

# The Alumni



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## A Letter From the Chapter President

Brothers,

I'd like to thank everyone who made the trip back to 6 South Avenue in October to take part in the 140th anniversary of Delta Upsilon at Cornell. It was a wonderful reunion of older alumni and recent graduates. After the game, Saturday concluded with a catered reception in the dining room, featuring entertainment provided by Cayuga's Waiters.

Facing a number of challenges carried over from last year, we needed to get off to a strong start to the fall semester. Our focus as a chapter has been to realign ourselves with our values, and to enhance our relationships within the Cornell community for the '09-'10 academic year.

Our progress started at the 175th An-



*Steve Gravani '12, Bryan Murray '12, and Doug Cassidy '11 with DU President Bernard Franklin, Kansas State '75, at Williams College in August 2009.*

niversary DU International Leadership Institute in Albany and at Williams College. It was an inspirational and excellent learning experience for Bryan Murray '12, Steve Gravani '12, and me. We got acquainted with DU President Bernard Franklin, Kansas State '75, and took to heart his inspiring call to become an organization of "high expectations; to be relevant to undergraduate men." The conference also gave us a chance to spend quality time with Randy Shayler and our alumni team.

The momentum intensified at our annual all-chapter retreat in August 2009 at the ornithology lab's conference facility. The next day, the e-board met with alumni for a lunch meeting at the Statler.

The discussion and planning helped position our chapter management team for success.

Most of the changes have come from within; as a chapter, we have adopted a sense of transparency in both our judicial and executive affairs. It has been a focal point of mine to make sure that, as a group and brotherhood, each member's voice is heard, and that decisions are made collectively. From our chapter retreat, we have united as a group to improve our chapter and promote involvement, something we are proud of.

Together, we look forward to an excellent new member class in January and our opportunities during 2010. Thanks once again to all of our great alumni for their support and guidance.

Dikaia,  
Doug Cassidy '11  
Chapter President



*E-board meeting with alumni at the Statler.*



*All-chapter retreat in August at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.*

## Alumni Officers

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John Seiler '57

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# Urgent Appeal From Our Alumni President

Dear Brothers,

This letter is an urgent appeal for your support of our DU capital campaign. While elsewhere in this issue of the *Noose*, you will read about the continuing success of our undergraduate chapter and recognition earned by our alumni, we need your response now to the financial requirements of the chapter.

As you know, in 2003 we undertook a major, necessary renovation of the 6 South Avenue chapter house to provide structural, technological, and surface improvements. This effort was financed through a loan negotiated with the university. Our capital campaign was established to repay this obligation, as well as to provide for additional improvements.

Handicap access to the first floor, a first-floor lavatory, and upgrades to the basement general-purpose room are among the additional improvements included in the campaign, to be completed as our funding allows. Repayment of the university loan, however, is both critical and even more urgent.

Our current outstanding loan balance is \$225,000. Although this is about \$800,000 lower than the initial loan amount—thanks to generous donations to date by many of our brothers, and due to the tireless efforts of Brother Tony Cashen and his campaign committee for the past six years—we continue to require \$5,266.22 each month to repay our obligation.

I therefore ask you, even in this difficult economic and investment environment, to make as



generous a contribution as possible this year. All contributions to Cornell University account #279004 are tax-deductible and earn Cornell Tower Club, class, and class reunion credit. You can contribute online via [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org) or return your check in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for both your immediate and continued support as we look forward to continuing our 140-year tradition of DU excellence at Cornell.

Fraternally,  
Randy Shayler '72  
Alumni Association President



## DU ARCHIVES PROJECT

*Tony Cashen '57, Ron Decker '55, Kevin Bruns '79, and others have uncovered a treasure of DU historical documents, dating back to 1869—before the chapter was even founded! What they've learned (and shared with many at Homecoming and the NYC reception) is extraordinary. Barton Hall was named after a DU; Comstock Hall, too. Not one, but two presidents of Stanford University were Cornell DUs. Discussions are under way on how best to present and preserve these records—look for more details in the next Noose or at [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org).*

## DU International Awards Founders Medals to Three Cornell Alumni

*The Founders Medal recognizes brothers who have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and inspirational service to a Delta Upsilon chapter. Recipients of the Founders Medal embody the spirit of Delta Upsilon's ideals, follow the example set by our founding fathers, and exemplify the traits of a true DU man. Here are the remarks of DU Chairman Bill Messick at the annual awards luncheon on July 25, 2009.*

"Our final presentation this afternoon affords us a great privilege to witness the fraternity's honoring of individuals for their long-time dedication to the fraternity and their chapter with the esteemed Delta Upsilon Founders Medal. This award is now the highest honor that the international fraternity can bestow upon a DU alumnus for volunteer service to an individual chapter. The award celebrates those brothers whose service to the fraternity brings great honor to the fraternity through undying loyalty and volunteer service to a chapter. The naming of the medal symbolizes our tie to our heritage and stands as a tribute to the founding brothers of

Delta Upsilon.

