



Consul's Corner

Hello, once again, brothers and alumni. These past few weeks have been very busy around the House, especially with Spring Football and the recent Spring scrimmage (which, of course, you can read about if you turn your eyes slightly to the right). In fact, two Sigs—Craig Hormann and Drew Quinn—were chosen as two of the three football captains (see below). Please join me in congratulating these men for this fine achievement!

In this issue, we have added a brother profile segment (of David Priest, see page 2) which we hope will be a reoccurring feature. We have also tried to keep you up-to-date with our latest activities (see Nu Nu Notes, page 3) and social events.

For an interesting story on what Sigs will be doing this summer, please see the corresponding story on page 3. Unsurprisingly, several guys will be working in the finance field, and many will be living near Columbia, working out for the football team.

To those of you who were anticipating a barbecue for the Spring game, I heartily apologize. The game time was switched to 10:00 am, and due to the early time, we decided against having the event. We are planning, however, to redeem ourselves during the annual Homecoming tailgate, which we hope you will attend! Full information on this event will be provided in our first newsletter of the Fall semester.

Again, if you would like to reach out to the chapter or drop by for a visit, please don't hesitate to contact me. This will be our last newsletter until the Fall semester. So, until then, I hope you all have a safe a happy summer. And stay optimistic: Warm weather is coming.

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Blue Team Rallies, Defeats White in Annual Spring Game

One of the first clear days of the year came just in time for the annual Spring Game. In what was a close game throughout, the Blue team scored in the final minutes to overcome a 14-point halftime deficit. White's defense controlled most of the game forcing 3 interceptions, two of which were returned for scores. But the Blue team turned to the run game and scored with less than a minute remaining to pull ahead for the final score.



ABOVE: Sig John Grey Seiler CC '10 does a great job blocking for the Blue team.

Judging from the scrimmage, it looks like the defense will be strong again next year even after losing several key starters. The offensive line, a weak point of the team last year, appeared to be the most improved unit. Join us for a great season next fall, as the Lions look to build on last year's 5-5 record.

Two Sigs Chosen as 2007 Football Captains



CU Football



LEFT: Captains Quinn, left, and Hormann, right, will continue the proud history of having Sigma Chi men lead the football team.

Craig Hormann SEAS '08 and Drew Quinn SEAS '09 have been elected as captains of the football team for the 2007 season, along with one other non-Sig. Quinn, a linebacker, will be the first junior captain in recent Lion history. Hormann, who had his ACL repaired this spring, will once again

lead the offense as he returns to the starting role at quarterback. Sigma Chi was well represented, earning two of the three captain positions.

"It's a great honor," Quinn said. "We have high expectations for next year, and I'm glad that my teammates chose me as a leader."

Country Comes to Town: Meet David Priest, CC' 08

Recent visitors to the Sigma Chi house on 113th Streets have probably been surprised and confused by what they saw on the second floor deck. Sitting in the deck's corner is a large bale of hay that has broom handles and cooking utensils stuck in it.

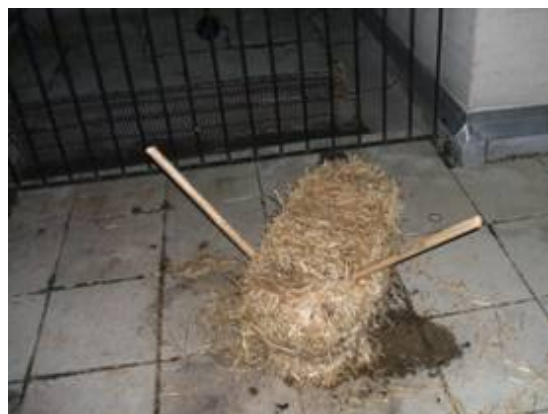
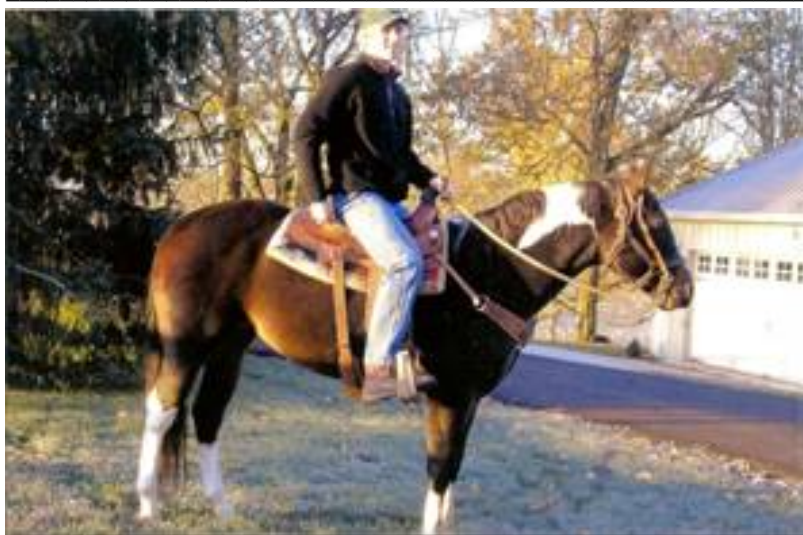
"Who would have a bale of hay in New York City?" most visitors have probably asked, before rethinking: "What exactly *is* this concoction?"

An answer to both questions requires an explanation from David Priest, CC'08 and current Nu Nu Pro Consul.

A Kentucky native who grew up on a horse farm, Priest uses the bale of hay apparatus to sharpen and maintain his roping skills. A self declared Southerner who "can't wait to return South," Priest tries hard to maintain connections to the type of life he led in Kentucky.

