

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi 2023/2024 Annual Report to the Membership

President: Jarett Wait '80

It's an honor to provide my report, as president of the Alumni Board of directors, that Mu Chapter successfully navigated a very challenging year. We ended the year with our **largest recruitment class in over a decade**. Please see **Undergraduate Brotherhood Metric chart** at the end of this report for further details. The Alumni Board, Educational Foundation, and undergraduate E-board, worked closely together throughout the year on several key initiatives which are highlighted throughout this annual letter. Managing risk and supporting our undergraduate brothers during a turbulent time on campus was the major focus of our volunteer leaders. Planning and fundraising continued throughout the year on our **Re-imagine Sigma Pi Campaign** and will be a major focus for 2024–2025. Please also see the annual giving summary at the end of this report for the last two fiscal years.

Officers and directors of the Alumni Board met with the Grand Sage and CEO of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International to discuss the need to reorganize our undergraduate chapter, house/property, and alumni organization's legal entity status, to limit potential liability due to unforeseen risks, etc. All the fraternity's activities, members (undergraduates and alumni), and assets (house and property) are

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Annual Meeting Mu Chapter *of* Sigma Pi

September 26, 2024 7:00 pm Eastern Time

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currently under one legal entity. Sigma Pi Fraternity, International recommended Mu Chapter create separate legal entities and governance: an undergraduate chapter, establish an Alumni Housing Corp and become a chartered Sigma Pi Alumni Association. We reported on these activities in the spring *Muse* and are happy to report the new entities should be up and running later this fall.

The chart below provides an overview of the Mu Chapter legal entity eco-system going forward.

Mu Chapter of the Sigma Pi Fraternity Of The United States, Inc. Established 1914

- Housing Corp
- Housing Corp
 NOT a 501(c)3
- Asset: 730 University Ave
- Limit liability by keeping building ownership separate from chapter advice/mentorship

Mu Undergraduate Chapter (NEW)

- The Undergraduate Chapter
- Unincorporated association
- Asset: None
- To live the mission, vision, core values, creed of Sigma Pi and attract a viable, vibrant membership

Mu Chapter Ecosystem

Mu Chapter Of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation, Inc.

- Established 2008
- Educational Foundation
 501(c)3 for educational purposes
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 Asset: Funds
- Tax deductible way to support the chapter's qualifying programs

Mu Chapter Alumni Association, Inc. TBA (NEW)

- Alumni Corp
- To be qualifie as a 501(c)7 social club under Sigma Pi International's IRS authorization
- Asset: Alumni lists/info
- Promote relationships between alumni & advice/mentorship to chapter

We will discuss and answer questions about the new organizational structure and priorities/challenges for the new academic year at the annual meeting of the fraternity scheduled for **Thursday**, **September 26**, **2024**, **at 7:00 pm ET**.

Many of our existing Mu chapter Alumni Board leaders and officers will be stepping down in the next six to 12 months to make way for the next generation of leaders. We are keen to pass the baton and hope to hear from younger alumni about your interest in paying it forward!

The Zoom link to attend the Annual meeting will be emailed to all alumni and posted on the Sigma Pi website. We will be holding our annual election of directors as well. All alumni are encouraged to participate by proxy, via e-mail (alumnirecords@sigmapicornell.org), or by mail: Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, Alumni Records Office, PO Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851. If you would like to speak with me or with other members of the Alumni Board, please contact me by phone at 917-364-5500 (cell) or by e-mail at jwait@jfwaitadv.com.

Fraternally,

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Jarett Wait '80

Educational Foundation: Zachary Gilbert '16

On June 30, 2024, the Foundation concluded our fiscal year with one of the best fundraising years to date. We received more than **\$70,000** in gifts and would like to thank each and every Pi man who generously supported the Foundation.

With another successful year under **Wayne Forman's** (**'80**) leadership, the board decided to unanimously re-elect Wayne as president of the Foundation. In addition to Wayne, the following officers were also unanimously re-elected at the annual meeting: **Tom Silver '81** as vice president, **Zach Gilbert '16** as secretary, and **Chris Olie '78** as treasurer.

All other directors were also unanimously re-elected. We are thrilled to continue to see interest and participation in the Foundation from young alumni. This will help us stay connected with the young men in the house as well as ensure the longevity of our initiatives. To this end, the Foundation continues to seek participation from young alumni and is actively encouraging younger alumni to apply to join the Foundation board.

