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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Brothers, Family, and Friends of Mother Mu,

On behalf of the active chapter, I hope this letter finds you well. It has been a pleasure serving as Commander of Mu Chapter thus far, and I look forward to the remainder of my term as we work to grow and excel at UGA. This year, we continued our long history of excellence and leadership, not only within the Greek system, but also throughout campus and the greater Athens community. As a chapter, we have maintained the many traditions that make Mother Mu truly exceptional, while starting new traditions of our own.

This past fall, we proudly initiated 33 new brothers into the Legion of Honor, extending the legacy of Mu Chapter to 2,693 initiates and retaining our status as one of the largest fraternities on campus. With a heavy importance placed on the quality of candidates chosen, paired with an unparalleled candidate education process, Mu Chapter has once again added a strong group of leaders into its brotherhood. This can especially be seen through their involvement in campus organizations. Fall '16 represents Mu on Freshman Greek Leaders, Student Government Association, and UGA Club Water Polo, as well as in their high levels of community service and outreach. The strength of Mu Chapter and its quality candidate classes can be attributed to our tremendous alumni base. All candidate recommendations submitted by alumni are valued, and we make sure to take a careful look at each one. We would like to thank the alumni for their continued support of Mu Chapter and their involvement in the recruitment process.

Perhaps the biggest change witnessed by Mu Chapter this year has been the reorganization of its Alumni Advisory Board. After years of dedicated leadership, chapter advisor **Michael Barry (M 2071)** has handed the reigns

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over to a new group of advisors, led by **Joel Stern (M 2297)**. This new board took charge last semester and has already developed strong relations with the Executive Council and myself. I would like to thank Michael for his many years of leadership and guidance as well as Joel and his team for their investment in the Chapter.

Continuing its strong focus on philanthropy and service, Mu Chapter again exceeded the standards set forth by nationals this year. Brothers volunteered their time at the local food bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Extra Special People, just to name a few. On April 29th, we will be hosting the 3rd annual Classic City Bowl to raise funds for local charities. We will be taking on the brothers of Kappa Alpha and are expecting yet another victory. Last year's event brought in over \$15,000 and we hope to raise even more this year.

Thank you to all who contributed to last year's success and we look forward to seeing you at Clarke Central on the 29th!



Once again, the chapter has seen a social calendar second to none. Brothers have enjoyed such events as our White Rose Formal, mountain weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, date nights, and socials with some of the best sororities on campus. This year, we added an 80's themed date night to our calendar, featuring a classic rock cover band and disco ball with plenty of 80's style getups. Along with the new date night, we continued our tradition of hosting one of the best spring parties on campus, Shakedown. The party featured jam bands, DJs, and rappers and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Chateau is still in as good of shape as it has ever been, and this spring it was given a special addition. A bench has been installed on the back porch to honor the lives of Halle Scott and Christina Semeria, two UGA students taken by a fatal car wreck and the sisters of **Will Scott (M 2546)** and **Nick Semeria (M 2561)**. We held a dedication ceremony on G-Day, hoping to continue on the girls' legacies.

This year holds a lot of potential for Mother Mu and I look forward to leading this chapter to the best of its ability. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Fraternally,

Ross Uhlar

Ross Uhlar
M 2642



FORMAL

CHARLESTON, SC

Sigma Nu's 2017 formal was held in Charleston, South Carolina. The weekend was highlighted by an oyster roast, trips to the beach, and most importantly the formal event, which took place at Sweetgrass Event Center on a Saturday night this year. The brothers of Mu Chapter engaged in a night of dancing and camaraderie which culminated in a jovial awards ceremony marked by freshman **Jack Mcgoldric (M 2665)** taking home the coveted "Most Athletic" award from the chapter. However, the biggest news of the night came when **Max Brandon (M 2579)** was announced "Brother of the Year" for his excellent service as Commander and various other positions he has held. Claire Yakaitis, a Kappa Alpha Theta, was named Mu Chapter sweetheart. Sunday was punctuated by the oyster roast, which took place a block from Folly Beach. A live band played throughout the day as brothers enjoyed the weather and oysters. White Rose Formal was yet again another great success and we look forward to what's in store next year.

ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT:

ALUMNI: We send out the Mu News twice a year –once via email (in the Spring) and once in the Fall (regular snail-mail). If we don't have your current email address we can't send you the News. Take just a few minutes and update your information at our website ugasigmanu.com. We do not share your information with anyone (even other brothers). We want to keep you informed with everything happening on River Road.

ALUMNI: Have news to share? Go to: www.ugasigmanu.com and update your information.

