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# HOMECOMING 2013

September 20-22

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(see page two for details!)



## Alumni President Reports on the State of the Chapter

With this *Noose* being so rich with news, I'll keep my report on the Cornell Delta Upsilon Association (CDUA) brief.

- **Homecoming Weekend:** CDUA is working hard to make this the best Homecoming ever. More than 110 alumni have already committed to coming. Because of the already expected turnout, we're asking alumni to register and, for the first time ever, pay a modest fee. For details, see page two or check out [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org).
- **Building & Grounds:** As any visiting alumnus knows, the exterior of the house has never looked better, due to the leadership and generosity of Duane Phillips '78. Reports from Reunion Weekend about the house overall were glowing. Duane's mission, as well as the board's, is to be a good steward of 6 South Avenue. He's helping us succeed beyond all measure.
- **Rush:** Or as we now call it, "Recruitment." We need your recommendations for legacies and other good candidates. University rules are in transition, so the brothers need as much of a head start as we can give them. Send names to Lance Polivy '08 ([lance.polivy@gmail.com](mailto:lance.polivy@gmail.com)).
- **New Cornell DU Website:** Dan Alvarez '90 is taking the lead on building a new site that consolidates [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org) and our archival site ([www.cornelldu.wordpress.com](http://www.cornelldu.wordpress.com)). This is a big job, and Dan needs your help. To volunteer, email him at [daniel@adworldmedia.com](mailto:daniel@adworldmedia.com).
- **Reconnect and Give Back:** Alumni, we need your help in other areas. Giving back is one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have. We need your leadership and involvement in these areas:
  - Local chapter advisers
  - Secretary of CDUA
  - Communications, including writers, editors, and web designers
  - New Member Education (or "pledging")
  - Alumni events
  - Fundraising
  - Historian/Archivist
- **Another Great Year Ahead:** The alumni are impressed with the quality and positive attitude of the new president and e-board. We are excited about the continuing involvement of a great class of seniors—it's going to be another great year at DU.

Finally, our goal is to make your DU alumni experience the best it can be. Tell us how we can improve by emailing [alumni@cornelldu.org](mailto:alumni@cornelldu.org).

Kevin Bruns '79  
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# What DU Means to Me



WILLIAM H. TOTTEN

I believe I was destined and blessed to become a Cornell DU, and I'm thrilled to be able to share and give back as an alumnus. My high school football coach was a star halfback at Temple University, and his QB was Carmen Piccone, the coach who began recruiting me for CU. Bill Arthur '69 was the host for my official

visit at Cornell. That summer, I accidentally met John Dougherty '72 on the beach in Ocean City, New Jersey (two years late, Doc and I were CU baseball teammates). As part of my financial aid package, the football staff got me a job—as the pot washer at DU. Getting to know the DU brothers and fellow frosh who were “Rushing” DU, I never even considered any other house. And the night

before my first varsity football game in 1970, Tim “Rookie” Rowlands '72 introduced me to my future wife of 27 years. We have three great kids (28, 27, and 23).

My dad had always said that college should be the best four years of my life. Living at the DU house for my last three years at CU were cherished times with lifetime friends and memories I'll never forget. My most “interesting” year was as a sophomore. I was fortunate enough to letter in football as a special teams player and was allowed to be the bullpen catcher for the baseball team's spring trip to Miami. I had been cut from the freshman team twice, even though Phillies' Hall of Fame pitcher Robin Roberts had phoned on my behalf (I had been his centerfielder for the past two summers, and he called me “Willie”). I did letter as an outfielder for CU baseball my last two years, so I no longer had to get beaten up as a 210-pound backup guard during weekdays in the fall. I loved the DU camaraderie so much that I continued coming back to the house a couple times a

year for the next few years. Highlights were playing pinochle, football in the snow at Telluride and Schoellkopf, the “Co-Ed Review” costume party, and once being an alumnus speaker at DU during Rush Week. I continued enjoying and extended the best years of my life longer than my dad had in mind.

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## HOMECOMING DETAILS

In 2008, more than 125 alumni, mostly from the classes of the 1970s, turned out for the largest DU Homecoming ever. This year, we're aiming to double that number. All decades are invited! A weekend of activities are planned:

### Friday, Sept. 20

- 5:00 p.m. Welcome desk opens at DU
- 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Open house/reception at DU with food and beverages, a visit by the Hot Truck, and fireworks/laser show at the Crescent

### Saturday, Sept. 21

- 1:00 p.m. DU-CFA tailgate at Crescent parking lot
- 3:00 p.m. Cornell vs. Bucknell
- 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Post-game reception at DU with hors d'oeuvres, buffet-style dinner, and an open bar

### Sunday, Sept. 22

- 9:00 a.m. to noon Continental breakfast at DU

### REGISTER at [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org)!

Due to the expected turnout, we're asking alumni to register online by **September 12**. We also need to charge a modest fee (\$53) this year to help cover all of the weekend's activities. To register:

- Go to [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org)
- Click on REGISTER to open the registration form
- Complete the form for yourself and any guests
- Order DU weekend passes (\$53, adults; \$25, children under 18)
- Order game tickets in the DU Block and DU T-shirts
- Make your online payment via PayPal—you can also mail your check
- Pick up your DU weekend pass, game tickets, and T-shirts at the welcome desk on Friday or Saturday morning

*Please register by September 12 (the caterer needs a head count).  
A limited number of weekend passes will be sold at the door.*

### HOTEL ROOMS—RESERVE TODAY!

- Super 8 Motel: (607) 273-8088, ask for “Cornell DU” block \$110.49 plus tax/night; reserve by August 20, 2013.
- Comfort Inn: (607) 272-0100, ask for “Cornell DU Block” \$125 plus tax/night; reserve by August 20, 2013.
- Hampton Inn: (607) 277-5500, not a block! Rooms still available! \$249 plus tax/night.
- Courtyard by Marriott: (607) 330-1000, not a block! Rooms still available! \$229 plus tax/night.

