

# The Alumni



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## Alumni Mentoring Program Gets Off To A Good Start

**W**e have successfully launched this program, and the initial reactions from both alumni and chapter members have been extremely positive. Several alumni are now engaged with the seniors who requested assistance. It is going well as we had anticipated, and we are learning how to carry out the process. The seniors are very appreciative.

What we did not plan for was the need for internships for sophomores, juniors, and even freshmen (pledges at this point). Over 20 underclassmen want internships to gain experience and to beef up their resumes. At this point, we do not have a plan in place to help them.

If any alumni reading this article know of any internships that are available  
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## Chapter President Recognizes The Team Effort On Which DU Thrives

**O**nly four months ago I assumed the position of president with a bit of healthy skepticism. Watching those who came before me, I saw the day-to-day trials that they faced, and I wondered to myself if I could make a lasting difference at 6 South Avenue. An old high school teacher of mine once told me that the hardest thing that I will ever do in life is think. I thank him for his advice, but I believe that the hardest thing anyone will ever do in life is lead. This is why I want to thank all of the dedicated brothers of 6 South Avenue for making my term so far as president the most exciting and welcomed challenge I have faced at Cornell. If I didn't have the dedica-

tion and strength of the men who lead with me, nothing we have accomplished at DU would have been done with the same energy and enthusiasm.

Recently Katherine Carroll was  
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*Peter Vogel '92, Tom Kobin '90, Kevin Marcus '92, and Fred Harwood '59.*

### DU Spring Dinner Returns!

Reacquaint yourself with old bros. and meet new ones. There will be cocktails, a three-course dinner, recycled stories from the glory years, and lots of laughs.

*\$75/person*

*Thursday, May 10, 6-10 p.m.*

*The Cornell Club, 6 East 44th St.,  
New York, New York*

Please reserve your spot with Peter Vogel by May 3 (212/201-6194 or peter@frictionfreetech.com).



*DU in 1951.*

## Our "Kat" Improves Dining And Slims Down The Brothers

This past semester, our brothers were blessed with the greatest gift we have ever received as a fraternity. We were sent a "Kat." With the departure of our cook, Tom Kieran, at the end of last semester, it was up in the air as to whether or not we would have a house meal plan. Thankfully, we were able to find Katherine Carroll, more affectionately known to the brothers as "Kat." In just a few short months, Kat has won the hearts and bellies of every brother living at 6

South Avenue. Prior to working at DU, Kat was a pastry chef, a fact that becomes more apparent and is more appreciated with every dinner.

Even though Kat has proven to be everything we could have ever asked for, she continues to establish a relationship with the brotherhood and ask for constant feedback, both of which were unheard of in the past. Kat recently gave the brothers a survey to help assess kitchen operations. Although most of the brotherhood

could think of nothing that needed change, most voiced a desire to see healthy food. With an in-depth background in food science and nutrition, Kat has done a wonderful job of using the suggestions to improve the quality of our food and is currently working on slimming down the brothers.

All things considered, Kat has become one of our most valued assets. At any time during the day you can find her happily working away in the kitchen. As an added bonus to the brothers, we have had the privilege of meeting Kat's daughter, "Sky." Sky comes to the house on the weekends and never fails to bring a smile to the face of every brother. She recently decorated our yard with what was probably Delta Upsilon's first snowman.

All in all, the brothers of 6 South Avenue could not be more pleased with the newest addition to our family, our new cook, Kat.

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able this summer (2001), let me know immediately (fharwood@mediaone.net or 603/656-4174). We may be too late to make an impact this year, but it's worth a shot. Next year, we will get started earlier compiling a list of com-

panies that offer internships where we have alumni contacts.

Any other suggestions you may have will be welcomed!

Fred Harwood '59

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appointed our new chef. With the help of Bryan Esposito, Brian Strahine, and Ryan Garcia (our new steward), we were able to introduce a whole new idea to many of the brothers at 6 South: the concept of good, healthy eating. Katherine's food has had a ripple effect throughout the house. Dinner is no longer just something to eat, but it is an event to anticipate and enjoy.

With dinner becoming so important to our brotherhood, Katherine's addition to our house should have a lasting impression. I personally would like to thank Katherine and her little daughter, Skyler, for once again making mealtime one of the best parts of a DU's day.

