



Regent Robert Durham, Commander Wells Ellenberg, and Past Regent Joe Gilman receive the NIC Chapter Award of Distinction.

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MU CHAPTER RECEIVES NIC CHAPTER AWARD OF DISTINCTION

On April 22, Mu Chapter was awarded the North-American Interfraternity Conference's 2012 Chapter Award of Distinction. The award was presented during the NIC Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The Chapter Award of Distinction "recognizes the undergraduate chapter which is highly functioning, in compliance with NIC Standards, seeks to educate others about the benefits of a values-based fraternity experience, and works to maintain a healthy relationship with their national organization." Mu Chapter is the first chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, and the first fraternity at the University of Georgia, to ever receive the award.

Founded in 1909, the NIC is the trade association representing seventy-five international and national men's fraternities, with approximately 5,500 chapters located on over 800 campuses with nearly 350,000 undergraduate members. Through advocacy, collaboration, and education, the NIC works to ensure that fraternities can operate in an environment conducive to their success.

"Our entire Fraternity is proud of this high honor bestowed upon the Brothers of our Mu Chapter," said Brad Beacham, Executive Director of Sigma Nu Fraternity. This award is reserved for the best of the best. The recipients are held as examples to more than 5,500 collegiate chapters of men's fraternities in North America. The Mu Chapter may be one of our oldest chapters, but it is not resting on its laurels. The honorable men of Mu Chapter have earned this recognition by virtue of their hard work and dedication to their Knightly vows."

According to Michael Pisciotta, the Senior Coordinator for Greek Life at UGA, "The Mu Chapter has established a standard of excellence at the University of Georgia. They serve as an inspiration to other groups on campus and serve as a shining example of what can be accomplished through collaborative effort."

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Past Commander Andy Monk said, "Above all, Mu Chapter remains dedicated to raising the bar. Mu's growth in membership, dedication to campus involvement, and development of leadership has demonstrated a commitment to excellence."

In 2010, Mu Chapter was recognized as a Rock Chapter, which signifies continued excellence and is the highest award a chapter can receive from Sigma Nu Fraternity.



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The Hon. George J. Hearn III, accompanied by sons John and George, receives the Regent's Medallion of Merit.



Dr. Verner Chaffin receives a custom-made lapel pin recognizing the seventy-fifth anniversary of his initiation.

SPRING 2012 INITIATION

Alumni Hearn and Chaffin bestowed with special honors

On Sunday, March 25, Mu Chapter initiated five candidates into the Legion of Honor. We are proud to welcome the following brothers into the oldest continually-active chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity:

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| Mu 2511 | Geoffrey Talmadge Gagat | Marietta, Georgia |
| Mu 2512 | Grant William Klein | Roswell, Georgia |
| Mu 2513 | Evan Alexander Walker | Roswell, Georgia |
| Mu 2514 | Grant Tanner Eddy | Canton, Georgia |
| Mu 2515 | Reid Crafton Young | Carrollton, Georgia |

Additionally, two special presentations were made following the initiation ceremony. On behalf of Mu Chapter, John Hearn (Mu 2000) presented Dr. Verner Chaffin (Mu 621) with a custom-made white star lapel pin recognizing the seventy-fifth anniversary of his initiation.

Moreover, the Hon. George J. Hearn III (Mu 1048) was awarded the Regent's Medallion of Merit by Regent Robert Durham (Mu 1650). The Regent's Medallion is the highest individual honor bestowed by the High Council. The award is given to a man "who exemplifies eminence in his daily life as expressed by the Creed of Sigma Nu, who demonstrates a genuine commitment to the ideals of the Legion of Honor, and whose pattern of performance on behalf of the chapter and the General Fraternity is a worthy example for others to follow." Dr. Chaffin was awarded the Regent's Medallion in 2009 by past Regent Joe Gilman (Mu 2440).

2012 COMMANDERS' DINNER

Former Commanders and special guests gather in Atlanta

Mu Chapter held its annual Commanders' Dinner on February 16, 2012, at Bone's Restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia. Nearly thirty former Commanders and special guests were in attendance, including:

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| Bo Chambers (Mu 953) | Gerry Whitworth (Mu 1492) |
| Bill House (Mu 980) | Robert Durham (Mu 1650) |
| Speer Mabry (Mu 1028) | Mike Malcom (Mu 1890) |
| Lewis Murphy (Mu 1030) | Luther Lockwood (Mu 1901) |
| George Hearn (Mu 1048) | John Hearn (Mu 2000) |
| Jerry Minge (Mu 1049) | Michael Barry (Mu 2071) |
| M.T. Simmons (Mu 1055) | Coy Lassiter (Mu 2087) |
| Tommy Bailey (Mu 1093) | Joel Stern (Mu 2297) |
| Buddy Blount (Mu 1128) | Austin Hackney (Mu 2323) |
| Ronnie Waller (Mu 1141) | Buck Dixon (Mu 2326) |
| Charlie Davidson (Mu 1202) | Andy Monk (Mu 2366) |
| Tom Johnson (Mu 1232) | Wells Ellenberg (Mu 2400) |
| John Ramsey (Mu 1261) | Joe Gilman (Mu 2440) |
| Roger Land (Mu 1278) | |

Those in attendance enjoyed memorable words of wit and wisdom from the 1940s to the 2000s. The evening was filled with stories, memories, laughter, and camaraderie. Additionally, each alumnus had an opportunity to share his advice with current Commander Wells Ellenberg, each ensuring him that the active chapter has the support of its over 1,500 living alumni.