Following a successful launch the previous year, the Educational Foundation continued to administer and support the Greek Affordability Fund. Through this program, undergraduates can apply for financial assistance to help pay their dues and fees while living at the Pi house. This initiative was started with the goal of increasing the number of brothers living at 730 University Avenue and attracting new members during rush. We are proud of the initiative's success thus far, with over **\$60,000** in total awards to date enabling many young men to join Sigma Pi and live at the Pi house. The Foundation will continue to support the Greek Affordability Fund in 2024–2025 after selecting several impressive candidates to receive scholarships for this upcoming school year.

Additionally, one of our signature programs is the David Harrop Memorial Scholarship, which we have awarded to an undergraduate brother for this upcoming fall semester. This program continues to be popular with the undergraduates, and the Foundation saw some of the stiffest competition this year amongst a field of strong, high-achieving candidates. As a reminder, here is the description of the scholarship:

A scholarship for educational purposes will be awarded by Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Educational Foundation annually to the brother who best demonstrates academic excellence and service to Sigma Pi and the greater Cornell and Ithaca communities.

The board has established the following weighting criteria:

- Academic excellence, driven by GPA: 40%
- Service to the community
 - Sigma Pi participation: 35%
 - Community participation: 25%

Our year-end assets are approximately \$113,000 and reflect the generous donations from our fellow Pi men. We strive for the Educational Foundation to continue to be a worthy recipient of gifts. These donations have helped us support the Memorial Library and Learning Commons, fund internships and educational opportunities, such as study abroad, provide conference stipends, and award scholarships. The only way for us to continue to support these programs is through the generosity of our brothers, so please continue to make your gifts to the Foundation.

Alumni Treasurer's: John J. Haggerty '78

As I sit here a month later in beautiful downtown Aurora, New York, I am still going over the events of the 2024 Cornell reunion weekend in my mind. What an awesome display of brotherhood and musical talent! We are blessed to have this organization and the lifelong connections it has fostered for us, and we hope to continue to foster for many generations of brothers in the years to come. Special thanks to **Steve Pirozzi '80** who once again did yeoman's work attending to the details of a complicated but incredibly worthwhile gathering. Can't wait until next year!

The house remains financially solvent and current on all bills with no debt. Major steps have been taken to create processes that are predictable and repeatable when it comes to collecting funds due from current members. Progress has been made. The key to sustaining that progress is to continue to engage the undergraduate brothers in the sometimes-difficult work of holding each other accountable for their financial obligations to the house. This requires, at times, the difficult decision to suspend or expel brothers who neither pay, nor proactively communicate, their issues and challenges. The current house leadership, and especially our new undergraduate treasurer, **Nolan Wilbur** '26, have stepped up to this task in a major way. On Monday at our biweekly finance meeting, the number of names on the receivables list was the smallest total since Cornell eliminated our use of the bursar system two years ago. We have a much more rigorous billing communication process, including a full financial obligations disclosure largely produced by **Aron Minken '80**. The disclosure went to all brothers and their parents **before** the bill for the fall semester 2024 was released on our billing platform, Greekbill. Our house management and collections partners at CSL have also provided invaluable assistance in this difficult effort. We hope to start this new semester with the vast majority of our active brothers in the "current" column!

With house occupancy slated to be at the highest level in the past five years, we anticipate having sufficient revenue to avoid the deficit spending we experienced in the last two fiscal years. There are some additional costs required to secure mattresses, bedframes and dressers for the increased numbers living in the house. Maintenance costs tend to increase with occupancy, but I am optimistic that we will be able this year to rebuild a portion of our "contingency fund". It is prudent, given the risks associated with running a fraternity in the current climate, to have the ability to pay critical bills even when incoming cash-flow is reduced, or in the case of a suspension, potentially eliminated. We have a secure line of credit (\$300,000) with Tompkins Trust in the event of a crisis, but even that will not sustain an empty house for very long.

We are also, as others will more fully describe, in the midst of a reconfiguration of the "legal entities" of Sigma Pi Mu Chapter. The end result will be a reduction of financial risk (loss or attachment of the principal asset, the house itself). But it will also likely create greater complexity, particularly in the accounting space, as each entity will need its own general ledger and tax filing. Movement of monies between the entities will be required, resulting in greater oversight (and cost) in our accounting services. The gains should outweigh the costs, but the transition will be labor intensive. Please read the rest of the reports for a more complete explication of the legal entities issue.

