

## Homecoming Kicks Off 150th Anniversary

September 21–23 Weekend: includes tributes to Schaenen '50, Cashen '57, and Verna '68

Besides celebrating our 150 years on the Hill, the weekend will include very special tributes to three very special DUs: Nelson Schaenen '50, Anthony Cashen '57, and Robert Verna '68. Along with Bert Antell '28, these three make up the pantheon of DUs, brothers who, since 1950, have served the chapter with distinction, dedication, and generosity. Join us at Saturday's reception, when plaques will be unveiled. Register at <http://bit.ly/DU150>.



Schaenen



Cashen



Verna

As in previous years, we ask each alumnus to make a \$50 donation to cover a portion of the weekend's costs. Your donation covers you and one guest. No charge for children under 18. For more details and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/DU150>.

### Game Tickets

All of the Crescent is general admission seating (unreserved). You can buy tickets online or pick them up at the game. We'll announce where the DU section will be Friday night.

Weekend co-chairs Scott Keenum '76 and Bob Baldini '75 have a full slate of activities (see schedule below). All events are at 6 South Ave., unless noted.

## Homecoming Schedule

### Friday, September 21, 2018

- Around 4:00 p.m. Welcome Desk Opens
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Reception: Pizza, Wings, Beverages (by *Ithaca Catering*)
- Around 9:00 p.m. Fireworks at the Crescent

### Saturday, September 22, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. Alumni Board Meeting (tentative), DU Library
- 10:30 a.m. Tour of House Renovations and Future Plans (tentative)
- 1:30 p.m. Tailgate (\$25 onsite) Join DUs at the CU Athletic Department-hosted tailgate outside the Crescent
- 3:00 p.m. Yale versus Big Red Football. Buy tickets onsite/online. All seats unreserved general admission.
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. DU Reception: Full Buffet (by *Ithaca Catering*); The Touchstones, Cornell's premier all-female a cappella group; remarks and tribute to distinguished alumni

### Sunday, September 23, 2018

- 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Continental Breakfast

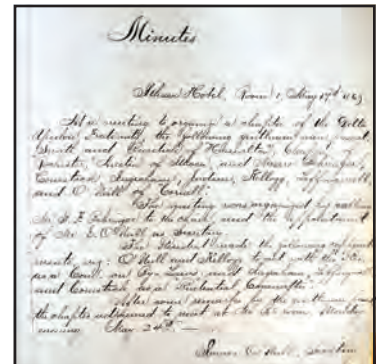
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## DU150: A Tradition of Excellence and Brotherhood Since 1869

It was spring of 1869. The university founded in 1865 was in its first full year of operation. But already, the Greek secret societies were dominant, leading to considerable jealousy, exclusiveness, and rancor. Seven men began exploring what would be a new kind of fraternity for Cornell: a non-secret society.

As laid out in an early chapter history, on May 17, 1869, seven men met in the parlor of the Ithaca Hotel to formally organize the Cornell chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Initially, this new non-secret fraternity met with severe opposition from the secret-society men, as well as from leaders of campus "independents." But despite that, "the chapter grew in numbers, exerting a positive influence for good and demonstrating beyond the shadow of a doubt that all the benefits claimed by secret fraternities can be obtained without resorting to secrecy, and for this very reason, all the evils and dangers averted, which invariably accompany college secret societies."



Later that summer, on June 9–10, at the DU convention at Madison University (later renamed Colgate), the Cornell chapter was formally admitted and welcomed to the fellowship of DU Fraternity. At the close of the first university year, the chapter numbered 14 members.

