



*Alumnus and Army Capt. Bobby Woods is joined at the Georgia State Capitol by nearly two dozen Mu Chapter brothers (see page 3).*

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## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Family and Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying the holiday season. As you read through the following pages, I trust you will find that this past semester was an incredibly successful one for Mu Chapter.

In early October, we had the privilege of initiating thirty-four men into the Legion of Honor. This ceremony marked an important milestone for Mother Mu, as Regent Robert Durham (Mu 1650) initiated our 2,500th member.

Since we were chartered at The University of Georgia in 1873, campus involvement has been an important component of Mu Chapter's continued success. We currently have brothers involved in most every major campus organization, from the Student Government Association to the Arch Society and Leonard Leadership Scholars program. Of particular note is senior Will McCorkle's (Mu 2375) recent election as our sixth-consecutive member of the Interfraternity Council Executive Board.

Moreover, we are proud to report that our third-annual "Gameball Run" event with the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Georgia Tech was a tremendous success. Under the leadership of sophomore John Huffines (Mu 2472), this year's event set a new record with over \$10,000 raised for the American Heart Association. Mu Chapter itself raised over \$7,000 of the grand total. We would like to thank all of you who donated to this worthy cause.

We would also like to thank the members of the White Rose Society, Mu Chapter's mothers club, who graciously donated food for our Parents Weekend tailgate and provided "goodie bags" for the entire active chapter during final exam time. Please contact us if you would like to become involved with this worthy cause.

As the oldest continually-active chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity internationally, our members constantly strive to "Excel with Honor" and uphold our "Obligation to Excellence." Please let us know if we can ever be of assistance. Until then, we look forward to seeing you at our first-annual G-Day Tailgate this coming April.

Best regards,  
Wells Ellenberg (Mu 2400)  
*Eminent Commander, 2011-2012*



*Led by a police escort, brothers from Mu Chapter run a football halfway to Atlanta in support of the American Heart Association.*



*Sophomore John Huffines exchanges the gameball with a member of Georgia Tech's Gamma Alpha Chapter in Lawrenceville.*

## “GAMEBALL RUN” SETS NEW RECORD

### *Mu Chapter raises over \$7,000 for American Heart Association*

Each year, the “clean, old fashioned hate” of the Georgia-Georgia Tech rivalry culminates in the two schools’ battle on the football field. For the brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity, however, the rivalry once again took the form of a competitive philanthropic event known as the “Gameball Run.”

Brothers from Mu Chapter left Athens early Friday morning *en route* to the Historic Gwinnett Courthouse in Lawrenceville. They each took turns running a football for one or two miles at a time, led by a police escort. They then handed the football off to brothers from Georgia Tech’s Gamma Alpha Chapter, who completed the seventy-mile journey to Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta.

This year, Georgia emerged victorious, both on the football field and in the philanthropic arena, with Mu Chapter raising over \$7,000. Collectively, the two chapters raised a record-setting \$10,000 for the American Heart Association, through Sigma Nu Fraternity’s partnership with the Paul “Bear” Bryant Award, which is given annually to the top NCAA head football coach. Each chapter raised money through donations from individuals and small businesses.

Though the rivalry was heated, both chapters enjoyed the opportunity to join forces and support a worthy cause. This year’s “Gameball Run” was coordinated by sophomore John Huffines (Mu 2472). Both chapters hope to continue the event for a fourth year in 2012.

## BROTHER TOM JOHNSON HONORED

### *Alumnus inducted into Atlanta Press Club’s Journalism Hall of Fame*

On September 22, 2011, Brother Tom Johnson (Mu 1232, Alpha 208) was inducted into the inaugural class of the Atlanta Press Club’s Journalism Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have demonstrated journalistic integrity throughout their career, and who have made outstanding contributions to the state of Georgia or to the Atlanta Press Club.

Brother Johnson served as president of CNN during the 1990s before retiring in 2001. Before that, he served as publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*. Brother Johnson graduated from The University of Georgia’s Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and then from Harvard Business School, before becoming a White House Fellow during Lyndon Johnson’s presidency. He went on to work for President Johnson in Texas before taking the helm at the *Los Angeles Times*.