### GAME TICKETS

Buy tickets when you register at [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org)!

### MORE INFORMATION

Check DU emails, Facebook (Cornell DU group), and [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org) regularly. Or email us at [alumni@cornelldu.org](mailto:alumni@cornelldu.org).

### HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Mark Kamon '75  
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Dan Leonard '79

### WEEKEND ON THE SLEEPING PORCH!

To reserve a place on the sleeping porch, visit [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org). Bed, sleeping bag, and a good time included. Be the first to sleep on the porch in decades!

## DUs at Cornell Club of Washington, D.C., Annual Meeting



Sam Sezak '98, Bill Totten '73, Scott Keenum '76, General Jay Paxton '73, Sam Nazzaro '82, Mark Clemente '73, Kevin Bruns '79, Seth Hurwitz '82, Mark Kamon '75, and Scott Semple '77.

Jay was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Cornell Club of Washington, D.C., on May 21, 2013. In the audience were former servicemen—all Cornell alumni—including DU Austin Kiplinger '39. According to Mark Clemente, Jay was informative and entertaining. They have renamed it the Jay Paxton Fan Club of Washington.

## General John Paxton '73, M.Eng. '74, Is Second in Command of the U.S. Marine Corps

*Cornell Magazine* article: Jay was featured and interviewed in the May/June 2013 issue of *Cornell Magazine*.

Here is an excerpt:



John Paxton '73, M.Eng. '74, goes to work in one of the world's most iconic buildings: the Pentagon. As Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Paxton is a four-star general and the service's number-two officer. One of the highest-ranking military officers

in Cornell alumni history, Paxton didn't take ROTC; the former civil engineering major signed up after stopping at a recruiter's table in Barton Hall. His office, complete with a view of the Washington Monument, is on the Pentagon's coveted outer ring. In addition to a painting depicting the Corps' origins in the Revolutionary War, the decor includes photos of Paxton's father, three uncles, and an aunt—all World War II veterans—as well as six clocks set to various time zones where Marines are serving around the globe.



Paxton (far left) attends Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's first Joint Chiefs of Staff meeting.

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## Fred Harwood '59 Steps Down as Editor



This issue of the *Noose* marks the end of an era. For more than 10 years, Fred Harwood '59 has been editor-in-chief, a job that includes writing, assigning, and revising stories, as well as negotiating, reminding, nudging, more revising, and then organizing for publication. Although it's a lot of work, twice a year he's had the joy of producing a great newsletter.

No doubt he has produced the best alumni newsletter on the Hill. The entire DU family owes you our thanks for keeping us connected to 6 South Avenue.

Fred's decision drew praise from others. "Thank you, Fred, for everything you've done and the enthusiasm you have brought in creating a new 'public' face and persona for Cornell DU," Tony Cashen '57 wrote in an email. Past alumni president Tony Murray '60 added, "No words can express the appropriate appreciation you deserve for **all** your numerous and varied contributions to Cornell DU."

One final note. Besides being one of the most dedicated DUs I know, Fred's a great guy—a pleasure to work with and to know.

Fred has offered to mentor his replacement; if interested in serving as editor or co-editor, contact him at [fharwood@comcast.net](mailto:fharwood@comcast.net).

Kevin Bruns '79

## Jeff Cuzzi '67: World Famous NASA Scientist

Jeff Cuzzi, a planetary scientist at NASA Ames Research Center, won the 2010 Gerard P. Kuiper Prize, the most prestigious individual award in planetary sciences. Previous winners include Carl Sagan (TV personality and Cornell astronomy professor) and James van Allen (space pioneer).



Cuzzi was honored because of his many pioneering contributions to our understanding of the formation and evolution of planetary rings and small planets. Spanning four decades, his work includes early observational and theoretical work on rings, participation in NASA Voyager and Cassini missions, and his most recent state-of-the-art fluid dynamical modeling efforts that will help solve the mysteries of planet formation.

After receiving a bachelor of science in engineering physics from Cornell, he studied planetary science at Caltech, receiving his doctorate in 1972. Jeff is recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities on Saturn and planetary rings.

## What DU Means to Me

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As my children's high school years were beginning to wind down, I became reinvolved with Cornell activities. I was the president of the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia from 2008 to 2010, and I was in charge of the last three pre-game tailgate parties when Big Red football has visited Penn. I've had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Pete Noyes and the Cornell Football Association (CFA) who made these events so successful and possible. And I've missed playing in only three of the Cornell alumni baseball games since they started in the mid-'90s. Over that time, I developed a mutual love and respect for Santo Laquatra '70 and Cornell Hall of Fame Coach Ted Thoren. Santo never played baseball for Ted but had been one of his toughest freshman football players (played middle linebacker at 195 pounds), and he became the "beer boy" for both squads at the (now named Ted Thoren in honor of his passing in 2010) alumni baseball game, which is held during Reunion Weekend.

What is so special about DU? It's about

guys who are team players and are not selfishly out for themselves. They have an enjoyment and appreciation for the many blessings in this life and want to share them with others so inclined. Respect for our fellow human beings is a fitting phrase, as well as giving the other guy the benefit of the doubt until he may eventually prove otherwise. Yes, we could say Cornell DUs are basically just good guys who are not full of themselves and want to be associated with others who are like-minded, open-minded, and live out the credo of wanting to be a part of something larger than themselves. (That last phrase reminds me of the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self.") My mom often said, "you are judged by the company you keep." DUs are good guys whom I have been proud and honored to keep company with ... and always will.