I cannot close without sharing (for those who might not have seen it in the news) the devastating announcement of the permanent closing of Wells College at the end of the spring 2024 semester. Many of you, like I, have fond memories of latenight road trips to the Fargo. As a resident of this village since 2003, I can tell you that Wells gave this small town a vitality that made living here a great pleasure. It remains to be seen what will become of the beautiful lakefront college grounds, but no doubt the character of Aurora will be changed. Those of you in the hospitality or private equity worlds should take a look at this unique piece of Cayuga Lakefront real estate. I suspect there might be a bargain to be had!

As always, thank you for your continuing support of Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi. We are always looking for new board and committee members, and we are deeply appreciative of your financial support. Every dollar you contribute to the house corporation (not tax deductible) goes 100% into the running and maintenance of the house itself. In the 17 years that I have been treasurer, we have not had one brother remember Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi in their last will and testament. Perhaps you, like I, don't want to think about planned giving; but I am, and you should as well. Our lives have been greatly enhanced by our time at 730 University Avenue, and by the relationships we have carried forward through our post collegiate lives. If you are updating a will, or preparing your first, consider leaving a legacy gift to the house corporation or to our wonderful Education Foundation (a charitable entity). You can't take it with you.

If you are in or near Ithaca, especially in the fall when I am generally here and teaching, please reach out. I look forward to meeting any of you who wish to visit other than during formal reunions or events. Thank you for all you do to keep Mu Chapter one of the best, and most diverse, fraternity houses at Cornell. Jevo.

Alumni Relations: Steve Pirozzi '80

The 2024 reunion classes were led by the class of '74, celebrating their fiftieth reunion. **Ted Chen '74**, their class leader, did an incredible amount of work rallying his classmates and organizing the weekend's activities. The lead event was a wine tasting at nearby Airy Acres Vineyard, owned and operated by Mu Chapter's own **Fred Bassette '76**. Needless to say, the reunion was a roaring success for all class of '74 brothers and spouses who returned.

Another highlight of 2024 reunion was the return of Mu Chapter's own **Andrew Ross Sorkin '99**, celebrating his 25th reunion. Andrew was invited by Cornell to be the speaker for the Olin Lecture at Bailey Hall. A group of Mu Chapter alumni attended Andrew's talk to cheer him on. This was especially true when Andrew gave Sigma Pi a shout out during his interview. Andrew returned to the Pi house shortly after his talk on Friday and again on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday morning the Alumni Association and the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation sponsored a brunch for all Mu Chapter attendees that included a "State of the Fraternity" presentation by Alumni Association President **Jarrett Wait '80** and Alumni Association Treasurer **John Haggerty '78**, followed by a Q&A session.

Saturday afternoon we all gathered in the West Lounge, led by **John Morrison '75**, to honor Mu Chapter brothers who had left us during the preceding year.

The highlight of the weekend was certainly the Saturday afternoon performance on the front porch, by the Band of Brothers, a la Rock 'n' Roll Tea Redux. The performance was more than three hours long, enjoyed by Mu Chapter brothers, their guests, and a significant number of passersby, and ended only because the permit ended at 6:00 pm. The outdoor performance was made possible by the diligent work of **John Haggerty '78** and **Jay Sacco '80** procuring the required permits. A big thank you to every member of the Band of Brothers for the many, many hours of practice that they put in, and to everyone whose work contributed to the smooth running of every aspect of reunion weekend.

Throughout the weekend a variety of beverages were available at Pi house for all who attended. These and the other expenses necessary for reunion are paid for by the alums who pay the reunion weekend fee.

For those who signed up and paid, there was both a Friday evening dinner and a Saturday evening dinner. As I previously described, there was a free Saturday morning brunch for all attendees, sponsored by the Educational Foundation and the Alumni Association.

Once again, bedrooms in Pi house were available for rent by alums who reserved them in advance.

The 2024 reunion weekend at Mu Chapter was a resounding success for close to seventy people who attended!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year at 2025 reunion, June 5 thru 8.

Facilities Committee: John Morrison '75

If you paid attention to the 2023 annual report and the last few *Muses*, you are aware that facilities Co-chairman **Liviu Rusu '98**, has spent a significant amount of his personal time, not only doing much of the work, but supervising and coordinating the rest. The house appears in pretty good shape.

