

CDUA Launches New Website!

The alumni association, after months of work, launched a brand new website—with the same URL as before, www.cornelldu.org—with a wide range of features. If you haven't already done so, check it out today.

On January 10, 2015, the alumni association sent an email that included a temporary user ID and password to every alumnus with an email address. This email (from alumni@cornelldu.org) may be in your spam folder. Please sign in and replace your temporary password.

If you cannot find that email, don't worry. Click "Sign In" in the top right corner and follow the instructions for "If you did NOT receive email with temporary ID." From here you'll be able to reset your password.

Be sure to visit the site and "sign in" so you can:

- Access the contact information for DU's 1,200 alumni
- "Find a DU" using the member search feature

- Review your profile, drawn from our alumni records, and update it
- Read old copies of the *Noose*.

Other features alumni will enjoy include:

- Alumni news and calendar of events
- History of the chapter section
- Photo galleries from Homecomings, class reunions, etc.
- Notable alumni
- Online payment for Alumni DUEs and tax-deductible donations

We're not finished, however. We need volunteers to report news from their era. We need volunteers to draft articles about notable alumni of the past 20–30 years. Finally, we need your photographs from your time on campus.

Interested or have questions? Contact Kevin Bruns '79 or Dan Alvarez '91 at alumni@cornelldu.org.



The new website's header was designed by Brother Tom and Dan Leonard's sister Peggy Leonard.

Proud to Be in DU

Led by an ambitious and dedicated executive board, more great memories are being made at 6 South Avenue. The brotherhood, with experienced and emerging leaders of all ages, continues to work hard and challenge one another to be better in many respects. Seeking our third-consecutive intramural all-sports championship, focusing our efforts on philanthropy, and striving for academic excellence, we are improving ourselves each and every day as individuals



and as brothers of Delta Upsilon.

David Fitzpatrick '16 has proven himself to be an outstanding Steward since taking over in the spring. With a new food service, patio grilling area, and renovated upstairs kitchen, DU dining has never been better. In addition, we were pleased to welcome six new members this fall thanks to the efforts of Rush Chairs Tom Eisenbrown '17 and Jerico Johns '17.

Finally, I would like to extend a big thank you from the undergraduates to all of the alumni who contribute to DU in various ways, especially the CDUA executive board members. Recently appointed Alumni President Mark Kamon has fit in seamlessly and has been a pleasure to work with. He and I both are very proud of the direction Cornell DU is headed moving forward.

Tommy Carpenter '16
Undergraduate President

President's Corner

Welcome Brothers!

After receiving the "keys" to 6 South Ave. from Brother Kevin Bruns '79, activity has been nonstop. I want each of you to know there's an active and engaged group of alumni assisting in keeping the flame alive. I could not be more impressed with the energy, enthusiasm, and fun these men are bringing to Delta Upsilon. From my first high intensity encounter with Scoop, Lenz, Duaner, Brunsie, Cowboy, Magic ... I think you get the picture ... to the dedication of Wheels, Bobby V, T Scott, Tony Cashen, Calogio, and many others, it was like coming home. While the years have passed, the spirit, camaraderie, and character of the DU men remains unique.

As we have often said, we spend four years at Cornell, but remain brothers for life. During the last few years there have been various Homecomings and Reunions at Cornell and around the country. The feedback I receive from brothers is that it is great to re-engage and pick up where they left off. The stories get bigger, the laughs louder, and the handshakes stronger. Our current undergraduates enjoy seeing the interactions among old friends getting together at the house—alumni leave a lasting impression.

There are opportunities to get involved with our alumni organization and help keep DU strong. If you would like to be involved with our mentoring activities or alumni social activities, we encourage your interest and feel free to contact me for more information. Keep in touch through the *Noose* and support where you can. Most importantly, cherish the friendships that have influenced so many of our lives.

I want to invite each of you to stop in at "the house" when you are in Ithaca. Whether for Reunions, Homecoming, athletic events, or just passing through; your house on the hill is alive and well, and waiting for you to come home.

Mark Kamon '75
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Jerrod F. Finch '46

Jerry Finch traveled from his home in South Carolina to attend the DU September 21, 2013, Homecoming. He drove 2,400 miles to Ithaca by way of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. His daughter from Chicago joined him for the trip. Fred Harwood '59, former editor of the *Noose*, interviewed Jerry in October 2013. Here are some of Jerry's responses and comments.

Jerry:

To tell you the truth, I feel honored to be interviewed. This is the first time that I've ever had somebody ask my opinion. I'm more used to volunteering it whether people like it or not.

