

The Alumni DU CU NOOSE



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Homecoming 2008: *Great Weekend, Great Time, Great People*

More than 100 alumni—including 85 from the classes of the 1970s—made Delta Upsilon's Homecoming Weekend 2008 the most successful in the history of the chapter.

Including undergraduate brothers and guests, more than 225 people attended the postgame reception at DU.

From Alaska, Hawaii, California, Texas, and other distant points, the DUs came for two days of activities, including an afternoon at the Fall Creek House, Friday night at Six South Ave., a Cornell

Football Association-DU tailgate party right outside the Crescent, an exciting Big Red upset over Yale, and the catered reception at DU.

View more than 250 pictures from the weekend on DU's new website—www.cornelldu.org.

The generosity of close to two dozen brothers made it possible for the weekend to be virtually free-of-charge to visiting alumni. This honor roll of sponsors included:

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1979: Dan Leonard, Norm Bartlett.

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A Message From the Alumni President

Dear Brothers,

In the last issue of the *Noose*, I referenced the success-challenge-success cycle that continues for DU. The success of our undergraduate brothers is well detailed in their articles in this issue.

An alumni success, which should have substantial long-term impact, is the establishment of our own website: www.cornelldu.org. Our greatest alumni success in recent history, by far, was the incredible Homecoming so many of us enjoyed in October!

At Saturday's Homecoming reception, I was struck by the word "success," but not the event-success of the reception or the weekend. What struck me was individual success. The collection of alumni on the back deck was a reminder of how much success our brothers have enjoyed since leaving Six South Avenue. Among the roughly 100 alums, there were leaders and heavy hitters in virtually every imaginable career field—education, politics, medicine, law, military, and all aspects of business. Equally obvious was the interpersonal success each of these brothers enjoyed in reuniting with classmates and in building friendships with older and younger DUs.

We can build from these successes in many ways: Surpassing Homecoming 2008's success in 2009 is an obvious objective. Events at other times of the year and in other cities can enable even more brothers to reunite and build relationships. (Who among you is interested in leading such an effort in Pittsburgh, Chicago, New



Undergraduate brothers gather at a DU retreat.

York City, etc.? Please contact me.)

Our individual successes and good fortunes can also be capitalized upon. We have the very real challenge of our capital campaign which is addressed below. Now for a few challenges.

Please enjoy the articles in this issue. Please consider how your successes can contribute and maintain the outstanding organization we all enjoy. Please consider a regional leadership role. Please plan ahead for Homecoming 2009. Please visit www.cornelldu.org and provide your e-mail address. And please contact me with any thoughts, suggestions, or ideas.

Fraternally,
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Capital Campaign Bottom Line

Our campaign committee is currently working with alumni who are considering leadership pledges of at least \$10,000 to join a great group of 25 alumni who have already made leadership contributions.

These DUs, along with another 20 who have made contributions, have brought us over halfway our \$1.3 million goal. We hope that additional individual alums or groups of alumni will put together commitments in the range of \$50,000 to \$250,000. This would allow the complete redesign and renovation of the lower level all-purpose room and transform the DU house into a magnificent two-level fraternal environment. (This project is a naming opportunity to honor the benefactors.)

We are at a critical stage of the capital campaign to achieve our vision for Six South Ave. and to assure our success before initiating the all-member canvass. But we're not there yet. If we have not contacted you for a leadership pledge and you are able to support

DU with a major contribution, please contact Tony Cashen '57 at acashen@earthlink.net or 518-392-0077.

If we do not achieve our \$1.3 million goal, we run the risk of drifting downhill in terms of the appeal of Six South Ave. for future undergraduates. The alumni who attended Homecoming were impressed with the appearance of the house, the quality of the undergraduates, and the dedication of our alumni leaders.