But, while the superficial appearance is good, much of the underlying infrastructure is old and in need of significant attention. Our first road is riddled with:

- Old bathrooms: Other than rework of the second-floor shower area in 2017, the rest of the bathrooms have essentially remained untouched (other than minor repairs) for about 30 years. There are frequent leaks to lower levels. Poor ventilation causes mold problems. The old design is simply not appealing. Additionally, the bathroom floors have sagged due to a mistake during reconstruction. We need to address the structural supports and correct the settling before refurbishing the bathrooms. A significant amount of work is required to repair this pothole.
- Heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC): In reality, we only have the "heating." Our antiquated, gas fired boilers with hot water radiators are 40 years old. Two of the boilers have surpassed their expected lifetime and will have to be replaced soon. Multiple leaks over the years have caused water damage. There is no "ventilation": no forced air flow, filtration, or fresh air replenishment (other than windows, which aren't very effective during the long Ithaca winters). And, "air conditioning" is limited to window-installed units: a fall hazard when installed by undergrads, inefficient, and an eyesore. Replacing the boilers and doing a better job of installing the window units could patch this pothole.

- Doors: There is a mismatch of wooden and metal doors. Most have some damage. Door hardware is not of standard dimension and there are limited spare parts. One vendor suggested replacing doors and doorframes instead of simply getting new doors. With 25 bedrooms, and a dozen common rooms, replacing all of these fire doors is not an insignificant pothole to patch.
- Front porch: There is intermittent leakage (after heavy rains) from the porch into the dining room below. Some leaks have been repaired. Another has recently been found, with repair options being evaluated as I write. The supporting structure, from the main entrance door to the parking lot end of the porch is partially degraded, a likely contributing cause of past, and future leaks.

As I'm sure you all are aware, fraternity life is challenged on many fronts. The reports to our members have documented a few not so good years, and our feeling now is that we are currently on an upswing. But, we are still operating on a cash-in, cash-out basis. A little cushion after the good years, not so much after the not so good ones.

Our second road? Brother Liviu once again lit a bright light for us the past two summers by spiffing up many of the rooms and renting them out via Airbnb. We had multiple individual renters and rented the second floor to a youth group for a week (with interest by the organizers to make this a recurring rental). Our house sits empty for a third of the year currently incurring utility, tax and insurance bills. We are excited about the possibility of developing this significant source of rental income.

However, communal bathrooms, little ventilation, and window air conditioners, severely limit rental opportunities. With improvements we could be generating significant income instead of sitting vacant, and at the same time making the rooms and house much more appealing to undergrads (i.e. **significant help with rush**).

And so, to our crossroads: do we simply fix the potholes or repave both roads with a good path into the future—a Re-imagined Sigma Pi? We suggest the latter. With severely degraded boilers and bathrooms, it simply does not make sense to address them individually now, while considering improvements in the future. Our plan:

- Replace existing heating system with electric heat pump heating and air conditioning and forced air flow and filtering. Financial incentives are currently available to convert to an electrical system. And Ithaca, which has already banned new gas installations for heating, is considering placing limits on future gas heating replacements.
- Redesign the bathrooms to provide private baths for the adjacent eight bedrooms.
- Removal of the unused chimney for the east lounge fireplace would open space to add private baths to 6 more bedrooms.
- Plus, we will still need to address the doors and front porch, and many other issues too numerous to include in this article.

This is not a small undertaking. We are still in the planning stage. We're putting together a committee to manage this project. **Mike Quaid '75** has stepped up to be project manager. If anyone else cares to assist in the project, please let us know.

And of course, we will need to fund these improvements. All can help in that area.

Kitchen and Dining: Steve Pirozzi '80

Andrew Gebicki '26, the current steward, has been working from the time he was elected, during the 2024 spring semester, to fulfill the mandate handed him by the brotherhood. That mandate was to evaluate the job that Greek House Chefs (GHC), the corporate meal provider hired for the last few years, was doing and compare it to other corporate meal providers available in Ithaca.

Andrew was well aware of the concerns the Mu Chapter brotherhood had with GHC. The brothers had raised and discussed their concerns repeatedly at the weekly brothers' meeting. He consulted other fraternities and sororities to poll their satisfaction with the corporate meal provider they use. Andrew supplemented and confirmed the information provided by other houses, with online research.

The result was that Gill Grilling (GG) is currently the viable alternative corporate meal provider in Ithaca. Andrew reached out to GG to get their costs for servicing Mu Chapter. Andrew then worked with **Nolan Wilbur '26**, Mu Chapter's current treasurer, and Kassie Sinn, our accountant, to confirm that the cost of hiring GG is competitive with GHC. Additionally, Andrew enlisted **Peter Muth '74**, the alumni association attorney, to evaluate GG's contract.