A longtime supporter and advisor to Mother Mu, Brother Johnson currently resides in Atlanta with his wife Edwina.



*Alumnus Tom Johnson served as president of CNN during the 1990s and, before that, as publisher of the Los Angeles Times.*

## BOBBY WOODS HONORED AT CAPITOL

*Army Airborne Ranger was wounded while serving in Afghanistan*

On Monday, August 22, 2011, the Georgia House of Representatives honored Mu Chapter alumnus Bobby Woods (Mu 2300) with a special resolution commending his brave actions in Afghanistan.

Woods, an Army Airborne Ranger Captain, was leading his platoon in 2010 when they were ambushed by insurgents. Early into the firefight, he took a bullet to the head. After bandaging his own wounds, Bobby made sure his fellow injured soldiers were taken to receive medical attention. Instead of going with them, he retook command of his platoon, overcame the ambush, and led everyone to safety. Once at base, he sought medical treatment and was transferred back to the United States. Woods has been undergoing rehabilitation since the injury and has done so at an astonishing rate.

While the resolution was presented, many of the congressmen were casually chatting, as commendations are generally not for such heroism. Yet as the speaker told Bobby's story, the chamber fell silent. When the presentation was over, he was met with cheers and shouting.

Several active brothers and Mu alumni were in attendance as the resolution came to the floor, including Regent Robert Durham (Mu 1650) and Past Regent Joe Gilman (Mu 2440, Theta Tau 2).

Past Mu Chapter Commander Buck Dixon (Mu 2326) originally brought Woods' story to the attention of his hometown representative, who then began the process of drafting the resolution. "The House likes to give credit where credit is due, especially for wounded soldiers and people who put everything out there," Dixon said. "Everything went really smoothly. It's one of the first times I've heard hollering on the house floor — they usually just clap."

When asked what the most difficult part of the process was, Bobby said it was "leaving all the guys that looked up to me and counted on me every day when I first came back. I wanted nothing more than to go back and fight with them, and I wasn't able to do that. I would say that was definitely one of the hardest things."

Woods further demonstrated his selflessness by committing to spend the next year serving in England as a representative for the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization founded by his father that aids injured soldiers, including himself, during their recovery. Afterwards, he plans on attending business school.

Bobby Woods served his country the Sigma Nu way: with Love, Honor, and Truth; and we are glad that he can call Mu Chapter home.



*Mu Chapter alumnus and Army Airborne Ranger Captain Bobby Woods speaks before the Georgia House of Representatives.*



*Capt. Woods with Mu Chapter brothers Buck Dixon, Joe Gilman, Robert Durham, Adam McDonald, Joel Stern, and Andy Monk.*



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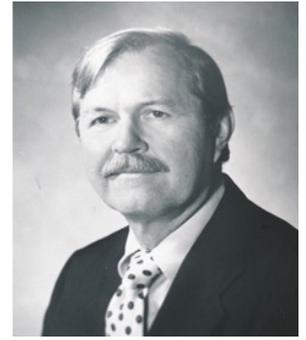
## MU CHAPTER HONORS MARCHMAN

*46th Regent of Sigma Nu Fraternity enters Chapter Eternal*

Former Regent Robert L. Marchman III (Xi 611) passed away on October 23, 2011. From his initiation until his death, Brother Marchman led a life of Honor through his service to the community and his dedication to the Fraternity.

Brother Marchman attended Emory University, where he served two terms as Commander of the Xi Chapter. After graduation, he served as a Division Commander and as a trustee of the Xi House Corporation Board. At the national level, he served as a member and as chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee; Vice Regent of the High Council; and as Sigma Nu's 46th Regent from 1978-1980. He then served as director, president, and chairman of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation for over twenty years, and was inducted into the Sigma Nu Hall of Honor in 1976. Brother Marchman culminated his lengthy service to the interfraternal community as president of the National Interfraternity Conference in 1992.

