

# The Alumni



# NOOSE

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## Chapter Makes Noteworthy Efforts In Philanthropy, Academics, Rush

For all DUs and their families, the brothers of 6 South send our deepest condolences to those who lost someone dear to them in the events of September 11. Thankfully, none of the undergraduate brothers lost family members, but many of their parents and family friends did suffer such losses. Those who sacrificed their lives to save the lives of others have our deepest respect and admiration.

There has been an awakening of sorts, and its effects are being felt at Cornell and Ithaca. The complacency that Americans felt prior to September 11 had been evident at DU; brothers were comfortable with their lives and did not often think about the roles they play as citizens of a larger community. This is no longer the case. We as a house are making a conscientious effort to change parts of our lives and to make Cornell and Ithaca better places. For instance, DU recently donated over \$1,000 to the Ithaca Youth Bureau to support the needy children in the area. These children are part of the One-to-One Program, which is very similar to the Big Brother Program offered by the YMCA. We donated another \$1,000 to the Families of Fire Fighters Fund. I do not know a person who would not like to have the heroism and selflessness of the fire fighters lost in New York. Nothing will bring back the husbands and fathers who were lost, but perhaps our small contribution will help to bring healing to some of those families.

On a brighter note, we are working to strengthen the fraternity in several areas, most notably academics. Our academic chair, Paul Kaufman, is working hand-in-hand with our academic adviser, Dr. J. Bruce Tracey, to develop an academic program to suit the needs of our brothers. The

recent revival of scholarship awards really sent a message to the brothers, and academic achievement is becoming a focus of the executive board.

Fall rush has been going well, and the efforts of the fall semester have been paying off. Many freshmen have been attending our events and spending time with the brothers. Much credit must be given to our rush chairs—John Buttermore, Nate Spitler, Ricky Rahne, and Pete Iverson—for all of their hard work and for the great

pledge class that seems to be taking shape.

This is my last letter as president of DU, so I would like to thank all of those who have given me this opportunity to become a better brother and a better man. Without the help of all the brothers I've lived with, I am not sure that my presidency would have been as successful. Never before had I met a bunch of guys who can tackle a problem from so many angles and help me to think "outside the box." As I make my way into the world with the rest of the class of '02, I will take with me a small piece of everyone here.

Finally, on behalf of the entire house, I'd like to thank Tony Murray and his dedicated alumni board. Tony has been a great asset to this house, and I hope he continues to make the undergraduates a part of his daily life. Tony's leadership and advisory style are proving to be a perfect fit for this house, and his first year as president of the alumni board should be commended.

I wish the best of luck to the graduating class and to our fellow undergraduates. Although we may travel far and wide, in our hearts we'll never be far from DU.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Lane '02  
Chapter President

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## Many DUs Return For Homecoming

Among the many alumni who returned to campus for this year's Homecoming were DUs from classes spanning the last 40 years as well as an impressive showing of recent graduates. At the tailgate, many of the younger brothers commented on how nice it was to see older alumni come back and spend time reminiscing about the good old days. After the game, a large crowd came back to the house for an excellent spread of hors d'oeuvres, fruits, and drinks prepared by our cook, Katherine Carroll, whose culinary expertise was much appreciated. Many alums also remarked about how nice the house looked.

The brotherhood spent the evening at the house, sharing stories and talking about everything from chapter issues to the undergraduates' futures. Older alumni shared knowledge and wisdom that may well prove useful for the undergrads. We thank our alumni brothers for making their way back to 6 South for this year's Homecoming, and we hope to see many more of you at next year's.

### *A note about giving...*

Enclosed with this *Noose* you'll find a letter from Alumni President Tony Murray reminding DU brothers who may be making tax-deductible, year-end gifts to Cornell that they can allocate all or part of those gifts to DU's Group Housing Fund. Gifts received by DU in this way are used to fund capital improvements to the chapter house.

The Cornell Delta Upsilon Association also receives gifts through its annual Roll Call. Not administered by Cornell, these funds are vitally needed as well. The income received through our Roll Call is used primarily to help fund some capital expenses in the house, bridge unanticipated shortfalls in undergraduates' budgets, the resident adviser, and alumni-related activities, including the annual retreat with the chapter's executive board.



