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# Alpha Mu Of Chi Psi Charts Its Course In A Post-Fraternity World

#### Brothers:

I hope that all is well with you and your families. This year has passed quickly, but I can see from the incredible amount of news gathered in this issue that many brothers have had "Alpha Mu" moments this year. Just what is an Alpha Mu moment? It's when we come together to celebrate our friendships and, in so doing, honor the institution that kindled those relationships while we were at Middlebury: Alpha Mu of Chi Psi. Keep the news coming as it is heartening to see the impact that our fraternity continues to have in our lives. That said, it is a shame that our brotherhood is dormant at Middlebury.

Last year marked the 200th anniversary of Middlebury College. Although the events at Reunion Weekend were enjoyed by many, I am certain that others avoided the ceremonies because they believed that the powers that be at Middlebury, through their unbridled social engineering, have eroded the very traditions that they were urging us to celebrate. While the campus is beautiful and the academic standards high, Middlebury has whitewashed a sizable portion of its history in an attempt to create an unrealistic utopia.

Ironically, the "Commons" system attempts to create a "a residential life" among students that existed in fraternities from the beginning. And just last fall the community council placed academic and language houses on notice that they needed to clean up their "gender imbalances" or face sanctions. Freedom of association appears to carry no weight at Middlebury and deviation from that policy will not be tolerated.

On a tour of the graveyard with President McCardell, we passed the graves of several prominent brothers who upon their deaths believed that the future of Chi Psi and Middlebury would be entwined forever. Some endowed the college with buildings and money. How would they feel if they knew that Chi Psi's existence has been scrubbed from the campus and that an active brotherhood is unwelcome by the powers that be?

And so it was decided that we will continue to have an active alumni presence, to maintain our legacy and keep the faith with the founders of Alpha Mu. The Alumni Centennial Essay Contest for sophomores will continue and other events will be planned. And, in order for students to learn more about our many years at Middlebury, a new, interactive Web site is being created. I urge you to join us in our quest.

> Yours in the Bonds, Jamie Magee '82 Alumni President



Greet Loring Chase '37 at Apt. #215, 80 Lyme Rd., Hanover, NH 03755.

Writes **Robert Alden '40**, "Our class is now down to three: **Glenn Leggett '40**, **Ed Reichert '40**, and me. Ed and I had our 60th reunion in June as the college celebrated 200 years. It was a gala affair!" As a footnote, he adds, "My wife, Barbara Plumer Alden, our daughter, Sharon Galligan Johnson, and her daughter, our granddaughter, Hilary Johnson, were featured on TV, representing three generations of number one tennis players at Middlebury."

Fred Butler '41 writes that last summer was quite difficult: his wife, Sarah, suffered a fracture in a fall and has been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease. Send them best wishes at 58 N. Collier Blvd., Apt. #2103, Marco Island, FL 34145; frdbutler@aol.com.

## Homecoming Weekend Saturday, October 27, 2001

9:30 a.m. — Annual meeting at the former lodge on South Main Street

1:00 p.m. — Football kickoff, Middlebury vs. Trinity

Postgame — reception at the former lodge

John Hicks '41 keeps in touch with Roy Hovey '41, Bill Bursaw '41, Bob Cushman '39, and Glenn Leggett '40.

LeRoy Hovey '41 has been active with Teddy Bear Fair, a community outreach in which pediatricians, surgeons, dentists, and psychologists provide free medical exams, emergency repairs, and counseling. For more details, contact LeRoy by e-mail at royhov@aol.com.

Greet John Comstock '42 at 4 Clark St., South Glens Falls, NY 12803.

When he last wrote, **John Pagenstech**er '52 was looking forward to moving to Oxford, Maryland, where he would be a neighbor of Linda and **Dick Allen** '53 and where his main activity would be sailing on the Chesapeake.

Henry Erbe Jr. '59 moved to St. James Plantation in Southport, North Carolina, where he is semiretired.

Gerald Carrick '61 is an associate broker with Coleman Realtors and welcomes correspondence at 1 Riverside Dr., Barrington, RI 02806.

Writes **Steve Brown '64**, "I've been a western hemisphere research analyst at Fort Bragg for the past 15 years. Linda and I became grandparents in May with the arrival of our grandson. Also, we had a nice visit with Ruth and **Dudley King '66** in Hilton Head, South Carolina."