FORMAL PHOTOS

2017

CHARLESTON, SC



Captions: A.) Brothers with their dates enjoying the oyster roast. B.) Dancing the night away with our DJ. C.) **Brothers Nick Efird (M 2660), John Sheffield (M 2575), and Heyward Hodges (M 2556)** enjoying the White Rose Formal with their respective dates. D.) **Brothers Kerrigan Arnold (M 2691) and William White (M 2683)** taking in their first White Rose Formal in Charleston, SC. E.) Brothers **Chris Levy (M 2618), Eddie Lloyd (M 2613), Will Reagan (M 2602), Morgan Beam (M 2610), Nick Brandes (M 2601), and Max Prete (M 2608)** taking in the live music at the Oyster Roast.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINA SEMERIA & HALLE SCOTT

April 22nd was a special day for Mu Chapter. Not only did the chapter host a tailgate for G-Day, brothers and alumni of Mu Chapter attended a special ceremony dedicating a bench in memory of Christina Semeria and Halle Scott, sisters of Mu brothers **Nick Semeria (M 2561)** and **Will Scott (M 2546)**.

The ceremony began at 11:00 AM at the Chateau on River Road followed by lunch/tailgate at 12:00 PM. We thank everyone who came to honor the memories of these special young women and their (our) brothers. It was a special moment for Mu Chapter as it truly resembled the strong brotherhood of Sigma Nu.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

2017

EXTRA SPECIAL PEOPLE (ESP)

This past year has seen Mu Chapter's philanthropic involvement increase in not only volume, but variety as well. The development of the Classic City Bowl has seen a dramatic increase in brotherly involvement, while introducing sorority efforts to help bolster the cause. Furthermore, many road/river cleanups were organized to reduce the pollution in the river behind the Chateau. However, the Chapter's involvement with ESP (Extra Special People) has been the most important endeavor. Lieutenant Commander **Logan Purvis (M 2595)**, also one of the heads of the organization has helped to set the chapter's community service benchmark for years to come. "This year, Mu chapter partnered with Extra Special People to help assist the program on a weekly basis to children with developmental disabilities. This partnership has greatly benefitted our friends at ESP and allowed the brothers of Mu Chapter to serve the Athens-Clarke County community." We look forward to this partnership for years to come. Many knights manned the annual ESP silent auction at the Classic Center this winter, which culminated in thousands of dollars raised for the organization. Mu Chapter looks to continue its philanthropic excellence in years to come, and to continue to set the example for fraternities at UGA.

Captions (Top to Bottom):

Landen Benson (M 2667), Chad Kupec (M 2666), Avery King (M 2661), Alex Taylor (M 2677), Jared Siegel (M 2693) working the ESP auction night.

Brothers of Mu Chapter helping out at the local food bank.





Σ Ν Τ Ο Π Λ Α Υ Κ Α Α Π Ρ Ι L 2 9 T H I N A N N U A L C L A S S I C C I T Y B O W L

On April 29th, 2017 the brothers of Mu Chapter will face against Kappa Alpha's Gamma Chapter in the third annual Classic City Bowl. Following in the footsteps of **Logan Purvis (M 2595)** and **Tyler Haaland (M 2614)**, Co-philanthropy chairmen **Lawson Ives (M 2624)** and **Thomas Woodard (M 2603)** have continued the success in solidifying the Classic City Bowl as the leading fraternity philanthropy event at the University of Georgia. Building on the success of the inaugural game, the Chapter secured a lead sponsor (Chick-Fil-a), introduced a new hype video promoting the game, and enhanced its practice schedule. Last year's event raised over \$15,000 for local charities (selected by participating sororities) – including Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, St. Jude and Breast Cancer Awareness. This year's event hopes to surpass its fundraising goal of \$20,000, which will be distributed to three charities chosen by attendees. The top charity receiving votes gets 60% of proceeds, 2nd place 30%, and 3rd place receives 10% of proceeds. Mu Chapter looks to continue the banner competition this year and hope for even more impressive banners from the sororities. To improve upon last year's performance, Sigma Nu's team has increased the number of coaches. This year's coaching staff consists of head coach/defensive coordinator **Chris Cannon (M 2554)**, offensive coordinator