Keep up the great work, tradition, and "DU Pride," Alex, Chris, and other undergraduate DUs. I guarantee you'll be glad you did!

With warmest DU regards and respect,  
Bill "Tot" Totten '73

## Alumni, We Need Your Help to Bring in the New Member Class This Fall!

Recruitment is one of the most important tasks for the brotherhood each year. Fortunately, the house has been very lucky to have great Rush chairs in recent years. This year is no exception. Our undergraduate and alumni Rush committee is already in action. We have had a few calls to review the successes and areas for improvement from last year and are focused on hitting the ground running when brothers and rushees get to campus in the fall.

This is a particularly important year because we have our largest senior class since recolonization in 2003. There are 35 seniors, which presents a number of challenges. First, we need to replace those brothers with high-quality new members who can come in and help lead the house from the day they are initiated. It also means that seniors will need to be engaged in the Rush process in a way that we haven't expected of our entire senior class before. Chris Rogers '15 and Jack Rickles '16 are up for the task and have already generated a lot of creative ideas for how to leverage the strengths of our amazing senior class to move DU forward.

But they'll need help from alumni, too. The best thing we can do to help is to let the Rush

chair know about incoming freshmen who would make great DUs. Many of you know incoming freshmen. They are your sons, nephews, cousins, and friends. Legacies have been some of our strongest brothers. But in recent years we have had legacies go through Rush without the brothers even knowing that they are on campus.

The brothers would love to meet these great prospective rushees you already know! In future, the undergraduates would appreciate it if you used the following process: Please contact the incoming student and have a conversation prior to sending the name to me at the email address below—I'll make sure the information gets to the Rush chair. In your email, please provide a few details about the legacy or candidate (e.g., father, sport, major, hometown, etc.) Please also encourage the student to consider DU. You'll be notified once contact is made with the candidate. If you have any suggestions for Chris as he starts the new year, he'd love to hear from you. If we all pull together, DU will bring in another great new member class during this critical year!

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# Justice Foundation Boosts Infrastructure Improvements

The biggest change to DU this past semester is one you cannot even see. Thanks to a \$20,000 gift from the Justice Foundation, DU has completely new, institutional-class Wi-Fi throughout the house. Cornell's campus-wide Wi-Fi is called RedRover. Anyone with a NetID can access the internet from anywhere on campus. The RedRover service is now available from the third floor to the basement at 6 South Avenue. Best of all, apart from the substantial initial investment, this service from Cornell is and will be provided free of charge. Previously, the house paid more than \$5,000 per year to Time Warner for internet service. The academic life of a Cornell student is completely online, so

this investment by the Justice Foundation fit well with its educational mission.

Perhaps the biggest changes you can see at DU are the continuing landscape improvements to the grounds. A number of trees and shrubs have been planted on the DU-Telluride slope in the area around the new stairs. In addition, the yews on the lawn separating DU and Telluride have been replaced with new trees and shrubs. All of these improvements have been planned and approved by Cornell's landscape architects.

In the past year, Cornell has reviewed all the fire escapes in the Cornell-owned fraternities. Due to Cornell's stewardship over the years, many houses have redundant safety systems. For example, DU has wired smoke alarms, sprinkler systems, fire-rated doors, and a pressurized back stairwell emergency exit. The fire ladders on the exterior of the house were in need of maintenance to allow for safe passage. Working with the proper authorities, Cornell determined the best course of action would be to remove the ladders. That work is scheduled to take place this summer. Remedial repairs to the third-floor porch railing will be done at the same time.

Other recent improvements include a ceramic log set (nonflammable) in the Great Hall fireplace, rubber stair treads on the basement stairs, and exterior lights on the porch leading to the terrace.

The alumni continue to work with Cornell on plans for substantial capital improvements to the house. Cornell

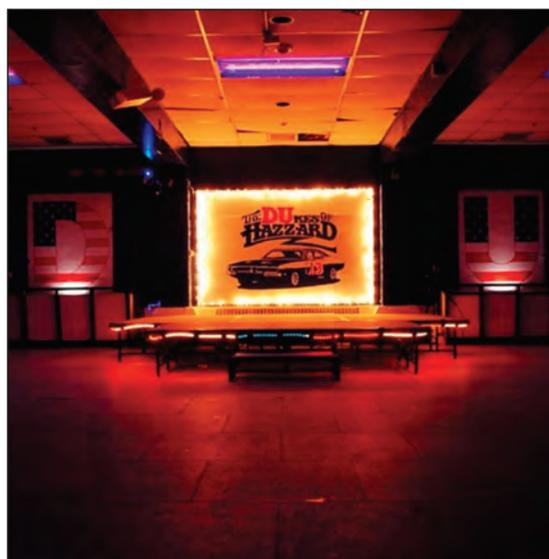


A view of the landscape improvements to the chapter house.

recently contacted several architectural firms with the goal of selecting a firm to consult with Cornell and with DU alumni on the best solutions for the house.

Here is a cool photo from the DU basement. The pledges painted the basement with a *Dukes of Hazzard* theme for their pledge party. There is a new dance stage in front. I helped the brothers purchase this in February; it's very sturdy and safe.

Duane Phillips '78  
VP of Capital Planning



The pledges painted the basement for their *Dukes of Hazzard*-themed pledge party.