Recently, the governing body had its annual retreat with the alumni. President Tony Murray, Tony Cashen, Bob Verna, Fred Harwood, Peter Vogel, Kevin Marcus, Tom Korbin, and our faculty fellow, Bruce Tracey, were all in attendance. I think I can say on behalf of the brotherhood that more came out of that weekend than we ever expected.

The introduction of new rush strategies, scholarship programs, and internal policy relevant to the active chapter has given us something to think about and challenged us to make changes necessary for the house's success. The brothers have started to initiate these challenges and with the help of the alumni are ready to succeed.

On behalf of the brotherhood I would like to thank everyone who put time into making that weekend one of the most successful retreats to date. Also, the presence of Peter, Kevin, and Tom made a world of difference. Having alumni present who are not so far removed from the house helped move our discussion in a positive direction because we could relate to their advice. Their commitment to keep helping DU has already prompted change in the house and is making DU a better place.

This year's rush class is a very geographically diverse and fantastic bunch of men. We could not have gotten these men without the brotherhood's total effort. I would like to thank

everybody for putting in all of the time and effort they could and for making this rush class a terrific success.

Lastly, with year's end so quickly approaching, I cannot forget the seniors. I have never met a tighter bunch of men who have better times than they do.

Their influence has helped shape me into who I am today, and without them I don't think I would be writing this letter as the president. Ninety percent of the reason I joined DU was because of the work of one man, Bryan Esposito. He, along with the others, has made my years at DU the most enjoyable and exciting of my life. I have learned all of their little secrets to life, and their advice will forever help me face the challenges as president of this great house and out in the world. Brian, Jason, Bryan, Kevin, Rob, Chris, Anthony, Tom, Zach, Kerian, Andrew, Gilbert, Charlie, and Dan, you have made DU an incredible place to live in and grow in, and we will miss you all.

Jon Lane  
President

## Architectural And Engineering Study Under Way

The article at right discusses the undergraduate brothers' initial involvement in a study being undertaken by the alumni association regarding the physical structure and functionality of our 6 South Avenue chapter house. As noted in a recent letter from Alumni President Tony Murray, this study, currently at its inception, is very wide ranging and is potentially a precursor of major renovations to the house sometime in the future. We will be keeping you informed as this project moves forward. Any alumni who want to be involved, especially brothers with architectural, facility planning, or construction expertise, should contact Robert Verna by e-mail at rjv123@aol.com.

## DU Brothers Meet With The Architects

Recently, architects from Holt Engineering and Cornell University sat down with brothers to discuss the possibilities of renovating and improving the DU house. The session, run by senior engineer Graham Gillespie of Holt, was very enlightening and produced many good ideas. The following highlights some of the more interesting ideas discussed during the meeting.

The multipurpose room in the basement is currently not being utilized very effectively. Brothers commented that the room was visually cold and disconnected from the warm and friendly atmosphere of the rest of the house. Various ideas for improvements to this facility were discussed, including paneling the walls, changing the lighting, adding a large fireplace, reinstalling the south tower circular staircase, and even moving the dining room to the multipurpose room.

This latter idea would better connect the kitchen and the dining facility and would open up the existing dining room for use as a pool table/game room. This in turn would allow the library to be set up as a functional study space with high-speed Internet access computer terminals and space for individual or

group study.

*Bathrooms.* The bathrooms at the house have definitely seen brighter days. In recent years, the plumbing has been a continuous problem and caused the house to incur additional maintenance expenses. If there is work to be done on the house in the future, renovating the bathrooms is the one thing that all of the brothers agree must be done.

Adding a ladies' room on the first floor is also a priority. Most of the other ideas concerned heating, windows, lighting, power outlets, telephone and computer lines, door locks, trash handling, and a long list of cosmetic concerns. We look forward to seeing the recommendations of the study and working actively with alumni toward their implementation.



*Feasibility study with Holt Engineering.*

## The Brothers Raise The Bar For Philanthropy Efforts

This semester not only are we going to match last year's significant philanthropy achievements, but also we are going to continue to raise the standards higher. Last year, our past president, Brian

Strahine, decided to place a greater emphasis on improving our role in the community. As a fraternity, we met this challenge head-on as we participated in more events than ever before. This semester, the brotherhood has decided to increase the philanthropy budget by \$250 and to reach out to the community even more. I have taken it as a personal challenge to im-

prove on last year's success and create an even better schedule.

