



Consul's Corner



A lot has happened since the last newsletter, and hopefully this edition will bring everyone up to speed on the latest Nu Nu activities and events.

Co-Rush Chairs Bryce Marshall (CC'08) and Eli Waltz (SEAS '09) led the recruiting charge this semester, and thanks to their hard work, Nu Nu pinned eight new, somewhat gigantic, pledges. For full details, see page two.

The football season has reached it midway point, and though the results have been less than desirable, several Sigs such as Craig Hormann have performed well individually (see story directly to the right). Although the team's record is currently 1-6, it will have the chance to finish the season on a strong note in its final three games.

Columbia's Homecoming took place on Saturday, November 13, this year. Due to the continued support of alums Mark Joseph and Jim Tryforos, Nu Nu was again able to have food and refreshments in the tailgating for all brothers and alumni. Jim bravely lent his van to the chapter to transport the refreshments, and Mark (perhaps event more bravely) drove the van, as well as lent the all-important parking pass. A special thanks goes out to these two alums!

Please mark your calendars: Initiation will be held on Saturday, December 8th, with I-week being held the preceding week of Dec. 3rd-7th. If you would like to participate at all, please contact Magister Cody Steele (cody.steele8@gmail.com).

If you have any other questions or concerns about the chapter, please feel free to contact me. Best, and IH, Scott

Homecoming Tailgate



ABOVE: Dave Schulte (SEAS '06), Jake Olson (CC '07) and Matt Barsamian (CC '07) all took a break from their downtown finance jobs to enjoy the festivities.

October 13, 2007 – Over forty Nu Nu alums made the annual pilgrimage back to the Homecoming tailgate this year, reconnecting with friends and reminiscing about the stress-free college life. Recent Nu Nu Consuls Nick Rudd, Kurt Hohner, Pete Chromiak, and Adiran Demko were all in attendance, as were numerous alums from recent classes and beyond. The tailgate was in danger of running out of supplies early, but a daring booze run by Jeff Barsamian (father of Matt Barsamian, CC '07), ensured that the good times would not end too soon. Great work, Jeff!

Sig Shines for Struggling Lions



While the football team has struggled to put wins together this season, one of the bright spots has been the play of quarterback Craig Hormann (SEAS '08, pictured ABOVE). This Sigma Chi brother has backed up his election to captain by consistently putting up huge numbers every Saturday. As a result he has steadily moved up the rankings in Columbia's record book and caught the eyes of NFL scouts.

Just past the season's midpoint, he sits second all-time for career passing yards with 5323 and pass completions with 488. While both records are currently held by John Witkowski ('84) and are likely out of reach, there is little doubt that Hormann will rank as one of the top quarterbacks in Columbia history.

But if you ask Craig about it all he couldn't care less.

"I really never think about the records. I didn't know where I stood until just before the season when someone asked me about the records."

This season he is currently second in the Ivy League with 268.8 passing yards per game. Two weeks ago in front of a Homecoming crowd, he posted 417 yards through the air, which was 3rd most by a Lion ever.

"Looking back on my career [these stats] will be something I will be proud of but right now I am thinking more about getting wins," Hormann said.

What is most impressive is that he has done all of this on a surgically repaired ACL which kept him out of spring practice and hampered him through most of fall camp. His return to the field was still in question up until the season opener.

And all of this has caught the eyes of the NFL. His pocket-passer body type and strong arm have brought NFL scouts all the way to Baker Field. His hometown Colts have shown interest, along with the Arizona Cardinals and a few other teams. While Craig would most likely not be drafted he could be invited to tryout during camp and earn a spot on the depth chart that way.

– Written by Chase McCaleb

XXL Pledge Class: NuNu Gets Huge

Coming into this year, the Nu Nu chapter was hoping for a big pledge class. Well, we got what we wanted, just not what we meant. Sticking to tradition, this year's pledge class (8 freshmen) are all football players. Actually, they are all linemen with an average pledge measuring 6'3" 270 lbs. Luckily EX is a non-hazing fraternity; had hazing been attempted, these big guys just might have turned the tables.



