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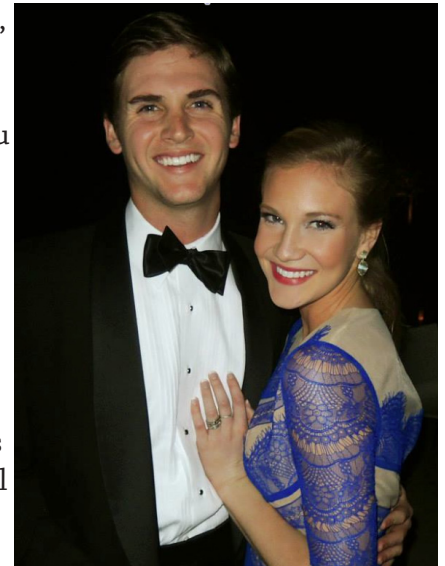
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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Brothers, Family, and Friends of Mother Mu,

The active Brothers on River Road hope that this letter finds you doing well with all of you ready to enjoy this summer. Mu chapter has been continuing its excellence and leadership not only within the Greek system, but also throughout campus. We are proud to announce that we initiated 37 men into the Legion of Honor this past fall, maintaining our status as the largest chapter on campus. This extends our legacy to 2,626 initiates. As you continue to read this newsletter, you will be able to catch a glimpse of the success of our chapter, not to mention some of the fun along the way.



First and foremost, the chapter would like to extend a huge thank you to our alumni and parents for all your support. We would also like to give a special thanks to our Mu Chapter Moms, or the "White Rose Society", for hosting our G-day game tailgate and providing "goodie bags" during final's week. Sigma Nu at the University of Georgia would not be as successful as it is today if it were not for the support of all our parents and alumni. Thank you!

Academically, we have had a solid semester. The chapter finished among the top fraternities on campus in grades (average 3.3 G.P.A) securing our football seats for the 2015 season.

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In addition to our academics, our excellence in leadership continues to excel above the rest. We had our ninth consecutive brother elected to serve on the Interfraternity Council Executive Board and our second consecutive president of the Blue Key society. We continue to have membership in the Student Government Association, Freshman Greek Leaders, Sophomore Leadership Circle, Dean William Tate Honor Society, Order of Omega, and the Arch Society. Our brothers even extend our success to campus sports such as the club lacrosse team, club soccer team, water polo team, and the UGA track team.

Our social calendar has been top notch, to say the least. It is highlighted by our White Rose Formal in Charleston, South Carolina, Mountain Weekend, brotherhood golf tournament, and socials with some of the best sororities on campus including Kappa Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Kappa Gamma.

Mu Chapter prides itself in recruiting the most outstanding men that step on this campus while continuing their development into leaders and exceptional members of society. We lead and execute with "Vision and Courage" and instill our values of "Love, Honor, and Truth" in each and every member. Please reach out to me if I can ever be of any assistance to you. I look forward to seeing everyone this fall for football season. Go Dawgs!

Sincerely,
Leigh Stowe M 2542
Eminent Commander 2015

2015 COMMANDERS' DINNER

ATLANTA, GA

On January 8, 2015, Mu's Commanders' Dinner was held at Bones Restaurant in Atlanta. As is customary for this decade old event, the room of past Commanders and honored guests welcomed the 2015 Commander **(Leigh Stowe, M 2542)**. "Retiring" Commander **Jeff Brum (M 2478)** had the honor of presenting Stowe with the Commander's Badge –a newly acquired jeweled pin given to the Chapter by the alumni –to be worn during his tenure. Commander Stowe gave a State of the Chapter address and then received advice and accolades from the attendees –including a reminder to act with Vision and Courage when leading the Chapter. The event was filled with laughter, brotherhood and pride in all that Mother Mu has given to us. Special guests included **Speer Mabry (M 1028)**, **MT Simmons (M 1055)**, **Tom Ashworth (M 1106)**, **Charlie Davidson (M 1202)**, **Ronnie Waller (M 1141)**, **Clayton Blount (M 1127)**, **Tom Johnson (M 1232)**, **Tom Luther (M 1400)**, **Robert Durham (M 1650)**, **John Hearn (M 2000)**, **Austin Hackney (M 2323)**, **Buck Dixon (M 2326)**, **Joel Stern (M 2297)**, **Ben Booth (M 2460)**, **Joe Gilman (ThT 2, M2440)**, **Dick Craft (M 1344)**, **Gerry Whitworth (M 1492)**, **Robert Fowler (M 1950)**, **Scott Chappell (M 1952)**, **Robert Hunnicut (M 2051)**, **Kevin Morris (M 2106)**, **Lanny Allgood (M 2147)**, **Nick Henricks (M 2298)**, **Nathan Whitmire (M 2318)**, thank you for your support of Commander Stowe and Mother Mu.