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## Chapter Officers

PRESIDENT  
Werner Bradshaw '20

VICE PRESIDENT  
Ken Park '19

TREASURER  
Jamie Moore-Gillon '21

VP OF LOSS PREVENTION  
Scottie Zelov '21

HOUSE MANAGERS  
Davis Bruch '20  
Jack Barone '21

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A.J. Hersch '21  
Drew Goldberg '21

RUSH CHAIRS  
John Dahlberg '21  
Spencer Ferraiz '20

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Billy Berns '19

MEMBER EDUCATION  
Noah Wartels '19  
Ian Cahill '19

STEWARD  
Spencer Stovall '20

PHILANTHROPY CHAIR  
Noah Schweizer '19

## WANTED: MEMORABILIA

We would love to display your memorabilia from your DU days. The cabinets are locked and the library is kept locked at night. We accept copies or originals.

Have photographs or documents? Scan at the highest resolution (Staples will do it for you, too) and email to [kbruns2@gmail.com](mailto:kbruns2@gmail.com). If you have any questions about scanning or want to donate/lend original prints, documents, or objects, contact me at [kbruns2@gmail.com](mailto:kbruns2@gmail.com) to arrange mailing and delivery.

Kevin Bruns '79  
Alumni VP of Communications

**GOT  
MEMORABILIA?**

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# DUs Excelling In and Out of the Classroom

## Chapter President's Report

DU's tradition as one of the best houses on the Hill continues. Our members had a very successful 2017–2018 school year in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities.

About 20 percent of brothers made their college's dean's list, finishing with a GPA in the top 25% of their classes. Overall, our chapter finished with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4, according to the university.

Our chapter boasts many varsity athletes, participating on the crew, baseball, tennis, and sprint football teams. Manny Sanchez '19 was recently named captain of the lightweight crew team. In addition, DUs had a successful year in club and intramural sports. Phil Variano '18 and Parker Dietz '18 were elected captain and alternate captain, respectively, of the club hockey team. Also, Phil and Chris Haralam-poudis '18 won the intramural golf championship. Our brothers won Alpha Phi's annual charity softball tournament for the third year in a row as well.

Many brothers also excelled in projects outside the classroom.

- ★ Kyle Fenske '19 named team lead of the Autonomous Bicycle Project Team.
- ★ Davis Bruch '20, member of the YNot Bike team that won the hotel school's Hospitality Business Plan Competition, receiving a \$25,000 grant. The technology allows users to call a bike using their mobile device and to have the bike roll to them.
- ★ Jeffrey Radin '19 runs his own successful marketing business, Sherman Square Marketing, a search-engine optimization agency.
- ★ Al Hill '20 pledged the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity.

Next fall, the brothers are looking to ramp-up our volunteer and philanthropic efforts within the greater Ithaca community and in our own hometowns. And, DUs will continue being involved in clubs, teams, projects, and exciting ventures all across campus. As DU enters its 150<sup>th</sup> year at Cornell, our place as one of Cornell's best fraternities is secure.

Werner Bradshaw '20  
Chapter President

## DU Philanthropy Plans Busy Year

Last winter's fourth annual DU mission to Jamaica was a success, and a rewarding, meaningful experience for the seven participating brothers. Along with DUs from other campuses, our brothers helped build an addition to the Higher Heights Academy, paint the school, and finish building fencing. As the pictures below show, they also made a lot of young friends.

Funded in part by an anonymous alumnus, the week-long trip is a part of DUT's Jamaica GSI Service Initiative. Led by chapter philanthropy chair Noah Schweizer '20, the house looks forward to sending a dozen brothers on next January's mission. Other activities planned for 2018–2019 include:

- ★ With help from Cornell, DU will expand the Haiti Recycling Program from 12 houses to 50.
- ★ DU is planning to spend two afternoons next year at a local food kitchen, Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen, and/or Ithaca Rescue Mission, an emergency shelter and food pantry.

- ★ DU's March Madness basketball pool again will generate funds for a local charity, this coming year for Loaves & Fishes.
- ★ Finally, individual brothers, as they've always done, will contribute their time and energy to help the less fortunate on campus or in the local community.

