

MU NEWS

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Groundbreaking at River Road

As another Fall comes to a close in Athens, chapter morale is as high as it has ever been. Each and every active enjoys the privilege of driving down River Road and seeing the continued progress on the construction on our new residence.

Over 100 Sigma Nu actives and alumni were in attendance to witness the Oct. 21, 2008 groundbreaking ceremony for our new House on River Road. Sigma Nu's outnumbered all others at the Groundbreaking by 2-1. It was a giant, tangible step forward in Mu's 12-year-long path to return to River Road.

The ceremony celebrated the opening of a new Greek Park with facilities housing Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Tau Epsilon Phi and Pi Kappa

Alpha. Featured speakers at the event included University President Michael Adams and Vice President for Student Affairs Rodney Bennett. Dr. Verner Chaffin (M 621), who was also present at the groundbreaking of the original River Road house in 1940, addressed Sigma Nu members following the ceremony.

The new facility will house 20 men and be approximately 11,000 square feet in size. It will be located closer to Sanford Stadium than any fraternity house on campus. The house will be in the style of a French chateau, similar to that of the original building. It is scheduled to be opened by August of 2009, just in time for what looks to be a very promising Fall Recruitment.

House Corps leaders Dick Craft (M 1344), Gerry

Whitworth (M 1492), Robert Durham (M 1650) and Alan Brown (M 1789), as well as Alumni Advisors John Hearn (M 2000) and R. Michael Barry (M 2071), showed tremendous leadership and perseverance in our returning to River Road.

The path back Home was not easy, but despite the adversity we faced, Mu Chapter has continued to be a strong presence on the University of Georgia campus. Since reorganizing in the fall of 2005, we have steadily grown in size and reputation—both locally and nationally. Thank you for continuing to believe in our Fraternity, our leadership and our vision. We look forward to seeing you on River Road.

Drew K. Wheatley
M 2310

French Chateau is—

- Afternoons spent on the porch?
- Walking the tracks?
- Date nights? Winter Formal? Band Parties?
- Rev's reminders? Annie's dinners?
- Parties in The Pit?
- Greek Week floats at the House?

All of these great memories (and more) were made possible by the vision, dedication and enthusiasm for our Frater-

nity of alumni like you. In the days and weeks ahead, we all will be asked to participate in making these memories possible for another generation.

Opportunities often come at challenging times – but we have this single opportunity to make a tangible difference for generations to come. Every alumni's participation – at every level -- is important. Bravely join your brothers and demonstrate the strength of Mu's Love, Honor and Truth.

Mu Alumni Advisory Board

Active Brother Earns Carnegie Hero Medal

Active Brother Kyle Christopherson (M 2337) was awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal on October 2, 2008. The Medal is awarded to college students who put their own life in extraordinary danger in an attempt to save the life of another.

Christopherson earned the Carnegie Hero Medal because of his successful



attempt to save Daniel C. Broaddus during a vacation in Daytona Beach, Florida. Broaddus, 47, was wading in the Atlantic Ocean when he was caught in a rip current.

Christopherson, 20, noticed Broaddus struggling and immediately ran into the ocean to assist the drowning man. He was able to swim with Broaddus to a sand bar and

then on a diagonal course toward the shore, about 150 feet from where Broaddus was swimming. The man was given assistance at the shore by a lifeguard and is now fully recovered.

Christopherson is currently a junior biology major from Oxford, Georgia and plans on attending medical school. He has also served as Mu Chapter's Sentinel.

Andrew Laarhoven
M 2333

Another Successful Rush

As the semester has come to a close, Mu Chapter has once again completed another tremendously successful rush, having twenty-four young men initiated into the Legion of Honor. The chapter extended its range of influence as we added members from cities across the Southeast including Albany, Georgia, Fairfax, Virginia, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Nashville, Tennessee. Mu also picked

up Sigma Nu legacies from Athens and Marietta. Throughout the summer, we received ample alumni support as we once again traveled to Atlanta, Savannah, and Charlotte as well as other cities across the state.