Six South Ave. is in good shape but is starting to look tired—particularly in comparison with other chapters on the Hill who are surpassing us in fundraising, such as Chi Psi (\$2.4M), Sigma Chi (\$2.2M), Psi U (\$2.0M), Phi Psi (\$1.6M), Theta Delt (\$4.0M), and Sigma Phi (\$4.0M).

DU is an institution we all want to preserve and keep competitive. We really need your financial pledge now. We're depending on you.

Please Make Sure We Have Your E-mail Address

Perhaps you have already responded. You should have received the postcard shown to the right that asked you to send your e-mail address to alumni@cornelldu.org.

You can still respond online, or you can fill out and return the enclosed postcard.

We plan to send you periodic e-news about the chapter and DU alumni to augment the Noose, which we will continue to mail to you but also make available online. This is a step toward forming a DU community and network which can serve DU brothers in many ways. If you have questions, let us know at alumni@cornelldu.org or fharwood@cpmcast.net.



Undergraduate President Reports on Strong DU

Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to another fantastic year at Six South Ave! As I write this letter, the leaves are just starting to fall around campus, and DU has already started the year off with unparalleled success.

At the DU International Leadership Institute in August, Cornell DU was recognized as a Seven Stars Sweepstakes Finalist for our outstanding performance and commitment to fraternity principles. Our annual operating report scored an unprecedented 100.33 percent rating—the best in North America for the second straight year. We also received the most certificates of achievement (10).

Chef Jesse Belton has made a big splash this semester. (*See article, page five.*) He brings fine cuisine and great company to our kitchen. Jesse has already stirred up the atmosphere with delicious meals that bond our community around the dinner table.

In September, the chapter hosted scores of alumni and families for a special Homecoming

weekend. The DU presence at Schoelkopf was unmistakable, as our island of gold and blue t-shirts stood out against a sea of carnelian and white. We saw old friends reunited with long-lost brothers, while alumni and undergrads rallied together around the strength of our chapter. Countless memories were shared—and a few new ones were made too. Expect this tradition to continue!

The dedicated men who call Six South home have continued to immerse themselves in campus life. Our brothers are leaders on campus—organizing fundraisers, promoting justice, and giving back to our community. We are musicians, athletes, artists, and scholars. As we approach DU's 140th anniversary on the Hill in 2009, we wear our letters with pride and strive to take our chapter to new heights every day.

Congratulations to everyone for kicking this year off right. I look forward to our continued success.

Dikaiia,
Matt Schapiro '10
Chapter President



Matt Schapiro '10 receiving Cornell's Seven Stars Trophy.

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The Pursuit of Excellence

The underlying goal of the chapter this school year has been the pursuit of progressing from a great house to the best house. Last year, the Cornell DU Chapter was recognized as one of the finest fraternities in the nation at the DU International Sweepstakes Ceremony.

For 2007-2008, DU was one of just four Cornell fraternities to receive the Outstanding Chapter Award and was one of only three fraternities to receive this award for the second consecutive year.

This type of success is only possible when the leaders of the house demonstrate the utmost commitment to our goals and encourage emulation by the entire brotherhood.

Our executive board has demonstrated positive and constructive behavior in leading by example and collectively the brotherhood has followed suit.

Attendance at brotherhood events, philanthropy fundraisers, cleanups,



DU brothers enjoying dinner before a chapter meeting.

setups, and social events has been impressive, but there is always room for improvement.

The executive and judicial boards seek to motivate every brother to give value to

his role in the house by increasing accountability.

Brendan McDonough '10
Vice President

DU Lays Groundwork for Strong Spring Rush

In order to conduct a successful rush, the brothers of Delta Upsilon emphasize making friends with freshmen first and then inviting them to our chapter house for various events, such as *Monday Night Football* and Thursday barbecues. These events allow rushes to interact with the brotherhood in a casual atmosphere and sample food from our terrific new chef, Jessie.

The brothers search for strong candidates who will help solidify DU's legacy as a great house on the Hill. In order to meet potential candidates, brothers have continued the tradition of playing basketball on North Campus (where all the freshmen live) instead of Noyes Recreation Center, which is a two-minute walk from the chapter house.

