

CLAYTON COX RECEIVES  
PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Earlier this year, brother Clayton Cox (M 2305) was awarded the Patrick H. Hughes Mell Leadership Scholarship, which recognizes the most outstanding fraternity leaders in the greek system on the University of Georgia campus. Mu alumnus Luther Lockwood (M 1901) made the initial gift to endow the scholarship in 2000 shortly after selling his insurance advisory firm to Wachovia. A number of other alumni fraternity leaders have contributed to the fund through the years. Lockwood and another alumnus, Tom Greene (M 1964), are members of the seven person selection committee that reviews the nominations and selects the winners annually.

“Clayton was the most deserving candidate this year. He served as Commander and was Vice President of Public Relations for the Interfraternity Council, and did an outstanding job of leading both organizations. I was pleased to see a Sigma Nu win the scholarship after years of recognizing worthy leaders from the other fraternities on campus,” said Lockwood.

The scholarship is named in honor of Patrick H. Mell, the Reconstruction-era Chancellor of The University of Georgia who accepted the position on the condition that the anti-fraternity law be repealed. Mu Chapter’s initial founding in 1873 was directly impacted by the anti-fraternity law that automatically expelled any student who was known to be a member of a college fraternity. This explains why we were initially designated as Sigma Nu Chapter IV (4), but later assigned the Greek letter Mu after a period of inactivity due to the anti-fraternity law.

- Many thanks to alumni Luther Lockwood and Tom Greene, who contributed to this article.

PAST AND PRESENT COMMANDERS  
GATHER IN ATLANTA

*Alumnus Michael Barry (M 2071)*

Mu Chapter held its annual Commanders’ Dinner on December 14, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. The dinner welcomed men who had the honor of serving as Mu’s Commander over a broad range of years – from 1941 to 2009. The evening was a special celebration of both the completion of the new house on River Road and the introduction of Mu’s most recent Commander, Buck Dixon.

Commanders in attendance included: Verner Chaffin (M 621), Bill House (M 980), Speer Mabry (M 1028), M.T. Simmons (M 1055), Ronnie Waller (M 1141), Dede Thomas (M 1175), Charlie Davidson (M 1202), Tom Johnson (M 1232), Henry Bishop (M 1250), John Ramsey (M 1261), Hon. Lindsay Thomas (M 1309), Steve Castellaw (M 1343), Tom Luther (M 1400), Jimmy Walker (M 1451), Jamie Reynolds (M 1531), Robert Durham (M 1650), Alan Brown (M 1789), Scott Smith (M 1819), Mike Malcom (M 1890), Tom Greene (M 1964), John Hearn (M 2000), Michael Barry (M 2071), Bobby McMillin (M 2283), Joel Stern (M 2297), Austin Hackney (M 2323), Clayton Cox (M 2305), and Buck Dixon (M 2326).

University System of Georgia Regent James Bishop (M 1239) was a special guest at the dinner. Mr. Bishop’s twin brother, Henry Bishop, was a Mu Commander.

The evening included lots of stories, memories and laughter. In addition to the brotherhood, memories, and camaraderie shared throughout the evening, each man brought various words of wit and wisdom to Commander Dixon – each ensuring him that the active chapter has the support of Mu’s 2400+ members. The next Mu Commanders’ Dinner will be held in January 2010.

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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING MU CHAPTER EVENTS

Please mark the following dates and locations of upcoming chapter events in your calendar! Though more specific information will be emailed closer to time, we hope you will continue to visit our website (www.ugasigmanu.com) for the most up-to-date information regarding Mu Chapter.

We encourage all alumni to attend these events, as you play an integral role in our recruitment efforts. If you would like to schedule an additional event (Dinner, golf, etc.) in your hometown, please contact Alumni Chair Wells Ellenberg at (912) 230-4340 or jwe626@gmail.com.

Event	Date	Location
National Recruiting Day	June 6	Atlanta, Georgia (Capital City Club)
Rush/Alumni Event	June 12	Charlotte, North Carolina
Rush/Alumni Event	June 20	Savannah, Georgia
Grand Chapter	July 3-7	Boston, Massachussetts
Rush/Alumni Event	July 17	St. Simons, Georgia
Rush/Alumni Event	July 24	Atlanta, Georgia
Rush/Alumni Event	July 31	Macon, Georgia
2010 Alumni Weekend	March 15	Athens, Georgia

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SPRING 2010

SINCE 1873



*Snake Break in Gulf Shores, AL*



*White Rose Formal in Dillard, GA*



*Spring 2010 Initiates (Top to Bottom, Left to Right): Tyler Dukes, Michael Brown, Jackson Noland, Brandon Addington, Logan Butler, and Bradley Covington*

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

*Commander Buck Dixon (M 2326)*

Mother Mu flourished during our second full semester in the new Chateau. This spring gave the actives a chance to settle into life in the new house, and also provided an opportunity for the chapter to once again prove its prowess at the local, state, and national levels. The chapter made strides in all walks of fraternity and campus life, highlighting the strong commitment to excellence held by our members, both past and present.