Alumni President Tony Murray with the academic scholarship winners.

## Brothers Win Awards

These awards for the spring semester were presented at the September 23 house meeting: Joe Kellogg (freshman), highest GPA, \$500; Joe Kellogg (freshman), most improved GPA, \$500; Justin Stevens (junior), highest GPA, \$500; Nate Archer (sophomore), most improved GPA, \$500.

Brothers with a 3.5 or greater GPA were recognized with a "dinner out" from the alumni association. These brothers were Justin Ganderson, Doug Sargent, and Bill Schuerman.

Brothers who improved their GPA by .35 or more were also recognized with a "dinner out." These were Frank Amorese, David Belsky, Ryan Garcia, Pete Iverson, Ricky Rahne, and Pete Tiboris.

## Alumni Write

Keep in touch with ROBERT T. GIL-CR HIST '40 at 722 McKinley Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521 or at rtsr@webtv.net.

"Just returned with my wife of more than 50 years, Vera, from two weeks in Italy—a great time!" pens JAMES R. FARRELL '50 (Box 1399, Old Rt. #17, Livingston Manor, NY 12758; vera@catskill.net).

Writes DAVID W. PLANT '53, "The photo of the 1951 DUs brought back many wonderful memories. The personalities leapt out of the picture. I have retired from my law firm in New York City and am practicing as an arbitrator and as a mediator. Also, I am doing some teaching. All are welcome in our corner of paradise in New Hampshire (215 Little Lake Sunapee Rd., New London, NH 03257; dplantadr@aol.com)."

Please note this new address for JOHN A. COPLAND '59: 272 Crocus Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1H 6E7, CANADA.

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## Four DUs Show Exceptional Leadership

Certain brothers have gone well above the call of duty and are stepping up to the challenges that DU and Cornell have presented them. Their leadership is unquestionable, and the strength that they bring to this house makes DU a great place. Their recognition in the *Noose* is our way of saying "thanks for everything."

**Ryan Garcia** provides much of the motivational and spiritual fire that drives the house. In addition to his leadership as steward, Ryan seems especially skilled at analyzing and addressing difficult issues. As a result, brothers look to Ryan for advice and assistance with their problems, and most will say that Ryan is regarded as a fatherly presence at DU.

**Joe Kellogg** has demonstrated to all of us that academics and athletics can be successfully integrated into a college career. A winner of two scholarship awards, Joe was able to earn a 3.7 GPA and play football in the same semester. Brothers respect Joe, and his success in both endeavors has prompted many to redouble their own efforts.

**Bill Schuerman** has been the ideal Greek man. He is responsible for the revival of our philanthropic spirit and its positive effect on DU and Cornell. Bill has found causes that brothers enjoy giving to and has tapped the resources of this house to make a difference. Bill has also assumed the role of social chair and has put together a well-rounded social program while making sure all activities fall within university guidelines. Bill has also achieved academic success with a GPA of over 3.5 and continues to develop ideas for the future of DU.

**Bill Goodrich**, our systems chair, has devoted his time to bringing DU into the 21st century technologically. Bill has been making every floor of the house cable-modem accessible, and his efforts are making it easier for brothers to gain access to the Internet, which has become increasingly important at Cornell.

## House Treasury's In Great Shape

These past two semesters as treasurer have been very eventful. For the past year I have been working very closely with President Jon Lane '02 and our house accountant, Barb Kathan. We have encountered many pitfalls but have managed to get back on our feet each time we experienced a setback. For instance, in the spring semester of last year, two brothers decided to relocate from the house to apartments in Ithaca. This was unfortunate for the house, because we were faced with the challenge of making up for a considerable loss of revenue.

At first it looked like we would have to cut our social budget significantly. We did not want to do this, and we also did not want to place an assessment on each brother. So Jon and I sat down with Barb, and we were able to make significant budget cuts in other areas. In fact, according to Barb, this was one of the first years that we ended up with a profit at the end of the year.

