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Measures of Progress



Mu's return to River Road is bringing a tremendous amount of excitement to your Chapter – for both alumni and active brothers. Since the October groundbreaking, the memories, stories, requests to become involved in the Chapter, and action taken to ensure the success and future of the Chapter has been inspirational. Though each recollection is unique, they each share common threads: laughter, enthusiasm, hope, meaningful recollection of times well spent and lessons learned that apply 10, 20 or 40 years

later. In addition, most of these recollections all share a common thread of location – a white chateau on River Road.

Mu Chapter is fortunate to have a unique opportunity to call home perhaps one of the most spectacular properties on the UGA campus. Our new home is closer to Sanford Stadium than any other greek house on campus. The view from the second story bedrooms looks directly down on the Oconee River. The North Campus Arch and the UGA baseball stadium are each a 15 minute walk from the back porch. The

structure itself is safer, better designed and certainly more functional than most Greek houses anywhere in the United States.

Where we once wondered how Mu Chapter would return to a permanent home or even whether she would survive for our sons, grandsons, nephews, and others, our thoughts are now turned to how prominent Mu Chapter's new home will become – both locally and nationally. For the nation's longest continuously operating Sigma Nu Chapter, the sky is truly the limit.

Capital Campaign 2009 – Returning Home

Capital Campaign Donations may be sent to:

Sigma Nu Fraternity Home Association, Inc.
c/o A. Brown, Oconee State Bank
3520 Old Lexington Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

Or

Via Credit Card at
www.ugasigmanu.com

If you need a copy of the campaign brochure,
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State of the Chapter

By Commander Clayton Cox, M 2305

Being a part of the initial pledge class to bring Mother Mu back to campus nearly four years ago has been an absolute pleasure. Witnessing the unparalleled success that the chapter has achieved in such a short time has proven to be a priceless experience and lasting reward. At that time, there were only 27 of us meeting in the Student Learning Center with no prospects for a house in sight. Spring 2009 has brought a different day as we sit at over 90 active brothers and the construction of our new Chateau on River Road comes along daily. Continuing to provide the best fraternal experience at the University of Georgia, Mu chapter is head and shoulders above the rest.

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This past semester we continued

our academic achievements by finishing third among all twenty six fraternities in overall GPA. Elsewhere on campus, Mus continue to prove themselves as leaders as two brothers were elected to the Student Government Senate and brothers Nathan Whitmire and Will Ginn became members of the Arch Society. Mu's streak in the Interfraternity Council persisted into a third year as we have a member on the executive council as well as Phil Rosen serving as committee chairman.

The chapter has seen growth in every area including socially as we have held numerous socials throughout the semester as well as our annual White Rose formal in Dillard, Georgia. In addition, the philanthropy concert held in March at the

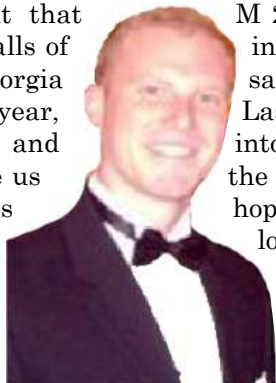
Georgia Theatre was another rousing success benefitting St. Jude's Hospital.

Another exciting aspect of the chapter has been the alumni involvement over the past semester. Alan Brown and David Findley spoke to the chapter in the Alumni Speaker Series. Nearly twenty alumni came to initiation as six new brothers were given badge numbers.

We are all very thrilled as our chapter looks to make the return to River Road after fourteen years of absence. River Road has been the spot of over fifty years of Mu chapter dominance and the next fifty years beginning in August surely will be no different. I urge all alumni to come by the new house whether it be for the Grand Opening or a tailgate. Thank you for all you do for Mu chapter and please let me know if we can be of any assistance to you.

Active Brother Accepted Into Navy Flight School

For every student that walks through the halls of the University of Georgia his or her freshmen year, many odd twists and turns occur that take us by surprise. Perhaps the most daunting question we face is the wild blue yonder after graduation. For Kyle Stewart,



M 2315, his future literally lies in the wild blue yonder thousands of feet above our heads. Last winter, Kyle was accepted into Officer Candidate School of the United States Navy with hopes of becoming a fighter pilot. Kyle pledged Sigma Nu in spring 2006. As a Sigma Nu brother, he has shown a tremendous sense of honor and ethics while at the same

time being humble in the face of humility and approaching every challenge with passion. Kyle is from Kennesaw, GA and was previously the brotherhood chair for Mu chapter. He will be graduating in May 2009 with a degree in Marketing and a minor in History.

Paxton Campbell, M 2312

Meet a Candidate: Chris Alexander

Hometown:
Duluth, GA

Major:
Business
Management

Interests:
Athletics, stock market,
politics, UGA football



The decision to become a Sigma Nu was not tough for sophomore Chris Alexander. It runs in his blood. Chris is the 7th member of his family to be initiated to the Mu chapter of Sigma Nu, dating back to the 1940's. Aside from the fraternity, Chris is involved with the College Republicans, the Student Government As-

sociation, and the Interfraternity Council. In addition, Chris was recently appointed Rush Chair after pledging this spring. Chris is also in the top 20% of his class, which will readily help him accomplish his goal of becoming a successful investment banker.