"The men who receive this honor are not just awarded a medallion and certificate of recognition, but they are also permanently enshrined in the hallowed halls of the fraternity Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, where their name will live on forever.

"Volunteers are a commodity; a rarity. Even rarer are those alumni that commit themselves to Delta Upsilon for a lifetime. Today we have an extremely rare opportunity to honor three such brothers with this high honor. And to top it off, they will all be presented as a complete surprise.

"Normally, we would present this award individually but under this particular circumstance, a different approach is more fitting, for none of these recipients can really be mentioned in one sentence without the other. One might say that these three are DU's version of the 'Three Musketeers.' Nonetheless, the dedication that they show to DU and to their chapter is absolutely unparalleled. They've been the ones who over the last several years have been the mechanics that have kept the chapter's engine running, oiled the gears, and given a chapter tune-up when needed. They have been rock-solid for their chapter for many years, and even when they say they've stepped away from the day-to-day action, they still continue to maintain contact with the goings-on of the chapter. They are living proof that once DU is in your blood, you can never walk away completely.

"Their names are virtually synonymous with each other, and certainly with their chapter. When you hear the words 'Cornell Chapter,' you immediately think of these three brothers.

**"Brothers and guests, it is my privilege to present the DU Founders Medal to the 'Three Musketeers' of the Cornell Chapter: Brothers Tony Cashen, Tony Murray and Fred Harwood."**



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## Nels Schaenen Jr. '50 Receives the Delta Upsilon Distinguished Alumni Award

*The award was presented by Brother Maurice S. Mandel, Chicago '55, at the NYC 175th Anniversary Celebration event in New York City on November 4, 2009.*

*The Delta Upsilon Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor that the fraternity bestows upon an individual. The award recognizes and honors those individuals who have given an extraordinary and inspirational amount of service to Delta Upsilon through their gifts of time, talent and treasure. It honors those who are a model for others. It honors those who truly care about this great fraternity.*

“Brothers in Delta Upsilon: Tonight, we are not only afforded a great opportunity to witness DU history in the making, but we have, at last, an opportunity to formally recognize one of our brothers who is extremely important to this fraternity.



“January 12, 1947, the Delta Upsilon Fraternity was indeed fortunate, when Brother Nelson Schaenen Jr. recited the oath of initia-

tion with the Cornell Chapter, thereby cementing his membership in the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

“Brother Schaenen first attended Cornell in the fall of 1946 to pursue a bachelor

of arts degree. As he put it, ‘Returning from the service at the end of World War II, I entered Cornell University. It was the only institution of higher education to which I had applied, both my father and uncle having attended there.’ No doubt that we can thank both his father and his uncle not only for giving him the direction to go to Cornell, but also for also influencing his decision to join the fraternity. Both Nelson Schaenen Sr., Cornell '23, and Lee Schaenen, Cornell '27, were members of Delta Upsilon. As a legacy, Brother Schaenen probably had no choice but to join DU. While at Cornell DU, he earned the respect of his peers and was elected chapter president in 1950. The Cornell tradition would continue in later years, with his daughter Wendy graduating from Cornell in 1979, and his son Doug in the Cornell class of 1982.

“After earning his bachelor of arts and his MBA from Cornell, he began a successful 11-year career in investment banking before moving into investment management. In 1962, he cofounded the investment management firm of Brokaw, Schaenen, Clancy & Co., which was later acquired by Weiss, Peck & Greer in 1974. As a partner with this very successful investment and venture capital firm, Nels enjoyed a lengthy career, from which he retired after a career of over 40 years of service to a wide variety of institutional and individual investors.

“Despite his busy schedule and successful career, though, he never forgot DU.

“During the time I was an undergraduate,’ he wrote, ‘a frequent visitor to the chapter was Bert Antell, Cornell '28, who later served seven terms as a vice president

on the fraternity’s international board of directors. I found him to be a positive force in my life and, I would guess, in the lives of the other undergraduate chapter members.’