Andrew organized the information he gathered and presented it to the brotherhood. The result was that the brothers voted to hire GG as their new corporate meal provider.

Since that vote, Andrew, with the help of all of us who have been involved throughout, entered into contract negotiations with GG. Those negotiations have recently been successfully completed and **Manoc Joa-Griffith '26**, Mu Chapter's sage, has signed the contract for the upcoming academic year.

Andrew is now focused on working out all the details involving onboarding a new corporate meal provider.

Outside of the academic year and in conjunction with The Hostel @ Sigma Pi, a camp is renting a significant portion of the house for several weeks during the summer. Their chef will be using the main kitchen to prepare some meals for the campers and staff.

We continue the evaluation and professional cleaning of all the kitchen equipment prior to the beginning of each semester. We had to perform maintenance and repair of some equipment. The vast majority of the equipment purchased in 2018 continues to function without need of any repair.

The feedback we have received from the chefs preparing meals for Mu Chapter has been nothing but positive related to the equipment available and the layout of Mu Chapter main kitchen and storage room.

Insurance: David C. D'Orlando '79

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi insurance remains in force through Tompkins Insurance Agencies Inc.

The building is insured for **\$3,960,000**, contents are insured for **\$565,000**, and loss of rents are insured for **\$400,000**. General liability coverage is **\$2,000,000** per occurrence / **\$4,000,000** aggregate. The insurance carrier is United Frontier Mutual Insurance Co. The annual premium is **\$41,010**.

Directors and Officers Liability coverage of **\$2,000,000** is provided by the Great American Insurance Company. The annual premium is **\$3,015**.

Workers compensation insurance is provided through the state insurance fund.

This year, our April 1 insurance renewal was far more challenging than normal. Market factors, such as large rate increases and new coverage exclusions, made it necessary to explore other options. After several years of double-digit rate increases, we were able to obtain coverage at a reasonably competitive price but with new conditions, limitations and exclusions. The cost to protect our fraternity with insurance has now reached over **\$44,000** a year and is one of our largest expenses. This cost has doubled in the last four years.

This year's renewal process has underscored the need for us to be vigilant in loss control so that we are never in a bad position to receive an insurance offer for renewal. It is important that the brotherhood abide by all the policies and procedures in the chapter handbook to ensure fire safety and to prevent other forms of property damage. It's also important that there not be any personal injury on the premises or at any off-premises fraternity function. Safety is the number one priority. Our insurance provides very little insurance for hazing, alcohol-related incidents, assault and battery, sexual harassment, and any form of discrimination.

The chapter continues loss control training for brothers and routine inspections of the rooms and common areas.

Legal: Peter A. Muth '74

This past year has been somewhat of a transition year.

As you may recall from prior committee reports, Sigma Pi long benefited from what was commonly known as the bursar system. For years, the method for collecting house rent, dues, and fees was simple. Our treasurer calculated the total amount due for the coming year from the active brothers and presented the numbers to Cornell. The university immediately issued a check for the total amount. Once deposited, timely payment of taxes, insurance, utilities, etc. for 730 University Avenue was guaranteed. The undergraduate brothers, in turn, were billed by the University, and paid with little resistance. A few years ago, Cornell stepped away, and suddenly the Alumni Board became the collector of rent and attendant fees while the active brothers contracted for and billed for food, social dues, and related expenses.

The fallout from the loss of the bursar system came as a bit of a shock. In prior years, one's failure to pay the bill from Cornell for fraternity house obligations could result in expulsion and/or denial of graduation and/or diploma. It took little time, however, for some of the active brothers to realize that the Alumni Board had far less clout. Suddenly delays by some brothers in paying the fraternity's bills for room and house related expenses, along with the bills for dining and social dues

became epidemic. Unpaid bills at times hovered around \$100,000. In some instances, brothers tried to delay payment until the end of the academic year, to enable them to escape responsibility for months of residency and scores of meals already consumed.

This has resulted in the past two years of a complete overhaul of the previous light-handed methods by which an undergraduate joined and participated in Sigma Pi life. New occupancy agreements were drafted, as well as a lengthy brotherhood agreement spelling out each brother's obligations and the ramifications of a failure to abide by the agreements (e.g., the penalty for leaving one's room in disrepair at the end of the term). Currently, all new brothers are obligated to execute a master contract with the Alumni Board, with obligations for living and dining in the house spelled out and backed up with the guarantee of a parent or guardian and a connection to an active credit card. Meetings are held to inform new brothers of the anticipated costs associated with Sigma Pi. With a yearly contract with an organization supplying meals running to approximately **\$140,000** and with average yearly rent hovering in excess of \$10,000 per person, we couldn't afford to take any other path.