"I was overwhelmed with pride in Mu Chapter and Sigma Nu," said Ellenberg. "The opportunity to sit across the table from these men, listen to stories from their time on River Road, and know that the active chapter and I have their full support was one of the most memorable experiences of my college career. I look forward to attending the event for many years to come and want to thank all who were in attendance."

The event was organized by past Commanders John Hearn and Michael Barry, who currently serve as Mu Chapter's alumni advisors. The evening concluded with a group recitation of the Short Creed of Sigma Nu, led by the Hon. George J. Hearn III.

Next year's dinner will be held on January 10, 2013, at Bone's Restaurant in Atlanta.



Former Commanders and special guests gathered in Atlanta for Mu Chapter's annual Commanders' Dinner.



Joel Stern, Bill House, and Tommy Bailey shared words of advice with current Commander Wells Ellenberg.



Tom Johnson, Roger Land, and John Ramsey enjoyed exchanging stories and memories from their time in Athens.



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DR. LEE PARKER EARNS LEGION OF HONOR
Mu Chapter alumnus recognized for valor and service during World War II

On September 7, 2011, Dr. Lee Parker (Mu 574), a Greensboro native and Mu Chapter alumnus, was awarded the prestigious French Legion of Honor Medal. Dr. Parker, a retired physician and World War II veteran, joined sixteen others who were being recognized for their valor and service during the war.

Dr. Parker received a letter informing him that, "By decree of President Sarkozy on July 4, 2011, you have been appointed a 'Chevalier' of the Legion of Honor. This award testifies to President Sarkozy's high esteem for your merits and accomplishments. In particular, it is a sign of France's infinite gratitude and appreciation for your personal and precious contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of our country during World War II."

Dr. Parker is the only living navy surgeon that provided medical services on Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion.

The Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge services rendered to France by persons of great merit. Appropriately, founder James Frank Hopkins designed the badge of Sigma Nu Fraternity in its image.



Dr. Lee Parker was awarded France's highest decoration: the Legion of Honor.

Honorable Mentions

Alumnus **Steve Green (Mu 1476)** was elected chairman of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Alumnus **Wyn Bellhouse (Mu 2285)** began serving a two-year term in Panama for the Peace Corps.

Alumnus **Clayton Cox (Mu 2305)** received his Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Alumnus **Buck Dixon (Mu 2326)** studied abroad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with the Georgia State College of Law.

Alumnus **Dr. Charles Bullock (Mu 2441)** was awarded the 2012 Diane Blair Award by the Southern Political Science Association.

Senior **Chris Green (Mu 2367)** and junior **Logan Butler (Mu 2433)** studied abroad in Australia and New Zealand.

Junior **Wells Ellenberg (Mu 2400)** received the Patrick H. Mell Leadership Scholarship and was selected to serve as a Collegiate Grand Councilman on the High Council of Sigma Nu.

Junior **Tommy McConnell (Mu 2401)** was named an Ambassador for the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Last summer, Tommy met alumnus **Claude Brown** while attending the Cannes Film Festival in France.

Junior **Patrick Bennett (Mu 2416)** was selected for membership in Order of Omega.

Sophomore **Davis Mastin (Mu 2454)** was selected to serve as a 2012 Orientation Leader.

Sophomore **Richie O'Connell (Mu 2462)** was elected Senator in the Student Government Association.

Sophomore **Alex Lawrence (Mu 2465)** was selected for membership in the Arch Society.

Sophomore **Paul Chitwood (Mu 2465)** was named a Leonard Leadership Scholar.

Sophomore **Jack Scherger (Mu 2468)** was named an Ambassador for the Terry College of Business.

Freshman **Jeff Brum (Mu 2478)** was elected Senator in the Student Government Association and selected as a member of the Student Alumni Council.



Sean Gilrain is a rising sophomore majoring in finance.

NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Sophomore Sean Gilrain (Mu 2486) from Roswell, Georgia

Sean Gilrain is a rising sophomore from Roswell, Georgia, where he attended Centennial High School. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance.

When asked why he chose to join Sigma Nu, Sean explained: "In Mu Chapter, I saw the opportunity to develop as a leader, enjoy a strong social calendar, and join a brotherhood that will last a lifetime."

Sean is currently serving his second term as Mu Chapter's Social Chairman. Moreover, he was recently initiated into the Dean William Tate Honor Society, the highest honor bestowed upon freshmen at the University of Georgia. This past semester, he was involved with the Student Government Association's Freshman Forum program, and was selected to serve as the Assistant Director of the National High School Model United Nations Conference in New York City. Additionally, his team won UGA's Spring Intramural Golf Championship.

Formal in Charleston, South Carolina



In February, Mu Chapter held its annual White Rose Formal in downtown Charleston, South Carolina. Over one hundred brothers, accompanied by their dates, enjoyed dinner and dancing in the Old Citadel Military College. Mary Margaret Chaffe (right) was named Sweetheart.

Atlanta Braves Date Night



On April 17, 2012, three charter busses left River Road en route to Turner Field in Atlanta. Brothers and their dates enjoyed a great evening watching the Atlanta Braves defeat the New York Mets 9-3.

SUMMER RUSH

Mu Chapter is already busy at work recruiting our fall 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 this summer, please send us their names and contact information. We also have an online recommendation form located on our website (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 you and your family
will make plans to join us for our*

ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND

Georgia Bulldogs vs. Ole Miss Rebels

November 3, 2012



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

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