The Consul’s Corner

Greetings, Brothers!

First and foremost, thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. It is the result of the diligent work done by our newly elected alumni chair, Chase McCaleb SEAS’10, and is the first of what we hope to be many issues. As you glance through the articles, you will notice that even though a few things have changed at Nu Nu—such as our House (see the Housing renovation story written by Adrian Demko CC’06), much remains the same. Nu Nu continues to have strong ties to the football team, evinced by the fact that over 90 per cent of our current Brothers are or were part of the Columbia football team. These Brothers were a large reason why the team compiled its best record since 1996 (see Matt Barsamian’s CC’06 article for details).

The new Executive Board has been installed in office for nearly a month, and we have begun acting upon a broad spectrum of initiatives. These include: building stronger relationships within CU’s Greek community, improving our relationship with the University, creating a sound and transparent budget, and above all else, continuing to make the Sigma Chi House a fun and exciting place. We have a lot of things planned for 2007, and we are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year.

As an alumnus, you should not be shy about reaching out to the current Brothers. If you would like to know more about how you could get involved, or if you simply want to come stop by the House, please contact either Chase or me. Again, thank you for taking the time out to read through this newsletter. May 2007 continue to bring you health and happiness. Best regards, and IHSV, Scott

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Mardi Gras Mixer with Sigma Delta Tau

Recently, the Chapter held a social event with the ladies of the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority in celebration of Mardi Gras. Social Chair Chris Allison CC ’09 (pictured right) planned the event, while Magister Cody Steele CC ’09 (pictured below), enjoyed the occasion immensely. From all accounts, the event was a big success.

Chapter House Renovation

Last summer Columbia University spent over $300,000 to renovate the Nu Nu Chapter's Fraternity house. The biggest change can be seen on the second floor where two new rooms were added to the southern end of the floor in order to give the house more singles. The chapter's mural was unharmed in the renovation although you will have to ask room 21’s current occupant, Cody Steele CC’09, to see it.

Further renovation gave every room in the house brand new paint as well as new beds, chairs, dressers and desks. Every bathroom in the house underwent extensive renovation. Now, each bathroom is equipped with new sinks, toilets, mirrors, and showers. The first floor kitchen was removed and replaced by a brand new washer and dryer while the second floor kitchen was gutted and now has new cabinets as well as two new refrigerators, a sink, a microwave, and a dishwasher.

The chapter would like to thank CU and any alumni who helped make this possible. The house looks great and we extend an open invitation to any and all alumni who would like to see our house.

— Adrian Demko CC ’06
Sigs On The Gridiron

The tradition of Nu-Nu Brothers making up an important part of the Columbia University varsity football team continued this past season as the Lions finished with its best record in a decade. The team rallied back after a string of tough losses mid-season to win its final two games and finish 5-5.

Sigs on the team included co-captain Matt Barsamian, seniors Adrian Demko, Todd Abrams, Daniel Palmer, and Jim Besselman; juniors Craig Hormann and Thomas Weldon, sophomores Cody Steele, Drew Quinn, Patrick Huston, Gene Kaskiw, and Eli Waltz, and freshman John Seiler, Matt Bashaw, Chase McCaleb, Evan Sanford, Will Lipovsky, and Nate Anschuetz.

Barsamian and Hormann both earned post-season honors, making the First and Second Team All-Ivy League teams, respectively.

The team heads into 2007 extremely optimistic, having completed its first season under new head coach Norries Wilson and is looking to make an even larger impact on the Ivy League standings in 2007. Keep an eye out for the Brothers of the Nu Nu chapter.

Craig Hormann returns for his senior season at quarterback after earning a 2nd team All-Ivy selection this past season. Hormann passed for over 2000 yards on the season and will lead a young, but experienced offense.

—Matt Barsamian CC’06

TOP: Craig Hormann (#14) goes to make a handoff during practice. LEFT: Daniel Palmer (#66) and Matt Barsamian (#76) do a great job of containing the pass rush against Princeton.

Nu Nu Notes

• Chapter Meetings are Sunday nights at 8:30 PM. Contact Scott Hughes for details if you wish to attend.

• Join us on April 21st at the Spring Game Tailgate as Brothers face off in the annual Blue-White Scrimmage. (Details to come).

• The Chapter would like to create a composite photo this Spring, but we currently do not have the money to do so. Alumni, we are asking for your help! The composite photo tradition has been unfortunately discontinued since 2004 due to the rising cost ($600) of the service. But to reinstate this proud tradition, we are seeking to raise $600 from alumni. Any contributions of any denomination would be greatly appreciated, but alumni who contribute $100 or more will have their names included in the composite. An email will be sent to all alumni when the financial goal has been reached. Please Contact Thomas Weldon (tsw2104@columbia.edu) if you would like to contribute to the composite fund.

• The Executive Board plus the Risk Manager traveled down to Villanova University on Saturday, February 3rd, taking part in the annual Mid-Atlantic provincial conference. On hand were Grand Prateor Ted Pitt and Grand Pro Consul Bob Jones as well as members from all five chapters in the region.

• 2007 Officers: Scott Hughes (CC’08), Consul David Priest (CC’08), Pro Consul Thomas Weldon (CC’08), Quaestor Craig Hormann (SEAS’08), Annotator Cody Steele (CC’09), Magister Chris Allison (CC’09), Social Ch. Bryce Marshall (CC’08), Co-Rush Ch. Eli Waltz (CC’09), Rush Ch. Nate Anschuetz (CC’10), Philanthropy Ch. Chase McCaleb (SEAS’10), Alumni Ch. Gene Kaskiw (CC’09), Brotherhood Ch. Zack Wallingford (CC’09), Risk Manager