“So, we can also likely thank Bert Antell for Brother Schaenen’s future involvement in the fraternity, as well as Brother Schaenen’s father, who served as a director of the fraternity board and was one of the great builders of the fraternity’s endowment, the permanent trust fund. Once again, Nelson had little choice but to say ‘yes’ when called upon to serve the fraternity, which he did happily under his own power.

“Regarding his DU experience, Nelson would later write: ‘I found living together with my DU brothers in the Cornell Chapter to be a very beneficial living and learning experience. That is one reason why I have continued to be a supporter of Delta Upsilon both at Cornell and at the international level.’ And give back, he has.

“Brother Schaenen provided sound financial and investment advice to the fraternity and foundation for more than 20 years. In addition to his DU service, he was an active trustee of Cornell University from 1971 to 1995, chaired the investment and executive committees, and currently serves as vice president of the New York Downtown Hospital’s Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Nancy, have both been involved with the Morris Museum, which is the third-largest private museum in New Jersey.

“Together they also endowed the visiting scholar program at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where Nancy graduated from in 1951.

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*First row: John Belknap '68; Tyson Stutz '06; Tony Cashen '57; Bob Verna '68; Tony Murray '60. Second row: Alex Rosenblum '09; Frank Cuzzi '61; Matt Schapiro '09; Lance Polivy '08; Dan Scellen '06; Randy Shayler '72; Nels Schaenen '50; Nancy Schaenen; Jesse DeSalvo '05; Matt Dietly '06. Additional DUs who attended: Todd Knowles '45, Ben Berner '50, John Keefe '50, Bill Sharman '50, Walt Harrison '52, Jim Cashen '54, Bill Waters '54, Bob Safford '56, Frank Clemens '62, Clark Halstead '62, Bill Schenkel '66, Mark Clemente '73, Kevin Bruns '79, Doug Schaenen '82, John Hock '90, Tom Kobin '90, Brandon Ziegler '97, Rob Morelli '99.*



## Marine General to be Career Day Motivator

*Excerpts from cornellbigred.com.*

A man who built a distinguished career leading tough men, Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John M. "Jay" Paxton Jr., B.S. '73, M.Eng. '74, will join a notable array of mentors at the Cornell Football Association's fifth annual Career Day at Schoellkopf this spring.

Gen. Paxton is director for operations, J-3, of the Joint Staff, which assists the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in accomplishing his mission. He was previously chief of staff for Multinational Force Iraq in Baghdad and, before that, commanding general of the First Marine Division.

A member of Cornell's 1969 freshman and 1970 varsity football teams, he also learned enough lacrosse at Cornell to play midfield and defense with the '71 national champs, says coach Richie Moran. Paxton is listed in the 1970 football program as a defensive back, wearing number 15, standing 6 feet 2 inches and 175 pounds, from Broomall, Pennsylvania. Many of "the good things you

do with the Marines you might have learned playing football and lacrosse on Schoellkopf," he says.

His Delta Upsilon brothers of yore, like Mark "Wheels" Clemente '73, remember him from his days as president of the DU pledge class, and later, house president. The brothers were prescient, says Wheels. "He had a military haircut and we all called him 'General' even then." Some amended that to "General Rughead," in view of the buzz cut he preferred to shoulder length hair in an era of flower power and flowing locks. Brother John Moresko '72 says word around DU was that Paxton joined the Corps "so he could let his hair grow longer." It was indeed unusual for students of that time, but, Moresko adds, "Paxton was definitely squared away to say the least. And all the house—and his teammates—loved him," says Clemente.

Paxton's roommate, Malcolm McLaren (DU '73), captain of the lightweight football team, who will also participate in Career Day 2010, says the future general was "the ultimate good



*Marine Corps Lt. Gen. John M. "Jay" Paxton Jr. '73.*

guy, a nice guy who was made to be a Marine."

DU brother Randy Shayler '72 recalls Homecoming 2008 back on the hill. "How's business," Paxton was asked. "Booming," he replied.

## Distinguished Alumni Award



*Schaenen with Maurice Mandel.*



*Classmates Schaenen, Bill Sharman, Ben Berner, and John Keefe, all class of '50.*

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"It is extremely rare to find an individual who shares and gives back much of what he has both learned and earned to where it is needed most. Such actions are the mark of a true DU. Nelson Schaenen is no exception. We would be hard-pressed to find one who is more committed to the values and ideals of DU, who genuinely displays his time, care, and concern for our leaders of tomorrow, and whose dedication and spirit of giving knows no boundary.