## Chapter President Sums Up the Past Year at DU

Delta Upsilon has continued to make its mark on campus and grow stronger as an organization. The creative leadership of last year's and our current executive board, as well as the dedication of the brotherhood, have allowed DU to rise to new heights.

This year, we reestablished Parents' Weekend at DU. It was a huge success, as many brothers' parents visited 6 South Avenue and participated in the weekend's festivities.

Many brothers traveled to the Jersey Shore to help clean up the damage that Hurricane Sandy caused (see article on page six). Our philanthropic efforts have not gone unnoticed as our chapter won the Randy Scott Stevens Award for Outstanding Contributions to the IFC.

The grounds surrounding 6 South Avenue have undergone renovations as new trees and plants have been planted. These additions contribute to our chapter house, which is one of the most

impressive houses on campus. We especially appreciate the leadership of Duane Phillips '78.

On March 28, DU hosted a group of Cornell Greek system leaders, six Cornell trustees, and President Skorton. Cornell student trustee Alex Bores '13 took the lead in offering DU as a venue for the round-table discussion. It went very well. The first floor was spotless; the dining hall looked great with tablecloths, rented dishware, and flower arrangements; and we received multiple compliments on the food. The trustees were eager to speak with us. One of them is the father of new member Michael Nolan '16. President Skorton came in around dessert time, but still managed to talk to almost all of the brothers present. It was a valuable experience and highly beneficial for DU.

Two alumni were directly involved in chapter events. Rob Ainslie '78 delivered the initiation charge. Mark Clemente '73 spoke eloquently

during our recruitment dinner on January 19. His remarks are published on pages seven and eight in this *Noose*. We sincerely appreciate all the alumni support and we enjoy the relationship between CDUA and the brothers.

We were profoundly saddened by the death of Andrew Quinn '12, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver near his apartment (which he shared with Ryan Swisher '12) in NYC. Eighty DU brothers and close Cornell friends attended services on March 13 and joined together at the Cornell Club for an "Evening of Celebration for Andrew's Life." More than 20 Cornell women who were close to Andrew and his DU brothers joined the reception. Andrew was very popular and will be missed.

Alex Pelta '14  
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## NEW MEMBERS

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Mechanical Engineering

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Short Hills, NJ  
Hotel

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Sleepy Hollow, NY  
ILR

SEAN FINNEGAN '16  
Hebron, CT  
HBHS

DAVID FITZPATRICK '16  
Darien, CT  
Hotel

CHRIS HAMLIN '16  
Westport, CT

GARRETT WAFLER '15  
Rochester, NY  
Mechanical Engineering

COREY VURAL '15  
New York, NY  
Economics

BOBBY WOODWORTH '16  
Beverly, MA  
CEE

JACK RICKLES '16  
Westfield, NJ  
Arts

DYLAN PARKER '16  
Montclair, NJ  
Biology

MIKE NECKY '16  
Voorhees, NJ  
Engineering

MICHAEL NOLAN '16  
Manhattan Beach, CA  
AEM

RYAN PEARCE '15  
Staten Island, NY  
Arts

CAMERON PIERCE '16  
Northport, NY  
Hotel

BRIAN POLLACK '16  
Voorhees, NJ  
Mechanical Engineering

# Brothers Band Together to Clean Up Seaside Heights After Hurricane Sandy

During the weekend of April 27, 2013, 17 undergraduates and five alumni made their way to Seaside Heights, New Jersey, to help the town still badly bruised from Hurricane Sandy. Bright and early Saturday morning, the group traveled to the boardwalk ready to work. Seeing the infamous rollercoaster submerged in the sea was sobering. Half the boardwalk we were standing on had been rebuilt. Scraps of wood and 2-by-4s laid scattered, and utilizing a few dump trucks, we cleaned them up. That afternoon, we traveled to the neighboring town to dig out homes from the sand with the help of the Bucket Brigade (provided wheelbarrows).

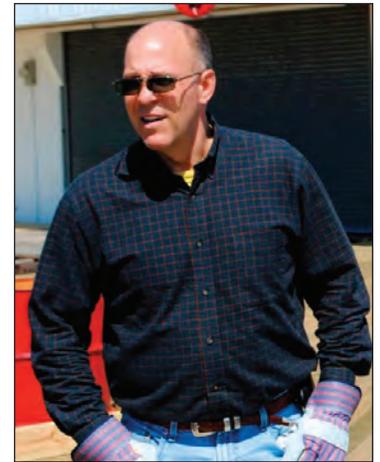
Special thanks to Basil Polsonetti '15 for organizing

the service trip from the undergraduate end, and Cal Fastuca '78, Duane Phillips '78, Kevin Bruns '79, Tony Murray '61, Fred Harwood '59, Tony Cashen '57, Isaiah Einzig '12, Matt Shapiro '10, and Lance Polivy '08 for their contributions and efforts to make the weekend happen.

Additional donors included William F. Waters '54, Rod Beckwith '57, Mark Clemente '73, Bill Totten '73, Frank Tataseo '76, Michael Bernardo '78, Tim Ring '79, Russell Stahl '79, Jack McGovern '80, Peter Vogel '92, Rob Morelli '99, Greg Phillips '08, Justin Steimle '12, Jake Benedict '14, and DU parents Gay Crowley, Jill Malanga, and Leyla Vural.



Undergraduates and alumni traveled to New Jersey to help cleanup after Hurricane Sandy.



Cal Fastuca '78 organized and managed the DU cleanup project.



Alumni and undergraduates cleaning up the Jersey Shore!

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## Parents' Weekend 2013 Is Back!



