

Homecoming 2016 Draws Over 100 Alumni and Friends

With cold air and rain threatening to spoil the festivities, the Honorable **Mark "Wheels" Clemente '73** made a pact with Zeus, the Greek God of Weather, to give everyone a glorious sun-drenched weekend with temperatures in the '70s. Word is, he also buried a statue of St. Joseph for good fortune before the big game where the Big Red defeated Yale 27-13.

Planning for Homecoming began over a year ago and involved a committee of **Mark Clemente '73**, **Scott Keenum '76**, **Kevin Bruns '79** and **Bruce Dzinski '83**. The overlying theme was to "Keep it Simple BUT make it Memorable," and, the committee succeeded with the execution of their fantastic idea. The fee for a Delta Upsilon brother and guest was only \$50 for a weekend of food, football, beverages and laughs!

Besides the "Save the Date" card sent to DU's 1,100 alumni, the committee used class captains, emails and multiple Facebook posts on DU's Group page (facebook.com/groups/cornelldu/). Join its

280 members and get the latest news from 6 South Ave.

The weekend kicked off with a Friday Night BBQ featuring Dinosaur BBQ from Syracuse. The committee chose the "Cadillac" special, featuring a smoker on site and brisket, ribs and chicken. While alumni appetites may be shrinking, everyone's ability to embellish the same "DU stories" is not. The undergrads proved to be excellent hosts and laughed at all of the alumni stories.

On Saturday, thanks to "Moose Deuce" Dzinski, alumni tailgated with the Cornell Athletic Department, giving us the opportunity to reconnect with fellow DUs and former teammates.

After the victory, alumni headed back to the house for DU's traditional post-game reception. Ithaca Bakery once again catered the cocktail party and dinner. Brothers took a break from the festivities to hear updates from **Phil Variano '18**, Chapter President and **Mark Kamon '75**, Cornell Delta Upsilon Association (CDUA) President. Next, **Doug Porter '78** and **Tom Scott '78** gave a brief

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Alumni reconnect at Friday night's BBQ dinner and share plenty of stories with undergraduates.



Brothers celebrating their reunion at the Homecoming cocktail and dinner party.



Alumni prepare to cheer on "Big Red" during a tailgate coordinated by Bruce Dzinski '83.



Cornell defeated Yale 27-13. Go Big Red!



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Delta Upsilon Shines Among Other Cornell Fraternities

After a successful fall semester, the chapter cruised towards the beginning of spring semester. The chapter represented themselves well at the Delta Upsilon Convention and Leadership Institute during the summer as President **Phil Variano '18** and **Billy Berns** traveled to Indiana to attend. Headquarters feels that Cornell has great potential to be one of DU's strongest chapters.

During the fall semester, the chapter continued their dominance on the club hockey team. DUs represent a third of the entire team with six brothers on the squad. The hockey team voted **Parker Dietz '18** as the alternate captain. Dietz is also one of the leading scorers.

The chapter co-hosted their annual philanthropy event, S'mores, on November 2, with Sigma Delta Tau, and donated all proceeds to the Wounded Warriors project. Additionally, the chapter raised money for the men's health awareness organization, the Movember Foundation, growing mustaches during November and encouraging friends, family and others to make a donation. The Movember Foundation promotes awareness of prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide.

Lastly, for the second time in three years, brothers joined DUs from other campuses in a Global Service Initiative trip to Jamaica, helping to build a school and church.

CDUA Selects Ithaca Architecture Firm - Renovations to Begin This Summer

After a competitive bidding process, CDUA selected Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers to co-manage the project. Previously, the university had approved our renovation plans. While the office of SCL Facilities will oversee the project, DU alumni continue to lead the process in terms of specifying, reviewing and approving designs every step of the way.

The project will unfold in at least three phases. Each major phase will occur during the summer months, beginning this year. Most of the work in 2017 will be on the main floor. The biggest change will be the conversion of the library, also known as the pool room, into a dedicated study room; major work will

also occur in the Great Hall. The University is requiring electrical infrastructure upgrades in phase one. We are re-arranging small utility rooms in the basement to accommodate this. A nice by-product of these upgrades will be a modern laundry room in the basement. We are excited to finally be underway and we look forward to showing you the results in the fall.

A dedicated group of alumni, led by **Duane Phillips '78** and **Mark Kamon '75**, meet often to discuss design questions; they include **Richard Henry '69** (Arch.), **Mark Clemente '73**, **Robert Verna '68** and **Kevin Bruns '79**. All final renovations plan will be brought to the full CDUA board for approval



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presentation on *Raising Our Game*, DU's recently launched capital campaign. **Duane Phillips '78** brought architectural drawings of the improvements for all alumni to see.