At the commencement of his tenure as Eminent Commander, Leigh was charged with setting his mission statement for the chapter, which he shared for the first time with those in attendance at the dinner. It is as follows...

"We are committed to continuous growth and evolving our chapter, achieved by recruiting the highest caliber young men that we mold into leaders not only in the fraternity, but also across campus. We will promote that through a diverse brotherhood that attracts members from a wide variety of backgrounds. In doing so, we will ensure long term continuity and success."



FORMAL

2015

CHARLESTON, SC

The brothers of Mother Mu took Charleston, South Carolina by storm in a fantastic three-formal, held during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Planned by Social Chairmen **Landon Bean (M2490)** and **John Harden (M2484)**, this year's formal weekend was highlighted by an upscale dinner on Friday night, a lovely outdoor oyster roast on Saturday, and the traditional blacktie ball Sunday evening.

The final event featured scrumptious heavy hors d'oeuvres accompanied by the always electrifying Motown group Sir Lawrence and First Class. Sophomore **Phil McCarthy (M2574)** stole the evening with his impressive arsenal of dance moves. Former Eminent Commander **Jeffrey Brum (M2478)** was honored with the Brother of the Year award. Betty Ann Graham, pictured on the following page with her brother **Cole Graham (M2572)**, was named Sweetheart.

All in all the weekend was an enormous success. Huge thanks to the Social Chairmen for their hard work!



FORMAL 2015



ALUMNUS RETURNS TO UGA

JOHN T. EDGE

On February 26, 2015, **John T. Edge (M 1774)** returned to Athens to speak at UGA. A surprise to many who remember some of the culinary adventures that germinated from the kitchen at the house on River Road, Brother Edge is a writer and the director of the Southern Foodways Alliance, an institute of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi. At the Southern Foodways Alliance, he documents, studies and celebrates the diverse food cultures of the American South.

John has written or edited more than a dozen books, including “Southern Belly: The Ultimate Food Lover’s Companion to the South” and “The Truck Food Cookbook,” a catalogue of modern American street food. Edge is editor of the foodways volume of the “New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture.” He is general editor of the book series “Cornbread Nation: The Best of Southern Food Writing.” And he is series editor of “Southern Foodways Alliance Studies in Culture, People, and Place.”

He has served as culinary curator for the weekend edition of NPR’s “All Things Considered” and he has been featured on dozens of television shows, from “CBS Sunday Morning” to “Iron Chef.” His magazine and newspaper work has been featured in 11 editions of the “Best Food Writing” compilation. In 2012, he won the James Beard Foundation’s M.F.K. Fisher Distinguished Writing Award. In 2009, he was inducted into Beard’s Who’s Who of Food & Beverage in America.

Several brothers went to hear John T. speak. They left hungry!



CLASSIC CITY BOWL

APRIL 24, 2015



This spring the brothers on River Road went all in for a new philanthropic event that will surely set the benchmark for years to come. The first ever Classic City Bowl, organized by Co-Philanthropy Chairmen **Alex Croy (M 2480)** and **Connor Beecham (M 2552)**, pit the fighting snakes of Mu Chapter against the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi in a full-contact high school style football game. Croy, a good ole' boy from Jesup county, and Beecham, a former football stud at Samford University, worked tirelessly to ensure the event's success ever since its 'immaculate conception' back in December. Beecham, Croy, and the rest of the philanthropy team overcame countless obstacles to put on a fantastic spectacle, raising well over \$17,000 in the process. The purpose of the Classic City Bowl is to raise funds and awareness for local Athens charities. Mu chapter partnered with all seventeen UGA Pan-Hellenic Sororities in order to get as many charities involved as possible. For their vision and dedication to success, Croy and Beecham were both awarded the Robert E. Durham Medal of Excellence, which is given to honor the graduating senior who, through his vision and courage, has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence. Congrats to Alex and Connor for their consistent records of accomplishment while at Mother Mu!