Under the leadership of Jake Benedict '14, the chapter re-established Parents' Weekend from April 12-14, 2013. Our first Parents' Weekend since re-colonization was a huge success. More than 80 parents came for the occasion. Upon arrival on Friday, the brothers greeted many parents and participated in a wine tasting in the Great Hall. On Saturday, James Solomon '13 manned the grill during our cookout on the back deck. Groups of 10 to 30 brothers

went out for dinner that night at places like Joe's, Ruloff's, and The Heights. Later that night we reconvened at Loco Cantina, where "many brothers were surprised at how difficult it was to keep up with their parents." The send-off brunch on Sunday was a great ending to the weekend.

Special thanks to Jack Polivy '14 and Jake Benedict '14 for their time and effort organizing the event. Visit [ducornell.tumblr.com/](http://ducornell.tumblr.com/) to see more photos.

Alex Holm '14  
Past President



## Mark Clemente '73 Shares His Insight With Potential New Members at Recruitment Dinner on January 19, 2013



I am both flattered and humbled that I was asked to talk with you tonight about the decision that you will be making in the next several days. Without trying to appear overly melodramatic, I assure you that it is a lifetime,

life-changing decision ... somewhat like your decision to attend Cornell. I can talk to you now, with most of my life behind me ... even though you are all sitting here with most of your lives in front of you.

So, I think I know a few things that you haven't seen yet ... but I hope you do get to see. And, I hope that you enjoy your future as much as I have enjoyed my past. A very important part of my past has to do with this fraternity at 6 South Avenue and the guys I met here.

Your decision will probably be correct for you, no matter what you decide. I can only tell you why it was the right decision for me many years ago and why, even to this day, it was one of the best things I did in my life. My situation was a little different. Toward the end of my first semester, in December

1969, on a Sunday night, I went tray sliding on Libe Slope. A lot of things changed for me that night. I suffered a spinal cord injury that has obviously had some effect on my life. It's hard to tell exactly how or how much ... because I only know what *did* happen, as opposed to what might have happened.

As you look around this room, you are looking at what will hopefully not be just a pledge class, but the guys you will learn to respect (and sometimes disrespect), live with, and love (and sometimes hate), and with whom you will remain friends for the rest of your lives. It is rare that I go anywhere that I don't reconnect with one of my fraternity brothers. It's rare that a week goes by that I'm not in contact with one or more of them. This much I know ... it's going to be a bond as strong as the genetics of your DNA.

Some pledge classes are tighter than others. My brother Rod's pledge class returned 21 of the 24 for a CFA golf outing last summer. That was the class of 1972. My class (class of 1973) was not quite that tight, but within the last year, I have been in touch with a number of my pledge brothers, even attending a change of command at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for Jay Paxton, recently promoted to Asst. Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps ... and with that, his fourth

star. He is the number-two Marine of 198,000. At his promotion, he spoke of the importance in his life of being a Cornell DU. Hopefully, those are the types of guys you will meet.

My pledge class had nicknames like "White Rat," "Pook," "Rugs," "Rotten," "Hog," "Nitch," and "Wheels" ... such endearing sobriquets; it made our mothers proud.

What will probably astound you years from now ... when you look back ... is how close you will become and stay with these people with whom you will really only spend three-and-a-half years of your life. As you get older, you will realize that your college years are a fairly short segment in your life and get farther and farther in the rear-view mirror. I'm coming up on 40 years out this year, and these guys are still vivid memories.

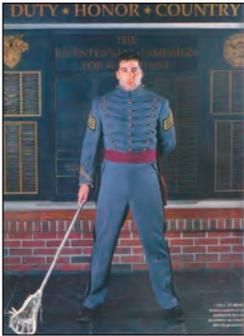
You will be gathered here for a brief time ... then go off in a variety of directions ... at different speeds, to different careers, with different goals, with different results, but with a very close and common bond. That's good. At some point, you will hopefully reflect on the fact that most good memories are not made alone. Come to think of it, that's true of some bad memories, as well ... but you get my point.

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## An Amazing Link Between Three West Point Graduates and Their DU Fathers

Mike Kamon '03—Ting and Mark Kamon '75. Matthew Wasilewski '10—Susan and Joe Wasilewski '74. Garrett Thul '13—Lorna and Jim Thul '75.



Mike's photo from Sports Illustrated.

When asked about his task to serve his country during the Iraq deployment, "I'd rather it be me than someone else." As captain of the 2003 Army lacrosse team, Mike would further serve as a role model for a future West Point lacrosse star, Garrett Thul. According to the Thuls, the picture of Garrett at Mike's graduation has been sitting on Garrett's dresser for the past 10 years. Upon graduating with numerous academic and athletic honors, Mike served two distinguished tours with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq. He now resides

**Mike Kamon**, West Point class of 2003, is the son of Mark "Moose" and Christine "Ting" Kamon, class of 1975. Mike made quite a name for himself at West Point as a "warrior-athlete" and was featured in the April 14, 2003, edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

When asked about

in Alexandria, Virginia, as a military project consultant with Booz, Allen & Hamilton. He is pursuing his MBA at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business.

**Matthew Wasilewski**, West Point class of 2010, began his career on the West Point lacrosse team, but found his calling with the rugby team. He was a 2009 Collegiate All-American rugby player and the Army team went to three Final Four appearances at the Collegiate Rugby National championships. Matthew is the son of Joe "Wash" ('74) and Susan Wasilewski. "Wash" was the 1974 chapter president, member of the varsity football team, and varsity track and field. Matthew was welcomed home last September from a tour in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division at a celebration



Wasilewskis and Kamons

attended by a number of Cornell DUs. Lieutenant Wasilewski was recently selected to join the prestigious 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia.