Carl "Big Country" Constant
Carl was born in Uniondale, NY and attended St. Francis Prep. He plans on attending medical school. He plays offensive tackle and was elected Pledge Class President.
Why Sigma Chi: Of all the fraternities on campus, I found that I agreed with the principles of Sigma Chi the most.
Motto: Stuff happens. Deal with it.



Matthew Stotler
Nickname: Matt, "Stotler"
Matt is from Arlington, VA and went to Yorktown High School. He plans to major in something related to finance and plays defensive end. He likes to play guitar, piano and sing and have fun with friends.
Why Sigma Chi: For the friendship, brotherhood, and crazy social adventures that it presents.
Motto: It's only life... it's not like you're going to make it out alive.



Dan "The Rabbi" Cohen
Dan is a native of New York City where he attended Horace Mann. He plays offensive tackle and hopes to major in environmental science. He also enjoys snowboarding.
Why Sigma Chi: Wanted a cool group of guys to always be able to hang out with.
Motto: Hard work can get you anything.



Ian Quirk
Ian is from Frederick, Maryland and went to Tuscarora HS. He plans on majoring in economics and plays offensive guard.
Why Sigma Chi: My dad is a Sig, so it's a cool connection to him.
Motto: To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage. - Confucius



Ben "The Hamburglar" Gaston
Ben is from Richland Washington and went to Hanford High School. He starts at right guard and plans to major in Political Science.
Why Sigma Chi: For the camaraderie and the opportunity to hang with my brothers everyday.
Motto: Busting ours to beat theirs.



Brian England
A resident of Hazlet, NJ, Brian attended Raritan High School and plans on majoring in economics. He currently plays nose tackle and volunteers at events like the Special Olympics.
Why Sigma Chi: I feel like all those in Sigma Chi are stand up people who are trustworthy and hardworking people. These are the type of people who I like to surround myself with.
Motto: Impossible is nothing.



Ben "Britz" Britzius
This Marietta, Georgia native attended Joseph Wheeler High School and plans on majoring in applied mathematics. He plays center and enjoys playing golf in his free time.
Why Sigma Chi: The brotherhood based upon strong values.
Motto: If there is no wind, row. If you want it, make it happen.



Tim Skalak
Tim was born in Canton, OH and attended Canton Central Catholic. Like Carl, he plans to attend medical school. He plays on the offensive line and is active in his church group and community service.
Why Sigma Chi: For the close-knit group of brothers, the positive experience I have heard about, and the great network of alumni.
Motto: Fortune Favors the Daring and Ph 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ my strength

Good Friends, Good Times



HOMECOMING TAILGATE 2007

LEFT: At the height of the festivities, the tailgating crowd was enormous, as pictured. While Columbia football may not have the same atmosphere of a state school yet, at least for one afternoon it can try.



LEFT: Scott Hughes (CC '08, left) and Ed Salter (CC '10, right) welcome back Jake Olson (CC '07, middle). Current Sigs in attendance were easily identifiable by the yellow Rush t-shirts that were worn.

Highlights from Horizons



Current Sig Chase McCaleb (SEAS '10) attended Sigma Chi's Horizons this summer, heading to Salt Lake City's Snowbird Resort for the weeklong leadership retreat. Here are just some of the photos he brought back from what he deemed to be an "incredible experience."



Nu Nu Notes

- Chapter Meetings are held each Sunday night at 5:30 PM. Contact Scott Hughes for details if you wish to attend.

- Composite Fund UPDATE: Nu Nu needs \$300 in order to have enough money to get a composite created, and we are turning to our alumni to help make the composite a reality. We have received emails and phone calls from alums who have committed to donate a total of \$300. However, we still have not yet reached our goal of \$600, which is the estimated cost of the composite. Currently, we have not created a new composite photo since 2004. And before another year passes, we would like to restart the composite tradition around Nu Nu. 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.

- As a part of our Rush campaign this Fall, Nu Nu held its first alumni networking night on September 16th. Though the rushee turnout was slim, current Sigma Chi brothers were treated to sound career advice by Sigma Chi alums B.J. Wright, David Schulte, and Eric Tenety. With the majority of Nu Nu alums choosing to enter the financial world in recent years, the topics discussed during the night were happily received by the brothers in attendance. Topics during the night included "how to write a kickass resume" and "how to prepare for an interview," among others.

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