Additionally, brothers have been meet-

ing freshmen in classes, clubs (ROTC, club hockey), sports teams, dining halls, and, of course, the chapter house. The pride brothers take in our chapter has always been evident through the wearing of our Greek letters and our new DU hats, which serve to advertise our presence in all aspects of campus life. DU's success in intramural sports (undefeated in flag football and soccer) bolsters the image of our chapter on campus.

Our social events provide a terrific venue for meeting more freshmen. The large turnout at our parties has been the result of intense promotion around campus. Our social chair, Erik Munck '11, makes invitations for each sorority and personally delivers them.

Additionally, DU brothers exhibit their spirit on Saturday afternoons at

Schoellkopf Field. Brothers come to games in full force, wearing letters and cheering on fellow brother offensive lineman Josh Barvin and the rest of the Big Red football team.

This fall, Brandon Potter '09 and I helped organize "The Greeks on the Gridiron" competition on behalf of the Sports Marketing Group. DU had the highest attendance, and DUs won the exciting halftime wheelbarrow race, for which they were rewarded with two gift certificates for a date cruise.

Our chapter's success thus far positions us to recruit another strong pledge class during spring rush week. The legacy of excellence continues at DU.

Brian Polivy '10

Hitting the Books: DU Continues To Excel Academically

Among the 48 fraternities at Cornell during 2007-'08, DU academically ranked 14th for the fall semester and ninth in the spring semester, with GPAs of 3.336 and 3.380, respectively. This is a major accomplishment because many fraternities experience poor results in the spring semester—a phenomenon attributed to the distractions of pledging.

A number of DU brothers deserve special recognition for the spring '08 semester. Peter Schrafel '08 earned the

outstanding award for highest GPA in the brotherhood. Batu Illingi '10 had the most-improved GPA. In the recent pledge class, Justin Potter '11 earned the highest grades. Brendan McDonough '10 had the greatest improvement in his grades out of all pledges. Brendan's improvement proves that by exercising good time-management practices academic performance can be maintained and even be improved over the course of pledging.

Justin Potter '11, vice president of new member education, and I are currently examining our practices regarding academics and the pledge process. We will focus on time-management skills so that pledge GPAs will continue to rise. The DU study room is also a hotbed of teamwork and intellectual curiosity.

Casey Joyce '09
Vice President Scholarship

Steward's Report: DU Welcomes New Chef

The beginning of this semester marked a time of major change in the DU kitchen. Our new chef, Jesse Belton, has already proven to be a great addition to our house.

Jesse has impressed the brotherhood by his willingness to short order cook for breakfasts and grill burgers through inclement weather. He has also brought originality to our menu by drawing on his previous restaurant experience. Dishes such as chicken divan, a homemade curry dish, Cornell barbecue chicken quarters, and a delicious pot roast have all become staple dinners at the house.

Here is a message from Jesse:

"I am a father of three, a husband, and I can now add Delta Upsilon chef to that list. I live in Homer, New York (25 miles east of Ithaca), where I own a home with my wife, Bernadette. I have more than 20 years of experience in the restaurant business, starting when I was 18 in my mother's restaurant in Ithaca."

DU, Theta Team Up For Philanthropy

The brothers of Delta Upsilon teamed up with the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta on September 13 to help host the annual Tip-A-Canoe fundraiser on Beebe Lake to benefit Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children, a fantastic local charity.

The event featured canoe races throughout the day, badminton and volleyball matches, and a barbecue run entirely by the brothers of DU. The entire brotherhood participated. Despite some rain, more than 40 teams showed up for the event.

On October 30, the two houses again teamed-up for DU's annual Haunted House for Ithaca children's groups. The entire ground floor of the house was turned into a house of horrors, with even more surprises on the second and third floors. All of the proceeds of the event will be donated to the Ithaca Youth Bureau, another wonderful local charity.

The Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council Annual Report listed

Through the years, I have worked in many different environments but none more intriguing than the one I currently find myself in. This job is challenging and rewarding in ways that no restaurant job could ever be. My daily interaction with the brothers around the kitchen table has allowed me to get to know each brother.

I was brought into this house to make fresher, healthier food. I embrace those ideas wholeheartedly and so do the brothers. There are always fresh fruit and vegetables available to go along with each dish. I pride myself on home-style fresh cooking by limiting my use of canned and frozen ingredients. I look forward to being a part of Delta Upsilon for years and years to come."

Jesse and I hold open meetings each week to hear menu suggestions and general feedback from the brotherhood. We use this input to plan dishes that are both healthy and satisfying for the entire brotherhood. We



Chef Jesse Belton cooking with steward Luke Mishrell '10.

also strive to keep the DU kitchen a model of sanitation in the Greek community. We look forward to savoring more of Jesse's delicious dishes in the coming months.

Luke Mishrell '10
Steward



Brothers on the shores of Beebe Lake at the Tip-A-Canoe philanthropy.

DU second in community service hours and first in advocacy hours during 2007-2008. DU devoted a combined total of 1,976 hours to philanthropic activities, compared with a median of 175 hours for Cornell's 45 fraternities.

Douglas Cassady '11



Homecoming 2008, continued

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SOME TYPICAL RESPONSES TO THE WEEKEND

"A really impressive weekend. We will be talking about that reunion for years."

"It was like old times...as usual, the time went by fast."

"What a weekend! And the house looks great!"

"I've never seen the house look better."

"A fantastic time."

"We had a blast!"

"A special success. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience, and my wife, who had never met anyone in attendance, had a ball. The house looked spectacular, and as a former house manager, I tended to check out many of the smaller details and I was totally impressed. The pride in the house was evident everywhere I looked, and it renewed my sense of pride as well."

To see so many of my pledge class and the turnout of so many others was heartening. It made 38 years seem to dissolve. The cocktail party was over the top, and seeing so many of us all in the same place together, laughing and remembering the craziness of our younger days at DU and catching up on our lives was inspiring."

"Homecoming 2008 was a fantastic opportunity for the DU alumni to catch up, spend time together, meet spouses, etc. In addition, the current brotherhood is certainly up to the DU standards we alums love about DU! Thank you all for your efforts. It certainly worked—from the cocktail party kickoff at Fall Creek House to Friday afternoon on the back porch to Saturday's tailgate and game, then the DU 'happening' on Saturday afternoon! Wow...what a great time. I plan on coming back at least twice more this year. Proud to be a DU!"



Class of 1970.



Class of 1971.



Class of 1972.



Class of 1973.



Class of 1974.



Class of 1975.



Class of 1979.



Class of 1976.



Class of 1977.



Class of 1978.

More scenes from Homecoming 2008



Classes of the '50s and '60s.



Current undergraduates with a few 1980s brothers.

And a Look at Reunion 2008



Brothers and friends gather for a photo during Reunion.

News from DU's Military Alumni

MICHAEL LAMB '91

In June, Randy Shayler '72 heard from Michael Lamb '91.

"I just received my Spring 2008 *Alumni Noose*, and I thought you might get a kick out of these pictures; perhaps they can make there way to the next issue. Lt Cmdr, USN, Jason Baltimore '90 and I met up at Al Faw palace (one of Saddam's old digs that the military appropriated shortly after the invasion) a few weeks back to reconnect and share a meal. I'd like to say we both decided to rent a little cottage by the Tigris for the summer, but alas, we're here trying to

JAY PAXTON '73.....

The chapter was honored this fall when USMC Lieutenant General John M. 'Jay' Paxton Jr. '73 and his wife, Debbie ('75 AB, '77 BSN), attended Homecoming.

This was his first Big Red football game since he left Cornell and only the third time he has been back on campus—the other two for Debbie's 25th reunion and for a b-school leadership lecture in 2002.