"Brother Schaenen's success in his ca-

reer, his philanthropic spirit, and his commitment to Delta Upsilon are just three of the many reasons that make him worthy of the fraternity's highest honor, the Delta Upsilon Distinguished Alumni Award. This award has been presented to the likes of many great and inspirational DU brothers: Dr. Linus Pauling, Oregon State '22, the only man to win two Nobel Prizes single-handedly; Herbert Brownell, Nebraska '24, who served as attorney general under President Eisenhower; Charles Evans Hughes, Colgate and Brown 1881, among other things the former chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and col-

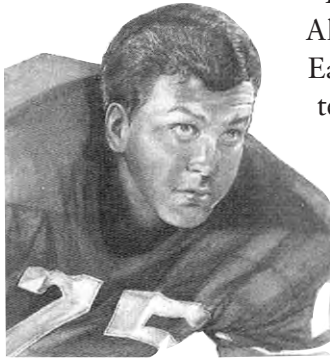
lege football Coach Lou Holtz, Kent State '58, to name a few, have been so honored.

"To date, nearly 150,000 men have been initiated into Delta Upsilon, but only 64 DUs have received this honor. Tonight, we are extremely proud to make it 65. I can already hear the echoing applause of Nelson's colleagues as we announce that Delta Upsilon has chosen him to receive this award... an award much deserved, and proudly given.

"Fellow brothers, invited guests, it is my privilege to present the Delta Upsilon Distinguished Alumni Award to Brother Nelson Schaenen Jr., Cornell '50."

## Two DUs Inducted Into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009

### CRAIG LAMBERT '72 FOOTBALL



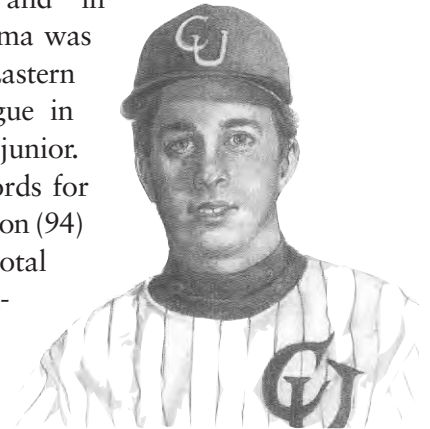
Lambert was a first-team All-Ivy and second-team All-East pick in 1971. The team's offensive tackle during the Ed Marinaro '72 era, many teammates credit him as the key to the College Football Hall of Famer's highly successful running game. Bill Ellis '72 said, "Craig was a very

quiet player; he went about his job and never complained that he was expected to open a hole for Ed (Marinaro) against all 11 defensive players stacked on the line of scrimmage in front of him."

*Craig Lambert has served on the Cornell advisory board of the Center for Hospitality Research. Since 2007, he has been senior vice president of asset management at Inland American Lodging Advisors in Orlando.*

### KENNETH R. VEENEMA '77 BASEBALL

Veenema was named to the All-Ivy and Coaches All-Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League first-team as a second baseman in 1977, when Cornell won the E1BL championship and participated in the NCAA Northeast regional tournament. He was named to the District II All-Star second team and the Upper New York Association of Coaches All-Star team. He was an All-Ivy and All-EIBL second-team pick as a first baseman in 1976. He led the team in hitting in 1976 (.372) and in 1977 (.373). Veenema was runner-up in the Eastern Intercollegiate League in batting (.459) as a junior. He set Cornell records for season hits (56), season (94) and career (191) total bases, career doubles (27), and tied the career triples mark (9).



*Ken Veenema is in the front row, far left.  
Craig Lambert is in the back row, second from right.*



*Dr. Ken Veenema is an expert in the treatment of sports-related emergencies. He is also the team physician for Rochester Institute of Technology. Ken was a 10th-round draft choice for the Chicago Cubs, and played several years of professional baseball before enrolling in medical school at Columbia University.*

## DU Welcomes Four New Brothers

Delta Upsilon has its first fall pledge class in two years. Our four new members, sophomores Trevor Ricker, Bill Kuzara, and Pat Lewicki, and junior Mike Lopez, are great additions to the brotherhood.

Mike and Pat are both members of the baseball team, continuing the recent tradition of baseball players in Delta Upsilon. We hope to build on this tradition in the spring class of new members. Bill and Trevor, both friends of the current sophomore class, wanted to rush last spring, but were unable to do so at the time.