Tucker Shull (M 2629), wide receivers coach **John Albert (M 2659)**, offensive line coach **Will Reagan (M 2602)**, defensive line coach **Michael Hebert (M 2653)**, and linebackers coach **Allen Hetzel (M 2582)**. After talking to head coach **Chris Cannon (M 2554)** on why he believes the team will be much improved this year, he said, "I think that we've been very lucky to retain our whole staff from last year. We've also added some freshmen that are going to help protect our QB **Tucker Shull (M 2629)** in the pocket. Moving practice to a closer location has increased practice attendance. These improvements should all show on the field." Although rusty, the team showed early glimpses of greatness while they relived the high school football glory days. The brothers of Sigma Nu would like to extend a thank you to the brothers of Kappa Alpha for their participation. To stay up to date on the result of this year's Classic City Bowl, check <http://www.classiccitybowl.com/> or <http://www.ugasigmanu.com>. Thanks to all of those who have supported the Classic City Bowl- we certainly could not do it without you and we are looking forward to improving our record in the game to 2-1.





COMMANDER'S DINNER

BONES RESTAURANT

On January 12th, the 12th annual Commanders' Dinner was held at Bones Restaurant in Atlanta. As in prior years, the purpose of the dinner is to introduce the new Commander (**Ross Uhlar, M 2642**, Roswell, Georgia) to the alumni and to have the outgoing Commander (**Max Brandon, M 2579**, Lilburn, Georgia) pass along the recently acquired jeweled Commanders Pin. Also in attendance were several Mu alumni who served Mother Mu on the Executive Committee and in other roles. Unfortunately, **Ross Uhlar (M 2642)** was unable to attend due to illness. However, Mu Chapter is fortunate enough to have the current IFC President **Allen Bagwell (M 2598)** fill in for him. He was able to relay Ross's plans and ideas for Mu Chapter. Following Allen's speech, he was provided with various pieces of guidance from the alumni in attendance to pass on to Ross and even take in for himself as he takes on his role within IFC. The event was filled with laughter, brotherhood and pride in all that Mother Mu has given to us. Every year it is always a pleasure for the incoming Commander to hear stories and experiences from past Commanders dating all the way back to the 1940s. Most importantly, it is reminded to the incoming commander that a legacy of 140 years as Sigma Nu's oldest continually active chapter was now his responsibility. We have great confidence in Ross's leadership and vision for the future of Mother Mu.

ALUMNI MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

JOEL & ANTHONY



Most college students spend years trying to decide what kind of career path they want to take, and appropriately so, as it is a decision that will affect the trajectory of their lives for years, if not decades, to come. Anthony, however, knew from the start that he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and enter the employee benefits insurance business. In an effort to be as proactive as possible with his future, Anthony applied for the Alumni Mentor Program during his junior year, and was quickly matched with Joel, a young alumnus who had been working in the benefits business since his graduation.

Anthony and Joel began speaking regularly, and soon thereafter Anthony visited Atlanta so that the two could meet face to face and begin networking within the industry as a team. As Anthony met Joel's contacts and became more familiar with the insurance business as a whole, he decided to begin applying for summer internships. Although well-regarded internships are competitive, Anthony obtained a position with Assurant and split the summer between Kansas City and Atlanta.

During Anthony's senior year, Anthony and Joel continued to meet and strategize with one another. Through their hard work and combined efforts, Anthony secured meetings with multiple potential employers in the benefits business. Other Mu alumni in the industry, including **Tom Greene (M 1964)**, **John Hearn (M 2000)**, and **Nick Hendricks (M 2298)**, volunteered their time and provided guidance for Anthony as well.

Their perseverance and dedication paid off, and MetLife offered Anthony a position during his senior year, well before graduation. He trained in Tampa, and now works in Atlanta. Although their jobs make them competitors, Anthony and Joel continue to meet regularly and enjoy a friendship as well as their mentor/mentee relationship.

If you would like to get involved as an Alumni Mentor, please contact **Tyler Haaland (M 2614)** at trhaaland@aol.com.

"Anthony is a bright guy, knew what he wanted to do, and was proactive about our mentor/mentee interaction. He was professional and persistent - he made it easy to help him. I am also lucky I made a great friend in the process."

- Joel Stern (M 2297)

"Joel is a present and involved leader and is a testament to the strength of our chapter. Although we were never in school together, he is someone I look up to and try to emulate on a daily basis. As a young professional, I'm thankful for his mentorship and friendship."

- Anthony Monico (M 2500)

FALL RUSH

AUGUST 11, 2017

Fall rush is in progress as we work toward filling our pledge class by early August. Although Campus (IFC) rush does not begin until August 11th, Sigma Nu (like most fraternities at UGA) holds a dynamic Spring and Summer rush program, to ensure the Chapter is able to connect with as many potential candidates as possible. We can better associate with the rushees and ensure that they are a solid match and continue the success of Mu Chapter. Some of our most noteworthy recommendations have originated from our alumni, so we emphasize the importance of alumni involvement in rush.