2nd Lieutenant Garrett Thul being congratulated by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

Now to our current shining star, **Garrett Thul**, West Point class of 2013, captain of the lacrosse team, All-American, and a finalist for the Teewarton Trophy award. Garrett is the son of Jim "Jet/Jethro" ('75) and Lorna Thul. A 6-feet-three-inches, 231-pound attack player, he scored his 150th career goal in 2013 and is now the top Army career goal scorer. His career is likely to continue in the pro ranks, as he was recently selected as the 21st overall pick in the Major League Lacrosse draft by the Hamilton Nationals. Upon graduation in May 2013, Garrett was selected for a six-month internship prior to reporting to the Infantry Officer Basic Course and ultimate assignment to the "Big Red One" Infantry Division.

## Mark Clemente '73 Shares His Insight With Potential New Members at Recruitment Dinner on January 19, 2013

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What you will be learning is how to balance your life. A lot of that will happen at DU. The key phrase that we learned at Cornell, and at DU, was "freedom with responsibility." Most of what I learned at Cornell had absolutely nothing to do with the classes I took. It came from the social interaction, the mental stimulation, the camaraderie, and the challenges of my fraternity brothers. Anywhere I went on campus, I was a DU first and foremost. There was a pride, a responsibility, and an attitude that went along with that.

You won't come back here years from now to hang around with the guys from the ag school or the arts college. You will come back here to see your DU fraternity brothers.

Make the most of the opportunity. I'm sure your folks told you that, but life being what it is, you are destined to tune them out for a few more years until you find, to your surprise ...

they actually might know more than you think.

Albert Einstein said that "education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school." Enjoy the education.

I would like to offer some suggestions and observations. You will learn about style ... and hopefully forget about fashion. Fashion comes and goes ... style stays. You will learn about substance ... and realize that it is more important than form ... but good form helps you get the message across. You will learn about confidence ... and learn that it is very different from arrogance. You can revolt ... without being revolting. You can disagree ... without being disagreeable. Humility and gentleness leads to strength and not to weakness. Don't confuse "being a character" with "having character." Don't confuse self-absorption with self-awareness ... they are *not* the same thing. Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone. Good judgment

comes from experience, and a lot of that experience comes from bad judgment.

There is what I believe is a Chinese proverb about the four types of people there are. I have modified it to make a point. Those that know and don't know that they know ... they are asleep, you should awaken them. Those that don't know and know that they don't know ... they are students and you should teach them. In other words, new pledges. There are those that don't know and don't know that they don't know ... they are fools and you should shun them. In other words, guys that join the other houses ... like Lambda. I'm kidding ... sort of. There are those that know and know that they know ... they are leaders. You can follow them. They are the DUs in my story, by the way.

I hope you get that education here at DU. Good luck with your choice ... I know what I would do. Thanks.

# Reunion Recap From Bob Verna '68

Bob Verna '68 reports that DU's annual Reunion Weekend reception was a great success. More than 55 alumni and guests attended. The exterior and interior of the house got good reviews from several alumni, including Bob Smith '68, who said, "I haven't seen the house look this good in over 30 years!"

"Overall, a great Reunion," Bob added.



DU Reunion reception at the chapter house.



Class of 1968 gathered for a mini-reunion including Gary "IB" Deems and wife, Bruce Carlson, Barb and Bob Spencer, Roger "Brown" Hamm, Bob Verna, and Jody and Bob Smith.



Class of 1973 brothers Evan Poole, Bill Totten, Don Enichen, Jay Paxton, and Mark Clemente at Reunion.

Class of 1957 annual reunion "Profound Long Term Friendships." These brothers have continued to get together every year since their 50th Reunion. As happens with great friends, conversation flowed from the outset of the three-day gathering at Gail and Tony Cashen's farm in the Hudson Valley. Pictured: Dom Pasquale, John Strozier, Cy Benson, Tom Keating, Pete Blauvelt, Dave Loysen, Cotten Seiler, Tony Cashen, and Rod Beckwith.



## UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

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## Brother Inducted Into Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003

### Gary E. Kaczor '80 - Baseball - Inducted in 2003



Gary was named to the All-Ivy second team as a first baseman in 1978 and was a second team All-Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League selection in 1977 and 1979. He was also named to the Northeast Regional All-Star second team in 1979.

He was second on the team with a .366 batting average as a junior in 1979, when he set season records for doubles (13) and home runs (8). Kaczor also set six Cornell career records, including at bats (449), hits (151), doubles (29), home runs (21), RBI (99), and total bases (255). He helped the Big Red win the EIBL title and make its first appearance in the NCAA play-offs in 1977, when he compiled an overall batting average of .338. He was tri-captain of the 1980 team. Gary is still Cornell's all-time career

home run hitter with 21 home runs!

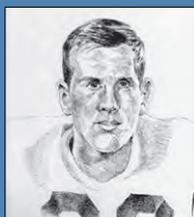
The former native of West Seneca, New York, graduated from St. Francis High School, where he was All-Western New York State twice, All-Catholic three times, and was voted St. Francis High's Man of the Year. Please refer to Gary's letter in the DU Newsflash section for more of his news. *The original article appears on the Cornell website.*

Not surprisingly, Gary's daughter, Katie, is also an athlete. She and her husband, Max, were featured in the CBS prime-time show *The Amazing Race*, which concluded on May 5, 2013, after 12 episodes. The Buffalo newlyweds dominated with three straight victories going into the two-hour finale. They fell out of first place when the ultimate winners caught a lucky break.