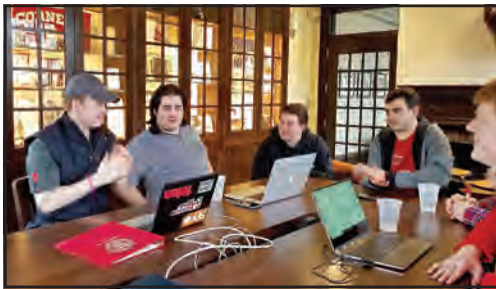
Cal Fastuca '78  
Alumni Philanthropy Chair



# Renovations Remake First Floor

Modest Upgrades This Summer, More Planned for '19

There is much to see when you next return to 6 South Ave. Our phase-1 renovations in summer 2017 left little untouched on the main floor: new hardwood flooring, ceilings, lighting, paint, and furnishings. The window wall facing west in the Great Hall is completely new. The murals were redone with new images of historic Cornell.



## Library Transformed

The northeast corner of the house, what older alumni remember as the library, has been transformed into a comfortable and practical study room. It might be the most important renovation in years; well received by the brothers, it's in constant use night and day.

"The best place on campus to study," one brother described it. "It has transformed the culture of the house," said another.

Two club chairs face the fireplace, which someday will be operating. All the woodwork and cabinets, including a 10-foot library table (complete with outlets) and built-in study carrels, were custom made by a local craftsman. For visiting alumni, the highlight of the library, no doubt, will be the new

memorabilia cabinets and framed archival prints, hanging there and in the Chapter Room.

## Systems Upgrades

Phase 1 also took us into the basement. We now have a dedicated laundry room with double the capacity. Importantly, we also cleaned up decades of electrical, life-safety, and communication wiring and consolidated it neatly inside a locked electrical room. This reorganization is a huge help for ongoing maintenance by Cornell personnel.

## This Summer and Next

We are now busy with more modest summer 2018 projects. We are calling this phase 2, although our total outlays this summer are a fraction of last year. It includes a partial renovation of the basement: demolition of some walls, a new bathroom, lighting, and paint. Improved social space in the basement lessens the wear and tear on the main floor. We are also putting down some new carpet and improving the lighting on the upper floors.

A small team of alumni are already planning for phase 3 in summer 2019. We hope to bring back the spiral staircase to the basement, rebuild the bathroom off the entry foyer, renovate the upstairs bathrooms, and address ADA access (long overdue). We appreciate everyone's support of the capital campaign so we can keep DU the strongest house on the hill and a really great place to live.

Duane Phillips '78

Alumni VP for Finance and Capital Planning



## New Library Cabinets Showcase Memorabilia

Maybe the first thing you'll notice when you step into the newly renovated library is the well-lighted, built-in cabinets where the bookshelf used to be. In them, you'll find DU archival materials that date back to 1869, with books, documents, images, and other memorabilia that trace DU history over 150 years. Here's what's covered:

- ★ Original minutes and comments from chapter's founding
- ★ David Starr Jordan '72, Stanford's first president
- ★ Devastating fire of 1909 and rebuilding
- ★ Scrapbook, circa 1915
- ★ Distinguished visitors, including Teddy Roosevelt, Lord Baden Powell, Walter Reuther, Charles Evans Hughes, and Andrew D. White
- ★ Kurt Vonnegut '44

## Alumni Officers

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Mark Kamon '75

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Anthony Murray '60

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Tom Kobin '90

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Kevin Marcus '92

Pete Vogel '92

Sam Sezak '98

Greg Moore '06

RECRUITMENT CHAIR  
Lance Polivy '08

NEW MEMBER EDUCATION CHAIR  
Brandon Potter '09





# DUI and Cornell Announce New Greek Policies

"The times they are a-changin'," Bob Dylan wrote.

This spring, Delta Upsilon International and Cornell University announced major changes in fraternity policies. The changes slated for this fall are relatively modest, but new changes in the fall of 2021 will be dramatic.