This semester saw Stephen Thompson, a junior from Savannah, elected Vice-President of the Student Government Association. Additionally, Wes Robinson, a sophomore from Marietta, and Wells Ellenberg, a freshman from Saint Simons Island, were elected to the Student Government Senate with the highest vote totals in their respective colleges. The chapter also demonstrated its strength as Chris Green, our Lieutenant Commander and Athens native, was inducted into the Arch Society and Andrew Laarhoven, a senior from Alpharetta, was elected President of the Georgia College Republicans. These are just a few highlights from an extremely successful chapter in Mu’s history.

Socially, the chapter continued the tradition of our winter White Rose Formal at the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia, and will also be traveled south for our White Star Beach Weekend at the semester’s end. Alongside these events, the actives enjoyed a full social calendar that included a large spring party, in addition to numerous date nights and socials throughout the semester.

It is apparent that the work of both the active chapter and alumni is paying off for Mu Chapter. We are continuing a tradition of excellence which has made its mark on the University campus as well as the state and national scene. We appreciate your continued support and hope to see you soon.



NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT: LOGAN BUTLER (M 2433)

A freshman from Macon, Georgia, Logan recently served as Pledge Class President for the Spring 2010 class. He is currently pursuing a double major in Public Relations and Sports Management.

Logan is a member of the Honors Program and is the annual recipient of the Ramsey Scholarship, The University of Georgia’s second highest merit-based scholarship award. In his first year on campus, Logan was involved with the Student Academic Honesty Council, Relay for Life, and the Wesley Foundation. This summer, Logan will be studying at Oxford University in Oxford, England.



RESURGENCE OF MOTHER MU

As a fifty-five plus year member of Mu Chapter, I am ecstatic about the return of “Mother Mu” to River Road. Just as was said by General Douglas MacArthur of WWII fame and Jason Voorhees of the movie *Halloween*, “We Are Back!”

Over the last several years, I have reflected often about Mother Mu and River Road. In comparison to the homes from which our brothers and pledges came, our chapter home was, as is our new one, palatial. Pride in the chapter house was a sacred commitment. Chapter house rooms and facilities were neat and attractive, with the first and second floors reserved for sleeping, housing of the housemother, and dining. Contributing to the grace and dignity of the living and learning environment were the ever present Housemother, Housekeeper, Annie the cook, and “Rev”, our wake up guru. All brothers cared for them and for each other. Many of us would not have achieved a diploma without Rev’s icy morning wake up call. Mother Mu was a home away from home, and it was an organization that trained brothers to move gracefully, with pride and honor, into the business and professional world.

Then, in 1998, came a small house fire which ultimately led to the house being demolished. I vividly remember standing on the River Road site, and, as a grown man, weeping. At that time, I, along with many other dedicated brothers, wanted to do whatever was necessary to restore the chapter and the chapter house.

Over many years, a number of truly dedicated alumni and brothers had worked tirelessly with UGA and Headquarters to seek an alternative housing facility, albeit to little avail. The dream continued.

It seems like just yesterday, four years ago, when I met at the Student Learning Center (SLC) to facilitate teaching an ethics class to a group of Mu’s new visionary young brothers. All twenty-seven young men in the chapter attended. Together, they were in process of reinvigorating our Mu Chapter. It was patently obvious to this alumnus that they were extremely vibrant, enthusiastic and dedicated brothers, which was all the more memorable because they were without the luxury of a fraternity house. I was impressed with their desire to be different, to build a chapter with relevance in the 21st century and to do so leveraging all resources at their disposal.

While it is dangerous to name single individuals involved in the restoration, I would be remiss if I did not mention the names of the then chapter brothers McMillin, Wierson, Stern, Hackney, Cox and many

other young men who took a leap of faith and began revitalizing Mu Chapter. Along with alumni assistance from brothers Durham, Whitworth, Brown, Craft, Barry, Hearn and other Alumni Advisory Board members, they set out to keep the dream of a resurrected Mu Chapter alive. Their efforts were in conjunction with Dr. Verner Chaffin and Ben Hall, fundraising gurus who conducted a major capital campaign to help finance the new French Chateau. I might emphasize that the accomplishments were made by brotherly efforts gratuitously rendered.

