



## State of the Chapter

2008 is off to a great start for Mu Chapter. Our six man spring pledge class is a chain with no weak links. With our normal pull from the Greater-Atlanta area producing four candidates, we also added another from Athens, as well as our first candidate from the state of Tennessee. All six are freshmen and bring outstanding character and involvement to our chapter.

Campus involvement continues to be a cornerstone of Sigma Nu at UGA. Many of our members remain active in Student Government, as well as the Inter-Fraternity Council. Our own Joel Stern holds the Treasurer/Secretary position on the IFC Executive Board. Leadership positions are priority among the brothers and we are always proud when someone new gets elected or appointed to such a position on campus.

Philanthropies are another area in which Sigma Nus are making an impact on campus. Many brothers are heavily involved in the success of groups like UGA HEROs and Relay for Life. We have just begun to defend our title as last year's winner of the American Red Cross's Platelet Challenge. We've also teamed up with Theta Chi and Kappa Sigma to make sure our second annual philanthropy concert benefiting St. Jude's Hospitals is an even greater success than last year.

Another White Rose Formal was held at the Dillard House in January, our most successful one yet. Many thanks are due to Brother John Dillard, Jr. (M 2005) for his gracious hospitality. Mu Chapter has enjoyed its share of social activities this semester, from Valentine's Date Nights to sorority socials to a Hawks

game in March.

Our Alumni Speaker program has continued with much success. The chapter received Scott Chappell for an evening at Phi Kappa Hall to hear first hand career and education advice, along with some great stories from his time as a Sigma Nu. Our rush team also looks forward to meeting with many alumni this summer as we visit cities around the state and southeast during the summer rush months.

I'd like to thank all the alumni who have given us a helping hand in the past several months. Our alumni are one of the greatest assets of this chapter, and we would not be where we are today without the solid foundation you prepared over the years.

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### Special Thanks to...

Brother George J. Hearn, III (M 1048) for providing a venue for our Executive Board's retreat.

Brother John Dillard, Jr. (M 2005) for hosting our formal at The Dillard House

Brothers George Hearn (M 1048), Robert Durham (M 1650), Steve Castellaw (M 1343), George Richerson (M 1698), John Hearn (M 2000), Eric Ferrara (M 2012), Robert Fowler (M 1950), Michael Barry (M 2071) for sharing their thoughts on their Mu experiences and/or completing the Alumni Questionnaire (See www.ugasigmanu.com).

### Summer Recruitment

Mu alumni played an essential role in our successful rush this past summer, and we look to continue the trend. In addition to Mu's Regional Recruitment initiative, we are planning events in cities around Georgia including Savannah, Atlanta, and Columbus this July. Look for more information to come about these events to be reunited with the Brothers of Mu chapter.

## Another Successful Rush

Mu chapter finished Spring Rush with six outstanding young men who have already made an impact at the University of Georgia in all aspects. They each excel in the classroom, the social sphere, and are well on their way to distinguishing themselves as leaders on campus.

Mu excelled in 2006 and 2007 with pledge classes at or above the average— in all respects. We look forward to the always-challenging task of fall rush. The active chapter is planning alumni/rush events throughout the Southeast—

including Atlanta, Savannah, Charlotte, and Birmingham, and we would love to see more faces of the past men of Mu. We are also hosting a regional recruitment day on April 13 in Atlanta with the brothers from Auburn, Alabama, and Georgia Tech in order to spread our recruitment nation-wide. Check [www.ugasigmanu.com](http://www.ugasigmanu.com) for more details on these and other rush events. Your presence at these events makes a tremendous difference.

Alumni support is crucial throughout the rush process and recom-

mendations of possible candidates are always appreciated— the earlier the better. I urge you to contact us (678-863-7978, [mbdixon8@gmail.com](mailto:mbdixon8@gmail.com); 678-595-4557, [clay1229@gmail.com](mailto:clay1229@gmail.com)) or any other member of the active chapter if you know of any prospective young men who will be attending the University. We look forward to hearing from you soon as well as seeing many new faces this summer.

**M. Buck Dixon, M 2326**

**Clayton Cox, M 2305**

**Rush Co-chairs**

## Alumni Speaker Series **By: Michael Barry M 2071, Alumni Advisor**

Mu has been extremely fortunate to have several alumni participate in the Mu Alumni Speaker Series in 2007 and 2008. The Speaker Series is an effort by Mu to bring Sigma Nu alumni back to the Chapter and give the active brothers the opportunity to meet the Mu Alumni and learn from their thoughts on the University, a first job, leadership and making the most of their time at Mu and beyond. Speakers include:

Verner Chaffin, M 621, Professor Emeritus UGA Law School, Athens, Georgia

Jon McGavin, M2036, General Manager, Ritz Carlton-Buckhead, Atlanta, Georgia

Scott Chappell, M 1952, Partner BIA Digital Partners, Chapel Hill North Carolina

Confirmed speakers for Spring 2008 include Tom Greene (M 1964, Clarity Benefits, L.L.C.) and David Findley (M 1979, VP Sales, MDI).

If you are interested in participating in the Speaker Series, please contact either

John Hearn (404.683.1036) or Michael Barry (404.424.0604). Topics and timing are wide open and most events can be planned around your trip to Athens. (Through Chapter is generally held on Monday nights, we can work around your schedule.) The Speaker Series is hosted at Phi Kappa Hall on north campus.