The pledge process changed a little this year due to new university sanctions for houses whose pledge classes experience a drop in grades. As a result, DU has taken measures to ensure that our pledges maintain their academics while pledging. Among them was the creation of a calendar listing all the pledges' major tests and papers. This allowed the brotherhood to know when pledges needed to spend less time at the house and more time in the library. It also helped me, as the new member educator, to ensure no pledge events conflicted with classes.



*Left to right: Mike Lopez '11, Randy Shaylor '72, Trevor Ricker '12, Pat Lewicki '12, Doug Cassidy '11, and Bill Kuzara '12.*

Overall, this process worked well, and our four pledges were able to maintain their academics while meeting all of the demands of pledging.

The pledge process is meant to help

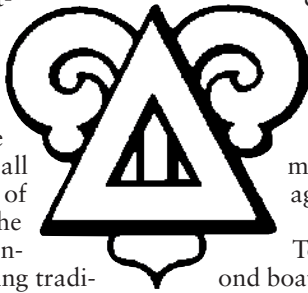
new members become part of a brotherhood, and that is what we accomplished this semester.

Matthew Scherer '11  
VP New Member Education

## Continuing a Tradition of Excellence in Athletics

This year has represented another great start to athletics both on an individual and fraternity-wide basis. While Delta Upsilon no longer has a large number of varsity football players, it remains an athletic house with many varsity athletes across several sports. Traditionally, DU has had members on the varsity and sprint football teams. With the recruitment of Bryan Murray '12 in the spring, we were able to rekindle one of those long-standing traditions. Murray has had a standout year in sprint football, starting all five games from the defensive tackle position and recording 20 tackles, four tackles for a loss, and 2.5 sacks.

Several brothers are in full preparation for their seasons to begin. Brother Mike Carroll, left-handed pitcher for the baseball team, was unable to participate in fall ball following surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff. However, fall pledges Pat Lewicki '12 and Mike Lopez '11 were able to play. Lewicki, a lefty reliever



out of the bullpen, further impressed coaches following his freshman season when he posted a 1.96 ERA out of the pen. Lopez, vying for the starting catcher job, impressed coaches with his strong arm and command behind the plate, as well as his dedication in the batting cage, where his improvement included a 2-4 game against nearby rival Cortland.

Darragh Brady and John Tomasulo compete on the second boat for the crew team. Karl Delaroach '12 is a member of the track team.

Beside our varsity athletes, several DUs compete at the club level in various sports. President Doug Cassidy '11 is starting goalie of the club hockey team and has anchored a powerhouse squad that is looking to recapture back-to-back championships. So far, Doug and the hockey team seem to be well on their way towards capturing that cup. They have started the season 5-0-0, and Doug has been stellar behind net, posting an

unprecedented 2.25 goals against average. Jeff Kaufman '10 and Gabe Gershenfeld '11 are one win away from clinching their division for club water polo. Captain and goalie Kaufman assumed leadership of the team, and Gershenfeld was voted president. Simon Taranto '10 and Matt Mullery '12 are on the rugby squad. Matt Mullery also enjoys success at the club lacrosse level. DUs are clearly making an impact across campus.

In addition to varsity and club athletes, there are many talented ex-high school athletes in DU who chose to compete in fraternity intramurals. While some fraternities may take intramurals lightly, DU is certainly not one of those houses, often forming multiple squads for every sport. The flag football "A" team, anchored by safety/wideout Erik Jerrard '10 and defensive line all-star Dan Sanchez '11, played shutdown defense all season. The "B" team is anchored by QB Matt Morgante '12.

Brian Polivy '10  
Athletic Chair

## The Hot Spot

*Brothers John Tomasulo '11 and Jeff Kaufman '10 reveal their interesting experiences as firefighters, why they love it, and how being a firefighter can be like being a brother in DU.*

### John Tomasulo '11

Most people do not have the pleasure of being in two fraternities. However, I am fortunate to be a brother in Delta Upsilon at Cornell and also a member of the fire service. Yes, I did just equate the fire service with my fraternity. For those of us who have the great fortune to be firefighters, little can compare to the brotherhood ingrained through hundreds of years of tradition, blood, sweat, and even some occasional tears.