I was class of 1946, but I didn't graduate until 1948; that's how I know Nels Schaeen '50. I pledged DU in the fall of 1942 as a freshman. Kurt Vonnegut was a junior. Kurt was a little bit different. Quite frankly, I was quite intimidated by the upperclassmen. I took a few years off from Cornell to join the Navy, but returned to graduate in mechanical engineering in 1948.

My Homecoming trip to Ithaca included a drive to upper Michigan. I always wanted to go there. I like to go around the country and see different things. Fortunately, my daughter, Sue, who lives in Chicago, joined me. We went up through Wisconsin to see Frank Lloyd Wright's home, Taliesin, in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Then to Green Bay and on to Door County, where we saw the popular 140-year-old Cana Island Lighthouse.

An important part of the trip for me was to visit Manistique, Michigan, where my mother was born. Manistique is a very small town way up north on the upper peninsula of Michigan. I went to the county clerk's office to look for any information about my grandparents. They sent me to the high school

library, the only library in town. I wasn't expecting to find much but, low and behold, they had a film strip from the newspaper going way back to when my grandparents lived there. We found an article in the newspaper about their marriage and lives in Manistique. I was so thrilled. I had new information about my grandparents.

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Then we went over to Sault Saint Marie, just below the Canadian border. There, we saw the Soo Locks,

which enable ships to traverse the 21-foot drop between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. We visited the fabulous Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum located on the southeast end of Lake Superior on the Whitefish Coast. It features the S. S. Edmund Fitzgerald, the legendary freighter that sank in 1975 with all 29 crew members lost. The museum includes shipwrecks on the Great Lakes from 1816 through the 1900s. It was most interesting and educational.

Toward the end of the week, Sue and I ducked over to Ithaca, a 700-mile trip down through Michigan and Ontario, into upper New York State, and on to Cornell for the DU Homecoming.

We had an ulterior motive for going to Ithaca. My third son (age 53) died three months prior to Homecoming. I had five children, and three of my sons have died. He was the last one. My son had requested to have his remains scattered in the waters of Cayuga Lake at the same place where his youngest brother, oldest brother, and mother were interred. That was because every summer when my children were growing up we spent three months there. The lake was rough and unsafe for a small boat during Homecoming Weekend, so Sue and I walked down to the dock near where we had lived. We put his ashes into the water and threw some flowers into the lake and said goodbye.



Jerrod Finch '46 with Tom Scott '78

My daughter flew back to Chicago, and I drove back to South Carolina. The 750-mile trip home was a little too much. I had also driven all the way to Chicago by myself to pick up my daughter at the beginning of the trip.

I was born in Elmira. Three of my children were born in Elmira. The other two were born in Washington and Pennsylvania. We moved around like many do during their careers. My wife died five years ago, so I am sitting here all alone. Not very happy about it, but it's a fact of life.

I was rushed by DU at the suggestion of Bob Antell '43. I considered DU to be a crew house at the time that I was there, and I was on crew. My roommate, Bill Richardson '46, joined DU and went out for crew, so I did too. One of our DU brothers, Bill Dickhart '43 was commodore. Bill Richardson ended up being stroke while I rowed seven and sometimes five. My freshman coach was Norm Sonju who later went to University of Wisconsin. Our Cornell coach was Stork Sanford. Both are legendary coaches who came from University of Washington along with others who became famous coaches. A resident down here in Sun City is Clayton Chapman, a member of the Cornell '57 Henley Championship crew, one of the greatest crews ever—not just at Cornell but anywhere. I understand that DU Dave Davis '57 was also a member of that crew and is in the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame along with Clayton and the entire 1957 team.

During Homecoming, I participated in all the activities. Sue and I went up to Schoellkopf in the morning in the rain for the tailgate party. It was a lot of fun. Tom Scott '78 bent over backward to make sure we had a good time. He introduced us to everyone. Tom was just fabulous. I was so appreciative. We went to the football game versus Bucknell.

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Jerrod Finch, second from right, with class of 1946 teammates.



Homecoming game, September 18, 1943, class of 1946 teammates.

Two DUs Inducted Into Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014!

The Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame was initiated in 1978. It became a reality through the thoughtfulness and generosity of the late Ellis H. Robison '18, whose devotion, advice, and financial support to his *alma mater* started immediately upon graduation from the university. Read more about the two DUs inducted below.