Now let's talk some football.

Prospective players were subject to a mandatory tryout, which proved to be equal parts informative and entertaining. The coaching staff, which has been described as the greatest assembly of football minds since the '85 Bears, featured Offensive Coordinator **RJ Parrino (M 2549)** and Defensive Coordinator **John Huffines (M 2472)**. The team practiced through snow and sleet in preparation for the big game, leaving no stone unturned and no limb un--bruised.

On Friday April 24th, the stands of Clarke Central High School's football stadium were filled with nearly 1,000 spectators anxiously watching as the inaugural Classic City Bowl was hashed out on the gridiron. After a 48-minute defensive exhibition by both sides, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi arose as the victors, a score of 11-0. Congratulations and thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for their participation. We fully anticipate this event to grow to be one of the largest philanthropy events in the school's history. Thanks to all of those who supported the Classic City Bowl- we certainly could not have done it without you and look forward to seeing you at next year's game.





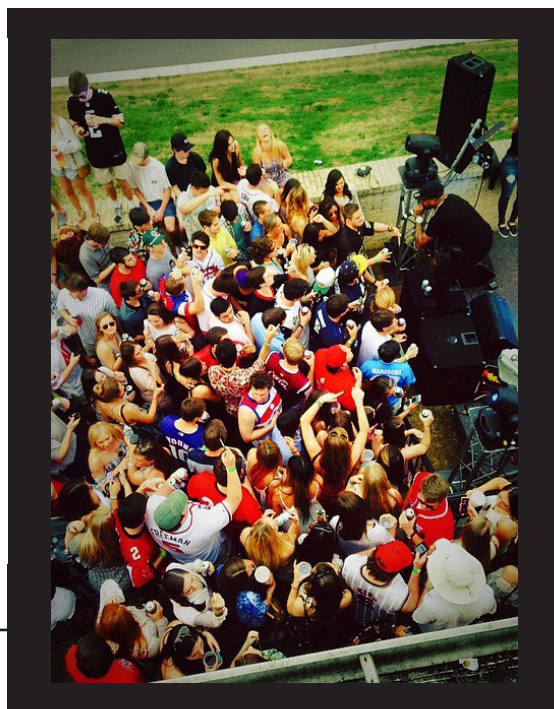
CLASSIC CITY BOWL



SHAKEDOWN

On March 25th, the brothers of Mu chapter hosted their yearly spring party “Shakedown.” This year’s day-long festival included live musical performances by Funk Brotherhood and Space Mama, and was headlined by Three 6 Mafia and Sound Remedy. Space Mama is a band comprised of brothers **Dylan Lightle (M 2494)**, **Carter Owens (M2483)**, and **Dustin Jones (M2541)**. Space Mama has played for Sigma Nu on several occasions, and has seen growing popularity in the Athens area after performances at the 40-Watt Club and the Foundry.

Thanks to the efforts of Internal Social Chairman **Eamon McGoldrick (M2553)** and his committee, Shakedown proved to be a huge success and established itself as the first big event of the spring party calendar for years to come. Whata spectacle it was as brothers and students alike filled the back porch and lower area to the brim to enjoy this year’s impressive line-up of acts. Delicious BBQ was provided by local Athens legend “C.C.” and his catering service.





SHAKEDOWN



ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

If you know you will be in Athens sometime this Fall, consider signing up for the Alumni Speaker Series. We would love to have you come share career advice and stories from your time at Mother Mu with the newest crop of candidates and brothers. We will work around your schedule. So far this year, we've welcomed **Nathan Whitmire (M 2318)** and **Michael Barry (M 2071)** who spoke with the chapter about the Mu Mentor program and the importance of meaningful involvement on campus and in the Chapter. **Buck Dixon (M 2326)** came to the Chateau to impart some words of wisdom about job searches and general career advice. Buck also shared some tales of the Barn on Meigs St., encapsulating the imagination of the newest group of brothers. In April we also hosted **Barry Callender** (a partner with the international firm Korn Ferry), **Robert Durham (M 1650)**, **Nick Byers (M 1859)** and **John Hearn (M 2000)** to speak with the Chapter and several invited UGA and campus guests about diversity and inclusion in the workplace and how our actions on campus will impact our future. In light of recent events involving other Fraternities elsewhere in the Nation, this was an important, timely, and well received discussion. Many thanks to Commander **Leigh Stowe (M 2542)** for leading the organization of this event.