Closer to home, Cornell will require all fraternities to have a live-in resident advisor (RA). Now, DU has had at least three RAs since 1990 and currently has a live-out RA (ILR PhD student Ryan Coles). It will have a budgetary impact, but other than that, the alumni board believes implementation will be manageable.

Secondly, Cornell will require all major house officers to be juniors and seniors. About 10 years ago, Cornell fraternities began electing sophomores to major positions, including president and house manager. We worked hard to reverse that trend. So we support the change and are optimistic about chapter acceptance and implementation.

DU's change is more profound. Beginning in the fall of 2019, DU will go "dry," meaning no alcohol of any kind anywhere in chapter houses. A limited number of alumni events are permitted. Alcohol may be served at social events

off-site: that is, a bar, restaurant or other location that has third-party bar service.

The alumni association fully understands the ramifications of this change. A group of alumni, led by Alumni President Mark Kamon '75, is studying the changes and formulating our plan for implementation.

"Regarding DU's policy, there will be discussions concerning the implementation and meeting the unique needs of each of the campuses," Kamon said. "DUI isn't alone in considering this direction; all of these changes are under active discussion by national fraternities and universities."

## DU150: A Tradition of Excellence & Brotherhood

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For several decades after its founding, the chapter met at various locations in Ithaca, including the Ithaca Hotel and a rooming house on College Avenue. With the growing need for a chapter house, the alumni began discussing the necessary steps to achieve that goal, including the creation of an alumni association. In June of 1882, the Cornell Delta Upsilon Association was born. Present were John H. Comstock '74 of Cornell's Comstock Hall, and two future presidents of Stanford University: David Starr Jordan '72, Stanford's first, and John C. Branner '74, its second.

DU's home has been at 6 South Avenue since 1895, when its first chapter house opened. After a devastating fire in 1909, a second house that was similar in design but significantly larger was built on the same spot. Opening in 1910, that chapter house has been our home. *(see images below and to right)*

To learn more about DU's founding, visit [cornelldu.wordpress.com](http://cornelldu.wordpress.com) and [bit.ly/DU150History](http://bit.ly/DU150History).

## A Big Thank You!

Brothers of DU Cornell, I want to thank you for your generosity and support of our DU Capital Campaign. To date, 163 brothers have contributed and their generosity has already bore fruit. Be sure to read the article about first-floor renovations on page 3.

With our ambitious but reachable goal of \$3 million, we still need your help. Having pledges for about \$1.6 million, we have a good core commitment, but in order to accomplish our mission, additional support will be required. Please consider a contribution, or if you have already supported, please consider an additional pledge.

Our fraternity had a great year: solid new member classes, a perfect safety and social activity record, and good support of philanthropic activities. New chapter president Werner Bradshaw has taken the reins for next year and soon announced his commitment to playing sprint football in the fall. Another reason to visit Cornell and the house!

The improvements made to date have truly

changed activities at 6 South Ave. The new library has made DU "the place to study" on campus. You will find many brothers in the new library at all hours of the day! The historic displays in the new library cabinets provide a glimpse into the rich history of DU at Cornell.

Plan to visit the House this fall at our Homecoming event in September. We are honoring three of our outstanding alumni contributors, and you won't want to miss seeing good friends and great DU's!

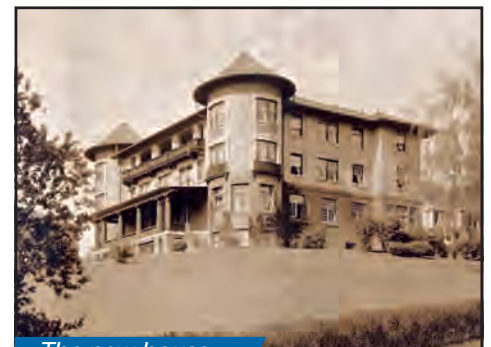
Mark Kamon '75  
Alumni President



The first house.



The fire of 1909.



The new house.

## the Alumni Noose

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