While disappointed, Katie and Max were still upbeat and loved the experience. "We're still married, we made it around the world," said Katie of a journey of more than 30,000 miles in 10 countries that ended in Washington, D.C.



## DU HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



**WILLIAM MURPHY '68**  
Induction Class  
of 1988: Football

Bill was chosen the football team's most valuable player following a spectacular senior year as a split end in 1967. In contributing to a 6-2-1 record—the best Big Red mark since 1950—Murphy, who was a starting defensive back as a sophomore and junior, established six Cornell and three Ivy League receiving records. His Cornell records were 50 receptions, 853 yards, and nine TDs for the season, and game marks of 10 receptions and 163 yards (vs. Harvard), and three TDs (vs. Princeton). His Ivy seasonal marks included receptions (943), yards (704), and TDs (7). Nationally he ranked second in average yards per catch (17.1), third in touchdowns, and seventh in total yardage. His post-season honors included AP All-American honorable mention, AP All-Ivy first team, and the Coaches All-Ivy first team. He is a former native of Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

**ROBERT T. SMITH '68**  
Induction Class  
of 1993: Football and  
Lacrosse



Bob won three letters in lacrosse, two in lightweight football, and one in varsity football. He was the only player named to the first offensive and defensive teams of the Eastern Lightweight Football League in 1966 as both a split end and defensive safety. He caught 56 passes for 270 yards and 10 TDs during the Big Red's 4-2 lightweight season in 1966. He also had 11 interceptions. As a midfielder in lacrosse, he was named to the All-Ivy first team and All-American second team in 1968. He was co-team MVP and co-captain in 1968. During his three-year career, the lacrosse team compiled an overall record of 35-1, including 12-0 marks and Ivy League titles in 1966 and 1968. He won his letter as an offensive end and defensive back on the varsity football team in 1967. He is a graduate of Plainfield (New Jersey) High School.

## Alumni Honor Brother in His Continuing Battle With MS



DU brothers from the classes of the late 1950s and early 1960s have raised nearly \$4,000, which was donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Helping Hands Campaign. These funds were raised to honor Bob Shappee '61 and his wife, Arlene, as a tribute to Bob's 25-year, ongoing battle against the crippling complications of MS. Bob, who was a defensive back on the Cornell football team and a CU track-and-field athlete, cannot walk or even stand up without support.

Bob has not been sitting around feeling sorry for himself, however. He completed his long and distinguished career with M&T Bank. In retirement, with the incredible dedication and support of Arlene, they travel from their home in Sydney, New York, to Maine every summer and, every winter, to Key West, Florida. Also, once a year, they go to Paris, France, to visit their daughter, Amy, and her family.

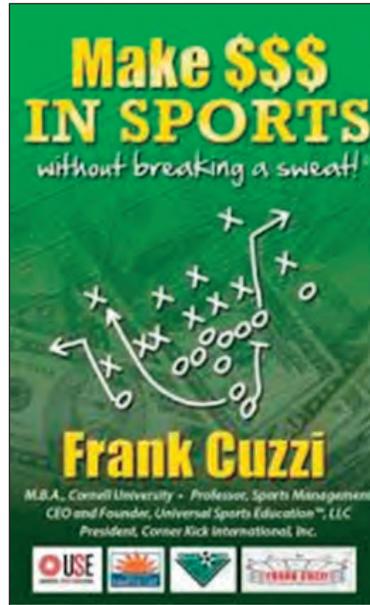
The goal of the Helping Hands Campaign is to raise funds for research to stop this disease, restore functions, and look for new treatments. Bob has said to us, "Please let people know that I appreciate their support."

For more information about the Helping Hands Campaign, visit [msgive.org](http://msgive.org).

## Alumnus Frank Cuzzi '61 Publishes His Third Sports Management Book

Frank Cuzzi '61, MBA '62, professor of sports management and president of Corner Kick International, has just published his third major book in his *The Complete Sports Educator Series*, "Make \$\$\$ in Sports Without Breaking a Sweat." Here is a summary of the Amazon review:

Professor Frank Cuzzi provides insights on how to have a career in sports management. The book explores the nine pillars of the sports business, as well as the five foundations of sports. *Make \$\$\$ in Sports* examines the business flow of sports and lets you feel the huge scope of the sports industry. You will connect sports careers, sports education, and enjoyment with your workplace. Frank can be reached at [fcuzzi@aol.com](mailto:fcuzzi@aol.com).



BROTHERS, GET OUT YOUR ADDRESS BOOKS!

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## DU Newsflash ...

**John Q. Teare '59** is still connected with **Fred Harwood '59**, **Fred Andresen '59**, **Jim Wray '59**, **John Copland '59**, **Rod Beckwith '57**, **Tony Murray '60**, and **Don Lueder '59**. John's 55th Reunion is in June 2014! Catch up with him by writing to 4300 De Maisinneuve W, Ste. 716, Westmont, QC H3Z 3C7, Canada; or by sending email to [johnteare@attglobal.net](mailto:johnteare@attglobal.net).

"Adelle and I are ready to celebrate our 51st in a couple of days," writes **Howard M. Picking III '60** in December 2012. "**Tony Cashen '57** introduced (actually more insisted that we meet Adelle's freshman year, fall of 1957). I still stay in touch with Tony and Gail. We have a basic ski pad in Vail—we hit the slopes (literally) from January to March. Adelle, a 'double diamond kid' (we will see this year after her ACL blow-out and a scoped knee), with me grunting and sweating along. One son, Andy, and family (wife and four kids) are in Steamboat Springs, Colorado; and Elizabeth and her family (husband and two-year-old son) are in Minneapolis. Our son, Dan, and his family (wife and three kids) are in Boston. Total we have three kids, eight grandkids, and five granddogs!" Reconnect with Howard by writing to 100 Longview Ln., Johnstown, PA 15905; or by sending email to [hmpiii@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hmpiii@atlanticbb.net).