David C. Eckel '58 Men's Cross Country, Track & Field

Eckel is one of only three male cross country athletes to earn three All-Ivy cross country honors in their Cornell careers. In 1955, he captured the Heps championship in cross country (25:46.6), and placed among the top five in 1956 and 1957 for his second and third honors. As a senior, Eckel won the indoor two-mile run Heps crown (9:32.4). In 1958, he set a time of 25:00 for sixth place at the IC4A meet at Van Cortlandt Park, a school record that stood until 1970 and remained among Cornell's top 10 times for more than 50 years. With Eckel as captain of the freshman harriers, Cornell won the freshman IC4A Championship and was second at the AAU National Junior Championships. During his career, Cornell captured three



Heps team championships in cross country. Eckel was the recipient of the first John Moakley award (1955), given to the senior who has done the most for Cornell cross country, and was a two-time team MVP award winner (1955, 1957). Coach Lou Montgomery called Eckel "the greatest combined cross country and track man ever to represent Cornell University."

Ricky Rahne '02 Football

A record-setting quarterback, Rahne was a three-year starter who set 33 Cornell passing and total offense records. His 7,718 passing yards ranked third all-time in Ivy League history.

Rahne was a two-time honorable mention All-Ivy League selection and was named honorable mention All-America by Don Hansen's *Football Gazette* in 2000. He also had a penchant for unbelievable comebacks, helping the 2000 team to the nickname "The Comeback Kids." The three-time team MVP became the all-time leader in completions (678), yards (7,710), touchdown passes (54), and 200-yard games (25) among others. He also graduated in the top spot in total offense with 7,994 yards (7,710 passing, 284 rushing) during his Cornell career.

Homecoming 2014 Kicked Off Cornell's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Despite a great job scheduling a likely victory, the Big Red fell to the not so mighty Mountain Hawks of Lehigh, 24-14. But the loss did not cast a spell on the post-game festivities at 6 South Avenue, Alumni Weekend Chair Bruce "Moose" Dzinski '82 reports.

The turnout was right in line with expectations. While not a comprehensive list, the following alumni did stop by and happened to catch Moose's eye: Mark Clemente '73, Al Ciambrone '76, Walt Grote '74, Bill Totten '73, Tony Murray '60, Dan Brammell '76, Tim Pallies '82, Dave Kimichik '82, Mark Marotto '82, Dave Strang '82, Ron Levine '83, Dave Fetterolf '83, John Schabowski '74, Rob Ainslie '78 (tailgate). Attendees included several recent graduates as well.

The undergraduate brothers had the house prepared and looking nice—thank you to Brother Basil Polsonetti '15 for handling on-site operations and local coordination with Cornell Catering. The brothers who attended the reception were engaging, polite, and mingled comfortably with alumni and guests alike.

Cornell Catering noted that DU was the best fraternity or sorority it had ever worked with—although it was said to a customer, it was nonetheless nice to hear.

Welcome, Upper Crust Food Service!

DU dining is looking up this year after a few bumps in the road. We have outsourced the entire dining operation to Upper Crust Food Service. Upper Crust is quickly gaining traction with fraternities and sororities on campus. While it is too early to tell if outsourcing is the long-term solution, we are already seeing advantages. For one, the budget is far more predictable. Second, employees of Upper Crust are at the house from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are responsible for everything, including clean up in the dining room and pantry, as well as the downstairs kitchen. No more failed appearances by volunteer brothers.

Concurrent with this change is our new steward, David Fitzpatrick '16. A hotelie, "Fitz" is running a tight ship in the kitchen. It was Fitz who initiated the changes leading to the outsourcing. A more recent contribution by Fitz is the installation of a commercial-grade, natural gas barbecue outside the kitchen on the south side of the house. Now the brothers can enjoy

properly grilled chicken and the occasional steak nights!

The alumni made major improvements to the DU pantry over the summer. The project began with a new dishwasher (a real beast with incredible throughput). That unit required substantial changes in the stainless steel counters and in the ventilation for the entire pantry. We simultaneously added a new sink and new stainless backsplash on the walls. All of this was preceded by major electrical upgrades to the whole room. The old set-up routinely tripped the circuit breakers, so this project was driven by safety concerns first and foremost.

The new DU pantry is stocked with hot and cold snacks (a below counter refrigerator unit was installed in 2013). These are available 24/7 and Upper Crust does the re-stocking. Needless to say, DU dining is delivering first class offerings. That is where we want to be with all our DU stakeholders—brothers, new members, parents, and alumni.

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Edwin C. Shuttleworth '57 reports, "After retirement from the Ohio State University College of Medicine as associate professor of neurology emeritus, I have been a professional artist, a signature member of The American Watercolor Society (received the Dolphin Fellowship in 2014), having met the required five award points in their international annual exhibitions. Best wishes to all my old friends at DU!" Send congratulations to Ed at 3216 Chapel Hill Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33435; pegasus_66@comcast.net.

John Teare '59 is playing a lot of duplicate bridge. His new partner, Bruce Eisen, is from his 1959 Cornell class (Bruce studied chemistry, and John studied chemical engineering). They play in Montreal and will play in Boca Raton, Florida, this winter. Catch up with John by writing to 4300 De Maisinneuve W, Ste. 716, Westmont, QC H3Z 3C7, Canada; or by sending email to johnteare@attglobal.net.