A performance by The Touchtones, an all-female a cappella group, concluded the evening, serenading Clemente with the song, "You Aren't Getting Any Younger."

The chapter steward brought the perfect weekend to a close with

a Sunday brunch that featured an undergrad hosted omelet bar. In all, 65 brothers and 41 guests enjoyed a weekend of fun and comradery.

"Homecoming was a terrific event," said CDUA President, Mark Kamon, "I encourage all alumni to visit 6 South Ave whenever you can."



Nelson Schaenen '50 Receives Samuel C. Johnson Distinguished Service Award

The Samuel C. Johnson Distinguished Service Award is a lifetime achievement award that recognizes the sustained and exemplary commitment an alumnus makes to the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management and its alumni. In 2016, the graduate school recognized **Nelson Schaenen, Jr. '50**, one of DU's most loyal alumni and former member of the Cornell Board of Trustees.

After graduation from Cornell, Schaenen worked as an associate with Dillon, Read & Co. Schaenen recently retired as managing director and partner of the investment firm Weiss, Peck & Greer.

During Schaenen's 24 year-term on Cornell's Board of Trustees, he chaired the executive committee from 1983-95, and the investment committee for ten years. In 1995, after his tenure with the Board and various leadership roles with Cornell University Council, Schaenen served as Presidential Counselor and Trustee Emeritus. For his undergraduate class, Schaenen served as vice president of the Class of 1950, chair of the Class of 1950 and worked with the Major Gifts and 60th Reunion Campaign Committees. Currently, he is a member of the 65th Reunion Campaign Committee.

At Cornell's request, Schaenen served for 20 years on the board of New York Hospital (acquired by Weill Cornell in 2013). Schaenen also sits on advisory councils for Athletics and the Johnson Museum of Art and is an emeritus member of Johnson's Advisory Council, as well as vice president and class agent for Johnson's Class

of 1950. Schaenen has generously supported many areas of the university, including Johnson, the College of Arts and Sciences, Athletics, the University Library, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, undergraduate scholarships, the Johnson Museum of Art and Greek Life.



One of DU's most loyal alumni and former member of the Cornell Board of Trustees, Nelson Schaenen '50, receives the Samuel C. Johnson Distinguished Service Award.

During Cornell University's Athletics Campaign in 2000, Schaenen and his wife, Nancy, named the position "Wendy Schaenen Women's Head Coach of Volleyball" in honor of their daughter. Also, the Schaenens are charter members of the Cornell Club of New York and have been active with Cornell Adult University during their retirement.

Nelson currently lives with his wife in Madison, New Jersey and they have three children: Shelly Ann Schaenen, who attended Yale University, Wendy Schaenen, MD and Douglas K. Schaenen.

Cornell Chapter of Delta Upsilon is proud of brother Schaenen and congratulates him on all his impressive achievements.

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The Raising Our Game Campaign Seeks to Take DU to Another Level!

The Raising Our Game Campaign continues to see thrilling progress as we march towards the \$3 million goal set by the CDUA in September 2016. To date, 87 generous donors spanning seven decades have pledged \$1,195,739 (40% of the goal) to fully renovate our beloved chapter house!

This campaign is for all DU brothers and we want you to be a part of this historic effort. With a five year pledge period, we offer multiple options for you to give at

a level that makes sense for you. Gifts to this campaign are tax deductible through Cornell and you will receive credit at both the University and Fraternity levels.

For more information on how you can help take DU to another level by committing to the Raising Our Game Campaign, visit the campaign website through CornellDU.org. While you are there, download a copy of our Campaign Brochure and view our "Donor List" and "Why I Give" pages to view stories

on why alumni have chosen to make this campaign a priority. We need you now!

With questions, please contact our Campaign Co-Chairmen, **Doug Porter '78** at 312.305.4280 or dcp1056@gmail.com or **Tom Scott '78** at 901.483.0353 or tom.scott78@gmail.com.



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- May 13, 2016 - George M. Malti '61
- June 8, 2016 - Anthony M. Waters '90
- July 16, 2016 - Rodney S. Gould '44

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Over 100 Alumni and Friends returned for Homecoming 2016.

Save the Date!

Cornell Reunion Weekend
 Reception at DU

Saturday, June 10, 2017,
 (Tentatively 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)

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