The semester has gotten off to a fast start as we have already participated in two events. On February 24, we worked with On-Site Volunteers on a pre-construction project at the Coddington Road Community Center located near Route 79. At this project, we tore down a large shed that was connected to the center. Pre-construction work saves the community large

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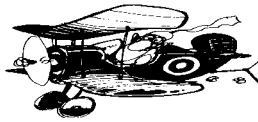
*Habitat 2001*

### Reunion Weekend • June 7-10, 2001

Delta Upsilon invites all alumni, their families, and friends to the house for an informal reception on Saturday, June 9, 2001, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Homecoming Weekend • October 13, 2001

Cornell vs. Harvard



## Our Alumni Report Their News

Reports RALPH E. ANTELL '41, "The Cornell DU class of '41 has four survivors: my roommate, LEW BIRCKHEAD, BILL HARRITY, CHUCK BLACKMAN, and me. We enjoyed Big Red football's great years. In 1939, we had an undefeated team. In 1940, the team again beat Ohio State in Ithaca and remained undefeated until the famous fifth-down game at Dartmouth. Cornell game films proved they scored the game-winning touchdown on an illegal fifth down. Cornell gave the victory to Dartmouth, ending a two-year winning streak." Drop Ralph a line at 7015 Carnation St., Beaufont Towers, #408, Richmond, VA 23225.

Greet RICHARD R. A. McCALL '48 at 16 Quincy Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077, or via e-mail at rrmccall@aol.com. Dick keeps in touch with BILL KOCH '49.

Contact WILLIAM A. KOCH '49 at 19 Cottage Dr., Myerstown, PA 17067; e-mail: jaybeek@onemain.com.

"I would like to see other DUs who may be coming back for Reunion this June," writes JESSE B. HANNAN JR. '51 (444 Monroe Dr., Sarasota, FL 34236; summer: 4125 Rt. 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148).

PETER M. BLAUVELT '57 was elected town justice of Sterling, New York, in November 2000. He is also a trustee of Cayuga Community College, a director of the Oswego Maritime Foundation, and a chairman of the Linden Knoll, Inc., Adult Living Facility. Get in touch with him at 14451 Eldredge Ave., P.O. Box 26, Fair Haven, NY 13064; blauvelt@2link.net.

Write RICHARD A. GROSS '57 at 240 Firethorne Dr., West Chester, PA 19382; dhgross@voicenet.com.

"Nice to see so many classmates on the board," pens CARL W. VAIL JR. '57 (1135 N. Vinedo Ave., Pasadena, CA 91107; cwvail@aol.com). "Congrats to TONY MURRAY '60 as new alumni president. I don't get back to Ithaca much now that I have no family there. I may return for my 50th Ithaca High School reunion in 2003."

Reports FRANK E. CUZZI '61: "I just finished a full-time professorship at St. John's University to spend more time on my own projects. I will still teach sports management at St. John's but also start a new sports management program at Hofstra, all while creating a 24-course sports management program for long-distance learning for the future generation. My textbook, *The Handbook of Integrated Sports Management, Marketing, and Leadership*, was published in September 2000 by Thomson Learning. Finally, my 'last' tour of duty as president of the class of '61 will be over in June 2001 when we have our 40th reunion. I hope to see all of our DU '61ers at the Reunion." Contact Frank at 21 Stuyvesant Oval, #8E, New York, NY 10009; fcuzzi@aol.com.

"My research in detecting and imaging cancer, particularly cancer of the prostate, continues to produce encouraging results," writes ERNEST J. FELEPPA '61 (2 Morehead Dr., Rye, NY 10580; ernie@casuarina-aquatics.com). "I am fortunate to be working with leading clinicians at world-famous medical institutions in New York City and Washington, DC. Also, I am continuing to teach scuba diving as I take my scuba students annually to the wonderful islands in the Caribbean. I am developing advanced dive planning software for so-called 'technical divers.' It also can be used for advanced diving instruction. Perhaps some DU brothers are interested. If so, contact me or check out the Web site: www.casuarina-aquatics.com."

Send best wishes to TERRY W. HOFMANN '67 at 107 E. Fifth St., Willemstown, WV 26187.

LAWRENCE R. HOFMANN '69 receives mail at 7 Cavendish Court, Irmo, SC 29063.

