Homecoming Tailgate

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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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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