



Alumni Ernie Ward (Mu 1735), John Hearn (Mu 2000), Charles Haynes (Mu 655), Joel Stern (Mu 2297), and Michael Barry (Mu 2071) recently gathered in Atlanta at the Cherokee Town Club for an Educational Foundation honorary board meeting.

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LARGE ALUMNI PRESENCE AT SPRING 2011 CANDIDATE INITIATION

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For any fraternity man across the country, his initiation is one of the most memorable experiences of his collegiate career. In short, it is the moment when he joins a group that stands for ideals greater than himself. This past March, the Mu Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was able to experience one of the most memorable initiations in her history.

On March 27, six young men were initiated into the Mu Chapter. However, what made this ceremony stand apart from past initiations was the large number of alumni who were present to witness the occasion. Over two dozen alumni were present at the ceremony, including: Dr. Verner Chaffin (Mu 621), Bill House (Mu 980), Larry Burel (Mu 1011), Speer Mabry (Mu 1028), Judge George Hearn III (Mu 1048), Tommy Bailey (Mu 1093), Gerry Whitworth (Mu 1492), Camden Pace (Mu 2060), John Hearn (Mu 2000), Michael Barry (Mu 2071), Brent Wierson (Mu 2282), Bobby McMillin (Mu 2283), Chase Jackson (Mu 2284), Alan Pierce (Mu 2286), David Clements (Mu 2090), Adam McDonald (Mu 2291), Jacob Johnson (Mu 2299), Bobby Woods (Mu 2300), George Ward (Mu 2308), Alex Bradford (Mu 2317), Nathan Whitmire (Mu 2318), Buck Dixon (Mu 2326), and Michael Harvey (Mu 2331).

After each of the candidates had been initiated, the chapter made a special presentation to Bobby Woods, who survived a gunshot to the head this past August while on deployment in Afghanistan. In honor of his bravery, Brother Woods was given a painting of the "Founders at the Rock," signed by both members of the active chapter as well as a number of alumni. Additionally, several alumni in attendance who were veterans of the United States military gave a heartfelt salute to Lt. Woods for his courage and triumphant, though on-going, recovery.

To cap off the afternoon, Mr. House made his own heartfelt presentation before the chapter. Mr. House was a pledge brother of Cecil Woodfin Hester (Mu 1089), husband of Mrs. Carolyn Hester and grandfather of initiate John Huffines (Mu 2472). Sadly, Mr. Hester passed away and could not be in attendance, but Mr. House, a close family friend of John, presented him with his grandfather's badge.

The chapter was honored to have so many alumni in attendance. From a young Mu Chapter brother's perspective, it is a sign of the chapter's strength at all stages, ranging from the rush process to the bonds maintained after graduation. It is this strength that we look forward to maintaining as actives and passing on to a future generation of Mu Chapter brothers.



Richie O'Connell, Davis Mastin, and Tripp Calloway were recently elected senators in the University of Georgia's Student Government Association.



Wes Robinson (left) serves as the SGA attorney general. Fellow senior Chris Green (right) is a member of the organization's Elections Committee.

MU CHAPTER RETAINS DOMINANCE IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Authored by Chris Brandus (Mu 2459)

The 2011 Student Government Association (SGA) elections were dominated by the Greek system at the University of Georgia, which now holds a vast majority of the seats in the SGA Senate; three of these seats belong to Sigma Nu.

Mu Chapter brothers Tripp Calloway (Mu 2458), Davis Mastin (Mu 2454), and Richie O'Connell (Mu 2462) were elected as senators representing students in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. All three are freshmen and were initiated in Fall 2010.

The three pledge brothers received considerable support from the active chapter during the campaign, to include advertising on social networking sites, and providing the Chateau on River Road as a place to make posters and discuss political strategy. This election continues a long-standing tradition of excellence and influence that Sigma Nu has held in SGA since the chapter's revitalization in 2005.

As members of "The Link" party, Tripp, Davis, and Richie hit the streets daily, energetically passing out fliers and answering questions about the party and their platforms. The main objective of The Link party was to "link the student body to the UGA campus and administration, the Athens-Clarke County community, as well as the state of Georgia." Link Party members actively sought to make students more aware of SGA's role on campus, and encourage them to provide opinions and input regarding the organization's decisions.

"We want to make students more involved with campus organizations and issues," said Calloway. "It will create an enhanced campus atmosphere and better us as an institution of higher education."

Calloway and Mastin each earned enough votes to reserve them a coveted position on University Council, an organization that works directly with University president Michael Adams and the deans of the University's sixteen schools and colleges. "We meet once a month with the administration and department heads to discuss campus issues and policies. Our goal is to serve directly as the students' voice to the heads of campus," said Mastin. "We deliberate over items such budgets, adding and eliminating majors, and campus organizations. It is our job to make sure that the student voice is considered when major University decisions are being made."