Wes Robinson, M 2373

Your Campaign Donation Makes A Difference

In order to remain relevant in the 21st Century, a fraternal organization must continue to evolve in a manner that is respectful to its history, aware of its present and hopeful for its future. At the University of Georgia, Mu Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity has over 136 years of successful evolution. Your Chapter's recent evolution can be precisely measured / recognized: proactive campus leadership in a variety of organizations, consistently strong academic achievement, an active social calendar, athletic pursuits, and National



recognition for measures of success. The men of Mu Chapter are men of character, vision and leadership. Support them. Support their recruitment efforts. Support the River Road capital campaign.

Your life has likely changed much since you walked out of your final Monday night Chapter meeting. However, each of you has a specific memory, reflection, or story of your

time on River Road. For many Mu brothers, not a week goes by when they don't speak or trade emails with fellow Mu alumni. Many Mu brothers also

frequent the Mu website (www.ugasigmanu.com) for updates.

In the days ahead, review the River Road campaign materials, reflect on how Mu Chapter has touched your life and give generously. This effort is important. Your participation is vital. You can make a meaningful difference, today.

All capital campaign donations must be received by June 1, 2009 in order to be recognized on the permanent Wall of Honor in the new house. We need just \$200,000 to meet our goal.

**River Road Campaign Co-Chairmen:
Verner Chaffin, M 621
Ben Hall, M 1360**

Yet Another Successful Spring Rush

Mu chapter has once again finished spring rush with a strong showing, recruiting six young men of impeccable character. Three of the young men are legacies, including Chris Alexander, who is a six-time Mu legacy. These young men have immediately asserted themselves as leaders on campus and in the chapter, with Alexander being appointed as one Mu's recruitment chairmen for fall and summer.

Mu chapter is excited to be carrying our continued spring rush success

into this summer and fall. The second annual National Recruitment Day at the Capital City Club in Atlanta was a smashing success. We will be having alumni/rush events throughout the southeast again including Savannah, Birmingham, Atlanta, and Charlotte, and we look forward to expanding these efforts into Macon, Augusta, Chattanooga, and other cities across the southeast. (More info at www.ugasigmanu.com.)

Alumni support is crucial throughout the rush process and recommenda-

tions of possible candidates are always appreciated – the earlier the better. I urge you to contact us (contact information is on page 1) or any member of the active chapter if you know of any prospective young men who will be attending the University. We look forward to hearing from you soon as well as seeing many new faces this summer.

Tom W. Bellhouse IV, M 2285

Commander's Dinner

adapted from Sigma Nu National Website

Mu Chapter at The University of Georgia, Sigma Nu Fraternity's longest continuously active chapter, hosted an event for former Mu Commanders on December 15, 2008. With over fifty percent of Mu's living Commanders in attendance, their combined years of brotherhood exceeded 875.

The range of those gathered included Dr. Verner Chaffin (Mu 621, initiated in 1937) to Austin Hackney (Mu 2323, initiated in 2006). In addition to words of pride and laughter over stories shared,

each former Commander took the opportunity to provide words of encouragement and leadership advice to Clayton Cox, Mu's current Commander. Importantly, several alumni commented on the rewarding role that all Sigma Nu alumni



can take to ensure that the collegiate Sigma Nus have even greater opportunity to excel with each passing class. Clayton and the House Corporation officers also provided a brief "State of the Chapter" report and update on construction and campaign needs. Details will follow this fall for the December 2009 dinner.

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Summer 2009 Recruitment By Will McCorkle, M 2375

Summer recruitment should be an exciting project this year as the recruitment chairs and I tour the southeast hosting both rush and alumni events. The summer and fall rush process is vital to the sustainability and success of Mu chapter. Alumni involvement is a key aspect to a successful rush and, we encourage all alumni within the vicinity of these cities to attend the events and be a part of forming the first pledge class in the new house. If you would like to host an event (dinner, golf, etc.) in your home town, please let us know. Contact willmc@uga.edu for more details and continue to check our website for updates.

City	Tentative Dates
Macon	June 13
Savannah	June 21
Charlotte	July 11
Atlanta	July 25

Congratulations to the Spring 2009 Initiates: **Attention Brothers:**

M2390 Robert Crosby—Atlanta, GA
M2391 Chris Alexander—Duluth, GA
M2392 Maximillian Gutierrez—Atlanta, GA
M2393 Camden Cannon—Dublin, GA
M2394 Chase Smith—Forsyth, GA
M2395 Drake Ayers—Atlanta, GA

Please visit Mu's website online at www.ugasigmanu.com to update your personal information so that the Chapter can stay in touch with you. See this site also for details regarding alumni events, photos, construction updates and other announcements.

Also, we now welcome all rush recommendations through the website.