Write ANTHONY J. SCALZO '71 at 7108 Thorntree Hill Dr., Fayetteville, NY 13066 (e-mail: ascalzo@hoacny.com). Tony notes that he is enjoying his family and is busy with school, basketball, and skiing. "I'm fortunate to be part of a successful oncology practice, doing some teaching and lecturing, and involved with clinical research." He adds, "I see DICK

STORTO '71, who is a lawyer in Syracuse. He's still single and doing well. We are making plans to attend our 30th reunion. I've heard by e-mail from RANDY FUSS '71, who is uncertain about attending, and BILL STEPHENS '71, who is hoping to make it."

Pens JOHN S. PETERSON '72, "Had a blast in New Orleans at a surprise 50th birthday party for CHARLIE JOYCE '72. It was great to see MIKE MURPHY '72 and TOM GUBA '72." He also hears from JACK MORESKO '72 and OWEN SNYDER '72. Greet John at 2635 Wild Wood Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935; john.peterson@agedwards.com.

A physician, THOMAS J. RAKOWSKI '72 receives mail at 20 Clinton Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450; e-mail: rakmd67@yahoo.com.

JOHN L. BERNDT '76 invites brothers to visit him at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Half Moon Bay, California. He is general manager of the hotel. Contact him at 32 Fairway Place, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019; john.berndt@ritzcarlton.com.

"After a four-year stint in the Midwest (Minnesota), Vicki and I headed back to the East Coast to be near old friends, family, Cornell, the Yankees, and the public affairs world," writes KEVIN T. BRUNS '79 (7517 Hackamore Dr., Potomac, MD 20854; kbvz2000@aol.com). Kevin keeps in touch with DOUG PORTER '78.

J. BRANDON MAXWELL III '84 announces that he and wife Jill and their daughters welcomed the final addition to their family in April 2000. "All's great!" Brandon saw MIKE CAHILL '84 last fall. "He's doing great in Colorado with his wife and their children." Send Brandon and Jill congratulations at 13368 N. 91st Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85260; e-mail: brandon@michaelsrestaurant.com.

Write DANIEL K. DEVINE '86 at 714 W. Shore Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871; dan.devine@pfitzer.com.

Contact RICHARD L. BALLEW '88 at 128 12th Place, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; e-mail: rlb33@cornell.edu.

"I'm getting married in 2001," boasts BRUCE M. PICKETT '90, "and PAUL SIMIC '90 will be my best man." Bruce  
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## DU Reinstates Formal Initiation Of New Men

Beginning in the spring of 2001 the Cornell Chapter of Delta Upsilon will reinstitute the practice of formal initiation of new brothers. We will follow the initiation ritual outlined by Delta Upsilon International. Founded on principles of non-secrecy, Delta Upsilon invites parents, relatives, and alumni to take part in the new ceremony.

The initiation ritual comprises two parts called Rites. In Rite I, the incoming pledge class makes declarations regarding character. They are then informed of the nature of the pledges to follow in the main part of the initiation, and they indicate their willingness to accept those pledges.

Finally, they sign the Roll Book and are qualified to proceed to Rite II. In Rite II, candidates take the initiation pledges, are invested with the fraternity insignia, and are formally inducted as members.

The purpose of this initiation ritual is twofold. First, it serves as an example of our principle of non-secrecy. All family members and relatives are invited to take part in the most sacred part of a candidate's pledge process. Second, it serves to continue a tradition that dates back to when this fraternity was founded. It is our hope that the ritual will become an occasion to reminisce about.



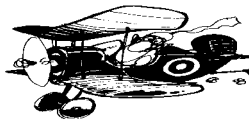
*Dominic Garguile shows his finesse and spirit on the lanes.*

## Order of Omega

A national leadership honor society, the Order of Omega was founded at the University of Miami in the fall of 1959. The order's purpose is to do the following:

- Recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment;
- Bring together outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization that will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and inter-collegiate fraternity affairs;
- Bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness; and,
- Help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.

Cornell DU congratulates its own former president Brian Strahine '01 on being initiated into the Order of Omega recently.



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is trading tax-advantaged mortgage debt for a private firm in Boston and sends greetings to JOHN ZANKOWSKI '90. Also, Bruce notes that he appeared on the gameshow *Jeopardy* in December 2000. "It was a lot of fun." Write Bruce at 11 Ticknor St., #2, South Boston, MA 02127; brucepickett@hotmail.com.