Keep in touch with **Sam Gordon '64** at sgordon@bentleylp.com.

Phil Nelson '65 notes that he enjoyed his 35th reunion and spent time with Casey Hoffman '65, Bill Mueller '65, Jeff Wadsworth '65, Bruce Gunther '65, and Steve Firestone '65.

Jamie Magee '82 writes that in January he became co-publisher of the Yankee Brew News, a regional newspaper devoted to the craft-brew consumer. "While my memories of Midd are populated by brews of lesser distinction (except for that semester in Germany), I recommend that everyone enjoy locally brewed beer wherever they happen to be." Visit http://www.yankeebrew.com for more information. Jamie lives in Natick, Massachusetts, with wife Jane and their two children, Lorraine and Otto. Any Chi Psis in the area are welcome to stop by. You can also reach Jamie at 508/653-7929.

**Christopher Dominick '84** works for Pelz & Associates, PC, and receives e-mail at cbdominick@pelzlaw.com.

An attorney, **Bill Warren '88** is also a father. His youngest, Charles Gray, was (continued on page two)





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born November 25, 2000, and his oldest is three.

The director of VBS Warburg, LLC, **Bruce Anfindsen '89** welcomes news from brothers at bruce.anfindsen@vbsw.com.

"I'm still slogging away at Arthur Andersen after 11 years," writes **Peter Jenkins** '89. "I finally made partner and am living in Newton, Massachusetts. I frequently see **Jan Haas '89**. I miss the good old days."

Eric Wimer '89 writes: "Currently I'm living in the leafy Boston suburb of Norfolk, Massachusetts, where I've become quite adept at trimming hedges and sharpening lawn mower blades. My wife, Karen, and I wel-

comed Caroline Calistier Wimer (8 lbs, 1.5 oz) into the world on September 4. I recently saw brothers Chip Phillips '91, Tim Scovin '93, and John Doyle '92 at



Ian Bolden's ('91) wedding. Great fun was had by all with the possible exception of the bartender, whom we prevented from going home at a reasonable hour. On the same trip, I renewed bonds with brothers Chris Mycek '89 and John Phelan '89 at the palatial Mycek estate in Audubon, Pennsylvania. Finally, brother Jamie Magee '82 continues to keep me well stocked with his fine home brew, and brothers Paul Morrison '89, Ben Thom '89, Mycek, and Phelan are preparing to feel my unbridled fury and whimper in submission as we approach yet another fantasy football season." You can reach Eric at ewimer@omam.com.

Reports **Jeff Storer '90**, "I'm now living in Tokyo and working as a foreign service officer at the U.S. Embassy in Japan. My wife gave birth to our first child, Jack, in September 2000. E-mail me at jhstone@ attglobal.net and come visit Japan. We have plenty of room."

**Ian Bolden '91** was married recently to Nicole Moore-Jordan. **Tim Scovin '93** and other brothers were at the wedding.

**Chuck Buck '92** recently took the bar and is going to work for a San Francisco appellate court as a clerk this fall.

**Christian Faber '92** writes, "Yeah, it's been awhile since I've checked in. I just finished the first year of my master's program at the London School of Economics. It was fun getting back into academia and back to my old tricks. I'm probably gonna stay in London and look for a job here. Any help would be greatly appreciated. I also just finished a long-distance sailing race called the Fastnet. We sailed out of the English Channel, up to the southwest coast of Ireland, and then back down to the south



Pictures, Essays, Etc. for our Virtual Lodge

Visit http://www.alphamuofchipsi.org for submission instructions. of England. We managed to place sixth in our division, which is not too shabby since there were 67 boats starting in our division. I'm still spending a lot of time on the water on a J-120 and an IMX-40, which I really like. If any of the boys pop their head in London, send me an e-mail at c.k.faber @lse.ac.uk."

Kingman Gordon '92 writes, "All is well in San Francisco. I have lived here three and a half years now and have loved every minute of it. I've been working for *ESPN Magazine* for over a year, where I sell advertising space to companies and to ad agencies, with a focus on technology clients (yes, it has been quite challenging recently!). I've kept in close touch with a majority of the Mu brothers and have seen a majority of them at weddings (Pete Walsh '92, John Rudge '92, Banc Jones '92, Charlie Watson '92, Drew Meyers '92, Brian Willing '92, Trip Perkins '92, Bill Tice '92, Christian Faber '92, and John Doyle '92)."