For those who do not perceive the fire service as a fraternity, consider this: A typical fire station is made up of guys who share all their meals, sleep in the same quarters, joke around, and rag on each other—all very much like a fraternity house. The key difference is that firefighters go to fires, while fraternity brothers go to class (or at least that's what they tell their parents). And the emergency calls? They only serve to tighten our bond, deepening the brotherhood of the fire service.

Upon hearing that I am a fireman, people frequently ask, "why do you do it?" This is a question that all firemen must answer throughout their careers, and the answer would seem to be obvious. Yes, I do it because I like to help people. Yes, I do it because I like to give back to the community. And yes, I do like the adrenaline rush! But it's much more complicated than that.

The first fire call I ever went on was a two-alarm attic fire in a two-story, single-family dwelling. I remember running over to my gear rack and throwing on my bunker pants as one of the senior guys shouted at me to hurry up. The ride to the fire was awesome, and fighting the actual fire was even more extraordinary. Few things can compare to riding in the back of a fire truck on the way to a working house fire! From that moment on, I was hooked. I have since gone on countless calls, but the memory of that first run is still ingrained in my mind.

Years from now, long after my Cornell graduation, I will look back at my time on

## Order of Omega Initiates Cornell DUs

*Previously published in DU Quarterly.*

Delta Upsilon recognizes those members whose outstanding accomplishments and dedication to their chapter, university, community, and Greek life in general are reflected by their recent initiation to Order of Omega.

Order of Omega's purpose is to recognize fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of scholarship and leadership in interfraternal activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment. It unites outstanding fraternity men and women to help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and

to help work out solutions.

[DU recipients are] Brian Polivy, Cornell '10; Matthew Schapiro, Cornell '10; and Anthony Cashen, Cornell '57 (honorary initiate).

Brian Polivy was vice president of recruitment in 2008-'09, vice president of programming for the IFC, and vice president of promotions in the Cornell Sports Marketing Group. Brian was named "outstanding chapter leader" by the Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council. This year, he is athletic chair for the chapter.

Matt Schapiro was chapter president in 2008-'09, steward in 2007-'08, and spent spring break '08 with three other DU brothers, working with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans.

the hill and remember two organizations with distinct fondness. I will think back on my years as a brother in Delta Upsilon with much affection for my brothers, the house, the parties, and the great times we shared. And I will recall my years as a firefighter with the Cayuga Heights Fire Department, remembering my fellow firefighters, the firehouse, the fires, and the amazing bond of the brotherhood.

### Jeff Kaufman '10

I have been a fireman for four years now, working with the U.S. Forest Service as a wildland firefighter in California for three of those years. That's some of the toughest work you can imagine. It's also not as glorious or romantic as you might think. 90 percent of it is just dirt and drudgery. It's normal to work 110-hour weeks, and most of that time is spent running a chainsaw (30" bar), digging fire line, or laying miles of hose. Living conditions are also pretty rough. During the last fire I fought this past summer, I slept under the stars and smoke for 17 days, and ate military rations most of that time. The other 10 percent of it, however, is what makes up for all the monotonous (though necessary) labor. I've ridden in helicopters to fires, seen walls of fire do things that don't seem real, been to some absolutely breath-



taking backcountry, and met a lot of really interesting people. Another huge part of it is being able to help people. In California, a lot of neighborhoods are built in fire-prone areas, and so, when a wildfire breaks out, homes are often threatened. Some of my best memories are of meeting the families of the homes you saved the day before. There's no better feeling.

While attending Cornell, Tomasulo and I are also volunteer firemen in Cayuga Heights. We absolutely love it. There is not a ton of fire, but there are a ton of training opportunities through the state fire academy. Currently, we are both taking a class about building construction and how different building styles react under fire conditions. In a given week, we probably spend about 15 hours at the fire station, lifting weights, helping out with station chores, maintaining the equipment, and running calls.

Why do we do it? I can think of a hundred different reasons. Firefighting is very physical, so the challenge of being able to force a door open or carry 50 pounds of gear up and down stairs is fun for us. It's also an adrenaline rush; we might be sitting around the station one second, and then the bell rings and we are on the fire truck flying down the road, lights flashing and sirens blaring, to a fire. The brotherhood aspect is also a draw, as you form a really unique and close bond with the other firemen at the station, much like at DU. And, of course, being able to help people is huge. I would say 99 percent of firemen do it because they want to help people. In terms of career plans after college, I want to be a career fireman, period. It is truly the best job in the world.