We always encourage recruitment recommendations, which are invaluable tools that allow Mu Chapter to move forward and take further steps in regaining its great legacy. If you have any questions, concerns, or

know of any young men who will be attending the University soon, feel free to contact either Wyn Bellhouse (706) 499-2027, Trent Lyle (478) 986-7627, or Any Monk (404) 374-9628.

Fraternally,

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Buck Dixon, M 2326

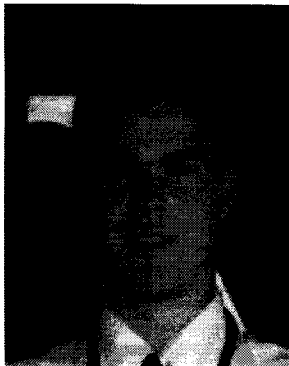
Meet a Candidate: Chris Green

by Cory King, M 2358

Hometown:
Athens, Ga

Major:
History

Interests:
Fishing, camping, outdoors, sports (hockey, baseball, football), politics



Freshman Chris Green, an Athens native and Sigma Nu legacy, is quickly becoming a leader on the University of Georgia campus. He has joined up with UGA HEROs as a philanthropist and has recently earned a spot on the Student Government Association's Freshmen Forum, a

group that only accepts the top 100 freshmen. Chris is majoring in History with an education intent. He hopes to become a history teacher at the high school level and hopefully eventually work his way up to working in education administration.

Welcome Home!

Brothers of Mu Chapter,

“Welcome Home!” These were among the words shared by Dean of Students, Dr. Rodney Bennett, during Mu’s chapter house groundbreaking on October 21, 2008. More specifically to each of you, welcome back to River Road!

Among the roughly 150 attendees at the Greek Park groundbreaking event, approximately 120 were Sigma Nu Actives and Alumni. A special thanks to the more than 35 Alumni (including Sigma Nu Regent Joe Gilman) who traveled to Athens from all parts of the Southeast. It was an impressive showing of attendees and support for the Chapter.

Of particular interest, Dr. Verner Chaffin (M 621) attended the recent groundbreaking ceremony as a follow up to his attendance at Mu Chapter’s original groundbreaking on River Road in the Winter of 1940. Thank you, Dr. Chaffin, for your seventy plus years of leadership, involvement and service!

What’s next? Mu has secured a 30 year lease with an option for an additional 30 years thereafter. The House Corporation and committees made up of Active Chapter Members are working quickly with the University Architects to finalize the design details of our 20 Bed House. Many questions may be answered via Mu’s website at www.ugasigmanu.com, or feel free to call me, John Hearn, at 404-683-1036

or Michael Barry at 404-434-0604. We will have drawings and campaign materials posted on the website soon.

Please continue to give consideration to the donation you will make over the coming months to help ensure the “Mother Mu” chapter home returns to her former glory. Your contribution will make a lasting difference to many future generations of Sigma Nus and will ensure that they enjoy the same friendships, opportunities, lessons in leadership and outstanding memories as we all hold so dear.

Fraternally,

John A. Hearn (M 2000), House Corporation President

State of the Chapter

By Austin R. Hackney, M 2323, Former Commander

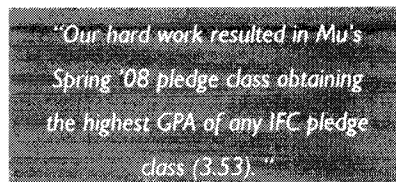
As always, Mu chapter is heavily involved on campus. Incoming Commander Clayton Cox has been elected to the IFC Executive Board as the Vice President of Public Relations, marking the third consecutive year that a Sigma Nu has served on the Board. Senior George Ward and Junior Mike Naghshineh have been named to the prestigious Corsair Society for Finance majors, and George is also a member of UGA’s Arch Society. Junior Andrew Laarhoven was recently elected to the

position of Vice President of the College Republicans, and Senior Wyn Bellhouse finishes his term as Vice President of the Young Democrats.