Furthermore, by working closely with Philanthropy Chair Bill Schuerman '03, we decided that we were going to raise more money for the Ithaca Youth Bureau

from the proceeds of our annual clambake T-shirts on Slope Day. As philanthropy chair last year, I was able to raise \$1,000, but this simply was not enough. We were beginning to become a leader on campus in philanthropic activities, and it was time to move into the upper echelon.

Bill was able to raise over \$2,000. Moreover, by increasing his budget, we gave him the freedom to partake in more activities. Jon and I decided that even if Bill went over budget, we would make cuts somewhere else, because philanthropy is a top priority in this house. In the wake of the tragic events of September 11, we decided to give \$1,000 to the Ithaca Youth Bureau and the remaining \$1,000 to a fund for the New York Fire Department.

As treasurer of Delta Upsilon, I am happy to say that we are stronger than ever financially. I also feel that once I step down as treasurer in December, the next treasurer will take us one step further. Kudos to the brotherhood for making these past two semesters great.

Fraternally,  
Justin Ganderson '02, Treasurer

## DU Brothers Find Many Ways To Give Back To The

This semester has gotten off to a great start as we try to build on our successes of the spring. Undertaking significant philanthropy projects during the fall semester has usually been difficult for DU because of the high number of brothers playing football—but this fall we made it a goal to continue our community service efforts by asking the non-football players to participate in all our philanthropy events.

Our service efforts began in mid-September, as the brothers of DU made significant donations to the Ithaca Youth Bureau and New York State Firefighter Relief Fund. The funds donated to the Youth Bureau were raised through the hard work of brothers this past spring. We raised over \$1,000 selling clambake T-shirts to students and friends for our annual spring fundraiser held on Slope Day. To raise money for the Firefighter Relief Fund, the brothers voted to reallocate funds from our social budget. The entire brotherhood felt one party was a small price to pay to help support such a worthy cause. Our efforts were recognized on September 25 by *The Cornell Daily Sun*, which published an article highlighting these donations and our

other community service efforts here at Cornell.

Earlier in the semester, we participated in Kappa Alpha Theta's Tip-A-Canoe race at Beebe Lake, which raises money for the Ithaca Rape Crisis Center. All of the brothers had a great time racing canoes around Beebe Lake, as our two teams turned in some of the fastest times of the day.

This semester we have two projects planned with On-Site, a student agency that coordinates people and equipment to provide volunteer help in the community. The first project is a haunted house for the children of Ithaca. Last year, brothers from our house helped set up the haunted house and then dressed up as monsters to scare the kids. Our second On-Site effort will be a "pre-construction" project, which we'll tell you more about in the next *Noose*.

*Brothers at the Ithaca Youth Bureau with Alumni President Tony Murray and One-to-One Director John Bailey.*



As you can see, we have a busy philanthropy schedule this fall. Even though many of the brothers have time constraints, I feel this semester will be a success as we try to reach the high standards set last spring. As I said in last spring's *Noose*, the brotherhood decided to make philanthropy a much more important part of the fraternity. I am confident that our successes from spring semester will continue this fall. Wish us luck this fall, as we try to make this the best year yet for philanthropy.

Fraternally yours,  
Bill Schuerman '03, Philanthropy Chair

## In-House Brothers Enjoy Expanded Internet Access

The Internet has become a vital component of class work here at the university. Teachers are now using electronic media to post assignments, announcements, and other general notes for their classes. At the end of last school year, the fraternity provided Internet access on only the two house computers. The two-computer setup was very inefficient, and lines of brothers waiting to use the computers were not uncommon. As a result, many brothers became so unhappy with the Internet situation that they bought their own service.

At the beginning of this year the first attempts were made to expand Internet access at DU. A few personal computers on the upper floors were added to the network using ethernet cards. We also put the house printer on the network to allow brothers to print from their own computers. This network configuration is working successfully and is leading to additional computers continually being added to the house network.

William Goodrich has designed a plan for the future, which entails an Internet hookup for each room in the house, giving all brothers Internet access, printer capabilities, and file-sharing ability from the comfort of their rooms. In addition, the computers in the study room will be made into a Web server so the house can have its own Web page. House Adviser Dr. Bruce Tracey is coordinating this technology.