**Brian Huff '92**, is no longer at Johnson & Johnson. Huff just moved out to San Francisco and is working for Del Monte foods, where he is in charge of brand management for S&W foods. (The ones who make the baked beans.)

Eric Mendelsohn '92 got married last year in Italy and is living in New York on the upper west side, where he works for the restructuring group at Lazard. His new address is 101 W. 80th St., Apt. #4F, New York, NY 10024.

John Swanson '92 (johnmswanson@ hotmail.com) writes, "I have all sorts of major changes in my life. Darsie and I have a new baby girl, Lucy, and are having the time of our lives. We moved to Truckee, California, the gateway to Tahoe, as I took a position at the regional trauma center, which includes a faculty position at the University of Nevada Medical School in Reno. Is there any hope of a Chi Psi reunion at the class of '92's 10-year reunion this spring?"

Pete Walsh '92 writes, "I am living in Denver, practicing law (litigation) at Hogan & Hartson, a law firm based in Washington, DC. I was married in June to Kimberly Valentine (now Kimberly Walsh), a Colby grad and Denver native. A good Chi Psi crew attended the wedding in Jackson, Wyoming, including The Ma, Kingman Gordon '92, Tristram Perkins '92, Christian Faber '92, Bill Tice '92, Drew Meyers '92, Charlie Watson '92, and John Rudge '92. My mailing address is 1154 St. Paul St., Denver, CO 80206, and my e-mail is phwalsh@hhlaw.com. All the best."

Brian Willing '92 writes, "I'm an attorney working for the law firm of Drummond. Woodsum & MacMahon in Portland. Maine, after graduating from the University of Maine School of Law. I was married last summer, and my wife, Kathy, and I now live in Falmouth, Maine. A number of members of Chi Psi were at my wedding. including Tom Crowell '90, who is living in New York, Elia Popovich '91, who is an attorney in Portland, Oregon (epopovich@ bittner-hahs.com), Bob Doyle '92, who is a criminal defense attorney in Bend (rdoyle@ empnet.com), and Pete Laliberte '93, who is living in Chicago with Ena (lalib erte29@hotmail.com). Jeff Nordsey (jeffn hol@together.net) was among those who

missed the wedding. He now lives with Holly in Cornwall Vermont."

**Boze Casten '93** (scasten@turbosteam .com) is running his own energy equipment company in western Massachusetts, and he has a new home address of 176 Justice Hill Road Cutoff, Sterling, MA 01564. Boze says that he heard from **Pete Laliberte '93**, who is starting his second year of his MBA at Chicago. Pete used to use their dog as an excuse to have a smoke, and now that their dog has died, he gets home from work and goes out walking by himself every night for his regular cigarette break. Also, he recently bought himself a nice pair of Rockports for his regular walking exercise.

Writes **Tim Curry '93**, "I graduated from med school, have been doing an internship in Buffalo, and am headed to the Mayo Clinic for anesthesiology residency next June. My son, Jacob, was born November 13, 2001."

**Jon Erickson '93** also had a child, Spencer Lewis Erickson.

Adam Greenberger '93 writes, "I am now in New York City and working in the industrials group at Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown. I am putting in long hours, but learning a ton and enjoying New York City. I recently bought a place in midtown and have been living through renovation hell. I went to two Chi Psi weddings this summer: Spencer Tullo's ('95) in Alabama and Cort Corbin's ('95) in Garrison, New York. Jack Thayer '93 just had a baby, and Seth Ruoss '94 and Karthik Achar '93 both have them on the way. My new address is 235 E. 49th St., 1CD, New York, NY 10017; 212/735-1893."

**Chris McChesney '93** (mcchesney @yahoo.com) is working for a software company funded and owned by Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston.

**John Beveridge '95** just finished his MBA at Tuck.

"I'm in my fourth year as a wilderness counselor at New Dominion School for boys in Virginia, currently as the assistant program director," writes **Brad Martin** '95. "I met a wonderful girl here, and we recently became engaged. I try to keep in touch with **Seth Janus** '95, who's finishing up medical school in Minnesota, and **Scott McNany** '95, who is in the education field and playing in a band in Denver."

### DECEASED

We regret to report the following deaths:

J. Michael Harding '60 Howard J. Kelly '34 Wyman W. Parker '34 Towar Wade '52

#### **PANTHER TRACKS**

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