On October 21, 2008, over 100 alumni attended Mu’s ground breaking ceremony. Construction began, and on August 29th, 2009 a dream shared by generations of Mu Chapter Alumni was accomplished as the new French Chateau was dedicated. Over 500 brothers, guests, family, friends and national officers attended. Perhaps the biggest problem encountered was the difficulty in remembering actual names rather than the nicknames we were all known by. Names bantered about included: Snake, Fuzz, Peaches, Rabbit, Goat, Beetle, Batman, Cork, Wink, Tex, Pep, Big and Little Pogo, Pig Pen, Cutie Pie, Big Al, T.D., Obie, Uncle Bob, Duckbutt, Harv in the Box, Zeus, Steinberg the Friendly Baptist, Cadillac Jack, Generalissimo, Pee Wee, Rosebud, Skinny, Hot Dedi, Big and Little Cro, Bookie, Metal Mouth, Bo, Squire, Miss Elsie, CB, Enos, Mange, Ironclad Sheriff, Mo and Fog. All were remembered along with handshakes, smiles and war stories. It was a great afternoon of wonderful memories of Mother Mu, the place where we established a lifetime of true brotherhood.

Regent Joe Gilman, Regent Elect Robert Durham and other members of the High Council were present. They, along with Commander Clayton Cox, Alumni Tom Johnson, Dr. Verner Chaffin, Ben Hall, Michael Barry and John Hearn spoke of their experiences in Sigma Nu. Speeches emphasized that the fraternity is a laboratory where fostered is the art of dealing with people in a brotherly way, experience in motivating others, practice in working together toward common goals, the value of delegating authority, an opportunity to learn from mistakes and witness the results of coordinated action.

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In everyone’s life there comes an adventure which changes the shape of everything that follows. Like other brothers, I have had many occasions to reflect on such and recall well the day I was initiated into the chapter. Other than my faith in God and my family, Sigma Nu has perhaps had the most important influence on my life. To this very day, my closest friends are those who were brothers in the Legion of Honor. (Continued)

RESURGENCE OF MOTHER MU  
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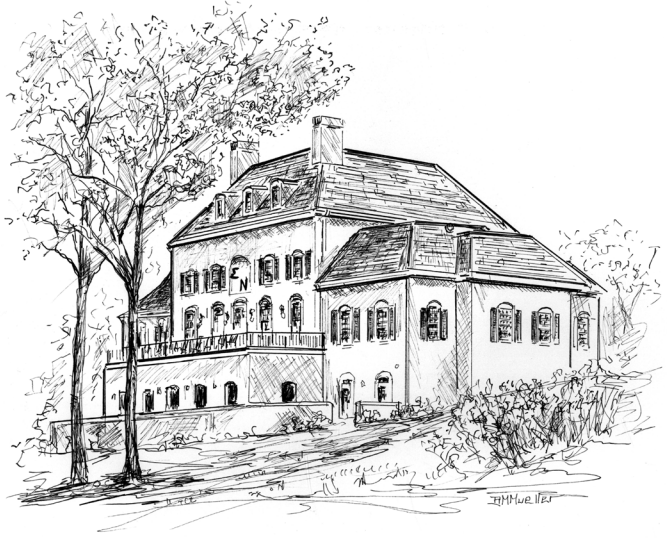
I value my fraternity experience as among life’s greatest gifts and hold dear her ideals of truth, honor, ethics and fraternal brotherhood. Sigma Nu principles, appropriately followed, show The Way, The Truth and The Life.

You, the newest active brothers, are now in command. I trust from this day forward you will properly prepare the upcoming generations to be worthy Knights of the Legion of Honor. Always remember you are a brother for life. Choose to live by the tenets of our order and the values of our creed - both today and tomorrow - living as men of honor.

With my heartiest congratulations to all Knights of The Legion of Honor, I close with my favorite Latin motto, which I believe apropos to the new Mother Mu: “Vires Acquirir Eundo” (It gains strength by continuing). Continue to lead with vision and courage, and take good care of our “Mother Mu”.

Welcome home!