Most of the equipment has already been purchased, and it is just a matter of time before all computers are wired together. With advances in technology, the house's Internet connection should be comparable to that of the university within the next two years. In addition to the obvious academic applications, the technological upgrade at the house will allow for improvements in rush, alumni relations, and a multitude of chapter administrative tasks. Our hats are off to William Goodrich, whose hard work is giving our brothers the technological advantage that dormitory life has come to provide.

## Fall Rush Going Well Despite New Challenges

With all freshmen housed on North Campus this year, the DU brothers expected the fall rush effort to be more challenging than usual. We therefore put considerable thought, effort, and energy into our barbecues and other rush events—and so far we've had nothing but positive results. We expect the new class will be a strong and diverse one, and we look forward to introducing our newest members in the next issue of the newsletter.

One change this year that will help to promote academic responsibility among the new members will be scholarships awarded to the freshmen with the most improved grade point average. These scholarships have not been given in the past and are part of an effort to improve the house's academic standing. Our faculty adviser, Bruce Tracy, continues to be a valuable resource and mentor to any brother requesting assistance with his studies. His guidance is greatly appreciated.

Please note our new house phone number: 607/256-3281.

Fraternally,  
Peter Iverson '02, Rush Chair

## Alumni Send Us Their News

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The president of Corner Kick International, Inc., FRANK E. CUZZI '61 reports that he has begun developing a new sports management 20-course program at Hofstra University. "My textbook, *The Handbook of Integrated Sports Management, Marketing, and Leadership*, has been selling well." Drop Frank a line at 21 Stuyvesant Oval, #8E, New York, NY 10009 (fcuzzi@aol.com).

Write to TODD CLIST '64 at 39 River Club Dr., Hilton Head, SC 29926.

MATTHEW A. KLEIN '71 receives mail at 3450 S. Ocean Blvd., #606, Highland Beach, FL 33487 (matjesstic@aol.com).

DOUGLAS A. HERRON '72 lives at 6605 Highland Lakes Place, Westerville, OH 43082.

Send best wishes to JOHN M. HALLO-RAN '76 at jhallora@aol.com or at 70 Forest Ave., Orono, ME 04473.

Contact SCOTT A. MILLHOUSE '76 at 2000 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (smillhouse@mdbbe.com).

R. KEITH SEPESSY '80 recently moved to Dallas, where MedHost, Inc., consolidated its corporate and technical offices. The company develops and markets software for hospitals, specifically emergency departments. "If you or any member of your family has been frustrated by an experience at an emergency department," writes Keith, "you'll understand the need for products like ours." His new address is 5820 Sky Park Dr., Plano, TX 75093 (ksepepsy@medhost.com).

"I recently took a position as project director of sales and marketing for Marriott Vacation Club International in Orlando, Florida," writes STEPHEN M. GARRISON '85 (6532 Fairway Hill Court, Orlando, FL 32835; steve.garrison@vacationclub.com). "It's great to be working with other Cornell DUs, such as BRIAN MILLER '85, DAN AUTIELLO '85, DOM ALBANESE '86, ED UTZ '87, MERRILL YAVINSKY '88, and DONNY HOWELL '85, who is in Hawaii." Steve also keeps in touch with PAT HEALEY '85, MIKE HARTMANN '85, MARK ERAMO '85, MIKE CRAIG '85, and STEVE TAMASI '85.

Over Memorial Day Weekend, SCOTT A. ROSUCK '86 witnessed the wedding of his old roommate, DANIEL DEVINE '86. Other brothers in attendance were RICK GEORGE '86, DOM ALBANESE '86, VINNY FALVO '86, GEORGE CHUNG '86, STEVE GARRISON '86, DAN GILROY '86, DAVE O'ROURKE '87, MIKE CRAIG '85, and JIM SEKELSKY '89. "The bride was lovely," writes Scott, "and we were all wondering how 'The Forehead' got so lucky." Scott makes his home at 7149 Baxtershire Dr., Dallas, TX 75230.