In a recent e-mail, Jay expressed what a pleasure it was to return to Ithaca, DU, and Schoellkopf. "During the two previous times I returned to campus, I did see some of our great class of '75—Mark Kamon, Joe Pierce, Jim Seeley, Mark Dewey, Scott Keenum, Jack Brewster, and others—and again in fall of 2002, where I caught the tail end of the 150s alumni game with Mark Clemente. This Homecoming



Paxton '73.

help Iraq get it together. JB was my big brother back in the day, and it was magnificent seeing him again. He is an attorney in the Navy, responsible for detainee operations. I'm putting my hotelie degree to work providing for the creature comforts of military personnel in Baghdad.

JB just redeployed to his regular assignment in Rota, Spain, last week, back to the loving arms of his gorgeous bride, Dianna, and their two daughters. I'm headed back to Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Florida, in September to wife, Patti, and my two kids."

Weekend was a blast, particularly to see 'old' mates from '70 and '71—like Santo Laquatra, Frank 'Games' Bennett, Tom Leonard, and Rick Furbush—and the strong class of '72—Bob 'Grease' Mauro, Tom Guba, Tim 'Rookie' Rowlands, Randy Shayler, Dan 'Brillo' Miller, Bill 'Pop-Man' Sodemann, Jack Cushing and many more.

I could go on about '74 and '75, as well as my '73 roomie Mal 'Moe' McLaren. (We wore Big Red shirts provided by Johnny 'Hog' Magill.) My continued admiration and thanks to Kevin Bruns, Randy Shayler, and others who made the weekend possible and to those who keep the chapter vibrant and hence the next generation flourishing. I look to see DUs 'Far above Cayuga's Waters' again soon. Best wishes, and Semper Fidelis, Jay."

Jay recently returned from Baghdad, where he served as chief of staff for Multi-National Force Iraq.



Tony Cashen '57

At the Greek Awards Ceremony in April 2008, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs announced the naming of the Anthony B. Cashen '57 Greek Fellows Mentoring Program and, as a result, recognized one of the Greek community's biggest champions.

Tony Cashen, a Delta Upsilon fraternity brother, has served as the chair of the Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council since its inception and continues to serve in this role with unparalleled enthusiasm and dedication.



Lamb '91 and Baltimore '90 in Iraq.



Paxton '73 at Homecoming 2008.

Before that, he was commanding general, First Marine Division. Jay now serves in the Pentagon as director for operations, J-3, joint staff.

Cashen Greek Fellows Mentoring Program

As Travis Apgar, Robert G. Engel associate dean of students, stated at a reception in Tony's honor held after the announcement: "I cannot think of a better person after whom to name a mentoring program. Tony has inspired many Greek leaders and alumni through his personalized interaction, care, and example. He has mentored many on what lifetime membership in a Greek organization means."

DU ALUMNI WRITE

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Austin H. Kiplinger '39 writes, "Have recently traveled to Ireland and will be visiting Madagascar. Saw old roommate **Art Poirer Jr. '39** at his birthday party in Walnut Creek, California, back in March. And watched my granddaughter, Daphne, graduate from the College of Human Ecology this May. "Keep in touch with Austin at 16801 River Rd., Poolesville, MD 20837; akiplinger@kiplinger.com.

Fred M. Howell '52 writes, "I was sorry to read of the deaths of my good old friends Erich 'Fritch' Weber '51 and Jim Rice '51, as well as the notice of my dearly beloved brother, Alan Howell '50. I refreshed old acquaintance with Nels Schaenen '50 at Alan's funeral. Add sadness to sadness, when my sister, Alibeth, died one month after Alan and my sister-in-law, Ruth, died one week later. This leaves me as the only survivor of my own family, whose grandfather, uncle, father, and two brothers, and mother attended Cornell. My father, Sidney, along with me and Alan, was also a DU." Write to Fred at 377 Horseshoe Bend Cir., Cocoa, FL 32926.