Fraternally,  
George J. Hearn III  
M 1048



*Pen-and-ink drawing of the new Chateau by Barbara Mueller. A native of Saint Simons Island, Ms. Mueller graciously donated the original sketch as a housewarming gift. The active chapter is thankful for Ms. Mueller’s support and kindness.*

MU CHAPTER CONTINUES CAMPUS  
LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

This semester, Mu Chapter continued its tradition of leadership at The University of Georgia. From our graduates to our most recent pledge class, the majority of brothers have found a way to impact the school and local community through various and diverse opportunities. *Recent* developments include (Listed in alphabetical order):

- Buck Dixon and Phil Rosen being selected for membership in Order of Omega

- Wells Ellenberg being selected for membership in the Dean William Tate Honor Society, the highest first-year honor at The University of Georgia

- Chris Green being selected to the Arch Society

- Clay Knowles, Chris Green, Andrew DeRiemacker, and Ben Jordon being appointed to positions within the Student Government Association administration

- Andrew Laarhoven being elected President of the Georgia College Republicans

- Mike Nagshineh achieving the title of First Honor Graduate for graduating with a perfect 4.0 GPA

- Wes Robinson and Wells Ellenberg being elected Senators with the Student Government Association, both receiving the highest vote totals in their respective colleges and earning a seat on the University Council

- Wes Robinson and Max Gutierrez being selected as members of the Student Alumni Council

- Stephen Thompson being elected Vice-President of the Student Government Association

In addition to these developments, several brothers are continuing their roles in other areas of campus involvement including: Interfraternity Council, Leonard Leadership Scholars, Corsair Society, Arch Society, College Republicans, Young Democrats, UGA HEROs Philanthropy, UGA Miracle Philanthropy, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Rotaract, and Model United Nations.

We applaud these brothers for their hard work and dedication, which has certainly been beneficial to the chapter and its reputation campus-wide.

ALUMNI STERN AND DURHAM  
VISIT CHAPTER

This past semester, alumni Joel Stern (M 2297) and Regent-Elect Robert Durham (M 1650) traveled from Atlanta to visit with the active chapter and participate in Mu’s Alumni Speaker Series.

Stern spoke at length about the resurgence of Mu Chapter, his experiences in the Barn, and his favorite memories at The University of Georgia. Additionally, he discussed fellow alumnus Tom Greene’s “77 Thesis,” a list of important life lessons and suggestions for those beginning their professional careers.

Joel served as Commander for one term and as a member of the Interfraternity Council Executive Board. He currently works in Atlanta as a sales associate for Unum Group, an insurance provider.

Mr. Durham spoke of his pride in Mu’s resurgence and the example it sets for other chapters nationwide, while encouraging the active chapter to focus on recruiting the best and brightest in the coming years. Moving forward, he reminded the chapter that “there is no honor in mediocrity,” and that Mu must continue its success in academics and extracurricular involvement in order to gain further respect and pave the way for future generations of campus leaders.

Mr. Durham served as Commander for two terms and will assume the Regency this July at Grand Chapter in Boston. He currently serves as managing director of the Private Banking USA business in Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and the head of their Atlanta office. Additionally, Durham serves on the Mu Chapter Alumni Advisory Board and was a vice-chairman of Mu’s recent capital campaign.

MU CHAPTER FOUNDS  
THE WHITE ROSE SOCIETY

In late April, Mu Chapter held the first luncheon and meeting of its new mothers’ club, The White Rose Society.

Named after the White Rose of Sigma Nu Fraternity, which symbolizes purity of purpose, the Mu Chapter Mothers’ Club was established “to facilitate increased parental involvement in the fraternity and allow mothers to enrich their son’s fraternal experience.”

Sixteen mothers were in attendance and shared their ideas of how the mothers’ club should function over a catered lunch by Big City Bread Cafe in Athens.

The group’s current projects are focused toward interior decorating initiatives with the new fraternity house. In the future, the mothers hope to fulfill other needs such as sponsoring an annual tailgate.

Please contact Alumni Chair Wells Ellenberg if you would like to learn more about the White Rose Society. He may be contacted via phone at (912) 230-4340 or via e-mail at [jwe626@gmail.com](mailto:jwe626@gmail.com).



*White Rose Society*  
MU CHAPTER MOTHERS’ CLUB

MU CHAPTER ANXIOUSLY AWAITS 2010 GRAND CHAPTER

On July 3rd-7th, Sigma Nu brothers from across North America will meet in Boston for the 64th Grand Chapter. Mu Chapter will look on with pride as alumnus Robert Durham (M 1650) takes the gavel to become Regent of Sigma Nu. Brother Durham currently sits on the High Council of Sigma Nu Fraternity as Regent-Elect.

Additionally, Mu Chapter is in strong consideration for this year’s Rock Chapter award, which honors collegiate chapters that have achieved excellence in all areas of chapter operations. In other words, Rock Chapter award recipients are chapters which consistently achieve excellent ratings over a period of 2-3 years under the Pursuit of Excellence Program.

Please visit the following website to view information about events and activities, find a direct link to online registration, information about lodging, forms for legislation and awards applications, and additional information related to the 64th Grand Chapter: <http://www.sigmanu.org/events/grandchapter/index.php>.