After the election, applications for appointed positions were made available. Senior Wes Robinson (Mu 2373) was appointed to the position of attorney general and confirmed by the Senate at its first meeting of the new term. At the second Senate meeting, Wes proposed the composition of the Rules Committee, which he chairs as attorney general. Senior Chris Green (Mu 2367) was unanimously approved for membership on the committee, adding the fifth and final Sigma Nu to this year's SGA. Each brother is ready to begin working for the students, all the while proudly representing Sigma Nu.



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WHITE ROSE SOCIETY HOSTS ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION IN ATLANTA

Authored by Richie O'Connell (Mu 2462)

On April 9, the White Rose Society, Mu Chapter's mothers' club, held its spring luncheon at the home of Stephanie O'Connell, mother of sophomore Richie O'Connell (Mu 2462), in Atlanta, Georgia.

Of the forty active mothers in the White Rose Society, fifteen were able to make it to the event, including several coming from out-of-state. The luncheon provided a chance for members of the White Rose Society to meet and get to know each other, and discuss ideas for supporting the active chapter. Carol Pedersen, mother of sophomore David Pedersen (Mu 2457), believed the lunch was a success, commenting, "It was nice meeting some of the mothers on a more intimate setting. I look forward to getting things off the ground and rolling during the next year."

The meeting went smoothly, with the mothers feeling a strong sense of unity. Each mother had different ideas to contribute, and each idea received constructive criticism to make it better. These ideas included hosting tailgates and other parent-related events. For example, Susan Monk, mother of senior Andrew Monk (Mu 2366), suggested that the White Rose Society sponsor a dinner in commemoration of the graduating seniors each May.

The various ideas discussed were not only things that the mothers could do for Mu Chapter, but also things that the chapter could do to make the mothers feel more involved. The group emphasized the importance of the Alumni and Parents Weekend, and suggested that the active brothers continue to create a tailgating experience that both parents, brothers, and alumni could enjoy.

Though many mothers were not able to attend the lunch due to living out-of-state or having prior commitments, their enthusiasm was equally as impressive as that of those in attendance. Of the mothers who could not attend, many requested a copy of the ideas discussed and within a few days volunteered to help with the various initiatives. If this enthusiasm continues, the White Rose Society should continue to grow each year as the mothers of Mu Chapter continue to serve as a positive force in fraternity life.

The White Rose Society was founded in 2010 in order to facilitate increased fraternal involvement from the mothers of Mu Chapter, and to demonstrate the chapter's support and appreciation for our mothers and the role that each of them plays in our daily lives.

On behalf of the active chapter, we would like to thank our mothers for their tireless work and contributions on our behalf. We look forward to seeing you next fall at our Alumni and Parents Weekend and encourage you to become a part of the White Rose Society if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so!



Mothers gather at the home of Stephanie O'Connell in Atlanta, Georgia, for the White Rose Society's annual spring luncheon.



White Rose Society mothers Debra Glaser, Mercedes Paxton, Brenda Anderson, Amy Jordon, and Sheri Mastin enjoy food and fellowship as they discuss potential future projects.



Amy Broker, Heidi Smisson, Pat Butler, Jan Reeves, Carol Pedersen, and Sheila Hall, all members of Mu Chapter's mothers' club, consider various initiatives to benefit their sons' fraternal experiences.



White Rose Society
MU CHAPTER MOTHERS' CLUB

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CHARLES HAYNES

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“Our happiest times were moving into the new house. We had a fine place, and every big band who came to town played there...”

- CHARLES HAYNES

Brother Charles T. Haynes lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and recently attended a gathering of Sigma Nu alumni. He was kind to spend time on the phone on a subsequent day to be interviewed for Mu’s Alumni Spotlight.

Brother Haynes was initially a dual major at UGA; however, college was interrupted by World War II and the Army only allowed students to finish one degree prior to serving. While at UGA, he recalled Brother Fred Sweat (Mu 598, Albany, Georgia; UGA Law School; Former Commander) who worked with Hatton Lovejoy (Mu 86) during the chapter’s inaugural move to River Road. “I never met Hatton Lovejoy; however, I was in school with Fred Sweat who was known to have helped spur Mu Chapter’s move to River Road. Fred was involved with alumnus Hatton Lovejoy who visited with Chancellor Stanford on River Road to select the original property. ‘I want that bend over to this end,’” Haynes recalled. Brother Haynes also referenced knowing two of Mu Chapter’s other living WWII veterans: Dr. Verner Chaffin (Mu 621) and Dr. Lee Parker (Mu 574; The last surviving medic from the D-Day invasion).

As a Sigma Nu, Brother Haynes served as house manager and treasurer. “Our happiest times were moving into the new house. We had a fine place, and every big band who came to town played there, including Tommy Dorsey, Red Norvo and Glenn Miller.” When asked what one piece of advice he would like to give to the active chapter, unprompted, he replied, “Don’t Haze! It’s an indication of an immature person, and nobody is any better for it.”