**James S. "Jim" Moore '65** reported: "Barbara is mayor of our village and I continue in our B2, which is growing rapidly." Send congratulations  
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to 4 Woodbine Ave., Box 38, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.

**Terence L. McGlashan '67** turned 69 in January 2013 and is working longer hours as each year passes. His company, Cap Inc./DBA Universal Crematory Co., is located in Orlando, Florida. They manufacture human and pet cremation equipment, as well as provide service and parts worldwide. Get in touch with him at P.O. Box 771314, Orlando, FL 32877; canadian1@bellsouth.net.

"I expanded my law firm, now Shaw & Murphy PLLC," reports **William R. "Bill" Shaw '69**. "To compliment that business effort, I trained and competed in the Cayuga Lake Triathlon (sprint division), finishing just ahead of CU President Skorton. To alleviate that pain and strain, we rode motorcycles to West Virginia and horses in our fields and woods. Fishing was poor, but taking a buck and doe during archery season was nice." Stay in touch with Bill by sending postal mail to 14 Deer Crossing Ln., Trumansburg, NY 14886; or by sending email to wmrshaw@aol.com.

**William J. Hoffman '75** just retired after 37 years with USEPA. He will probably move, but for now, he's just taking it easy. Send congratulations to 111 Third Ave., Haddon Heights, NJ 08035; b2b94@verizon.net.

"I am general manager of Gorman Enterprises, a specialty vehicle dealer for school and commercial buses, fire trucks, and ambulances," writes **Gary Kaczor '80**. "I've been with Gorman for 14 years now. (Any of you Hotelies need a limo or shuttle bus, give me a call!) Right after baseball, I joined a medical company, Matrux

Medical, where I eventually became VP of marketing and part owner. Gary's daughter, Katie, holds a doctorate of pharmacy and is a recent graduate from the University of Buffalo Pharmacy School. Eric just finished his first year medical there, and Kelly is also there working toward being a physicians assistant. My wife, Lori (who I met in the dental chair ... a DU story), is a professor at Erie Community College teaching periodontology. I am surrounded by white coats. Regarding the hall of fame article, I actually drove in the run to win Ivy League Championship against Columbia. Still hold overall home run record with 21 home runs after playing one week my senior year and then hurt my wrist and was finished for the season. After season signed professionally with Auburn Americans of New York Penn League, played a few weeks and then hurt my wrist again, and then needed surgery. Was hitting over 400 with two HRs when I got hurt again. Tough year!" Get in touch with Gary by writing to 43 Willowbrook Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127; gkaczor26@gmail.com.

**Stephen "Walt" Garrison '85** is a resale specialist for Marriott Vacation Club. He started the 2013 year off with seven fellow DU brothers from the class of 1985 in celebration of everyone's 50th birthday this year. The boys got together in Costa Rica with **Mike Hartmann '85** as their host in his beautiful hilltop home. In attendance was **Brian Miller '85**, **Dan Autiello '85**, **Mike Sample '85**, **Pat Healey '85**, **Mark Eramo '85**, **Steve Tamasi '85**. They enjoyed ziplining, ATV rides, the beach, and watching the sun set over the horizon. A great time was had by all! (6532 Fairway Hill Ct., Orlando, FL 32835; steve88@cfc.rr.com)

**Jason "Grady" Baltimore '90** retired from the

**DECEASED**  
*We regret to report the deaths of:*

Durand B. Blatz '40  
 Henry B. Nesbitt '49  
 Daniel P. Simmons Jr. '61  
 W. Douglas Call '62  
 Richard A. Musmanno '68  
 Craig E. Lambert '72  
 Richard H. Wilson '75  
 Stephen H. Napier '78  
 Andrew J. Quinn '12

U.S. Navy in September 2012 after more than 22 years of active-duty service. He accepted a new position as the general counsel for the Architect of the Capitol ([www.aoc.gov](http://www.aoc.gov)). Jason can now be reached at [jbaltimore@aoc.gov](mailto:jbaltimore@aoc.gov).

"Just recently opened a new office in Dubai for the company I founded, Pinnacle Performance," reported **David H. Lewis '92** in January 2013. "Pinnacle is now eight years old and delivering high-end communication skills training in more than 30 countries. My new book, *The Pin Drop Principle*, is receiving accolades and available in stores and on Amazon. I've been in contact with Chicago DU alumni **Doug Porter '78**, **Jay Bloedorn '91**, **Greg Bloedorn '96**, and **Bob Logue '90**." Send congratulations to David on his Dubai office at 516 N. Ogden Ave., Ste. 221, Chicago, IL 60642; [dlewis@actorscenterchicago.com](mailto:dlewis@actorscenterchicago.com).

**Thomas C. Richards '00** reported in January 2013: "2012 was an action-packed year! I took a procurement manager position with Armstrong. I also purchased a new home across town and just finished moving in January." Send greetings to Thomas via postal mail at 218 Wimbledon, Macon, GA 31211; or via email at [trichards91@hotmail.com](mailto:trichards91@hotmail.com).

## The Alumni Noose

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DU updates are a fast and effective way to communicate, and we expect to use them more and more. There are **about 370** DUs for whom we don't have a valid email address.

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