If you are interested in participating please e-mail our Alumni Relations Chairman, **Mitch Fenbert (M 2563)** at mitchfenbert@gmail.com or Commander **Leigh Stowe (M 2542)** at leighstowe12@gmail.com. Thanks you for your continued support!





MOUNTAIN WEEKEND

GATLINBURG, TN

This past February the brothers of Mu chapter headed up into enemy territory to brave the winter. Ok, maybe that description is a little far fetched for a weekend stay in the luxury cabins of Gatlinburg, TN. For the second year in a row over 50 brothers and their dates made the trip up “north” to enjoy some of the best natural scenery Appalachia has to offer.

At the campsite, which looked more like a wooden Ritz-Carlton, the guys spent their time basking in the outdoor hot tubs and cooking over charcoal grills. The more adventurous couples made the trek into Gatlinburg where common activities included mini golf, go-kart racing, and a Ripley’s Museum. While the men promise they never sang “Rockytop,” they will gladly sing the praises of the wonderful weekend in the mountains of Tennessee.

A big thank--you to Social Chairman **Hunter Garrett (M2535)** for organizing the event!

PARENTS’ AND ALUMNI WEEKEND

We hope that you and your family will make plans to return to River Road on November 21st, 2015 for our annual Parents and Alumni Weekend. Come enjoy a catered tailgate at the house accompanied with live music before heading over to the hedges for an in-state battle between Georgia and Georgia Southern. We hope to see you there! Watch our website (www.ugasigmanu.com) and the Facebook page for more details.

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.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

WESLEY ROBERTS

A huge congratulations to **Wesley Roberts (M 2504)** on being named the Terry College 2015 Alumni Board Student of the Year. Wes is a graduating senior from Peachtree City, GA and joined Mu Chapter in 2011. Throughout his time at the University of Georgia, Wes has compiled quite the list of accomplishments. On top of Terry Student of the Year, Wes was named one of “10 Undergrads Ready to Revolutionize the Finance Industry” by Badcredit.org. Wes has been selected for Beta Gamma Sigma (top 10% of senior students selected), Order of Omega (top 3% of Greek students selected), and Phi Kappa Phi (top 10% of students selected) for his exemplary leadership and dedication to excellence.

This past October Wes was honored with the Richard B. Russell Student Leadership Award, of which past recipients include former Commander **Wells Ellenberg (M 2400)**. Wes was President of the UGA Blue Key National Honor Society as well as the UGA Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF). He was also elected by his peers as the Head of Investment Banking for UGA’s Corsair Society, and was chosen as a Leonard Leadership Scholar by the Institute for Leadership Advancement.

According to Wes, he attributes much of his success to Mu Chapter, saying “From the very beginning of my college career, my experience as a Sigma Nu gave me phenomenal opportunities to get involved both on campus and within the fraternity. Mu Chapter is known for its long history of campus leaders, and the leaders of the chapter were more than willing to put their time and effort into providing me with mentorship and encouraging me to take advantage of the opportunities available.” Wes also wanted to extend a huge thank you to **Robert Durham (M 1650)** for his “role in facilitating goal achievement.”

Wes will be joining Robert Durham at Credit Suisse this summer, assuming a full-time position as an Investment Banker in New York. Congratulations on all of your success Wes, job well done!

NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

THOMAS WOODARD

Thomas Woodard (M2603) is a freshman Risk Management and International Business Major from Houston, Texas where he attended Cinco Ranch High School. Thomas, pictured here with his family, has demonstrated impressive leadership potential throughout his first year as a member of Sigma Nu.

Thomas has been very involved outside of the Fraternity. He participated in the Freshman Greek Leaders program where he gained invaluable information about effective leadership and networking skills. He worked as a Freshman Team Leader for UGA Miracle, the University's largest philanthropic organization, and encouraged his pledge brothers to join the organization.