If you know about any young men bound for UGA in your general area, please send us their names and contact information. You can present this data online at our site: www.ugasigmanu.com. It is never too soon to start enlisting the next era of "Leaders with Vision and Courage." Due to the competitiveness of rush, the faster we get recommendations, the bigger advantage we have in rush.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner, golf outing or other recruitment event to provide new and noteworthy experiences for rushees, please get in touch with one of our Recruitment Co-Chairs: **Nick Barlow (M 2662)**, **Ray Jarvis (M 2659)**, **Charles Peroyea (M 2672)**, **Corey Soper (M 2684)**, and **Charlie Ogletree (M 2669)**. Our Atlanta Recruiting Day event has not set a date, but will likely be held at the Capital City Club again, thanks to Mu Chapter alum **Robert Durham (M 1650)**. The Recruiting Day will be instrumental in finding potential candidates, as many incoming UGA students alongside those from Gamma Alpha (Georgia Tech) and Teta Kappa (Georgia Southern) will be in attendance. In prior years, our remarkable alumni in Charlotte, Washington DC, Atlanta, Monroe, and Savannah have extended "the helping hand" to help significantly diversify our recent pledge classes. We are proud that when we highlight our alumni involvement in rush, we can prove it with excellent results. Thanks in advance for helping us reach our recruitment goals.

If you have any questions about Fall rush, please contact Commander **Ross Uhlar (M 2642)** at muchaptercommander@gmail.com or **Nick Barlow (M 2662)** at (404) 386-2070.





ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING

The brothers of Mu Chapter who hold officer positions every year travel up to Atlanta to meet with the Alumni Advisory Board during the first month of each semester. This year brothers **Ross Uhlar (M 2642)**, **Logan Purvis (M 2595)**, **Nick Khater (M 2599)**, **Kasey Clark (M 2594)**, **Tyler Haaland (M 2614)**, **Evan Melioris (M 2658)**, **Landon Benson (2667)**, **Nick Barlow (2662)**, **Thomas Woodard (M 2603)**, and **Ray Jarvis (M 2659)** all made the trip to the meeting with alumni **Joel Stern (M 2297)**, **Nathan Whitmire (M 2318)**, **John Hearn (M 2000)**, **Nick Hendricks (M 2298)**, and **Wells Ellenberg (M 2400)**. Each leadership position runs through their report, plans, and deadlines for the upcoming semester. The meeting provides professional guidance to these officers and ideas to their semester plans. Furthermore, the professional guidance helps officers create S.M.A.R.T (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-sensitive) goals. The wisdom and guidance from the Advisory Board is extremely beneficial to not only the brothers in officer positions, but helps Mu Chapter continue its excellence on campus.

80'S DATE NIGHT

THE CHATEAU

For the first time Mu Chapter will be having a date night themed for the 80's decade. In place of a Braves date night, this is a very unique date night among campus and will help strengthen Mu Chapter socially. Brothers and their respective dates will be dressing up like they are going to a "tacky prom" in the 80's. The night will consist of live music from an 80's cover band at the house. With decorations being set up all over, people may forget they are even at the Chateau while they are dancing the night away.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

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Jack O Neal (M 2557) – Hired by Access Corporate Services, LLC. in Atlanta, GA.

Kyle Eliff (M 2611) - Interned this past semester for EV Hoops, a leading NBA scouting service writing scouting reports and player evaluations for top college prospects.

Connor Day (M 2687) - Going on a study abroad program to South Africa and Botswana this May.

Michael Hebert (M 2653) - Joined paid staff at the Red and Black Newspaper and is interning this summer at the Marietta Daily Journal, helping with the high school football coverage.

Chase Griffin (M 2568) - Accepted to the Medical College of Georgia.

Jonathan Mock (M 2607) - Working for Genuine Parts Company as a finance intern this summer.

Carson Miller (M 2615) - Interning at WestRock and is a member of the Agriculture and Applied Economics Honor Society

Nick Efird (M 2660) – Spent the spring semester co-oping for Newcomb and Boyd in Downtown Atlanta.

Allen Hetzel (M 2582) – Currently a portfolio analyst for Broad Street Capital this year.

John Whatley (M 2590) – Studying abroad in Vienna this summer.

Logan Purvis (M 2595) - Studying abroad in Verona and interning with the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit.

Kasey Clark (M2594) – Interning in the Georgia State Capitol at the office of the Chief Operating Officer.