Scholarship remains a tenet of Mu Chapter’s values. Our hard work resulted in Mu’s Spring ‘08 pledge class obtaining the highest GPA of any IFC pledge class (3.53). Additionally, twenty-three percent of our active members made the Dean’s

List, the highest percentage on campus.

Over the course of 2008, Mu Chapter has enjoyed the privileges that come with being a chapter in good standing with Nationals. It was quite an achievement to have two Mu men, Regent-Elect Robert Durham (M 1650) and Collegiate Grand Councilman George Ward (M 2308), elected to the High Council.



Sigma Nu finishes 3rd in GPA; 27 Brothers Earn 3.5+

Mu Chapter raised the bar yet again when it finished with the third-highest GPA out of twenty-six IFC fraternities for the Fall 2008 Semester. Congratulations to the brothers who received a 3.5 GPA or better (* denotes 3.75+):

- Will Ginn
- Gunnar Kenney
- Will McCorkle
- Brandon Artique
- Wyn Bellhouse
- John Broker
- Clayton Cox
- Ross Everett
- Chris Sanders
- Ricardo Vera
- George Ward
- Kyle Webb
- Kyle McDonald *
- Andy Monk *
- Kyle Christopherson *
- Chris Dammeyer *
- Greg Hanley *
- Will Hearn *
- Cory King *
- Andrew Klemm *
- JR McMillan *
- Wright Montgomery *
- Mike Naghshineh *
- Philip Rosen *
- Dave Sanders *
- Mitchell Snyder *
- Stephen Thompson *

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Congratulations to the Fall 2008 Initiates:

M2364 Mr. Carter Setliff
M2366 Andrew Monk—Marietta, GA
M2367 Christopher Green—Athens, GA
M2368 Gunnar Kenney—Charlotte, NC
M2369 Bryan Crabill—Dunwoody, GA
M2370 Andrew Parks—Augusta, GA
M2371 Alex Lovell—Savannah, GA
M2372 Thomas Fisher—Salisbury, NC
M2373 Wesley Robinson—Roswell, GA
M2374 Jason Goldman—Huntington, NY
M2375 William McCorkle—Marietta, GA
M2376 Arin Fowler—Alpharetta, GA
M2377 A.J. DeRiemacker—Albany, GA
M2378 Kyle McDonald—Alpharetta, GA
M2379 Timothy Convy—Vienna, VA
M2380 Jason Evans—Cumming, GA
M2381 William Ginn—Ellersbe, GA
M2382 Andrew Chapman—Savannah, GA
M2383 Stephen Callaway—Dalton, GA
M2384 Matthew Maddux—Albany, GA
M2385 Lee Sutton—Nashville, GA
M2386 Matthew Mettler—Marietta, GA
M2387 Allen Barris—Kennesaw, GA
M2388 Jared Smith—Toccoa, GA
M2389 Stephen Sells—Nashville, TN

Attention Brothers:

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 alumni events, photos and construction updates and announcements. By 2010 we will reduce our costs and move all of our correspondence to this site.

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

Special Thanks to all Alumni in Attendance for the Fall Initiation:

M0621 Mr. Verner F. Chaffin
M0980 Mr. William P. House
M1011 Mr. Gordon L. Burel
M1028 Mr. Emory S. Mabry, III
M1048 Mr. George J. Hearn, III
M1082 Mr. Harvey H. Chandler
M1121 Mr. Joseph N. Walls
M1141 Mr. John R. Waller
M1202 Mr. Charles W. Davidson
M1218 Mr. John P. Bridges, Jr.
M1738 Mr. John E. Chafin
M1789 Mr. Richard A. Brown
M2000 Mr. John A. Hearn
M2071 Mr. R. Michael Barry, Jr.
M2090 Mr. David H. Clements

Beta Theta Chapter - Mr. Bill McCorkle
Eta Chapter - Mr. Mark Day