Past Regent Marchman's passing has dealt a great loss to Sigma Nu, and his outstanding leadership will forever be remembered on River Road.



*Brother Robert Marchman served as Regent of Sigma Nu from 1978-1980.*



*Alumnus Bobby McMillin served as Mu's Commander from 2005-2006.*

## THANK YOU, BOBBY MCMILLIN!

*Recent law school alumnus helped revitalize Mu Chapter in 2005*

Mu Chapter would like to sincerely thank recent law school alumnus Bobby McMillin (Mu 2283) for his service and dedication to the Fraternity.

Bobby, along with Brent Wierson (Mu 2282), was instrumental in the revitalization of Mu Chapter in 2005. After transferring from Georgia State University, Bobby helped rebuild the Chapter and served as its Commander from 2005-2006. He also served as an instrumental Marshal and as an unofficial mentor to numerous incoming classes. Bobby saw Mu Chapter grow from twenty-six men meeting in the Student Learning Center to one of the largest fraternities on campus with a brand new house on River Road.

On campus, Bobby served on the Interfraternity Council Executive Board, wrote for the *Red & Black*, and was elected president of the Law School student body. For the past two years, he served as the Chapter's live-in house advisor while he excelled at The University of Georgia's School of Law.

Bobby is currently an associate with the Brunswick, Georgia, law firm of Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C.

Recent graduate Alan Pierce (Mu 2286) has accepted the role of live-in house advisor and looks forward to continuing Bobby's example of excellence and leadership for the men on River Road.



*Jeffrey Brum is a freshman international business and business finance major.*

## NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

*Freshman Jeffrey Brum (Mu 2478) from Dunwoody, Georgia*

Jeffrey Brum is a freshman from Dunwoody, Georgia, where he attended St. Pius X Catholic High School. He is majoring in international business and business finance.

While Jeff is not sure of his career aspirations, he enjoys golf, the lake, and Spanish. One day, he hopes to incorporate his love of the Spanish language into his work.

When asked why he chose to join Mu Chapter, Jeff said: "Going through rush, Sigma Nu seemed to be the best fit for me. I liked how all of the classes did things together, and there was no separation based on what year a person was in school. I was impressed with the chapter's involvement. One of the things I was looking for in a fraternity was a place that could help me get plugged in on campus. I also liked how everyone shared similar interests, but they were not all the same person."

Jeff is a member of the Student Government Association's Freshman Forum and will serve as our Alumni and Parent Relations Officer this coming semester.

## *Zeta Date Night*



*The Ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha and their house mother, Ms. Becky Reynolds, recently hosted over a dozen Mu Chapter brothers for an in-house date night. Those in attendance enjoyed a great evening of food and fellowship, and want to thank Ms. Becky for the invitation!*

## *Parents Weekend*



*Mu Chapter hosted its annual Parents Weekend before the UGA vs. New Mexico State game in early November. Parents were treated to a Friday evening reception at the Georgian Hotel featuring the band "Sir Lawrence," followed by a catered tailgate on Saturday sponsored by the White Rose Society, our mothers' club. Mu Chapter would like to thank all in attendance, especially our mothers!*

## RECRUITMENT 2012

Mu Chapter is already busy at work recruiting our spring pledge class, and the active chapter needs your help! If you are aware of any promising UGA matriculates in your area who will be rushing either **this spring or next fall**, please send us their names and contact information. We also have an online recommendation form located on our website ([www.ugasigmanu.com](http://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. If you would be willing to host a dinner, golf outing, or other regional recruitment event, please contact one of our Recruitment Chairmen: Ben Booth, Reynolds Broker, Cody Mauldin, and William Fisher. Their contact information is located on our website.

*Save the date!*

We hope that you and your family will make plans to join us for our

## FIRST ANNUAL G-DAY GAME TAILGATE

*Mu Chapter will be hosting a family-friendly tailgate at the New Chateau in early April featuring live music and catered BBQ before kickoff. We hope to see you there!*

*Date to be announced. Formal invitation to follow.*



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## *Boise State Game Tailgate*