# Philanthropy Focuses on Fun

One value that continues to define DU brothers is the commitment to philanthropy. I have sought to keep traditional philanthropic events, as well as to create new ones, with the help of the brotherhood. I have also tried to focus more on fun events, which increases brotherhood involvement by making the events more attractive for participants.

We started this year off by cohosting "Tip-A-Canoe" with the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Teams paddled around Beebe Lake collecting inflatable toys for points. In accordance with the name, capsizing opponents' canoes was a popular strategy. When not in the water, participants enjoyed volleyball, squirt guns, water balloons, music, and food cooked by DU brothers. This event has become a favorite, allowing brothers to enjoy a social day and catch some of the last warm September sun, all while raising close to \$2,500.

The event supports CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children.

Our second, and probably largest, event of the year was the haunted house on October 29. Also hosted with Kappa Alpha Theta, the brotherhood broke up into teams, led by DU and Theta captains, each responsible for transforming a room of the house to fit a scary theme. The rooms included a psych ward, surgery room, graveyard, and prison. Face painting and apple cider were also included. This event benefits the Ithaca Youth Bureau. To maximize proceeds, we utilized a revamped marketing program that included distribution of flyers in more elementary schools and costume shops, communication across PTA and youth organization listservs, and increased campus-wide advertising.

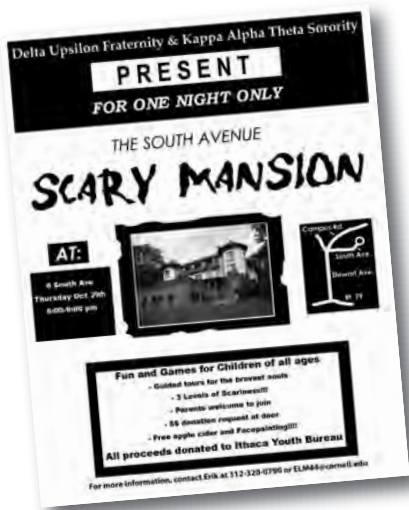
We have become more involved in on-campus philanthropic organizations, most notably Cornell Habitat for Humanity. Matt Schmohl and I initiated this effort, as we serve on the Habitat executive board as webmaster and treasurer, respectively. Last spring we assisted Habitat in putting on a benefit concert, Music for Maua, which supports the town of Maua, in Kenya. One band made up of three DU brothers was one of the main acts, and the executive board cooked food during the show. Future events will include the Valentine's Day flower sale, a Habitat spring-break work trip, and the revival of the long-awaited powder puff football.



*Paddling along on Beebe Lake at the "Tip-A-Canoe" event.*



*Brothers get into character for the "South Avenue Scary Mansion."*



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## CFA Honors Fred Devlin on Awards Day

Former CFA chairman, All-Ivy linebacker and captain Fred Devlin '67 was announced as a lifetime member of the CFA Board along with three other Cornell alumni. As Jim Knowles '87, head football coach, expressed the sentiments of all Cornellians who know Fred, "Devlin was an inspirational leader for the CFA."

Our next issue of the *Noose* will feature Fred Devlin—his accomplishments, contributions, and dedication to DU and to Cornell football.



## 175TH DU CELEBRATION VIDEO

*This seven-minute video about the founding and history of Delta Upsilon is terrific! Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RDM6CP0Jsl>.*

# DU ALUMNI WRITE

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Bob Rogers '59 has written a memoriam to his best friend, **Tony Atkinson '59**, on the occasion of the 50th reunion of his class.



Lt. j.g. Tony Atkinson '59.

Tony died shortly after graduation with seven other Naval officers in a fire on the *USS Saratoga*. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in March 1961. Tony was a beloved and popular brother in DU. His friendship is cherished by classmates **Peter Kellogg '59**, **George Stuhr '60**, **Fred Andresen '59**, **Jim Wray '59**, **John Teare '59**, **Fred Harwood '59**, and his fellow NROTC

Midshipmen. You can reach Bob at rar98hawk@aol.com or (703) 620-0625 in Oakton, Virginia, to obtain a copy of his wonderful remembrance of Tony Atkinson.

"I'm looking forward to the 50th reunion this year," writes **Ron Maierhofer '60**. "I'm still healthy and still training in soccer. I have a new book being published, *No Money Down: How to Buy a Sports Franchise*. Warmest regards to all brothers." Say hello to Ron at 6626 Frost Lake Ln., Alexandria, VA 22315; cornerkick@cox.net.