And roping, for him, is just one way of doing so. Priest also rides horses with the equestrian team in New Jersey on the weekends, and according to one anonymous brother, "He is the only guy who tucks in his shirt *every* day."

Priest may try to resist the pull of New York, but living in the City has clearly affected him. The story of how he got the bale of hay, for example, is pure New York-ian.



LEFT: Priest pictured atop a horse near his Kentucky home. ABOVE: The bale of hay upon which Priest practices roping.

"One day I was walking back from class and I saw the bale of hay sitting on the sidewalk," Priest said. "It didn't seem to belong to anyone, so I picked it up and carried it up to the deck. I had been practicing roping using the legs of an old grill I had turned upside down. But now that I have the bale of hay with the broom handles, it works a lot better."

Living in New York, where he notes that "just about everyone goes into finance," Priest is pursuing a less-traveled path. This week he will be taking the GRE exam in preparation for applying to veterinary school. His first choice is Auburn, but he is also considering other schools in the South. By his estimate, less than three students in the Columbia

junior class are planning on applying for veterinary school. In comparison, the Center for Career Education at Columbia (CCE) estimates that each year, over 200 students apply to law school, with even more applying to medical school.

Going to vet school, however, is an easy choice for Priest. His mom is a horse trainer and his dad is a vet who primarily works with horses. Having grown up on a horse and cattle farm, Priest has worked with those animals all his life. He cannot envision himself doing anything else.

Priest has already completed most of his Columbia requirements, and he will graduate this December in order to work for a horse vet in Florida from January through April.

After that he hopes to work overseas or relax some near his hometown.

For someone whose personality seems to be at constant odds with New York City and its concrete landscape, Priest has enjoyed many good experiences during his time at Columbia. And much of those good experiences, he says, stem from his time spent at Sigma Chi.

"I have enjoyed all the many parties we've had at the house during my three years," Priest said. "I joined initially because I really liked the people, and I haven't been disappointed at all in my decision."

Hitting the Street: A Familiar Path

The process of gaining a prestigious Wall Street job, by now, is familiar to many guys in the fraternity. The process, in some shape or form, goes something like this: get good grades, go through the interview process during Junior year, work an internship the summer before Senior year, and (hopefully) gain a full-time job offer before Senior year begins. A quick look at what Sigma Chis are doing this summer shows that many men are following just this same process.

Graduating seniors Adrian Demko '07, Matt Barsamian '07, Jake Olson '07, and Brad Jensen '07 will all be starting two-year analyst positions at Wall Street firms this summer. Demko and Barsamian will be working at Citigroup, while Olson will be working for Lehman Brothers. Jensen is off to Jeffries and Co.

Juniors Scott Hughes '08, Thomas Weldon '08, Ben

Bernstein '08, and Bryce Marshall '08 are also traveling down the finance path, working either eight or ten-week summer analyst programs. Weldon will be working at Lehman Bros., Hughes at Merrill Lynch, Bernstein at Bear Stearns, and Marshall at Balfour LLC. While all of the other juniors are roasting in the heat of the City in August, Marshall will be lounging in Canada. After training in New York for four weeks, he will be able to work from home.

Most of the underclassmen, however, will be returning home for the summer, as the need to secure an internship is not as strong. Matt Bashaw '10 will be tutoring math to high school students while commuting to the City for summer football workouts. Will Lipovsky, a native of Virginia, will be returning home to work as a sales consultant for Loan to Learn.

Nu Nu Notes

- Chapter Meetings are held each Sunday at 8:30 PM. If interested, contact Scott Hughes (shh2106@columbia.edu) for details.
- Chase McCaleb SEAS '10 was recently selected to attend Horizons, one of Sigma Chi's leadership programs. He is one of 150 brothers from across the country who will spend a week in Snowbird, UT, participating in an outward bound leadership program this summer. He is the second straight Nu Nu brother to be selected, joining Cody Steele CC'09 who participated last summer.
- Kris Jensen has volunteered to represent Nu Nu at this year's Grand Chapter in San Jose, California.
- Our chapter raised a total of \$340 for the American Cancer society during Columbia's annual Relay for Life philanthropy event. Philanthropy chair Nate Anschuetz CC '10 organized and led our participation.
- The rest of the campus community was spared from an inevitable slaughter as the Columbia intramural softball season was canceled due to space constraints. The formidable Sigma Chi team will look to resume its softball domination in Spring of 2008.

• Composite Fund UPDATE:

After the publication of the last newsletter, we received pledges from three alums who were willing to donate between \$50-\$100 each for the project. However, we still have not yet reached our goal of \$600 (the composite cost). And because of the shortfall, we are not going to be able to get a composite photo created this semester. Currently, we have not created a new composite photo since 2004.

Nonetheless, we still have hope of gathering all the funds in time for the Fall semester.

Therefore, we are going to keep the drive for funds going until next semester. So if you are interested at all in donating towards the composite fund, please contact our Quaestor, Thomas Weldon. He can be reached at tsw2104@columbia.edu.

And again, anyone who donates \$100 or more will have his name included on the composite photo as a donor.

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Spring Break, Paradise-Style



During the week of Spring Break (March 12-16), a group of Sigma Chi men left the desolate winter of New York and traveled to beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Among brothers making the trip were,

starting second from left, Jake Olson '07, Adrian Demko '07, Bryce Marshall '08, Matt Barsamian '07, Jimmy Svigos '08, Daniel Palmer '07, and Jimmy Besselman '07.