"I am director of the biomedical engineering laboratory at Riverside Research in New York City,

doing research in advanced ultrasound for diagnosis and treatment of disease," reports **Ernest Feleppa '61**. "Our emphasis is on prostate cancer and cancers metastatic to lymph nodes. We collaborate with researchers throughout the country and in London and Paris. Recently, MJ and I took 24 folks on a scuba diving trip to Bonaire, where we had a wonderful week at the Harbour Village Resort." Reconnect with Ernest by sending postal mail to 2 Morehead Dr., Rye, NY 10580; or by sending email to feleppa@optonline.net.

Allen Hoyt '67 wrote to us in 2013 to report, "After 45 years in aviation, I plan to retire in 2014. I invite any DUs in the area to reach out to me at 2737 Crescent Rim Dr., Boise, ID 83706 or ahoyt1113@msn.com.

"I became a first-time grandfather," writes **Jack Brewster '75**. "My daughter, Kate, gave birth to son, Jeremy, on May 8, 2013." Send congratulations to 703 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111; brewdog66@gmail.com.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of:

Thomas E. Bird '42
 Arthur W. DuBois Jr. '42
 Stoddard H. Knowles '45
 Kent C. Lazo '49
 Theodore P. Eskild '50
 Robert C. Mealey '51
 Joseph William Gavett '52
 John E. Sinning Jr. '52
 Allison C. Danzig '54
 Carmine W. DiGiacomo '63
 David W. Carr '65
 Charles Russell Powers '67
 Patrick F. Brown '81
 Anton J. Tschosik '13

Jerrod F. Finch '46

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the new landscaping. I had never seen the house look that good going back to 1942. The people who were involved in the exterior renovation and landscaping should be commended and thanked.

The other thing I want to say is about the DU undergraduates. I was so impressed with them. Many of the brothers came up to me and introduced themselves. I was flabbergasted. I don't remember ever doing that when I was an undergraduate. They are a really great group of young men that we've got there. As a result, I am hoping to come back to future DU Homecomings.

The reason I applied to Cornell had to do with Bob Antell '53 and my other shirt-tail relatives. I also applied to Amherst only because my father was an alumnus. He hoped I would go there, but he didn't fight. He was a Delta Tau Delta. And he didn't fight when I decided to join DU.

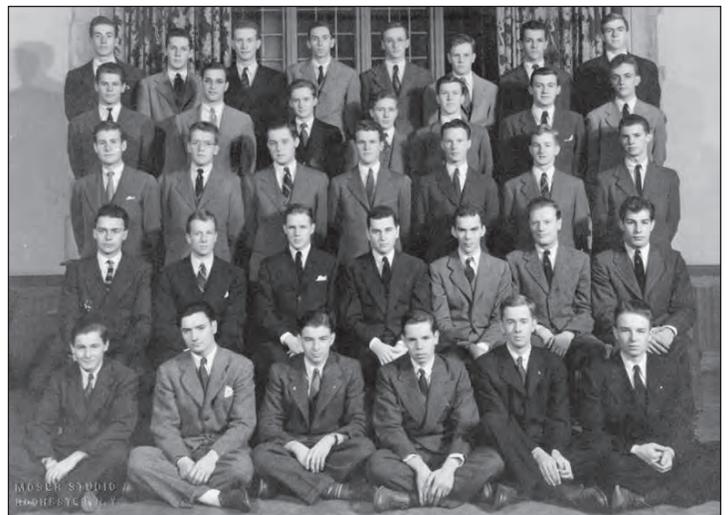
While I majored in mechanical engineering, I didn't do much in the engineering field. I worked at the Naval Research Laboratory, the Bureau of Standards, and the Interstate Commerce Commission. I ended up in the sales of big trucks. I worked for American LaFrance and Ford, and finally retired from Volvo.

At Cornell, I didn't consider joining any fraternity other than DU. Were there negatives for me about DU or Cornell? None, except for the weather. Too cold and too much snow. Otherwise, everything was great.

My oldest son was class of 1975, also deceased. His passion was the Cornell radio station, WVBR, which he ran in the summer. After Cornell, he enjoyed a successful career in radio.

Going through my things I found the

program for the Cornell-Bucknell game from 1943. That was 70 years ago and Cornell won, 7-6. I actually went out for football. I am in the 1943 football team picture, but never played. I didn't like blood, and I was not fleet-footed. I was better suited to crew.



Jerrod Finch '46 (top row, third from left), Kurt Vonnegut '44 (second row, from top far right).

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