Brother Haynes entered the Army in April of 1942 and was sent to the Philippines, serving as a Quartermaster. While in the Philippines, he was stationed on the same base as General MacArthur and saw him regularly. The Japanese enemy also inhabited the island jungles, and would occasionally come in to steal rations and attempt to destroy ammunitions. In one skirmish with this hidden enemy, Brother Haynes was shot in the leg and received a Purple Heart. He stated, “I was shot in the leg, however, it did not break a bone, so I was returned to active duty.” After his injury, Brother Haynes served as a Judge Advocate participating in court martial trials on the base. “The court martial proceedings were held in a tent – it looked like a circus tent – just across the way from General MacArthur’s headquarters.”

Upon returning to the states, Brother Haynes was approached by Buster Matthews, a UGA classmate, about testing for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Such began his distinguished career with the FBI, where he served in many roles and in several states. Upon retirement from the FBI, Brother Haynes worked in various corporate security roles, including serving as the director of security for The John Harland Company.



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FIVE YEARS RUNNING: ANDREW MONK CONTINUES SIGMA NU PRESENCE ON IFC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sigma Nu has asserted itself yet again in the fraternity world at UGA with the election of senior Andrew Monk (Mu 2366) to the Interfraternity Council (IFC) Executive Board. He was elected as vice president of recruitment for IFC on November 2. This is Mu Chapter's fifth consecutive year having a representative on the IFC Executive Board.

Andrew also serves as Mu Chapter's commander, and has been able to handle the commitment to both organizations exceptionally well. "Representing Mu Chapter for the fifth consecutive year has been an honor and shows how far we have come in just a few short years," said Andrew. He has worked with IFC over the last three years as both a delegate and as the organization's recruitment chair.



Commander Andrew Monk was recently elected as the Interfraternity Council's vice president of recruitment.



Recent initiate John Huffines serves as Mu Chapter's philanthropy chairman.

NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT: JOHN HUFFINES

John Huffines (Mu 2472) is a freshman Exercise and Sports Science major from Atlanta, Georgia. He attended Woodward Academy.

When asked why he chose to join Sigma Nu, John replied, "I joined Mu Chapter because of the brothers already in the chapter. I felt like they are a great group of guys that I could become great friends with and with whom I could create life long friendships. I noticed how every brother was proactively taking steps to better themselves on campus in preparation for their lives after college."

John has a passion for philanthropy, as he is involved in Habitat for Humanity and is already serving as Mu Chapter's philanthropy chairman. Besides philanthropy, John is also interested in sports medicine, snowboarding, playing guitar, sports, golf, and southern food. Having played football in high school, John hopes to become involved with Sigma Nu intramural teams as well. After receiving his degree, John plans to attend Physical Therapy School and hopes to run his own practice.

FALL RUSH UNDERWAY

Mu Chapter has already begun recruiting our fall pledge class, and, as of this publication, we are proud to announce that two men have already accepted the opportunity to join the oldest continually active chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity nationwide: Tripp Brooks of Monroe, Georgia (George Walton Academy), and John Harden of Statesboro, Georgia (Bulloch Academy).

The active chapter needs your help! If you are aware of any promising UGA matriculates in your area, please send us their names and contact information. We also have an online recommendation form on our website (www.ugasigmanu.com).

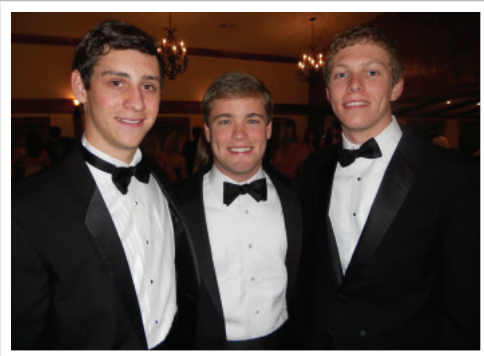
Though invitations will be emailed before each event, please make a note of the following regional recruitment events in your calendar (and update your email address via our website if you have yet to do so):

- > Saturday, June 11 (Savannah, Georgia);
- > Saturday, July 2 (Charlotte, North Carolina);
- > Thursday, July 21 (Atlanta, Georgia).

Please contact one of the recruitment co-chairmen if you have any questions or if you would be willing to host a golf outing, dinner, or other type of regional recruitment event. We would like to thank Judge George Hearn III (Mu 1048), Chip Ivey (Mu 1980), Larry Burgamy (Mu 2098), and Tom Greene (Mu 1964) for already offering to do so!

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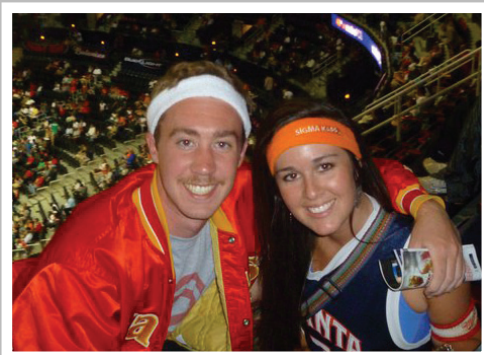
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