washington, DC.

Chris Green (M 2367) is the Deputy Policy Director Georgia Department of Agriculture. Chris has been selected to participate in The Georgia Department of Agriculture Leadership Development Institute. The Institute is a year-long program designed to help develop future leaders within the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Tom Johnson (M 1232) and **Dan Amos (M 1521)** were both featured in the UGA PSA that aired in October. You can find the PSA on YouTube.

Nick Byers (M 1859) was highlighted in the recent Atlanta Business Chronicle's address of the Georgia logistics industry. Nick is an outstanding brother and alumnus of Mu Chapter - great job, Nick!

On February 22, 2014, Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church (Augusta) hosted its annual "Ried on the Run" to benefit University Hospital's Breast Health Center and Reid Memorial's Children Ministry. The run honored Sterling Ivey, wife of Alumnus **Chip Ivey's (M 1980)**. The Run raised over \$15,000.

Marian Wiggins, wife of **Phil Wiggins (M 1398)** and mother of **Phil Wiggins (M 2048)** passed away April 3, 2014.

Holden Hayes (M 2122) is President of the Savannah Bank and de facto leader of the Savannah Area Alumni for whom he has organized several social events.

Dee Edwards (M 1825) and **John (Herbie) Williamson (M 1870)** recently reconnected over lunch in Athens. Herbie stopped by the house and took some time to visit with the brothers. Herbie built the tables used by the Chapter in the dining room (his initials are on the tables!)

John Hampton (M 2232) was recently highlighted by Bisnow's Atlanta Real Estate Business News. John was highlighted in front of his Family's 1931 Model A. John is the founder and principal of White Oak Realty Advisors - a boutique real estate investment banking firm with a principal focus on investment sales and capital advisory services for commercial real estate owners and developers.

ALUMNI TAILGATE

SEPTEMBER 2014



Calling all alumni from the 1980's generation! Please join your fellow brothers at an alumni tailgate and reunion, held during the UGA vs Tennessee weekend (9/26-9/27). Organized by **Nick Byers (M 1859)**, **Rob Cason (M 1858)** and **Jay Matthews (M 1875)** the weekend will consist of a golf outing Friday evening followed by a "19th hole" for all brothers who won't make the golf round. The next morning a tailgate will be held at the Sigma Nu House before the Dawgs tee it up between the hedges! Please RSVP to Nick Byers (nrbyers@comcast.net) or Alumni Relations Chair Sam McKinstry (semckinstry94@gmail.com) to be included in this event. We look forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL RUSH & GRAND CHAPTER

FALL RUSH – SEND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY – RUSH IS UNDERWAY

Fall rush is already underway as we work toward filling our pledge class by late July / early August. Historically, some of our greatest recommendations have come from our alumni. If you are aware of any promising UGA matriculates in your area who will be attending UGA, please send us their names and contact information. You can submit this information online at our website: www.ugasigmanu.com.

It is never too early to begin recruiting the next generation of “Leaders with Vision and Courage.” The earlier we can contact potential new members, the better. In addition, if you would be willing to host a dinner, golf outing, or other regional recruitment event, please contact one of our Recruitment Co-Chairs: Joseph Brittain, Leigh Stowe, Cayman Sotudeh, and Cole Graham. Their contact information is located on our website.

We currently have an early Summer event planned at the Capital City Club in Atlanta and a Braves – Golf – Paintball weekend planned for early June.



GRAND CHAPTER - NASHVILLE

Please make plans to attend Grand Chapter, held in Nashville from July 16-20, 2014. Mu Chapter is sending a dozen active brothers to this national convention and look forward to a strong showing from our alumni. We generally have the largest contingent of brothers at each National Event and hope you can join us. On July 16, we look forward to hosting a Mu Chapter reception just prior to the award of the Rock Award for 2014. We anticipate that Commander Jeff Brum will be able to accept our Chapter's third consecutive Rock Award, recognizing the Chapter as one of the top Chapters in the Nation. (Or, as

he has been reminded, he should bring a good pair of shoes to walk home in.) Please reach out to Sam McKinstry (semckinstry94@gmail.com) for details.