The response by our alumni and actives alike has been tremendous.

“I really enjoyed my time February 6, 2008 with the Mu actives in Athens. They are a fun, smart, interested, organized group of guys with lots of leadership potential. Through continued cooperation between Mu alumni, Mu actives, and the University, I am confident that our fraternity will remain strong at UGA for decades to come.” Scott Chappell (M 1952)

“The evening I spent last October with Mu Chapter was a memorable experience for me. I came away with renewed confidence that the Chapter is blessed with good leadership and that its

members are committed to the ideals of Sigma Nu. As a result, Mu Chapter has made great strides toward reclaiming its historic role of leadership at UGA. My pride in Mu Chapter has never been greater and I applaud everything you are doing to make it the best fraternity on the campus. You are definitely on the right track.” Verner Chaffin (M 621)

Active Brother Jacob Johnson stated, “I really find it motivational to hear from alumni who were once in our positions and now are successful business men and leaders in their communities. It always makes me wonder what my fellow brothers will accomplish.”



## Meet a Candidate: Phil Rosen **by Andrew Laarhoven Mu 2333**

**Hometown:**  
Signal Mountain, TN

**High School:**  
Notre Dame High School

**Major:**  
Biology (Pre-Med)

**Interest/Hobbies:**  
Soccer, Reading, Hiking, Camping, Rock Climbing



Phil, a Tennessee native and second generation UGA student decided to enroll at UGA after visiting the campus and learning about our University's many proud traditions. A double Alpha Tau Omega legacy, he decided to pledge Sigma Nu because of the strong brotherhood and opportunities for leadership. He stated, “My grandfather encouraged me to join a fraternity, he told me personal stories about long lasting friendships

and the chance to make connections for the future.” He is involved in The Rough Draft newspaper, a startup that is similar to The Onion, and plays on two indoor soccer teams through the intramural program. He is already a leader among his pledge class, serving as class Sentinel. Phil plans to go to medical school to study endocrinology or genetics and has thought about Pediatrics. He also received scholarships from the University of South Carolina and Auburn.

## Wishlist

*The chapter is looking for assistance in obtaining the items listed below. If you would like to make a contribution towards an item on our wish list, please contact our Alumni Chair or Commander.*

Ice Machine  
 Large desk/table for our study room  
 Chapter room chairs  
 Supplementary funds for Grand Chapter this Summer in Austin, Texas.  
 Speaker System  
 Couches

## Alumni Spotlight: Robert McMillin, Eta Gamma 1028, Mu 2283

### What are your plans now post graduation?

I'm enjoying working in the Governor's press office for now. I'll probably be back in Athens this fall for law school.

### What was your most memorable experience at Sigma Nu?

Probably our first fall bid night without the help of nationals. We managed to get a great group of guys, and we had an amazing turnout to celebrate. We didn't have a lot of opportunities to enjoy ourselves early on, but that was a moment where Brent Wierson and I especially were able to embrace that things were headed in the right direction. We knew then that Mu's rebirth wouldn't be some flash in the pan.

### Where do you see the chapter in 10 years?

I expect us to continue feeding our brothers into the campus leadership positions that we've locked onto since our return. Beyond that, I look forward to witnessing the expansion of our alumni mentor program. This chapter has had a long history running the political and business interests of this state and beyond. So long as we, as alumni, continue reaching out to those beneath us, the network will only grow stronger.

### How has Sigma Nu changed your life?

I came into college with very short-term and selfish ends. Sigma Nu was really the first time I saw the power of a motivated group of individuals. It's an inspiring thing when you see people selflessly helping each other just because it's what they felt obligated to do. That attitude has a way of being very contagious.

### Is there anything in particular you would like to say to the alumni now that you are one?

Just how impressed I am with the group of men at Mu and the pride we have all taken in being able to help resurrect a proud institution. Bringing back traditions like White Rose and Woodstock and seeing the sons and grandsons of Mus take bids has a way of connecting the new and the old.

## Excelling With Honor

**Mu Chapter would like to congratulate the following brothers who received over a 3.5 GPA for the Fall '07 Semester, and would like to give special recognition to brothers who received a 4.0 GPA(\*).**

Stephen Thompson*	Jacob Johnson	Reed Halterman	Michael Harvey	Brent Weirson
Michael Naghshineh*	Noah Mink	Chris Sanders	Will Hearn	
Greg Hanley	Nathan Whitmire	Mitchell Snyder	Joseph McMillan	
David Sanders	Chris Dammeyer	Brandon Artigue	George Ward	

### Mu would also like to recognize those brothers who have achieved leadership positions on campus.

Joel Stern: IFC Secretary/Treasurer	George Ward: Member of Arch Society
Alex Bradford: IFC Programming Chair; SGA Chief Justice	Andrew Laarhoven: College Republicans Exec
Buck Dixon: SGA Senator	Bobby Woods: Scabbard & Blade Military Honors Fraternity President
Nathan Whitmire: SGA Associate Justice	Kevin Swatek: ΔEI Honors Fraternity President
Michael Naghshineh: SGA External Affairs Chair; Leonard Leadership Scholars Program	Wyn Bellhouse: Young Democrats Exec
	Michael Harvey: Leonard Leadership Scholars Program

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the address above.

**Candidate Recommendation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Where Are You Now?**

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