This year did see the culmination of our approach to those lingering "bad eggs", and the drafting of pleadings ready to be filed in the local courts to take the ultimate step when multiple appeals by both Alumni Board members and E-board active brothers failed to result in payment, in some cases, of unpaid invoices approaching \$10,000. That was quite a change. I don't believe we have ever sued a brother for an unpaid bill in our entire history. Fortunately, the lawsuits did not need to be filed, and currently the house is in much better shape due to our stricter approach—contracts must be fully signed before each semester. Without signature a brother is not permitted to move into the house, dine in the house or participate in house social activities.

As in prior years, the Legal Committee continues to be blessed by a dearth of the kind of litigation we all fear in connection with college life, with death due to hazing being at the top of the list. We hope this good luck will continue. That said, this is a period of transition as we consider taking steps—steps which apparently have been taken by most other fraternities and which are increasingly mandated by insurance companies—of separating the all-encompassing scope of the Alumni Board, which currently handles all responsibilities and oversight associated with the running of Mu Chapter and which also undertakes the duties of owning and maintaining 730 University Avenue itself. Currently, with all of Mu Chapter members both active and alumni technically being the owners of Pi house, the potential for a serious lawsuit resulting in a judgment lien on the house is an uncomfortable fact. We are currently working with local counsel to structure our operational and governing entities in such a way that our main physical asset is positioned to avoid the reach of any such judgment. Hence, this year is guaranteed to shift our operations in some meaningful ways. Stay tuned.

Nominating: Peter A. Muth '74

Not quite a crisis but close. In the past I have emphasized how the Alumni Board has constantly been trying to find new blood to step in for those of us who were born during the Eisenhower administration. Because of our "collective wisdom", we might be ideal for carrying part of the task of imparting what might be loosely labeled "Sigma Pi culture" on the undergraduate brothers. But the operations of a fraternity in today's atmosphere at Cornell have radically changed over the years and the undergraduate brothers often connect better with a younger set of alumni. I reiterate my appeals from prior years for those who would like to keep Sigma Pi as a vibrant institution to volunteer to help. It need not be only as a member of one of our boards. Volunteering to lend expertise to a committee is similarly valuable.

The "crisis" hinted at above is a result of our move toward placing the ownership of 730 University Avenue into a new corporate entity to better maintain insurance coverage (which would otherwise spiral out of control) and to place what is an extremely valuable asset a significant distance away from anyone who may consider filing litigation against Sigma Pi for the "bad acts" of individual brothers. You get the idea—hazing, injuries caused by excessive drinking, etc. It's easy to try and claim Sigma Pi alumni, and particularly the Alumni Board, are in such constant communication with the undergraduate brothers, and provide such a wealth of experience and guidance, that the Brotherhood as a whole is liable for either propagating or failing to correct situations giving rise to a terrible injury. Positioning 730 University Avenue as the equivalent of, and run much as, an apartment complex with little connection to the undergraduates other than leasing them rooms, is a move that is universally favored by most fraternities today.

However, another entity means another board. This "companion board" will not have the direct communication with the undergraduates the current Alumni Board exercises and enjoys. It means, however, that we will need people to serve on or with this new board of directors. We currently have people slotted for critical positions, but for anyone who has a love of our grand old University Avenue facility and the task of keeping it in shape, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in a new way. Any thoughts or offers – shoot me an e-mail at pmuth@roadrunner.com.

Mu Chapter Annual Giving Summary

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total All Gifts	\$87,865.68	\$111,720.69
Total \$ Alumni Assn.	\$11,166.08	\$33,614.20
Total \$ Ed. Foundation	\$76,699.60	\$78,106.49
Total Number of Gifts.		
Total Unique Donors		

Mu Chapter Undergraduate Brotherhood Metrics

Recruitment

Fall 2022	11
Spring 2023	15
Total	26

Fall 2023	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			13
Spring 2024									•						19
Total									•						32

Numbers by Class Year									
Fall 2022-2023	Fall 2023-2024	Fall 2024-2025							
Seniors									
Juniors									
Sophomores10									
Freshmen11		–							
Total									
	Live-In by Class Year								
Fall 2022-2023	Fall 2023-2024	Fall 2024-2025							
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