When he wrote in the spring, RICHARD L. BALLEW '88 and his wife were expecting the arrival of their first child. He anticipated a busy summer because in addition to the birth of their child, they were going to move into the house they've been building at 437 27th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. "I see MIKE RAICH '88 regularly and met up with MATT SCHULTZ '89 in Menlo Park not too long ago. Both have little ones running around and are very busy." Send e-mail to Rich at rlb33@cornell.edu.

DAVID H. DASE '89 resides at 1461 Bel Air Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90077 (e-mail: dave.dase@gs.com).

Keep in touch with RANDALL V. EHR-LICH '89 at 63 W. 69th St., Apt. #2B, New York, NY 10023 or at retridoc@aol.com.

Drop a line to THOMAS R. KOBIN '90 at 38 Park St., Unit 20D, Florham Park, NJ 07932 (tkobin@chasanlaw.com).

"I have finally found a woman to put up with my antics," writes DAVID A. CASEY '91 (1045 W. Altgeld, B, Chicago, IL 60614). "Joan Quinn and I will be getting married this fall in Atlanta. Believe it or not, she has met many DUs and has not called off the engagement."

Write to PHILIP J. MAHONEY '91 at 24 Wood Way, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Pens KENNETH A. MARK '91, "I thoroughly enjoyed the DU New York spring dinner." He finished his fellowship in skin cancer surgery and cosmetic dermatology in June and joined a practice in Manhattan in August. Greet him at 243 West End Ave., #1603, New York, NY 10023; kam7@nyu.edu.

Plan to attend...

### DU's 2002 Spring Dinner!

Thursday, April 25, 2002  
The Cornell Club, 6 E. 44th St.  
New York, New York

To reserve your spot, contact  
Peter Vogel at 212/201-6194 or  
at peter@frictionfreetech.com.

A regional sales manager with VitalLink Business Systems, ERIC W. PENTTINEN '92 receives mail at 102 Revell Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146; epenttinen@vitallink.com.

We congratulate PETER M. REYNOLDS '92 on his April 28, 2001, marriage to Aimee Gayle Conner. "Those DUs in attendance included PETER VOGEL '92, DAVID CASEY '91, JOHN J. BLOEDORN '91, KEVIN MARCUS '92, MICHAEL TRIMARCO '92, TOM SECREST '91, BRENNAN DOYLE '92, "CHIP" STEVENS '92, DOUG GAMBLE '91, ERIC PENTTINEN '92, and GEOFFREY A. HILL '92." Send them best wishes at P.O. Box 1218, Demopolis, AL 36732 (preynolds@westal.net).

Reach DAVID A. PYKON '93 at 4634 Travis St., Apt. #335, Dallas, TX 75205 (pykon@yahoo.com).

A clinical instructor of orthopedic surgery at Yale University School of Medicine, PAUL M. SETHI '93 married Amy Mills in New York on August 4. His wedding was attended by KEVIN MARCUS '92, PETER VOGEL '92, MIKE LAWSKY '92, WALTER DAVIS '93, BRENNAN DOYLE '92, ROBERT DAWE '93, and MICHAEL TRIMARCO '92. Send congratulations to Paul and Amy at 15 Woodland Dr., Sands Point, NY 11050 (paulsethi@pol.net).

PATRICK D. CULLEN '96 and wife Cara have three children: Samuel (2), Peter (1), and infant Edith Mary. Write to them at 101 Central St., West Boylston, MA 01583; pcullen101@aol.com.

A guest services manager for Four Seasons—Las Vegas, BRAEDEN K. ZIEGLER '97 resides at 5055 W. Hacienda Ave., #2177, Las Vegas, NV 89118. His e-mail address is braeden10@aol.com.

Drop a line to THOMAS C. RICHARDS '00 at 2275 Gray Hwy., Apt. M-15, Macon, GA 31211 or at trichards91@hotmail.com.

### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of CHARLES A. ASHLEY '45 (July 6, 2001), RICHARD R. A. McCALL '48 (July 31, 2001), and JOHN H. NEVIUS '39 (January 15, 2001).

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