"I now live in Florida in the winter and France in the summer," writes **Allison C. Danzig '54**. "My home in France is about 30 miles west of Paris." Write to "Duke" at 126 Leland Way, Apt. M12, Marco Island, FL 34145.

Stephen F. Price '78 writes, "Recently met up with David Newton '78, Tim Guba '80, Tom Lally '77, Dan Heffernan '77, John Creahan '81, Angelo Tramontelli '80, Don Strang '80, Bill Seward '78, and Ken

Veenema '77 in New Hampshire for the 30th 'Dillweed.' Same stories but funnier. In Jackson, all is well. My company now manages three hotels and two restaurants. Daughter Ryann is in Boston working. Sons Stevie and Wyatt are headed to first grade. Life is sweet." Keep in touch with "Priceless" at P.O. Box 4780, Jackson Hole, WY 83001; sprice@springcreekranch.com.

"Still working as director of sales for Marriot Vacation Club here in Orlando," writes **Stephen "Walt" Garrison '85**. "The seven years in Orlando have been great. Work with **Dan Autiello '85** in same office. Get to hang with **Brian Miller '85** and **Damiano Albanese '86** and **Derek Baum '88** once in a while. Dam and family are living in Singapore as Dam develops the Marriot program there. Recently visited **Michael Craig '85** at his well-renowned Washington Inn Restaurant in Cape May, New Jersey. If you are ever in the area, you must stop in. You are definitely in for a treat! My family is doing well. My daughter, Carly, is a rising senior in high school and is being recruited to play lacrosse in college. She earned Honorable Mention All-American in her junior year. Kristy is in seventh grade and plays lacrosse as well." Write to Walt at 6532 Fairway Hill Ct., Orlando, FL 32835; steve.garrison@vacationclub.com.

David A. Casey '91 writes, "Joan and I welcomed Bridget Quinn and Peter Albert Casey into the world on June 4, 2008." Send David congratulations at 84 Peachtree Hills Ave., Atlanta, GA 30305; david.casey@newellco.com.

KIPLINGER HONORED

Austin Kiplinger '39 is a trustee emeritus and a presidential counselor. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1989 and is currently emeritus chairman. A bench was dedicated honor in front of McGraw Hall in Austin's honor on May 24, 2008.



Austin relaxing on his bench.

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"My wife, Misty, gave birth to our son, Thomas Cole Richards, on July 23, 2008," writes **Thomas C. Richards '00**. For an update on the Richards family, write to "T-Bone" at 752 Wimbish Rd., Macon, GA 31210; trichards9@hotmail.com.

Keirian A. Brown '01 writes, "Worked one year in New York City, one year in Puerto Rico, one year in Dominican Republic, and two years in Atlanta, Georgia. Started two companies: Antares Enterprises and Cellular Salvage. Starting third year of law school next month at the University of Indiana with plans to work at a law firm in Indianapolis after graduation." E-mail Keirian at keibrown@indiana.edu.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of:

John G. O'Donnell '39

Robert T. Gilchrist '40

William A. Koch '49

Paul J. Faranda '80

REMEMBERING JAN CONRAD

We are saddened to report that Jan Conrad, the Cornell project manager for our chapter house renovations, passed away on May 28, 2008. He was 71.



We first met Jan in early 2002, when he was assigned to work with us restoring Six South Ave. He was a great "DU-type" guy. However, Jan was much more than just the Cornell project manager. He was special and became a great friend.

Jan met, established friendship with, and cared about many DU brothers—both alumni and undergrads. He was a big sports enthusiast, always talking about some recent Cornell game. He lived in Spencer, New York, where he and his wife, Iva, raised their family. He was an active supporter of the school athletic programs.

In keeping with his family's wishes, DU contributed to the S-VE Booster Club in Jan's memory. He was truly a wonderful person and a real friend of Cornell DUs.