Inside of the Fraternity, Thomas' resume continues to grow. Due to the immense respect his brothers have for him, Thomas was chosen as a Chapter Honor Board member for this spring and was just elected to serve as House Manager in the fall. Thomas also utilized his position as Chaplain to organize and lead a weekly bible study open to any brother and to serve on the Greek InterVarsity Council, where he meets with fellow Christian leaders within the Greek community to discuss ways to minister to his brothers. Also, he played an integral role in the development of this year's Classic City Bowl as a leader of the Sponsorship and Advertisement Board. When asked why he sought to gain entrance into Mu Chapter, Thomas replied, "I wanted to join a diverse group of guys that collaborated well together. A group that was not only fun and likeable, but were also role models and leaders in the community."

Thomas enjoys salt water fishing, spending time with his family, and traveling outside of the U.S. He looks forward to playing Linebacker and Running Back in the ClassicCity Bowl. This upcoming summer Thomas will be heading to Rome with UGA's Classics Program for a 6--week long study.

Well done Thomas and we all look forward to your continued leadership in the future!



ALUMNI UPDATE

MENTIONS

Gene Talmadge (M 1290) of Lovejoy, Georgia passed away on November 24, 2014 at the age of 71.

David Findley (M 1979), Sammy Lee Andrews (M 1994), Steve Garraty (M 1996), John Hearn (M 2000) and **Kurt Kronauge (M2042)** made time to catch up for dinner in Atlanta in December. No one asked Kronauge (with the highest pin number) to “get me a rock”.

Holden Hayes (M 2122) continues his exemplary service at the Savannah Chapter Social Chair. Brother Hayes has chaired several Savannah area happy hours. Names and photos of the attendees are being withheld to protect the innocent.

Chad Barrow (M 2215) is the CEO of Coastal Logistics Group, Inc. in Savannah, Georgia.

Kyle Stewart (M 2315), a Marine helicopter pilot stopped by the new house this January and got some great aerial photos. Kyle married LTJG Kiley Dianna Provenzano on May 9th in St. Augustine, FL at the Cathedral Basilica. Congrats Kyle!

Nathan Whitmire (M 2318) has accepted a new position with Salmon Consulting in its Atlanta office.

George Ward (M 2308) and **Phil Rosen (M 2360)** just returned from a backpacking journey throughout Southeast Asia. George will pursue his M.B.A. at Dartmouth this Fall, and Phil will be starting his Ear Nose and Throat residency at the University of Alabama (Birmingham).

Buck Dixon (M 2326) graduated from Georgia State Law School and has accepted a position with Troutman Sanders, LLP. Buck married Leah Barnett on May 2, 2015, which was followed by a brief chapter meeting.

Wells Ellenberg (M 2400) has accepted a full time position with Southern Company in Washington, D.C.



Andrew Crabill moved to Dallas in February after accepting the Associate Vice President of Hotel Originations position with GE Capital. He also bought a pair of cowboy boots.

Michael Carraway (M 2338) will be sharing his vows with Jenna Sevigny on May 9th. Congratulations to you both!

Kyle McDonald (M 2738) moved from his supply chain finance position at UPS to the Strategic Finance Group at Northside Hospital working on acquisitions.

Clayton Cox (M 2305) has accepted a news position as the Midwest & Florida Finance Director for the Democratic National Committee.

ALUMNI UPDATE CONT.

Alan Pierce (M 2286) married the lovely KayLieg Chapman on May 16th at Ashford Manor in Watkin-ville. Way to go Alan!

Christopher Green (M 2367) became the Director of Government Relations for the Georgia Student Finance Commission this past January.

Tom Fisher (M 2372) will continue his role as House Director of the Chateau. “Dad,” as the house crew calls him, will also be working as a Real Estate broker in the Athens area.

David Pedersen (M 2457) is now recruiting for Insight Global, the #2 largest IT staffing firm in Atlanta. David is focused on becoming an account manager in the near future. By night David will be bartending at Big Sky, and he encourages anybody in the Buckhead area to stop by.

Tom Greene (M 1964) and **Jeff Smith (M 1866)** were quoted by “OrthoSpineNews.com” in February for their company’s acquisition of cutting edge spinal surgery technology. Check out the article on our Facebook page!



SIGMA NUS THIS SUMMER

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Luke Bergstrom (M 2550) will be participating in an advertising internship for CNN at its world headquarters in Atlanta.

Cole Graham (M 2572) is headed to Peru with his family in early May to hike Machu Picchu. Be sure to take some pictures Cole!

Devin O'Neill (M 2612) is interning with Oracle.