**Ernest Feleppa '61** reports, "I am still enjoying my role as research director of a group that's doing exciting biomedical research in ultrasound for diagnosing and treating disease. I'm also still teaching scuba diving and taking divers on trips to the Caribbean—we just had a super dive trip to Boaire, off the coast of Venezuela." Ernie has also taken up boxing and martial arts recently. Keep in touch with him at 2 Morehead Dr., Rye, NY 10580; feleppa@optonline.net.

**Richard Lee "Dick" Rotnem '65** has moved to 10 Cardinal Way, Harpswell, ME 04079; e-mail sea.kayaker@comcast.net.

"I have completed ten years as Williston's police chief—and 41 years in total as a police officer," reports **Dan Davis '66**. "It has been a labor of love. Retirement is in the not-too-distant future. My wife works for the University of Florida—what great fun to root for championship teams! We raise quarter horses and Angus cattle on the side. Our 2005 gelding has seven world championships. I enjoyed **Peter Kellogg's ('59)** odyssey and wonder how many other brothers have crashed and burned, but whose story is not told except in hushed whispers at cocktail parties. Good for Peter for sharing. We have all benefited from Cornell and DU, and from the support and companionship of each other. Thanks to all who were my friends. You are not forgotten." Catch up with Dan at 14980 W. Hwy. 318, Williston, FL 32696; summerstormfarm@aol.com.

**Robert T. "Smitty" Smith '68** writes, "In March, Jody and I moved to Colorado Springs. I am now CEO of Atlas Pacific Engineering Co. in Pueblo, Colorado, a privately-owned supplier of specialty equipment to the food-processing industry around the world. Our son, Steve, got married in June to a former classmate from business school. They live in San Francisco, and Steve works for Apple. Joanne works for the Jones Day law firm in Chicago, and Dave just started business school at UVA. We continue to travel, play golf, ski, and enjoy life. We'd hearing from or seeing friends from DU." Get in touch with Smitty at 35 Golf Gate Ln., Colorado Springs, CO 80906; bobsmith27@msn.com.

"Spent another June weekend in New Hampshire at **David Newton's ('78)** lakeside retreat," writes **Stephen "Priceless" Price '78**. "**Ken Veenema '77**, **Daniel 'Stickman' Heffernan '77**, **Bill Seward '78**, **Tim Guba '80**, **Don Strang '80**, **Angelo Tramontelli '80**, and **John Creahan '81** attended. As a poor joke, Tim Guba e-mailed everyone to say, 'Due to the poor weather forecast, this event is being canceled.' **Tom Lally '77** thus changed his plans and did not show! I ended up meeting Tom to catch

up. All is good in Jackson. My boys are playing hockey, skiing, and just being great eight-year-olds. Our new daughter, Olivia, is nine months old." Keep in touch with Stephen at P.O. Box 4780, Jackson, WY 83001; sprice@springcreekcranch.com.

**Nelson V. Bassett '82** has a new address: 3217 Quiet Mill Rd., C1, Raleigh, NC 27612; or e-mail nb27607@yahoo.com.

**Thomas Kobin '90** and his wife, Lisa, welcomed their third child, Michael Thomas, on April 17, 2009. Send congratulations to 227 Avon Rd., Westfield, NJ 07090.

"Last month, my wife, Erin, introduced me to our first child, Lucio Tommaso, in the early morning hours of June 9, 2009," reports **Matthew Moscati '94**. "Mom and child are doing well at our home, which is finally being completed after seven years of restoration following a fire. I am looking forward to introducing Lucio to the children of **Bob German '92** and his wife, Carol: their youngest son, Jack, and twins, Isabelle and Katie, on our next trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan." Write to Matthew at 591 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14202.

**Michael Stroud '95** has a new e-mail address: big\_red95@yahoo.com. Send mail to 157 V St. NE, Washington, DC 20002.

"We have been in Seoul for more than four years now," writes **Dan Lazor '98**. "I am a principal at a Christian school, and I now have four children, aged seven, five, three, and one. I would love to connect again with old friends during the summer." He receives mail at 677 Mary St., Scranton, PA 18508; e-mail lazorsinseoul@hotmail.com or catch him on Skype as dlazor54.

**Scott "Flipper" Fithen '04** works for Mukoque Construction in Matola, Mozambique. Get in touch with him at scottfithen@yahoo.com.

**Jason A. "Jay" Fischer '07** has moved to 301 E 79th St., Apt. 16-P, New York, NY 10075; e-mail jaf74@cornell.edu.

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### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of:

**Richard Fowler '80**