RYAN A. BLATTENBERGER '94 pens, "I'm taking my lovely wife, Michelle, back to the metropolis of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where I will eventually get a job in sales. We will move to Philadelphia to start a family. I am looking forward to seeing all of my

brothers in the Northeast." Ryan lives at 102 W. Sunset Ave., Ephrata, PA 17522; e-mail: blatt19@aol.com.

Send best wishes to BRIAN A. SCHULTZ '98 at 411 Dryden Rd., Apt. #2, Ithaca, NY 14850.

A patent agent, BRIAN P. McCLOSKEY '99 resides at 73 First Ave., Apt. #12A, New York, NY 10003; e-mail: bpm6@cornell.edu.

ADAM SAXON '99 is a systems engineer with Sprint Corporation and resides at 383 E. Las Colinas Blvd., #4013, Irving, TX 75039 (sax\_9986@ya

hoo.com). He wants to hear from BRODIE WHITE '01 and SAL OVALLE '99.

Get in touch with JUSTIN SOUCY '99 at 10,000 W. Bay Harbor Dr., PH24, Bay Harbor, Islands, FL 33154; justin@globalcaribbean.com.

### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

- EDWARD B. DANSON II '40
- RICHARD F. ENNIS JR. '45
- GEORGE N. JENNINGS '44
- CHARLES E. ODELL '37



## Reunion Weekend '01

*Come on back to Ithaca June 7-10,  
and bring this photo with you.  
Take a walk down State Street  
and try to find these buildings  
and identify what they were  
when you walked the streets  
as an undergraduate.*

## The Brothers Raise The Bar For Philanthropy Efforts

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amounts of money that it would otherwise have to pay construction companies to perform the same tasks. Eight brothers and seven pledges attended this event. The next event that we took part in was the annual Kappa Delta bowling charity event, at which each brother paid \$8 to bowl three games. All of the proceeds were donated to the Ithaca Rape Crisis Center. Sixteen brothers attended this event.

There are currently a variety of events planned for the rest of the semester. On March 11 and again in April, we are going to take part in pre-construction work for On-Site Volunteers. Also, we are going to charge an extra \$2 at our next two parties to donate to the Ithaca fire and police departments.

This April, we are again sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for the Ithaca Youth Bureau's Big Brother/Sister Program. Last year this was a great experience, and we have decided to make it an annual event. As a result of this event, I am hoping that two or three brothers will become interested in becoming a big brother. Last year, three members of the house were in the program, and they really enjoyed the experience.

Finishing off the semester, we will

be sponsoring our annual event to benefit the Ithaca Youth Bureau. We will create T-shirts for the annual Slope Day festival and sell them to brothers and students. As a house, we have already started looking for sponsors to offset the costs of producing the T-shirts. This spring, we are hoping to double last year's donation of \$1,000. This is always the most popular philanthropy event of the semester because it allows us to do something good for the community while having a great time.

*Brian Strahine and I are going to participate in the third annual AIDS Work Ride for Life. Even though the minimum is only \$500, Brian and I are each trying to donate over \$1,000. We are both wondering how hard it will be to ride 100 miles.*

Even though it is early in the semester, the fall philanthropy schedule is already coming together. In past years, the fall philanthropy schedule has been non-existent because of the number of brothers playing football. This fall, I am counting on all of the non-football players to participate in philanthropy.

On September 15, Brian Strahine and I are going to participate in the third annual AIDS Work Ride for Life. The Ride for Life is a hundred-mile bike ride around Cayuga Lake. In order to participate in the race, each participant must obtain a minimum of \$500 in pledges. The house will take part in generating the money. Please let our president, Jon Lane, or me know if you are interested in donating money for the ride.

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Even though the minimum is only \$500, Brian and I are each trying to donate over \$1,000. We are both wondering how hard it will be to ride 100 miles, but it should be a great experience. The rest of our fall schedule includes Kappa Alpha Theta's Tip-A-Canoe race at Beebe Lake, On-Site's Haunted House, and a continuation of the big brother program. I am hoping that a couple of the football players in the house will take part in the program because they could provide a positive role model for these underprivileged children.

As you can see, we have a busy philanthropy schedule planned for the next year. At our house elections in February, the brotherhood decided to make philanthropy a much more important part of our fraternity. I am going to make it my responsibility to make sure the energy and enthusiasm continue throughout this semester and into the fall. Wish us luck as we try to make this the best year yet for philanthropy.

Fraternally yours,  
Bill Schuerman '03  
Philanthropy Chair