Charles Snipes (M 2576) is headed back to his hometown of Charlottesville to participate in the University of Virginia's MBI program where he will seek a certificate in Business.

Sean Taylor (M 2473) accepted an offer to work for Caterpillar's Engineering department in Charlotte, NC. Also a huge thanks to Sean for lending us his photography talents throughout the year!

John Hebert (M 2656) is going back to Washington D.C. where he will work for his representative, Don Beyer, on the Hill. Be sure to give the grip to Phil Gingrey, Alan Nunellee, Steve Daines, and the other Sigma Nus in the House of Representatives while you are there.

Leigh Stowe (M 2542) is interning for Credit Suisse in Atlanta this summer, while **Wes Roberts (M 2504)** will be headed to New York to begin work full-time in the company's Finance department.

Sam McKinstry (M 2543) has accepted a summer position with Ernst and Young in Atlanta where he will be touching up his finance abilities by day and his golf swing by night.

Mitch Fenbert (M 2563) will intern in Atlanta for a record label founded by two UGA Music Business graduates. Mitch would like to apologize in advance to his future roommates **Pat Miles (M 2559)**, **John Hebert (M 2565)**, and **Matt Stackfor (M 2577)** the inevitable late night recording sessions next year.

Matthew Stack (M 2577) will intern for the firm Clearview Group in Atlanta, which focuses on financial consulting and retirement plans.

Logan Purvis (M 2595) will volunteer for the Extra Special People Foundation at Camp Twin Lakes, which serves over 175 young people with developmental disabilities each summer.

AJ Johnson (M 2506) is working in Atlanta as an Associate Broker for Aon Insurance. AJ's younger brother **Jared Johnson (M 2606)** will be staying in Athens to take classes and help with the Rush team.

Cayman Sotudeh (M 2528) will be making the pilgrimage back to his hometown of Washington D.C. for a Wealth Management internship with Merrill Lynch. Cayman will also be performing his duties captain of the UGA Men's Lacrosse team.

Sean Gilrain (M 2486) has accepted a full-time position in New York City as an Investment Analyst with the Business Development Corporation of America (HT: Scott Chappell (M 1952)).

Cal Kendrick (M 2589) is headed to Woodlands, TX to partake in an internship program with Woodforest National Bank. Cal has promised to provide square-dancing lessons to the Chapter upon his return.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL RUSH 2015

Fall rush is well underway as the rush team works towards filling our newest pledge class by the end of summer. Historically, some of our greatest recommendations have come from our alumni. Last year's Fall Class of 38 men came from all over Georgia and more than 10 states. You can help us assemble the next group of leaders with "Vision and Courage" by sending us the names and contact information of the leading men you know who plan on attending UGA this Fall. Please send all rush information online via our website: www.ugasigmanu.com.

Campus (IFC) rush officially starts August 11th, but Sigma Nu (like most campus fraternities) holds an active Spring and Summer rush program. By starting rush sooner, we can get to know the prospective rushes better and ensure that they are a good fit for the Chapter. Our Atlanta Recruiting Day event will be hosted at the Capital City Club in early June (Thank you, **Robert Durham (M 1650)**) and includes our leading candidates, along with those from Gamma Alpha (Ga Tech) and Theta Kappa (Ga Southern). We also have several Braves games and golf outings planned throughout the summer. If you would be willing to host a dinner, golf outing, or other regional recruitment event, please contact one of our Recruitment Co-Chairs: **Jessie Foster (M 2604)**, **Wyatt Cotter (M 2621)**, **Harrison Milford (M 2555)**, **Noah Ray (M 2622)**, and **Max Brandon (M 2579)**—their contact information is located on our website. Hosted events can include as few as 3-4 brothers and 1 or 2 solid prospects and alumni, or more—size, scale and location are up to you. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help our men secure another great class. In prior years, our outstanding alumni in Charlotte, Washington DC, Atlanta, Monroe, and Savannah have extended "the helping hand" to make a real difference in our recruitment process. Other Chapters talk about their excellent alumni— we are proud to have ours actually involved in our rush process.

If you have any questions about Fall rush, please contact Commander **Leigh Stowe (M 2542)** at leighstowe12@gmail.com, **Max Brandon (M 2579)** at maxwell.f.brandon@gmail.com or Advisor **Michael Barry (M 2071)** at michael.barry@agg.com.

